

Maria Elvira Salazar

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Republican Representative in Florida's
27th Congressional District

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TOP HITS

Childhood & Misrepresentation of Upbringing

- Salazar was born in Miami to Cuban exiles, but grew up in Puerto Rico. She moved back to Miami at age 15 with her mom after her parents divorced.
- Salazar has repeatedly misrepresented her childhood to give the impression that she is an immigrant who struggled to make it in the United States.
 - Since running for Congress, Salazar has repeatedly said that she is a “Brown girl from the hood.” She has also falsely claimed that her “American journey” started with “\$5 in my pocket,” including in campaign ads, despite being born in Miami and not starting with \$5. After being questioned about her upbringing, Salazar doubled down and said, “we were poor” and “we were very pretty poor Cuban refugees.” However, Salazar was not a refugee.
 - In 2007, she described herself when she moved to Miami at age 15 as a “young unknown poor Cuban American.” However, in June 2022, Salazar posted a photo of her as a little girl with her father on a boat learning to waterski. In 1988, the Miami Herald even described Salazar’s upbringing as growing up “around TV studios in Puerto Rico” because her father was an actor and producer.
 - In that same Miami Herald piece, Salazar described herself as a “proud YUCA” or young upscale Cuban American. This description seems more accurate given that Salazar attended and graduated from a private high school in Coral Gables, where she was the “senior leader president” and on the cheerleading, volleyball and basketball teams.
 - In 1969, the Miami Herald reported that the private school was building a \$250,000 air-conditioned gymnasium.
 - Salazar even paid to take “accent-reduction classes” for five years because she said she wanted to “speak English perfectly, better than the Americans” and didn’t want people to say, “she’s Latin.”
 - Too make matters worse, Salazar is still continuing to misrepresent her childhood. Her campaign website claims that she is “a product of South Florida’s public school system,” despite living in Puerto Rico until she was 15 and graduating from a private high school.
 - In 2010, Salazar said she had a “lifelong nanny” who take care of her daughters.

Note: Salazar has also misrepresented her political aspirations.

Family & Relationships

- Salazar has been married three times, including most recently in June 2022 to Lester Woerner, a “wealthy businessman” with investments in agriculture and real estate.
 - Salazar told Telemundo that she kept the relationship private because she was focused on her reelection campaign, but didn’t mention her job in Congress.

- Salazar also said that she thought Woerner was originally interested in making a large contribution to her campaign, but instead became her husband. Salazar tried to downplay the connection to her husband's wealth by saying, "the reality is that he is the one who is wealthy, I am still Maria Elvira." She added, "the money is his, the heart is mine."
- Two days after the wedding, Salazar was not in DC for votes, and instead voted by proxy, claiming it was "because of the ongoing public health emergency."
- Salazar was also once married to Arturo Cruz, a Nicaraguan presidential candidate in 2021 who was arrested and placed in a detention facility by Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega for being an opposition candidate.
- Salazar has been in other long-term relationships. She lived at a home owned by a businessman named Jaime Court for years, including as recently as 2021. In 2017, Salazar attended a gala with Court. In February 2021, Salazar said she was "soon to be married" to someone she has been with for 10 years and "who is happy to support" her efforts as a congresswoman, which she appears to be referring to Court. At the time, Salazar's attorney said that if Salazar was to get married before May 2021 the public would see a "whole lot of information about her husband and his holdings." However, Salazar appeared to have never married Court and about a year later married Woerner.
- Coincidentally, Salazar married Woerner two days before she submitted her financial disclosures, which do not have any details about her new husband's investments.

Finances

- In 2021, Salazar was allegedly forgoing her \$174,000 congressional salary, a promise she repeatedly made on the campaign trail, despite reporting a \$20,000 income and up to \$5 million in debt on her 2020 public financial disclosure.
- Despite Salazar withholding her congressional salary and reporting \$0 in earned income in 2021, Salazar's finances have vastly improved since running for office. In 2021, Salazar's net worth was between \$1.2 million and \$3.2 million, a drop from her net worth in 2020/2021 when it was \$1.9 million to \$7.7 million. However, her net worth is much higher than in 2018, when she was first running for Congress and reported no more than a \$750,000 net worth.
- In 2021, Salazar said she had a long-time partner who was supporting her family financially, including helping with expenses. However, Salazar is no longer with that partner, which raises the question if her new "wealthy" husband is financially supporting her, despite saying "the money is his."
- Separately, from 2000 to 2007, Salazar and an ex-husband took out nearly \$7 million in mortgage debt on 8 properties, which resulted in three defaults.
 - In 2012, Salazar and her ex-husband were ordered to pay more than \$500,000 to SunTrust Bank after defaulting on monthly credit payments.

- In 2021, a long-time property dispute involving property owned by her ex-husband was finally resolved.
- Salazar seems to think she is above the law. In the last ten years, Salazar has received at least 13 traffic violations, but 12 have been dismissed.
- In addition, as of August 2022, Miracle TV, a company solely registered to Salazar, has failed to pay three traffic violations that occurred between 2015 and 2017. Salazar owes more than \$1,100 in fines, which has resulted in a collection agency attempting to collect the balance.

STOCK Act Violation & Cano Health

- Prior to entering Congress, Salazar was making most of her money as a talk show host and media consultant for health care companies, including Cano Health.
 - From January 2019 to December 2020, Salazar had a contract agreement with Cano Health to anchor a weekly television show and promote the company.
- In 2022, Salazar violated the STOCK Act by improperly disclosing a six-figure stock trade more than two months after the legally required disclosure period. Salazar's violation was for failing to properly disclose between \$250,000 and \$500,000 in Cano Health stock.
- Salazar's STOCK Act violation is less than 2 years after Salazar "blasted" her 2020 Democratic opponent for violating the STOCK Act, saying, "how can we trust her?"
 - During that time, Salazar is also seen on video describing the STOCK Act disclosure law and calling her opponents violation of the Act "despicable" and lamentable."
 - She even claimed that her opponent "broke the law to enrich herself off coronavirus," but Salazar may have been the one who enriched herself off coronavirus:
- In April 2020, while Salazar was on contract with Cano Health, the CEO promoted hydroxychloroquine as a treatment for COVID-19 before the drug had been tested in a clinical trial.
 - Two months later, the FDA revoked emergency use authorization for hydroxychloroquine.
- To make matters worse, Salazar produced and featured promotional videos for Cano Health, in both English and Spanish, but did not always disclose her business relationship with them even though she was also running for Congress.
- During the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, Salazar was repeatedly seen on video with the CEO of Cano Health providing outrageous medical advice, including advising people with symptoms of COVID-19 to call Cano Health to receive a prescription for hydroxychloroquine rather than go to the hospital for treatment.
 - Salazar is even seen on video saying Cano can keep you home with "the only medicine [hydroxychloroquine] that we have available." Salazar also appears in a video in Spanish where she said if we could get chloroquine or hydroxychloroquine to the "most houses" it would make it "so people don't end up in the hospital."

Peruvian Bribery Scandal

- In the early 2000s, Salazar appeared to be the intermediary in a bribery scandal between Laura Bozzo, a Peruvian newscaster and coworker of Salazar, and Vladimiro Montesinos, a Peruvian intelligence chief who was sentenced for “crimes against humanity.”
 - Salazar connected with Montesinos through Bozzo and befriended him in order to get an exclusive interview on Telemundo, the network she worked at the time.
 - With the help of Bozzo, Salazar got Montesinos to commit to doing an interview; however, due to delays, Salazar would often take her own actions to get closer to an interview.
 - At one point, Salazar went to spy gear stores to find a way to put a “hidden camera” in Montesinos jail cell.
 - She even suggested that she committed a crime by going into the trunk of a car to sneak into a prison in Peru to get to Montesinos.
 - Salazar eventually interviewed Montesinos in 2002.
- During this period, Salazar was recorded asking Bozzo for \$100,000 for Montesinos.
 - Salazar was heard saying, “You give me [the money for Montesinos] or I will give you an account, or the lawyer goes to Miami.”
 - Salazar was also heard saying, “Thank God that (Montesinos) did not say anything that compromises me because I am sinking, what scares me is that I screw up.”
- Bozzo provided the recordings to the Peruvian courts, and Salazar was questioned and accused of asking Bozzo for \$100,000 to cover Montesinos’ legal fees.
 - Bozzo even accused Salazar of helping Montesinos in an attempt to extort her.
- Salazar denied any wrongdoing and said the recordings were edited and without her consent. Salazar claimed she was just passing messages from a “friend” to “another friend.”
 - Bozzo and Montesinos were allegedly in a romantic relationship.
- However, Salazar later claimed that Montesinos originally asked her to ask her boss at Telemundo for \$100,000 in exchange for the interview.
- In 2002, a Peruvian judge came to Florida to interview Salazar about the allegations, but a Peruvian judicial source claimed Salazar was not the subject of the investigations.
- Salazar wasn’t found of any wrongdoings, but Bozzo was placed in house arrest for allegedly accepting \$3 million in laundered money from Montesinos in exchange for political support.
 - Bozzo was later acquitted.
- While Salazar was found of no wrongdoings, she claimed she was going to sue Bozzo for defamation to defend her reputation.
 - Salazar described Bozzo as “arrogant and poisonous” and an “instrument of Satan.”

- While Telemundo executives were aware of Salazar’s communication with Montesinos, even paying for her trip to Panama to attempt to interview him, Salazar was let go from Telemundo around this time, which she claimed was because of the Montesinos allegations.
 - Salazar described it as a firing without an “explanation,” but Telemundo officials claimed it was contract disagreements and changes to the lineup.
 - Salazar claimed Telemundo defamed her by promoting the recording during segments and that they were afraid to be connected to Montesinos.
- In 2008, Salazar interviewed Bozzo, and Bozzo said she took Salazar to Panama to interview Montesinos. Salazar also claimed Bozzo apologized to her off camera.
- In 2010, Salazar wrote an entire book about the incident. In the book, Salazar claimed she was fired from Telemundo because of Bozzo while pregnant with her second baby.
- Salazar said the incident was “the darkest, most terrible moment” of her life, claiming she “should be dead, at least professionally.”
 - In the book, Salazar describes how she overcame the scandal to stabilize her finances and continue her journalistic career, which she heavily attributes to God. Salazar claims her family was on the verge of bankruptcy and they had to go “deeper into debt” to “pay for lawyers,” resulting in her almost losing her home.

Cuba & Castro (Pre-Political Career)

- Prior to entering Congress, Salazar was soft on Cuba – praising Obama’s Cuba policy, suggesting Trump should have negotiated with Raul Castro, and calling Fidel Castro “comandante” and “un revolucionario por excelencia.”
 - Despite Salazar repeatedly saying over the years that she opposes negotiating with dictatorships, in 2018, Salazar said Trump should negotiate with Raul Castro rather than Cuban President Diaz-Canel because Diaz-Canel was a “puppet.”
 - Salazar had a photo of her interviews with Castro (and Maduro) in her Congressional office.

Note: This attack may not appear as credible because Salazar was most often critical of Cuba.

- In 1996, Salazar said Cuban exiles support the embargo, but are the first people who “violate” it by visiting Cuba.

Radical & Extreme Comments (Pre-Political Career)

- In 2017, Salazar appeared to make similar claims to Trump’s “bad people on both sides” claim after the Charlottesville white supremacist rally. Salazar said, “the violence doesn’t just come from the white supremacists” and that there were “tough protests” by opposing groups. Salazar

added, “President Trump violently lashed out against the Ku Klux Klan, neo-Nazis and white supremacists.”

- In February 2016, Salazar outrageously claimed that “Hillary is a lesbian” and that “Hillary didn’t like having sex with [Bill], because she preferred sex with women.” Salazar was allegedly the first national television network to cover the story.
- In November 2019, Salazar said, “Imagine the Chinese stealing your book and publishing it under the author name “Ching-Chang-Chong.”
- In 2007, Salazar said Gov. Schwarzenegger was “very wrong” and “very racist” to say immigrants must learn English, despite Salazar paying to take “accent-reduction classes” for five years because she said she wanted to “speak English perfectly, better than the Americans” and didn’t want people to say, “she’s Latin.”
- Salazar writes in her book, “When I feel like ‘killing someone,’ I let myself be guided by reason rather than by feelings.”
- Salazar writes in her book that she made it to top of the media industry “without doing sexual favors in exchange for a position.”

Congressional Votes & Attendance Statistics

- Salazar was failing to do her job. She was not going to work in DC and instead frequently voted by proxy. As a Member of Congress, Salazar has filed 36 different letters authorizing a fellow member of Congress to cast votes on her behalf, which is the 12th most of any Member of Congress. However, according to the Associated Press, in April 2022, Salazar had the most proxy votes of any Republican in 2022.
- Salazar claimed she was not able “to physically attend” because of the “ongoing public health emergency,” but she has also said she was voting by proxy because her mother was in and out of the hospital. However, two days after getting married, Salazar was not in DC for votes, and instead voted by proxy, again claiming it was “because of the ongoing public health emergency.”
- Salazar has a similar pattern in missing committee hearings.
 - Salazar serves on the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, but has missed 25% of the committee’s hearings, including 60% of hearings for the Subcommittee on Middle East, North Africa, and Global Counterterrorism.
 - Salazar has also missed nearly 50% of her small business committee hearings, including more than 71% of her Innovation, Entrepreneurship, and Workforce Development subcommittee hearings and more than 57% of her Underserved, Agricultural, and Rural Business Development subcommittee hearings.
- Salazar has voted 91.1% of the time with the Republican Party.

Policy Issues

Note: This section is in alphabetical order by issue.

- **[Abortion]** Salazar was an anti-choice extremist who supported letting states ban abortion with no exceptions.
 - Salazar said that the Supreme Court’s decision to overturn Roe v. Wade “returns power to the states and their voters... as the Constitution intended.” But less than 4 years earlier, Salazar said abortion rights was “settled law” and that she didn’t think Justice Kavanaugh was “radical” or an “extremist,” and that she didn’t “like to take rights from people.”
 - Salazar repeatedly voted against the Women’s Health Protection Act, despite suggesting that she didn’t. The legislation would have codified the right to abortion to protect abortion access if Roe v. Wade was overturned.
 - Salazar voted against the Ensuring Access to Abortion Act, which would protect a patient’s ability to access legal abortion services in another state.
 - Salazar had an A+ rating from Susan B. Anthony List, an extreme anti-abortion group that wanted to “end abortion” and pledged after Roe v. Wade was overturned to restrict access to abortion “in every state” and on a national level. Salazar was also endorsed by them.
 - Salazar voted to make the Hyde Amendment, which banned federal money from being used to pay for abortions and health plans that covered abortions, permanent.

- **[American Rescue Plan]** Salazar voted against the American Rescue Plan, which she described as “socialism” but provided billions in funding for Florida, including money to fight child poverty, save police jobs, and improve schools.
 - Salazar opposed defunding the police and claimed she would “always fight to defend our police,” but by voting against the American Rescue Plan she voted against preventing police layoffs.
 - Salazar said she wanted children to have access to the “greatest education system possible,” but by voting against the American Rescue Plan she voted against \$1.1 billion in federal funds provided to Miami-Dade schools.
 - Salazar claimed to support access to affordable healthcare but opposed the American Rescue Plan, which helped make health insurance more affordable during the COVID-19 pandemic.
 - Salazar falsely claimed people receiving \$1,400 stimulus checks from ARP will pay “thousands and thousands more in taxes.”
 - Salazar took credit for the passage of legislation she proposed to extend repayment of COVID relief loans, despite ultimately voting against the bill included in the American Rescue Plan, which prompted backlash.

- **[Antifa]** Salazar cosponsored legislation to investigate Antifa’s role in riots in U.S. cities in 2020.

- **[Baby Formula]** Salazar demanded “answers” from the Biden administration on the baby formula shortage and even called for the use of the Defense Production Act to increase access to

formula. But then Salazar voted against authorizing \$28 million in emergency funding to the FDA to address the shortage.

- **[Bad for Workers and Seniors]** Salazar said people benefitting from government programs were “parasites of society” and falsely asserted the top 1 percent paid 99 percent of taxes.
 - Ironically, she has more recently said that if someone needs social help that “you have to give it to them” “temporarily.”
- **[Big Lie]** Salazar promoted The Big Lie and repeatedly voted against holding Trump and his associates accountable for their role in the January 6th insurrection.
 - Salazar voted against impeaching Trump for inciting the January 6th insurrection.
 - Salazar voted against establishing the Select Committee to investigate the January 6th attack on the United States Capitol.
 - Salazar promoted conspiracy theories about the 2020 election and January 6th. In April 2022, Salazar asked a journalist - “Are you working to uncover the full truth about what everyone knew before Jan 6th?”
 - Salazar refused to discuss Rep. Kevin McCarthy’s lies about January 6th and said that the press’s insistence on pursuing the story was because the press had been “infiltrated” by “Neo-Marxists.”
 - In 2022, when Salazar was asked about January 6th by the media, Salazar instead criticized the media and said the media is “not doing their job” when “there’s a major threat in this country” by what she calls the “socialists or the neo-Marxists: that’s the real threat.”
 - Salazar said getting to the bottom of Jan 6 begins by seeing what Pelosi knew.
 - Amid the release by the NY Times of tapes between Kevin McCarthy and other members of the GOP about how January 6th could impact Trump, Salazar suggested the tapes were edited and blamed the media for not “doing [their] job.”
 - Prior to election certification, Salazar said “what’s happening is outrageous” and predicted “evidence will be revealed” on January 6th.
 - Salazar promoted a conspiracy theory about Pennsylvania’s election results. Salazar said, “How is it possible that in Pennsylvania there are 200,000 more votes on election day than there were on the electoral rolls, that is impossible!”
 - Days after the 2020 election was called, Salazar appeared on Fox News and peddled conspiracy theory-style election rhetoric, saying, “we better do something in order to preserve the sanctity of the electoral process” or “we’re doomed.”
 - In November 2020, Salazar refused to respond when asked if they were aware of any Venezuelan efforts to change votes in the 2020 election.
 - Instead of working on protecting voter rights, Salazar cosponsored legislation that would require election officials to report the total number of ballots in their possession within one hour of polls closing.
- **[Censorship]** In January 2021, Salazar said, “censorship is infiltrating the U.S.”

- **[Colombia]** Salazar warned Colombians about Gustavo Petro, tying him to Bernie Sanders and corruption. After Petro won the Colombian presidential election, Salazar called Petro a “thief, terrorist, and a Marxist.”
 - Petro and a Colombian Senator both claimed Salazar was interfering in a foreign election, and the Senator claimed Salazar was carrying out a “smear campaign” against Petro.
 - They both pointed out that she was “strongly supported” by Uribe, who “illegally intervened” in Salazar’s campaign in 2020.

- **[Cuba]** Salazar appears to have flip-flopped on U.S. Cuba policy once she became a Member of Congress. In 2022, Salazar said, “the Biden Administration reopening US-Cuba relations gives oxygen to the Castro regime.” However, in 2016, Salazar described Obama’s visit to Cuba as “historic,” “noble,” and showed that the Cuban people “are not alone.”

- **[Cuba]** Salazar said AOC and the Squad should defend Afro-Cubans the same way they are trying to defend African American rights, adding that the “double standard” is “sickening.”

- **[Cuba]** In 2021, Salazar called on Biden to lead a military intervention to protect Cubans, but added, “we cannot trust Biden’s stance on Cuba.”

- **[Confederate Statutes]** Salazar sided with the far-right and white supremacists by voting against the removal of Confederate statutes from the US Capitol grounds.

- **[Education]** After Salazar praised DeSantis for signing legislation in Florida to teach students about the “evils of communism,” Salazar introduced federal legislation to produce anti-communist education programs for high school students, and cosponsored legislation introduced by Rep. Cawthorn to educate the public on “traditional American history.” The Cawthorn legislation prohibited grant funds to be used to teach the 1619 Project or Critical Race Theory.
 - Salazar also signed a letter that called “curricula like critical race theory” “harmful.”

- **[Education]** Salazar is attacking public schools. In 2022, Salazar cosponsored legislation that attacked public schools by providing a 100-percent income tax credit for individuals and businesses that contribute to scholarship funds for private K-12 schools.

- **[Energy & Environment]** Salazar claimed she would protect the environment, but has received support from oil & gas and pro-drilling groups.
 - Salazar supported the Republican tax law that opened the Alaska National Wildlife Refuge to drilling.
 - While Salazar has publicly opposed drilling off the coast of Florida, she has been funded and supported by pro-oil drilling groups who are pushing Congress to allow them to drill offshore, including in the Florida Straits, putting our coastline and water supply at risk. Salazar accepted \$6,500 from Chevron and Exxon Mobil PACs, both of which are members of the American Chemistry Council. The American Chemistry Council has lobbied against banning offshore drilling, including in the Florida Straits. Salazar has also been supported by FreedomWorks for America via \$76,000 in outside spending support.

FreedomWorks has opposed offshore drilling, including in the Atlantic, and called for markets to decide where to drill.

- Salazar has taken more than \$68,000 from the oil and gas industry in her career, including \$9,000 from oil and gas PACs.
- **[Energy & Environment]** Salazar supported a carbon tax proposal that would have caused consumers to pay nearly \$500 more in yearly fuel costs by 2030.
- **[Energy & Environment]** Salazar has been critical of Biden's energy policies, calling his policies an "assault" on energy and his actions "band-aids." Salazar called for Biden to restore the Keystone XL Pipeline and end freezes on new oil and gas leases. Salazar wrote that clean energy policies without expanding our domestic capacity will empower China and Maduro.
 - Salazar criticized the Biden Administration for stopping the "drilling or fracking on government land."
- **[Energy & Environment]** In April 2022, when gas prices were rising, Salazar said, "Biden should not use the strategic federal oil reserve to bring energy prices down."
- **[Ethics & Government Reform]** During the 2020 campaign trail, Salazar repeatedly promised to donate her congressional salary. She even promised to use it to run an employment center in her district office. However, the House Ethics Committee advised Salazar against redirecting her salary to fund her congressional office. As a result, Salazar was not able to hire additional staff for a prosperity center, but said her district office would conduct additional casework related to employment. This raises the question if Salazar kept her promise and has been donating her salary.
 - When describing the employment center while running for office, Salazar said "my African Americans" would be the first to benefit.
- **[Ethics & Government Reform]** In 2020, Salazar promised to "fight for term limits," but when she entered Congress, Salazar said she would "die doing this" if the voters allowed her.
- **[Flip Flopper]** In 2020, Tim Padgett, an editor for the Miami NPR affiliate WLRN, slammed Salazar as practicing "McCarthyism" and said Salazar was filled with "shameless double standards" that it would have "even made a two-faced politico like Fidel Castro blush."
- **[Guns]** Despite voting for the bipartisan gun bill after the Uvalde massacre, Salazar has voted against common sense measures to crack down on violent gun crime.
 - Salazar voted against red flag laws that prohibited the purchase and possession of firearms by people who pose an imminent danger.
 - Salazar voted against The Protecting Our Kids Act that would have raised the age to buy a semiautomatic weapon.
 - Salazar voted against the Active Shooter Alert Act that was supported by multiple law enforcement groups in order to better respond to active threats.
 - Salazar voted against an assault weapons ban despite previously voicing support for banning assault weapons.

- **[Health Care]** In 2018, while Salazar was first running for Congress, she said Obamacare “was no good” and “we need to find another way.” She even called Democrats “socialistas” because of policies like Obamacare. However, in 2020, Salazar said, “If you like your Obamacare, you can keep it,” and “Obamacare needs to stay the way it is unless we can provide a better plan.” She also would not say if she supported a lawsuit to invalidate Obamacare.
- **[Health Care]** Salazar supported allowing the government to negotiate prescription drug prices, but voted against allowing the government to do so.
- **[Immigration]** Salazar has been all over the place on immigration. While she supports DACA and a path to legal status for undocumented immigrants, she does not support a path to citizenship. She once even said that “not just anyone” should be granted birthright citizenship.
 - In 2018, Salazar said undocumented immigrants under 14 years old should be sent back to their home countries, even those who fled violence.
- **[Immigration]** Salazar has also been all over the place on sanctuary cities. In 2016, Salazar said, “sanctuary cities are the best shelters, because at least they can’t be deported that easily.” In 2017, Salazar said sanctuary cities are “havens for criminals” and makes “Hispanics look like a bunch of imbeciles,” but a couple months later again praised California’s sanctuary city law and said it was “not as bad as it sounds.”
- **[Immigration]** Salazar has been critical of Trump and her own party, saying “the reality of immigration is not” as Republicans see it and that Republicans have never promised anything on immigration. Salazar also said that she did not like “what Trump has done on immigration.”
- **[Inflation]** Salazar said she hadn’t “done anything to help the average American” during her time in Congress because Democrats weren’t proposing bills to lower costs and fight inflation, but Salazar voted against multiple Democratic bills to lower the cost of food, fuel, and insulin. Salazar even voted against the Inflation Reduction Act, despite it lowering the cost for prescription drugs and lowering inflation.
- **[Infrastructure]** Salazar pledged to “work hard” to improve Florida’s infrastructure, but voted against the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill that provided billions in funding to Florida to improve highways, public transit, drinking water infrastructure, and airports.
 - Salazar said she voted against the legislation because it was a “tradeoff between infrastructure and socialism” and said parts of the bill were “very questionable.”
- **[Islam]** In 2017, Salazar retweeted a post calling to ban Islam. A year earlier, Salazar also said the “political ideology of ISIS is based on the Quran.”
- **[Israel & Anti-Semitism]** Salazar presents herself as a dedicated ally of Israel and of Jewish Americans when talking in English, but in Spanish she shares anti-Semitic conspiracy theories about George Soros.

- Salazar repeatedly called Ilhan Omar, Rashia Tlaib, and the “far-left” anti-Semitic for their positions on Israel and Palestine. But after tweeting in English that the media was guilty of dealing in “anti-Semitic canards,” Salazar tweeted in Spanish her own quintessential anti-Semitic canard about George Soros, claiming he was in the “shadow” of wanting to “silence conservative voices.”
 - The Anti-Defamation League considers conspiracy theories about George Soros and the media to be “well-known anti-Semitic tropes.”
 - Salazar was critical of the sale of Radio Mambi to “left-wing investors.”
 - Salazar has also outrageously tied socialism to anti-Semitism. She claimed all socialists are “anti-Jew” and even once said, “When you say socialism, you are talking about anti-Semitism in the same phrase.”
- **[Jobs]** In 2021, Salazar called for moving jobs overseas by providing financial incentives to companies that move jobs to Central America.
 - **[LGBTQ+]** Salazar voted against the Equality Act which banned discrimination on the basis of gender identity or sexual orientation.
 - The Miami Herald called her vote “shameful.”
 - **[Medicare & Social Security]** Salazar claimed she supported policies to help seniors, including calling to protect Medicare and allowing the government to negotiate drug prices, but voted against policies to do so. Salazar also claimed she did not support any cuts to Medicare or Social Security, but voted against preventing sequestration cuts to Medicare and was endorsed by a group who wanted to privatize Social Security and Medicare.
 - **[Medicare & Social Security]** Salazar has aligned herself with Senator Rick Scott, who released a plan to sunset Social Security and Medicare and raise income taxes on half of Americans.
 - **[Palestine]** In 2021, Salazar said the “average Palestinian doesn’t really understand that they are being used on behalf of this terrorist organization.”
 - **[Partisanship]** In 2018, Salazar tried to style herself as a moderate and said she would “step into the center.” However, Salazar has voted with the Republican Party 91% of the time, was named Assistant House GOP Whip as soon as she entered office, and repeatedly showed support for Trump.
 - In November 2020, Salazar said it was “an absolute honor to serve” with Liz Cheney and described Cheney as someone who wasn’t “afraid to speak truth to power.” However, in 2021, Salazar failed to stand up for Cheney when she faced retaliation for speaking out against the Big Lie, and Salazar refused to say whether she voted to oust Cheney from party leadership.
 - **[Socialism, Communism, & Marxism]** Salazar has made the fight against socialism and communism her top priority as a Member of Congress, often attempting to tie any policy supported by the left as “socialism.”

- In Congress, she has introduced or cosponsored legislation to denounce socialism and communism, gaining praise from GOP dark money groups like FreedomWorks.
- **[Socialism, Communism, & Marxism]** As a politician, Salazar has always fearmongered about socialism coming to the United States, often claiming the Democrats have been kidnapped by socialists and Marxists. She has repeatedly connected Biden and the Democrats to socialism and Marxism, including claiming Biden will take us “down the path to socialism.”
 - Salazar also called Biden racist for comments made about low vaccination rates in minority communities because of more limited internet access.
- **[Statehood]** Salazar introduced a bill to admit Puerto Rico as the 51st state, but voted against making DC a state.
- **[Taxes]** Salazar supported tax policies, including the 2017 Republican tax bill, that enriched corporations and the wealthiest Americans, but voted against tax cuts for the middle class.
 - Salazar even called a plan that would cut taxes for the middle class and make corporations and the wealthy pay their fair share “socialist.”
- **[Trump]** While Salazar claims she is a moderate or in the “center,” Salazar has repeatedly shown support for Trump since 2016.
 - In August 2022, Salazar tweeted that the FBI raid of Mar-A-Lago was “extremely troubling.” In Spanish, Salazar was more extreme and promoted conspiracy theories. Salazar said, “government institutions, in this case the FBI and DOJ, are being weaponized as political threats” and “government institutions” were being used to “politically assault the opposition.” She was even more extreme on Spanish television, falsely claiming that there was “empirical evidence” of business dealings between Hunter Biden and China that should be “investigated.”
 - January 2021: Salazar voted not to impeach Trump following the Capitol attack on January 6th.
 - In a blog post from September 2019, Salazar denied that Trump had conditioned military aid to Ukraine on the country launching criminal investigations of the Biden family, and claimed that “government officials” with “an axe to grind” were sabotaging the president.
 - In 2018, Salazar called Trump a “special person.”
 - In 2017, Salazar repeatedly praised Trump’s immigration policies.
 - November 2016: Salazar voted for Trump.
- **[Unions]** Salazar has shown her opposition to unions by voting against the PRO Act and against a measure to allow her own staff to unionize.
- **[Ukraine & Russia]** At the beginning of the war in Ukraine, Salazar said that she supported a ‘no-fly zone’ over Ukraine, drawing fire from local media, including the Miami Herald who called her “ill prepared.”
 - Salazar was accused by Tucker Carlson of suggesting the United States go to war with Russia.

- **[Ukraine & Russia]** Salazar believed the United States should comply with all aid requests that Ukraine made to the United States.
- **[Venezuela]** In 2018, Salazar suggested the U.S. should “topple Venezuela, but seconds later said the United States should not be “promoting coups.”
- **[Veterans]:** Despite introducing and cosponsoring multiple pieces of legislation in support of veterans, Salazar has repeatedly voted against measures to improve health care for veterans.
- **[Women]** Salazar voted against the Paycheck Fairness Act or equal pay against equal work legislation.

Political Aspirations

- In 2021, after she was sworn in, Salazar posted on Facebook that “as a little girl, I never imagined that I’d one day represent” Florida in Congress. In 2018, Salazar also told reporters she never envisioned leaving journalism to run for office. However, in 1983, the Miami Herald reported that Salazar wanted to become a politician.

Campaign Finance

- From 2018 to 2020, Salazar loaned her campaign \$192,000, including \$182,000 in 2020, which was the same year Salazar only disclosed \$20,000 in income. Salazar was not married at the time, which raises the question if Salazar illegally accepted nearly \$200,000 from a close partner and made the contribution under her name to in order to evade contribution limits. Salazar has said that a longtime partner who she lived with was financially supporting her family.
- Salazar is getting most of her campaign contributions from outside the district. As of August 2022, Salazar has received more than 42% of her contributions from out of state. She has also received more than 42% of her contributions from outside of the district.
- Salazar’s donors are big dollar donors. As of August 2022, Salazar has only received 22% of her contributions from small dollar donors.
 - In 2020, Salazar only received 16% of her contributions from small dollar donors.
 - In 2018, Salazar only received 3% of her contributions from small dollar donors.
- In the 2022 election, Americans for Prosperity PAC, a PAC funded and affiliated to Koch, has spent more than \$257,000 in support of Salazar. Salazar was also endorsed by American for Prosperity.
- Salazar took nearly \$50,000 in contributions from an attorney who represented Alex Saab, a man Salazar called “Nicolás Maduro's leading henchman” and a “drug trafficker who is responsible for flooding American streets with cocaine.”

- In 2020, Salazar faced an FEC complaint over failing to report employer and occupation data for some contributors. In 2021, Salazar was issued a FEC warning letter for having 13 donations exceeding the contribution limit. Salazar’s attorney said the donations were “misapplied”; however, two of those donations came from the Columbian lawyer (and his wife) who represented famed international criminal Alex Saab. Salazar said she was thankful for the attorney’s support.

Note: *The FEC Complaint was dismissed by the FEC.*

Endorsements

- Salazar has received campaign support from foreign leaders. In 2020, a U.S. ambassador warned Colombian politicians to stay out of U.S. elections after former Colombian President Uribe endorsed Salazar for congress, which Salazar amplified on social media. Uribe said we “need” Salazar in Congress, and Salazar called Uribe “one of the great ones of Latin America.” In 2018, Salazar also circulated praise from former Colombian President Alvaro Uribe, causing Uribe to clarify his comments did not “represent political support.” Ironically, in 2007, Salazar appeared to connect Uribe to organized drug trafficking.
- In 2018, the Miami Herald Editorial Board said Salazar was “not ready for such a big job.” In 2020, they said, “she still isn’t.”

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PERSONAL

BACKGROUND

- **BORN:** Maria Elvira Salazar; November 1, 1961 (Age: 60); Miami, FL
- **FAMILY:** Nicoletta Maietto (Daughter); Martina Maietto (Daughter); Lester Woerner (Husband; Married 2022); Renzo Maietto (Married 1999; Divorced 2010); Arturo Cruz (Married 1992, Divorced)
- **HOME:** Miami, Florida 33143
- **EDUCATION:** Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government, (MPA) Public Administration (1993-1995); University of Miami, (BA) Communications (1979-1983); Miami Dade College
- **PROFESSIONAL:** Political Contributor, Fox News (2016-2020); Political Contributor, Newsmax Media (2017); Primetime Nightly News Anchor, MegaTV (2014-2017); Primetime Nightly News Anchor, CNN Latino Miami (2013-2014); MegaTV (2006-2011); Host, "Maria Elvira Live" (2003-2005); Senior anchor, Telemundo (2001-2002); Noticiero Telemundo (2000); Telemundo Internacional (2000); News anchor, CBS (1998-1999); host, "Polos Opuestos" for Telenoticias (1997); Central American senior correspondent, Telemundo (1993); Correspondent, Univision's Washington Bureau (1990); Host of "Esta Noche Con Usted" for Noticiero Telemundo-CNN (1989); Co-anchor of Noticiero Telemundo-CNN (1988); Latin American Correspondent, Hispanic Broadcasting Corp (1987); Miami/Latin America Correspondent, SIN (1985-1987); WLTV-Channel 23 (1984)
- **POLITICAL:** U.S. Member of Congress, Florida's 27th Congressional District (2021-Present); U.S. Congressional Candidate, Florida's 27th Congressional District (2018, 2020, 2022)
- **AWARDS:** 5 Emmys; Miami Dade College Alumni Hall of Fame Award (2007); Hispanic Media 100 Program honoree (2001); Metro-Dade Park and Recreation Department honored Salazar as part of Women's History Month (1989);

CHILDHOOD

TOPLINES

- Salazar was born in Miami to Cuban exiles, but grew up in Puerto Rico. She moved back to Miami at age 15 with her mom after her parents divorced.
- Salazar has repeatedly misrepresented her childhood to give the impression that she is an immigrant who struggled to make it in the United States.
 - Since running for Congress, Salazar has repeatedly said that she is a “Brown girl from the hood.” She has also falsely claimed that her “American journey” started with “\$5 in my pocket,” including in campaign ads, despite being born in Miami and not starting with \$5. After being questioned about her upbringing, Salazar doubled down and said, “we were poor” and “we were very pretty poor Cuban refugees.” However, Salazar was not a refugee.
 - In 2007, she described herself when she moved to Miami at age 15 as a “young unknown poor Cuban American.” However, in June 2022, Salazar posted a photo of her as a little girl with her father on a boat learning to waterski. In 1988, the Miami Herald even described Salazar’s upbringing as growing up “around TV studios in Puerto Rico” because her father was an actor and producer.
 - In that same Miami Herald piece, Salazar described herself as a “proud YUCA” or young upscale Cuban American. This description seems more accurate given that Salazar attended and graduated from a private high school in Coral Gables, where she was the “senior leader president” and on the cheerleading, volleyball and basketball teams.
 - In 1969, the Miami Herald reported that the private school was building a \$250,000 air-conditioned gymnasium.
 - Salazar even paid to take “accent-reduction classes” for five years because she said she wanted to “speak English perfectly, better than the Americans” and didn’t want people to say, “she’s Latin.”
 - Too make matters worse, Salazar is still continuing to misrepresent her childhood. Her campaign website claims that she is “a product of South Florida’s public school system,” despite living in Puerto Rico until she was 15 and graduating from a private high school.
 - In 2010, Salazar said she had a “lifelong nanny” who take care of her daughters.

Note: Salazar has also misrepresented her political aspirations.

Childhood

Miami & Puerto Rico

Salazar was born in Miami, but grew up in Puerto Rico before she moved back to Miami at age 15.

Salazar Was Born In Miami. “University of Miami senior Maria Elvira Salazar hopes to become a broadcast journalist and later a politician. To do this, she says, she wants to become absolutely accent-free. Salazar, who was born in Miami, grew up in Puerto Rico and came back to the States at 15 with what she considered a ‘horrible accent’ in English.” [Miami Herald, 2/27/83]

Salazar Grew Up In Puerto Rico Until She Was Fifteen. “University of Miami senior Maria Elvira Salazar hopes to become a broadcast journalist and later a politician. To do this, she says, she wants to become absolutely accent-free. Salazar, who was born in Miami, grew up in Puerto Rico and came back to the States at 15 with what she considered a ‘horrible accent’ in English.” [Miami Herald, 2/27/83]

Salazar Moved With Her Mother To Miami When Her Parents Divorced. “He died four years ago, and Salazar has never quite recovered from the loss. ‘He taught me life. He taught me timing. All the things about the business,’ she says. ‘Whatever he said, I did. But this was in my blood or I wouldn’t have continued.’ After her parents divorced, she moved to Miami with her mother and learned English at a private school before going on to the University of Miami, where she majored in journalism. ‘I didn’t have much fun in college,’ she recalls. ‘I wanted to be someone.’” [Miami Herald, 5/29/88]

Parents

Salazar's father, Hector Salazar, was an actor-producer, sportscaster for Channel 23.

Hector Salazar Was An Actor-Producer And Salazar’s Father. “Besides anchoring CNN news (for a salary she refuses to disclose), Salazar will be working for Telemundo, doing sporadic celebrity interview shows patterned after the Barbara Walters specials. ‘This is not gossip,’ she says. ‘They’re classy, informative interviews.’ The only daughter of actor-producer Hector Salazar, she grew up around TV studios in Puerto Rico, where her parents settled after leaving Cuba in 1960. At age 14, she was hosting an afternoon movie show produced by her dad.” [Miami Herald, 5/29/88]

Salazar’s Father Was A Sportscaster For Channel 23. “Born in Miami, Salazar grew up in Puerto Rico, moving back to the mainland when she was 15. She graduated from the University of Miami with a bachelor’s degree in journalism, taking years of diction classes to get rid of her accent in English. She also earned a master’s degree in public administration from Harvard University. Nevertheless, she wanted to follow in the footsteps of her father, Hector Salazar, a sportscaster for Channel 23 before he died.” [Miami Herald, 12/28/05]

Salazar's mother was Marta Bermudo.

Marta Bermudo Was Salazar’s Mother. “‘Do you know what it’s like to be there? You’re living doubly, you’re living your own life and others,’ says Salazar, who would like to combine anchoring and reporting. There’s also a social side to Salazar, who enjoys benefit galas and occasionally emcees them in Miami, where her mother, Marta Bermudo, is active in charity causes.” [Miami Herald, 5/29/88]

In the 1960s, Salazar's parents left Cuba as political refugees or Cuban exiles. They would later divorce when Salazar was a teenager.

1960: Salazar's Parents Left Cuba. “Besides anchoring CNN news (for a salary she refuses to disclose), Salazar will be working for Telemundo, doing sporadic celebrity interview shows patterned after the Barbara Walters specials. ‘This is not gossip,’ she says. ‘They’re classy, informative interviews.’ The only daughter of actor-producer Hector Salazar, she grew up around TV studios in Puerto Rico, where her parents settled after leaving Cuba in 1960. At age 14, she was hosting an afternoon movie show produced by her dad.” [Miami Herald, 5/29/88]

- **Salazar Said Her Parents Were Political Refugees.** “‘It will be a seamless transition between Ileana and myself, because we believe in the same causes,’ said Salazar. ‘I’m a common sense Republican and I have common sense policies.’ ‘We may not agree on everything, but it’s the same plan,’ she continued. ‘We’re both daughters of political refugees. We know the community. We know what people feel, how people speak, how people act, because we are one of them. And that’s why people love her, and I think that’s why they love me, too.’” [WLRN, [8/29/18](#)]
- **Salazar's Parents Were Cuban Exiles.** “Salazar, whose parents were Cuban exiles, encouraged her opponents to work together to win in November.” [Miami Herald, [8/28/18](#)]

Salazar's Parents Were Divorced. “He died four years ago, and Salazar has never quite recovered from the loss. ‘He taught me life. He taught me timing. All the things about the business,’ she says. ‘Whatever he said, I did. But this was in my blood or I wouldn’t have continued.’ After her parents divorced, she moved to Miami with her mother and learned English at a private school before going on to the University of Miami, where she majored in journalism. ‘I didn’t have much fun in college,’ she recalls. ‘I wanted to be someone.’” [Miami Herald, 5/29/88]

Misrepresentation of Upbringing

“From The Hood”

Since running for Congress, Salazar has repeatedly said that she is a “Brown girl from the hood.”

[VIDEO] June 2022: Salazar: “A Brown Girl From The Hood.” “I have presented and I've said it to you, a law, an immigration reform law where you seal the border, seal the border, if I catch you coming back, once you were deported, you're going to go to jail for a long time. Very strong border security measures [...] my bill, a brown girl from the hood, presented by the GOP, pay attention to it, seal the border, and then take care of those who are here, who are contributing to the American economy. It's simple.” [Fox Business News Maria Bartiromo with Congresswoman Maria Salazar, [6/09/22](#) (4:51)]

[VIDEO] April 2021: Salazar Said, “As A Hispanic, Latina, Brown Girl From The Hood.” [YouTube, Donna Democrats, [4/26/21](#)]

May 2021: Salazar: “I Am A Brown Girl From The Hood.” “[SALAZAR]: Well, the problem is that they cannot - they don't have a plan. Because immigration -- and I feel it on my own skin on the floor of the

United States Congress -- is a very, very difficult word to pronounce. No one wants to touch immigration, because, unfortunately, you have to make tough choices. But I am a brown girl from the hood. I don't have any problems with bringing a plan -- which I did, and I brought it to your show -- which is that we have - we've got to solve many problems. We have to solve the asylum process, which is broken. We have to fix the problem with the visas." [Fox Business, 5/03/21]

November 2020: Salazar: "A Brown Girl From The Hood With An Accent Made It To The U.S. Congress." "You know these forces that are trying to say that -- that the system doesn't work for us, oh, it's not true. Look at me. I am the daughter of political refugees, people that got here 60 years ago. A brown girl from the hood with an accent made it to the U.S. Congress, the seat of power in the world." [Fox Business, 11/18/20]

"\$5 In My Pocket"

Salazar has also falsely claimed that her "American journey" started with "\$5 in my pocket," including in campaign ads, despite being born in Miami and not starting with \$5.

[VIDEO] September 2020: Salazar: "My American Journey Started Here" In Little Havana "With \$5 In My Pocket." "[SALAZAR:] My American journey started here, with \$5 in my pocket. [SUPER:] Maria Elvira Salazar Childhood Home Little Havana." [YouTube, Maria Elvira Salazar, [9/22/20](#)]

[VIDEO] September 2020: Salazar Was Accused Of Misrepresenting Her Background Since She Was Born In Miami And Did Not Start With \$5 In Her Pocket. This Week in South Florida host Michael Putney interviewed Salazar and said, "In the ad you said my American journey started here with \$5 in my pocket. [...] You were born in Miami and you didn't really start here with \$5 in your pocket. [...] So is this a misrepresentation." [Local 10, [9/27/20](#) (1:20)]

- **October 2020: Fabiola Santiago Column: Salazar Claim That She Began In Miami With \$5 Was "A Gratuitous Lie."** "And, in a congressional rematch against incumbent Shalala -- who has been stridently anti-Maduro and anti-Bernie Sanders -- Salazar, a former journalist, peddles in a widely seen television ad that she arrived in Miami with \$5 in her pocket. Yet, she was born right here in Miami in 1961. It's a gratuitous lie to appeal to Cuban Americans." [Miami Herald, Fabiola Santiago Column, [10/7/20](#)]

Salazar's Campaign Website Says Her Parents Arrived In The United States "With Only Five Dollars In Their Pockets." "Born in Miami's Little Havana to Cuban parents, who emigrated to the United States, fleeing Cuba due to the arrival of Fidel Castro to power. With only five dollars in their pockets, the pursuit for freedom and the American dream was instilled in María Elvira Salazar at an early age by her parents. While being raised in Miami and Puerto Rico, Salazar listened as her parents told stories of the oppressive communist regime from which they escaped. Becoming American citizens at the Freedom Tower, Salazar's parents wanted a better life for their family; they wanted freedom." [MariaElviraSalazar.com, Bio, accessed [8/24/22](#)]

- **The Earliest Archive Of The Salazar's Campaign Website Biography Also Says That It Was Her Parents Who Arrived With Five Dollars.** "Born in Miami's Little Havana to Cuban parents,

who emigrated to the United States, fleeing Cuba due to the arrival of Fidel Castro to power. With only five dollars in their pockets, the pursuit for freedom and the American dream was instilled in María Elvira Salazar at an early age by her parents. While being raised in Miami and Puerto Rico, Salazar listened as her parents told stories of the oppressive communist regime from which they escaped. Becoming American citizens at the Freedom Tower, Salazar's parents wanted a better life for their family; they wanted freedom." [MariaElviraSalazar.com, Bio, archived [9/26/19](#)]

“We Were Poor”

After being questioned about her upbringing, Salazar doubled down and said, “we were poor” and “we were very pretty poor Cuban refugees.” However, Salazar was not a refugee.

[VIDEO] September 2020: Salazar: “We Were Poor. [...] We Were Very Pretty Poor Cuban Refugees.” Salazar said, “No it’s not. We were poor. We lived in Little Havana in the apartment complex that you just showed in the commercial. And we were very pretty poor Cuban refugees and my childhood was not of abundance so that’s why I’m trying to say to the public that I want to serve the public because I know what they are feeling at this hour.” [Local 10, [9/27/20](#) (1:45)]

In 2007, Salazar described herself when she moved to Miami at age 15 as a “young unknown poor Cuban American.”

April 2007: Salazar Said MDC Helped Her When She A “Young Unknown Poor Cuban American – Who had Recently Arrived From Puerto Rico. “‘I have received other awards, but the one given by MDC is one of the most special ones,’ said Maria Elvira Salazar, host of Mega TV. ‘MDC helped me when I was a young unknown poor Cuban American--who had recently arrived from Puerto Rico. I am so proud of being part once again of the organization. Another example of the great system we live in.’” [Miami Dade College, Press Release, 4/13/07]

While running for office in 2019, Salazar said her opponent was part of the elite and that she “didn’t have those contacts” because she is “just a girl from Miami.”

2019: Salazar Said Her Opponent Was Part Of The Elite And That She “Didn’t Have Those Contacts” Because She Is “Just A Girl From Miami.” “‘The Democratic Party came and charged her, which shows that she has been part of the elite. Meanwhile, I didn't have those contacts, I'm just a girl from Miami, a member of the community,’ Salazar said, indicating that she intends to use his experience as a journalist in the political arena.” [El Nuevo Herald, 8/01/19] Translation

- **Spanish Version:** “‘El Partido Demócrata vino y la cargó, lo que demuestra que ella ha sido parte de la elite. Mientras, yo no tenía esos contactos, solo soy una muchacha de Miami, miembro de la comunidad,’ dijo Salazar, indicando que se propone utilizar su experiencia como periodista en la arena política.”

Boat Ride

However, in June 2022, Salazar posted a photo of her as a little girl with her father on a boat learning to waterski.

For Father’s Day 2022, Salazar Posted Photos Of Herself Learning To Waterski On A Boat With Her Father. “When my mother was pregnant, my parents risked their lives by fleeing Cuba from Castro to make sure I had a chance at achieving the American Dream. My father Hector inspired me to pursue a career in journalism. He instilled in me the love of God and freedom. I miss my dad so much, but I'm grateful for the many years I had with him and all the lessons he taught me. Let's honor our fathers today and everyday!. Happy Fathers Day! 🙏❤️” [Facebook, Maria Elvira Salazar, [6/19/22](#)]



In 1988, the Miami Herald even described Salazar’s upbringing as growing up “around TV studios in Puerto Rico” because her father was an actor and producer.

Salazar's Father Was An Actor And TV Producer. "The only daughter of actor-producer Hector Salazar, she grew up around TV studios in Puerto Rico, where her parents settled after leaving Cuba in 1960. At age 14, she was hosting an afternoon movie show produced by her dad. He died four years ago, and Salazar has never quite recovered from the loss." [Miami Herald, 5/29/88]

Private School Education

In that same Miami Herald piece, Salazar described herself as a "proud YUCA" or young upscale Cuban American. This description seems more accurate given that Salazar attended and graduated from a private high school in Coral Gables, where she was the "senior leader president" and on the cheerleading, volleyball and basketball teams. In 1969, the Miami Herald reported that the private school was building a \$250,000 air-conditioned gymnasium.

1988: The Miami Herald Reported Salazar Described Herself As "A 'Proud YUCA' (Young Upscale Cuban American)." "The Miami-born Salazar, who describes herself as a 'proud YUCA' (Young Upscale Cuban American), has traveled extensively throughout Latin America, reporting on political events." [Miami Herald, 5/29/88]

Salazar Graduated From The Deerborne School In 1979. "SALAZAR, Maria Elvira, a Representative from Florida; born in Miami, Miami-Dade County, Fla., November 1, 1961; graduated from the Deerborne School, Coral Gables, Fla., 1979" [Congress.gov, Biographical Directory, accessed [8/15/22](#)]



- **Salazar Did Not Appear To Attend Deerborne Her Sophomore Year Of High School.** [Deerborne High School, Yearbook, [1977](#)]

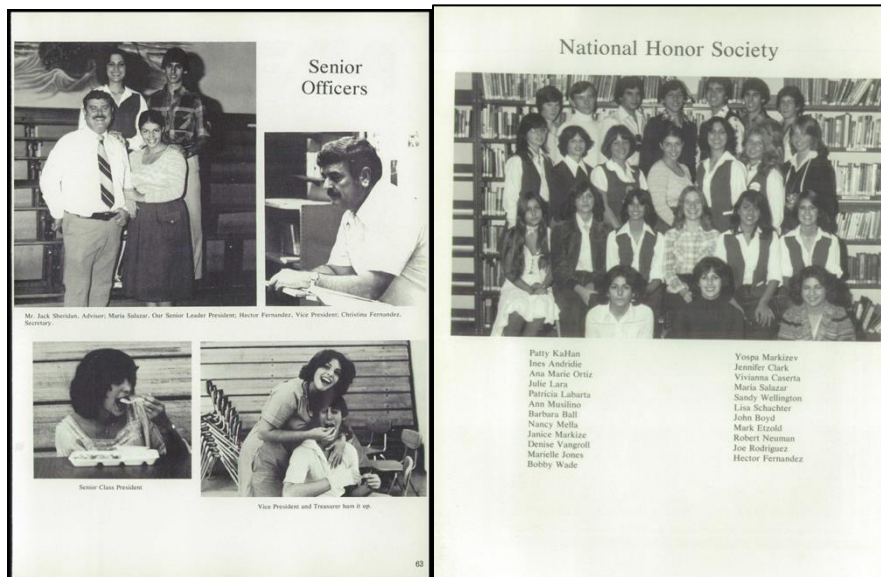
Deerborne Was A "Private School In Coral Gables That Was "Sold And Torn Down In 1982."

"Deerborne was a small private school in Coral Gables Florida between Sevilla and Almeria. The school was owned by Mr. Marvin S. Cone who was not only our Headmaster but more like a second father to

us all. Unfortunately the school was eventually sold and torn down in 1982.” [Facebook, Deerborne School Alumni, accessed [8/24/22](#)]


- The Deerborne School Is Considered One Of The Earliest Private Schools In Coral Gables.** “Almost 30 years after its final graduating class received their diplomas, the Deerborne School, one of the earliest private schools in Coral Gables, is having a school-wide reunion Saturday night in honor of its late founder, Marvin S. Cone.” [Miami Herald, 11/13/10]
- In 1969, Deerborne Built A \$250,000 Gymnasium (\$2 Million In 2022).** “Deerborne, a private school in Coral Gables, has under construction a \$250,000-plus gymnasium which seats 1,000 and is scheduled to be completed sometime in December... The gym will be air-conditioned. It will have a hardwood maple floor and glass backboards. The court will be 94-feet long, and although there will be only a five-foot distance to the end walls, \$5,000 worth of wrestling mats have been purchased to cushion a person’s impact against the walls.” [Miami News, [10/29/69](#)]
- The Founder And Headmaster Of The School Was Known To Be Charitable And Gave Scholarships To Students Who Could Not Afford Tuition.** “Known as a charitable man, Cone would give full scholarships to students who couldn’t afford to attend the school. ‘I was one of those underprivileged kids to be fortunate enough to get such a scholarship,’ said Juan Luis Perez, the reunion committee treasurer. ‘I graduated from Deerborne in 1981 and went off to study at Auburn University, a school that, had it not been for Deerborne, I would have never even dreamed about attending.’” [Miami Herald, 11/13/10]

Salazar Was The Senior Leader President And On The National Honor Society. [Deerborne High School, Yearbook, [1979](#)]




Salazar Was A Varsity Cheerleader, And On The Basketball And Volleyball Teams. [Deerborne High School, Yearbook, [1979](#)]

Varsity Cheerleaders




Corsairs





Denise Vangroll
 Nancy Wellington
 Nancy Hamilton
 Marilee Jones
 Lisa DeKrom
 Nancy Mulla
 Anne Anderson
 Janice Morgan
 Marily Martinez
 Patricia Lohrke
 Maria Salazar

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Volleyball District 16A Champions



Left — Lisa Bihun, setting a volleyball. Below left — Jean Andrade, Captain of the volleyball team.

Members:
 E. Bihun — Manager
 L. Bihun
 A. Marcote
 E. Bihun
 C. Estrada
 L. Carter
 P. Kuhn — Manager
 M. Palmer
 M. Salazar
 J. Andrade — Captain

Coaches:
 Mrs. Valois
 Mrs. Treadway



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Girls' Basketball

Co-Captains:
 Maria Palmer
 Paul Lutes

Players:
 M. Marcote
 L. Bihun
 E. Levy
 L. Andrade
 M. Salazar
 E. Puchner
 L. Carter


Coaches:
 Mrs. Valois
 Mr. Wren

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Salazar Won Most School Spirit Her Senior Year. [Deerborne High School, Yearbook, [1979](#)]



We Congratulate
 These
 Senior
 Superlatives

Most School Spirit
 Charles Britan
 Maria Salazar

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Accent-Reduction Classes

Salazar even paid to take “accent-reduction classes” for five years because she said she wanted to “speak English perfectly, better than the Americans” and didn’t want people to say, “she’s Latin.”

Salazar Took Accent-Reduction Classes For Five Years Because She Said “I Want To Speak English Perfectly, Better Than The Americans...So That No One Will Be Able To Say: ‘Oh Look, She’s Latin.’”

“Salazar, who was born in Miami, grew up in Puerto Rico and came back to the States at 15 with what she considered a ‘horrible accent’ in English. ‘I have this obsession ... I want to speak English perfectly, better than the Americans,’ Salazar said. ‘So that no one will be able to say: ‘Oh look, she’s Latin.’ I want them to say: ‘She can speak English so well, and look, she can speak Spanish, too.’ ‘ She has taken accent-reduction classes for five years. Her present instructor, Lillian Poms, says Salazar has a slight trace of an accent that she will eliminate only by living for at least three months in a city where no Spanish is spoken. Salazar said she might do just that: ‘The only country I have is the United States. They speak English. And how do they speak it? In a different way than I do. In my own country.’” [Miami Herald, 2/27/83]

- **Salazar Attended Private School In Miami To Learn English.** “He died four years ago, and Salazar has never quite recovered from the loss. ‘He taught me life. He taught me timing. All the things about the business,’ she says. ‘Whatever he said, I did. But this was in my blood or I wouldn’t have continued.’ After her parents divorced, she moved to Miami with her mother and learned English at a private school before going on to the University of Miami, where she majored in journalism. ‘I didn’t have much fun in college,’ she recalls. ‘I wanted to be someone.’” [Miami Herald, 5/29/88]

“Product Of South Florida Public Schools”

Too make matters worse, Salazar is still continuing to misrepresent her childhood. Her campaign website claims that she is “a product of South Florida’s public school system,” despite living in Puerto Rico until she was 15 and graduating from a private high school.

Salazar’s Current Campaign Website Says That She “Is A Product Of South Florida’s Public School System.”

“Maria is a product of South Florida’s public school system. She paid her way through the University of Miami and Harvard graduate school. All children must have access to the greatest education system possible.” [MariaElviraSalazar.com, Issues, accessed [8/24/22](#)]

Note: Salazar lived in Puerto Rico until she was 15 and graduated from a private high school in 1979. It is unclear if Salazar attended this school prior to her senior year.

2010: Salazar: “They Say I’m Pretty, That I Have Good Legs, That I’m Intelligent And I Talk About God.”

“For Salazar, who was educated in Catholic schools and became an ‘evangelical Christian’ 25 years ago with her mother, this is a fundamental issue. ‘They say I’m pretty, that I have good legs, that I’m intelligent and I talk about God, that for some it’s not cool, but the truth is that when a child gets sick, the first thing he does is run to church,’ reaffirms his decision to use on television, an industry often related to self-centeredness and frivolity, the phrase he says is found in the Bible in Romans.” [El Nuevo

- **Spanish Version:** “Para Salazar, que fue educada en colegios católicos y hace 25 años se hizo ‘cristiana evangélica’ junto con su madre, éste es un tema fundamental. ‘Dicen que soy bonita, que tengo buenas piernas, que soy inteligente y hablo de Dios, que para algunos no es cool, pero la verdad es que cuando a uno se le enferma un hijo, lo primero que hace es correr para la iglesia,’ reafirma sobre su decisión de utilizar en televisión, una industria muchas veces relacionada con el egocentrismo y la frivolidad, la frase que dice se halla en la Biblia en Romanos.”

EDUCATION

Higher Education

Harvard University

Salazar has a Master's degree from Harvard University.

Salazar Has A Master's Degree From Harvard University Where She Graduated In 1995. [ABC Local 10, [8/28/18](#); Harvard Kennedy School, Alumni, accessed [8/26/22](#); LinkedIn, Maria Elvira Salazar, accessed [8/24/22](#)]

The University Of Miami

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Miami Dade College

2007: Miami Dade College honored Salazar as an alumni.

2007: Miami Dade College Honored Salazar. "The fourth annual Alumni Hall of Fame Awards, slated for 6 p.m. today at the Radisson Hotel, 1601 Bis-cayne Blvd., in downtown Miami, will honored 27 graduates of the college. The honorees are [...] Maria Elvira Salazar, host, Polos Opuestos, Mega TV (journalism/television)." [Miami Herald, 4/12/07]

- **April 2007: Miami Dade College Said Salazar Attended Miami Dade College.** "The host of television talk show Polos Opuestos on WSBS MegaTV has been a reporter for WLTV Univision channel 23 and has anchored newscasts for CNN en Espa?ol, Telemundo and TeleNoticias. Salazar worked as a war correspondent in El Salvador and Nicaragua, and covered the White House and the Pentagon during the first Gulf War. More recently, she hosted the talk show Maria Elvira Confronta on WDLP channel 22. Salazar received three Emmy awards for Latin American news coverage. She attended Miami Dade College, the University of Miami, and Harvard University." [Miami Dade College, Press Release, 4/03/07]

FAMILY & RELATIONSHIPS

TOPLINES

- Salazar has been married three times, including most recently in June 2022 to Lester Woerner, a “wealthy businessman” with investments in agriculture and real estate.
 - Salazar told Telemundo that she kept the relationship private because she was focused on her reelection campaign, but didn’t mention her job in Congress.
 - Salazar also said that she thought Woerner was originally interested in making a large contribution to her campaign, but instead became her husband. Salazar tried to downplay the connection to her husband’s wealth by saying, “the reality is that he is the one who is wealthy, I am still Maria Elvira.” She added, “the money is his, the heart is mine.”
 - Two days after the wedding, Salazar was not in DC for votes, and instead voted by proxy, claiming it was “because of the ongoing public health emergency.”
- Salazar was also once married to Arturo Cruz, a Nicaraguan presidential candidate in 2021 who was arrested and placed in a detention facility by Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega for being an opposition candidate.
- Salazar has been in other long-term relationships. She lived at a home owned by a businessman named Jaime Court for years, including as recently as 2021. In 2017, Salazar attended a gala with Court. In February 2021, Salazar said she was “soon to be married” to someone she has been with for 10 years and “who is happy to support” her efforts as a congresswoman, which she appears to be referring to Court. At the time, Salazar’s attorney said that if Salazar was to get married before May 2021 the public would see a “whole lot of information about her husband and his holdings.” However, Salazar appeared to have never married Court and about a year later married Woerner.
- Coincidentally, Salazar married Woerner two days before she submitted her financial disclosures, which do not have any details about her new husband’s investments.

3 Marriages

Lester Woerner

In June 2022, Salazar married Lester Woerner, a “wealthy businessman” with investments in agriculture and real estate. Woerner is a Republican who contributed six figures to Trump’s 2020 reelection efforts and other Republican committees.

June 2022: Maria Elvira Salazar Married Lester Woerner. “The 60-year-old Miami congresswoman quietly married businessman Lester John Woerner, 62, of Palm Beach, on June 11, per their marriage license, which was signed by Pastor Thomas D. Mullins of Christ Fellowship church. It is her third marriage.” [Twitter, @NewsbySmiley, [8/20/22](#)]

- **Salazar And Woerner Were Married On 6/11/22, But Their Marriage Record Was Received By The Palm Beach County Recorder On 7/26/22.** [Palm Beach County Clerk, Official Records Search, accessed [8/20/22](#)]

[HEADLINE] August 2022: El Nuevo Herald Headline: “María Elvira Salazar Married A Wealthy Businessman From Alabama And Agreed To Separate Property.” [El Nuevo Herald, [8/19/22](#)] *Translate*

- **Spanish Version:** “María Elvira Salazar se casó con un empresario adinerado de Alabama y acordó separación de bienes.”

Woerner Is Chairman Of Woerner Holdings, A Family Investment Company With Holdings In Agriculture And Real Estate Development. “Woerner Holdings is a family owned investment group based in West Palm Beach, FL which owns and operates several companies in the agriculture & real estate industries. Current Chairman and CEO Lester J Woerner founded Woerner Holdings in 1999. Woerner Holdings was formed primarily as a corporate holding company for Classic Turf, a sod company that grows and distributes sod for the retail & home building industry, as well as land and security investments.” [Woerner Holdings, About Us, accessed [8/20/22](#)]

September 2020: Woerner Contributed Nearly \$200,000 To Republican Campaigns, Including \$100,000 To Trump Victory And \$95,000 To State And Federal Republican Party Committees. [FEC.gov, accessed [8/20/22](#)]

Salazar told Telemundo that she kept the relationship private because she was focused on her reelection campaign, but didn't mention her job in Congress. She also said that she thought Woerner was originally interested in making a large contribution to her campaign, but instead became her husband.

Salazar Said That She Kept Their Relationship Private Because She Was Focused On Running For Reelection. “The Republican congresswoman from the 27th district had not previously announced the commitment because ‘she was working on the primaries and her re-election,’ she said in the interview.” [El Nuevo Herald, [8/19/22](#)] *Translate*

- **Spanish Version:** “La congresista republicana del distrito 27 no había anunciado antes el compromiso porque “estaba trabajando en las primarias y en su reelección”, dijo en la entrevista.”

Salazar Told Telemundo That She Initially Thought That Woerner Was Interested In Making A Large Contribution To Her Campaign. “Salazar initially believed that Woerner was interested in donating to his campaign, but it turned out to be an important life change for both of them that culminated in a wedding.” [El Nuevo Herald, [8/19/22](#)] *Translate*

- **Spanish Version:** “En un principio Salazar creyó que Woerner estaba interesado en donar para su campaña, pero resultó para ambos un cambio de vida importante que culminó en boda.”

[VIDEO] Salazar: "I Never Thought That A Person I Thought Was Going To Be A Donor, Because That Is How It Started, I Thought He Was Going To Contribute, Contribute To My Campaign."

[Telemundo, [8/18/22](#)] [Translate](#)

Salazar tried to downplay the connection to her husband's wealth by saying, "the reality is that he is the one who is wealthy, I am still Maria Elvira." She added, "the money is his, the heart is mine."

[VIDEO] Salazar Signed A Premarital Separation Agreement; Salazar Said, "The Money Is His, The Heart Is Mine." “The couple signed a premarital property separation agreement. ‘The money is his, the heart is mine,’ said Salazar, indicating that her husband has been doing business and companies for many years.” [El Nuevo Herald, [8/19/22](#); Telemundo, [8/18/22](#)] [Translate](#)

- **Spanish Version:** “La pareja firmó un acuerdo prematrimonial de separación de bienes. ‘El dinero es de él, el corazón es mío,’ expresó Salazar, indicando que su esposo lleva muchos años haciendo empresas y negocios.”

[VIDEO] Salazar: "The Reality Is That He Is The One Who Is Wealthy. I Am Still Maria Elvira, I Continue To Live In My District." “‘The reality is that he is the one who is wealthy. I am still María Elvira, I continue to live in my district, between Washington and South Florida,’ the congresswoman expanded.” [El Nuevo Herald, [8/19/22](#); Telemundo, [8/18/22](#)] [Translate](#)

- **Spanish Version:** ““La realidad es que él es el que es pudiente. Yo sigo siendo María Elvira, sigo viviendo en mi distrito, entre Washington y el sur de la Florida”, amplió la congresista.”

Two days after the wedding, Salazar was not in DC for votes, and instead voted by proxy, claiming it was “because of the ongoing public health emergency.”

Salazar Submitted A Proxy Vote Authorization To The Clerk Of The House On 6/13/22, The First Business Day After Her Wedding On Saturday 6/11/22. [House Clerk, Salazar Proxy Authorization #27, [6/13/22](#)]

- **Salazar Said That She Was Voting By Proxy “Because Of The Ongoing Public Health Emergency.”** [House Clerk, Salazar Proxy Authorization #27, [6/13/22](#)]
- **Salazar Previously Submitted Proxy Authorizations On 3/31 (Twice), 3/30, 3/29, 3/18, 3/17, 3/16, 3/15, Among Many Others.** [House Clerk, accessed [8/20/22](#)]

Renzo Maietto

1999: Maria Elvira Salazar Married Renzo Maietto. [Miami-Dade County Clerk, Online Marriage License Bureau, accessed [7/29/22](#)]

- **Renzo Maietto Was An Architect.** “Among the guests were attorney Jorge Hernandez-Torano and wife Jackie; WDLP-TV 22 news show host Maria Elvira Salazar and husband Renzo Maietto, an architect.” [3/22/04]

2010: Salazar And Renzo Maietto Divorced. “Now eight years past her divorce from home builder and designer Renzo Maietto, Salazar’s decision to purchase millions in Miami real estate with her then-husband ahead of the economic collapse in 2008 has left her with a mess. Her net worth is upside-down, and she’s personally on the hook for a bank note under foreclosure after her ex defaulted on a \$2 million home loan. Salazar says the problems are entirely out of her hands, both in their making and resolution: When the couple divorced in the summer of 2010, Maietto said in a settlement that he’d pay the mortgage on the now-distressed Radcliffe Manor property where the couple had hoped to live with their two children.” [Miami Herald, [9/27/18](#)]

- Note: Salazar’s two kids were with Renzo Maietto.

Arturo Cruz

Salazar’s first husband, Arturo Cruz, was a Nicaraguan presidential candidate in 2021 who was arrested and placed in a detention facility by Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega for being an opposition candidate.

1992: Maria Elvira Salazar Married Arturo J. Cruz Who She Divorced Later In The 1990s. [Miami-Dade County Clerk, Online Marriage License Bureau, accessed 7/29/22]

June 2021: Salazar Came Out Strongly Against The Detention Of Arturo Cruz In Nicaragua . “We strongly condemn the Ortega regimes illegal arrest of yet another opposition presidential candidate and call for his immediate release. With todays arrest of Arturo Cruz which comes mere days after the house arrest and detainment of Cristiana Chamorro it has become clear that Ortega fears those who dare run against him in Novembers scheduled elections. With his popular support plummeting, Ortega appears willing to abuse state resources, trample the law, and violate the human rights of his fellow citizens with impunity, all in a desperate effort to maintain power. We echo the call made by governments and international organizations for the regime to immediately cease its persecution of opposition political candidates and civil society organizations. It must release the more than 120 political prisoners being held by the Ortega regime.” [State News Service, 6/6/21]

- **November 2021: Salazar Called Ortega’s Detention A “Flagrant Example Of A Stolen Election.”** “In a speech on the House floor before the election, U.S. Maria Elvira Salazar of South Florida said that Ortega jailed her ex-husband, Arturo Cruz Jr., an Ortega critic. Cruz was one of the opposition candidates hoping to run in the November election. ‘Ortega has banned political parties. He has killed hundreds of Nicaraguans and jailed hundreds more,’ Salazar said. ‘Now we are on the eve of one of his most brazen moves in nearly 35 years of terrorizing this country - a sham election where all seven presidential candidates were arrested in broad daylight - one of them being my ex-husband, Arturo Cruz. ‘This is the most flagrant example of a stolen election we have ever seen, and the world to needs know that.’ [Omaha World-Herald, 11/14/21]

- **November 2021: Salazar Asked “Where Is The State Department” In Regards To The Jailing Of Political Opposition.** “[Salazar] Seven of the presidential contenders are in a dungeon. They have been there for more than five months. How do I know? Because one of them, Arturo Cruz, was my first husband. One of the leaders of the Contra. How could you be in jail just because you're running as a presidential contender because you want democracy in your country? That's Daniel Ortega and the Sandinistas, but where is the State Department? Where's the beacon of hope which is this country, the United States? They have been begging, beseeching, calling my office saying, why don't you do something?” [CNNI with CHRISTIANE AMANPOUR, 11/08/2021]

Jaime Court

Living Situation

Salazar lived at a home owned by Jaime Court for years, including as recently as 2021. In 2017, Salazar attended a gala with Court.

According To Multiple Public Records, Including Salazar’s Previous Voter Registration Records And Business Records, Salazar’s Address Was Listed As 1230 Mendavia Ave, Coral Gables, FL As Recently As 2021. [Nexis Comprehensive Person Report, Maria Elvira Salazar, accessed 5/29/21]

- **June 2021: Salazar Was Registered To Vote At 1230 Mendavia Ave In Coral Gables, FL.** [VoteBuilder, accessed 6/1/21]
- **October 26, 2012: Miracle TV Was Incorporated And Remains Active At 1230 Mendavia Ave.** Salazar is the only officer. The principal address is 1230 Mendavia Ave Coral Gables, FL 33146. [Florida Division of Corporations, accessed [8/22/22](#)]
- **June 29, 2020: MES Health Holding Was Incorporated At 1230 Mendavia Ave.** Salazar is the only officer. The principal address is 1230 Mendavia Ave. Coral Gables, FL 33146. [Florida Division of Corporations, accessed [8/22/22](#)]

1230 Mendavia Ave Was Owned By Jaime R. Court. [Miami Dade Property Search, accessed [5/29/21](#)]

- **January 2014: 1230 Mendavia Ave Was Purchased By Court For \$825,000.** [Miami Dade Property Search, accessed [8/17/22](#)]

2017: Salazar Attended The Chapman Partnership Kick-Off Cocktail Gala With Jaime Court. [SocialMiami.com, [10/28/17](#); Diario Las Americas, [11/18/17](#)]



In February 2021, Salazar said was “soon to be married” to someone she has been with for 10 years and “who is happy to support” her efforts as a congresswoman. At the time, Salazar’s attorney said that if Salazar was to get married before May 2021 the public would see a “whole lot of information about her husband and his holdings.” However, Salazar appeared to have never married Court and about a year later married Woerner.

February 2021: Salazar Said She Was “Soon To Be Married To A Gentleman” Who She Has Been With For 10 Years And “Who Is Happy To Support” Her Efforts As A Congresswoman. “Asked Monday during a 40-minute interview, alongside her attorney, how she’ll make a living as a member of Congress, Salazar responded: ‘That’s a very good question. I am soon to be married to a gentleman who is happy to support my efforts to be a congresswoman.’ Salazar declined to name her fiancé. ‘We have been together for 10 years and I want to keep it this way. He’s not the one who decided to be in public office or on public television. That was me,’ she said.” [Miami Herald, 2/3/21]

- **Salazar Attorney Jason Torchinsky: “Depending On If Her Wedding Is Before May, You’re Going To See A Whole Lot Of Information About Her Husband And His Holdings.”** “Salazar said that while her work promoting the healthcare industry has ended, she’s not sure what sources of additional outside income will show up on her 2021 financial disclosure, which is due in May. Marriage would likely affect what shows up on the report, which requires lawmakers to list the income sources of their spouses ‘To be clear, depending on if her wedding is before May, you’re going to see a whole lot of information about her husband and his holdings,’ said Salazar’s attorney, Jason Torchinsky.” [Miami Herald, 2/3/21]

Court’s Career

Court is a Managing Director for the Infnse Group, a private wealth management group within Merrill focused on “a limited number of wealthy individuals.”

Court Is One Of Three Managing Directors For The Infense Group. [Infense Group, accessed [8/15/22](#)]

- **The INFENSE Group Is A Merrill Lynch Private Banking And Investment Group Brokerage.** [Infense Group, accessed [5/29/21](#)]
- **Court Has Worked As A Broker At Merrill Lynch Since 1989.** [FINRA, BrokerCheck, accessed [8/15/22](#)]
- **Court Is The Subject Of 1 Disclosure. In 2016, A Customer Complained That Court Had Provided “Unsuitable Investment Recommendations And Misrepresentation From September 2013 To November 2013.” Merrill Lynch Determined “There Was No Merit To The Customer’s Allegations.”** [FINRA, BrokerCheck Report, CRD# 1914417, accessed [8/15/22](#)]

Infense Advised “A Limited Number Of Wealthy Individuals And Their Families.” “Hear how Juan Carlos Marino and his team provide sophisticated strategies and personalized attention to a limited number of wealthy individuals and their families.” [Infense Group, accessed [5/29/21](#)]

Infense Served “A Select Group Of Clients” And Developed “A Multigenerational Wealth Strategy.” “Merrill Private Wealth Management is committed to providing a select group of clients with highly personalized one-on-one service. When you work with us, our knowledgeable, rigorously trained private wealth advisors will gain a deep understanding of your goals, help you develop a multigenerational wealth strategy, and help you update your approach as needed. We are committed to providing you access to the investment insights of Merrill and the banking convenience of Bank of America, and Merrill will continue to invest in client tools and new technology to enhance your overall experience as you and your private wealth advisor pursue what’s most important to you.” [Infense Group, accessed [5/29/21](#)]

Infense Worked With “Clients Of Substantial Means.” “For clients of substantial means, Merrill Private Wealth Management provides an experience that is both powerful and personal. We are dedicated to helping you pursue your goals for today while developing an approach designed to support your family members for the years to come. Your private wealth advisor and team of specialists work with a limited number of clients, enabling them to focus their time, training and passion on helping you simplify your personal and business finances and prepare your next generation.” [Infense Group, accessed [5/29/21](#)]

Infense Marketed Helping Corporate Executives With “Navigating Complex SEC Rules, Trading Restrictions And Reporting Requirements.” “Corporate Executives: We understand the complexities that come with your executive position and the extreme demands on your time. We can help you develop a customized strategy that your finances and compensation require. We can help with risk management strategies for your concentrated stock position while navigating complex SEC rules, trading restrictions and reporting requirements.” [Infense Group, accessed [5/29/21](#)]

Infense Touted Work On Intergenerational Family Wealth And “Extensive Experience Working With Other Families Of Significant Wealth.” “Intergenerational Family Wealth: As a family that spans multiple generations, you have needs that go beyond protecting and preserving assets, tax minimization strategies and designating heirs. Your goals also likely include passing on values and helping the next generation become effective stewards. We can help with personalized wealth transfer strategies, family

wealth education and developing and implementing philanthropic visions. In working with you to create an approach that reflects your family's intentions and helps ensure your assets are distributed according to your wishes, we proceed in a manner that recognizes the complexities of your life challenges and the unique nature of your goals. Our extensive experience working with other families of significant wealth helps us to see and share best practices to help you achieve them." [Infinse Group, accessed [5/29/21](#)]

Infinse Advised "Company Founders, Private Business Owners & Entrepreneurs." "Company Founders, Private Business Owners & Entrepreneurs: When you have built your own business, your personal finances and the life of your company are closely intertwined. You may be thinking about how to invest in your company's growth while also deciding how best to use your personal assets. Helping ensure the future of your business likely involves employee benefits, retirement plans and succession planning. Helping secure your family's legacy could entail wealth transfer strategies, trusts and philanthropy. Whatever your specific needs, we at Merrill Private Wealth Management can help entrepreneurs and business owners balance their personal financial lives with their life's work. We are dedicated in providing the experience and resources to help support your ongoing success." [Infinse Group, accessed [5/29/21](#)]

Chile

Court was born in Chile and worked in international corporate lending before joining Infinse.

Court Worked In International Corporate And Institutional Lending Before Joining Infinse. "Prior to joining the Firm in 1989, Jaime spent six years with an international institutional/corporate lending firm. His multicultural experience helps him create a familiar and comfortable environment for clients." [Infinse Group, accessed [5/29/21](#)]

Court Was Born In Chile And Moved To The U.S. In 1973. "Jaime was born in Viña del Mar, Chile and moved to the United States in 1973. He is fluent in Spanish, English and has some knowledge of Portuguese." [Infinse Group, accessed [5/29/21](#)]

Vineyard

Court's family owns Casas del Toqui, S.A., a vineyard in Chile.

Court Disclosed That He Was A Director Of Casas Del Toqui In Requinoa, Chile. [SEC, Investment Adviser Public Disclosure, accessed [8/15/22](#)]

In 2010, Their Legacy Was Recaptured By The Court Family. "In 2010, their legacy was recaptured by the Court family." [Casas del Toqui, accessed [8/15/22](#)]

Contributions to Salazar

Court has contributed \$2,482 to Salazar's campaigns.

10/24/18: Court Contributed \$1,732.60 To Salazar's Campaign. [FEC.gov, accessed [5/29/21](#)]

6/30/20: Court Contributed \$750 To Salazar's Campaign. [FEC.gov, accessed [5/29/21](#)]

Family

Daughters

Salazar has two daughters, Martina and Nicoletta. In 2010, Salazar said she had a "lifelong nanny" who take care of her daughters.

Salazar Has Two Daughters, Martina And Nicoletta. [Maria Elvira Salazar Runs For Congress, via Maria Elvira Salazar YouTube, [6/5/18](#)]

Salazar Had A "Lifelong Nanny" Who Took Care Of Her Daughters. Salazar wrote, "In February 2001, I went back to work, with a divided soul like any professional mother: it pained me to leave my Martina in the hands of Isolina, our lifelong nanny. She was barely two months old; all he wanted was to be with her all the time. However, my postnatal leave had expired and duty called." [Book: Si Dios Contigo, ¿Quién Contra Ti?, Author: Maria Elvira Salazar, p. 58] *Translate*

FINANCES

TOPLINES

- In 2021, Salazar was allegedly forgoing her \$174,000 congressional salary, a promise she repeatedly made on the campaign trail, despite reporting a \$20,000 income and up to \$5 million in debt on her 2020 public financial disclosure.
- Despite Salazar withholding her congressional salary and reporting \$0 in earned income in 2021, Salazar's finances have vastly improved since running for office. In 2021, Salazar's net worth was between \$1.2 million and \$3.2 million, a drop from her net worth in 2020/2021 when it was \$1.9 million to \$7.7 million. However, her net worth is much higher than in 2018, when she was first running for Congress and reported no more than a \$750,000 net worth.
- In 2021, Salazar said she had a long-time partner who was supporting her family financially, including helping with expenses. However, Salazar is no longer with that partner, which raises the question if her new "wealthy" husband is financially supporting her, despite saying "the money is his."
- Separately, from 2000 to 2007, Salazar and an ex-husband took out nearly \$7 million in mortgage debt on 8 properties, which resulted in three defaults.
 - In 2012, Salazar and her ex-husband were ordered to pay more than \$500,000 to Suntrust Bank after defaulting on monthly credit payments.
 - In 2021, a long-time property dispute involving property owned by her ex-husband was finally resolved.
- Salazar seems to think she is above the law. In the last ten years, Salazar has received at least 13 traffic violations, but 12 have been dismissed.
- In addition, as of August 2022, Miracle TV, a company solely registered to Salazar, has failed to pay three traffic violations that occurred between 2015 and 2017. Salazar owes more than \$1,100 in fines, which has resulted in a collection agency attempting to collect the balance.

Personal Finances

Congressional Salary

In 2021, Salazar was allegedly forgoing her \$174,000 congressional salary, a promise she repeatedly made on the campaign trail, despite reporting a \$20,000 income and up to \$5 million in debt on her 2020 public financial disclosure.

2021: Salazar Was Allegedly Forgoing Her \$174,000 Congressional Salary. “Despite forgoing her \$174,000 congressional salary for the last nine months in a so-far unsuccessful attempt to establish an employment center, U.S. Rep. Maria Elvira Salazar's finances improved dramatically since entering Congress in January.” [Miami Herald, 9/10/21]

- **2020: Salazar Repeatedly Promised To Donate Her Salary Throughout Her Campaign.** “Salazar first vowed to give back her salary as part of an attack ad, as she challenged incumbent Democratic Rep. Donna Shalala last year in Florida's 27th Congressional District. In the ad, which ran on TV, she said: ‘Politicians shouldn't enrich themselves like Donna Shalala. That's why Maria Elvira Salazar will donate her entire salary.’ She also repeated the salary donation pledge in interviews throughout the campaign.” [Miami Herald, 1/30/21]
- **Salazar Promised To Donate Her Salary Despite Reporting A \$20,000 Income And Up To \$5 Million In Debt On Her 2020 Personal Financial Disclosure.** “Salazar first vowed to give back her salary as part of an attack ad [...] It's not unusual for wealthy politicians to donate their salaries. Former President Donald Trump donated his presidential salary four times a year to different federal agencies though he still earned profits from his real estate business. And Florida Republican Sen. Rick Scott donates his salary to various charities -- in April, for example, it went to medical researchers at the University of South Florida. But Trump and Scott are multi-millionaires and Salazar isn't -- though she might not be far from it. Her 2020 federal financial disclosure listed \$20,000 in income for TV work, along with a net worth of at least \$600,000. Salazar owes between \$1 million and \$5 million on a residential mortgage, according to her financial disclosure. Federal disclosures require lawmakers to report assets and liabilities in ranges, so a precise accounting of their net worth is impossible.” [Miami Herald, 1/30/21]

Net Worth

Despite Salazar withholding her congressional salary and reporting \$0 in earned income in 2021, Salazar's finances have vastly improved since running for office. In 2021, Salazar's net worth was between \$1.2 million and \$3.2 million, a drop from her net worth in 2020/2021 when it was \$1.9 million to \$7.7 million. However, her net worth is much higher than in 2018, when she was first running for Congress and reported no more than a \$750,000 net worth.

2021: Despite Allegedly Forgoing Her Salary, Salazar's Finances Have “Dramatically” Improved Since Becoming A Member Of Congress. “Despite forgoing her \$174,000 congressional salary for the last nine months in a so-far unsuccessful attempt to establish an employment center, U.S. Rep. Maria Elvira Salazar's finances improved dramatically since entering Congress in January.” [Miami Herald, 9/10/21]

2021: Salazar Had A Net Worth Between \$1,200,058 And \$3,253,000. [U.S. House of Representatives, Financial Disclosure Report, filed [6/13/22](#)]

2020-2021: Salazar Has A Net Worth Between \$1,907,052 And \$7,718,999. [U.S. House of Representatives, Financial Disclosure Report, filed [8/13/21](#)]

2020: Salazar Has A Net Worth Between -\$3,831,950 And \$1,999,999. [U.S. House of Representatives, Financial Disclosure Report, filed [5/15/20](#)]

2019: Salazar Has A Net Worth Between -\$3,860,951 And \$1,938,999. [U.S. House of Representatives, Financial Disclosure Report, filed [11/27/19](#)]

2018: Salazar Has A Net Worth Between -\$4,305,971 And \$754,999. [U.S. House of Representatives, Financial Disclosure Report, filed [7/27/18](#)]

Earned Income

2021: Salazar Did Not Report Any Earned Income. [U.S. House of Representatives, Financial Disclosure Report, filed [6/13/22](#)]

- **2021: Salazar Had To Sign Off Her Spanish-Language Talk Show After Being Elected To Congress, Citing Ethics Rules.** “After a 30-year TV career that most recently included hosting a weekly Spanish-language talk show sponsored by a Miami-based health provider, ethics rules have forced newly elected Congresswoman María Elvira Salazar to sign off. Salazar, a Miami Republican, announced in the final airing last month of "De Noche Con María Elvira Salazar" — or, "At Night with María Elvira Salazar" — that she could no longer host the Sunday night America TeVe program paid for by Cano Health. Addressing her viewers, Salazar explained that rules regulating members of the U.S. House of Representatives barred her from continuing the show. "Once I became a congresswoman, I was informed by the Ethics Committee that I can't do a show like this one every week because it is not allowed for someone in my position to do it," Salazar said. She added later: "In one way, I end my journalistic career with this program." [Miami Herald, 2/03/21]
- **2021: Salazar's Income From Journalism Had Dwindled In Recent Years According To Financial Disclosure Documents.** “According to financial disclosures filed during her two runs for Congress, in 2018 and 2020, Salazar has in recent years made most of her money as a talk show host and media consultant for healthcare companies. Recently, the balance has shifted toward the latter, as her income from a company she set up to manage what her 2018 financial disclosure referred to as "journalistic activities" dropped from \$165,000 in 2017 to \$20,000 in 2019 and dwindled to nothing through the first half of 2020.” [Miami Herald, 2/03/21]

January 2020-August 2021: Salazar Reported \$5,315 In Earned Income From Miracle TV, Inc. [U.S. House of Representatives, Financial Disclosure Report, filed [8/13/21](#)]

- **2021: Salazar's 2021 Financial Disclosure Documents Show A Dramatic Decrease In Media Work.** “And Salazar's income for her media work appears to be winding down. After taking in \$131,000 from YouTube in 2019, mostly from advertisements on video views, she made \$20,000 in 2020 and just \$5,300 in 2021.” [Miami Herald, 9/10/21]

- **Salazar's Income From Her Media Work Dropped To \$5,300 In 2021 From \$20,000 In 2020 and \$131,000 In 2019.** "And Salazar's income for her media work appears to be winding down. After taking in \$131,000 from YouTube in 2019, mostly from advertisements on video views, she made \$20,000 in 2020 and just \$5,300 in 2021. Salazar said she "hasn't paid much attention" to her YouTube channel and said someone else is now managing the account. She's not sure if she'll continue to make money from her online videos. Members of Congress are only allowed to earn up to 15% of their yearly congressional salary for work performed outside their official duties. There is no limit on the income a lawmaker can get from investments." [Miami Herald, 9/10/21]

2020: Salazar Reported \$20,137 In Earned Income From Miracle TV, Inc. [U.S. House of Representatives, Financial Disclosure Report, filed [5/15/20](#)]

2019: Salazar Reported \$4,200 In Earned Income From Miracle TV, Inc. [U.S. House of Representatives, Financial Disclosure Report, filed [11/27/19](#)]

2018: Salazar Reported \$128,191 In Earned Income From Miracle TV, Inc. [U.S. House of Representatives, Financial Disclosure Report, filed [7/27/18](#)]

Financial Support

In 2021, Salazar said she had a long-time partner who was supporting her family financially, including helping with expenses. However, Salazar is no longer with that partner, which raises the question if her new "wealthy" husband is financially supporting her, despite saying "the money is his."

2021: When Asked How She Would Make Money In Congress, Salazar Said She Would Soon Be Married To Someone Who Would Support Her Efforts. "Asked Monday during a 40-minute interview, alongside her attorney, how she'll make a living as a member of Congress, Salazar responded: "That's a very good question. I am soon to be married to a gentleman who is happy to support my efforts to be a congresswoman." Salazar declined to name her fiancé. "We have been together for 10 years and I want to keep it this way. He's not the one who decided to be in public office or on public television. That was me," she said." [Miami Herald, 2/03/21]

September 2021: Salazar Said A Longtime Partner Who She Lives With Was Financially Supporting Her Family Despite The Pandemic Forcing Them To Postpone Their Marriage. "And she said a longtime partner, who she declined to name, is still providing for her family despite the ongoing pandemic forcing them to postpone a planned marriage this year. Members of Congress are required to list spousal assets on their yearly financial disclosures but not the assets of unmarried partners. [...] 'I want to get married, and COVID has upended everything. We have to wait a little bit longer on that front,' Salazar said, adding that her partner 'helps me' with expenses. 'We live together, and people who live together help each other. I have savings, and I can pull from my savings.'" [Miami Herald, 9/10/21]

- **September 2021: Salazar Said Her Partner “Helps” With Expenses And They “Live Together.”** "I want to get married, and COVID has upended everything. We have to wait a little bit longer on that front," Salazar said, adding that her partner "helps me" with expenses. "We live together, and people who live together help each other. I have savings, and I can pull from my savings." [Miami Herald, 9/10/21]

[HEADLINE] August 2022: El Nuevo Herald Headline: “María Elvira Salazar Married A Wealthy Businessman From Alabama And Agreed To Separate Property.” [El Nuevo Herald, [8/19/22](#)] [Translate](#)

[VIDEO] Salazar Signed A Premarital Separation Agreement; Salazar Said, “The Money Is His, The Heart Is Mine.” “The couple signed a premarital property separation agreement. ‘The money is his, the heart is mine,’ said Salazar, indicating that her husband has been doing business and companies for many years.” [El Nuevo Herald, [8/19/22](#); Telemundo, [8/18/22](#)] [Translate](#)

- **Spanish Version:** “La pareja firmó un acuerdo prematrimonial de separación de bienes. ‘El dinero es de él, el corazón es mío,’ expresó Salazar, indicando que su esposo lleva muchos años haciendo empresas y negocios.”

Mortgages & Defaults

Overview

From 2000 to 2007, Salazar and ex-husband took out nearly \$7 million in mortgage debt on 8 properties, which resulted in three defaults.

Between 2000 And 2007 Salazar And Ex-Husband Maietto Took Out Roughly \$6.8 In Debt On 8 Properties. “Salazar's headaches stem back to 1999, when she and Maietto married shortly after her divorce from her first husband. Starting with property on Key Biscayne, the couple began taking out loans on at least eight properties around Miami-Dade County from Brickell to South Miami. The couple assumed the debt on the properties as individuals rather than purchase them through a corporation, which left them personally liable for the debt. Salazar says they did this because, for the most part, they lived in the homes they purchased. All told, the couple took on roughly \$6.8 million in debt from 2000 through 2007, a period in which real estate values were spiking. They initially did well, selling the Key Biscayne home Salazar kept from her first marriage for \$915,000 and another home on the island for \$2.45 million.” [Miami Herald, [9/27/18](#)]

Salazar And Maietto Owed \$5 Million On Two Coral Gables Properties That The Couple Split When They Separated. “But as the couple purchased bigger and more expensive properties, the market suddenly cooled and their marriage soured. When the real estate bubble popped in 2008, they were still holding \$5 million in home loans, most of it tied up in two homes near the University of Miami Coral Gables campus that the couple split when they separated. The most problematic of those loans was a \$2 million mortgage on the property Maietto still owns at 7400 SW 72nd Ct., which the couple

purchased for \$780,000, tore down and rebuilt with plans to move in upon its completion.” [Miami Herald, [9/27/18](#)]

- **Salazar Sold The Property That She Kept In Her Divorce With Maietto For \$1 Million In 2012.** “But as the couple purchased bigger and more expensive properties, the market suddenly cooled and their marriage soured. When the real estate bubble popped in 2008, they were still holding \$5 million in home loans, most of it tied up in two homes near the University of Miami Coral Gables campus that the couple split when they separated. [...] As for the home Salazar kept in the divorce, property records show she sold it in 2012 for \$1 million. She now lives in Coral Gables.” [Miami Herald, [9/27/18](#)]

In 2012, Salazar and Maietto were ordered to pay more than \$500,000 to Suntrust Bank after defaulting on monthly credit payments.

In 2012, A Judgment Was Issued Against Salazar And Maietto For An Amount Larger Than \$500,000 After They Defaulted On Monthly Payments To Suntrust Bank. “According to a Sept. 26, 2012, Stipulation for Payment, “Debtor are MARIA E. SALAZAR-MAIETTO and RENZO MAIETTO, whose address is in care of Julio C. Marrero, Esquire, 3850 Bird Road, Penthouse One, Miami, Florida 33146. “The Debtors hereby acknowledge that Debtors have defaulted in Debtors’ monthly credit payments to Creditor, commencing on November 16, 2009, and all subsequent monthly payments, which were due under the Access 3 Equity Line Account Agreement and Disclosure Statement (hereinafter referred to as ‘Note’) that Debtors entered into with Creditor on January 16, 2007, in the original sum of \$500,000.00. Creditor references this Note as Account Number 70208971400004363... “The Creditor and Debtors each acknowledge that a Summary Final Judgement was awarded by the Court against Defendants and in favor of Plaintiff on July 26, 2012, in the amount of \$505,185.43.” [Circuit Court of the 11th Judicial Circuit in and for Miami-Dade County, Case No. 13-2010-CA-029190, accessed 8/16/22]

In 2021, a long-time property dispute involving property owned by her ex-husband was resolved.

2021: A Mortgage Salazar Reported On Her Previous Disclosure Was Settled. “A long-distressed mortgage that belonged to Salazar's ex-husband -- but listed her as a debtor -- was settled in November 2020 after her ex-husband was told to vacate the property.” [Miami Herald, 9/10/21]

During Salazar’s First Run For Congress In 2018, She Listed Between \$1 And \$5 Million Liability For A Home Mortgage With Her Ex-Husband. Since her first run for Congress in 2018, Salazar listed a residential mortgage worth between \$1 million and \$5 million as a liability on her disclosure forms -- a longtime financial burden from a marriage to home builder and designer Renzo Maietto that ended in 2010. [Miami Herald, 9/10/21]

- **After A 2020 Eviction Following A Long Court Fight, Salazar’s 2021 Disclosure No Longer Lists This Property.** But in 2021, the mortgage was no longer listed when a four-year fight in court between U.S. Bank and Maietto ended in November 2020 after he vacated the property in the face of an eviction notice. [Miami Herald, 9/10/21]

- Salazar Said Her Ex-Husband Agreed To Pay The Mortgage.** “Since her first run for Congress in 2018, Salazar listed a residential mortgage worth between \$1 million and \$5 million as a liability on her disclosure forms -- a longtime financial burden from a marriage to home builder and designer Renzo Maietto that ended in 2010. But in 2021, the mortgage was no longer listed when a four-year fight in court between U.S. Bank and Maietto ended in November 2020 after he vacated the property in the face of an eviction notice. Salazar said Maietto agreed to pay the mortgage on the Radcliffe Manor property, a subdivision just outside South Miami, and signed over the deed to her ex-husband. But she remained a debtor on the property, which U.S. Bank acquired for \$770,000 in 2019. The liability left her with a negative net worth during her first run for Congress in 2018. ‘I’m under the impression that [Maietto] sold it to the bank or that the bank acquired it,’ Salazar said. ‘I do know I’m not on the note anymore so I’m happy about that. It was on me even if I had no say on what we were going to do with that property. So I had all of the liabilities and none of the benefits.’ Maietto and Salazar, who said she hasn’t lived at the Radcliffe Manor house since the divorce, were ordered to leave the property in February 2020, but the eviction was not executed. ‘The eviction was not executed due to Renzo Maietto no longer at 7400 SW 72nd Court,’ the Miami-Dade Police Department wrote in an eviction notice on November 13, 2020, a week after Salazar was elected to Congress.” [Miami Herald, 9/10/21]
- 2021: An Eviction Was Not Executed In Early 2020 Because The Ex-Husband Was Not At The Home.** Maietto and Salazar, who said she hasn’t lived at the Radcliffe Manor house since the divorce, were ordered to leave the property in February 2020, but the eviction was not executed. "The eviction was not executed due to Renzo Maietto no longer at 7400 SW 72nd Court," the Miami-Dade Police Department wrote in an eviction notice on November 13, 2020, a week after Salazar was elected to Congress. [Miami Herald, 9/10/21]

Traffic Violations

Salazar seems to think she is above the law. In the last ten years, Salazar has received at least 13 traffic violations, but 12 have been dismissed.

As of August 2022, Salazar has received at least 13 traffic violations, but 12 were dismissed and 1 was withheld of adjudication. [Miami-Dade County Clerk, Traffic Online System Search, accessed [7/29/22](#); illumis Search, accessed 8/01/22; Nexis Person Report, accessed 8/01/22]

Defendant Name	Citation Number	Incident Date	Violation	Penalty Assessed	Disposition	Disposition Date
Maria Elvira Salazar	ACOMFJE	5/28/19	*322.15(1) Driver License	\$0.00	Dismissed	7/18/19
Maria Elvira Salazar	ACOMJEE	5/28/19	316.123 (2)(A) Ran Stop Sign	\$0.00	Dismissed	7/18/19
Maria Elvira Salazar	A8SUZ9E	12/14/17	316.074(1)	\$0.00	Dismissed	3/07/18

			Fail To Obey TCD/Stop Sign			
Maria Elvira Salazar	A4W3QIE	10/19/15	316.084(2) Improper Passing On Right	\$0.00	Dismissed	12/17/15
Maria Elvira Salazar	A3LYYHE	2/19/15	316.089(3) Fail To Use Designated Lane	\$0.00	Dismissed	7/17/15
Maria Elvira Salazar	A3LYYIE	2/19/15	316.304(1) Wearing Headsets Covering Both Ears	\$0.00	Dismissed	7/17/15
Maria Elvira Salazar	A34A1RE	11/02/14	316.189(1) Speeding Municipal Road (41mph in a 20mph zone)	\$0.00	Dismissed	12/18/14
Maria Elvira Salazar	A07LPKP	10/13/14	316.075(1)(C)1 Steady Red Light, VEH/FAI/STOP	\$0.00	Dismissed	1/06/15
Maria Elvira Salazar	4388HAA	2/11/13	*316.646(1) Proof Of Insurance Required	\$0.00	Dismissed	2/25/13
Maria Elvira Salazar	9305WMA	6/14/12	*320.07(3)(A) Regist Expired Less Than 6 Months	\$0.00	Dismissed	8/22/12
Maria Elvira Salazar	9306WMA	6/14/12	316.189(1) Speeding Municipal Road (43mph in a 30mph zone)	\$0.00	Dismissed	8/22/12
Maria Elvira Salazar	6158WLO	5/10/12	*320.07(3)(A) Regist Expired Less Than 6 Months	\$0.00	Dismissed	9/07/12
Maria Elvira Salazar	6157WLO	5/10/12	316.1895(10) Speeding School Zone	\$374.50	Withhold Adjudication	9/07/12

[Miami-Dade County Clerk, Traffic Online System Search, accessed [7/29/22](#)]

In addition, as of August 2022, Miracle TV, a company solely registered to Salazar, has failed to pay three traffic violations that occurred between 2015 and 2017. Salazar owes more than \$1,100 in fines, which has resulted in a collection agency attempting to collect the balance.

As Of August 2022, Miracle TV Inc. Has Failed To Pay At Least 3 Traffic Violations That Occurred Between 2015 And 2017, Resulting In A Collection Agency Attempting To Collect The Balance. From August 2015 to January 2017, Miracle TV Inc. received three traffic violations for crossing red lights. As of August 2022, Miracle TV has failed to pay the \$1,142.70 balance due for the three violations. As a result, a collection agency is attempting to collect the balance. [Miami-Dade County Clerk, Traffic Online System Search, accessed [7/29/22](#); illumis Search, accessed 8/01/22; Nexis Person Report, accessed 8/01/22]

Defendant Name	Citation Number	Incident Date	Violation	Penalty Assessed	Balance	Status
Miracle TV Inc.	A0QI5HE	1/12/17	316.075(1)(C)1 Steady Read Light, VEH/FAI/STOP-CNTY (Red Light Camera)	\$293.00	\$380.90	Failed to Pay Fine; Case in Collection
Miracle TV Inc.	A0QGGKE	10/16/15	316.075(1)(C)1 Steady Read Light, VEH/FAI/STOP-CNTY (Red Light Camera)	\$293.00	\$380.90	Failed to Pay Fine; Case in Collection
Miracle TV Inc.	A0QGAKE	8/17/15	316.075(1)(C)1 Steady Read Light, VEH/FAI/STOP-CNTY (Red Light Camera)	\$293.00	\$380.90	Failed to Pay Fine; Case in Collection

[Miami-Dade County Clerk, Traffic Online System Search, accessed [7/29/22](#)]

Miracle TV Is A Company Registered To Salazar. Miracle TV Inc. is a Florida company registered to Maria Elvira Salazar. Salazar is the only individual listed as the registered agent and officer/director. The most recent annual report lists Salazar as President. Florida Department of State, Division of Corporations, Business Search, accessed [7/29/22](#)]

2018-Present: Salazar's Career Since Running For Office

TOPLINES

- Prior to entering Congress, Salazar was making most of her money as a talk show host and media consultant for health care companies, including Cano Health.
 - From January 2019 to December 2020, Salazar had a contract agreement with Cano Health to anchor a weekly television show and promote the company.
- In 2022, Salazar violated the STOCK Act by improperly disclosing a six-figure stock trade more than two months after the legally required disclosure period. Salazar's violation was for failing to properly disclose between \$250,000 and \$500,000 in Cano Health stock.
- Salazar's STOCK Act violation is less than 2 years after Salazar "blasted" her 2020 Democratic opponent for violating the STOCK Act, saying, "how can we trust her?"
 - During that time, Salazar is also seen on video describing the STOCK Act disclosure law and calling her opponents violation of the Act "despicable" and lamentable."
 - She even claimed that her opponent "broke the law to enrich herself off coronavirus," but Salazar may have been the one who enriched herself off coronavirus:
- In April 2020, while Salazar was on contract with Cano Health, the CEO promoted hydroxychloroquine as a treatment for COVID-19 before the drug had been tested in a clinical trial.
 - Two months later, the FDA revoked emergency use authorization for hydroxychloroquine.
- Too make matters worse, Salazar produced and featured promotional videos for Cano Health, in both English and Spanish, but did not always disclose her business relationship with them even though she was also running for Congress.
- During the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, Salazar was repeatedly seen on video with the CEO of Cano Health providing outrageous medical advice, including advising people with symptoms of COVID-19 to call Cano Health to receive a prescription for hydroxychloroquine rather than go to the hospital for treatment.
 - Salazar is even seen on video saying Cano can keep you home with "the only medicine [hydroxychloroquine] that we have available." Salazar also appears in a video in Spanish where she said if we could get chloroquine or hydroxychloroquine to the "most houses" it would make it "so people don't end up in the hospital."

Overview

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STOCK Act Violation

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June 2022: Salazar Violated The STOCK Act By Improperly Disclosing A 6-Figure Stock Trade More Than Two Months After The Legally Required Disclosure Period. “Freshman Rep. Maria Elvira Salazar, a Republican from Florida, appears to have violated a federal conflicts-of-interest law by improperly disclosing a 6-figure stock trade, according to congressional financial filings reviewed by Insider. [...] On June 10, Salazar disclosed in a congressional financial filing that, on February 14, she had received up to \$500,000 worth of publicly traded stock in Cano Health Inc., a company that provides health care services for seniors. The STOCK Act requires members of Congress to disclose individual stock trades no later than 45 days after they're made, meaning Salazar's disclosure is more than two months late. Salazar said she obtained her Cano Health shares following a special purpose acquisition company (SPAC) transaction that resulted in her non-publicly traded shared in Cano Health's holding company being exchanged for publicly traded shares in Cano Health.” [Business Insider, [6/17/22](#)]

- **[HEADLINE] June 2022: Business Insider Headline: “GOP Rep. Maria Elvira Salazar Of Florida Appears To Violate Same Federal Conflicts-Of-Interest Law That She Slammed Her Democratic Predecessor For Violating.”** [Business Insider, [6/17/22](#)]
- **Salazar Requested That The Ethics Committee Waive The Fine.** “‘Ms. Salazar had a unique financial occurrence involving options and a SPAC,’ Salazar spokesperson Shawn Balcomb told

Insider in an email. 'Ms. Salazar's team worked closely with Ethics Committee staff to address this.' Balcomb said that 'there was no guidance' in House Committee on Ethics instructions regarding Salazar's specific kind of financial transaction. Salazar has requested that the House Committee on Ethics waive any fine — the standard penalty is \$200 — associated with her late disclosure but has yet to hear back, Balcomb added.” [Business Insider, [6/17/22](#)]

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June 2022: Salazar Disclosed She Had Received Up To Half A Million Dollars In Publicly Traded Stock On February 14th, 2022. “On June 10, Salazar disclosed in a congressional financial filing that, on February 14, she had received up to \$500,000 worth of publicly traded stock in Cano Health Inc., a company that provides health care services for seniors.” [Business Insider, [6/17/2022](#)]

- **June 10, 2022: Salazar Reported Receiving Between \$250,000 And \$500,000 Of Cano Health Stock On February 14, 2022.** [U.S. House of Representatives, Financial Disclosure Report, filed, [6/10/22](#)]

Asset	Owner	Date	Tx. Type	Amount	Cap Gains >\$200?
<p>Cano Health, Inc. Class A (CANO)</p> <p><i>This investment was a sub holding of Merrill Lynch Non-Retirement Investment Account. The Member held stock in Cano Health, through Primary Care (ITC) Holdings, Inc. (a private equity holding company of the Cano Health entities prior to this date), which is reported on previous filing. On June 3, 2021, through a SPAC transaction, a public acquisition company purchased all equity of Cano Health entities. The transaction resulted in an exchange of non-publicly traded shares for class A shares on February 14, 2022. The SPAC transaction initiated by the public acquisition company to purchase the Cano Health equity from Primary Care (ITC) Holdings included a Lock-Up Agreement pursuant to which shareholders can only exchange a portion of their non-publicly traded shares for publicly traded shares each</i></p>		2/14/22	E	\$250,000 - \$500,000	

year. Although the SPAC transaction occurred in 2021, none of Filer's shares were exchanged until the date of this reported transaction.					
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[U.S. House of Representatives, Financial Disclosure Report, filed, [6/10/22](#)]

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Salazar "Blasted" Her 2020 Opponent For Violating The STOCK Act, Saying, "How Can We Trust Her?" "The development comes two years after Salazar blasted her congressional predecessor, former Democratic Rep. Donna Shalala, for herself violating the same law, known as the Stop Trading on Congressional Knowledge (STOCK) Act. 'How can we trust her to represent us in Miami or oversee \$2 trillion in government funds while she violates and skirts federal law with her own finances,' Salazar wrote of Shalala in April 2020. Later that year, Salazar defeated Shalala in an upset victory to win Florida's 27th Congressional District, which includes much of the Miami area." [Business Insider, [6/17/22](#)]

- September 2020: Salazar Said Her Opponent's Violation Of The STOCK Act Should Have Disqualified Her From Overseeing A Corporate COVID Relief Fund.** As Shalala was set to begin overseeing a \$500 billion corporate relief package set up in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Congresswoman noted she had begun selling many of her stock interests[3] shortly after she won the CD 27 seat in 2018. Those 556 sales were not publicly disclosed, however, leading to Shalala paying a \$1,200 fine to the House Ethics Committee. Now, the Herald shows Shalala failed to disclose another two sales. Those sales took place on April 1, 2019 and March 31 of this year. Both involved Shalala selling stocks of Tegna, which spun off from Gannett. [...] The National Republican Congressional Committee[4] has already gone after Shalala after her first batch of violations. Salazar has argued Shalala's failure to disclose the prior sales should disqualify her from overseeing the corporate relief fund. [Florida Politics, [9/30/2020](#)]
- 2020: Salazar Would Not Accept Her Opponent's Admission That She Made A Mistake.** She has broken the public's trust,' Salazar said. 'What Donna Shalala did was not a 'mistake' but is deeply concerning. [Florida Politics, [4/22/2020](#)]

[VIDEO] 2020: Salazar: "There Is A Law In Congress That If You Are Sitting In Congress You Have To Report Every Single Transaction That You Make In The Stock Market Within 45 Days." Salazar said, "Donna Shalala is our representative and she is corrupt. She is very corrupt." This Week in South Florida host Michael Putney said, "How did Donna Shalala enrich herself of coronavirus." Salazar said, "There is a law in Congress that if you are sitting in Congress you have to report every single transaction that you make in the stock market within 45 days. Donna Shalala took 17 months to report her first transaction. We are talking about more than 500 transactions that includes Chinese companies that provide help to the repressive apparatus for the Chinese government. That is among those transactions.

She said that there were only 5 or 6. We are talking more than 500 worth up to \$6 million.” [Local 10, [9/27/20](#) (2:10)]

[VIDEO] 2020: Salazar: “We Do Not Know What [Shalala] Has Made During 2020 While She Is Sitting On That Oversight Committee Because She Has Not Reported Anything, Number One.”

Salazar said, “I’m going to give you what the facts are. We do not know what she has made during 2020 while she is sitting on that oversight committee because she has not reported anything, number one. Number two, she said that she was setting up a blind trust. The blind trust had not been set up by April of this year. [...] You know very well about a blind trust. You don’t trade, you don’t buy and sell while you are trying to set up a blind trust.” [Local 10, [9/27/20](#) (4:35)]

[VIDEO] 2020: Salazar: This Is Despicable. It’s Lamentable.” Salazar said, “All these are excuses because we caught her. I think this is...this is despicable. It’s lamentable that we have Donna Shalala sitting in Congress being a day trader and profiting from her position while she has been absent and silent here in the district.” [Local 10, [9/27/20](#) (5:15)]

[VIDEO] 2020: Salazar said, “Donna Shalala She Broke The Law To Enrich Herself Off Coronavirus.” [YouTube, Maria Elvira Salazar, [9/22/20](#)]

Salazar’s office called the situation “unique “and requested for the House Ethics Committee to waive any potential fine.

2022: Salazar’s Office Attempted To Justify The Late Filing As A “Unique Financial Occurrence.”

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- **2022: Salazar’s Office Used The Excuse Of “No Guidance” And Requested The House Ethics Committee Waive A Potential Fine.** “Balcomb said that ‘there was no guidance’ in House Committee on Ethics instructions regarding Salazar's specific kind of financial transaction. Salazar has requested that the House Committee on Ethics waive any fine — the standard penalty is \$200 — associated with her late disclosure but has yet to hear back, Balcomb added.” [Business Insider, [6/17/2022](#)]

Now Salazar won’t say if she supports efforts to ban Members of Congress from trading stocks.

2022: Amid Her Own Violation Of The STOCK Act, Salazar Has Avoided Answering If She Supports Bipartisan Efforts To Ban Members Of Congress From Trading Stocks. “Balcomb did not say whether Salazar supports or opposes the bipartisan effort to ban federal lawmakers and their spouses from trading stocks — or otherwise curtail their ability to do so.” [Business Insider, [6/17/2022](#)]

Cano Health

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January 2019 – December 2020: Salazar Had A Contract Agreement With Cano Health To Anchor A Weekly Television Show And Promote The Company.

Date	Parties To	Terms of Agreement
January 2019	María Elvira Salazar and Cano Health, LLC	Independent contractor agreement for María Elvira Salazar to anchor a weekly television show and to promote Cano Health.

[U.S. House of Representatives, Financial Disclosure Report, filed [11/27/19](#)]

Date	Parties To	Terms of Agreement
April 2020	María Elvira Salazar and Primary Care (ITC) Holdings, LLC	Class B Unit Grant Agreement granting filer 5,000 class B units of Primary Care (ITC) Holdings, LLC as part of her previous independent contractor agreement with Cano Health, LLC to anchor a weekly television show and to promote the show and Cano Health. The independent contractor agreement terminated as of Dec. 31, 2020, but filer retains the Class B units granted under this agreement.

Comments: The class B units granted under this agreement had not yet vested as of Dec. 31, 2020. They have since fully vested, so this agreement will not be reported on the filer’s next annual filing. The asset will continue to be reported on Schedule A as long as filer holds the asset and asset is required to be reported.

[U.S. House of Representatives, Financial Disclosure Report, filed [8/13/21](#)]

In 2021, Cano Health was in the process of merging with Jaws Acquisition Corp to take the company public, which resulted in Salazar’s investment in the company skyrocket in value.

2021: Cano Health Was Exploring A Merger With “Blank Check” Company Jaws Acquisition Corp. That Would Take Cano Public Valued At \$4.4. Billion. “Salazar’s investment in Cano Health — which does most of its business with Medicare Advantage patients — appears to be going much better. The

company, which specializes in senior care and says it treats more than 100,000 patients across three states and Puerto Rico, is in pursuit of a merger with a Cayman Islands-based 'blank check' company called Jaws Acquisition Corp. The proposed merger would ultimately take Cano Health public at a value of \$4.4 billion. The proposal is supposed to go to Jaws shareholders for a vote in the coming weeks. 'Existing Cano Health shareholders will roll over approximately 90% of their equity stake into the new company,' states a press release announcing the proposed merger, announced about one week after Election Day." [Miami Herald, 2/3/21]

- **Jaws Acquisition Was Incorporated In The Cayman Islands And Led By Barry Sternlicht And Joseph Dowling.** "About Jaws Acquisition Corp. Jaws, led by Chairman Barry S. Sternlicht and Chief Executive Officer Joseph Dowling, is a blank check company incorporated as a Cayman Islands exempted company for the purpose of effecting a merger, share exchange, asset acquisition, share purchase, reorganization or similar business combination with one or more businesses or entities." [Jaws Acquisition Corp Press Release, [5/24/21](#)]

2021: After The Sale Of Cano In 2021, Salazar's Investments In The Parent Company Ballooned To Over \$1 Million, At Least. "Part of her compensation from Cano was 5,000 Class B shares in Cano Health's parent company, which became a publicly traded company in June. Before entering office, Salazar pegged the value of her Cano shares between \$100,000 and \$250,000. But the same shares, which Salazar said she has not sold, are now worth between \$1 million and \$5 million." [Miami Herald, 9/10/21]

- **2021: Salazar Said She "Didn't Know" The Shares Were Going To Go Up So Much.** "That was part of my compensation when I was on the air. I didn't know that those shares were going to go up so much," Salazar said. "I don't control them. The price is the price. Let's hope it stays that way and keeps going up." [Miami Herald, 9/10/21]
- **2021: Salazar Said She Has Not Been Awarded Additional Cano Stock Since She First Filed Financial Paperwork In 2020.** "Salazar said she was not awarded additional Cano stock since April 2020, when her financial disclosure form filed as a congressional candidate first listed the Cano shares, and December 2020, when she ended her TV show after getting elected to Congress in November." [Miami Herald, 9/10/21]

Salazar's contract agreement with Cano Health granted Salazar with 5,000 shares of their parent company Primary Care (ITC) Holdings. From 2020 to 2021, Salazar's investment in Primary Care Holdings ranged from \$100,001 to \$5 million, but ultimately received between \$250,000 and \$500,000 when she reported her latest transaction in 2022.

April 2020: Salazar's Contract Agreement With Cano Health Granted Salazar With 5,000 Shares Of Their Parent Company Primary Care (ITC) Holdings.

Date	Parties To	Terms of Agreement
April 2020	Maria Elvira Salazar and	Class B Unit Grant Agreement granting filer 5,000 class B units of Primary Care (ITC) Holdings, LLC as part of her previous independent

Primary Care (ITC) Holdings, LLC	contractor agreement with Cano Health, LLC to anchor a weekly television show and to promote the show and Cano Health. The independent contractor agreement terminated as of Dec. 31, 2020, but filer retains the Class B units granted under this agreement.
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2021: Salazar's Finances Improved When Stock In Cano Health "Skyrocketed In Value" From \$100,000 To \$250,000 To At Least \$1 Million. "Salazar's newly filed financial disclosure revealed that stock she owns in a newly public healthcare company, which she promoted on television before entering elected office, skyrocketed in value from \$100,000 to \$250,000 in 2020 to at least \$1 million, and potentially up to \$5 million in 2021." [Miami Herald, 9/10/21]

- 2021: Salazar Said She Did Not Know What She Would Do With Her 5,000 Class B Shares In Cano's Parent Company And Was Not Sure How The Merger Would Affect Her Investment.** "Salazar, who said Cano Health saved her mother's life while treating her for COVID-19, told the Miami Herald that she doesn't know what she'll do with her 5,000 Class B shares of Cano Health's parent company. She also said she didn't know how the merger would affect her investment." [Miami Herald, 2/3/21]

2020-2021: Salazar Said Her Primary Care Holdings Investment Was Valued At \$1,000,001-\$5,000,000.

Asset	Owner	Value of Asset	Income Type	Income (2020)	Income (2019)
Primary Care (ITC) Holdings		\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	None		

[U.S. House of Representatives, Financial Disclosure Report, filed [8/13/21](#)]

2020: Salazar Said Her Primary Care Holdings Investment Was Valued At \$100,001-\$250,000.

Asset	Owner	Value of Asset	Income Type	Income (2020)	Income (2019)
Primary Care (ITC) Holdings		\$100,001 - \$250,000	None		

[U.S. House of Representatives, Financial Disclosure Report, filed [5/15/20](#)]

- Miami Herald: Salazar Reported Being Paid Up To \$250,000 In Stock In Cano Health's Parent Company, Primary Care (ITC) Holdings For Hosting De Noche Con María Elvira Salazar.**

“According to financial disclosures filed during her two runs for Congress, in 2018 and 2020, Salazar has in recent years made most of her money as a talk show host and media consultant for healthcare companies [...] But in that time, Salazar — who during her campaigns has disclosed owing between \$1 million and \$5 million on an investment property she purchased 16 years ago with her ex-husband — became a 50% investor in a Perrine pediatric child care facility called 7 Heaven for Kids PPEC, an acronym that stands for prescribed pediatric extended care. And she continued to host ‘De Noche Con María Elvira Salazar’ under a contract that, she reported, has paid her up to \$250,000 in stock in Cano Health's parent company, Primary Care (ITC) Holdings.” [Miami Herald, 2/03/21]

In April 2020, while Salazar was on contract, the CEO of Cano Health promoted hydroxychloroquine as a treatment for COVID-19 before the drug had been tested in a clinical trial. Two months later, the FDA revoked emergency use authorization for hydroxychloroquine.

April 2020: The Cano Health CEO Dr. Marlow Hernandez Promoted Hydroxychloroquine As A Treatment For COVID-19. “Cano Health CEO Dr. Marlow Hernandez told ‘Tucker Carlson Tonight’ Monday that doctors, not politicians should determine whether the immunosuppressive drug hydroxychloroquine is worth trying as a possible treatment for the coronavirus. ‘We've used it on several hundred patients of ours and so far it's pretty good,’ Hernandez said. ‘We have lower hospitalizations and lower mortality.’ [...] Hernandez said that although the drug has not yet undergone a clinical trial against the virus, it has been effective in treating his patients.” [Fox News, [4/6/20](#)]

June 2020: The FDA Revoked Emergency Use Authorization For Hydroxychloroquine After A Clinical Trial “Showed No Benefit For Decreasing The Likelihood Of Death Or Speeding Recovery.” “Based on ongoing analysis and emerging scientific data, FDA has revoked the emergency use authorization (EUA) to use hydroxychloroquine and chloroquine to treat COVID-19 in certain hospitalized patients when a clinical trial is unavailable or participation is not feasible. We made this determination based on recent results from a large, randomized clinical trial in hospitalized patients that found these medicines showed no benefit for decreasing the likelihood of death or speeding recovery.” [FDA.gov, [6/15/20](#)]

Too make matters worse, Salazar produced and featured promotional videos for Cano Health, in both English and Spanish, but did not always disclose her business relationship with them even though she was also running for Congress. During the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, Salazar was repeatedly seen on video with the CEO of Cano Health providing outrageous medical advice, including advising people with symptoms of COVID-19 to call Cano Health to receive a prescription for hydroxychloroquine rather than go to the hospital for treatment. Salazar is even seen on video saying Cano can keep you home with “the only medicine [hydroxychloroquine] that we have available.” Salazar also appears in a video in Spanish where she said if we could get chloroquine or hydroxychloroquine to the “most houses” it would make it “so people don’t end up in the hospital.”

[VIDEO] In March 2020, Salazar “Interviewed” Cano Health Founder Dr. Marlow Hernandez About Cano’s COVID-19-Related Telemedicine Service. “I had a very good conversation a few days ago with Dr. Marlow Hernandez, who is the principal doctor at Cano Health. And he asked me to use my social

media platforms to inform the public that his doctors are now available to anyone who has the coronavirus symptoms to do a teleconference, via internet, with one of his doctors and determine if that needs medicine or not.” [Facebook, Maria Elvira Salazar, [3/23/20](#)]

[VIDEO] Dr. Hernandez Told Viewers That If They Called His Service They Could Be Prescribed Whichever Medicine They Thought They Needed, And Made Special Mention Of The Discredited Treatment Hydroxychloroquine. [1:40] “So, what we want to do is be able to put you in touch with one of our doctors, and then be able to make it convenient for you [Cano’s 1-800 number pops up on screen] to get whatever medicine you need [turns to Salazar] whether it’s this chloroquine [Salazar nods and repeats “chloroquine”] or hydroxychloroquine ummm if you have the symptoms - consists of, again, fever, cough, shortness of breath, even now maybe some abdominal symptoms may be part of it, or of course the much more common diabetes, hypertension, CSS [sp?], COPD, all of those conditions need to be treated. So stay home, stay safe, and count on telehealth.” [Facebook, Maria Elvira Salazar, [3/23/20](#)]

[VIDEO] Salazar Told Viewers Cano Would “Keep You Home With A Medicine – The Only Medicine That We Have Available.” [2:15] “The most important thing, doc, that I just learned out of this crisis, is that if you can stay home and you can take care of the symptoms at home, then you don’t wind up in the hospital where you can get sicker. And that’s why I think Cano is doing this - trying to keep you home with a medicine – the only medicine that we have available.” [Facebook, Maria Elvira Salazar, [3/23/20](#)]

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[VIDEO] Salazar’s Video Does Not Include A Disclosure That She Is A Paid Spokesperson For Cano, And Omits The Fact That She Owns An Equity Stake In The Business. The video’s description reads: “Interview with Cano Health. This past weekend I had the pleasure of interviewing Dr. Marlow Hernandez from Cano Health. He informed me that as a public service his facilities are offering free televisit screenings for the COVID-19. Not only is the service free, but you do not have to be a patient of Cano Health to receive the screening. If you qualify for medication, they are also offering free home delivery. Since it is very important for all of us to remain home and prevent spreading the virus I urge everyone in the community that if they feel sick to first use a televisit. If not with Cano Health, I urge you to take advantage of technology and schedule a virtual visit first. You can contact Cano Health at 1-800-201-6595. Thank you Dr. Hernandez for your service.” [Facebook, Maria Elvira Salazar, [3/23/20](#)]

March 2020: Cano Health Also Shared A Video Of Salazar Promoting The Company In Spanish Without Disclosing That Cano Health Pays Salazar. [YouTube, Cano Health, [3/26/20](#)]

[VIDEO] March 2020: Salazar Said If We Could Get Chloroquine And/Or Hydroxychloroquine To The “Most Houses” It Would Make It “So People Don’t End Up In The Hospital.” Dr. Hernandez said, “The idea is that the more people who receive this medicine, the more people we can save. Salazar said,

“What medicine is this? The chloroquine? Hernandez said, “The medicine is chloroquine ... and the hydroxychloroquine.” [...] Salazar then said what Cano is doing is “commendable.” Salazar added, “If you can make that medicine [chloroquine, hydroxychloroquine], approved by the federal government, gets to the most houses, it makes it so people don’t end up in the hospital.” In the video, Salazar told people to use Cano’s health services and told the doctor, “God will reward you.” [YouTube, Cano Health, [3/26/20](#)] Translation

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Rangel Medical Centers

From 2018 to 2021, Salazar also reported earning compensation in excess of \$5,000 working as a spokesperson for the founder of Rangel Medical Centers, which entered into a partnership with Cano in 2018.

Salazar Reported Income For Work As A Spokesperson For Dr. Orlando Rangel. “Salazar also reported during both congressional runs income for her work as a spokesperson for Dr. Orlando Rangel, founder of Tampa-based Rangel Medical Centers, which entered into partnership with Cano in 2018.” [Miami Herald, 2/3/21]

- **Dr. Rangel Founded Rangel Medical Centers Which Entered Into A Partnership With Cano In 2018.** “Salazar also reported during both congressional runs income for her work as a spokesperson for Dr. Orlando Rangel, founder of Tampa-based Rangel Medical Centers, which entered into partnership with Cano in 2018.” [Miami Herald, 2/3/21]

2020-2021: Salazar Reported The Following Compensation In Her Financial Disclosure Report.

Source (Name and Address)	Brief Description of Duties
SBS/Mega TV (Miami, FL, US)	Consulting income, ad integrations, and TV show production.
Orlando Rangel MD (Tampa, FL, US)	Served as spokesperson endorsing practice.
Sima Communications (Tampa, FL, US)	Consulting income, advise on news format and programming.
Cano Health, LLC (Miami, FL, US)	Anchor weekly television show; promote show and Cano Health.

[U.S. House of Representatives, Financial Disclosure Report, filed [5/15/20](#)]

2019: Salazar Reported The Following Compensation In Her Financial Disclosure Report.

Source (Name and Address)	Brief Description of Duties
SBS/Mega TV (Miami, FL, US)	Consulting income, ad integrations, and TV show production.
Orlando Rangel MD (Tampa, FL, US)	Served as spokesperson endorsing practice.
Sima Communications (Tampa, FL, US)	Consulting income, advise on news format and programming.

[U.S. House of Representatives, Financial Disclosure Report, filed [11/27/19](#)]

2018: Salazar Reported The Following Compensation In Her Financial Disclosure Report.

Source (Name and Address)	Brief Description of Duties
SBS/Mega TV (Miami, FL, US)	Consulting income, ad integrations, and TV show production.
Orlando Rangel MD (Tampa, FL, US)	Served as spokesperson endorsing practice.

[U.S. House of Representatives, Financial Disclosure Report, filed [7/27/18](#)]

Political Contributions

Salazar has accepted \$34,100 from employees of Cano Health and Rangel Medical Center, two healthcare companies for which Salazar served as a spokesperson until her election in 2020.

Salazar Received \$17,500 From Members Of Cano Health Including Joel Lago, Marlow and Stephanie Hernandez, And Pedro Cordero. [FEC.gov, accessed [8/22/22](#)]

Salazar Received \$16,600 From Orlando Rangel And His Family. [FEC.gov, accessed [8/22/22](#)]

Pediatric Child Care Facility

Salazar was also a 50% investor in a pediatric child care facility from 2018 to 2020. By 2022, Salazar sold her investment in the company, which was valued between \$100,000 and \$250,000.

Salazar Was A 50% Investor In A 7 Heaven For Kids PPEC, A Pediatric Child Care Facility. “But while the Cano shares have exploded in value, a separate business venture Salazar invested in prior to entering Congress isn't doing as well. Salazar was a 50% investor in a Perrine pediatric child care facility called 7 Heaven for Kids PPEC, an acronym that stands for prescribed pediatric extended care. She's since dropped her share of the company to 20%, and said she is no longer involved in the child care center's day-to-day operations. In her 2020 disclosure, her investment in 7 Heaven for Kids was worth between \$250,000 and \$500,000. In 2021, her disclosure listed the asset as being worth between \$15,000 and \$50,000. ‘Basically, in February, another partner came in so that reduced everyone's shares in the company,’ said Salazar's attorney, Jason Torchinsky. ‘The company itself, there's been virtually no financial activity in it.’ Salazar said the business struggled to attract clients ‘because of COVID.’” [Miami Herald, 9/10/21]

- **Between 2018 And 2020, Salazar Became A 50 Percent Investor In A Perrine Pediatric Extended Care Facility.** “According to financial disclosures filed during her two runs for Congress, in 2018 and 2020, Salazar has in recent years made most of her money as a talk show host and media consultant for healthcare companies [...] But in that time, Salazar — who during her campaigns has disclosed owing between \$1 million and \$5 million on an investment property she purchased 16 years ago with her ex-husband — became a 50% investor in a Perrine pediatric child care facility called 7 Heaven for Kids PPEC, an acronym that stands for prescribed pediatric extended care. And she continued to host ‘De Noche Con María Elvira Salazar’ under a contract that, she reported, has paid her up to \$250,000 in stock in Cano Health's parent company, Primary Care (ITC) Holdings.” [Miami Herald, 2/3/21]

2021: Salazar Sold Most Of Her Shares In The Childcare Facility To Support The Struggling Business And Had Promotional Videos Removed That Featured Her After Being Elected To Congress. “As for the pediatric facility, Salazar said the pandemic knee-capped 7 Heaven for Kids PPEC, which was licensed by the state in January 2020 and is still looking for its first patient. She said she sold most of her shares last year to infuse cash into the company, decreasing her 50% ownership to a 20% stake in a three-way partnership, with two other partners each owning 40% of the business. To comply with ethics regulations, she said her partners on Monday removed a promotional video she shot for the facility that was displayed prominently on its website.” [Miami Herald, 2/03/21]

- **Salazar Said She Sold Shares In PPEC To Raise Cash For The Company, Reducing Her Holdings To 20 Percent.** “As for the pediatric facility, Salazar said the pandemic knee-capped 7 Heaven for Kids PPEC, which was licensed by the state in January 2020 and is still looking for its first patient. She said she sold most of her shares last year to infuse cash into the company, decreasing her 50% ownership to a 20% stake in a three-way partnership, with two other partners each owning 40% of the business. To comply with ethics regulations, she said her partners on Monday removed a promotional video she shot for the facility that was displayed prominently on its website.” [Miami Herald, 2/3/21]

2022: Salazar Reported Selling Her Shares In 7 Heaven For Kids For A Value Of \$100,001-\$250,000. [U.S. House of Representatives, Financial Disclosure Report, filed [7/22/22](#)]

Asset	Owner	Date	Tx. Type	Amount	Cap Gains >\$200?
7 Heaven for Kids, LLC f/k/a 7 Heaven for Kids PPEC, LLC <i>This investment was a sub holding for MES Health Holding, Inc. Salazar sold “her 20% interest in LLC (20,000 Class B shares) in exchange for forgiveness of the loan Buyer initially made to Filer to invest in PPEC. Asset did</i>		6/21/22	S	\$100,001 - \$250,000	

not produce any income during time Filer held shares in asset. This sales transaction was not for cash proceeds but for forgiveness of the loan buyer originally made to Filer to invest in LLC.					
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[U.S. House of Representatives, Financial Disclosure Report, filed [7/22/22](#)]

2021-2022: Salazar’s Value Of Her Asset Was Valued Between \$15,000 And \$50,000.

Asset	Owner	Value of Asset	Income Type	Income (2022)	Tx. > \$1,000?
MES Health Holdings 7 Heaven for Kids PPEC, LLC, 20% Interest (Location: Miami, FL, US Description: Filer is a silent investor (with no voting rights) in a PPEC to provide daycare for sick children.)		\$15,001 - \$50,000	None		

[U.S. House of Representatives, Financial Disclosure Report, filed [6/13/22](#)]

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[U.S. House of Representatives, Financial Disclosure Report, filed [8/13/21](#)]

- 2021: Salazar’s 2021 Disclosure Showed A Dramatic Drop In Assets With The Childcare Company.** “She’s since dropped her share of the company to 20%, and said she is no longer involved in the child care center’s day-to-day operations. In her 2020 disclosure, her investment in 7 Heaven for Kids was worth between \$250,000 and \$500,000. In 2021, her disclosure listed the asset as being worth between \$15,000 and \$50,000.” [Miami Herald, 9/10/21]

2018-2020: Salazar’s Value Of Her Asset Was Valued Between \$250,001 And \$500,000.

Asset	Owner	Value of Asset	Income Type	Income (2020)	Income (2019)

MES Health Holdings 7 Heaven for Kids PPEC, LLC, 50% Interest (Description: Candidate is a partner in LLC to provide daycare for sick children.)		\$250,001 - \$500,000	None		
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[U.S. House of Representatives, Financial Disclosure Report, filed [5/15/20](#)]

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7 Heaven for Kids PPEC, LLC, 50% Interest (Description: Candidate is a partner in LLC to provide daycare for sick children.)		\$250,001 - \$500,000	None		

[U.S. House of Representatives, Financial Disclosure Report, filed [11/27/19](#)]

Exit From The Healthcare Industry

2021: Salazar said she no longer worked to promote the healthcare industry, but was not sure what income would show up on her next financial disclosure.

Salazar Said She No Longer Worked Promoting The Healthcare Industry But Was Not Sure What Sources Of Income Would Appear On Her Next Financial Disclosure. “Salazar said that while her work promoting the healthcare industry has ended, she’s not sure what sources of additional outside income will show up on her 2021 financial disclosure, which is due in May. Marriage would likely affect what shows up on the report, which requires lawmakers to list the income sources of their spouses.” [Miami Herald, 2/3/21]

Post Media & Journalism Career

Left Broadcasting After Elected To Congress

2021: Salazar left her job as a TV host after being elected to Congress.

Salazar Announced She Could No Longer Appear As A TV Host After Being Elected To Congress. “After a 30-year TV career that most recently included hosting a weekly Spanish-language talk show sponsored by a Miami-based health provider, ethics rules have forced newly elected Congresswoman María Elvira Salazar to sign off. Salazar, a Miami Republican, announced in the final airing last month of ‘De Noche Con María Elvira Salazar’ — or, ‘At Night with María Elvira Salazar’ — that she could no longer host the Sunday night America TeVe program paid for by Cano Health. Addressing her viewers, Salazar explained that rules regulating members of the U.S. House of Representatives barred her from

continuing the show. 'Once I became a congresswoman, I was informed by the Ethics Committee that I can't do a show like this one every week because it is not allowed for someone in my position to do it,' Salazar said. She added later: 'In one way, I end my journalistic career with this program.'" [Miami Herald, 2/3/21]

- **The Miami Herald Described Salazar's Broadcast Journalism Career As "Award-Winning."** "Salazar told reporters after the celebration — which included a personalized conga jingle — that she never envisioned leaving the pinnacle of an award-winning broadcast journalism career to run for office. She said Ros-Lehtinen, Diaz-Balart and other members of the community approached her and convinced her to run." [Miami Herald, [8/28/18](#)]

In 2019, Salazar said she was going to continue working as a journalist while running for office because she had to "make a living doing something."

In 2019, Salazar Said She Was Going To Continue Working As A Journalist While Running For Office Because She Had To "Make A Living Doing Something." "For now, he keeps working as a journalist in a Sunday program, At night with María Elvira, which is broadcast on América TeVé. 'The law doesn't stop me, I have to make a living doing something, and I've always been a journalist,' he said in response to concerns that he might represent a conflict of interest when running for public office." [El Nuevo Herald, 8/01/19] Translation

- **Spanish Version:** "Por ahora se mantiene trabajando como periodista en un programa dominical, De noche con María Elvira, que se transmite por América TeVé. 'La ley no me lo impide, tengo que ganarme la vida haciendo algo, y siempre he sido periodista,' comentó en respuesta a la preocupación de que pueda representar un conflicto de intereses al postularse a un cargo público."

TOPLINES

Peruvian Bribery Scandal

- In the early 2000s, Salazar appeared to be the intermediary in a bribery scandal between Laura Bozzo, a Peruvian newscaster and coworker of Salazar, and Vladimiro Montesinos, a Peruvian intelligence chief who was sentenced for “crimes against humanity.”
 - Salazar connected with Montesinos through Bozzo and befriended him in order to get an exclusive interview on Telemundo, the network she worked at the time.
 - With the help of Bozzo, Salazar got Montesinos to commit to doing an interview; however, due to delays, Salazar would often take her own actions to get closer to an interview.
 - At one point, Salazar went to spy gear stores to find a way to put a “hidden camera” in Montesinos jail cell.
 - She even suggested that she committed a crime by going into the trunk of a car to sneak into a prison in Peru to get to Montesinos.
 - Salazar eventually interviewed Montesinos in 2002.
- During this period, Salazar was recorded asking Bozzo for \$100,000 for Montesinos.
 - Salazar was heard saying, “You give me [the money for Montesinos] or I will give you an account, or the lawyer goes to Miami.”
 - Salazar was also heard saying, “Thank God that (Montesinos) did not say anything that compromises me because I am sinking, what scares me is that I screw up.”
- Bozzo provided the recordings to the Peruvian courts, and Salazar was questioned and accused of asking Bozzo for \$100,000 to cover Montesinos’ legal fees.
 - Bozzo even accused Salazar of helping Montesinos in an attempt to extort her.
- Salazar denied any wrongdoing and said the recordings were edited and without her consent. Salazar claimed she was just passing messages from a “friend” to “another friend.”
 - Bozzo and Montesinos were allegedly in a romantic relationship.
- However, Salazar later claimed that Montesinos originally asked her to ask her boss at Telemundo for \$100,000 in exchange for the interview.
- In 2002, a Peruvian judge came to Florida to interview Salazar about the allegations, but a Peruvian judicial source claimed Salazar was not the subject of the investigations.
- Salazar wasn’t found of any wrongdoings, but Bozzo was placed in house arrest for allegedly accepting \$3 million in laundered money from Montesinos in exchange for political support.
 - Bozzo was later acquitted.

- While Salazar was found of no wrongdoings, she claimed she was going to sue Bozzo for defamation to defend her reputation.
 - Salazar described Bozzo as “arrogant and poisonous” and an “instrument of Satan.”
- While Telemundo executives were aware of Salazar’s communication with Montesinos, even paying for her trip to Panama to attempt to interview him, Salazar was let go from Telemundo around this time, which she claimed was because of the Montesinos allegations.
 - Salazar described it as a firing without an “explanation,” but Telemundo officials claimed it was contract disagreements and changes to the lineup.
 - Salazar claimed Telemundo defamed her by promoting the recording during segments and that they were afraid to be connected to Montesinos.
- In 2008, Salazar interviewed Bozzo, and Bozzo said she took Salazar to Panama to interview Montesinos. Salazar also claimed Bozzo apologized to her off camera.
- In 2010, Salazar wrote an entire book about the incident. In the book, Salazar claimed she was fired from Telemundo because of Bozzo while pregnant with her second baby.
- Salazar said the incident was “the darkest, most terrible moment” of her life, claiming she “should be dead, at least professionally.”
 - In the book, Salazar describes how she overcame the scandal to stabilize her finances and continue her journalistic career, which she heavily attributes to God. Salazar claims her family was on the verge of bankruptcy and they had to go “deeper into debt” to “pay for lawyers,” resulting in her almost losing her home.

Cuba & Castro

- Prior to entering Congress, Salazar was soft on Cuba – praising Obama's Cuba policy, suggesting Trump should have negotiated with Raul Castro, and calling Fidel Castro “comandante” and “un revolucionario por excelencia.”
 - Despite Salazar repeatedly saying over the years that she opposes negotiating with dictatorships, in 2018, Salazar said Trump should negotiate with Raul Castro rather than Cuban President Diaz-Canel because Diaz-Canel was a “puppet.”
 - Salazar had a photo of her interviews with Castro (and Maduro) in her Congressional office.
 - Note: *This attack may not appear as credible because Salazar was most often critical of Cuba.*
- In 1996, Salazar said Cuban exiles support the embargo, but are the first people who “violate” it by visiting Cuba.

Radical & Extreme Comments

- In 2017, Salazar appeared to make similar claims to Trump’s “bad people on both sides” claim after the Charlottesville white supremacist rally. Salazar said, “the violence doesn’t just come from the white supremacists” and that there were “tough protests” by opposing groups.

Salazar added, “President Trump violently lashed out against the Ku Klux Klan, neo-Nazis and white supremacists.”

- In February 2016, Salazar outrageously claimed that “Hillary is a lesbian” and that “Hillary didn’t like having sex with [Bill], because she preferred sex with women.” Salazar was allegedly the first national television network to cover the story.
- In November 2019, Salazar said, “Imagine the Chinese stealing your book and publishing it under the author name “Ching-Chang-Chong.”
- In 2007, Salazar said Gov. Schwarzenegger was “very wrong” and “very racist” to say immigrants must learn English, despite Salazar paying to take “accent-reduction classes” for five years because she said she wanted to “speak English perfectly, better than the Americans” and didn’t want people to say, “she’s Latin.”
- Salazar writes in her book, “When I feel like ‘killing someone,’ I let myself be guided by reason rather than by feelings.”
- Salazar writes in her book that she made it to top of the media industry “without doing sexual favors in exchange for a position.”

Peruvian Bribery Scandal

Overview

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2002: A Peruvian Judge Questioned Salazar About Her Knowledge And Involvement Of Alleged Money Laundering Between A Peruvian Newscaster And Montesinos, Their Ousted Intelligence Chief. “Peruvian Judge Saul Pena Farfan plans to travel to Miami on Tuesday to talk with former Telemundo TV reporter Maria Elvira Salazar as part of an investigation into what she may know about an alleged connection between a Peruvian newscaster and ousted Peruvian intelligence chief Vladimiro Montesinos. Salazar said she contacted Montesinos only to try to get an interview. In Peru, TV newscaster Laura Bozzo remains under house arrest as part of the investigation into her alleged relationship with Montesinos. Bozzo, who became a popular figure in Miami and other parts of the United States when Telemundo picked up her show two years ago, has been under arrest since late July. She was accused of receiving more than \$3 million in laundered money from Montesinos in exchange for her political support. Bozzo, who is being questioned about her relationship with Montesinos, says he used Salazar as an inter-mediary. Salazar has denied any wrongdoing.” [Miami Herald, 9/9/02]

- **Montesinos Is Serving A Sentence For “Crimes Against Humanity” And Is “Regarded As The Power Behind The Throne In President Alberto Fujimori’s Government.** “A court in Peru has sentenced the country's former spy chief, Vladimiro Montesinos, to 22 years in jail for the forced disappearance of a professor and two students in 1993. They were killed in detention and their bodies burned in an oven in the basement of the intelligence agency. Former army chief of staff Nicolas Hermoza Rios was also found guilty of the same crime. Montesinos, 71, is already serving a sentence for crimes against humanity. He was widely regarded as the power behind the throne in President Alberto Fujimori's government, which ruled Peru from 1990 to 2000. The former president is also in jail over human rights abuses committed during his time in office, including authorising killings carried out by death squads.” [BBC, [9/28/16](#)]

Salazar And Bozzo Worked At Telemundo Together. “Salazar, Bozzo's former partner on the Hispanic network Telemundo, said today that she is forced to defend her name and that she will not hesitate to resort to US courts to accuse the popular Peruvian television presenter.” [Spanish Newswire Service, 8/22/02] Translation

- **Spanish Version:** “Salazar, ex companera de Bozzo en la cadena hispana Telemundo, senalo hoy que se ve obligada a defender su nombre y que no vacilara en recurrir a los tribunales estadounidenses para acusar a la popular presentadora peruana de television.”

Bozzo Said She Used Salazar As An Intermediary When Questioned About Her Relationship With Montesinos. “Peruvian Judge Saul Pena Farfan plans to travel to Miami on Tuesday to talk with former Telemundo TV reporter Maria Elvira Salazar as part of an investigation into what she may know about an alleged connection between a Peruvian newscaster and ousted Peruvian intelligence chief Vladimiro Montesinos. Salazar said she contacted Montesinos only to try to get an interview. In Peru, TV newscaster Laura Bozzo remains under house arrest as part of the investigation into her alleged relationship with Montesinos. Bozzo, who became a popular figure in Miami and other parts of the United States when Telemundo picked up her show two years ago, has been under arrest since late July. She was accused of receiving more than \$3 million in laundered money from Montesinos in exchange for her political support. Bozzo, who is being questioned about her relationship with Montesinos, says he used Salazar as an intermediary. Salazar has denied any wrongdoing.” [Miami Herald, 9/9/02]

Bozzo Appeared To Be The Person Who “Served As The Bridge” Between Montesinos And Salazar. “Bozzo, who is in house arrest while the judicial system continues a process of investigations for ‘embezzlement and against public faith,’ served as a bridge to the Telemundo network to obtain an interview with Montesinos, said the same sources of the judicial system Peruvian. According to the Peruvian channel Panamericana Television, ‘justice is investigating the origin of some emails that [Telemundo journalist Maria Elvira] Salazar wrote to the former adviser to coordinate an exclusive interview.’ ‘Laura Bozzo is mentioned in the messages, which is extremely important because it can help clarify whether she was in contact with Montesinos when he was a fugitive from Peruvian justice,’ added a report from that channel.” [El Nuevo Herald, 8/16/02] Translation

- **Spanish Version:** “Bozzo, quien se encuentra en reclusion domiciliaria mientras el sistema judicial sigue un proceso de averiguaciones por ‘peculado y en contra de la fe publica,’ sirvio de puente a

la cadena Telemundo para obtener una entrevista con Montesinos, dijeron las mismas fuentes del sistema judicial peruano. Segun el canal peruano Panamericana Television, 'la justicia investiga la procedencia de unos correos electronicos que [la periodista de Telemundo Maria Elvira] Salazar le escribio al ex asesor para coordinar una entrevista exclusiva.' 'En los mensajes se menciona a Laura Bozzo, lo cual es de suma importancia porque puede ayudar a dilucidar si ella estuvo en contacto con Montesinos cuando era profugo de la justicia peruana,' anadio un informe de ese canal."

Salazar connected with Montesinos through Bozzo and befriended him in order to get an exclusive interview on Telemundo, the network she worked at the time.

Salazar Allegedly Was Communicating With Montesinos For Two Years To Try To Get Him To Do An Interview, But Bozzo Allegedly Connected Salazar To Montesinos. "In an interview Monday with El Nuevo Herald, Salazar confirmed that, looking for an exclusive interview for the Telemundo network -- for whom I work until a few months ago--, she was in communication with Montesinos during the almost two years he was in hiding. Cont, however, that it was precisely Bozzo who put her in contact with the former right-hand man of Fujimori, because he knew his whereabouts. How and why did Bozzo know these details? It is, precisely, part of the prosecution's investigation." [El Bohemio News, 8/27/02]
Translation

- **Spanish Version:** "En una entrevista el lunes con El Nuevo Herald, Salazar confirm que, buscando una entrevista exclusiva para la cadena Telemundo --para quien labor hasta hace unos meses--, estuvo en comunicacin con Montesinos durante los casi dos aos que ste estuvo en la clandestinidad. Cont, no obstante, que fue precisamente Bozzo quien la puso en contacto con el otrora mano derecha de Fujimori, pues saba su paradero. Cmo y por qu conoca Bozzo esos detalles es, precisamente, parte de la pesquisa de la fiscalia."

Salazar Said She Befriended Montesinos To Get An Exclusive Interview With Him. "Salazar said she met Montesinos through Bozzo while he was in prison, and befriended the former spy chief only to get an exclusive interview, which she says was assigned by Telemundo. However, Salazar was heard on audio tape asking Bozzo for \$100,000 for Montesinos. Bozzo has accused Salazar of assisting Montesinos in an extortion attempt against her. Bozzo, host of the controversial Telemundo talk show Laura, remains under house arrest since July in her television studios in Lima. Bozzo was accused of receiving more than \$3 million in laundered money from Montesinos in exchange for her political support. Salazar has denied any wrongdoing, saying she just passed the message 'a friend sent to another friend.'" [Sun-Sentinel, 9/11/02]

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- **Salazar Said She Was Not A Friend of Montesinos And Was Just A “Journalist Looking For A News Story.”** “She did not deny the conversation about the money and explained that she had limited herself to transmitting to Bozzo a request for help from Montesinos. That, she said, does not constitute extortion. ‘I was not a friend of Montesinos, Bozzo was, I was a journalist looking for a news story.’” [Spanish Newswire Service, 8/22/02] Translation
 - **Spanish Version:** “No desmintio la conversacion sobre el dinero y explico que se habia limitado a transmitirle a Bozzo un pedido de ayuda de Montesinos. Eso, dijo, no constituye extorsion. ‘Yo no era amiga de Montesinos, Bozzo si lo era, yo era una periodista en busca de una noticia.’”

Salazar got close enough to Montesinos that she claimed he would call her two to three times a week to tell his story. With the help of Bozzo, Salazar got Montesinos to commit to doing an interview; however, due to delays, Salazar would often take her own actions to get closer to an interview. At one point, Salazar went to spy gear stores to find a way to put a “hidden camera” in Montesinos jail cell. She even suggested that she committed a crime by going into the trunk of a car to sneak into a prison in Peru to get to Montesinos. Salazar eventually interviewed Montesinos in 2002.

Salazar Claimed Montesinos Called Salazar Two To Three Times A Week To Tell His Story Because He Was Afraid They Would Kill Him. “During the time he remained hidden in Venezuela, former Peruvian national security adviser Vladimiro Montesinos called a Miami journalist two to three times a week by phone to tell her his story, because he was afraid they would kill him and wanted the world knew his version of the events for which he is currently in prison in his country. ‘The first time I called I thought someone was playing a prank on me, but just in case I didn't point it out. Shortly after that I realized it was him, and after that he started calling me two or three times a week.’ Cuban-American journalist Maria Elvira Salazar revealed to El Nuevo Herald yesterday.” [El Nuevo Herald, 8/17/02] Translation

- **Spanish Version:** “Durante el tiempo que permanecio escondido en Venezuela, el ex asesor de seguridad nacional peruano Vladimiro Montesinos llamaba por telefonos de dos a tres veces por semana a una periodista de Miami, para contarle su historia, pues tenia miedo de que lo mataran y queria que el mundo supiera su version de los hechos por los cuales guarda hoy prision en su pais. ‘La primera vez que llamo pense que alguien me estaba haciendo una broma, pero por si acaso no se lo hice notar. Poco despues me di cuenta de que era el, y despues de eso comenzo a llamarme dos o tres veces a la semana,’ revelo ayer a El Nuevo Herald la periodista cubanoamericana Maria Elvira Salazar.”

Salazar Said Montesinos Was “Concerned About His Safety.” “‘He was very concerned about his safety. He was afraid that they would kill him and he wanted to tell his story. And he told me a few things. However, there was one condition: he could only divulge them in case he died, since he wanted the world to see them.’ knew his version of events,’ the journalist said. The conversations sometimes lasted more than an hour, since Montesinos was answering questions and the answers were long.” [El Nuevo Herald, 8/17/02] Translation

- **Spanish Version:** “‘El estaba muy preocupado con su seguridad. Tenia miedo de que lo mataran y queria contar su historia. Y me conto algunas cosas. Sin embargo, habia una condicion: solo podia divulgarlas en caso de que el muriera, ya que queria que el mundo supiera su version de los acontecimientos,’ dijo la periodista. Las conversaciones duraban a veces mas de una hora, ya que Montesinos iba contestando preguntas y las respuestas eran largas.”

Salazar Said She Wanted To Interview Montesinos Where He Is Being Held So That He Could Tell His Story. “[At times like these] it is extremely satisfying for a journalist to hear the voice of one of the most wanted men in the world giving his version of events,’ Salazar said. The journalist explained that, for the moment, she does not want to reveal what she spoke with Montesinos, because she believes that he is the one who should explain himself. ‘I am a journalist and I am not a gossip, and people’s private lives have to be told by the person, not by me. What should happen is that the Peruvian authorities let us enter the base in Callao where they are holding him, so that It is Montesinos himself who tells us about everything that is said about him and his things, which is, in fact, a right that he has as a prisoner under the jurisdiction of Peruvian justice,’ he said.” [El Nuevo Herald, 8/17/02] Translation

- **Spanish Version:** “[En momentos como esos] para un periodista es sumamente satisfactorio escuchar la voz de uno de los hombres mas buscados del mundo dando su version de los hechos,’ dijo Salazar. La periodista explico que, de momento, no quiere revelar lo que hablo con Montesinos, porque cree que es el quien debe explicarse. ‘Soy periodista y no soy una chismosa, y la vida privada de la gente tiene que contarla la persona, no yo. Lo que si debe suceder es que las autoridades peruanas nos dejen entrar a la base del Callao donde lo tienen preso, para que sea el mismo Montesinos que nos comente sobre todo lo que se habla sobre el y sus cosas, lo cual es, de hecho, un derecho que el tiene como preso bajo jurisdiccion de la justicia peruana,’ indico.”

Montesinos Wrote A Letter To Salazar Where He Committed To Doing His First Interview With Salazar. “The two established contact when Montesinos was still national security adviser and de facto head of the National Intelligence Service, during the administration of former President Alberto Fujimori. ‘I have a reputation for making difficult interviews, and the more difficult, the more I get for things. And with Montesinos it was no exception; the only thing is that he never granted it to me at that point,’ said the journalist. From Lima and while he was already in prison, Montesinos guaranteed Salazar in writing his intention to grant him a formal interview, in a letter to which El Nuevo Herald had access. ‘Through this document I ratify my commitment that the first interview I can grant, when my country respects my right to freedom of expression - violated as you have been able to verify personally - will be with you [...],’ Montesinos wrote.” [El Nuevo Herald, 8/17/02] Translation

- **Spanish Version:** Los dos establecieron contacto cuando aun Montesinos era asesor de seguridad nacional y jefe de facto del Servicio de Inteligencia Nacional, durante la administracion del ex presidente Alberto Fujimori. ‘Tengo fama de hacer las entrevistas dificiles, y cuanto mas dificiles, mas me pongo para las cosas. Y con Montesinos no fue una excepcion; lo unico es que nunca me la concedio en esa altura,’ dijo la periodista. Desde Lima y estando ya preso, Montesinos garantizo por escrito a Salazar su intencion de concederle una entrevista formal, en una carta a la cual El Nuevo Herald tuvo acceso. ‘Por intermedio de la presente ratifico mi compromiso de que la primera entrevista que pueda conceder, cuando en mi pais se respete el

derecho que tengo a la libertad de expresion --conculcado tal como usted lo ha podido constatar personalmente-- sera a Usted [...],' escribio Montesinos."

When Bozzo Told Salazar That She Was Not Going To Interview Montesinos, Salazars Said She Was Thinking The Following In Her Mind: "Lord, Make Sure I Don't Spit On Her, Hit Her, Or Kill Her."

Salazar wrote, "She talked and talked while I felt a vapor of her coming from her through my body. His voice sounded distant: He told me that he was very nervous, that he couldn't give it to you, but that you prepare your passport, that he is going to Peru in the next few hours, he told me hastily, with his high-sounding, off-tempered voice. I fell stunned on the bed. Change. Not knowing what to say, how to react. With a mixture of nausea and disbelief in his mouth. I breathed, I breathed a lot. I tried to calm down as best I could, for the girl in my womb, for my own sanity. Lord, make sure I don't spit on her, hit her or kill her, she kept repeating to herself in her mind. But the feeling of mockery, of deception, burned my skin." [Book: Si Dios Contigo, ¿Quién Contra Ti?, Author: Maria Elvira Salazar, p. 50] *Translate*

Salazar Went To Spy Gear Stores To Find A Way To Put A "Hidden Camera" In Montesinos Jail Cell So That She Could Interview Him. Salazar wrote, "From June to August, my communication with Estela was constant. She frequently went to Callao with a defense attorney's credential. During that period it occurred to me to put a hidden camera in her cell. I talked to Peyronnin to see what kind of camera we could use that would give us adequate resolution for television, but at the same time go unnoticed by security machines. I went to every store in Miami that sells spy gear, I looked online, I talked to my fellow journalists, cameramen and producers, we even met with an expert on hidden cameras. He had something very small, a pen, a button, a watch. If the Callao guards were to discover Estela in her necessities, she would lose her license and even her freedom." [Book: Si Dios Contigo, ¿Quién Contra Ti?, Author: Maria Elvira Salazar, p. 78] *Translate*

Salazar Appeared To Suggest She Committed A Crime By Going Into The Trunk Of A Car To Sneak Into A Prison In Peru To See Montesinos. Salazar wrote, "And then I told Estela: I'm going into Callao, even if it's in the trunk of the car. Once again, she was calm and confident that God would be with me, just as she promised, until the end of the world. The next day we went to Callao. I got into the trunk of the car, sweating adrenaline and trying not to make the slightest noise. If those soldiers caught us, we would go to jail. As simple as that. We made it past the initial gatehouse that flanks the twenty-foot wall that surrounds the fortification. That was already an achievement. The soldier recognized Estela and made no further fuss. My fear was that they would send him to open the trunk. I didn't want to get anyone in trouble. In the silence of the trunk, I felt iron doors open and close with a terrible metallic clang. With my heart paralyzed, I tried to imagine the way to the pavilion where Montesinos was being held. Half an hour passed, I tried to manage the little air I had to breathe. El Callao is a labyrinthine military base, divided into several pavilions, and guarded by hundreds of soldiers as impassable as those walls. We managed to get past several security checkpoints and, when we reached the patio from where we could see the Montesinos dungeon, Estela opened the trunk of the vehicle a little." [Book: Si Dios Contigo, ¿Quién Contra Ti?, Author: Maria Elvira Salazar, p. 82] *Translate*

2002: Salazar Interviewed Montesinos. "Well-known news anchor María Elvira Salazar is the only person who since the Montesinos-Fujimori scandal broke out has been able to interview the inmate in the maximum security prison itself. Mrs. Salazar initially said that she had obtained the interview via phone call with Montesinos, detained in the naval prison of Callao, but later he stated that he had sent

him a questionnaire with the defense attorney and he agreed to answer. This interview broadcast exclusively by Telemundo caused a great deal of stir, not only in Peru, but also in the United States since nobody explained how a person with that background had easy access to a journalist.” [El Diario/La Prensa, 8/20/02] Translation

- **Spanish Version:** “La conocida presentadora de noticias Mara Elvira Salazar es la única persona que desde que estalló el escándalo Montesinos-Fujimori ha podido entrevistar al reo en la misma cárcel de máxima seguridad. La señora Salazar inicialmente dijo que había obtenido la entrevista vía telefónica con Montesinos, detenido en la prisión naval del Callao, pero después manifestó que le había enviado un cuestionario con la abogada defensora y él accedió a responder. Esta entrevista transmitida en exclusiva por Telemundo causó un gran revuelo, no sólo en el Perú, sino también en los Estados Unidos ya que nadie se explicaba cómo una persona con esos antecedentes tenía fácil acceso a un periodista.”

During this period, Salazar was recorded asking Bozzo for \$100,000 for Montesinos. Salazar was heard saying, “You give me [the money for Montesinos] or I will give you an account, or the lawyer goes to Miami.” Salazar was also heard saying, “Thank God that (Montesinos) did not say anything that compromises me because I am sinking, what scares me is that I screw up.”

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Salazar To Bozzo: “What He Wants Is For You To Give Him \$100,000.” “‘What he wants is for you to give him 100,000,’ Salazar told Bozzo according to the transcript. ‘Thank God he didn’t say anything to compromise me because I’m sinking, What scares me is that he messes up,’ says Salazar in another segment, apparently referring to Montesinos’ statements to the authorities. The recording in question, according to the Peruvian press, would be in the possession of the investigators of the Montesinos case.” [El Bohemio News, 8/27/02] Translation

- **Spanish Version:** “‘El, lo que quiere es que tú le des 100,000,’ dijo Salazar a Bozzo según la transcripción. ‘Gracias a Dios que no dijo nada que me comprometa porque me hundo, lo que me da miedo es que meta la pata,’ dice Salazar en otro segmento, aparentemente refiriéndose a las declaraciones de Montesinos a las autoridades. La grabación en cuestión, según la prensa peruana, estará en posesión de los investigadores del caso Montesinos.

Salazar Said, “You Give Me [The Money For Montesinos] Or I Will Give You An Account, Or The Lawyer Goes To Miami.” “The detained former adviser Vladimiro Montesinos tried to blackmail Laura Bozzo, Peruvian presenter of Telemundo, with 100,000 dollars, through a Cuban journalist from that

same international network, Maria Elvira Salazar, according to an audio tape released in Lima by America Television. 'What he wants is for you to give him 100,000 dollars,' Salazar told Bozzo, who is now under house arrest and is legally prevented from leaving Peru, under investigation into his alleged participation in the Montesinos corruption network. 'You give it to me (the money for Montesinos) or I give you an account, or the lawyer goes to Miami,' adds the journalist in the recording recorded when Laura Bozzo was not yet under arrest." [Agence France Presse, 8/19/02]

- **Spanish Version:** "El detenido ex asesor Vladimiro Montesinos intento chantajear con 100.000 dolares a Laura Bozzo, presentadora peruana de Telemundo, a traves de una periodista cubana de esa misma cadena internacional, Maria Elvira Salazar, de acuerdo con una cinta de audio divulgada en Lima por America Television. 'El lo que quiere es que tu le des 100.000 dolares,' dijo Salazar a Bozzo, quien ahora guarda prision domiciliaria y esta impedida judicialmente de salir de Peru, bajo a investigaciones sobre su presunta participacion en la red de corrupcion de Montesinos. 'Me lo das (el dinero para Montesinos) o te doy una cuenta, o la abogada va a Miami,' agrega la periodista en la grabacion registrada cuando Laura Bozzo aun no estaba bajo detencion."

Salazar Contacted A Lawyer While Communicating With Montesinos, And A Recording Heard Her Say, "Thank God That (Montesinos) Did Not Say Anything That Compromises Me Because I Am Sinking, What Scares Me Is That I Screw Up." "The Cuban journalist acknowledges that she contacted lawyer Estela Valdivia with Montesinos, and that she helped make a recording, last year, with the former adviser's first statements about his political-judicial case. 'Thank God that (Montesinos) did not say anything that compromises me because I am sinking, what scares me is that I screw up,' Salazar is heard saying." [Agence France Presse, 8/19/02]

- **Spanish Version:** "La periodista cubana reconoce que ella contacto a la abogada Estela Valdivia con Montesinos, y que esta ayudo a sacar una grabacion, el ano pasado, con las primeras declaraciones del ex asesor sobre su caso politico-judicial. 'Gracias Dios que (Montesinos) no dijo nada que me comprometa porque me hundo, lo que ma da miedo es que meta la pata,' se escucha decir a Salazar."

Bozzo provided the recordings to the Peruvian courts, and Salazar was questioned and accused of asking Bozzo for \$100,000 to cover Montesinos' legal fees. Bozzo even accused Salazar of helping Montesinos in an attempt to extort her.

Bozzo Recorded Her Conversations With Salazar And Provided Them To The Peruvian Courts.

"Salazar said she was 'completely disappointed in the way that Laura (Bozzo) has sought to accuse me as a desperate way to get out of her judicial problems.' The journalist was referring to the accusations of Bozzo, who affirms that Salazar asked her for 100,000 dollars in the name of Montesinos, warning her that, otherwise, he would testify against her. The recordings of the alleged conversations in which the subject is discussed were delivered by Bozzo to the Peruvian justice system and parts of these have been released by Peruvian newspapers and television." [Spanish Newswire Service, 8/22/02]

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Salazar Was Investigated In The Case, Accused Of Asking Bozzo For \$100,000 On Behalf Of Montesinos To Cover Legal Fees. “Among other charges, Montesinos is accused of buying off the owners of Peru's three largest television networks ---Panamericana Television, America Television and Frecuencia Latina. Adding to the political drama, an army general accused of purchasing jewels for Bozzo at Montesinos' behest committed suicide in early September. And the judge on the case is also investigating former Telemundo journalist Maria Elvira Salazar, who is accused of asking Bozzo for \$ 100,000 on behalf of Montesinos to cover legal fees. Bozzo denies all the charges and refuses to discuss the case, saying only that her lawyers believe the ordeal will soon be over.” [Variety, 9/23/02]

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Salazar denied any wrongdoing and said the recordings were edited and without her consent.

Salazar Said The Recordings Were Without Her Consent And That She Did Not Participate In Any Corruption. “Salazar clarified that the recordings ‘were made without my consent’ and that ‘the transcripts that have been disclosed in the (Peruvian) press have been altered to make me appear in something in which I did not participate.” [Spanish Newswire Service, 8/22/02] Translation

- **Spanish Version:** “Salazar aclaró que las grabaciones ‘fueron realizadas sin mi consentimiento’ y que ‘las transcripciones que se han divulgado en la prensa (peruana) han sido alteradas para hacerme aparecer en algo en lo que no participe.’”

Salazar Claimed Bozzo “Edited The Tape” To Make It Seem Like Salazar Was An Accomplice. Salazar wrote, “Laura edited the tape in such a way that I seemed an accomplice of that perverse man, and she was a poor victim of blackmail. Of course, the Peruvian justice did not fall into her trap and made her pay three years of house arrest. Although my innocence was fully proven, and it was proven that my only relationship with Montesinos was the search for a journalistic exclusive, the television industry turned its back on me. My old colleagues, my bosses, my friends... they all abandoned me. They fled from me like the plague.” [Book: Si Dios Contigo, ¿Quién Contra Ti?, Author: Maria Elvira Salazar, p. 8] Translate

- **Salazar: “It Was My Voice That Was Heard, Saying Things I Never Said, At Least Not In The Context In Which They Were Made To Appear.”** Salazar wrote, “Of course, on Wednesday they began to repeat the audio in the United States. The scandal continued. The journalists from Peru called me, the press from everywhere picked up the fact. Now it was my voice that was heard, saying things I never said, at least not in the context in which they were made to appear. I felt like the whole industry was making fun of me. I saw that absurd montage against me over and over again. Laura said: In that blackmail it will be shown that I was not given a single penny. And my voice was heard: He wants one hundred thousand dollars.” [Book: Si Dios Contigo, ¿Quién Contra Ti?, Author: Maria Elvira Salazar, p. 121] Translate

Salazar Said Bozzo’s Blackmail Accusations Were “Untrue” And That Bozzo Was Making These False Claims Because She “Didn’t Know How To Defend Herself.” “The Miami journalist María Elvira Salazar attacked the also TV presenter --and former co-worker on the Telemundo network– Laura

Bozzo, when describing perverse information leaked by this last that imply that she would have lent herself to extort her in a plot led by former Peruvian security adviser Vladimiro Montesinos. Bozzo is currently under house arrest in Peru, after the justice of that country linked her to acts of corruption by the government of the former President Alberto Fujimori, for whom Montesinos worked. 'That is completely untrue and wicked on Laura's part, a smokescreen because she doesn't know how to defend herself,' Salazar said of the blackmail accusations. 'I was not the friend of Montesinos; the friend of Montesinos was her.' The Peruvian chain América Television released ??? on the air on Sunday??? on the night the transcription of an alleged recording of a conversation between Bozzo and Salazar. In the recording, which Bozzo admits to having made without the knowledge of Salazar, the Miami journalist is allegedly heard asking for money. The television station, however, only aired one transcript of it." [El Bohemio News, 8/27/02] Translation

- **Spanish Version:** "La periodista miamense Mara Elvira Salazar arremeti contra la tambien presentadora de televisin --y ex compaera de labores en la cadena Telemundo-- Laura Bozzo, al calificar de perversas infor-maciones que filtr esta ltima que implican que ella se habra prestado para extorsionarla en un complot dirigido por el ex asesor de la seguridad peruana Vladimiro Montesinos. Bozzo est actualmente bajo arresto domiciliario en Per, luego de que la justicia de ese pas la vincul con actos de corrupcin del gobierno del ex presidente Alberto Fujimori, para quien trabaj Montesinos. 'Eso es completamente falso y una perversidad de parte de Laura, una cortina de humo porque no sabe cmo defenderse", dijo Salazar sobre las acusaciones de chantaje. 'Yo no era la amiga de Montesinos; la amiga de Montesinos era ella.' La cadena peruana Amrica Television sac??? al aire el doming??? en la noche la transcripcin de una supuesta grabacin de una conversacin entre Bozzo y Salazar. En la grabacin, que Bozzo admite haber hecho sin el conocimiento de Salazar, presuntamente se escucha a la periodista miamense pidiendo dinero. La televisora, sin embargo, slo sac al aire una transcripcin de la misma."

Some Claimed That Bozzo Revealed The Salazar Recording To "Demonstrate That She" Is A Victim Of Montesinos And Not An Ally Of Montesinos. "The Peruvian host made the material public in an apparent strategy of legal defense to demonstrate that she is one more victim of Montesinos, and not the ally whom the prosecution accused of having benefited from more than 3 million from the Peruvian public coffers." [El Bohemio News, 8/27/02] Translation

- **Spanish Version:** "La conductora peruana hizo pblico el material en una aparente estrategia de defensa legal para demostrar que ella es una vctima ms de Montesinos, y no la aliada a la cual la fiscalia acusa de haberse beneficiado con ms de 3 millones de las arcas pblicas peruanas.

Salazar claimed she was just passing messages from a "friend" to "another friend." Bozzo and Montesinos were allegedly in a romantic relationship.

Salazar Said That She Passed Messages From "A Friend Sent To Another Friend," Denying Wrongdoing. "Salazar said she met Montesinos through Bozzo while he was in prison, and befriended the former spy chief only to get an exclusive interview, which she says was assigned by Telemundo. However, Salazar was heard on audio tape asking Bozzo for \$100,000 for Montesinos. Bozzo has accused Salazar of assisting Montesinos in an extortion attempt against her. Bozzo, host of the controversial Telemundo talk show Laura, remains under house arrest since July in her television

studios in Lima. Bozzo was accused of receiving more than \$3 million in laundered money from Montesinos in exchange for her political support. Salazar has denied any wrongdoing, saying she just passed the message 'a friend sent to another friend.'" [Sun-Sentinel, 9/11/02]

Salazar Claimed Bozzo Had A 'Close And Intimate Relationship' With Montesinos, And Salazar Was Trying To Help A Friend (Bozzo) By Passing On Montesinos \$100,00 Request. "They had a close and intimate relationship. I witnessed that for two years,' Salazar said. The journalist did not deny the conversation about the money, but claimed that it occurred within the context of 'a request for help from a friend near.' 'When he arrives at the prison at the Callao military base, he sends me a message to please tell Laura that he needs her help. That money was for his daughters. At first I was reluctant to communicate the message, but after much insistence I agreed. My reasoning at the time was that communicating a message is not a crime,' explained Salazar. Regarding the transcript, the journalist said she was convinced, which is not based on one recording, but on 'dozens' of them. 'He must have recorded me many times, which is a federal crime. transcript is made up of inconsistencies. Obviously, it is an edition of several tapes with things that she has taken out of context,' he said. Since Bozzo was her contact with Montesinos, Salazar explained, he talked with her often, both on the phone and in person." [El Bohemio News, 8/27/02] Translation

- **Spanish Version:** "Ellos tenan una relacin ntima y estrecha. Fui testigo de eso por dos aos,' manifest Salazar. La periodista no desminti la conversacin sobre el dinero, pero aleg que la misma se dio dentro del contexto de 'una peticin de ayuda de un amigo cercano.' 'Cuando l llega a la crcel de la base militar del Callao, l me manda un mensaje de que por favor le diga a Laura que l necesita su ayuda. Ese dinero era para sus hijas. Al principio yo estaba reacia a comunicar el mensaje, pero tras mucha insistencia accedo. Mi razonamiento en ese momento fue que comunicar un mensaje no es un delito,' explic Salazar. Con respecto a la transcripcin, la periodista dijo estar convencida de que no est basada en una grabacin, sino en 'decenas' de ellas. 'Me tiene que haber grabado muchas veces, lo que es un delito federal. La transcripcin est compuesta de incoherencias. Evidentemente, es una edicin de varias cintas con cosas que ella ha sacado de contexto,' expres. Como Bozzo era su contacto con Montesinos, explic Salazar, conversaba con ella a menudo, tanto por telfono como en persona."

Bozzo Was Allegedly Having An Affair With Montesinos. "Former Peruvian presidential adviser Vladimiro Montesinos was fed up with television presenter Laura Bozzo, with whom he was allegedly having an affair, but he put up with her because she was useful for his propaganda plans, according to two testimonies known in fragments today in Lima. [...] The presenter of 'reality shows,' well known in several Latin American countries for her programs and today under house arrest, not only frequently went to the National Intelligence Service, but sometimes stayed there at night to sleep with the then powerful adviser." [Deutsche Presse-Agentur, 8/21/02] Translation

- **Spanish Version:** "El ex asesor presidencial peruano Vladimiro Montesinos estaba harto de la presentadora de television Laura Bozzo, con quien supuestamente vivia un romance, pero la soportaba porque le era util para sus planes propagandisticos, segun dos testimonios conocidos fragmentariamente hoy en Lima. [...] La presentadora de "reality shows", muy conocida en varios paises iberoamericanos por sus programas y hoy bajo arresto domiciliario, no solo acudia con

frecuencia al Servicio de Inteligencia Nacional, sino que a veces se quedaba en la noche allí para dormir con el entonces poderoso asesor.”

Salazar Said Bozzo And Montesinos Were “Lovers.” “‘She offered me to interview Montesinos, she tells me that they are lovers, but that is exactly what the videos came out of,’ said María Elvira Salazar, host of TV Miami, in an interview on the Peruvian program *Enemigos Públicos*. The journalist, the other great value of Telemundo at that time, stated that she was even a witness when Montesinos proposed to Laura, via telephone, to marry him during his exile in Panama. But she was also a ‘victim’ of the Peruvian. When Montesinos was wanted by the Peruvian justice system, Laura was still in contact with him from her hiding place in Panama. Salazar wanted an interview with the politician, and Bozzo offered to help him get it. Finally, Montesinos tells him that he will give him the interview in exchange for \$100,000, because according to Salazar, Fujimori’s former adviser needed money to pay his lawyers. Then the journalist went to the director of Telemundo, James McNamara, and gave him the message, without knowing that Laura Bozzo was clandestinely recording the conversation.” [Reforma, 1/24/11] Translation

- **Spanish Version:** “‘Ella me ofreció entrevistar a Montesinos, me dice que son amantes, pero justo en eso salieron los videos,’ contó María Elvira Salazar, conductora de TV Miami, en una entrevista en el programa peruano *Enemigos Públicos*. La periodista, el otro gran valor de Telemundo en esa época, afirmó que incluso fue testigo de cuando Montesinos le propuso a Laura, vía telefónica, casarse con él durante su exilio en Panamá. Pero también fue ‘víctima’ de la peruana. Cuando Montesinos era buscado por la justicia del Perú, Laura seguía en contacto con él desde su escondite en Panamá. Salazar quería una entrevista con el político, y Bozzo le ofreció ayudarlo a conseguirla. Finalmente, Montesinos le dice que le dará la entrevista a cambio de 100 mil dólares, pues según Salazar el ex asesor de Fujimori necesitaba dinero para pagar a sus abogados. Entonces la periodista acudió con el directivo de Telemundo, James McNamara, y le da el mensaje, sin saber que Laura Bozzo grababa la conversación de manera clandestina.”

Bozzo Said She “Was Absolutely In Love With Montesinos.” “‘I was absolutely in love with Mr. Montesinos, I was obsessed with Mr. Montesinos. I have been unjustly detained for three years, I have never received a penny. ‘The only program I did for Dr. Vladimiro Montesinos was when I dressed up as Elvis Presley on *Telemor* and, with an electric guitar, I sang his favorite song,’ he declared in Anti-Corruption Room C at the Callao Naval Base, Peru.” [Reforma, 1/24/11] Translation

- **Spanish Version:** “‘Estaba absolutamente enamorada del señor Montesinos, yo estaba obsesionada por el señor Montesinos. Tengo tres años injustamente detenida, yo nunca he recibido ni un centavo. ‘El único programa que hice para el doctor Vladimiro Montesinos fue cuando me disfracé de Elvis Presley en *Telemor* y, con una guitarra eléctrica, canté su canción favorita,’ declaró en la Sala Anticorrupción C en la Base Naval del Callao, Perú.”

Bozzo Apparently Knew Where Montesinos Was Located. “During the time that the former Peruvian security adviser, Vladimiro Montesinos, was a fugitive from justice, his whereabouts were known to the television presenter, Laura Bozzo, who would even have arranged an interview with him for her television network in the United States, according to a court in Lima.” [El Nuevo Herald, 8/16/02] Translation

- **Spanish Version:** “Durante el tiempo que el ex asesor de seguridad peruano, Vladimiro Montesinos, estuvo profugo de la justicia, su paradero fue del conocimiento de la presentadora de television, Laura Bozzo, quien incluso habria gestionado una entrevista de el con su cadena de television en Estados Unidos, segun un tribunal en Lima.”

However, Salazar later claimed that Montesinos originally asked Salazar to ask her boss at Telemundo for \$100,000 in exchange for the interview.

Salazar Claimed That Montesinos Originally Asked Salazar To Ask Her Boss At Telemundo For \$100,000 In Exchange For An Interview, But Then Later Asked Her To Ask Laura For The Money.

Salazar wrote that Montesinos said, ““But in exchange, I want you to tell my friend McNamara that I need one hundred thousand dollars... the money is running out,” he told me. [...] I replied: ‘Excuse me, Vladimiro [Montesinos], in the North American press you don't pay for interviews, but I'm still going to ask McNamara about it. Now, yes, we can pay you for a ticket, food, transportation, but money I don't think so.’ [...] The following week Montesinos called my house again. This time he did not ask for a specific sum, but to make a connection with another source of money: Laura Bozzo.” [Book: Si Dios Contigo, ¿Quién Contra Ti?, Author: Maria Elvira Salazar, p. 61-62] Translate

In 2002, a Peruvian judge came to Florida to interview Salazar about the allegations, but a Peruvian judicial source claimed Salazar was not the subject of the investigations.

2002: A Peruvian Judge Came To Florida To Interview Salazar Where She Claimed She Tried To Contact Montesinos Through Bozzo.

“Laura Bozzo's lawyer said yesterday in Miami that he hoped the Peruvian entertainer would receive a fair trial in her country, where she has been accused of complicity in embezzlement, allegedly committed by former presidential adviser Vladimiro Montesinos. [...] attorney German Lario who, together with Judge Saul Pena Farfan and members of the prosecution, traveled to South Florida to interview the Cuban-American journalist today. Maria Elvira Salazar. Salazar apparently tried to contact Montesinos through Bozzo to interview him. According to Lario, the Peruvian entertainer is already being judged by ‘the court of public opinion’ for her links with Montesinos, and there is very strong pressure, both from the prosecution and from the Peruvian press, so that Bozzo does not appear in bail.” [El Nuevo Herald, 9/10/02]

- **Spanish Version:** “El abogado de Laura Bozzo dijo ayer en Miami que esperaba que la animadora peruana reciba un juicio justo en su pais, donde ha sido acusada de complicidad en un peculado, supuestamente cometido por el ex asesor presidencial Vladimiro Montesinos. ‘No es el sentimiento popular lo que juzga a la gente, son las leyes,’ dijo el abogado German Lario quien, junto al juez Saul Pena Farfan y miembros de la fiscalia, viajo al sur de la Florida para entrevistar hoy a la periodista cubanoamericana Maria Elvira Salazar. Aparentemente Salazar intento contactar a Montesinos a traves de Bozzo para entrevistarlo. Segun Lario, la animadora peruana esta ya siendo juzgada por ‘el tribunal de la opinion publica’ por su nexos con Montesinos, y existe una presion muy fuerte, tanto por parte de la fiscalia como de la prensa peruana, para que Bozzo no salga en libertad bajo fianza.”

A Peruvian Judicial Source Claimed Salazar Was Not The Subject Of The Investigations. “Although in the electronic messages Salazar forwards the questionnaire to Montesinos and apparently thanks him for answering them, a Peruvian judicial source assured that the Miami journalist is not the object of investigations, but that ‘justice is focused only on how Bozzo knew where Montesinos was and was able to manage the interview.’ The interview took place with Montesinos already imprisoned at the Callao Naval Base and without the knowledge of the Peruvian authorities. As a result of its disclosure, on October 9 and 10, the then Minister of Justice Fernando Olivera ordered a thorough review of the security of the penitentiary establishment and ended up firing the head of the jailers.” [El Nuevo Herald, 8/16/02] Translation

- **Spanish Version:** “Aunque en los mensajes electronicos Salazar adelanta a Montesinos el cuestionario de preguntas y al parecer le agradece que las conteste, una fuente judicial peruana aseguro que la periodista de Miami no es objeto de investigaciones, sino que ‘la justicia esta enfocada apenas en como Bozzo sabia donde estaba Montesinos y pudo gestionar la entrevista.’ La entrevista se concreto con Montesinos ya preso en la Base Naval del Callao y sin el conocimiento de las autoridades peruanas. A raiz de su divulgacion, el 9 y 10 de octubre pasado, el entonces ministro de Justicia Fernando Olivera ordeno una profunda revision de la seguridad del establecimiento penitenciario y termino despidiendo al jefe de los carceleros.”

[Salazar wasn't found of any wrongdoings, but Bozzo was place in house arrest for allegedly accepting \\$3 million in laundered money from Monestinos in exchange for political support. Bozzo was later acquitted.](#)

Salazar Wasn't Found Of Any Wrongdoings, But Bozzo Was Placed In House Arrest. Salazar wrote, “Laura edited the tape in such a way that I seemed an accomplice of that perverse man, and she was a poor victim of blackmail. Of course, the Peruvian justice did not fall into her trap and made her pay three years of house arrest. Although my innocence was fully proven, and it was proven that my only relationship with Montesinos was the search for a journalistic exclusive, the television industry turned its back on me. [Book: Si Dios Contigo, ¿Quién Contra Ti?, Author: Maria Elvira Salazar, p. 8] Translate

Bozzo, A Peruvian Newscaster, Was Under House Arrest For Allegedly Accepting More Than \$3 Million In Laundered Money From Montesinos In Exchange For Political Support. “Peruvian Judge Saul Pena Farfan plans to travel to Miami on Tuesday to talk with former Telemundo TV reporter Maria Elvira Salazar as part of an investigation into what she may know about an alleged con-nection between a Peruvian newscaster and ousted Peruvian intelligence chief Vladimiro Montesinos. Salazar said she contacted Montesinos only to try to get an interview. In Peru, TV newscaster Laura Bozzo remains under house arrest as part of the investigation into her alleged relationship with Montesinos. Bozzo, who became a popular figure in Miami and other parts of the United States when Telemundo picked up her show two years ago, has been under arrest since late July. She was accused of receiving more than \$3 million in laundered money from Montesinos in exchange for her political support.” [Miami Herald, 9/9/02]

- **2002: Bozzo Was Under House Arrest In Peru For Alleged Acts Of Corruption With Montesinos.** “Bozzo is currently under house arrest in Lima, accused of links to acts of corruption by Vladimiro Montesinos, a former adviser to ousted former president Alberto Fujimori (1990-

2000) and one of the main figures in his government. Montesinos, currently imprisoned at the Callao Naval Base, was arrested in June 2001 in Venezuela and handed over to the Peruvian Justice, which has opened a trial for having directed the largest corruption network in the history of Peru.” [Spanish Newswire Service, 8/22/02] Translation

- **Spanish Version:** “Bozzo esta actualmente bajo arresto domiciliario en Lima, acusada por vinculaciones con actos de corrupcion de Vladimiro Montesinos, ex asesor del ex presidente destituido Alberto Fujimori (1990-2000) y una de las principales figuras de su gobierno. Montesinos, actualmente preso en la Base Naval del Callao, fue detenido en junio de 2001 en Venezuela y entregado a la Justicia peruana, que le ha abierto proceso por haber dirigido la mayor red de corrupcion de la historia del Peru.”

Bozzo Was Accused Of Receiving \$3.5 Million From Montesinos To Support Fujimori’s Reelection Campaign.

“To this day, the Peruvian authorities do not know how the tape with the interview was taken from the establishment, nor how it came into the hands of Telemundo. Yesterday it was impossible to locate the Cuban-American journalist -- who no longer works for the network -- to comment on her epistolary exchange with Montesinos, which clearly emerges as a typical case of a journalist in search of exclusive material. The Peruvian authorities do not doubt that the emails were exchanged while Montesinos was on the run, because now at the Callao base he does not have access to that service. On the other hand, the former security adviser to former President Alberto Fujimori informed the judicial authorities that he wishes to testify in the proceeding against Bozzo. His testimony can also clarify the alleged gifts of jewelry that he supposedly made to Bozzo and the reason for the visits he made to the headquarters of the extinct National Intelligence Service (SIN). The authorities also hope to clarify whether Montesinos gave him \$3.5 million to support Fujimori's second reelection through his program Laura en America, which is broadcast in the United States by the Telemundo network.” [El Nuevo Herald, 8/16/02] Translation

- **Spanish Version:** “Hasta hoy las autoridades peruanas no saben como la cinta con la entrevista fue sacada del establecimiento, ni como llego a manos de Telemundo. Ayer fue imposible localizar a la periodista cubano-americana --quien ya no trabaja para la cadena-- para que comentara su intercambio epistolar con Montesinos, que a todas luces surge como un caso tipico de un periodista en busca de un material exclusivo. Las autoridades peruanas no dudan que los correos electronicos fueron intercambiados mientras Montesinos andaba profugo, porque ahora en la base del Callao no tiene acceso a ese servicio. Por otro lado, el ex asesor de seguridad del ex presidente Alberto Fujimori comunico a las autoridades judiciales que desea declarar en el proceso que se le sigue contra Bozzo. Su testimonio puede aclarar tambien los presuntos regalos de joyas que supuestamente hizo a Bozzo y el motivo de las visitas que esta realizo a la sede del extinto Servicio de Inteligencia Nacional (SIN). Las autoridades tambien esperan aclarar si Montesinos le entrego \$3.5 millones para que apoyase la segunda reeleccion de Fujimori a traves de su programa Laura en America, que transmite en Estados Unidos la cadena Telemundo.”

Bozzo Claimed That She Never Received Money, But Supported Fujimoro’s Reelection Campaign.

“According to the tape, the presenter refused to hand over the money. ‘Don't mess with me, they never gave me money or anything, I supported the campaign (for reelection of former president Alberto Fujimori, period,’ he was heard saying in the tape broadcast on the America-TV program (Canal 4),

Fourth Estate, Sunday night." [Agence France Presse, 8/19/02]

- **Spanish Version:** "Segun la cinta, la presentadora se nego a entregar el dinero. "Que no se meta conmigo, a mi nunca me dieron plata ni nada, yo apoye la campana (de reeleccion del ex presidente Alberto) Fujimori y punto", se le escucho decir en la cinta difundida en el programa de America-TV (Canal 4), Cuarto Poder, la noche del domingo."

Bozzo Was In Jail For A Short Time; However, She Was Later Acquitted. "Laura had to leave Peru because people rejected her when they discovered that her programs were fraudulent. If she wanted to go to Acapulco she had to go in a Televisa helicopter and not in one from the State of Mexico, because in that helicopter they had to go professional rescuers and Laura just went for a walk and to take pictures,' Bayly said from Miami. [...] In Peru, [Bozzo] was accused of setting up unreal stories to create family cases of pain and tragedy, in addition to confronting her colleagues Cristina Saralegui and María Elvira Salazar in the past. In the '90s, he was a prominent figure on the América channel, whose then president, José Enrique Crousillat, received bribes from Montesinos to support Fujimori's re-election (1990-2000). Bozzo was in prison for his close relationship with Fujimori and his main adviser, Vladimiro Montesinos, who are serving prison for human rights violations and corruption. However, the prosecutor's charge of illicit association to commit a crime was not proven, and she was acquitted." [ANSA Noticiero, 10/01/13]

- **Spanish Version:** "Laura se tuvo que ir del Perú porque la gente la repudiaba al descubrir que sus programas eran fraudulentos. Si ella quería ir a Acapulco tenía que ir en un helicóptero de Televisa y no en uno del Estado de México, porque en ese helicóptero debieron ir rescatistas profesionales y Laura solo fue a pasear y a tomarse fotos,' comentó Bayly desde Miami. [...] En Perú fue acusada de montar historias irreales para armar casos familiares de dolor y tragedia, además de enfrentarse en el pasado con sus colegas Cristina Saralegui y María Elvira Salazar. En los años '90, fue figura destacada del canal América, cuyo entonces presidente, José Enrique Crousillat, recibió coimas de Montesinos para apoyar la reelección de Fujimori (1990-2000). Bozzo estuvo en prisión por su estrecha relación con Fujimori y su principal asesor, Vladimiro Montesinos, quienes purgan prisión por violaciones a los derechos humanos y corrupción. Sin embargo, el cargo fiscal de asociación ilícita para delinquir no le fueron probados, y fue absuelta."

While Salazar was found of no wrongdoings, she claimed she was going to sue Bozzo for defamation to defend her reputation. Salazar described Bozzo as "arrogant and poisonous" and an "instrument of Satan."

Salazar Claimed She Was Going To Sue Bozzo For Defamation Because She Had To Defend Her Reputation. "Salazar, who reported that she is preparing a lawsuit for defamation against Bozzo, she called a press conference for today in which she advance what will reveal details of the Montesinos-Bozzo relationship. 'She is in a difficult legal situation and it has never been my intention aggravate it. But she has left me no other choice. She accuses me of things that I have not done and I have to defend the unblemished reputation that I have maintained until now,' sentenced Salazar." [El Bohemio News, 8/27/02] Translation

- **Spanish Version:** “Salazar, quien inform que est preparando una demanda por difamacin contra Bozzo, convoc a una conferencia de prensa para hoy en la que ha adelantado que revelar detalles de la relacin Montesinos-Bozzo. ‘Ella est en una situacin legal difcil y nunca ha sido mi intencin agravarla. Pero no me ha dejado otro camino. Me acusa de cosas que yo no he hecho y tengo que defender la reputacin intachable que he mantenido hasta ahora,’ sentenci Salazar.”

Salazar Described Bozzo As “Arrogant And Poisonous” And An “Instrument Of Satan.” “Cuban-born journalist María Elvira Salazar unmasks in her book ‘If God is with you, who can be against you?’ Peruvian cheerleader Laura Bozzo, whom she describes as ‘arrogant and poisonous.’ In the text, Salazar affirms that while the South American appeared on international television as a defender of the poor and underprivileged, in real life she was an ‘arrogant and poisonous woman; she is an instrument of Satan.’” [Informador MX, [7/02/10](#)] Translation

- **Spanish Version:** “La periodista de origen cubano María Elvira Salazar desenmascara en su libro ‘Si Dios contigo, ¿quién contra tí?’ a la animadora peruana Laura Bozzo, a quien describe como ‘prepotente y venenosa.’ En el texto, Salazar afirma que mientras la sudamericana se presentaba en televisión internacional como defensora de pobres y desvalidos, en la vida real era una mujer ‘prepotente y venenosa; es un instrumento de satanás.’”

Salazar Called Bozzo A “False Idol” And Described Her As “Satan” With “Expensive Clothes” And Her “Hell On Earth.” The first chapter of Salzar’s book is called: “The False Idol - my first meeting with Laura Bozzo.” Salazar writes, “More than five years ago I discovered that hell remains on earth. That it can be reached by the most unusual paths. I discovered that the devil has many faces... suddenly he can dress as a woman, with expensive clothes and studied poses. He has tricks to deceive us, manipulate us, and lure us into his traps, no matter how smart, prepared, or educated we may be. Satan does not need a pitchfork in his hand to manifest himself. Sometimes a microphone and a television camera are more than enough. Laura Bozzo represented my hell on earth. Thanks to her I savored the bitterest moments of my life. I walked through a valley of shadows. I knew the betrayal, the lie, the trap. I came face to face with what I thought was the end of my career.” [Book: Si Dios Contigo, ¿Quién Contra Tí?, Author: Maria Elvira Salazar, p. 15] Translate

Salazar Said Bozzo Was Her “Hell On Earth.” “‘I’m not interested in taking revenge on Laura, nor taking the dirty dishes out of Telemundo. I had to tell the story so that people understand all the difficulties I went through and the obstacles. And all the evil I encountered. If I don’t tell it, people don’t believe me. Laura was my hell on earth, but I don’t hold a grudge against her. I hope she does well and succeeds. I think what she should do is learn and become a better person after the blows she’s received. It hasn’t been very easy for her in the industry either. I should be an inspiration and my book should be her inspiration,’ said the journalist of Cuban parents.” [El Nuevo Dia, 6/04/10] Translation

- **Spanish Version:** “‘No me interesa vengarme de Laura, ni sacarle los platos sucios a Telemundo. Tenía que contar la historia para que la gente entienda todas las dificultades que pasé y los obstáculos. Y toda la maldad con la que me encontré. Si no lo cuento, la gente no me lo cree. Laura fue mi infierno en la Tierra, pero no le tengo rencor. Espero que le vaya bien y triunfe. Creo que lo que debe hacer es aprender y convertirse en una mejor persona después de los embates

que ha recibido. Para ella tampoco ha sido muy fácil en la industria. Yo debería ser una inspiración y mi libro debería ser su inspiración,' señaló la periodista de padres cubanos."

Salazar Claimed Bozzo Was A "Victim Of Satan." "She also explained that years ago she forgave her public enemy, since she 'was a victim of Satan,' who whipped her, but could not with force and her faith in God. Precisely, the pages of his book narrate how, with the help of God, Salazar fought his professional crisis, stabilized his finances and recovered his credibility and journalistic career. Today she hosts her news program, 'María Elvira Live,' broadcast by Mega TV." [El Nuevo Dia, 6/04/10] Translation

- **Spanish Version:** "Asimismo, explicó que desde hace años perdonó a su enemiga pública, ya que ésta 'fue una víctima de Satanás,' que la azotó, pero que no pudo con la fuerza y su fe en Dios. Precisamente, las páginas de su libro narran cómo de la mano de Dios Salazar combatió su crisis profesional, estabilizó sus finanzas y recuperó su credibilidad y carrera periodística. Hoy conduce su programa de noticias, 'María Elvira Live,' que transmite Mega TV."

Salazar: "Bozzo Symbolized In My Life The Closest I Have Been To Satan." Salazar wrote, "Laura Bozzo symbolized in my life the closest I have ever been to Satan. She attacked me with the full force of his evil power, but I emerged victorious from the darkness thanks to my faith in God. Today, my program enjoys the acceptance of the entire Latin American public in the United States. We have a production team of brilliantly committed people, and we're at the top of the ratings at eight o'clock at night, way above the competition that at one point crushed me. Mega TV is a channel that has fully supported me and is growing fast, on its way to becoming a national network and with the largest audience in South Florida. I have recovered what was lost and I have gained material and spiritual abundance. And everything has been possible thanks to faith, to the certainty in the power of a risen Christ who is by your side. I have won the battle for faith, feeding my spirit with the Word, praying and clinging to God and his kingdom." [Book: Si Dios Contigo, ¿Quién Contra Ti?, Author: Maria Elvira Salazar, p. 185] Translate

While Telemundo executives were aware of Salazar's communication with Montesinos, even paying for her trip to Panama to attempt to interview him, Salazar was let go from Telemundo around this time, which she claimed was because of the Montesinos allegations.

Salazar Informed Her Family And Supervisors At Telemundo That She Was Communicating With Montesinos. "As she explained, Montesinos never told her where he was calling her from, and it was impossible for her to locate him because the caller used a satellite phone. In addition to her family, she informed her supervisors at the Telemundo network, where she then worked, of the calls." [El Nuevo Herald, 8/17/02] Translation

- **Spanish Version:** "Segun explico, Montesinos jamas le informo de donde la llamaba, y a ella le fue imposible localizarlo porque su interlocutor usaba un telefono de satelite. Ademas de su familia, puso al tanto de las llamadas a sus supervisores en la cadena Telemundo, donde entonces trabajaba."

Salazar Said She Always Had The "Support And Encouragement Of The Network's Top Management." "I was not a free agent; I was a national news anchor for the Telemundo network, and I

always had the support and encouragement of the network's top management to get the interview with Montesinos, which would always be for the benefit of the network. I got one [recorded on audiotape] that aired on the news,' Salazar recalled." [El Nuevo Herald, 9/09/02] *Translatio*

- **Spanish Version:** "Yo no era un agente libre; era presentadora de un noticiero nacional de la cadena Telemundo, y siempre tuve el apoyo y estímulo de la alta gerencia de la cadena para conseguir la entrevista con Montesinos, que sería siempre para beneficio de la cadena. Incluso, logre una [grabada en cinta de audio] que salió al aire en el noticiero,' recuerdo Salazar."

Telemundo Executives Claimed They Were Aware Of The Communication Between Salazar And Montesinos And That Salazar's Departure Was Not Related To That Matter. "Telemundo did not respond to interview requests from this newspaper, but in a statement from the network through its program *Al Rojo Vivo*, company executives admit they were aware of the communication from Salazar with Montesinos and emphasize that her departure from the channel has nothing what to do with this matter." [El Bohemio News, 8/27/02] *Translation*

- **Spanish Version:** "Telemundo no respondió a las peticiones de entrevista de este diario, pero en una declaración de la cadena a través de su programa *Al Rojo Vivo*, ejecutivos de la empresa admiten que estaban al tanto de la comunicación de Salazar con Montesinos y enfatizan que la salida de ella del canal nada tiene que ver con este asunto."

Salazar's Boss Testified Before The Peruvian Courts And Confirmed That They Were Aware Of Salazar's Attempt To Interview Montesinos And Paid For Her Trip To Panama. Salazar wrote, "Precisely around that time, on November 26, 2003, McNamara, who was still president of Telemundo, agreed to testify before the Peruvian justice system. [...] McNamara, cautious, responded [...] The lies that Laura had told for years, with absolute brazenness, were exposed: McNamara admitted having met Montesinos, even though Laura Bozzo had declared to the media that McNamara had never been to Peru. My former boss further accepted that he knew of my trip to Panama, and also of my much-anticipated and planned desire to interview Montesinos. He said that an interview with the former head of the SIN could be of interest to viewers. Under oath under pressure from the Peruvian justice system, McNamara admitted that they knew that I was looking for an exclusive with Montesinos for the newscast and that they covered all the expenses of my trip to Panama." [Book: *Si Dios Contigo, ¿Quién Contra Ti?*, Author: Maria Elvira Salazar, p. 161-162] *Translate*

2010: Salazar Said She Was Fired Because Of Bozzo Who Revealed An "Illegally Recorded Tape" Of A Conversation She Had With Montesinos. Salazar wrote, "The reason? I found out about it later: a whim of Laura Bozzo, who at that time was the queen of the evenings, the owner of the rating, the star and the goose that laid the company's golden eggs. A woman who opened her heart to me, told me the whole truth about her relationship with Vladimiro Montesinos, the Rasputin of Peru... and then punished me for knowing too much. Not satisfied with leaving me without a job, with two girls of two and three years old and on the verge of bankruptcy, Laura took it upon herself to defame me by bringing to light, in a recorded tape, illegally transmitted to her, a conversation we had had, in which Montesinos asked me for a message: he needed her to help him pay for his lawyers." [Book: *Si Dios Contigo, ¿Quién Contra Ti?*, Author: Maria Elvira Salazar, p. 8] *Translate*

Salazar described it as a firing without an “explanation,” but Telemundo officials claimed it was contract disagreements and changes to the lineup.

April 2002: Salazar Was Asked To Leave Telemundo, Which She Described As A Firing, But Telemundo Allegedly Described As Not Agreeing To A Contract And Changes To The Lineup. Salazar wrote, “However, on April 15, 2002, the same day that the sale of Telemundo to the NBC television network was announced, and just after the primetime newscast ended, Joe Peyronnin, my boss, called me to his office. [...] Joe Peyronnin was calling me to say goodbye. He was officially kicking me out of my position as a Telemundo news anchor. [...] The chain's excuse was that I had left because we had not reached any agreement regarding the contract. The reality was that we had not even begun to renegotiate the contract. Peyronnin declared to the media that it was simply a change in the line up. Versions changed. They blatantly lied to the public and the advertising agencies. And furthermore, they later lied before the Peruvian justice, when the case against Laura Bozzo began.” [Book: Si Dios Contigo, ¿Quién Contra Ti?, Author: Maria Elvira Salazar, p. 100-101] *Translate*

- **2010: Salazar: Telemundo “Kicked Me Out” Without An “Explanation.”** Salazar wrote, “By now, I should be dead. At least professionally. Buried under the rubble of discredited and forgotten. Seven years ago I thought I had lost everything: I was suddenly fired from Telemundo, the channel I used to work for as a national news anchor. My contract had not yet expired. The numbers of the famous ratings, which govern the lives of all of us who work in the television business, favored us. So it seemed like an obviously crazy decision. Why, overnight, did my boss ask me to leave? I had an impeccable record and my audience loved me. However, the network I worked hard for for nine years kicked me out without further explanation.” [Book: Si Dios Contigo, ¿Quién Contra Ti?, Author: Maria Elvira Salazar, p. 7] *Translate*

Salazar’s Lawyer Provides Statements By Telemundo Officials Claiming Salazar’s Departure Was Not Related To The Montesinos Incident. “The lawyer Jorge Hernandez Torano, representative of Salazar, said that he asked the Peruvian courts for a transcript of the alleged recordings, to verify their authenticity and then take the corresponding legal actions. Responding to a question about the possible link of this incident with the termination, a few months ago, of Salazar's contract with Telemundo, the lawyer cited statements by officials of that channel who deny a relationship between the two events.” [Spanish Newswire Service, 8/22/02] *Translation*

- **Spanish Version:** “El letrado Jorge Hernandez Torano, representante de Salazar, dijo que pidio a los tribunales peruanos una transcripcion de las supuestas grabaciones, para comprobar su autenticidad y luego tomar las acciones legales correspondientes. Contestando a una pregunta sobre la posible vinculacion de este incidente con la finalizacion, hace algunos meses, del contrato de Salazar con Telemundo, el letrado cito declaraciones de funcionarios de ese canal que niegan una relacion entre ambos hechos.”

Salazar claimed Telemundo defamed her by promoting the recording during segments and that they were afraid to be connected to Montesinos.

Salazar Criticized Telemundo For Promoting The Recording, Claiming They Defamed Her, While Making Bozzo Look Like A Victim. Salazar wrote, “[Telemundo] just spouted biased information,

conveniently colored to make me look bad and make Laura the victim. Not satisfied with having fired me without any explanation and months before my contract expired, now they defamed me; my reputation was on the floor. I will never understand why so much evil. For defending their star, a woman involved in acts of corruption, embezzlement, a woman who was imprisoned in Peru and yet continued to do her show and earn money...? All for the rating? I don't justify it." [Book: Si Dios Contigo, ¿Quién Contra Ti?, Author: Maria Elvira Salazar, p. 118] Translate

- **Salazar Said, "Telemundo Put On A Show" By Airing An Edited Version Of The Recording.** Salazar wrote, "Telemundo put on a show, it was as if they were raging against me. The news programs broadcast the transcript of the tape, already edited by Laura, reissued by Telemundo and, furthermore, 'read' by some actresses who supposedly represented Laura and me, making me look even worse, since the inflections of the voice in a conversation are of vital importance to understand the context. [Book: Si Dios Contigo, ¿Quién Contra Ti?, Author: Maria Elvira Salazar, p. 116] Translate

Salazar Claimed Telemundo Was Afraid That They Would Be Connected To Montesinos. Salazar wrote, "I tried to get an interview with the man of the moment, as all journalists do: with insistence, with perseverance. In addition, the news was presented as if I had tried to get the interview independently of them, the newscast and the company for which I worked. Now I understand that Telemundo was afraid that they would be connected to Montesinos. They tried to get out of trouble... by throwing me into the deepest of black holes." [Book: Si Dios Contigo, ¿Quién Contra Ti?, Author: Maria Elvira Salazar, p. 114] Translate

- **Salazar Claimed Telemundo Refused To Mention They Were Aware Of Salazar Trying To Get An Interview With Montesinos, Including Funding Her Travel To Panama.** Salazar wrote, "The news anchors did not explain that I had tried to get an interview with Montesinos with the full knowledge and permission of my boss Joe Peyronnin, or that I had gone to Panama with the approval and financing of the company, or that I had contacted Estela Valdivia thanks to Fernanda, her sister, who works for the newscast (and collected checks for Estela). Obviously, they did not mention anything about the tape with the statements that Montesinos sent me from El Callao, and that they they gladly broadcast in prime time because they knew it was a news bomb." [Book: Si Dios Contigo, ¿Quién Contra Ti?, Author: Maria Elvira Salazar, p. 116] Translate

In 2008, Salazar interviewed Bozzo, and Bozzo said she took Salazar to Panama to interview Montesinos. Salazar also claimed Bozzo apologized to her off camera.

2008: Salazar Interviewed Bozzo. "I never knew why they kicked me out of Telemundo, they didn't tell me, but many people commented that [Laura Bozzo] was looking to get me kicked out because it was the fastest way for them to stop investigating Montesinos, who was linked to President Alberto Fujimori who was being tried. Laura summoned me, put on a recorder and then edited the tape and took it to the Peruvian justice system saying that it was not her but I who was Montesinos' lover,' said María [Elvira Salazar]. 'After the interview and off camera, [Laura] apologized to me and I think she did it from the heart. She destroyed my career and my life, but I forgave her. I don't like to make firewood from the fallen tree,' added the presenter." [El Diario/La Prensa, 10/24/08] Translation

- **2008: Salazar Had Bozzo Appear On Her Show And Salazar Said Bozzo “Almost Managed To Destroy Me” And Suggested Bozzo Was The Reason She Was Dismissed From Telemundo.** “This happened during the broadcast of the María Elvira Salazar program when she confronted Laura Bozzo, five years after her scandal. The Cuban journalist threw the first right hand, telling the Peruvian that she was the person who had done the most damage to her, blaming her for her dismissal from Telemundo. ‘She almost managed to destroy me, at that time, I thought my career as a journalist was over,’ to which Bozzo replied: ‘I thought you had made a plot against me with Montesinos.’” [El Nuevo Herald, 9/26/08] Translation
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2008: Salazar: “After The Interview And Off Camera, [Bozzo] Apologized To Me.” “I never knew why they kicked me out of Telemundo, they didn't tell me, but many people commented that [Laura Bozzo] was looking to get me kicked out because it was the fastest way for them to stop investigating Montesinos, who was linked to President Alberto Fujimori who was being tried. Laura summoned me, put on a recorder and then edited the tape and took it to the Peruvian justice system saying that it was not her but I who was Montesinos' lover,’ said María [Elvira Salazar]. ‘After the interview and off camera, [Laura] apologized to me and I think she did it from the heart. She destroyed my career and my life, but I forgave her. I don't like to make firewood from the fallen tree,’ added the presenter.” [El Diario/La Prensa, 10/24/08] Translation

- **Spanish Version:** “Nunca supe el por qué me echaron de Telemundo, no me lo dijeron, pero mucha gente comentaba que [Laura Bozzo] estaba buscando que me echaran porque era la vía más rápida para que dejaran de investigar a Montesinos, quien estaba vinculado al presidente Alberto Fujimori que se estaba siendo juzgado. Laura me citó, puso una grabadora y luego editó

la cinta y la llevó a la justicia peruana diciendo que no era ella sino yo la amante de Montesinos,' comentó María [Elvira Salazar]. 'Finalizada la entrevista y fuera de cámaras, [Laura] me pidió perdón y creo que lo hizo de corazón. Ella me destruyó la carrera y mi vida, pero la perdoné. No me gusta hacer leña del árbol caído,' agregó la presentadora."

Salazar Said She Forgave Bozzo, But That Bozzo Is Living "Hell On Earth." Salazar wrote, "It's been more than seven years of fighting, but I've gotten back up. Laura Bozzo, on the other hand, the woman who tried to bring me down, has lost everything: accused of fraud, child abuse, denounced by Jaime Bayly before the Peruvian justice system, Telemundo decided to suspend her program one year. Her career, built on one scandal after another, is at a dead end. The trial for her association with Montesinos cost her more than a million dollars, so her former fortune does not exist. When I interviewed her at the end of 2008 in Santo Domingo, I found myself in the shadow of the woman I knew more than seven years ago. I saw a defeated Laura Bozzo [...] I saw her alone, finished, diminished. I felt passion for her, and from the bottom of my heart, despite her and everything she made me suffer and all the difficulties that both my family and I went through thanks to her actions, I forgave her. She is living her own hell on earth, one that she herself created with her actions, with her dark will." [Book: Si Dios Contigo, ¿Quién Contra Ti?, Author: Maria Elvira Salazar, p. 13-14] Translate

In 2008, Salazar Interviewed Bozzo And Bozzo Said That She Took Salazar To Panama To Interview Montesinos. Salazar interviewed Bozzo in 2008. Salazar wrote, "She [Bozzo] denied that she had anything to do with my dismissal from Telemundo, even though years before he had declared it publicly to the Peruvian press. She denied having been a lover of Montesinos, even though she had told me about her adventures and misadventures with the controversial character. She absolutely denied all the truths that I knew and tried to play the victim, over and over again, talking about how much she suffered while she was imprisoned in the Monitor studios. [...] However, she admitted, for the first time in public, that it was she who took me to Panama to interview Montesinos: 'I wanted to give you the exclusive in Panama, she said very smugly. The [Telemundo] executives asked me to get you an interview.' At least part of the truth came out. After so much denying it, no matter that my name and my prestige were muddy." [Book: Si Dios Contigo, ¿Quién Contra Ti?, Author: Maria Elvira Salazar, p. 182] Translate

In 2010, Salazar wrote an entire book about the incident. In the book, Salazar claimed she was fired from Telemundo because of Bozzo while pregnant with her second baby.

Salazar Blamed Bozzo For Getting Fired From Telemundo, Which She Explained In A Book Where She Described The Situation. "That is why after going through a valley of darkness -in which she blames Bozzo and points to her as the cause of her being fired from Telemundo- she decided to tell her story, seven years later, in the book 'Si Dios con conti, who against you?'" [El Nuevo Dia, 6/04/10] Translation

- **Spanish Version:** "Es por eso que luego de pasar por un valle de tinieblas -en el que responsabiliza a Bozzo y la señala como la causante de que la despidieran de Telemundo- decidió contar su historia, siete años más tarde, en el libro 'Si Dios contigo, ¿quién contra ti?'"

Salazar: Bozzo “Is To Blame For Me Being Fired.” ““She (Laura) is to blame for my being fired. I went bankrupt, I almost lost my house, I had black problems, but I don't hold a grudge against him, I wish him luck.” [Reforma, 1/24/11] Translation

- **Spanish Version:** “Ella (Laura) es la culpable de que me despidieran. Me fui a la quiebra, casi pierdo mi casa, tuve negros problemas, pero no le guardo rencor, le deseo suerte.”

In Her Book, Salazar Claimed She Was Fired From Telemundo While Pregnant With Her Second Daughter. “The most convincing way to express it, she believes, was by recounting what happened to her seven years ago, when she was fired as a news anchor for Telemundo Internacional, pregnant with her second daughter and with the first still a baby.” [El Nuevo Herald, 8/13/10] Translation

- **Spanish Version:** “La manera más convincente de expresarlo, cree, fue relatando lo que le ocurrió hace siete años, cuando fue despedida como presentadora del noticiero de Telemundo Internacional, embarazada de su segunda hija y con la primera aún bebé.”

2008: Salazar: “I Never Knew Why They Kicked Me Out Of Telemundo.” “I never knew why they kicked me out of Telemundo, they didn't tell me, but many people commented that [Laura Bozzo] was looking to get me kicked out because it was the fastest way for them to stop investigating Montesinos, who was linked to President Alberto Fujimori who was being tried. Laura summoned me, put on a recorder and then edited the tape and took it to the Peruvian justice system saying that it was not her but I who was Montesinos' lover,’ said María [Elvira Salazar]. ‘After the interview and off camera, [Laura] apologized to me and I think she did it from the heart. She destroyed my career and my life, but I forgave her. I don't like to make firewood from the fallen tree,’ added the presenter.” [El Diario/La Prensa, 10/24/08] Translation

[Salazar said the incident was “the darkest, most terrible moment” of her life, claiming she “should be dead, at least professionally.”](#)

2010: Salazar Said It Was “The Darkest, Most Terrible Moment” Of Life. “Salazar wrote, “In the darkest, most terrible moment of my life, subjected to ignominy, banished from my land as a leper, stoned in public as a criminal, enduring the criticism of my colleagues and being accused of a crime I did not commit, I felt that the end had come. But I can assure you with all my soul, life and heart, that the very moment I knelt before the Lord, I felt peace... A peace that always accompanies me, no matter what happens. In the midst of pain, I discovered the great truth that rules my life to this day: if God is with me, no one is against me.” [Book: Si Dios Contigo, ¿Quién Contra Ti?, Author: Maria Elvira Salazar, p. 127] Translate

2010: Salazar: “By Now, I Should Be Dead. At Least Professionally.” Salazar wrote, “By now, I should be dead. At least professionally. Buried under the rubble of discredited and forgotten. Seven years ago I thought I had lost everything: I was suddenly fired from Telemundo, the channel I used to work for as a national news anchor. My contract had not yet expired. The numbers of the famous ratings, which governs the lives of all of us who work in the television business, favored us. So it seemed like an obviously crazy decision. Why, overnight, did my boss ask me to leave? I had an impeccable record and my audience loved me. However, the network I worked hard for for nine years kicked me out without

further explanation.” [Book: Si Dios Contigo, ¿Quién Contra Ti?, Author: Maria Elvira Salazar, p. 7] Translate

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In the book, Salazar describes how she overcame the scandal to stabilize her finances and continue her journalistic career, which she heavily attributes to God. Salazar claims her family was on the verge of bankruptcy and they had to go “deeper into debt” to “pay for lawyers,” resulting in her almost losing her home.

In Her Book, Salazar Describes How She Overcame That Crisis To Stabilize Her Finances And Continue Her Journalistic Career. “She also explained that years ago she forgave her public enemy, since she ‘was a victim of Satan,’ who whipped her, but could not with force and her faith in God. Precisely, the pages of his book narrate how, with the help of God, Salazar fought his professional crisis, stabilized his finances and recovered his credibility and journalistic career. Today she hosts her news program, ‘María Elvira Live,’ broadcast by Mega TV.” [El Nuevo Dia, 6/04/10] Translation

- **Spanish Version:** “Asimismo, explicó que desde hace años perdonó a su enemiga pública, ya que ésta ‘fue una víctima de Satanás,’ que la azotó, pero que no pudo con la fuerza y su fe en Dios. Precisamente, las páginas de su libro narran cómo de la mano de Dios Salazar combatió su crisis profesional, estabilizó sus finanzas y recuperó su credibilidad y carrera periodística. Hoy conduce su programa de noticias, ‘María Elvira Live,’ que transmite Mega TV.”

Salazar Said She Got Closer To God After The Scandal, Saying, “I Discovered The Great Truth That Rules My Life To This Day: If God Is With Me, No Is Against Me.” “Salazar wrote, “In the darkest, most terrible moment of my life, subjected to ignominy, banished from my land as a leper, stoned in public as a criminal, enduring the criticism of my colleagues and being accused of a crime I did not commit, I felt that the end had come. But I can assure you with all my soul, life and heart, that the very moment I knelt before the Lord, I felt peace... A peace that always accompanies me, no matter what happens. In the midst of pain, I discovered the great truth that rules my life to this day: if God is with me, no one is against me.” [Book: Si Dios Contigo, ¿Quién Contra Ti?, Author: Maria Elvira Salazar, p. 127] Translate

Salazar: “If It Hadn’t Been For The Mighty Hand Of God, Who Rescued Me And Saved Me From The Well Of Hell, I Would Have Died.” Salazar wrote, “If it hadn't been for the mighty hand of God, who rescued me and saved me from the well of Hell, I would have died.” [Book: Si Dios Contigo, ¿Quién Contra Ti?, Author: Maria Elvira Salazar, p. 129] Translate

After She Was Fired, Salazar Said Her And Husband Were On The Verge Of Bankruptcy, With One More Mortgage To Pay And No Income. Salazar wrote, “Months later, and thanks to a source who must remain anonymous for his protection, I received an email, dated February 2002, in which Peyronnin suggested to MacNamara that they offer me significant compensation from a commercial point of view. economical so that I ‘wouldn’t talk.’ That email, sent on February 8 by Peyronnin to McNamara and Alan Sokol, chief of finance, was yet another piece in this strange puzzle, which I managed to put together years later. The day after I was fired, I had to face the harsh reality: my husband and I were on the verge of bankruptcy. The recent tragedy of the Twin Towers had paralyzed the economy. Renzo, who is a home builder, had failed to sell the last property he had just built. We had one more mortgage to pay, he had no income, and I had no job.” [Book: Si Dios Contigo, ¿Quién Contra Ti?, Author: Maria Elvira Salazar, p. 102-103] *Translate*

- **2002: Salazar Said All Of Their Saving Were Invested In A House That Was Now Worth Less Than Half Its Original Price.** Salazar wrote, “After I was fired from Telemundo in April 2002, the economic difficulties were immediate: the tragedy of September 11 had left the entire country in emotional and economic ruin, and my husband's business, the construction business, was paralyzed. All of our savings were invested in a house we were building that was now worth less than half its original price.” [Book: Si Dios Contigo, ¿Quién Contra Ti?, Author: Maria Elvira Salazar, p. 105] *Translate*

Salazar: “I Had To Go Deeper Into Debt Than I Already Was To Pay For Lawyers.” Salazar wrote, “I had to go deeper into debt than I already was to pay for lawyers, but even though it took me three years to get out of debt, it was worth it. One cannot live in fear. That means leaving the way clear for the demons to get away with it. One must arm oneself with courage, always by God's side, and face the forces of evil with the certainty that good always wins. God calls slanderers fools, and that is why we Christians are obliged to unmask slander, intrigue and lies. And that I did.” [Book: Si Dios Contigo, ¿Quién Contra Ti?, Author: Maria Elvira Salazar, p. 132] *Translate*

Salazar Claimed The Incident Made Her Bankrupt And That She Almost Lost Her House. ““She (Laura) is to blame for my being fired. I went bankrupt, I almost lost my house, I had black problems, but I don't hold a grudge against him, I wish him luck.”” [Reforma, 1/24/11] *Translation*

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Salazar Told Her Ex-Husband Not To Sell The House, Saying, “Trust Me. The Lord Is Going To Help Us Sell The House In Better Times. I Declare It And Establish It, And Since I Am So Sure I Release You From All Responsibility. If We Go Bankrupt, I'm To Blame, Not You.” Salazar wrote, "One day, while I was in the little makeup room at 41, the father of my daughters came and he told me with a sad face that moved me to the bone: We have to sell the house. The famous house that I have told you so much about had become an unsustainable economic burden. The monthly payments, the taxes, the maintenance, were killing us. At that time, Renzo had received an offer from a speculator for less than half of what it was worth. It was a logical short-term solution to get out of the problem. But I felt inside of me that we shouldn't do it. I told my husband not to do it, not to sell it. That he would rather end up

in court, with the house foreclosed, then sell it to a speculator. We had invested too much energy, time, money and illusions to throw everything away in a moment of desperation. That sounded crazy to him. But I told him: 'Trust me. The Lord is going to help us sell the house in better times. I declare it and establish it, and since I am so sure I release you from all responsibility. If we go bankrupt, I'm to blame, not you.'" [Book: Si Dios Contigo, ¿Quién Contra Tí?, Author: Maria Elvira Salazar, p. 138] Translate

- **Salazar: “We Rented The House Two Years Later, We Managed To Sell It At A Very Good Price, Recover What We Had Invested And Obtained A Great Profit.”** Salazar wrote, “I never doubted that promise and God rewarded my faith: we rented the house two years later, we managed to sell it at a very good price, recover what we had invested and obtain a great profit. That's how great the power of Jehovah is, and the only thing he asks in return is that we get closer to Him.” [Book: Si Dios Contigo, ¿Quién Contra Tí?, Author: Maria Elvira Salazar, p. 139] Translate

Cuba & Castro

Negotiating with Castro Regime

Despite Salazar repeatedly saying over the years that she opposes negotiating with dictatorships, in 2018, Salazar said Trump should negotiate with Raul Castro rather than Cuban President Diaz-Canel because Diaz-Canel was a “puppet.”

2010: Salazar: “There Is No Type Of Negotiation With The Castro Regime, Because Of Its Abuse Of The People.” “I am very strong in my ideals and opinions, in that there is no type of negotiation, and that applies to the Cuban issue: there is no type of negotiation with the Castro regime, because of its abuse of the people,’ he concludes.” [El Nuevo Herald, 8/13/10] Translation

- **Spanish Version:** “Soy muy fuerte en mis ideales y opiniones, en eso sí no hay ningún tipo de negociación, y eso aplica al tema cubano: no hay ningún tipo de negociación con el régimen castrista, por su atropello al pueblo,’ concluye.”

Salazar Said She Opposes “Negotiating With Dictatorships.” “Salazar, 58, was forceful, saying she opposes ‘negotiating with dictatorships.’ ‘One does not play with words, one is a capitalist or a socialist,’ he said, again demanding a definition from Shalala in relation to the socialism controversy. ‘Shalala is not clear in what she is saying. It is the typical Washington politician who wants to stay in power,’ said Salazar, who promised to donate her salary if she becomes a congressman.” [El Nuevo Herald, 10/21/20] Translation

- **Spanish Version:** “Salazar, de 58 años, fue enérgica y expresó que se opone a ‘negociar con las dictaduras.’ ‘Uno no juega con las palabras, uno es capitalista o es socialista,’ dijo exigiendo de nuevo una definición por parte de Shalala con relación a la controversia del socialismo. ‘Shalala no está clara en lo que está diciendo. Es la típica política de Washington que quiere mantenerse en el poder,’ expresó Salazar, que prometió donar su salario si se convierte en congresista.”

Salazar Said Trump Should Not Talk With Cuban President Miguel Díaz-Canel Because He Was A “Puppet.” “Should Trump start conversations with Miguel Díaz-Canel, Cuba's newly appointed president, I asked her? ‘He shouldn't talk to Diaz-Canel because he doesn't reflect anything. We know it was a transfer of title, not a transfer of power.’ After the Q&A, I approached Salazar for a follow-up and she insisted that there was no point in talking to Diaz-Canel ‘the puppet’ when the man in charge was still Communist Party leader Raúl Castro. Should Trump then talk to Raúl Castro? I asked -- and she immediately and unequivocally answered that yes, he should. ‘Trump should talk to Raúl Castro. He calls the shots.’ But as soon as she said that, and I made a gesture to write it in my notebook, Salazar, who has been endorsed by the hardline Bay of Pigs veterans group, called out: ‘That's off the record!’ I reminded her that, as a former journalist, she knows the rules. It's not off the record until both parties agree that it is -- and no, I told her, the follow-up, as was the Q&A, were most definitely on the record.” [Miami Herald, Fabiola Santiago Column, [10/17/18](#)]

[Headline] October 2018: El Nuevo Herald: “María Elvira Salazar Wants Trump To Talk To Castro, But She Doesn't Want You To Know.” [El Nuevo Herald, 10/22/18] Translation

- **Spanish Version:** “María Elvira Salazar quiere que Trump hable con Castro, pero no quiere que lo sepas.”

Salazar Said Trump Should Negotiate With Raul Castro because “He Calls The Shots.” “Should Trump start conversations with Miguel Díaz-Canel, Cuba's newly appointed president, I asked her? ‘He shouldn't talk to Diaz-Canel because he doesn't reflect anything. We know it was a transfer of title, not a transfer of power.’ After the Q&A, I approached Salazar for a follow-up and she insisted that there was no point in talking to Diaz-Canel ‘the puppet’ when the man in charge was still Communist Party leader Raúl Castro. Should Trump then talk to Raúl Castro? I asked -- and she immediately and unequivocally answered that yes, he should. ‘Trump should talk to Raúl Castro. He calls the shots.’” [Miami Herald, Fabiola Santiago Column, [10/17/18](#)]

- **2018: Salazar Said, “Trump Should Talk To Raúl Castro.”** Should Trump start talks with Miguel Díaz-Canel, the new ruler of Cuba? I asked him. ‘You shouldn't talk to Diaz-Canel because he doesn't represent anything. We know it was a transfer of title, not a transfer of power.’ After the question and answer session, I approached Salazar to follow up on the matter and she insisted that there was no point in talking to Díaz-Canel ‘the puppet’ when the person responsible was still the leader of the Communist Party, Raúl Castro. So should Trump talk to Raúl Castro? asked; and she answered immediately and unequivocally that yes, she should. ‘Trump should talk to Raúl Castro. He is the boss.’ But as soon as she said it, and I gestured to write it down in my notebook, Salazar, who has been endorsed by the hard-line veterans group Brigade 2506, exclaimed, ‘That comment is off the record!’ [El Nuevo Herald, 10/22/18] Translation
 - **Spanish Version:** “¿Debería Trump iniciar conversaciones con Miguel Díaz-Canel, el nuevo gobernante de Cuba?, le pregunté. ‘No debe hablar con Díaz-Canel porque él no representa nada. Sabemos que fue una transferencia de título, no una transferencia de poder.’ Después de la sesión de preguntas y respuestas, me acerqué a Salazar para hacerle seguimiento al tema y ella insistió en que no tenía sentido hablar con Díaz-Canel ‘el títere’ cuando el personaje responsable seguía siendo el líder del Partido Comunista,

Raúl Castro. Entonces, ¿Trump debería hablar con Raúl Castro? le pregunté; y ella respondió inmediata e inequívocamente que sí, que debería hacerlo. 'Trump debería hablar con Raúl Castro. Él es el que manda.' Pero tan pronto lo dijo, e hice un gesto para anotarlo en mi cuaderno, Salazar, quien ha sido respaldada por el grupo de veteranos de línea dura de la Brigada 2506, exclamó: "¡Ese comentario es extraoficial!" (Off the record en inglés)."

After Saying Trump Should Negotiate With Raul Castro, Salazar Claimed Her Comment Was Made Off The Record. "Should Trump start conversations with Miguel Díaz-Canel, Cuba's newly appointed president, I asked her? 'He shouldn't talk to Diaz-Canel because he doesn't reflect anything. We know it was a transfer of title, not a transfer of power.' After the Q&A, I approached Salazar for a follow-up and she insisted that there was no point in talking to Diaz-Canel 'the puppet' when the man in charge was still Communist Party leader Raúl Castro. Should Trump then talk to Raúl Castro? I asked -- and she immediately and unequivocally answered that yes, he should. 'Trump should talk to Raúl Castro. He calls the shots.' But as soon as she said that, and I made a gesture to write it in my notebook, Salazar, who has been endorsed by the hardline Bay of Pigs veterans group, called out: 'That's off the record!' I reminded her that, as a former journalist, she knows the rules. It's not off the record until both parties agree that it is -- and no, I told her, the follow-up, as was the Q&A, were most definitely on the record." [Miami Herald, Fabiola Santiago Column, [10/17/18](#)]

Soft On Cuba

[2018: Salazar's primary opponents criticized her for the way she handled a 1995 interview with Castro and for calling President Obama's policy change toward Cuba "noble." Salazar called Castro "comandante" and "un revolucionario por excelencia."](#)

Salazar Interviewed Castro. "Maria Elvira Salazar, a rookie candidate and veteran journalist only months removed from a gig as a news anchor for Miami-based MEGATV, has captured some attention as a well-known media figure. She previously hosted a political news show called 'Maria Elvira Live,' and interviewed both Fidel Castro and Augusto Pinochet." [Miami Herald, 5/23/18]

- **1995: Salazar Interviewed Castro.** [Miami Herald, [8/1/18](#)]

2018: Salazar's Primary Opponents Criticized Salazar For The Way She Handled Her Interview With Fidel Castro, Claiming She Flattered Him And Was "Flirtatious." "During her acceptance speech, Salazar denounced the 'misleading' attacks on her waged by all eight of her opponents, who claimed she ingratiated herself to former Cuban leader Fidel Castro during a rare interview she conducted with him in 1995. During the interview, snippets of which were used in an attack ad by a self-described 'political hitman,' Salazar refers to the strong-man dictator as 'comandante' and 'un revolucionario por excelencia.' Her demeanor was criticized by some candidates in the primary as 'flirtatious' and inappropriate, especially for a politician looking to represent nearly 300,000 Cubans who live in the district and replace the first Cuban-American politician to serve in Congress. She was also criticized for calling former President Barack Obama's policy change toward Cuba as 'noble.'" [Miami Herald, [8/28/18](#)]

- **1995: Salazar Interviewed Fidel Castro And Referred To Him In The Interview As “Comandante” And “Un Revolucionario Por Excelencia.”** “During her acceptance speech, Salazar denounced the ‘misleading’ attacks on her waged by all eight of her opponents, who claimed she ingratiated herself to former Cuban leader Fidel Castro during a rare interview she conducted with him in 1995. During the interview, snippets of which were used in an attack ad by a self-described ‘political hitman,’ Salazar refers to the strong-man dictator as ‘comandante’ and ‘un revolucionario por excelencia.’” [Miami Herald, [8/28/18](#)]
- **[VIDEO] 1995: Salazar Repeatedly Called Castro “Commandante.”** Salazar Said, “Usted no le molesta comandante [It doesn’t bother you commander].” Salazar said, “No le molesta usted comandante [It doesn’t bother you commander].” Salazar said, “Que es lo que le mas ... Commandante.” Salazar said, “Muchísimas gracias comandante por haber hablado con la tele hispano por primero vez [Thank you very much commander for having spoken with the Hispanic TV for the first time].” [YouTube, Maria Elvira Salazar, [11/10/20](#)]
- **[VIDEO] 1995: Salazar Described Castro As A “Revolutionary For Excellence.”** Salazar said, “You, commander, the man who captured the social imagination in the 60s in the whole world, you who were, a revolutionary for excellence.” [YouTube, Maria Elvira Salazar, [11/28/16](#) (35:10)]
 - **Spanish Version:** “Usted comandante, el hombre que captivo el imaginario social en los años 60 en el mundo entero, usted que fue, la revolución por excelencia.”

Note: The full interview can be found [here](#).

[VIDEO] March 2016: Salazar: President Obama’s Visit To Cuba Is Historic In Demonstrating To The Cuban People That They Are Not Alone. In a Spanish-language Facebook live video on her account, Salazar stated President Obama’s Cuba visit “showed to the Cuban people that on this visit, this visit by President Obama, that they are not alone, not alone in the way they have felt in the last 56 years.” [Facebook, Maria Elvira Salazar, [06/20/16](#), 1:31/13:29]

- **Spanish version:** “El pueblo Cubano puede ver en esta situación, en esta visita del Presidente Obama, que no está solo, como se ha sentido solo en los últimos 56 años.”

2018: Salazar’s Primary Opponents Criticized Her For Calling Obama’s Policy Change Toward Cuba “Noble.” “During her acceptance speech, Salazar denounced the ‘misleading’ attacks on her waged by all eight of her opponents, who claimed she ingratiated herself to former Cuban leader Fidel Castro during a rare interview she conducted with him in 1995. During the interview, snippets of which were used in an attack ad by a self-described ‘political hitman,’ Salazar refers to the strong-man dictator as ‘comandante’ and ‘un revolucionario por excelencia.’ Her demeanor was criticized by some candidates in the primary as ‘flirtatious’ and inappropriate, especially for a politician looking to represent nearly 300,000 Cubans who live in the district and replace the first Cuban-American politician to serve in Congress. She was also criticized for calling former President Barack Obama’s policy change toward Cuba as ‘noble.’” [Miami Herald, [8/28/18](#)]

2018: Marks Made And Distributed A TV Ad That Attacked Salazar For Referring To Castro As “Comandante” And “Un Revolucionario Por Excelencia” And Obama’s Rapprochement As “Noble.” “Hoping to paint her as a Castro sycophant, self-described ‘political hitman’ Stephen Marks is running grainy snippets of Salazar referring to Castro as ‘comandante’ and ‘un revolucionario por excelencia’ alongside an English-language appearance on Fox News following Castro’s death in 2016 in which Salazar referred to Barack Obama’s rapprochement as ‘noble.’ The attack -- which Salazar has called defamatory and sought to pull off the air -- is a potentially damaging salvo for a Republican running in a district that is home to 280,000 Cubans and represented by the first-ever Cuban-American elected to Congress in Ros-Lehtinen. [...] The commercial was put together by Marks himself, a self-described former political hitman who once ran opposition research for conservative candidates and political committees. He said he created the ad after listening to Salazar tout her Castro interview as evidence of her toughness on Cuba, and compared her referral to Castro as ‘comandante’ to a Jewish reporter hypothetically calling Adolf Hitler ‘Mein Fuhrer.’” [Miami Herald, 8/1/18]

- **HEADLINE: Miami Herald: “Old Fidel Castro Interview Haunts Cuban-American Journalist’s Congressional Campaign.”** [Miami Herald, 8/1/18]
- **HEADLINE: News-Journal: “Old Castro Interview Haunts Journalist’s Congressional Bid.”** [News-Journal, 8/6/18]

[2018: Salazar’s campaign threatened to sue Marks for his attack ad against her and asked Facebook and America Teve to cease airing the ad.](#)

2018: Salazar Called Marks’ Ad “Despicable.” “Hoping to paint her as a Castro sycophant, self-described ‘political hitman’ Stephen Marks is running grainy snippets of Salazar referring to Castro as ‘comandante’ and ‘un revolucionario por excelencia’ alongside an English-language appearance on Fox News following Castro’s death in 2016 in which Salazar referred to Barack Obama’s rapprochement as ‘noble.’ [...] Salazar did not respond Wednesday to a request for comment. But in an interview last month on WPLG’s This Week in South Florida, she called Mark’s ad ‘despicable’ and said her interview with Castro was ‘an hour long and there are many segments where I’m tough.’” [Miami Herald, 8/1/18]

- **HEADLINE: Miami Herald: “Cuban-American Journalist Condemns Political Ad Showcasing Interview With Fidel Castro.”** [Miami Herald, 8/3/18]

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- **Salazar’s Attorney, Planas, Sent A Letter To America Teve’s General Sales Manager Attempting To Block The Ad From Airing, Claiming It Was Defamatory And Did Not Have The Proper Disclaimers.** “The attack -- which Salazar has called defamatory and sought to pull off the air -- is a potentially damaging salvo for a Republican running in a district that is home to 280,000 Cubans and represented by the first-ever Cuban-American elected to Congress in Ros-Lehtinen. [...] Salazar tried to block América Tevé, a Spanish-language news station, from running Marks’ ad. Planas sent a letter via email July 20 to Jeanie Penichet, the station’s general sales manager, arguing that the commercial lacked the proper disclaimers and was defamatory. Planas said he also tried to contact Facebook to block Marks from promoting the video.” [Miami Herald, 8/1/18]
- **Salazar’s Attorney To Marks: “Your Campaign Is Currently Broadcasting An Advertisement That Is False And Defames My Client.”** “The attack -- which Salazar has called defamatory and sought to pull off the air -- is a potentially damaging salvo for a Republican running in a district that is home to 280,000 Cubans and represented by the first-ever Cuban-American elected to Congress in Ros-Lehtinen. [...] ‘Your campaign is currently broadcasting an advertisement that is false and defames my client,’ attorney Juan-Carlos Planas wrote Marks on Friday. ‘Ms. Salazar’s disgust of the Cuban regime is well documented throughout her exemplary decades-long career as a journalist.’” [Miami Herald, 8/1/18]
- **2018: Planas Worked For Salazar.** “‘The Barreiros made technical mistakes all along the way,’ said Juan-Carlos Planas, an election law attorney who supported Zoraida Barreiro. [...] Planas, who has taken work with the Salazar campaign, said he thinks Barreiro’s first mistake was his de-cision to step down immediately.” [Miami Herald, 6/20/18]

2018: AmericaTeVe Initially Pulled Marks’ Attack Ad Against Salazar But Then Ran A Revised Version Of The Ad. “The attacks started when Stephen Marks, a self-described ‘political hitman,’ entered the race late after loaning \$450,000 to himself. Marks ran an ad on Spanish language TV with snippets of Salazar referring to Castro as ‘comandante’ and ‘un revolucionario por excelencia’ alongside an English-language appearance on Fox News following Castro’s death in 2016 in which Salazar referred to Barack Obama’s change in Cuba policy as ‘noble.’ The ad was pulled from AméricaTeVe but began running again after it was revised.” [Miami Herald, 8/16/18]

Salazar said she asked Castro difficult questions during her interview with him, and explained that calling Castro “comandante” and “un revolucionario por excelencia” were out of context.

Salazar Said She Asked Castro Difficult Questions During Her Interview With Him. “Cuban-American TV journalist María Elvira Salazar says she has no regrets about an interview she conducted with the late Cuban ruler Fidel Castro 23 years ago, which is now being used as a weapon by one of her opponents in the race for a seat in Congress. [...] In the interview with Castro, Salazar said she chose to refer to him as ‘comandante’ to avoid calling him president and that the phrase ‘un revolucionario por excelencia’ (a revolutionary for excellence) was a way to set up a question that followed but does not appear in the ad. The interview lasted an hour and included ‘very tough’ questions, Salazar said. Those questions, she said, included important issues for Cubans. Among them: difficulties islanders were

experiencing during the so-called 'Special Period' following the loss of subsidies from the former Soviet Union; the call for elections in Cuba; and criticism over providing a safe haven for American fugitives." [Miami Herald, 8/3/18]

- **Salazar Said She Referred To Castro As "Comandante" To Avoid Calling Him President.** "Cuban-American TV journalist María Elvira Salazar says she has no regrets about an interview she conducted with the late Cuban ruler Fidel Castro 23 years ago, which is now being used as a weapon by one of her opponents in the race for a seat in Congress. [...] In the interview with Castro, Salazar said she chose to refer to him as 'comandante' to avoid calling him president and that the phrase 'un revolucionario por excelencia' (a revolutionary for excellence) was a way to set up a question that followed but does not appear in the ad." [Miami Herald, 8/3/18]
- **Salazar Said That The Phrase "Un Revolucionario Por Excelencia" Set Up A Question That Was Not Included In The Ad Against Salazar.** "Cuban-American TV journalist María Elvira Salazar says she has no regrets about an interview she conducted with the late Cuban ruler Fidel Castro 23 years ago, which is now being used as a weapon by one of her opponents in the race for a seat in Congress. [...] In the interview with Castro, Salazar said she chose to refer to him as 'comandante' to avoid calling him president and that the phrase 'un revolucionario por excelencia' (a revolutionary for excellence) was a way to set up a question that followed but does not appear in the ad." [Miami Herald, 8/3/18]
- **Salazar Said That Cuba's Foreign Minister Invited Her To A Reception With Castro, And She Asked Castro If He Would Do An Interview With Her.** "The interview with Castro took place in 1995, during his visit to New York to mark the 50th anniversary of the creation of the United Nations. Roberto Robaina, Cuba's foreign minister at the time, interceded to get Castro to consent to an exclusive on-camera interview with Salazar, who had been trying to get to the Cuban strongman for several years. 'Robaina told me that the only thing he could do for me was to invite me to a reception where Castro would be. I talked to him and he accepted my request for an interview,' Salazar said." [Miami Herald, 8/3/18]

Salazar Called Her Interview With Castro "One Of The Greatest Achievements" Of Her Career. "She added that she considers the interview as 'one of the greatest achievements,' alongside other interviews she obtained throughout her professional career with high-profile figures, such Chilean dictator Augusto Pinochet in 2003. Salazar also moderated a historic debate in 1996 between the late anti-Castro exile leader Jorge Mas Canosa and Ricardo Alarcón, former president of Cuba's National Assembly." [Miami Herald, 8/3/18]

Salazar: "People Know That I Have Been One Of The Biggest Critics Of Castroism In This City...That's Why The Regime Detests Me And That's Why They Have Not Allowed Me To Enter The Island To Do Any Reporting." "Cuban-American TV journalist María Elvira Salazar says she has no regrets about an interview she conducted with the late Cuban ruler Fidel Castro 23 years ago, which is now being used as a weapon by one of her opponents in the race for a seat in Congress. [...] Salazar said that those who think she was too complacent with Castro should review the programs she hosted for 15 years on Miami television. 'People know that I have been one of the biggest critics of Castroism in

this city,' she said. 'That's why the regime detests me and that's why they have not allowed me to enter the island to do any reporting.'" [Miami Herald, 8/3/18]

- **HEADLINE: Miami Herald: "GOP Candidate Salazar Says Attacks Of Her Interview With Fidel Castro Aren't Sticking."** [Miami Herald, 8/25/18]

2018: Miami Herald: "All Eight Of Salazar's Opponents And Two Bay Of Pigs Veterans Sat Shoulder-To-Shoulder At La Fragua Restaurant To Accuse Her Of Being Soft On Castro." "The Republican primary can't match the money and big names of the Democratic primary, but it's not lacking for intrigue. On Thursday, all eight of Salazar's opponents and two Bay of Pigs veterans sat shoulder-to-shoulder at La Fragua Restaurant to accuse her of being soft on Castro, who died in 2016." [Miami Herald, 8/16/18]

[Salazar even had a photo of her interviews with Castro \(and Maduro\) in her Congressional office.](#)

Salazar Had Photos Of Her Interviewing Fidel Castro In Her Congressional Office. "María Elvira Salazar responded to the criticism of an Internet user who described as 'shameful and disrespectful to her constituents' that the congresswoman has a framed photo of the interview she conducted with Fidel Castro in 1995 in her office in Congress. 'Seriously? Is this the best review you have of me? I was a journalist who interviewed the most notorious in the world. And I won 5 Emmy awards for that,' the Cuban-American responded on Twitter on Wednesday. 'These photos are posted to remind my colleagues not to allow these satanic ideologies to penetrate the corridors of Congress,' he concluded, but not before describing the interest in discrediting it as a 'good attempt.'" [CE Latin American Migration Spanish, 12/09/21] Translation

- **Spanish Version:** "María Elvira Salazar respondió a la críticas de un internauta que calificó de "vergonzoso e irrespetuoso con sus electores" que la congresista tenga en su despacho del Congreso una foto enmarcada de la entrevista que realizó a Fidel Castro en 1995. '¿En serio? ¿Es esta la mejor crítica que me tiene? Yo era una periodista que entrevistó a los más notorios del mundo. Y gané 5 premios Emmy por eso,' respondió este miércoles la cubanoamericana en Twitter. 'Estas fotos están colgadas para recordar a mis colegas que no permitan que estas ideologías satánicas penetren en los pasillos del Congreso,' concluyó, no sin antes calificar de 'buen intento' el interés por desacreditarla."

2021: Salazar Posted A Photo To Twitter Showing Photos In Her Office Of Her With Castro And Maduro. "Democrats have again slammed U.S. Rep. María Elvira Salazar with accusations of hypocrisy after the Republican Congresswoman posted a photo on Twitter in which pictures of Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro and former Cuban dictator Fidel Castro could be seen hanging in her Washington office." [Florida Politics, [12/09/21](#)]

- **2021: After Posting The Photo Online, An Activist Called Out Salazar For The Photos Hanging In Her Office.** "It took just over 30 minutes for Juan Escalante, a Venezuelan-born immigration activist, to point out that of those six pictures, one depicted Salazar and Castro during an exclusive 1995 interview and another was of a much more recent interview she conducted with Maduro. Sharing a screenshot of Salazar's tweet, he wrote: "These were from

her time as a reporter (obviously) but do they belong in Congress?" He then answered his own question: "NO." [Florida Politics, [12/09/21](#)]

- **2021: Salazar Responded By Saying The Photos Are To Remind Her Colleagues Not To Allow "Satanic" Ideologies To Enter Congress.** "Salazar responded about a half-hour later, explaining the pictures were indeed from her 35-year career as a broadcast journalist. "Is this the best criticism you have against me?" she fired back. "These photos are hanging to remind my colleagues not to allow these Satanic ideologies to penetrate the halls of Congress. Nice try." [Florida Politics, [12/09/21](#)]

Embargo

In 1996, Salazar said Cuban exiles support the embargo, but are the first people who "violate" it by visiting Cuba.

1996: Salazar Said Cuban Exiles Support The Embargo, But Are The First People Who "Violate" It By Visiting Cuba. In 1996, Maria Elvira Salazar said, "Cuban exiles are the ones who most support the American embargo, but they are the first to violate it. It is estimated that some 300 million arrive on the island every year from the United States. How is it justified to maintain the embargo by the people who support it the most, but who violate it the most?" [El Nuevo Herald, 9/06/96]

- **Spanish Version:** "Maria Elvira Salazar: Los exiliados cubanos son los que apoyan mas el embargo norteamericano, pero son los primeros que lo violan. Se estima que unos 300 millones llegan a la isla todos los anos provenientes de Estados Unidos. Como se justifica mantener el embargo por la gente que mas lo apoya, pero que mas lo viola?"

Fidel Castro

August 2007: Salazar Said, "Every Time I Buy A Plane Ticket To Go Somewhere With My Family, I Always Say, 'If Fidel Doesn't Die. We Know When He Dies, Everything Will Revolve Around His Death. Mega TV Will Be On 24-7 For God Knows How Many Days.'" "Every time I buy a plane ticket to go somewhere with my family, I always say, 'If Fidel doesn't die,' " says Maria Elvira Salazar, host of WSBS's talk show Polos Opuestos (Opposite Poles). "We know when he dies, everything will revolve around his death. Mega TV will be on 24-7 for God knows how many days." [Miami Herald, 8/25/07]

February 2008: Salazar Agreed With Jose Diaz-Balart That The Castro Brothers Are In The Business of Power, They Won't Be Willing To Open Cuba Up Politically, But They Might Economically.

"GIBSON: Maria, there is a notion, not that I don't believe Jose, but that maybe there will be a Chinese communist kind of model taking over in Cuba in which the dictatorship continues but economic freedom is loosened up a little bit. Any chance of that, in your view? MARIA ELVIRA SALAZAR, CUBAN-AMERICAN JOURNALIST: I tend to agree with what Jose is saying. I think that the Castro brothers, they have been in power and that's their business. But I also believe that Raul knows that he is not his brother, that he doesn't have the charisma that Fidel has had, that he has generals around him demanding for changes. People want to consume. They want to live. They want to eat three times a day, which they don't do right now. They want to travel freely, and then that is the big question -- will Raul

understand that, and will want to impose his mark on history? And now that he has the power officially in his hands, will he open up economically? What I mean by opening up, meaning allowing the average Cuban to open up a little beauty parlor or allowing the average lady to be able travel freely to Miami? That's where we need to see if Raul is going to be willing to do that, not because he wants to, but because the generals around him will push him to do that because people want to live better than they're living right now. But obviously, they are in the business of power, and there is no indication that will tell you that they are willing to open up politically, but economically, probably, yes." [Fox News, Big Story with John Gibson, 2/19/08]

August 2009: Salazar Joined CNN To Discuss Fidel Castro. " I want to show you something, though. Take a look back at Fidel Castro. This is in the summer of 2006. This is about the time that he steps aside as president. And remember there were rallies in the streets of Miami? We covered a few of those. In fact, many thought that he was on death's door at the time with a rare and mysterious gastrointestinal ailment. Then, for a long time, we barely saw him, and now this. Take a look at this video of Fidel Castro. This is this weekend. Comparatively speaking, it's a huge difference. In fact, he seems to have recovered. While we look at this video, let's hear from the most popular television personality in the heavily Cuban exile community of South Florida, my old friend and colleague Maria Elvira Salazar joining me now. Good afternoon, Elvira. How are you? MARIA ELVIRA SALAZAR, HOST, "MARIA ELVIRA LIVE": How are you, Rick? Nice seeing you." [CNN, CNN Newsroom, 8/24/09]

- **Salazar Said Castro Was Getting Healthier, Which Salazar Said Was Bad For The Cuban People Because "The Healthier He Gets, The Worse They Get."** "SALAZAR: Well, it's like you said. He's getting healthier, he's getting better. And poor Cuba and poor Cuban people, because the healthier he gets, the worse they get." [CNN, CNN Newsroom, 8/24/09]
- **Salazar Said Every Time Fidel Shows Up He Undermines Raul; When Raul Tries To Sit At The Table With The United States, Fidel Says No.** "SALAZAR: But every time that Fidel shows up, it's a no, no, no. And he has undermined his own brother, Raul. When Raul said, hey, yes, let's sit at the table with the Americans, Fidel said, no, he made a mistake." [CNN, CNN Newsroom, 8/24/09]
- **Salazar Said It's Sad For Everyone, Starting With The Obama Administration And Finishing With The Cuban Exiles.** "It's very disappointing, because you have to understand that everybody wants the Cuban people to eat better, to have freedom, and to be able to join the international community. It's a sad day for everybody, starting with the Obama administration and finishing with the people that we represent, you and me, the Cuban exiles." [CNN, CNN Newsroom, 8/24/09]
- **Salazar Said Everyone Wanted To Really Believe In Raul, And That Raul Was Going To Do Good Things For The Cuban People, Open Up The Economy.** "And we have been wanting to really believe in Raul, that Raul is going to do good things for the Cuban people, that he's going to open up economically, he will allow the little beauty shop that the lady on the street wants to open up. But, no. You know why? Because Fidel doesn't let him, because Fidel doesn't care about anything. Like you said, I'm so happy your parents watch me, and I love them, and thanks for being able to meet your mom the other day." [CNN, CNN Newsroom, 8/24/09]

- **Salazar Said The Problem Is That Fidel Castro Doesn't Love Anybody, Including His Own Family And Children.** "The problem is that Fidel doesn't love anybody, Rick. He doesn't love his own family. He has shown he has very little love for his own children." [CNN, CNN Newsroom, 8/24/09]

Cuban Government Records

July 2009: At Least 11 Photos Presumed To Have Been Used By The Cuban Government As Evidence Of Unpatriotic Behavior By A Cuban Businessman And Several Top-Ranking Officials Were Dropped In Salazar's Mailbox By Persons Unknown. "At least 11 photographs presumed to have been used by the Cuban government as "evidence" of unpatriotic behavior by one Cuban businessman and several top-ranking officials have surfaced in Miami. They were made available to the media on Wednesday by the MegaTV program María Elvira Live, whose host, María Elvira Salazar, said they were dropped in her mailbox by persons unknown. Of themselves, the pictures are innocuous. They show what appears to be a family picnic, with people eating, drinking, playing dominoes, dancing in a circle. But Raúl Castro used them in a video to tell Communist Party officials how a Cuban businessman, Conrado Hernández, befriended some top functionaries -- including Vice President Carlos Lage, Foreign Minister Felipe Pérez Roque, and Fernando Remírez de Estenoz, the Party's director of international relations -- obtained classified information from them and passed it on to the Spanish intelligence service." [Miami Herald, 7/23/09]

- **July 2009: Salazar Said 30 Pictures Showing Three Fired Cuban Officials Holding Cans of Beer and Partying At A Ranch Were Delivered Anonymously To Her Station; She Showed More than Half Of Them During Her Show.** "A Miami journalist has released photos showing three fired Cuban officials holding up cans of beer and partying at a ranch apparently belonging to the deposed Cuban representative of business interests in Spain's Basque region. The pictures appear to be related to talk in Cuba that the officials _ ex-Vice-President Carlos Lage, former Foreign Minister Felipe Perez Roque and Fernando Ramirez de Estenoz, the former head of international relations for the Communist Party _ were dismissed as part of a government purge in March for making insulting remarks about Fidel Castro while guests on the property of Conrado Hernandez, the Cuban business representative in the Basque region. Cuba's government has given little official explanation for the firings, which included top Cabinet officials. But some Cubans say they have seen a video with recordings by state security agents that shows, among other things, the remarks on Fidel being made at Hernandez's ranch. In the photographs, Hernandez appears with the fired officials, toasting with beers and playing dominos. Maria Elvira Salazar, host of Maria Elvira Live on Miami's MegaTV, said about 30 pictures were delivered anonymously to her station last week, and she showed a bit more than half of them Monday and Tuesday during her show." [Associated Press, 7/24/09]

Traveling to Cuba

In 2010, Salazar said, "When my daughters go to college, I'm going to Cuba."

2010: Salazar: "When My Daughters Go To College, I'm Going To Cuba." "'When my daughters go to college, I'm going to Cuba,' she says passionately, indicating that she believes in the economic reconstruction of a post-Castro Cuba through the help of the US government and Cuban exiles." [El Nuevo Herald, 8/13/10] Translation

- **Spanish Version:** "'Cuando mis hijas se vayan para la universidad, me voy para Cuba,' dice con pasión, indicando que cree en la reconstrucción económica de una Cuba poscastro mediante la ayuda del gobierno norteamericano y de los exiliados cubanos.'"

LatAm

Salazar said, "I will be Cuban, but I am also Colombian, I am Nicaraguan, Salvadoran, Puerto Rican, Colombian, Venezuelan. We are all the same thing."

2018: Salazar: "I Will Be Cuban, But I Am Also Colombian, I Am Nicaraguan, Salvadoran, Puerto Rican, Colombian, Venezuelan. We Are All The Same Thing." Salazar said, "'I will be Cuban, but I am also Colombian, I am Nicaraguan, Salvadoran, Puerto Rican, Colombian, Venezuelan. We are all the same thing... and we are here to contribute to this country, not to take away.'" [El Nuevo Herald, 2/08/18] Translation

- **Spanish Version:** "'Yo seré cubana, pero también soy colombiana, soy nicaragüense, salvadoreña, puertorriqueña, colombiana, venezolana. Todos somos la misma cosa... y estamos aquí para contribuir a este país, no para quitar.'"

Luis Posada Carriles

2011: Salazar was subpoenaed to testify in Posada's trial because Posada appeared to take responsibility for bombings at Cuban tourist sites while Salazar interviewed him on her show.

2011: Salazar Was Subpoenaed To Testify In Posada's Trial. "Salazar is one of two prominent journalists in the United States subpoenaed to testify in the Posada trial. Still expected to testify is Ann Louise Bardach, a former reporter for The New York Times, who interviewed Posada in 1998." [Miami Herald, 3/8/11]

- **March 2011: Salazar Testified In The Trial Of Luis Posada Carriles.** "A Cuban militant accused of lying to U.S. immigration officials about his past talked during a TV interview shown to jurors Tuesday about a string of bombings in Cuba, saying he felt no remorse and was willing to assume his "historical responsibility" for carrying out attacks. But Luis Posada Carriles, in the 1998 interview with Miami-based TV anchor Maria Elvira Salazar, did not assume direct responsibility for masterminding the string of bombings in Havana in the previous summer. Members of the jury saw a backlit, silhouetted Posada tell Salazar how he felt "no remorse whatsoever" and that the only option left to Cubans was to "to fight the violent regime with violence." [...] Salazar testified that her impression was that Posada was "taking responsibility for something he might have or have not done" and that at the time, she thought Posada was "boasting, showing off." She said she did not believe Posada when he said he would be willing

to go back to Cuba, where he is regarded as public enemy No. 1, when at the moment of the interview his face "was half destroyed, his speech was difficult and his demeanor not altogether," due to an attempt on his life in Guatemala in 1990." [Associated Press, 3/8/11]

- **During the Posada Trial, Salazar Said She Did Not “Specifically” Think That Posada Claimed Responsibility For The Bombings.** “Did Mr. Posada specifically claim responsibility for the bombings,” asked Hernandez. “Not specifically,” Salazar replied. Later, she added that she felt that Posada and other anti-Castro militants may be upset that there has not been a popular uprising against the Cuban regime. “Boasting [about the attacks] was more the thing I thought at the time,” Salazar said, referring to her own analysis of what Posada meant in the interview. “Also frustration that he and others have not been able to do what the Libyans are doing right now to get rid of the tyrant.”” [Miami Herald, 3/8/11]

1988: Posada Appeared To Take Responsibility For Bombings At Cuban Tourist Sites The Year Prior While Salazar Interviewed Him On Her Show. “Luis Posada Carriles appeared to take responsibility for bombings at Cuban tourist sites in 1997 in a video interview with Cuban-American Miami TV news host Maria Elvira Salazar played for the jury Tuesday in the exile militant's perjury trial. 'I, for any action against the regime of Havana inside Cuban territory, take responsibility,' Posada was heard saying in the 1998 Salazar video interview that jurors watched and listened to intently.” [Miami Herald, 3/8/11]

1998: Salazar Interviewed Luis Posada Carriles About His Terror Attacks Against Castro's Regime; Posada Claimed He Lied To The New York Times About Who Was Funding His Terrorism On Salazar's Program. “Casting fresh shadows over an already cloudy tale, Cuban exile Luis Posada Carriles has claimed he lied to The New York Times about his ties to Jorge Mas Canosa to protect the real bankrollers of his terror attacks. [...] Posada first disavowed his comments one day after the Times story in a brief interview with a Channel 23 reporter that raised more questions than it answered. He was much more expansive in his three-hour interview with Salazar, who hosts a public affairs program called Opposite Poles. Other parts of the interview will be broadcast in the coming days as part of the station's regularly scheduled news programs. Posada told Salazar that he had lied to The Times because its reporters seemed to be on the trail of the real sources of the financing for his terror attacks on President Fidel Castro's regime.” [Miami Herald, 8/3/98]

- **August 1998: Cuban Exile Luis Posado Carriles Told Salazar In An Interview That He MisLed The New York Times Because Its Reporters Seemed Close To Discovering Who The Real Financial Backers Were.** “In the Telenoticias interview, Posada told reporter Maria Elvira Salazar that he misled the Times because its reporters seemed close to discovering who the real financial backers were. Posada would not identify the real backers. "If you're working on intelligence or clandestine things, when you see that the blame or the weight of the information is about to hurt someone, you divert that information toward a person who cannot be hurt," he said. "Jorge Mas was dead," Posada said, "and he could not be hurt by any legal action for having helped the Cuban cause.”” [Orlando Sentinel, 8/4/98]

In 2004, Salazar interviewed an opposition leader in Venezuela who suggested killing Hugo Chavez.

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“The Venezuelan government pointed to Miami as the epicenter of a conspiracy movement whose actions and provocations will be investigated to establish its responsibility in the murder on Thursday of the country's most important prosecutor, Danilo Anderson. [...] In a telephone conversation with El Nuevo Herald, the minister referred specifically to an interview between Maria Elvira Salazar, on Channel 22, and Venezuelan actor and entertainer Orlando Urdaneta, one of the most visible opposition leaders in Venezuela. In that interview, broadcast last month, Urdaneta maintained that the only way out of Venezuela is through ‘the physical disappearance of at least the older dog,’ in a clear reference to Chavez. The journalist asked him to explain how the physical disappearance occurs and Urdaneta replied: ‘That happens with some gentlemen who have long weapons, with a telescopic sight that never fails.’ Urdaneta added that this action has to come from the military or from businessmen ‘who have the money to bring in an Israeli commando.’” [El Nuevo Herald, 11/20/04]

- **Spanish Version:** “El gobierno de Venezuela senalo a Miami como el epicentro de un movimiento conspirativo cuyas acciones y provocaciones seran investigadas para establecer su responsabilidad en el asesinato el jueves del fiscal mas importante de ese pais, Danilo Anderson. En conversacion telefonica con El Nuevo Herald, el ministro se refirio especificamente a una entrevista de Maria Elvira Salazar, en el Canal 22, con el actor y animador venezolano Orlando Urdaneta, uno de los mas visibles lideres de la oposicion en Venezuela. En esa entrevista, transmitida el mes pasado, Urdaneta sostuvo que la unica salida de Venezuela es a partir de ‘la desaparicion fisica por lo menos del perro mayor,’ en una clara referencia a Chavez. La periodista le pidio que explicara como ocurre la desaparicion fisica y Urdaneta respondio: ‘Eso ocurre con unos senores que tienen armas largas, con una mirilla telescopica que no falla.’ Urdaneta agrego que esa accion tiene que venir de los militares o de empresarios “que tienen el dinero para traer un comando... israeli.”

A Few Years Later, A Spanish Newsite Suggested That Salazar Proposed Having Israelis Kill Hugo Chavez, But It Appears That A Guest On Her Show Suggested It. “In the first place, he mentioned a television program in the city of Miami where the American presenter María Elvira Salazar proposed that alleged ‘Israeli commandos’ carry out the task of killing President Hugo Chávez.” [UPI Reporte LatAm, [9/12/08](#)] Translation

- **Spanish Version:** “En primer lugar mencionó un programa de televisión en la ciudad de Miami donde la presentadora estadounidense María Elvira Salazar, propuso que supuestos ‘comandos israelitas’ los que cumplan la tarea de dar muerte al presidente Hugo Chávez.”

Radical & Extreme Comments

Charlottesville

In 2017, Salazar appeared to make similar claims to Trump's "bad people on both sides" claim after the Charlottesville white supremacist rally. Salazar said, "the violence doesn't just come from the white supremacists" and that there were "tough protests" by opposing groups. Salazar added, "President Trump violently lashed out against the Ku Klux Klan, neo-Nazis and white supremacists."

Salazar Reported: "President Trump Violently Lashed Out Against the Ku Klux Klan, Neo-Nazis and White-Supremacists." "MARIA ELVIRA SALAZAR, ANCHOR, MEGA NOTICIERO: Today President Trump violently lashed out against the Ku Klux Klan, Neo-Nazis and white supremacists. And he condemned this weekend's terrorist attack in Charlottesville, Virginia against an anti-fascist protest that took the life of one woman, and left 19 wounded." [Newsbusters, Newstex Blogs, 8/17/17]

- **[VIDEO] 2017: Salazar Claimed That Trump "Violently Lashed Out Against The KKK, Neo-Nazis And White Supremacists" After Charlottesville.** "In sharp contrast to Estrella's blatant anti-Trump manipulation of the horrific news from Charlottesville, and in setting up the same video from President Trump, Miami-based Mega TV anchor Elvira Salazar told her viewers on August 14 that in his condemnation of the attack the President 'violently lashed out against the Ku Klux Klan, Neo-Nazis and white supremacists.' Salazar said, "Today President Trump violently lashed out against the Ku Klux Klan, Neo-Nazis and white supremacists. And he condemned this weekend's terrorist attack in Charlottesville, Virginia against an anti-fascist protest that took the life of one woman, and left 19 wounded." [Newsbusters.org, [8/16/17](#)]

Salazar Reported: "The Violence Doesn't Just Come From The White Supremacists. In The Last Few Hours There Are Reports Of Tough Protests By Activists Opposed To These Groups." "MARIA ELVIRA SALAZAR, ANCHOR, MEGA NEWS: But the violence doesn't just come from the white supremacists. In the last few hours there are reports of tough protests by activists opposed to these groups." [Newsbusters, Newstex Blogs, 8/17/17]

- **[VIDEO] 2017: Salazar After Charlottesville: "The Violence Doesn't Just Come From The White Supremacists. [...] There Are Reports Of Tough Protests By Activists Opposed To These Groups."** In response to Charlottesville, Salazar said, "But the violence doesn't just come from the white supremacists. In the last few hours there are reports of tough protests by activists opposed to these groups." [Newsbusters.org, [8/16/17](#)]

August 2017: Newsbusters HEADLINE: "Stark Contrasts in Media Manipulation of Charlottesville News." "The political violence in Charlottesville and President Trump's repudiation of it have been covered in the most widely divergent ways by two national Spanish-language television networks, one based in Los Angeles and the other in Miami. In Los Angeles, Estrella TV anchor Adriana Yañez prefaced the news from Charlottesville by telling her audience that "Donald Trump's policies of hate have reached their most catastrophic level." To dramatic effect, Yañez went on to charge only white supremacists with filling "with blood and violence" the city's streets. ADRIANA YANEZ, ANCHOR, NOTICIERO ESTRELLA: Good afternoon, this is Adriana Yanez with the most relevant news of the day. Donald Trump's policies of hate have reached their most catastrophic level. White supremacists fill with blood and violence the streets of Charlottesville, Virginia." [Newsbusters, Newstex Blogs, 8/17/17]

Hillary Clinton

In February 2016, Salazar outrageously claimed that “Hillary is a lesbian” and that “Hillary didn’t like having sex with [Bill], because she preferred sex with women.” Salazar was allegedly the first national television network to cover the story.

February 2016: Salazar Reported That Former Mistress of President Bill Clinton Claimed Hillary Clinton Did Not Like Having Sex With Her Husband Because She “Preferred Sex With Women.”

“MARIA ELVIRA SALAZAR, ANCHOR, MEGA NEWS: Now, the supposed ex-lover of former President Bill Clinton is assuring that Hillary is a lesbian. Miss Sally Miller, who was once Miss Arkansas, says she had a romance with Bill in 1983, and that the then Governor of that state told her that Hillary didn't like having sex with him, because she preferred sex with women.” [Newstex Blogs, 2/22/16]

Newsbusters Praised Salazar For Being The First National Television Network To Cover A Baseless Story Alleging Hillary Clinton Is A Lesbian.

“As an example: the Mega Newscast dared to present a story regarding allegations made by a former lover of former President Bill Clinton, regarding alleged lesbian tendencies of his wife, presidential candidate Hillary Clinton: MARIA ELVIRA SALAZAR, HOST, MEGA NEWS: ‘Now an alleged former lover of former President Bill Clinton is claiming that Hillary is a lesbian. Miss Sally Miller, who became Miss Arkansas, says she had an affair with Bill in '83, and that the then governor of that state told her that Hillary did not like having sex with him, because she preferred to do it with women.’ The news was broadcast as part of a new segment of the news, entitled 'Political Circus', a daily summary of the events of the electoral campaign that illuminates what, according to the presenter María Elvira Salazar, 'happens under the tent'. The Mega Noticiero was the first national television medium, in English or Spanish, to broadcast the news. In doing so, the network evidently decided to take the risk, and trust its viewers to see the report and decide for themselves.”

[Newsbusters.org, [2/22/16](#)] Translation

- **Spanish Version:** “Como ejemplo: el Mega Noticiero se atrevió a presentar una noticia respecto a alegatos hechos por una ex amante del ex presidente Bill Clinton, con respecto a supuestas tendencias lesbianas de su esposa, la precandidata presidencial Hillary Clinton: MARIA ELVIRA SALAZAR, CONDUCTORA, MEGA NOTICIERO: ‘Ahora una supuesta ex amante del ex presidente Bill Clinton está asegurando que Hillary es lesbiana. La señorita Sally Miller, quien llegó a ser Miss Arkansas, dice haber tenido un romance con Bill en el '83, y que el entonces gobernador de aquel estado le contó que a Hillary no le gustaba tener sexo con él, porque ella prefería hacerlo con mujeres.’ La noticia se difundió como parte de un nuevo segmento del noticiero, titulado 'Circo Político', un resumen diario del acontecer de la campaña electoral que ilumina lo que, según la presentadora María Elvira Salazar, 'ocurre bajo la carpa.' El Mega Noticiero fue el primer medio televisivo nacional, en inglés o español, en difundir la noticia. Al hacerlo así, la cadena evidentemente decidió tomar el riesgo, y confiar en sus televidentes para que vean el reporte y decidan por sí mismos.”

Xenophobic

In November 2019, Salazar said, "Imagine the Chinese stealing your book and publishing it under the author name "Ching-Chang-Chong."

[VIDEO] November 2019: Salazar: "Imagine The Chinese Stealing Your Book And Publishing It Under The Author Name 'Ching-Chang-Chong'." In a televised interview segment on MegaTV with Jaime Bayly, Salazar accused the Chinese of "stealing everything," and asked Bayly to "imagine the Chinese stealing your book and publishing it under the author name 'Ching-Chang-Chong'." [MegaTV on YouTube, Maria Elvira Salazar, [11/04/19](#), 9:54/10:50]

- **Spanish version:** "Imaginate, es como si ahora tú escribes un libro, como te lo roban, y lo publican bajo a un autor 'Ching-Chang-Chong'."

Arnold Schwarzenegger

In 2007, Salazar said Gov. Schwarzenegger was "very wrong" and "very racist" to say immigrants must learn English, despite Salazar paying to take "accent-reduction classes" for five years because she said she wanted to "speak English perfectly, better than the Americans" and didn't want people to say, "she's Latin."

June 2007: Salazar Said Gov. Schwarzenegger Was "Very Wrong" and "Very Racist" To Say Immigrants Must Learn English. "So Maria, first of all, what the governor is saying -- I know you -- your business is in the language of Spanish, but what he's saying to immigrants is you got to learn English here. Is there something so wrong with that? MARIA ELVIRA SALAZAR, FMR TELEMUNDO ANCHOR: It's very wrong. Very wrong and I'm going to tell you why. I think it's a very racist remark. I want to tell you why... GIBSON: Racist? Why? SALAZAR: Because, basically what the government is saying -- the governor is saying is that we cannot walk and chew gum at the same time. That we do if we have the intellectual capacity to be able to hear one language and learn another. And there are thousands and thousands of Hispanic-Americans walking in the United States, like me, I'm a very good example -- that we have been hearing Spanish all through our lives in our -- with our families, with our friends, through television and learning English. I think his case could be unique, John, maybe he was not able to really learn English and speak German at the same time. [Fox News, The Big Story With John Gibson, 6/15/07]

Salazar Took Accent-Reduction Classes For Five Years Because She Said "I Want To Speak English Perfectly, Better Than The Americans...So That No One Will Be Able To Say: 'Oh Look, She's Latin.'" "Salazar, who was born in Miami, grew up in Puerto Rico and came back to the States at 15 with what she considered a 'horrible accent' in English. 'I have this obsession ... I want to speak English perfectly, better than the Americans,' Salazar said. 'So that no one will be able to say: 'Oh look, she's Latin.' I want them to say: 'She can speak English so well, and look, she can speak Spanish, too.' ' She has taken accent-reduction classes for five years. Her present instructor, Lillian Poms, says Salazar has a slight trace of an accent that she will eliminate only by living for at least three months in a city where no Spanish is spoken. Salazar said she might do just that: 'The only country I have is the United States. They speak English. And how do they speak it? In a different way than I do. In my own country.'" [Miami Herald, 2/27/83]

Book

Salazar writes in her book, *"When I feel like 'killing someone,' I let myself be guided by reason rather than by feelings."*

Salazar: "When I Feel Like 'Killing Someone,' I Let Myself Be Guided By Reason Rather Than By Feelings." Salazar was writing about her experience going to Panama with Laura Bozzo to do an interview with Montesinos. As they were getting ready to do the interview, Bozzo informed Salazar that Montesinos won't be doing the interview anymore. Salazar wrote, "I am strong, but not violent; even in the worst situations, when I feel like "killing someone", I let myself be guided by reason rather than by feelings. Dialogue and words are the best weapons to defend yourself. Also, if I say that I am a Christian, the least I should do is practice it. Jesus was soft and spoke softly. However, that Saturday, October 21, 2000, in Panama, thirty-four weeks pregnant, with swollen legs, a paralyzed heart from waiting, and standing in front of a Laura Bozzo who, calmly and sportingly, said to me: Montesinos she's not going to give you the interview, she doesn't want to, she says it's not the time, the truth is that I thought I was killing her. He had been waiting for her all day with the cameraman ready, the questions ready, everything ready for the interview I have been waiting half a year for." [Book: Si Dios Contigo, ¿Quién Contra Ti?, Author: Maria Elvira Salazar, p. 49] *Translate*

Media Career

Salazar writes in her book that she made it to top of the media industry *"without doing sexual favors in exchange for a position."*

Salazar Said She Made It To The Top Of Her Industry "Without Doing Sexual Favors In Exchange For A Position." Salazar wrote, "To occupy one of those chairs was to be at the top. And getting to that top had taken more than half my life. What was I going to do now? How do I recover my career, my prestige, the respect of the public? After twenty-five years of an impeccable career, worked hard, without doing sexual favors in exchange for a position, earned with blood, sweat and tears, there I was, on the floor, marked as a leper and cataloged as waste in the industry." [Book: Si Dios Contigo, ¿Quién Contra Ti?, Author: Maria Elvira Salazar, p. 9] *Translate*

Salazar said she was *"like Oprah Winfrey."*

2010: Salazar: "I'm Like Oprah Winfrey [...] Independent Production Allows Me To Choose Who Works With Me And How Much That Person Earns." "Perhaps the most hopeful thing is how Salazar managed to turn the situation around, and following her faith, continue working to get to the point where she is today, where she owns her show, María Elvira Live, which broadcasts Mega TV. 'I'm like Oprah [Winfrey]. Independent production allows me to choose who works with me and how much that person earns. Since I manage the budget, I can decide if I want to buy a video of Fidel Castro in his underwear. I write the check myself, I don't have to go to [the departments of] Human Resources or Legal,' says Salazar, who is satisfied with the ratings of the program in the United States and Puerto Rico, and aspires to be seen throughout Latin America." [El Nuevo Herald, 8/13/10] *Translation*

- **Spanish Version:** “Lo más esperanzador quizás sea cómo Salazar consiguió darle un giro a la situación, y siguiendo su fe, continuar trabajando para llegar al punto en el que se encuentra hoy, en que es dueña de su show , María Elvira Live , que trasmite Mega TV. ‘Soy como Oprah [Winfrey]. La producción independiente me permite elegir quién trabaja conmigo y cuánto gana esa persona. Como manejo el presupuesto, puedo decidir si quiero comprar un video de Fidel Castro en calzoncillos. Yo misma hago el cheque, no tengo que ir a [los departamentos de] Human Resources o Legal,’ cuenta Salazar, que se siente satisfecha de los ratings del programa en Estados Unidos y en Puerto Rico, y aspira a que se vea en toda América Latina.”

Salazar prayed to God asking to be number one in the TV ratings.

Salazar Prayed To God Asking To Be Number One In The TV Ratings. Salazar wrote, “But never stop thanking God for what I had and for what was to come. Thanking him in advance is very effective, it is like visualizing the blessings on the way for us. I knelt saying: ‘Lord, thank you because I know that I will be the first in the market, you are going to raise my ratings, I will be number one.’ That fills you with peace and tranquility. It is peace, I repeat, it transcends the intellect and reaches your heart.” [Book: Si Dios Contigo, ¿Quién Contra Ti?, Author: Maria Elvira Salazar, p. 142] Translate

Salazar said, “I am a winner in what I set out to do, period.”

Salazar: “I Am A Winner In What I Set Out To Do, Period.” Salazar wrote, “This was normal for me: I spent four years, for example, working to achieve the interview with Fidel. I am, therefore, aware of the difficulties involved in approaching a character [Montesinos] of this magnitude. But when I commit to something, I do not give in, I do not give up, I do not give up until I achieve it, I am also convinced that I am more than a winner in Christ Jesus, and I take refuge in those words. I am a winner in what I set out to do, period. And I count on a superior force that opens the paths for me. This is what is promised in the Bible: Entrust your way to Me, so that I can do it. So I let Him do it, and it always works out.” [Book: Si Dios Contigo, ¿Quién Contra Ti?, Author: Maria Elvira Salazar, p. 25] Translate

Salazar said, “If God is with me, no one could be against me.”

Salazar: “If God Is With Me, No One Could Be Against Me.” Salazar wrote, “With no one to turn to...I knelt. And I looked at the sky. I clung to the only truly eternal: the Most High. I asked him to rescue me from the hole. May he save me from professional death, financial ruin, and the pain of failure. He was the only one who had the power to get me out; That is why I was before Him. I knelt down and from that moment I realized that if God is with me, no one could be against me. And I began to feel peace, that which transcends the intellect and reaches the heart. From the moment I clung to the Word of the Lord I began to feel its strength in me, that's why I knew that everything was going to turn out well. So it was.” [Book: Si Dios Contigo, ¿Quién Contra Ti?, Author: Maria Elvira Salazar, p. 9] Translate

Notable Shows & Interviews

Venezuela President Nicolas Maduro

2019: Salazar interviewed Venezuela President Nicolas Maduro.

2019: Salazar Interviewed Venezuela President Nicolas Maduro For Univision. “The president of Venezuela, Nicolás Maduro, called for a ‘frank dialogue’ with his American colleague, Donald Trump, in an exclusive interview conducted by the journalist and former candidate for the United States Congress, María Elvira Salazar. ‘I know we are two different people and countries, but we are in the same hemisphere, sooner rather than later we are forced to understand each other,’ Maduro said in an interview with Salazar for Fox, which is being broadcast in parts on channel 23. of Univision.” [CE Noticias Financieras English, 1/19/19]

Note: Full interview can be found [here](#).

2019: Maduro Wanted Trump To See His Interview With Salazar And Said, “We Are People With Whom You Can Negotiate” And “I Wish There Was An Opportunity For A Frank And Direct Dialogue.” “Envoys from Nicolás Maduro contacted journalist María Elvira Salazar to interview the Venezuelan president on Univisión and FOX, knowing that this is the favorite television network of US President Donald Trump. ‘We are people with whom you can negotiate,’ Maduro stressed in his message to the American, who does not recognize his new presidency. ‘I wish there was an opportunity for a frank and direct dialogue,’ Maduro transmitted. ‘Economically strangled.’ The reality is that there is a desperate cry from them to Trump, ‘explained Salazar after the interview. The message is that they seek to negotiate because ‘economically they are strangled.’”

- **Spanish Version:** “Entrevistas en suelo estadounidense. Enviados de Nicolás Maduro contactaron a la periodista María Elvira Salazar para que entrevistase al mandatario venezolano en Univisión y FOX, sabedor de que ésta es la cadena televisiva favorita del presidente estadounidense, Donald Trump. ‘Un diálogo franco.’ ‘Somos gente con la que se puede negociar,’ subrayó Maduro, en su mensaje al estadounidense, que no reconoce su nueva Presidencia. ‘Ojalá se diera la oportunidad de un diálogo franco y directo,’ transmitió Maduro.” “Estrangulados económicamente. ‘La realidad es que hay un grito desesperado de parte de ellos hacia Trump,’ explicó Salazar tras la entrevista. El mensaje es que buscan negociar porque “económicamente están estrangulados.”

2013: Salazar: “I Would Love To Interview Nicolás Maduro.” Salazar said, “I would love to interview Nicolás Maduro, in fact, I already asked for it, we’ll see if I get it. Also Diosdado Cabello (president of the Venezuelan Parliament) and, at the international level, (former NSA technician) Edward Snowden, because in his case I see the struggle that arises in democracy,” said the journalist, who added that without a doubt the story that will impact her the most will be the day she can cover free elections in the land of her parents.” [EFE Newswire, 8/19/13] Translation

- **Spanish Version:** Salazar dijo, “Me encantaría entrevistar a Nicolás Maduro, de hecho, ya lo pedí, veremos si se me da. También a Diosdado Cabello (presidente del Parlamento venezolano) y, en el plano internacional a (extécnico de la NSA) Edward Snowden, porque en su caso veo la lucha que surge en la democracia”, señaló la periodista, quien agregó que sin duda la historia que más la impactará será el día que pueda cubrir elecciones libres en la tierra de sus padres.”

Former Panama President Ricardo Martinelli

[2015: Salazar interviewed former Panama president Ricardo Martinelli.](#)

2015: Salazar Interviewed The Former Panama President Ricardo Martinelli. “Former President Ricardo Martinelli feels far away. On Monday, for the umpteenth time since January 28, when he left Panama, he assured that he wants to return to his homeland, but the legal proceedings against him prevent him from doing so. This time, Martinelli repeated his escapist adventures in the program hosted by the Cuban-Puerto Rican journalist María Elvira Salazar on the Mira TV channel, available in the southern area of Florida, United States. 'What I want most is return to Panama. My granddaughter, my businesses, my life is in Panama,' said the former president, who was wearing a black suit, light blue shirt and blue tie.” [La Prensa, 2/11/15] Translation

- **Spanish Version:** “El expresidente Ricardo Martinelli se siente lejos. El lunes, por enésima vez desde el 28 de enero pasado que salió de Panamá, aseguró que tiene deseos de volver a su patria, pero los procesos legales en su contra se lo impiden. Esta vez, Martinelli repitió sus peripecias escapistas en el programa que conduce la periodista cubana-puertorriqueña María Elvira Salazar a través del canal Mira TV, disponible para el área sur de Florida, Estados Unidos. ‘Lo que yo más quiero es regresar a Panamá. Mi nieta, mis negocios, mi vida está en Panamá,’ dijo el exmandatario, quien vestía un traje negro, camisa celeste y corbata azul.”
- **February 2015: Salazar Conducted an Interview with Former Panamanian President Ricardo Martinelli, During Which He Said He Was a “Victim of Political Persecution.”** “Former President Ricardo Martinelli said in an interview yesterday with a US television station that he is a victim of political persecution. "There is a systematic campaign against me and the CD [Democratic Change] party," Martinelli said. "They will fabricate any evidence to attack me." The interview was conducted by Cuban-Puerto Rican journalist Maria Elvira Salazar and broadcast on Mira TV, a station in south Florida.” [BBC Latin America, 2/12/15]

Former Chile President Augusto Pinochet

[2003: Salazar interviewed Pinochet.](#)

2003: Salazar Interviewed Pinochet. “‘I never aspired to be a dictator,’ the raspy-voiced Pinochet told Spanish-language TV talk-show host Maria Elvira Salazar in an interview scheduled for broadcast at 8 p.m. Monday on WDLP-22. ‘I always acted with democratic principles.’” 11/23/03]

- **Pinochet Told Salazar That His Interview With Her Was Going To Be The Last Interview He Did In His Lifetime.** “Pinochet told the interviewer, Maria Elvira Salazar, ‘This the last interview I will give in my life. The remarks sparked anger among opponents of the military regime that is blamed for the deaths or disappearances of an estimated 3,200 people.’” [Sun-Sentinel, 11/26/03]
- **November 2003: Salazar Interviewed Gen. Augusto Pinochet, During Which Pinochet Called Himself an “Angel,” Causing Uproar.** “Gen. Augusto Pinochet turned 88 Tuesday amid an

uproar over a TV interview in which the former dictator called himself an "angel." Speaking with a Miami-based Spanish-language television station, WDLR, Pinochet said he saw no reason to ask forgiveness from victims or their relatives for human rights violations during his 1973-1990 dictatorship. "They are the ones, the Marxists, who should ask me for forgiveness," the ailing general said in the interview, recalling a 1986 attempt on his life in which five of his bodyguards were killed. "I never ordered anyone to be killed," the ailing general said in the interview Monday. "I harbor no hatred or rancor. I am good, I consider myself an angel." Pinochet told the interviewer, Maria Elvira Salazar, that he agreed to talk to her "as a show of appreciation" to his "friends" in Miami who are exiled from Cuba. The interview sparked anger among opponents of the authoritarian regime that is blamed for the deaths or disappearances of an estimated 3,200 people." [Chicago Sun-Times, 11/26/03]

Bill Clinton

[1999: Salazar interviewed President Bill Clinton.](#)

November 1999: Salazar Interviewed President Bill Clinton for Telemundo Noticiero in Hartford Connecticut. [Public Papers of the Presidents, 11/4/99]

- **Salazar Asked President Clinton How He Responded to NRA President Charlton Heston Saying the White House and Justice Dept. Lacked the Spine to Enforce Existing Gun Control Laws.** "Ms. Salazar. Before we talk about your visit here to Hartford, the head of the NRA, Charlton Heston, said that the White House and the Justice Department lack the spine to enforce the existing gun control laws. How do you respond to this?" [Public Papers of the Presidents, 11/4/99]
- **Salazar Asked President Clinton Why The American Dream Eluded The 30 Million Hispanics Living In The United States.** "Ms. Salazar. Beautiful. There are 30 million Hispanics in the United States and counting. Yet a disproportionate number live in poverty, do not have health care, and can't get a job. Why has the American dream eluded them?" [Public Papers of the Presidents, 11/4/99]
- **Salazar Asked President Clinton What He Would Say To A Child Born In The United States Of Immigrant Parents.** "Ms. Salazar. I think you have answered my next question, but I want to ask you anyway, and it has to do with youth. In the barrio in New York City, or in any barrio in the United States, there is a 12-year-old boy whose name is Juan Gonzalez, let's say. His parents struggle to make a living and provide him with a decent education. What message do you have for him, a kid that was born in the United States?" [Public Papers of the Presidents, 11/4/99]
- **Salazar Asked President Clinton If He Was Concerned That Leaders Of 17 Spanish-Speaking Countries Gathering In Havana Legitimized Castro's Government.** "Ms. Salazar. Let's talk a little bit about Cuba. The democratically elected leaders of 17 Spanish-speaking nations will gather in Havana in the next couple of weeks. Are you concerned that they are legitimizing

Castro's government?" [Public Papers of the Presidents, 11/4/99]

- **Salazar Asked President Clinton If He Ever Foresaw Normalized Relations With Castro And The United States.** "Ms. Salazar. And do you ever foresee normalized relations with Castro and the United States? [Public Papers of the Presidents, 11/4/99]
- **Salazar Asked President Clinton If The United States Could Be "Dragged Into the Civil War" in Columbia.** "Ms. Salazar. Okay. Yes, I do. Colombia -- Washington is debating billions of dollars in aid to that country. Serious problem. Do you foresee, or could the United States be dragged into the civil war that they are living?" [Public Papers of the Presidents, 11/4/99]
- **Salazar Asked President Clinton If He Would Approve the U.S.S. Eisenhower to Use Live Fire During Its Exercises Off The Coast of Puerto Rico.** "Ms. Salazar. Vieques, sir. The U.S.S. Eisenhower is scheduled to begin exercises December 1st off the coast of Puerto Rico in Vieques. Will you approve the use of live fire?" [Public Papers of the Presidents, 11/4/99]
- **Salazar Said Immigration Laws Disrupted The Lives Of Thousands Of Hispanic Families And Asked President Clinton If The Issue Would Be Resolved Before He Left Office.** "Ms. Salazar. Two weeks, sir. One more, on immigration. Immigration laws have disrupted the lives, or many people think that they have disrupted the lives of thousands of Hispanic families, or they consider that's the way. Will the issue be resolved before you leave office?" [Public Papers of the Presidents, 11/4/99]

Colombian President Alvaro Uribe

[2008: Salazar interviewed Colombian President Uribe.](#)

2008: Salazar Interviewed Colombia President Alvaro Uribe. "Starting tonight, María Elvira Salazar presents an exclusive interview with the President of Colombia, Álvaro Uribe, which shows the president as a man of deep convictions, clear goals and forceful leadership. During the interview, which will be broadcast in three parts, today, tomorrow and Thursday, the FARC, Venezuelan President Hugo Chávez, Cuba and the accusations of drug trafficking and paramilitarism against Uribe will be discussed. María Elvira Live is broadcast from Monday to Friday at 8 p.m. on Channel 22-WSBS/Mega TV." [El Nuevo Herald, 9/02/08] Translation

- **Spanish Version:** "María Elvira Salazar presenta a partir de esta noche una entrevista exclusiva con el Presidente de Colombia, Alvaro Uribe, que muestra al mandatario como un hombre de convicciones profundas, metas claras y liderazgo contundente. Durante la entrevista, que se transmitirá en tres partes, hoy, mañana y el jueves, se discutirán sobre las FARC, el presidente venezolano Hugo Chávez, Cuba y las acusaciones de narcotráfico y paramilitarismo en contra de Uribe. María Elvira Live se transmite de lunes a viernes a las 8 p.m. por Canal 22-WSBS/Mega TV."

Honduran President Porfirio Lobo

[2010: Salazar interviewed Hondurian President Lobo.](#)

2010: Salazar Interviewed Hondurian President Porfirio Lobo. “María Elvira Salazar presents tonight an exclusive interview with Porfirio Lobo. The Honduran president talks about the creation of a "truth commission" to clarify what happened after the removal of Manuel Zelaya. In addition, the whereabouts of Zelaya and his family in the Dominican Republic will be reported. María Elvira Live is broadcast from Monday to Friday at 8 p.m. by Channel 22-WSBS/Mega TV.” [El Nuevo Herald, 2/02/10] Translation

- **Spanish Version:** “María Elvira Salazar presenta esta noche una entrevista exclusiva con Porfirio Lobo. El presidente hondureño habla sobre la creación de una “comisión de la verdad” para esclarecer lo sucedido tras la destitución de Manuel Zelaya. Además, se informará sobre el paradero de Zelaya y su familia en República Dominicana. María Elvira Live se trasmite de lunes a viernes a las 8 p.m. por Canal 22-WSBS/Mega TV.”

Nicaraguan President Ortega

[Salazar once interviewed Ortega.](#)

Salazar Once Interviewed Ortega. “Salazar, who previously worked as a journalist in Nicaragua and once interviewed Ortega, introduced the bill with New Jersey Democratic Rep. Tom Malinowski, who served as former President Barack Obama's assistant Secretary of State for democracy, human rights and labor. Miami Republicans Mario Diaz-Balart and Carlos Gimenez also signed onto the legislation along with Florida Democratic Reps. Stephanie Murphy and Charlie Crist, who is running for governor.” [Miami Herald, 6/17/21]

Cuban Political Debate

[1996: Salazar moderated a debate between Alarcon, president of Cuba's National Assembly of People's Power, and Mas Canosa, chairman of the Cuban American National Foundation.](#)

1996: Salazar Moderated A Debate Between Alarcon, President Of Cuba's National Assembly Of People's Power, And Mas Canosa, Chairman Of The Cuban American National Foundation And Prominent Exile. “Ricardo Alarcon, president of Cuba's National Assembly of the People's Power, and Jorge Mas Canosa, chairman of the Cuban American National Foundation, faced off Friday in a debate that CBS Telenoticias will broadcast the first week in September. 'The debate was historic,' said Maria Elvira Salazar, who hosted the meeting. 'It's the first time they have agreed to a face-off. Each stated his point of view, in a civilized manner, and both stuck to their hard line.' Alarcon was Cuba's highest-ranking government figure to agree to a debate with Mas Canosa, one of the most prominent exile leaders in Miami. Salazar and Mas Canosa participated from the Hialeah studios of CBS Telenoticias. Alarcon spoke from the Havana studios of the Cuban Institute of Radio and Television.” [Miami Herald, 8/24/96]

- **Salazar Said The Debate Was Historic...The First Time They Have Greed to A Face-Off.** ""The debate was historic," said Maria Elvira Salazar, who hosted the meeting. "It's the first time they

have agreed to a face-off. Each stated his point of view, in a civilized manner, and both stuck to their hard line." [Miami Herald, 8/24/96]

- **Salazar Asked Mas Canosa About How Cuban Exiles Justified The U.S. Embargo While Violating It.** "HERE ARE excerpts from a transcript of last night's debate, 'Castro: Judgment on History', between Ricardo Alarcon, president of Cuba's National Assembly, and Jorge Mas Canosa, chairman of the Miami-based Cuban American National Foundation. Videotaped Aug. 23, the debate was aired last night on CBS Telenoticias. It will air 11 a.m. Sunday in English on WFOR- Channel 4 [...] Maria Elvira Salazar: Mr. Mas Canosa, Cuban exiles are the most staunch supporters of the U.S. embargo but are the first ones to violate it. It is estimated that about \$300 million enter the island every year from the United States. If so, how can the people who support the embargo the most, violate it the most, while jus-tifying a continuation of the embargo? . . . Mr. Alarcon, according to the Academy of Soviet Sciences, Cuba received a subsidy of \$120 billion in its 30 years' relationship (with the USSR). That's 10 times what all of Europe received after the war." [Miami Herald, 9/6/96]
- **Salazar Told Alarcon That Cuba Received A Subsidy Of \$120 Billion From Russia, More Than 10 Times What Europe Received After The War.** "HERE ARE excerpts from a transcript of last night's debate, 'Castro: Judgment on History', between Ricardo Alarcon, president of Cuba's National Assembly, and Jorge Mas Canosa, chairman of the Miami-based Cuban American National Foundation. Videotaped Aug. 23, the debate was aired last night on CBS Telenoticias. It will air 11 a.m. Sunday in English on WFOR- Channel 4 [...] Maria Elvira Salazar: Mr. Mas Canosa, Cuban exiles are the most staunch supporters of the U.S. embargo but are the first ones to violate it. It is estimated that about \$300 million enter the island every year from the United States. If so, how can the people who support the embargo the most, violate it the most, while jus-tifying a continuation of the embargo? . . . Mr. Alarcon, according to the Academy of Soviet Sciences, Cuba received a subsidy of \$120 billion in its 30 years' relationship (with the USSR). That's 10 times what all of Europe received after the war." [Miami Herald, 9/6/96]
- **Salazar Asked Alarcon How Cuba Justified Claiming That Cuban Dissidents Were Controlled By The United States And Presented Him With Proof Against That Position.** "HERE ARE excerpts from a transcript of last night's debate, 'Castro: Judgment on History', between Ricardo Alarcon, president of Cuba's National Assembly, and Jorge Mas Canosa, chairman of the Miami-based Cuban American National Foundation. Videotaped Aug. 23, the debate was aired last night on CBS Telenoticias. It will air 11 a.m. Sunday in English on WFOR- Channel 4 [...] Salazar: (The Cuban) government says that its internal opposition is controlled by the United States, and for that reason it should be crushed. But how can you justify that some of those dissidents, a great many of whom were not on (dictator Fulgencio) Batista's side, who don't receive money from the United States, and who fought alongside Fidel Castro to create the Revolution -- for example, Gustavo Arcos Bergnes, president of the Cuban Committee for Human Rights -- are now jailed, are today persecuted? Mr. Alarcon?" [Miami Herald, 9/6/96]
- **Salazar Asked Mas Why Cuban Exiles Did Not Support Those In Cuba Trying To Start A Dialogue With Castro.** "HERE ARE excerpts from a transcript of last night's debate, 'Castro: Judgment on History', between Ricardo Alarcon, president of Cuba's National Assembly, and

Jorge Mas Canosa, chairman of the Miami-based Cuban American National Foundation. Videotaped Aug. 23, the debate was aired last night on CBS Telenoticias. It will air 11 a.m. Sunday in English on WFOR- Channel 4 [...] Salazar: Mr. Mas, in 1991 you concurred in calling Mr. Arcos Bergnes a traitor after he having called for a dialogue with Fidel Castro. If he and others -- like Osvaldo Paya of the Christian Movement -- are inside Cuba, in the line of fire, why don't you give them at least your moral support?" [Miami Herald, 9/6/96]

- **Salazar Asked Mas What Assurances He Could Give That Cuban Exiles Would Not “Impose A Savage Form Of Capitalism (In Cuba), Taking Advantage Of An Economy... Begs For (Foreign) Investment?”** “HERE ARE excerpts from a transcript of last night’s debate, ‘Castro: Judgment on History’, between Ricardo Alarcon, president of Cuba’s National Assembly, and Jorge Mas Canosa, chairman of the Miami-based Cuban American National Foundation. Videotaped Aug. 23, the debate was aired last night on CBS Telenoticias. It will air 11 a.m. Sunday in English on WFOR- Channel 4 [...] Salazar: What assurance can you give the people of Cuba -- people who have nothing and are hungry -- that businessmen from the exile community, people like you, are not going to impose a savage form of capitalism (in Cuba), taking advantage of an economy in ruins that literally begs for (foreign) investment?” [Miami Herald, 9/6/96]
- **Salazar Asked Alarcon What Responsibility The Government And Him Had For The Economic Crisis In Cuba.** “HERE ARE excerpts from a transcript of last night’s debate, ‘Castro: Judgment on History’, between Ricardo Alarcon, president of Cuba’s National Assembly, and Jorge Mas Canosa, chairman of the Miami-based Cuban American National Foundation. Videotaped Aug. 23, the debate was aired last night on CBS Telenoticias. It will air 11 a.m. Sunday in English on WFOR- Channel 4 [...] Salazar: Cuba is going through the worst economic chaos in its history. In this period (of crisis), to what extent is the ruling circle responsible -- yourself included?” [Miami Herald, 9/6/96]
- **Salazar Questioned Alarcon When He Claimed There Was No Hunger In Cuba.** “HERE ARE excerpts from a transcript of last night’s debate, ‘Castro: Judgment on History’, between Ricardo Alarcon, president of Cuba’s National Assembly, and Jorge Mas Canosa, chairman of the Miami-based Cuban American National Foundation. Videotaped Aug. 23, the debate was aired last night on CBS Telenoticias. It will air 11 a.m. Sunday in English on WFOR- Channel 4 [...] Salazar: Cuba is going through the worst economic chaos in its history. In this period (of crisis), to what extent is the ruling circle responsible -- yourself included? Alarcon: Well, of course we are all responsible for the decisions, the efforts made to deal with an economic situation that couldn't be more complicated. But let me tell you, we don't have the hunger, the destitution that afflicts so many people elsewhere, particularly in Latin America. I don't believe that all Cubans in Miami are millionaires, like Mr. Mas Canosa. If that is the objective (that exiles) offer Cubans, they should first attain it themselves in the United States. . . . Salazar: No hunger in Cuba? How can you say that there is no hunger in Cuba? There are rafters, however. Tell me: Isn't a person who exposes his family to the sharks in the Florida Straits more than just a little bit hungry?” [Miami Herald, 9/6/96]
- **Salazar Asked Alarcon And Mas If They Would Support The Other If They Were Popularly Elected.** “Salazar (to Alarcon): If after Castro’s demise, and through general elections, Mr. Mas

Canosa were to reach the presidency of Cuba . . . would you support that popularly elected government? Yes or no. Alarcon: A government elected by the people, yes. But not an American who represents a foreign government. The answer has to be No. Salazar: Mr. Mas Canosa, then. Alarcon: No, because he is not Cuban. This is where I left off Mas: Well, first of all, my Cuban citizenship is not the property of the Cuban Revolution or Fidel Castro or Ricardo Alarcon. I am a Cuban citizen and I carry (that nationality) in my heart. Simply said, power should be attained through free and democratic elections, universal and secret suffrage, respect for the will of the people, respect for sovereignty. Let the Cubans choose the system they deem convenient and the rulers they wish to elect. Salazar (to Mas Canosa): Likewise, if Fidel Castro exits the political scene in Cuba and Ricardo Alarcon becomes the man entrusted with the transition to democracy, would you give him full financial support? Mas: The question goes beyond one man. The conditions I just described must be present. If in a democratic election, where the will of the people is respected, where . . . Salazar: If Mr. Alarcon were to become the man leading Cuba toward democracy, would you give him your financial support? Mas: . . . where political parties are organized, we have the opportunity to express our ideas, to have equal access to the media, and Mr. Alarcon wins a free and democratic election -- or Mr. Juan Perez or Mr. Jose Rodriguez -- we would support him, yes sir." [Miami Herald, 9/6/96]

"Cuba without Castro"

[2006: Salazar anchored a three hour live special called "Cuba without Castro."](#)

2006: Salazar Anchored A Three Hour Live Special Called "Cuba Without Castro." "Miami's WSBS-Mega TV, Channel 22, Tuesday broadcast a live three-hour special from Havana, Cuba Without Castro, anchored by María Elvira Salazar, host of the channel's Polos Opuestos TV show. The program included analysis from Angel Tomás González, correspondent for the Spanish daily El Mundo, and exiled activists and analysts such as former political prisoner María Elena Cruz-Varela and anti-Castro activist Frank Calzon." [Miami Herald, 8/3/06]

- **August 2006: Salazar Hosted A Program Called "Cuba Without Castro" Live From Havana.** "Miami's WSBS-Mega TV, Channel 22, Tuesday broadcast a live three-hour special from Havana, Cuba Without Castro, anchored by María Elvira Salazar, host of the channel's Polos Opuestos TV show. The program included analysis from Angel Tomás González, correspondent for the Spanish daily El Mundo, and exiled activists and analysts such as former political prisoner María Elena Cruz-Varela and anti-Castro activist Frank Calzon." [Miami Herald, 8/3/06]

PBS Documentary on Castro

[Salazar on PBS's American Experience documentary on Castro: "It doesn't have a frontal attack with words, but rather a bombardment of facts and images."](#)

Salazar On PBS's American Experience Documentary On Castro: "It Doesn't Have A Frontal Attack With Words, But Rather A Bombardment Of Facts And Images." "PBS's American Experience series crosses the border tonight with the two-hour biography Fidel Castro. [...] Maria Elvira Salazar, a Cuban-American journalist who hosts Maria Elvira Confronta on Spanish-language station WDLP-Ch. 22,

discussed the documentary in a special edition of her show. She says the documentary is made for a liberal audience. 'Without using a negative word or an insult toward the figure of Fidel Castro, the documentary shows clearly and without a doubt the high social cost that the Cuban people have had to pay,' says Salazar. 'It doesn't have a frontal attack with words, but rather a bombardment of facts and images.'" [Sun-Sentinel, 1/31/05]

Castro's Daughter

[1996: Castro's daughter living in exile canceled her television appearance with Salazar.](#)

1996: Castro's Daughter Living In Exile Canceled Her Television Appearance With Salazar. "Fidel Castro's estranged daughter, Alina Fernandez Revuelta, canceled her scheduled appearance at 8 tonight in what was billed as 'A Conversation with. . .' moderated by television journalist Maria Elvira Salazar. Fernandez left a message over the weekend for book fair organizers saying she had trouble making her flight out of Spain." [Miami Herald, 11/9/97]

Salazar Planned To Have A Conversation With Castro's Exile Daughter Revuelta. "Highlights include local poet Nestor Diaz de Villegas discussing his Anarquía en Disneyland- ia and Fidel Castro's exile daughter Alina Fernandez Revuelta in conversation with journalist Maria Elvira Salazar, both Nov. 18." [Miami Herald, 11/9/97]

Episode

[In 2003, Salazar had an episode where she focused on "who enjoys sex more in the couple.](#)

2003: Salazar Had An Episode Where She Focused On The Following Question: "Who Enjoys Sex More In The Couple?" "Maria Elvira confronts grows. Maria Elvira Salazar's television program -- which is broadcast on America TeVe/Channel 41 from Monday to Friday at 8 p.m. -- reaches the radio and Puerto Rico. The space began to air simultaneously on station WQBA 1140 AM since last Monday, while it will be seen on Isla del Encanto, through WAPA Television, starting next Monday, deferred, at 10 a.m. Maria Elvira confronts debate on different topics and today she will focus on the following question: Who enjoys sex more in the couple?" [El Nuevo Herald, 2/28/03]

- **Spanish Version:** "Maria Elvira confronta crece. El programa televisivo de Maria Elvira Salazar -- que se trasmite por America TeVe/Canal 41 de lunes a viernes, a las 8 p.m., llega a la radio y a Puerto Rico. El espacio comenzo a salir en simultaneo por la estacion WQBA 1140 AM desde el lunes pasado, mientras que se vera en la Isla del Encanto, a traves de WAPA Television, a partir del proximo lunes, en diferido, a las 10 a.m. Maria Elvira confronta debate sobre distintos temas y hoy se centrara en la siguiente pregunta: ?Quien disfruta mas el sexo en la pareja?"

Florida State Senate Debate

[2006: Salazar moderated a debate between Bolanos and Villalobos.](#)

2006: Salazar Moderated A Spanish Language Debate Between Florida State Senate Candidates Bolanos And Villalobos. "The only English-language debate in Florida's toughest state Senate race became a single-candidate question-and-answer session Friday, after candidate Frank Bolaños declined to show. The reason: Bolaños kept a breakfast appointment with voters instead of debating incumbent Sen. Alex Villalobos. The debate, originally scheduled for Wednesday morning on the Jim DeFede Show on radio station WINZ-AM (940), was postponed due to Tropical Storm Ernesto. Both candidates did appear on a Spanish-language debate Thursday evening on TV station Mega 22, hosted by Maria Elvira Salazar." [Miami Herald, 9/2/06]

Argentina Foreign Minister Dante Caputo

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December 1997: Salazar Interviewed Former Argentine Foreign Minister Dante Caputo and Senior U.S. State Dept. Official Peter Romero. "If foreign leaders do not get to South Florida often enough, South Florida gets to them. One night last week, Telenoticias' Maria Elvira Salazar debated U.S.-Latin America policy by satellite hookup with former Argentine Foreign Minister Dante Caputo and senior U.S. State Department official Peter Romero on her weekly show Polos Opuestos _ Opposite Poles _ a Spanish-language version of CNN's Crossfire." [South Florida Sun-Sentinel, 12/21/97]

- **Salazar Compared South Florida to the Netherlands Capital Of The The Hague, Because It Is A Place For International Disputes To Be Resolved.** ""We have that ability to do that, because we are in the middle. Since we are impartial terrain (except for Cuban issues), all these things can be discussed here," Salazar said. She compared South Florida with the Netherlands capital of The Hague, where many international disputes are resolved in the World Court. With satellite hookups from South Florida, Latin American presidents can face critics of their policies _ and perhaps create new diplomatic milestones, as occurred when Salazar organized last year's "debate" between Cuban official Ricardo Alarcon and the late Cuban exile leader Jorge Mas Canosa." [South Florida Sun-Sentinel, 12/21/97]

U.S. Senator Marco Rubio

May 2010: Salazar interviewed Marco Rubio.

May 2010: Salazar Pressed Marco Rubio On Whether Or Not He Supported Arizona's Controversial Immigration Law. "Republican U.S. Senate candidate Marco Rubio, speaking on Spanish-language television Monday night, said he supported a change to Arizona's controversial immigration law -- and not necessarily the law itself. "The law, how it is now, do you support it, yes or no?" Maria Elvira Salazar asked on Mega TV's Maria Elvira Live. "I don't support states taking this into their own hands," Rubio replied. "I think this needs to be dealt with at the federal level. What I support is the change they made to the law, because that improved the law." Earlier this month, the conservative website Human Events asked Rubio if he would have voted for the changed version of the law. "The second one that passed hit the right note. Yes," he said." [Florida Politics, 5/18/10]

U.S.-Latin America Policy Debate

[1997: Salazar hosted a debate about the U.S.-Latin America policy between Argentine foreign minister Caputo and State Department official Romero.](#)

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Nicaraguan Presidential Election

[October 1996: Salazar went to Nicaragua to cover the Nicaraguan presidential elections.](#)

October 1996: Salazar Went To Nicaragua To Cover The Last Leg Of The Nicaraguan Presidential Election. “CBS TeleNoticias will provide in-depth, comprehensive coverage of Nicaragua’s hotly contested October 20th presidential election, the first since the Sandinistas’ defeat at the polls six years ago. Beginning today, CBS TeleNoticias correspondents Salvador Castellanos and Maria Elvira Salazar will be in Nicaragua covering the last leg of the campaign of the two main candidates, Sandinista Daniel Ortega and Liberal Arnoldo Aleman. CBS TeleNoticias Correspondent Rey Rodriguez will focus on economic issues in the campaign and how the electoral process has played out in rural areas of the country.” [PR Newswire, CBS TeleNoticias, 10/14/96]

1990: Elections In The Dominican Republic

[May 1990: Salazar covered the elections in the Dominican Republic.](#)

May 1990: Salazar Covered The Elections In The Dominican Republic. “Another of Salazar’s early assignments will be covering elections in the Dominican Republic in May. Salazar is also interested in getting a graduate degree in Latin American studies. ‘I’m going to pursue it,’ she said, ‘but my No. 1 occupation will be Univision.’” [Miami Herald, Juan Carlos Coto, 1/29/90]

Reagan-Gorbachev Summit Conference In Moscow

[1988: Salazar reported from the Reagan-Gorbachev Summit Conference in Moscow](#)

1988: Salazar Reported From The Reagan-Gorbachev Summit Conference In Moscow. “When the nation’s Hispanic viewers turn on the first CNN Spanish-language newscast at 6:30 p.m. Monday, they’ll witness just how heady a young anchor’s debut can be. They’ll get to see Miami’s Maria Elvira Salazar having her first major shot at network anchoring. Live, from Moscow. While co-anchor Jorge Gestoso does the first Noticiero Telemundo-CNN show solo from CNN studios in Atlanta, Salazar will be reporting the Reagan-Gorbachev summit conference. ‘As an anchor, I’ll miss full-time reporting,’ says Salazar, at 27 a veteran of Latin TV news’ front lines. ‘But I’ll be doing something as exciting. And I’m going to convey that excitement.’” [Miami Herald, 5/29/88]

- **May 1988: Salazar Had Her “First Major Shot At Network Anchoring” Live From Moscow.** “When the nation's Hispanic viewers turn on the first CNN Spanish-language newscast at 6:30 p.m. Monday, they'll witness just how heady a young anchor's debut can be. They'll get to see Miami's Maria Elvira Salazar having her first major shot at network anchoring. Live, from Moscow.” [Miami Herald, 5/29/88]
- **May 1988: The Telemundo and CNN Venture Kicked Off Broadcasting With Salazar Reporting Live From Moscow On The U.S.-Soviet Summit.** “The Hispanic news venture formed by Telemundo and CNN is kicking off today with live reports from Moscow by anchor Maria Elvira Salazar on the U.S.-Soviet summit. Anchoring the half-hour telecast in CNN's Atlanta facilities is Jorge Gestoso.” [Electronic Media, 5/30/88]

Other Notable Interviews

[2014: Mantellini appeared on Salazar's program on CNN Latino.](#)

2014: Mantellini Appeared On Salazar's Program On CNN Latino. “The public source of this information is expert Pedro Mantellini, one of the great connoisseurs of the topic of Venezuelan oil. He explained it in Miami, on María Elvira Salazar's program on CNN Latino.” [Miami Herald, 2/3/14]

[2010: Loret de Mola appeared on Salazar's program.](#)

2010: Loret De Mola Appeared On Salazar's Program. ““This is a super well-equipped unit, which we have never seen before but which showed that it was ready for something serious,’ said Camilo Loret de Mola, who appeared on the Maria Elvira Salazar program that broadcast the video.” [Miami Herald, 9/10/10]

[2010: Salazar hosted Calzado of Charanga on her talk show on WSBS-SBS 22.](#)

2010: Salazar Hosted Calzado Of Charanga On Her Talk Show On WSBS-SBS 22. “Maria Elvira Salazar, who hosted Charanga bandleader David Calzado on her popular talk show on Span-ish-language station WSBS-SBS 22 (Mega TV), says many of her viewers are hungry for news and music from the island. ‘They grew up with Charanga,’ Salazar says. ‘I see it on the street and in the numbers when I present stories about Cuba, about what's happening now. My demographics go up. The audience is a young audience that has just arrived. ” [Miami Herald, 1/24/10]

[2009: Salazar gave Tañon roses and cried on air thanking her for her performance at the Cuba concert.](#)

2009: Salazar Gave Tanon Roses And Cried On Air Thanking Her For Her Performance At The Cuba Concert. “Tañon's resolve paid off. She opened the Cuba concert with an incendiary performance worthy of her nickname, shouting to the sea of people filling Havana's Plaza de la Revolucion ‘Together we're going to make history!’ She electrified el exilio as she offered a greeting from a Cuban man in Miami to his daughter on the island. On her return, popular Mega TV talk show host Maria Elvira Salazar

gave Tañón roses on the air, burst into tears and told her ‘Thank you, thank you.’” [Miami Herald, 10/25/09]

[1989: Salazar interviewed multiple Latin singers.](#)

May 1989: Salazar Interviewed Latin Singer Emanuel, Carlos Santana, and Ricardo Montalban. “In the Barbara Walters tradition, the network has a new Esta Noche con Usted interview special slated for May 21 at 8 p.m. Hosted by Noticiero Telemundo-CNN anchor Maria Elvira Salazar, it will feature conversations with Latin singer Emmanuel, guitarist Carlos Santana and actor Ricardo Montalban.” [Miami Herald, 4/2/89]

Timeline

Mega TV

[2017: Salazar was a news anchor for Mega TV.](#)

Salazar Was A News Anchor For Mega TV. “Salazar, a former news anchor for Miami-based Mega TV who previously hosted a political news show called ‘Maria Elvira Live,’ will face Donna Shalala, the Democratic nominee and former U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services, in the general election in November.” [Miami Herald, [8/28/18](#)]

2017: Salazar Was A News Anchor For Mega TV. “Maria Elvira Salazar, a rookie candidate and veteran journalist only months removed from a gig as a news anchor for Miami-based MEGATV, has captured some attention as a well-known media figure.” [Miami Herald, 5/23/18]

Salazar Was A Former Television Journalist. “Former television journalist Maria Elvira Salazar cruised into a victory for the Republican Party primary for the 27th Congressional District of Florida, winning 45.51 percent of the votes in a crowded race that had nine candidates.” [WLRN, [8/29/18](#)]

Mira TV

2014: Salazar And Roberto Rodriguez-Tejera Joined Mira TV To Cover National Elections. “Mira TV will air a special program to cover the upcoming elections of November 4, 2014; joining three prime time shows and their hosts to present "Elecciones 2014" from 7:00PM (EST) until 10:00PM (EST). Mira TV's remarkable journalists Roberto Rodriguez-Tejera and Maria Elvira Salazar will conduct the show from Mira TV's Miami studios and renowned reporter Rick Sanchez will join them from Fox News studios in New York. In addition, distinguished analysts and journalists will participate in this special Elections coverage from the Mira TV studios as well as reporting live from different Orlando, Tampa and Miami precincts and both the Republican and Democratic Party headquarters.” [Hispanic PR Wire English, 11/4/14]

CNN

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2013: Salazar Worked For CNN Latino. “That’s partially why the national network, which produces eight hours a day for the CNN Latino broadcast, has hired heavy hitters like anchor Maria Elvira Salazar, whom Miami’s El Nuevo Herald called ‘one of the most recognizable faces in Hispanic television,’ and produced documentaries, debate shows and news analyses for Spanish-speaking audiences. Since launching in January, CNN Latino has expanded into cities composing a quarter of the country’s Hispanic households, including in Orlando, Miami, New York, Phoenix and Los Angeles.” [Tampa Bay Times, 10/7/13]

GenTV Channel 8

[2013: Salazar’s show on GenTV Channel 8 was canceled reportedly because of contractual issues.](#)

2013: Salazar’s Show On GenTV Channel 8 Was Canceled Reportedly Because Of Contractual Issues. “Popular Spanish-language television journalist Maria Elvira Salazar, who launched a new show on GenTV Channel 8 in Miami in October, is officially off the air. The nightly news debate show, Maria Elvira, stopped airing at its 8 p.m. time slot in late December, but it was unclear why. [...] Salazar, one of the most recognizable faces in Hispanic television in Miami, is apparently a victim of a confusing contractual triangle, involving two local television stations and MundoFox Broadcasting, a new national Spanish-language network. On her Facebook page, Salazar said: ‘This has taken the channel’s South Florida audience, and those who work for it, by surprise. I feel bad that many of you will feel tricked by Canal 8 for changing its programming without notice.’” [Miami Herald, 1/23/13]

- **HEADLINE: Miami Herald: “Popular Spanish-Language Journalist Maria Elvira Salazar Off The Air In Miami.”** [Miami Herald, 1/23/13]

Mega TV

[2006-2011: Salazar hosted a debate-talk show on MegaTV.](#)

2006-2011: Salazar Hosted A Show On MegaTV. “Salazar had previously hosted a show on MegaTV since 2006, but it ended on 2011.” [Miami Herald, 1/23/13]

2008: Salazar Reported Politics On MEGA TV’s “Mega Reporte.” “MEGA TV, an all-Spanish language network originating from Miami-based WSBS, will launch a new show, ‘Mega Reporte,’ on Sunday. [...] The show, which will combine live and pre-recorded segments, will cover issues from health, reported by medical correspondent Dr. Manuel Alvarez, known to viewers as ‘Dr. Manny,’ to politics with Maria Elvira Salazar of ‘Maria Elvira Live.’” [Martin & St. Lucie, 3/28/08]

2007: Salazar’s Show “Polos Opuestos” Was Renamed To “Maria Elvira Live.” “Mega is tweaking some of its existing shows to make them more compatible with a national audience (Maria Elvira Salazar’s Polos Opuestos will be called Maria Elvira Live and will focus a little less on Cuba and Castro) and is introducing a couple of new shows, including Mega News, the station’s first newscast.” [Miami Herald, 9/4/07]

2006: Salazar Hosted A Debate-Talk Show Called Polos Opuestos On WSBS-TV 22 Mega. “South Florida’s María Elvira Salazar is back on the tube tonight with a new debate-talk show Polos Opuestos, on WSBS-TV 22 Mega. The program will air Monday through Friday at 7 p.m. from the Roxy Theater Group in southwest Miami with a community audience.” [Miami Herald, 4/17/06]

- **April 2006: Salazar Returned To Television With Her Own Signature Show, Polos Opuestos, On Mega TV.** “Renowned Hispanic journalist Maria Elvira Salazar is back with her own signature show and a Mega TV original production. "Polos Opuestos" is a hybrid debate/game show highlighting opposing viewpoints on today's controversial issues and events. Multiple Emmy award-winning journalist Salazar will tackle those polemic and divisive issues that her colleagues dare not expose. Her original format consists of two opposing three-member expert panels attempting to convince the audience of the validity of their point of view. The audience votes for the "winning" panel and determines the awarding of a cash prize. Starts April 3rd.” [Business Wire, 3/1/06]
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WDLP-TV 22 & WJAN-41

2003-2005: Salazar was the host of a political news show called “Maria Elvira Live.”

2005: Salazar Hosted Her Last Episode Of Maria Elvira Confronta On WDLP-TV 22. “All the while, María Elvira Salazar changed the nature of South Florida’s prime-time Spanish-language television. On Saturday, the final episode of María Elvira Confronta will air on WDLP-TV 22, the result of new ownership at the station and a format overhaul, she said. In the meantime, Salazar will continue her daily radio show on WQBA-AM (1140), and she’s negotiating for other TV opportunities.” [Miami Herald, Oscar Corral and Christina Hoag, 12/28/05]

- **HEADLINE: Miami Herald: “End Of Show Is A Loss For Hispanic Community; María Elvira Confronta, A Local TV Talk Show Credited With Changing Prime-Time Spanish Television In Miami, Will Air Its Last Show Saturday.”** [Miami Herald, Oscar Corral and Christina Hoag, 12/28/05]

2003: Salazar Worked For WDLP. “South Florida’s Spanish-language television fans will soon have a sixth channel to tune in to as WDLP-TV22, a full-power station, begins beaming local programming from Key West to Pompano Beach. Starting Sept. 29, WDLP will take over WEYS-TV with a prime-time lineup featuring local Hispanic media personalities Maria Elvira Salazar, Father Alberto Cutie, Ricardo

Brown and Guillermo Descalzi and El Vacilon de la Manana disc jockeys Enrique Santos and Joe Ferrero.” [Miami Herald, 9/4/03]

- **2003: Salazar Worked For WDLP-Channel 22.** “The rivalry between the two hosts goes back to last year when Channel 41 hired Haza to occupy the chair left vacant by Salazar when WDLP-Channel 22, a station founded a little less than a year ago, wooed her away with a more lucrative contract.” [Miami Herald, 8/16/04]

2003: Salazar Was A News TV Talk-Show Host For WJAN-41. “Sharp-tongued radio personality and anti-Castro activist Ninoska Perez Castellon is scooting down the dial. Perez, who for seven years has hosted a mid-afternoon talk show on WQBA (AM) 1140, will begin broadcasting for Radio Mambi. Replacing Perez in the 1 p.m. time slot: Maria Elvira Salazar, host of a popular news TV talk-show on the Spanish-language WJAN-41 and a former Telemundo anchor.” [Miami Herald, 10/25/03]

- **Salazar Moved From WJAN-41 To WDLP-TV 22.** “When she left Telemundo in 2002 after her contract expired, she decided to pitch a South Florida-issues program to Omar Romay, president of WJAN-TV 41. ‘I always had that idea,’ Salazar said. ‘We’re a very feisty culture. We like to debate a lot, so I thought it would work. I told Romay to give me six months.’ Romay agreed, and María Elvira Confronta turned into the station’s highest-rated show, proving particularly popular with older viewers. [...] Her success did not go unnoticed. A year later, Salazar was wooed by the new owners of WDLP-TV 22, which was beefing up the station’s prime-time lineup, and she jumped to that station.” [Miami Herald, 12/28/05]

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2004: Salazar Hosted A Program On WQBA-AM (1140), A Univision Radio Station. “On his broadcast that night, Salazar said, Haza accused his competitor of stealing the guests. Salazar and Haza also work for WQBA-AM (1140), a Univision radio station, and their programs used to appear in contiguous time slots.” [Miami Herald, 8/16/04]

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2001: Salazar Was A Senior Anchor For Telemundo. “The Hispanic Media 100 program recognized some of the top Spanish-speaking journalists in the country at the Biscayne Bay Marriott. [...] Among the honorees were Univision’s TV show host Cristina Saralegui, Telemundo’s senior anchor Maria Elvira Salazar and Hispanic Magazine’s editor Carlos Verdecia.” [Miami Herald, 8/24/01]

- **2002: Candiani Replaced Salazar As Co-Anchor Of Telemundo’s National Newscast.** “Candiani will replace Maria Elvira Salazar as co-anchor of Telemundo’s national newscast on Monday.” [Sun-Sentinel, 4/24/02]

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- **Telemundo Launched Its First Self-Produced National Newscast With Salazar As A Co-Anchor.** “18 months ago, Telemundo launched its first self-produced national newscast, airing weekdays and anchored by Pedro Sevcec and Maria Elvira Salazar. Before that, the network had subcontracted with a number of news organizations, including CNN and, more recently, CBS Telenoticias, using their material.” [Sun-Sentinel, 9/12/01]

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“Telemundo’s Pedro Sevcec will move from afternoon talk show host to co-anchor of the network’s

evening newscast starting Jan. 24, the network announced Monday. Sevcec, whose talk show is being pulled after a five-year run, will join Maria Elvira Salazar on Noticiero Telemundo, which airs at 6:30 p.m. weeknights on WSCV-Channel 51 in South Florida." [Miami Herald, 1/12/00]

CBS

1998-1999: Salazar was a CBS News anchor.

1999: Salazar Was An Anchor For CBS TeleNoticias. "Faced with a severe cash flow problem, CBS TeleNoticias - the all-news Spanish and Portuguese-language network based in Hialeah - announced Thursday that it was dismissing 77 employees, more than a quarter of its work force. [...] Others who remain include Marian de la Fuente, Ricardo Brown and Maria Elvira Salazar, who will anchor the newscast that CBS prepares for Telemundo, the nation's No. 2 Spanish-language network." [Miami Herald, 7/23/99]

1998: Salazar Was A CBS News Anchor. "CBS News anchorwoman Maria Elvira Salazar presented a workshop on the involvement of youngsters in the mass media on March 18 at Hialeah Institute, an alternative middle and high school funded by Mi-ami-Dade County Public Schools. This visit was part of the Neighborhood Empowerment Program." [Miami Herald, 4/5/98]

Telenoticias

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Reuters & Telemundo

1993: Salazar was the Central American senior correspondent for Telemundo's newscast in conjunction with Reuters Television produced in Miami.

May 1993: Telemundo Launched New Network Newscast, Including Central American Senior Correspondent Maria Elvira Salazar. "Proclaiming the dawn of "a new day" for Spanish-language television programming, Joaquin Blaya, president and CEO of Telemundo Group, Inc., unveiled plans today for the May 31 launch of a new network newscast to be called Noticiero Telemundo Con Raul Peimbert ("Telemundo News with Raul Peimbert"). [...] "Leading them will be a team of stellar television reporters already familiar to Hispanic television audiences in the United States," Pupo- Mayo said. These include Emmy-winning Senior Correspondent Ricardo Brown; Washington Bureau Chief

Guillermo Descalzi; Central American Senior Correspondent Maria Elvira Salazar; Buenos Aires Correspondent Osvaldo Petrozzino and Los Angeles Correspondent Carlos Botifoll.” [Telemundo, PR Newswire, 5/20/93]

- **1993: Salazar Was The Central American Senior Correspondent For Telemundo’s Newscast In Conjunction With Reuters Television Produced In Miami.** “Stepping up the battle between Spanish-language networks, Telemundo said Thursday that it is launching a new newscast in conjunction with Reuters Television. The program will be produced in Miami and could mean as many as 100 new jobs at Telemundo’s Miami studios. [...] The new on-air talent includes such Univision veterans as Ricardo Brown, who will be the senior correspondent based in Miami; Guillermo Descalzi, the Washington bureau chief; Maria Elvira Salazar, the Central American senior correspondent; Osvaldo Petrozzini, the Buenos Aires correspondent; and Carlos Botifoll, who will be the Los Angeles correspondent.” [Miami Herald, 5/21/93]

Univision

1990: Salazar worked as a correspondent with Univision’s Washington bureau.

April 1990: Salazar Worked As A Correspondent With Univision’s Washington Bureau. “Maria Elvira Salazar, the Miami-born anchor who left Ted Turner’s Spanish-language Telemundo-CNN news in February after two years, is taking a correspondent’s job with -- as predicted -- the competition. Salazar and the Spanish-language network Univision announced this week that she will join the national newscast’s Washington bureau on April 1.” [Miami Herald, Juan Carlos Coto, 3/17/90]

- **1990: Noticiero Univision Said Salazar Was Going To Join Their Network’s Washington Bureau.** “Maria Elvira Salazar, the Miami-born anchor of Ted Turner’s Spanish-language newscast for almost two years, is leaving the program. Feb. 26 will be Salazar’s last day on Noticiero Telemundo- CNN, the national newscast produced at the Atlanta-based Cable News Network for 35 Telemundo affiliates, including WSCV- Channel 51 in South Florida. ‘She has chosen to pursue the field of correspondent as opposed to anchor,’ said CNN spokesman Steve Haworth. ‘She has told us she wants to leave. We wish her well.’ There is no official word on where Salazar is headed, but sources at Noticiero Univision -- Telemundo’s competitor and hands-down winner in the national ratings -- told The Herald she will join their network’s Washington bureau.” [Miami Herald, Juan Carlos Coto, 1/29/90]
- **HEADLINE: Miami Herald: “Miami-Born Telemundo Host Moves To Univision.”** [Miami Herald, Juan Carlos Coto, 3/17/90]

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July 1989: CNN Sold Salazar's Show, Noticiero Telemundo, To Affiliates In Every Central American Country. "Noticiero Telemundo, hosted by Miami-born Maria Elvira Salazar and Uruguayan Jorge Gestoso, has also become a sales performer. CNN's parent company, Turner Broadcasting System Inc., which holds all international rights to the newscast, has sold it to affiliates in every Central American country, six South American nations and the Dominican Republic. Company officials expect the broadcast to be cleared in the rest of Latin America by the end of the year." [Miami Herald, 7/9/89]

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- **Noticiero Telemundo-CNN Was CNN's First Spanish-Language News Cast.** “When the nation’s Hispanic viewers turn on the first CNN Spanish-language newscast at 6:30 p.m. Monday, they’ll witness just how heady a young anchor’s debut can be. They’ll get to see Miami’s Maria Elvira Salazar having her first major shot at network anchoring.” [Miami Herald, 5/29/88]
- **Salazar Was Based At The Turner Broadcasting System In Atlanta.** “She will now be based at Turner Broadcasting System headquarters in Atlanta. Salazar first heard about the CNN Hispanic project last winter while still working as a Latin American correspondent for Hispanic Broadcasting Corp. HBC supplied the Telemundo newscast until Friday, when it went off the air.” Miami Herald, 5/29/88]

May 1988: Salazar Was Appointed To The New Noticiero Telemundo-CNN Network. “At a news conference Tuesday in New York, Paul Amos, vice president of CNN, and Carlos Barba, senior vice president for programming and promotion of Telemundo Group Inc., announced three key appointments for Noticiero Telemundo-CNN, the new Telemundo network national and international news program. Noticiero Telemundo-CNN, produced by CNN, premieres on May 30. The appointments are executive producer Marlene May, and co-anchors Maria Elvira Salazar and Jorge Gestoso.” [Business Wire, Telemundo-CNN, 5/24/88]

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WLTW (Miami)

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Honors & Events

Emmy Awards

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Metro-Dade Park And Recreation Department Women’s History Month

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Hialeah Institute [Alternative Middle And High School] Workshop

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Reviews & Commentary

Critical Review Of Salazar’s Performance As An Anchor

1988-1989: Carlos Coto reported on Salazar's progress as an anchor.

1989: Carlos Coto: “Noticiero Telemundo, Hosted By Miami-Born Maria Elvira Salazar And Uruguayan Jorge Gestoso, Has Also Become A Sales Performer.” “Noticiero Telemundo, hosted by Miami-born Maria Elvira Salazar and Uruguayan Jorge Gestoso, has also become a sales performer. CNN’s parent company, Turner Broadcasting System Inc., which holds all in-ternational rights to the newscast, has sold it to affiliates in every Central American country, six South American nations and the Dominican Republic. Company officials expect the broadcast to be cleared in the rest of Latin America by the end of the year. Selling Spanish-language news south of the border will also enhance the product; every station or cable service that signs with CNN has a ‘reciprocal’ agreement to contribute to the newscast.” [Miami Herald, Juan Carlos Coto, 7/9/89]

1988: Carlos Coto: “Univision’s Jorge Ramos And Maria Elena Salinas ... Seemed More In Command Of Hispanic Issues And Asked Tougher Questions Of Their Guests Than ... Maria Elvira Salazar.” “If election night viewers had voted on the best Spanish- language anchors, Univision’s Jorge Ramos and Maria Elena Salinas would have won by a landslide. They seemed more in command of Hispanic issues and asked tougher questions of their guests than their counterparts, Telemundo’s Jorge Gestoso and Maria Elvira Salazar. [...] During brief cut-ins after the 6:30 p.m. report, Salazar led rival Univision with early projections on some state races. But the advantage was short-lived. Salazar’s news briefs in the early evening were no match for Univision’s continuous coverage.” [Miami Herald, Jaun Carlos Coto, 11/10/88]

1988: Carlos Coto: “Co-Anchor Maria Elvira Salazar Was Tongue-Tied And Consistently At A Loss For Follow-Up Questions To Her Live Guests. There Were Also Glaring Technical Errors All Week.” “Noticiero Telemundo-CNN, the Spanish language Cable News Network effort, was a farce. In addition to overall lack of stories and immediacy (some reports were day-old news), co- anchor Maria Elvira Salazar was tongue-tied and consistently at a loss for follow-up questions to her live guests. There were also glaring technical errors all week. Just one: On Wednesday night at 6:30 p.m., Salazar in-troduced a report by Pablo Gato, and one of hers ran. But by far the biggest outrage of Telemundo’s coverage was that they offered no translation -- no translation! -- of last night’s acceptance speech by nominee Michael Dukakis. As Dukakis spoke, anchors Salazar and Jorge Gestoso delivered a pointless summation of the speech.” [Miami Herald, Jaun Carlos Coto, 7/22/88]

Miami Herald Review

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'talent': aggressiveness, a keen intelligence and the pro-verbal toughness, tempered by offhanded personal charm and fashion-mannequin looks." [Miami Herald, 5/29/88]

A few months later, Miami Herald criticized Salazar's reporting, calling her "tongue-tied and consistently at a loss for follow-up questions to her live guests."

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Misinformation

October 2006: The Miami-Dade County Government Accused Salazar Of Spreading Misinformation About Build Code Enforcement At A Mobile Home Park, Saying She "Ignored The Basic Tenets of Ethical Journalism." "By ignoring all the court decisions, all the Building Department documentation and the police reports, Maria Elvira Salazar and her producers ignored the basic tenets of ethical journalism - truth and balance. Though the Building Department director Charles Danger and the department's Building Section supervisor Freddy Valderrama were both available to appear on the show, they were passed over in favor of giving forum to one-sided inflammatory statements." [US States News, 10/6/06]

Considered "Something Of A Benedict Arnold" By Old Colleagues

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Committed To The Cuban Community

1988: Alfredo Duran Jr., general manager of Channel 51, on Salazar: “assertive and she’s talented...she’ll pursue a story until she gets it... committed to the Cuban community.”

1988: Alfredo Duran Jr., General Manager Of Channel 51, On Salazar: “Assertive And She’s Talented...She’ll Pursue A Story Until She Gets It...Very Committed To The Cuban Community In Miami.” “‘Maria Elvira is very assertive and she’s talented,’ says Alfredo Duran Jr., general manager of Channel 51, who knew Salazar when both worked at Channel 23. ‘She’ll pursue a story until she gets it. And although she’s had a lot of international exposure, she’s always been very committed to the Cuban community in Miami. She’s never lost touch with her roots.’” [Miami Herald, 5/29/88]

“Outstanding Journalist”

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Miami Mayor Manny Diaz

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Rep. Ros-Lehtinen

December 2005: Republican Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen Said Salazar “Made A Great Effort To Bring Different Personalities From All Walks Of Life To Her Show.” “‘María Elvira always made a great

effort to bring different personalities from all walks of life to her show Confronta," Republican Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen said." [Miami Herald, 12/28/05]

Joe Garcia

December 2005: Democratic Party Consultant Joe Garcia Said Salazar "Broke The Monopoly On Having Only Soap Operas To Watch." "Democratic Party consultant Joe Garcia said: 'María Elvira broke the monopoly of having only soap operas to watch.'" [Miami Herald, 12/28/05]

Other

Death Threats

In 2009, Salazar and her daughters received death threats.

2009: Salazar And Her Daughters Received Death Threats For Interviewing Supporters Of A Peace Without Borders Concert In Havana. "Death threats against journalist María Elvira Salazar and her daughters added an alarming note in Miami on Tuesday to the aftermath of Sunday's Peace Without Borders concert in Havana. 'These are surely people who do not understand the spirit, who do not understand the changes in the history of exile or that they have to evolve,' Salazar told El Nuevo Herald on Tuesday night. "The United States, unlike Cuba, is a country of laws and nobody is going to intimidate me. I am not afraid of these things. On Tuesday morning, the headquarters of Mega TV-Channel 22 received three threatening phone calls against the popular Cuban-American journalist. One of those calls threatened to kill her two youngest daughters. On his program María Elvira Live, broadcast on Mega TV, Salazar had interviewed Puerto Rican singer Olga Tañón on Monday night, one of the participants in the controversial concert, which also featured Colombian singer Juanes and more than a dozen Cuban and foreign artists. During the brief interview, Salazar thanked Tañón for his presence in Havana, the messages of hope he conveyed to the audience and, in particular, the phrase 'it's time to change.' In front of the cameras, Salazar was moved to tears when giving Tañón a bouquet of white roses." [El Nuevo Herald, [9/22/09](#)]

- **Spanish Version:** "Las amenazas de muerte contra la periodista María Elvira Salazar y sus hijas añadieron el martes en Miami una nota alarmante a las secuelas del concierto Paz sin Fronteras realizado el domingo en La Habana. 'Esto son seguramente personas que no entienden el espíritu, que no entienden los cambios en la historia del exilio ni que hay que evolucionar'" dijo Salazar a El Nuevo Herald el martes por la noche. 'Estados Unidos, a diferencia de Cuba, es un país de leyes y nadie me va a amedrentar. Yo sí no le tengo miedo a estas cosas.' El martes por la mañana, la sede de Mega TV-Canal 22 recibió tres llamadas telefónicas con amenazas contra la popular periodista cubanoamericana. Una de esas llamadas amenazaba de muerte a sus dos hijas menores. En su programa María Elvira Live, transmitido por Mega TV, Salazar había entrevistado el lunes por la noche a la cantante puertorriqueña Olga Tañón, una de las participantes en el polémico concierto, que contó también con el cantante colombiano Juanes y más de una decena de artistas cubanos y extranjeros. Durante la breve entrevista, Salazar agradeció a Tañón su presencia en La Habana, los mensajes de esperanza que transmitió a la

audiencia y, en particular, la frase 'es el momento de cambiar.' Frente a las cámaras, Salazar se emocionó hasta las lágrimas al entregarle a Tañón un ramo de rosas blancas.”

- **September 2003: Salazar Received Death Threats For Giving Flowers To Olga Tanon.** “Cuba: Biscet express doubts about the Juanes Concert. Maria Elvira Salazar received death threats for giving flowers to Olga Tanon. Raul Castro convoked to a national dialogue about social problems.” [Global Broadcast Database, 9/23/09]

Father’s Personal Connection To Telemundo’s VP Of Programming

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VOTE & ATTENDANCE STATISTICS

TOPLINES

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- Salazar claimed she was not able “to physically attend” because of the “ongoing public health emergency,” but she has also said she was voting by proxy because her mother was in and out of the hospital. However, two days after getting married, Salazar was not in DC for votes, and instead voted by proxy, again claiming it was “because of the ongoing public health emergency.”
- Salazar has a similar pattern in missing committee hearings.
 - Salazar serves on the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, but has missed 25% of the committee’s hearings, including 60% of hearings for the Subcommittee on Middle East, North Africa, and Global Counterterrorism.
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August 2022: Salazar Has Submitted 36 Proxy Letters To The House Clerk That Authorize Another Member To Cast Votes On Her Behalf. [Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, All Proxy Letters, accessed [8/16/22](#)]

- **Salazar Filed Her First Proxy Authorization On June 30, 2021.** “Dear [Clerk of the House], Pursuant to House Resolution 8, I write to notify you of the designation of a proxy to cast my vote. I am unable to physically attend proceedings in the House Chamber due to the ongoing public health emergency, and I hereby grant the authority to cast my vote by proxy to the Honorable Kat Cammack (Florida) who has agreed to serve as my proxy.” [Clerk of the House of Representatives, Salazar Proxy Letter #1, [6/30/21](#)]
- **Salazar Filed Her 36th And Most Recent Proxy Authorization On July 26, 2022.** “Dear [Clerk of the House], Pursuant to House Resolution 8, I write to notify you of the designation of a new proxy to cast my vote. I continue to be unable to physically attend proceedings in the House Chamber due to the ongoing public health emergency and hereby grant the authority to cast my vote by proxy to the Honorable Kat Cammack, who has agreed to serve as my proxy. I understand that this revokes the prior grant of my proxy to the Honorable Blake Moore (Utah) previously authorized on July 21, 2022.” [Clerk of the House of Representatives, Salazar Proxy Letter #36, [7/26/22](#)]

August 2022: Salazar Has Submitted The 12th Most Proxy Letters Of Any Member Of The 177th Congress. [Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, All Proxy Letters, accessed [8/16/22](#)]

- **As Of April 2022, Salazar Had Cast At Least 77 Votes By Proxy, Which Is The 15th Most Of Any Representative.** According to April 2022 analysis by *Honolulu Civil Beat*, Salazar had cast 77 votes by proxy, which was the 15th most of any member of the House of Representatives. [Honolulu Civil Beat, [4/11/22](#)]

As Of April 2022, Salazar Led All Republicans In Proxy Votes In 2022. “The 77 proxy votes this year by Rep. Maria Elvira Salazar, R-Fla., are the most among Republicans. In a statement, she said she is an only child and main caretaker for her 86-year-old mother, who became ill last year. “Without knowing how much time we have left together I want to be there for her,” Salazar added.” [Associated Press, [4/20/22](#)]

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Salazar's Office Told Politico Florida Playbook That Salazar Relied On Proxy Voting Because Her Elderly Mother Was In And Out Of The Hospital. "That list showed that Crist as well as Reps. Al Lawson, Frederica Wilson and Maria Elvira Salazar were among the top 15 members who were voting by proxy, a system set up by House Speaker Nancy Pelosi due to Covid-19. (For what it's worth, there was a big drop-off from those at the top of the list and those lower down such as Salazar. Salazar's office said she has relied on proxy voting because the congresswoman's elderly mother has been going in and out of hospitals recently.)" [Politico Florida Playbook, [4/27/22](#)]

Salazar Submitted A Proxy Vote Authorization To The Clerk Of The House On 6/13/22, The First Business Day After Her Wedding On Saturday 6/11/22. [House Clerk, Salazar Proxy Authorization #27, [6/13/22](#)]

- **Salazar Said That She Was Voting By Proxy "Because Of The Ongoing Public Health Emergency."** [House Clerk, Salazar Proxy Authorization #27, [6/13/22](#)]

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Republicans Once Sued Speaker Pelosi To Block Voting By Proxy, Saying That It Was "Wholly Unconstitutional" And The Votes Should Be Considered Invalid. "After H. Res. 965 was adopted in May 2020, Republican House members responded immediately with significant pushback. Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy (R-CA) and 160 other Republican members filed a suit against Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) and the House clerk. In his initial arguments in McCarthy, et al. V. Pelosi et al. (2020), the Republicans' attorney, Charles Cooper, argued that remote voting was wholly unconstitutional; the founding fathers meant for members to be "actually present in their respective offices when they vote." The legislative process, he contended, demands debate and deliberation, which becomes diluted in a remote format. Any votes cast by proxy, Cooper held, were to be considered "invalid." The District Court, as well as the Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, dismissed the suit and cited the court's lack of jurisdiction over House rules. The case has been appealed to the Supreme Court, now with only two Congressional plaintiffs (McCarthy and Chip Roy (R-TX))." [Brookings, [1/20/22](#)]

Committee Assignments

Salazar Is A Member Of The Following Committees:

- **House Committee on Foreign Affairs**
 - Subcommittee on the Middle East, North Africa, and Global Counterterrorism
 - Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, Civilian Security, Migration and International Economic Policy
- **House Committee on Small Business**
 - Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Contracting and Infrastructure
 - Subcommittee on Innovation, Entrepreneurship, and Workforce Development
 - Subcommittee on Underserved, Agricultural, and Rural Business Development

[Rep. Salazar, Committees, accessed [8/24/22](#)]

Committee Hearing Attendance

Salazar serves on the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, but has missed 25% of the committee's hearings, including 60% of hearings for the Subcommittee on Middle East, North Africa, and Global Counterterrorism.

Career: Salazar Has Missed 25% Of Her Foreign Affairs Committee Hearings. As of August 2022, Salazar has missed 5 of 20 Foreign Affairs committee hearings, including subcommittees. [U.S. Government Publishing Office, Committee Hearings, accessed [8/24/22](#)]

- **Salazar Has Missed 25% Of Her Committee On Foreign Affairs Hearings (Broader House Committee).** As of August 2022, Salazar has missed 2 of 8 hearings for the Committee on Foreign Affairs Hearings (Broader House Committee). [U.S. Government Publishing Office, Committee Hearings, accessed [8/24/22](#)]
- **Salazar Has Missed 60% Of Her Middle East, North Africa, And Global Counterterrorism Subcommittee Hearings.** As of August 2022, Salazar has missed 3 of 5 hearings for the Subcommittee on Middle East, North Africa, and Global Counterterrorism. [U.S. Government Publishing Office, Committee Hearings, accessed [8/24/22](#)]
- **Salazar Has Not Missed Any Of Her Western Hemisphere, Civilian Security, Migration And International Economic Policy Subcommittee Hearings.** As of August 2022, Salazar has not missed any hearings for the Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Civilian Security, Migration and International Economic Policy. [U.S. Government Publishing Office, Committee Hearings, accessed [8/24/22](#)]

Foreign Affairs Hearings	Subcommittee	Date	Attended
What's Next for Libya? The Path to Peace	Middle East, North Africa, and Global Counterterrorism	12/09/21	No
The FY22 Budget: State Department Counterterrorism Bureau	Middle East, North Africa, and Global Counterterrorism	11/17/21	No
The Biden Administration's Policy Priorities For Latin America And The Caribbean	Western Hemisphere, Civilian Security, Migration and International Economic Policy	11/16/21	Yes

Markup of Various Issues	Committee on Foreign Affairs (Broader House Committee)	10/21/21	Yes
Tunisia: Examining The State Of Democracy And Next Steps For U.S. Policy	Middle East, North Africa, and Global Counterterrorism	10/14/21	No
An International Response To Ortega's Destruction Of Democracy In Nicaragua	Western Hemisphere, Civilian Security, Migration and International Economic Policy	9/21/21	Yes
Historic Protests In Cuba And The Crackdown On Free Expression	Western Hemisphere, Civilian Security, Migration and International Economic Policy	7/20/21	Yes
The Biden Administration's Efforts To Deepen U.S. Engagement In The Caribbean	Western Hemisphere, Civilian Security, Migration and International Economic Policy	6/23/21	Yes
The State Department's Foreign Policy Strategy And Fiscal Year Budget Request	Committee on Foreign Affairs (Broader House Committee)	6/07/21	Yes
A Race Against Time: Deploying Vaccines And Addressing The Disproportionate Impacts Of Covid-19 In Latin America And The Caribbean	Western Hemisphere, Civilian Security, Migration and International Economic Policy	5/13/21	Yes

Driving A Global, Whole-Of-Society Response To Climate Action	Committee on Foreign Affairs (Broader House Committee)	5/12/21	Yes
The Atrocities Against Uyghurs And Other Minorities In Xinjiang	Committee on Foreign Affairs (Broader House Committee)	5/06/21	Yes
The Unfolding Crisis In Burma	Committee on Foreign Affairs (Broader House Committee)	5/04/21	Yes
10 Years Of War: Examining The Ongoing Conflict In Syria	Middle East, North Africa, and Global Counterterrorism	4/15/21	Yes
Renewing The United States' Commitment To Addressing The Root Causes Of Migration From Central America	Western Hemisphere, Civilian Security, Migration and International Economic Policy	4/14/21	Yes
Member Day Hearing	Committee on Foreign Affairs (Broader House Committee)	3/26/21	No
Markup Of H.R. 391, H.R. 1079, H.R. 1145, H.R. 1500, H.R. 1158, H.R. 1083, H.R. 1392, H.R. 1464, H.R. 256, H.R. 2118, H.Res. 245, H.R. 1934	Committee on Foreign Affairs (Broader House Committee)	3/25/21	No
Assessing The Human Rights Situation In Saudi Arabia	Middle East, North Africa, and Global Counterterrorism	3/18/21	Yes
Policy Recommendations On Haiti For The Biden Administration	Committee on Foreign Affairs (Broader House Committee)	3/12/21	Yes

A Way Forward For Venezuela: The Humanitarian, Diplomatic, And National Security Challenges Facing The Biden Administration	Western Hemisphere, Civilian Security, Migration and International Economic Policy	3/03/21	Yes
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[U.S. Government Publishing Office, Committee Hearings, accessed [8/24/22](#)]

Salazar has also missed nearly 50% of her small business committee hearings, including more than 71% of her Innovation, Entrepreneurship, and Workforce Development subcommittee hearings and more than 57% of her Underserved, Agricultural, and Rural Business Development subcommittee hearings.

Career: Salazar Has Missed Nearly 50% Of Her Small Business Committee Hearings. As of August 2022, Salazar has missed 20 of 42 (47.62%) Small Business committee hearings, including subcommittees. [U.S. Government Publishing Office, Committee Hearings, accessed [8/24/22](#)]

- **Salazar Has Missed More Than 41% Of Her Committee On Small Business Hearings (Broader House Committee).** As of August 2022, Salazar has missed 10 of 24 (41.66%) hearings for the Committee on Small Business Hearings (Broader House Committee). [U.S. Government Publishing Office, Committee Hearings, accessed [8/24/22](#)]
- **Salazar Has Missed More Than 71% Of Her Innovation, Entrepreneurship, And Workforce Development Subcommittee Hearings.** As of August 2022, Salazar has missed 5 of 7 (71.43%) hearings for the Subcommittee on Innovation, Entrepreneurship, and Workforce Development. [U.S. Government Publishing Office, Committee Hearings, accessed [8/24/22](#)]
- **Salazar Has Missed More Than 57% Of Her Underserved, Agricultural, And Rural Business Development Subcommittee Hearings.** As of August 2022, Salazar has missed 4 of 7 (57.14%) hearings for the Subcommittee on Underserved, Agricultural, and Rural Business Development. [U.S. Government Publishing Office, Committee Hearings, accessed [8/24/22](#)]
- **Salazar Has Not Missed Any Of Her Contracting And Infrastructure Subcommittee Hearings.** As of August 2022, Salazar has not missed any hearings for the Subcommittee on Contracting and Infrastructure. [U.S. Government Publishing Office, Committee Hearings, accessed [8/24/22](#)]

Small Business Hearings	Subcommittee	Date	Attended
Are Government Wide Contracts Helping Or Hurting Small Contractors?	Committee on Small Business (Broader House Committee)	6/14/22	No

Military To Main Street: Serving Veteran Entrepreneurship	Committee on Small Business (Broader House Committee)	6/08/22	No
Moving Upwards And Onwards: The Workforce And Innovation Needs Of The Aviation And Aerospace Industry	Subcommittee on Innovation, Entrepreneurship, and Workforce Development	5/12/22	No
Markup Of: H.R. 7352, H.R. 7334, H.R. 7622, H.R. 7664, H.R. 7670, H.R. 5879, H.R. 7694	Committee on Small Business (Broader House Committee)	5/11/22	No
SBA Management Review: Office Of Advocacy	Subcommittee on Underserved, Agricultural, and Rural Business Development	4/06/22	No
Skill, Upskill, And Reskill: Analyzing New Investments In Workforce Development	Subcommittee on Innovation, Entrepreneurship, and Workforce Development	3/31/22	No
Overview Of The Small Business Innovation Research And Small Business Technology Transfer Programs	Committee on Small Business (Broader House Committee)	3/08/22	No
The 8(A) Program: Overview And Next Steps To Promote Small Business Success	Subcommittee on Contracting and Infrastructure	3/02/22	Yes
The Infrastructure Investment And Jobs Act's Benefits For Small Businesses	Subcommittee on Underserved, Agricultural, and	2/15/22	No

	Rural Business Development		
Markup Of: H.R. 6445, "Small Business Development Centers Improvement Act Of 2022" H.R. 6441, "Women's Business Centers Improvement Act Of 2022" H.R. 6450, "Score For Small Business Act Of 2022" H.R. 4877, "One Stop Shop For Small Business Compliance Act Of 2021" H.R. 6454, "Small Business Advocacy Improvements Act Of 2022"	Committee on Small Business (Broader House Committee)	2/03/22	Yes
Review Of Sba's Top Management And Performance Challenges In Fiscal Year 2022 And Sba Oig's Semiannual Report To Congress	Committee on Small Business (Broader House Committee)	1/12/22	No
A Discussion With SBA Administrator Isabella Casillas Guzman	Committee on Small Business (Broader House Committee)	11/16/21	Yes
The Community College Pipeline To Small Businesses	Subcommittee on Innovation, Entrepreneurship, and Workforce Development	11/04/21	No
Entrepreneurship In The New Economy	Committee on Small Business (Broader House Committee)	11/03/21	Yes
Growing The Small Business Supplier Base In Government Contracting	Subcommittee on Contracting and Infrastructure	10/13/21	Yes

SBA's Entrepreneurial Development Programs	Committee on Small Business (Broader House Committee)	10/06/21	No
Empowering Employee Owned Businesses And Cooperatives Through Access To Capital	Committee on Small Business (Broader House Committee)	9/30/21	Yes
Sustainable Forestry's Role In Climate Solutions	Subcommittee on Underserved, Agricultural, and Rural Business Development	9/29/21	Yes
National Small Business Week: Celebrating Our Main Street Champions	Committee on Small Business (Broader House Committee)	9/14/21	No
Markup Of: Committee Print	Committee on Small Business (Broader House Committee)	9/09/21	Yes
What Comes Next? PPP Forgiveness	Committee on Small Business (Broader House Committee)	9/01/21	Yes
Markup Of: H.R. 4256, "Investing In Main Street Act Of 2021", H.R. 4481, "Small Business 7(A) Loan Agent Transparency Act", H.R. 4531, "7(A) Loan Agent Oversight Act", H.R. 3469, "Veteran Entrepreneurship Training Act Of 2021", H.R. 3462, "SBA Cyber Awareness Act", H.R. 4515, "Small Business Development Center Cyber Training Act Of 2021", H.R. 4513, "Small Business Advanced Cybersecurity Enhancements Act Of 2021"	Committee on Small Business (Broader House Committee)	7/29/21	No

Wealth For The Working Class: The Clean Energy Economy	Subcommittee on Innovation, Entrepreneurship, and Workforce Development	7/27/21	No
Strengthening The Cybersecurity Posture Of America's Small Business Community	Committee on Small Business (Broader House Committee)	7/20/21	No
Rural American Recovery: The Role Of Small Businesses And Entrepreneurship	Subcommittee on Underserved, Agricultural, and Rural Business Development	7/13/21	No
Jobs! Jobs! Jobs!	Subcommittee on Innovation, Entrepreneurship, and Workforce Development	6/30/21	No
Committee On Small Business: 2021 Member Day Hearing	Committee on Small Business (Broader House Committee)	6/29/21	No
Prioritizing Small Underserved And Rural Businesses In The SBIR/STTR Programs	Subcommittee on Underserved, Agricultural, and Rural Business Development	6/23/21	No
Supporting Small Entities Through Investments In The National Infrastructure: Broadband	Subcommittee on Underserved, Agricultural, and Rural Business Development	6/16/21	Yes

Utilization Of Small Contractors In The Infrastructure Plan	Subcommittee on Contracting and Infrastructure	6/10/21	Yes
An Examination Of The SBA's Covid-19 Programs	Committee on Small Business (Broader House Committee)	5/26/21	Yes
The Small Business Administration's Entrepreneurial Ecosystem: An Update And Next Steps With SBA's Resource Partners	Subcommittee on Innovation, Entrepreneurship, and Workforce Development	5/19/21	Yes
Overview Of The Small Business Innovation Research And Small Business Technology Transfer Programs	Committee on Small Business (Broader House Committee)	5/13/21	Yes
Growing Jobs Through Infrastructure Investment	Subcommittee on Innovation, Entrepreneurship, and Workforce Development	5/06/21	No
Harnessing The Power Of Immigrant-Owned Businesses To Build Back Better	Committee on Small Business (Broader House Committee)	4/28/21	Yes
Update On SBA's Pandemic Response Programs	Committee on Small Business (Broader House Committee)	4/20/21	Yes
The Interaction Between The Paycheck Protection Program And Federal Acquisition Rules: What It Means For Government Contractors	Subcommittee on Contracting and Infrastructure	3/23/21	Yes

The Role Of Community Navigators In Reaching Underserved Businesses	Subcommittee on Underserved, Agricultural, and Rural Business Development	3/18/21	Yes
The Next Steps For The Paycheck Protection Program	Committee on Small Business (Broader House Committee)	3/10/21	Yes
Markup Of: Providing For Reconciliation Pursuant To S. Con. Res. 5, The Concurrent Resolution On The Budget For Fiscal Year 2021	Committee on Small Business (Broader House Committee)	2/10/21	Yes
State Of The Small Business Economy In The Era Of Covid-19	Committee on Small Business (Broader House Committee)	2/04/21	Yes
Organizational Meeting	Committee on Small Business (Broader House Committee)	2/04/21	Yes

[U.S. Government Publishing Office, Committee Hearings, accessed [8/24/22](#)]

Voting With Party

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Missed Votes

Career: Missed 1.9% Of Votes. As of August 2022, Salazar missed 1.9% of votes. Of the entire United States House of Representatives, Salazar was ranked #127 for missed votes. [ProPublica, Maria Elvira Salazar, accessed [8/24/22](#)]

TOPLINES

- **[Abortion]** Salazar was an anti-choice extremist who supported letting states ban abortion with no exceptions.
 - Salazar said that the Supreme Court’s decision to overturn Roe v. Wade “returns power to the states and their voters... as the Constitution intended.” But less than 4 years earlier, Salazar said abortion rights was “settled law” and that she didn’t think Justice Kavanaugh was “radical” or an “extremist,” and that she didn’t “like to take rights from people.”
 - Salazar repeatedly voted against the Women’s Health Protection Act, despite suggesting that she didn’t. The legislation would have codified the right to abortion to protect abortion access if Roe v. Wade was overturned.
 - Salazar voted against the Ensuring Access to Abortion Act, which would protect a patient’s ability to access legal abortion services in another state.
 - Salazar had an A+ rating from Susan B. Anthony List, an extreme anti-abortion group that wanted to “end abortion” and pledged after Roe v. Wade was overturned to restrict access to abortion “in every state” and on a national level. Salazar was also endorsed by them.
 - Salazar voted to make the Hyde Amendment, which banned federal money from being used to pay for abortions and health plans that covered abortions, permanent.
- **[American Rescue Plan]** Salazar voted against the American Rescue Plan, which she described as “socialism” but provided billions in funding for Florida, including money to fight child poverty, save police jobs, and improve schools.
 - Salazar opposed defunding the police and claimed she would “always fight to defend our police,” but by voting against the American Rescue Plan she voted against preventing police layoffs.
 - Salazar said she wanted children to have access to the “greatest education system possible,” but by voting against the American Rescue Plan she voted against \$1.1 billion in federal funds provided to Miami-Dade schools.
 - Salazar claimed to support access to affordable healthcare but opposed the American Rescue Plan, which helped make health insurance more affordable during the COVID-19 pandemic.
 - Salazar falsely claimed people receiving \$1,400 stimulus checks from ARP will pay “thousands and thousands more in taxes.”
 - Salazar took credit for the passage of legislation she proposed to extend repayment of COVID relief loans, despite ultimately voting against the bill included in the American Rescue Plan, which prompted backlash.
- **[Antifa]** Salazar cosponsored legislation to investigate Antifa’s role in riots in U.S. cities in 2020.

- **[Baby Formula]** Salazar demanded “answers” from the Biden administration on the baby formula shortage and even called for the use of the Defense Production Act to increase access to formula. But then Salazar voted against authorizing \$28 million in emergency funding to the FDA to address the shortage.
- **[Bad for Workers and Seniors]** Salazar said people benefitting from government programs were “parasites of society” and falsely asserted the top 1 percent paid 99 percent of taxes.
 - Ironically, she has more recently said that if someone needs social help that “you have to give it to them” “temporarily.”
- **[Big Lie]** Salazar promoted The Big Lie and repeatedly voted against holding Trump and his associates accountable for their role in the January 6th insurrection.
 - Salazar voted against impeaching Trump for inciting the January 6th insurrection.
 - Salazar voted against establishing the Select Committee to investigate the January 6th attack on the United States Capitol.
 - Salazar promoted conspiracy theories about the 2020 election and January 6th. In April 2022, Salazar asked a journalist - “Are you working to uncover the full truth about what everyone knew before Jan 6th?”
 - Salazar refused to discuss Rep. Kevin McCarthy’s lies about January 6th and said that the press’s insistence on pursuing the story was because the press had been “infiltrated” by “Neo-Marxists.”
 - In 2022, when Salazar was asked about January 6th by the media, Salazar instead criticized the media and said the media is “not doing their job” when “there’s a major threat in this country” by what she calls the “socialists or the neo-Marxists: that’s the real threat.”
 - Salazar said getting to the bottom of Jan 6 begins by seeing what Pelosi knew.
 - Amid the release by the NY Times of tapes between Kevin McCarthy and other members of the GOP about how January 6th could impact Trump, Salazar suggested the tapes were edited and blamed the media for not “doing [their] job.”
 - Prior to election certification, Salazar said “what’s happening is outrageous” and predicted “evidence will be revealed” on January 6th.
 - Salazar promoted a conspiracy theory about Pennsylvania’s election results. Salazar said, “How is it possible that in Pennsylvania there are 200,000 more votes on election day than there were on the electoral rolls, that is impossible!”
 - Days after the 2020 election was called, Salazar appeared on Fox News and peddled conspiracy theory-style election rhetoric, saying, “we better do something in order to preserve the sanctity of the electoral process” or “we’re doomed.”
 - In November 2020, Salazar refused to respond when asked if they were aware of any Venezuelan efforts to change votes in the 2020 election.
 - Instead of working on protecting voter rights, Salazar cosponsored legislation that would require election officials to report the total number of ballots in their possession within one hour of polls closing.
- **[Censorship]** In January 2021, Salazar said, “censorship is infiltrating the U.S.”

- **[Colombia]** Salazar warned Colombians about Gustavo Petro, tying him to Bernie Sanders and corruption. After Petro won the Colombian presidential election, Salazar called Petro a “thief, terrorist, and a Marxist.”
 - Petro and a Colombian Senator both claimed Salazar was interfering in a foreign election, and the Senator claimed Salazar was carrying out a “smear campaign” against Petro.
 - They both pointed out that she was “strongly supported” by Uribe, who “illegally intervened” in Salazar’s campaign in 2020.
- **[Cuba]** Salazar appears to have flip-flopped on U.S. Cuba policy once she became a Member of Congress. In 2022, Salazar said, “the Biden Administration reopening US-Cuba relations gives oxygen to the Castro regime.” However, in 2016, Salazar described Obama’s visit to Cuba as “historic,” “noble,” and showed that the Cuban people “are not alone.”
- **[Cuba]** Salazar said AOC and the Squad should defend Afro-Cubans the same way they are trying to defend African American rights, adding that the “double standard” is “sickening.”
- **[Cuba]** In 2021, Salazar called on Biden to lead a military intervention to protect Cubans, but added, “we cannot trust Biden’s stance on Cuba.”
- **[Confederate Statutes]** Salazar sided with the far-right and white supremacists by voting against the removal of Confederate statutes from the US Capitol grounds.
- **[Education]** After Salazar praised DeSantis for signing legislation in Florida to teach students about the “evils of communism,” Salazar introduced federal legislation to produce anti-communist education programs for high school students, and cosponsored legislation introduced by Rep. Cawthorn to educate the public on “traditional American history.” The Cawthorn legislation prohibited grant funds to be used to teach the 1619 Project or Critical Race Theory.
 - Salazar also signed a letter that called “curricula like critical race theory” “harmful.”
- **[Education]** Salazar is attacking public schools. In 2022, Salazar cosponsored legislation that attacked public schools by providing a 100-percent income tax credit for individuals and businesses that contribute to scholarship funds for private K-12 schools.
- **[Energy & Environment]** Salazar claimed she would protect the environment, but has received support from oil & gas and pro-drilling groups.
 - Salazar supported the Republican tax law that opened the Alaska National Wildlife Refuge to drilling.
 - While Salazar has publicly opposed drilling off the coast of Florida, she has been funded and supported by pro-oil drilling groups who are pushing Congress to allow them to drill offshore, including in the Florida Straits, putting our coastline and water supply at risk. Salazar accepted \$6,500 from Chevron and Exxon Mobil PACs, both of which are members of the American Chemistry Council. The American Chemistry

Council has lobbied against banning offshore drilling, including in the Florida Straits. Salazar has also been supported by FreedomWorks for America via \$76,000 in outside spending support. FreedomWorks has opposed offshore drilling, including in the Atlantic, and called for markets to decide where to drill.

- Salazar has taken more than \$68,000 from the oil and gas industry in her career, including \$9,000 from oil and gas PACs.

- **[Energy & Environment]** Salazar supported a carbon tax proposal that would have caused consumers to pay nearly \$500 more in yearly fuel costs by 2030.
- **[Energy & Environment]** Salazar has been critical of Biden's energy policies, calling his policies an "assault" on energy and his actions "band-aids." Salazar called for Biden to restore the Keystone XL Pipeline and end freezes on new oil and gas leases. Salazar wrote that clean energy policies without expanding our domestic capacity will empower China and Maduro.
 - Salazar criticized the Biden Administration for stopping the "drilling or fracking on government land."
- **[Energy & Environment]** In April 2022, when gas prices were rising, Salazar said, "Biden should not use the strategic federal oil reserve to bring energy prices down."
- **[Ethics & Government Reform]** During the 2020 campaign trail, Salazar repeatedly promised to donate her congressional salary. She even promised to use it to run an employment center in her district office. However, the House Ethics Committee advised Salazar against redirecting her salary to fund her congressional office. As a result, Salazar was not able to hire additional staff for a prosperity center, but said her district office would conduct additional casework related to employment. This raises the question if Salazar kept her promise and has been donating her salary.
 - When describing the employment center while running for office, Salazar said "my African Americans" would be the first to benefit.
- **[Ethics & Government Reform]** In 2020, Salazar promised to "fight for term limits," but when she entered Congress, Salazar said she would "die doing this" if the voters allowed her.
- **[Flip Flopper]** In 2020, Tim Padgett, an editor for the Miami NPR affiliate WLRN, slammed Salazar as practicing "McCarthyism" and said Salazar was filled with "shameless double standards" that it would have "even made a two-faced politico like Fidel Castro blush."
- **[Guns]** Despite voting for the bipartisan gun bill after the Uvalde massacre, Salazar has voted against common sense measures to crack down on violent gun crime.
 - Salazar voted against red flag laws that prohibited the purchase and possession of firearms by people who pose an imminent danger.
 - Salazar voted against The Protecting Our Kids Act that would have raised the age to buy a semiautomatic weapon.
 - Salazar voted against the Active Shooter Alert Act that was supported by multiple law enforcement groups in order to better respond to active threats.

- Salazar voted against an assault weapons ban despite previously voicing support for banning assault weapons.
- **[Health Care]** In 2018, while Salazar was first running for Congress, she said Obamacare “was no good” and “we need to find another way.” She even called Democrats “socialistas” because of policies like Obamacare. However, in 2020, Salazar said, “If you like your Obamacare, you can keep it,” and “Obamacare needs to stay the way it is unless we can provide a better plan.” She also would not say if she supported a lawsuit to invalidate Obamacare.
- **[Health Care]** Salazar supported allowing the government to negotiate prescription drug prices, but voted against allowing the government to do so.
- **[Immigration]** Salazar has been all over the place on immigration. While she supports DACA and a path to legal status for undocumented immigrants, she does not support a path to citizenship. She once even said that “not just anyone” should be granted birthright citizenship.
 - In 2018, Salazar said undocumented immigrants under 14 years old should be sent back to their home countries, even those who fled violence.
- **[Immigration]** Salazar has also been all over the place on sanctuary cities. In 2016, Salazar said, “sanctuary cities are the best shelters, because at least they can’t be deported that easily.” In 2017, Salazar said sanctuary cities are “havens for criminals” and makes “Hispanics look like a bunch of imbeciles,” but a couple months later again praised California’s sanctuary city law and said it was “not as bad as it sounds.”
- **[Immigration]** Salazar has been critical of Trump and her own party, saying “the reality of immigration is not” as Republicans see it and that Republicans have never promised anything on immigration. Salazar also said that she did not like “what Trump has done on immigration.”
- **[Inflation]** Salazar said she hadn’t “done anything to help the average American” during her time in Congress because Democrats weren’t proposing bills to lower costs and fight inflation, but Salazar voted against multiple Democratic bills to lower the cost of food, fuel, and insulin. Salazar even voted against the Inflation Reduction Act, despite it lowering the cost for prescription drugs and lowering inflation.
- **[Infrastructure]** Salazar pledged to “work hard” to improve Florida's infrastructure, but voted against the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill that provided billions in funding to Florida to improve highways, public transit, drinking water infrastructure, and airports.
 - Salazar said she voted against the legislation because it was a “tradeoff between infrastructure and socialism” and said parts of the bill were “very questionable.”
- **[Islam]** In 2017, Salazar retweeted a post calling to ban Islam. A year earlier, Salazar also said the “political ideology of ISIS is based on the Quran.”

- **[Israel & Anti-Semitism]** Salazar presents herself as a dedicated ally of Israel and of Jewish Americans when talking in English, but in Spanish she shares anti-Semitic conspiracy theories about George Soros.
 - Salazar repeatedly called Ilhan Omar, Rashia Tlaib, and the “far-left” anti-Semitic for their positions on Israel and Palestine. But after tweeting in English that the media was guilty of dealing in “anti-Semitic canards,” Salazar tweeted in Spanish her own quintessential anti-Semitic canard about George Soros, claiming he was in the “shadow” of wanting to “silence conservative voices.”
 - The Anti-Defamation League considers conspiracy theories about George Soros and the media to be “well-known anti-Semitic tropes.”
 - Salazar was critical of the sale of Radio Mambi to “left-wing investors.”
 - Salazar has also outrageously tied socialism to anti-Semitism. She claimed all socialists are “anti-Jew” and even once said, “When you say socialism, you are talking about anti-Semitism in the same phrase.”

- **[Jobs]** In 2021, Salazar called for moving jobs overseas by providing financial incentives to companies that move jobs to Central America.

- **[LGBTQ+]** Salazar voted against the Equality Act which banned discrimination on the basis of gender identity or sexual orientation.
 - The Miami Herald called her vote “shameful.”

- **[Medicare & Social Security]** Salazar claimed she supported policies to help seniors, including calling to protect Medicare and allowing the government to negotiate drug prices, but voted against policies to do so. Salazar also claimed she did not support any cuts to Medicare or Social Security, but voted against preventing sequestration cuts to Medicare and was endorsed by a group who wanted to privatize Social Security and Medicare.

- **[Medicare & Social Security]** Salazar has aligned herself with Senator Rick Scott, who released a plan to sunset Social Security and Medicare and raise income taxes on half of Americans.

- **[Palestine]** In 2021, Salazar said the “average Palestinian doesn’t really understand that they are being used on behalf of this terrorist organization.”

- **[Partisanship]** In 2018, Salazar tried to style herself as a moderate and said she would “step into the center.” However, Salazar has voted with the Republican Party 91% of the time, was named Assistant House GOP Whip as soon as she entered office, and repeatedly showed support for Trump.
 - In November 2020, Salazar said it was “an absolute honor to serve” with Liz Cheney and described Cheney as someone who wasn’t “afraid to speak truth to power.” However, in 2021, Salazar failed to stand up for Cheney when she faced retaliation for speaking out against the Big Lie, and Salazar refused to say whether she voted to oust Cheney from party leadership.

- **[Socialism, Communism, & Marxism]** Salazar has made the fight against socialism and communism her top priority as a Member of Congress, often attempting to tie any policy supported by the left as “socialism.”
 - In Congress, she has introduced or cosponsored legislation to denounce socialism and communism, gaining praise from GOP dark money groups like FreedomWorks.
- **[Socialism, Communism, & Marxism]** As a politician, Salazar has always fearmongered about socialism coming to the United States, often claiming the Democrats have been kidnapped by socialists and Marxists. She has repeatedly connected Biden and the Democrats to socialism and Marxism, including claiming Biden will take us “down the path to socialism.”
 - Salazar also called Biden racist for comments made about low vaccination rates in minority communities because of more limited internet access.
- **[Statehood]** Salazar introduced a bill to admit Puerto Rico as the 51st state, but voted against making DC a state.
- **[Taxes]** Salazar supported tax policies, including the 2017 Republican tax bill, that enriched corporations and the wealthiest Americans, but voted against tax cuts for the middle class.
 - Salazar even called a plan that would cut taxes for the middle class and make corporations and the wealthy pay their fair share “socialist.”
- **[Trump]** While Salazar claims she is a moderate or in the “center,” Salazar has repeatedly shown support for Trump since 2016.
 - In August 2022, Salazar tweeted that the FBI raid of Mar-A-Lago was “extremely troubling.” In Spanish, Salazar was more extreme and promoted conspiracy theories. Salazar said, “government institutions, in this case the FBI and DOJ, are being weaponized as political threats” and “government institutions” were being used to “politically assault the opposition.” She was even more extreme on Spanish television, falsely claiming that there was “empirical evidence” of business dealings between Hunter Biden and China that should be “investigated.”
 - January 2021: Salazar voted not to impeach Trump following the Capitol attack on January 6th.
 - In a blog post from September 2019, Salazar denied that Trump had conditioned military aid to Ukraine on the country launching criminal investigations of the Biden family, and claimed that “government officials” with “an axe to grind” were sabotaging the president.
 - In 2018, Salazar called Trump a “special person.”
 - In 2017, Salazar repeatedly praised Trump’s immigration policies.
 - November 2016: Salazar voted for Trump.
- **[Unions]** Salazar has shown her opposition to unions by voting against the PRO Act and against a measure to allow her own staff to unionize.

- **[Ukraine & Russia]** At the beginning of the war in Ukraine, Salazar said that she supported a 'no-fly zone' over Ukraine, drawing fire from local media, including the Miami Herald who called her "ill prepared."
 - Salazar was accused by Tucker Carlson of suggesting the United States go to war with Russia.
- **[Ukraine & Russia]** Salazar believed the United States should comply with all aid requests that Ukraine made to the United States.
- **[Venezuela]** In 2018, Salazar suggested the U.S. should "topple Venezuela, but seconds later said the United States should not be "promoting coups."
- **[Veterans]:** Despite introducing and cosponsoring multiple pieces of legislation in support of veterans, Salazar has repeatedly voted against measures to improve health care for veterans.
- **[Women]** Salazar voted against the Paycheck Fairness Act or equal pay against equal work legislation.

Abortion & Reproductive Health

Roe v. Wade

Salazar said that the Supreme Court's decision to overturn Roe v. Wade "returns power to the states and their voters... as the Constitution intended." But less than 4 years earlier, Salazar said abortion rights was "settled law," that she didn't think Justice Kavanaugh was "radical" or an "extremist," and that she didn't "like to take rights from people."

June 2022: Salazar Said The Supreme Court's Decision To Overturn Roe v. Wade "Returns Power To The States And Their Voters, Where Decisions Must Be Made, As The Constitution Intended."



[Twitter, Maria Elvira Salazar, [6/24/22](#)]

After The Supreme Court’s Decision To Overturn Roe, Salazar Said, “As A Christian And Mother Of Two Beautiful Daughters, I Support Life.” “And finally, the Republican María Elvira Salazar mentioned that ‘as a Christian and mother of two beautiful daughters, I support life. The decision of the Supreme Court returns power to the states and their voters, where decisions must be made, as the Constitution intends.’” [Emol, [6/25/22](#)]

[VIDEO] 2018: Salazar: “It’s Settled Law. [Kavanaugh] Said It. [...] I Don’t Think He’s A Radical. I Don’t Think He’s An Extremist.” A Florida anchor asked Salazar, “Where do you stand on abortion? Salazar said, “But he said it. It’s settled law. He said it the other day. It’s settled law. And I believe that he is a person that will follow and interpret the constitution the way it needs to be. I don’t think he is a radical. I don’t think he’s an extremist.” [YouTube, CBS Miami, [9/11/18](#) (2:15)]

[VIDEO] 2018: Salazar: “I Don’t Like To Take Rights From People.” Salazar said, “I don’t like to take rights away from people. I want to give them rights. [YouTube, Miami Herald, [9/26/18](#) (28:00)]

- **2018: Salazar Emphasized That Abortion Is Legal In The United States.** “On the subject of abortion, Shalala spoke about a woman's right to decide about her body, Salazar said that she wishes it were a less frequent decision but emphasized that abortion is legal in the United States.” [El Nuevo Herald, 10/13/18] *Translation*
 - **Spanish Version:** “Sobre el tema del aborto, Shalala se pronunció sobre el derecho de la mujer de decidir sobre su cuerpo, Salazar dijo que desea que fuese una decisión menos frecuente pero enfatizó que el aborto es legal en Estados Unidos.”

Women’s Health Protection Act

Salazar repeatedly voted against the Women's Health Protection Act, despite suggesting that she didn't. The legislation would have codified the right to abortion to protect abortion access if Roe v. Wade was overturned.

[VIDEO] September 2021: Salazar Was Asked Why She Voted Against The Women's Health Protection Act, And Salazar Said, "Who Says I Didn't." [DCCC, [9/29/21](#)]

July 2022: Salazar Voted Against The Women's Health Protection Act To Establish The Statutory Right For Patients To Receive And For Providers To Provide Abortions And To Prohibit Certain State Restrictions On Abortion. In July 2022 Salazar voted against: "Passage of the bill that would statutorily establish that health care providers have a right to provide and patients have a right to receive abortion services, and it would prohibit certain restrictions related to abortion services. The bill would specify that rights established by the bill may not be restricted by certain requirements or limitations related to abortion services, including prohibitions on abortion prior to fetal viability, or after fetal viability if a provider determines that continuation of a pregnancy would pose a risk to a patient's life or health; requirements that patients disclose reasons for seeking an abortion or make medically unnecessary in-person appointments; requirements that providers provide medically inaccurate information or perform specific medical tests or procedures in connection with the provision of abortion services; limitations on providers' ability to prescribe drugs based on good-faith medical judgment, provide services via telemedicine or provide immediate services when a delay would pose a risk to a patient's health; and requirements for facilities and personnel that would not apply to facilities providing medically comparable procedures. It would also prohibit requirements or limitations that are similar to those established by the bill or that impede access to abortion services and expressly or implicitly single out abortion services, providers or facilities. It would specify factors that courts may consider to determine whether a requirement or limitation impedes access to abortion services, including whether it interferes with providers' ability to provide services; poses a risk to patients' health; is likely to delay or deter patients in accessing services or necessitate in-person visits that would not otherwise be required; is likely to result in a decreased availability of services in a state or region; is likely to result in increased costs of providing or obtaining services; or imposes penalties that are not imposed on other health care providers for comparable conduct. It would require a party defending a requirement or limitation to establish that it significantly advances the safety of abortion services or patient health and that such goals cannot be advanced by a less restrictive alternative measure. It would authorize the Justice Department, health care providers and private individuals and entities to bring a civil action in U.S. district court for injunctive relief against any state or government official charged with implementing or enforcing a requirement or limitation challenged as a violation of rights established by the bill. It would authorize district courts to award appropriate equitable relief, including temporary, preliminary or permanent injunctive relief, and to award costs of litigation to a prevailing plaintiff. It would require courts to 'liberally construe' provisions of the bill to effectuate its purposes. The bill is substantively identical to HR 3755, which the House passed in September 2021, but adds findings related to the June 2022 Supreme Court decision in Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization." The bill passed by a vote of 219-210. [H.R. 8296, [Vote #Vote #360](#), 7/15/22; CQ, [7/15/22](#)]

- **The Women's Health Protection Act "Enshrine[d] The Protections Of Roe V. Wade Into Law."**
"The House on Friday passed legislation that would protect access to reproductive health care,

including the ability to travel across state lines for an abortion, as part of Democrats' efforts to minimize the consequences of the Supreme Court overturning *Roe v. Wade* last month. One bill, the Women's Health Protection Act, would enshrine the protections of *Roe v. Wade* into law. The House already passed the bill last year, but it did not advance in a Senate vote in May. The House passed the bill, 219-210, prompting applause from Democrats in the chamber." [Washington Post, [7/15/22](#)]

- **The Women's Health Protection Act Prevented States From Prohibiting Abortions Before Fetal Viability Or After Fetal Viability When The Patient's Life Or Health Is At Risk.** "The bill would prevent state governments from limiting a health care provider's ability to prescribe certain drugs, offer abortion services via telemedicine, or immediately provide abortion services when the provider determines a delay risks the patient's health, according to CRS. It also prevents states from requiring patients to make medically unnecessary in-person visits before receiving abortion services or forcing women to disclose their reasons for obtaining abortions and related services. WHPA would ban states from prohibiting abortion services before or after fetal viability when a provider determines the pregnancy risks the patient's life or health." [ABC News, [3/7/22](#)]

September 2021: Salazar Voted Against The Women's Health Protection Act. In September 2021, Salazar voted against: "Passage of the bill that would statutorily establish that health care providers have a right to provide and patients have a right to receive abortion services, and it would prohibit certain restrictions related to abortion services. The bill would specify that rights established by the bill may not be restricted by certain requirements or limitations related to abortion services, including prohibitions on abortion prior to fetal viability, or after fetal viability if a provider determines that continuation of a pregnancy would pose a risk to a patient's life or health; requirements that patients disclose reasons for seeking an abortion or make medically unnecessary in-person appointments; requirements that providers provide medically inaccurate information or perform specific medical tests or procedures in connection with the provision of abortion services; limitations on providers' ability to prescribe drugs based on good-faith medical judgment, provide services via telemedicine or provide immediate services when a delay would pose a risk to a patient's health; and requirements for facilities and personnel that would not apply to facilities providing medically comparable procedures. It would also prohibit requirements or limitations that are similar to those established by the bill or that impede access to abortion services and expressly or implicitly single out abortion services, providers or facilities. It would specify factors that courts may consider to determine whether a requirement or limitation impedes access to abortion services, including whether it interferes with providers' ability to provide services; poses a risk to patients' health; is likely to delay or deter patients in accessing services or necessitate in-person visits that would not otherwise be required; is likely to result in a decreased availability of services in a state or region; is likely to result in increased costs of providing or obtaining services; or imposes penalties that are not imposed on other health care providers for comparable conduct. It would require a party defending a requirement or limitation to establish that it significantly advances the safety of abortion services or patient health and that such goals cannot be advanced by a less restrictive alternative measure. It would authorize the Justice Department, health care providers and private individuals and entities to bring a civil action in U.S. district court for injunctive relief against any state or government official charged with implementing or enforcing a requirement or limitation challenged as a violation of rights established by the bill. It would authorize district courts to award

appropriate equitable relief, including temporary, preliminary or permanent injunctive relief, and to award costs of litigation to a prevailing plaintiff. It would require courts to "liberally construe" provisions of the bill to effectuate its purposes." The bill passed by a vote of 218-211. [HR 3655, [Vote #Vote #295](#), 9/24/21; CQ, [9/24/21](#)]

- **Passage Of The WHPA Was In Response To A Restrictive Texas Abortion Law.** "Passage of the Women's Health Protection Act is a response to a Texas law that essentially bans abortion after six weeks, before most people realize they are pregnant. The U.S. Supreme Court refused to block the law from taking effect, although the decision leaves the door open for future challenges." [NPR, [9/24/21](#)]
- **Pelosi: "This Ban Necessitates Codifying Roe V. Wade."** "In a statement, Pelosi said the Texas statute is 'the most extreme, dangerous abortion ban in half a century, and its purpose is to destroy Roe v. Wade, and even refuses to make exceptions for cases of rape and incest. This ban necessitates codifying Roe v. Wade.'" [NPR, [9/24/21](#)]

Interstate Travel for Abortion

July 2022: Salazar voted against the Ensuring Access to Abortion Act, which would protect a patient's ability to access legal abortion services in another state.

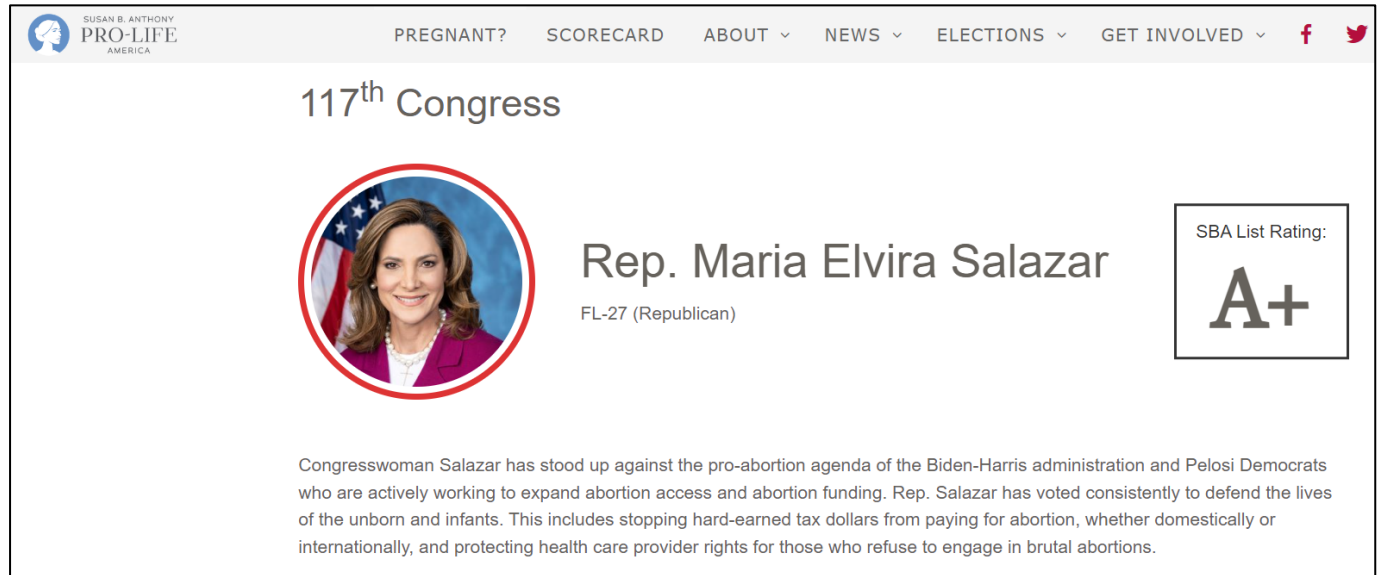
Salazar Voted Against The Ensuring Access To Abortion Act To Prohibit Individuals From Interfering With A Patient's Ability To Cross State Lines To Obtain An Abortion In A State Where It Is Legal. In July 2022 Salazar voted against: "Passage of the bill, as amended, that would prohibit individuals from interfering with patients' ability to access to abortion services in another state where the services are legal. Specifically, it would prohibit any person acting under color of state law from preventing, restricting or retaliating against health care providers' ability to provide abortion services that are legal in the provider's state to patients who do not reside in that state; a person's ability to assist in providing such services; or a person's ability to travel or assist another person traveling across state lines to obtain an abortion. It would also prohibit individuals from preventing, restricting or retaliating against the interstate movement of any drug approved by the Food and Drug Administration for the termination of a pregnancy. It would allow the U.S. attorney general or a harmed individual to bring a civil action in U.S. district court for declaratory and injunctive relief against an individual who violates the prohibitions." The bill passed by a vote of 223-205. [H.R. 8297, [Vote #Vote #362](#), 7/15/22; CQ, [7/15/22](#)]

- **The Ensuring Access To Abortion Act Protected People Who Assist Others In Receiving Out Of State Abortions And Shielded Transportation Of Abortion Drugs Between States.** "The legislation protects women who travel to another state to receive an abortion if their home state prohibits the medical procedure. And in states where abortion is lawful, the bill seeks to make it illegal for facilities to limit access to the medical procedure for individuals who arrived from out of state. Additionally, the measure includes a provision to protect people who assist others in receiving an abortion in a state where they do not reside. It also shields the state-to-state transportation of abortion drugs that have received approval from the Food and Drug Administration." [The Hill, [7/15/22](#)]

Susan B. Anthony Rating

Salazar had an A+ rating from Susan B. Anthony List, an extreme anti-abortion group that wanted to “end abortion” and pledged after *Roe v. Wade* was overturned to restrict access to abortion “in every state” and on a national level. Salazar was also endorsed by them.

Salazar Held An A+ Rating With The Susan B. Anthony List.



The screenshot shows the Susan B. Anthony Pro-Life America website for the 117th Congress. It features a navigation bar with links for 'PREGNANT?', 'SCORECARD', 'ABOUT', 'NEWS', 'ELECTIONS', and 'GET INVOLVED', along with social media icons for Facebook and Twitter. The main content area displays a circular portrait of Rep. Maria Elvira Salazar, identified as 'Rep. Maria Elvira Salazar, FL-27 (Republican)'. To the right of her name is a box labeled 'SBA List Rating:' containing a large 'A+' symbol. Below the portrait, a paragraph of text states: 'Congresswoman Salazar has stood up against the pro-abortion agenda of the Biden-Harris administration and Pelosi Democrats who are actively working to expand abortion access and abortion funding. Rep. Salazar has voted consistently to defend the lives of the unborn and infants. This includes stopping hard-earned tax dollars from paying for abortion, whether domestically or internationally, and protecting health care provider rights for those who refuse to engage in brutal abortions.'

[Susan B. Anthony List, accessed [8/2/22](#)]

National Review: Susan B. Anthony List Was One Of The “Nation’s Foremost Pro-Life Advocacy And Lobbying Organizations” That Was Meant To Counter Emily’s List And Highlight Pro-Life Women Candidates. “In 1992, a group of pro-life women founded Susan B. Anthony List, intended to be a counterbalance to EMILY’s List, which endorses and fundraises for pro-abortion female politicians. Named after one of the most famous pro-life feminists, SBA List aimed to recruit and support pro-life women in politics. Thirty years on, the mission and work of SBA List has grown far beyond what its leaders set out to do in those early days. Today, the group is one of the nation’s foremost pro-life advocacy and lobbying organizations, swinging elections and shaping policy. Its influence within the pro-life movement and the Republican Party is indisputable. Just last month, New York magazine’s ‘The Cut’ profiled SBA president and co-founder Marjorie Dannenfelser, calling her “the woman who killed Roe.” [National Review, [6/1/22](#)]

Axios: The President Of Susan B. Anthony List Said That In Response To Roe V. Wade Being Overturned, Her Organization Would Work To Restrict Abortion “In Every State And In Every Legislature, Including The Congress.” “The president of Susan B. Anthony Pro-Life America told Axios on Friday that in the wake of the Supreme Court’s decision overturning *Roe v. Wade*, her group will work to restrict abortion “in every state and in every legislature, including the Congress.” [Axios, [6/24/22](#)]

Axios: The President Of Susan B. Anthony List Said “Everyone Erupted With Joy” At Her Organization After Roe V. Wade Was Overturned. The president of Susan B. Anthony Pro-Life

America told Axios on Friday that in the wake of the Supreme Court's decision overturning Roe v. Wade, her group will work to restrict abortion "in every state and in every legislature, including the Congress.' What they're saying: 'It's the culmination of almost 50 years of work,' Marjorie Dannenfelser said. 'Everyone erupted with joy' at her office upon learning of the Dobbs v. Jackson decision, paving the way for states to prohibit women from terminating pregnancies at any stage for any reason, and criminalizing acts by providers or others who seek to help those women. Dannenfelser called the ruling 'a restoration of what authentic feminism is." [Axios, 6/24/22]

November 2021: Susan B. Anthony List Tweeted "There Is No Exception To The Unalienable Right To Life." "There is no exception to the unalienable right to life. 'There is no asterisk that says if you are an unborn human life you are denied this unalienable right to life.'-@JohnCornyn."

2020: Salazar Endorsed By Pro-Life Susan B. Anthony List. "SBA List's support not only serves as a signal to pro-life voters but also comes with an army of activists and a sizable financial boost. The group has announced its intention to spend \$41 million in the 2020 election cycle, up from \$28 million in 2018. Its 1,100 members are planning to visit 4 million voters nationwide before the November elections, which is up from 800 members reaching 1.4 million voters in 2016. The House candidates SBA List is supporting are Jessica Taylor in Alabama's 2nd Congressional District, Michelle Steel in California's 48th, Irina Vilariño in Florida's 26th, Maria Salazar in Florida's 27th, Yvette Herrell in New Mexico's 2nd, Claudia Tenney in New York's 22nd, Beth Van Duyne in Texas' 24th, and Esther Joy King in Illinois' 17th Congressional District." [The Washington Times, 1/3/2020]

Hyde Amendment

Salazar voted to make the Hyde Amendment, which banned federal money from being used to pay for abortions and health plans that covered abortions, permanent.

Salazar Voted Against Blocking Consideration Of The No Taxpayer Funding For Abortion And Abortion Insurance Full Disclosure Act Of 2021. In June 2021, Salazar Voted Against: "Agreeing to the Morelle, D-N.Y., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment)." According to the Congressional Record, Rep. Burgess said, "If we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to immediately consider H.R. 18, the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion and Abortion Insurance Full Disclosure Act of 2021." **A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the bill.** The motion was agreed to, 218-209. [H Res 486, [Vote #175](#), 6/23/21; CQ, [6/23/21](#); Congressional Record, [6/23/21](#)]

- **The No Taxpayer Funding For Abortion And Abortion Insurance Full Disclosure Act Of 2021 Would Have Made The Hyde Amendment Permanent.** "H.R. 18 — the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion and Abortion Insurance Full Disclosure Act of 2021 — would make the long-standing Hyde Amendment permanent and keep in place similar provisions to ensure no federal dollars are used to pay for abortion and health plans that include abortion." [Catholic News Service, [2/10/21](#)]

- **The Hyde Amendment Ensured That No Federal Dollars Were Used To Pay For Abortion And Health Plans That Include Abortion.** “H.R. 18 — the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion and Abortion Insurance Full Disclosure Act of 2021 — would make the long-standing Hyde Amendment permanent and keep in place similar provisions to ensure no federal dollars are used to pay for abortion and health plans that include abortion.” [Catholic News Service, [2/10/21](#)]

Religion & Abortion

Salazar: “If somebody chooses to have an abortion [...] she will have to then respond to the Almighty.”

Salazar: “If Somebody Chooses To Have An Abortion [...] She Will Have To Then Respond To The Almighty.” “[SALAZAR:] But I also understand that this the law of the land and if somebody chooses to have an abortion, it's between her and God. And she will have to then respond to the Almighty.” [Miami Herald Editorial Board, 14:03-14:13, [9/26/18](#)]

Abortion Exceptions

Salazar opposed abortion except in cases of rape or incest and to protect the health of the mother. She also said that she did not believe abortion was morally wrong, but it was a result of desperation.

Salazar Opposed Abortion Except In Cases Of Rape Or Incest And To Protect The Health Of The Mother. “As your Congresswoman, I will protect the life of the unborn and also the life and health of the mother. I oppose tax-payer funding for late-term abortions. I understand that, in some cases, the termination of a pregnancy—ectopic pregnancy, rape, and incest, may dangerously affect the health of the mother as determined by her physician. My votes will consistently protect life, and I will work to ensure that abortions become the exception, not the rule. We must oppose the culture of death. I do understand that, sometimes, difficult and painful decisions will have to be made which might lead to the termination of a pregnancy.” [Salazar Campaign Website, Issues, Archived [10/5/18](#)]

Salazar Said She Did Not Believe Abortion Was Morally Wrong, But It Was A Result Of Desperation. “[REPORTER:] Do you believe it's morally wrong to have an abortion? [SALAZAR:] I don't think it's morally wrong. I think it's out of desperation. That's why I'm saying that society needs to offer more choices or more options to those women that do not want the pregnancy.” [Miami Herald Editorial Board, 14:15-14:36, [9/26/18](#)]

2018: Associated Press: Salazar “Emphasized Conservative Positions On Issues Such As ... Opposing Abortion In Most Cases.” “The 56-year-old Salazar emerged from a crowded field to win the GOP primary. She has worked in Span-ish-language broadcast news since 1984 and interviewed Cuban leader Fidel Castro in the mid-1990s, one of the few reporters to score a one-on-one interview. She has styled herself as an expert on Latin American affairs and the U.S. Hispanic community and has emphasized conservative positions on issues such as creating jobs, improving education, reforming health care and immigration, and opposing abortion in most cases.” [Associated Press, 8/29/18]

Alternatives to Abortion

[Salazar joined with Republicans to present alternative to abortion legislation.](#)

2022: Salazar Signed Onto A Bill Calling For A Tax Credit For Pregnant Women. “Rep. Jason Smith, R-Mo., has introduced the Child Tax Credit for Pregnant Moms Act (H.R. 6505) "to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a child tax credit for pregnant moms with respect to their unborn children." The bill was introduced on Jan. 25 and has 28 co-sponsors. Co-sponsors include...Maria Elvira Salazar... [Targeted News Service, 1/27/22]

- **2021: Salazar Cosponsored Legislation To Provide Support Services To Women Experiencing An Unexpected Pregnancy.** “Rep. Jeff Fortenberry, R-Neb., has introduced legislation (H.R. 5163) to "facilitate support and services to women who find themselves with an unexpected pregnancy, to meet the emotional, physical, social, financial, and other needs women encounter during pregnancy, childbirth, and child-rearing." The bill was introduced on Sept. 3 and has nine co-sponsors. Co-sponsors include Reps. Maria Elvira Salazar, R-Fla..." [Targeted News Service, 9/06/21]

Birth Control

[Salazar voted with Democrats to protect birth control after Dobbs.](#)

2022: Salazar Voted With Democrats For A Bill To Defend Access To Birth Control. “The eight GOP yes votes were Reps. Liz Cheney, Adam Kinzinger, Brian Fitzpatrick, Anthony Gonzalez, Nancy Mace, Fred Upton and Maria Elvira Salazar. [...]The bill would codify contraceptive rights in federal law, letting individuals get and use birth control while protecting healthcare providers who supply contraceptives. The House bill includes authorization for the U.S. Attorney General, health care providers and other individuals to sue states in civil proceedings if states violate contraceptive rights protected in the bill.” [UPI, 7/21/22]

- **Salazar Voted Against Considering The Respect For Marriage Act, A Six-Bill Appropriations Minibus Package, And The Right To Contraception Act.** In July 2022 Salazar voted against: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 1232) that would provide for one hour of general debate on each bill, provide for automatic adoption of a manager's amendment to HR 8373 and make 190 amendments in order to HR 8294. The rule would provide for automatic adoption of the Pallone, D-N.J., manager's amendment to HR 8373 that would, among other provisions, specify that the bill's definition of "contraceptive" includes biological products and is limited to products legally marketed under existing Food and Drug Administration regulations; clarify the bill's definition of "health care provider" to state that providers must be authorized by the state to provide health care services; specify that the bill may not be construed to sanction sterilization procedures without a patient's informed consent; and make technical changes. The rule would also provide for automatic agreement, upon adoption of the rule, to a resolution (H Res 1230) that would modify standing House rules for the 117th Congress to allow a rule to be called up for floor consideration when the text has been made available to members prior to the convening of the legislative day; allow motions to suspend the rules to be considered on any day of the week; and allow for proxy voting in the Committee of the Whole House, thus allowing delegates and the resident commissioner of Puerto Rico to vote by proxy on amendments. Finally, the rule would

authorize, through the legislative day of Thursday, July 21, 2022, non-debatable motions by the majority leader or a designee to suspend the rules and consider, en bloc, measures considered under suspension of the rules on Monday, July 18, 2022.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 219-200. [H.Res. 1232, [Vote #Vote #366](#), 7/19/22; CQ, [7/19/22](#)]

Afghanistan

Withdrawal

In 2022, Salazar placed blame on Biden and the State Department for the withdrawal of troops in Afghanistan.

2022: Salazar Signed Onto A Letter Saying The State Department Had A Substantial Role In The Afghanistan Withdrawal And Called For Additional Transparency. “Yet, even though the State Department had a large part of the responsibility for the noncombatant evacuation operation that ultimately resulted in the death of 13 U.S. servicemembers and the abandonment of more than 700 American citizens and tens of thousands of Afghan allies in the Taliban-controlled country, our committee has to date only had one open, full committee hearing with an official from the Biden administration. Holding a closed briefing where the question-and-answer portion is classified at the highest level – even though the vast majority of the information sought should not be classified – is not the transparency the American people deserve.” [Impact News Service, 6/20/22]

2022: Salazar Joined Other Republicans Six Months After The Withdrawal In Slamming Biden. “Washington, D.C. - House Foreign Affairs Committee Vice Ranking Member Ann Wagner (R-MO) and the Republican Members of the Committee have released the following joint statement commemorating six months since the fall of Kabul, Afghanistan. Wagner was joined by Reps. Michael McCaul (R-TX), Chris Smith (R-NJ), Steve Chabot (R-OH), Joe Wilson (R-SC), Scott Perry (R-PA), Darrell Issa (R-CA), Adam Kinzinger (R-IL), Lee Zeldin (R-NY), Brian Mast (R-FL), Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA), Ken Buck (R-CO), Tim Burchett (R-TN), Mark Green (R-TN), Andy Barr (R-KY), Greg Steube (R-FL), Dan Meuser (R-PA), Claudia Tenney (R-NY), August Pfluger (R-TX), Nicole Malliotakis (R-NY), Peter Meijer (R-MI), Ronny Jackson (R-TX), Young Kim (R-CA), Maria Salazar (R-FL). The city fell to the Taliban six months ago today, on August 15, 2021. "During the Afghanistan evacuation and in the six months since, hundreds of stories have come to light, highlighting how President Biden's willful blindness to the situation on the ground, coupled with his administration's refusal to plan for the impending fallout, resulted in what can only be described as a systemic failure of the U.S. government. The horrific scenes of people hanging from planes and women desperately passing their children over the wall of the Kabul airport permanently tarnished America's reputation around the world and angered our allies, with some of them publicly chastising us. All the while, America's weakness on the world stage has emboldened our adversaries.” [Congressional Documents and Publications, 2/5/22]

2022: Salazar Said No Biden Official Had Been Held Accountable. "Yet, six months later, not a single Biden administration official has been held accountable for their failures. Unsurprisingly, the administration circled the wagons in an attempt to protect many high-ranking officials who most certainly bear significant responsibility for the deadly and chaotic withdrawal. The administration has

refused to provide our committee with any documents or transcribed interviews that we have requested. Even more regretfully, congressional Democrats appear to be complicit in the Biden administration's coverup. With the exception of Secretary Blinken testifying before our committee in September of last year, our committee has not held a single, public hearing that is focused on President Biden's withdrawal. Democrats did not support our requests for a single transcribed interview with State Department staff and they have not subpoenaed a single document that would shed more light into this tragedy." [Congressional Documents and Publications, 2/5/22]

American Rescue Plan

ARP Vote

February 2021: Salazar voted against the American Rescue Plan which provided \$8.8 billion in funding for Florida including over half a billion dollars for Miami-Dade County.

Salazar Voted Against Passage Of The American Rescue Plan Act. In February 2021, Salazar voted against: "Passage of the fiscal 2021 budget reconciliation bill, as amended, comprising a coronavirus relief package that would provide roughly \$1.9 trillion in funding to further address the health and economic effects of COVID-19, including approximately \$350 billion in direct aid to state and local governments; \$47.8 billion for testing and contact tracing; \$168 billion to assist educational institutions; and \$50 billion to assist small businesses. It would extend and increase federal unemployment compensation benefits for 24 weeks and increase the weekly amount to \$400; provide tax rebates of \$1,400 for individuals with incomes of \$75,000 or less; extend or expand a number of employer and individual tax credits, including credits to subsidize health insurance premiums; and gradually increase the federal minimum wage to \$15 per hour. Among other provisions, the bill would provide \$195.3 billion for direct assistance to states and \$130.2 billion for local governments; \$128.6 billion through fiscal 2023 for an Education Department elementary and secondary school emergency relief fund and \$39.6 billion for grants to higher education institutions, including to provide emergency financial aid; and continue the 15% increase in Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits through September 2021. It would provide \$47.8 billion for COVID-19 testing and contact tracing; \$7.5 billion for vaccine administration and distribution; and \$6.1 billion for vaccine and therapeutic development, manufacturing and procurement. It would require Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program to fully cover the cost of COVID-19 vaccines. It would expand eligibility in 2021 and 2022 for federal tax subsidies toward Affordable Care Act marketplace insurance premiums, including to fully cover premium costs for individuals earning up to 150% of the federal poverty level and cap premiums at 8.5% of household income. It would provide \$50 billion for small business assistance, including \$25 billion for restaurants. It would provide \$30.5 billion for transit, \$18 billion for airline and aviation manufacturing industry payroll support; and \$4 billion for Agriculture Department pandemic-related assistance. It would incrementally increase the federal minimum wage annually to reach \$15 per hour in 2025, including for tipped workers, teens and workers with disabilities. It would create a program to provide financial assistance to multiemployer pension plans." The bill passed by a vote of 219-212. [HR 1319, [Vote #Vote #49](#), 2/27/21; CQ, [2/27/21](#)]

- **Salazar Said She Wasn't Happy About The \$1.9 Trillion Covid Relief Package Because "We Have A Trillion Dollars In The Bank That We Haven't Spent."** "[BARTIROMO:] You heard President Biden last night. He was talking about 7 million jobs. I'm not sure how any of these numbers add up or where the 7 million jobs are coming from as a result of more money thrown at this economy. How are you feeling about this \$1.9 trillion package? [SALAZAR:] I really don't feel very well because I think we have a trillion dollars in the bank that we haven't spent and now they're asking for \$1.9 trillion more. That's going to bankrupt our future generation." [Fox Business, 2/17/21]
- **Salazar Said The Spending In Biden's Stimulus Package "Is Just Not Good For The Economy."** "[SALAZAR:] Well, yes, because we know what Democratic socialism is all about. Something else -- some -- another -- another dogma that is trying to be established by the -- by the far left within the Democratic Party. And that unfortunately President Biden is being dragged into that. This stimulus package indicates to you exactly that, more government, bigger government, more expenditure, and that is just not good for the economy or for future generations. And it is not good for generation, democratic -- democratic socialism, as they call it." [Fox Business, 2/17/21]
- **2021: Salazar Called The Stimulus Package "Socialism."** [SALAZAR] "This stimulus package indicates to you exactly that, more government, bigger government, more expenditure, and that is just not good for the economy or for future generations. And it is not good for generation, democratic -- democratic socialism, as they call it." [Fox Business News, 2/17/21]

Florida received \$8.8 billion in funding from the American Rescue Plan including over half a billion dollars in funding for Miami-Dade County.

Florida Received \$8.8 Billion In Funding As A Result Of The American Rescue Plan. [Treasury.gov, Fiscal Recovery Funds, accessed [8/4/22](#); [8/4/22](#)]

Miami-Dade County Received \$527,733,745 In Funding As A Result Of The American Rescue Plan. [Treasury.gov, Fiscal Recovery Funds, [5/10/21](#)]

The City of Miami Received \$137,639,417 In Funding As A Result Of the American Rescue Plan. [Treasury.gov, Fiscal Recovery Funds, [5/10/21](#)]

The American Rescue Plan Sent \$1,400 Economic Impact Payments To Individuals Making Less Than \$75,000 And Couples Making \$160,000. "President Biden signed the \$1.9 trillion coronavirus relief package on Thursday. The colossal bill, known as the American Rescue Plan, allocates money for vaccines, schools, small businesses and anti-poverty programs such as an expanded child tax credit that will mean new monthly payments to many parents [...] The bill allocates funds for a third economic impact payment to qualifying Americans. Individuals earning up to \$75,000 and couples earning up to \$150,000 will receive the full direct payments of \$1,400 per person. Individuals will also receive an additional \$1,400 payment for each dependent claimed on their tax returns. Senate Democrats agreed to lower the income cutoff at which payments phase out from \$100,000 to \$80,000 for individuals, and from \$200,000 to \$160,000 for couples filing jointly, following demands from moderate Democrats." [NPR, [3/9/21](#)]

The American Rescue Plan Temporarily Expanded The Child Tax Credit. “President Biden signed the \$1.9 trillion coronavirus relief package on Thursday. The colossal bill, known as the American Rescue Plan, allocates money for vaccines, schools, small businesses and anti-poverty programs such as an expanded child tax credit that will mean new monthly payments to many parents [...] The legislation will temporarily expand the child tax credit, increasing the amount to \$3,000 for children ages 6 to 17 and \$3,600 for children under age 6. The amount is gradually reduced for couples earning over \$150,000 and individuals earning over \$75,000 per year. Families eligible for the full credit will get payments of up to \$300 per child per month from July through the end of the year.” [NPR, [3/9/21](#)]

CBPP: The American Rescue Plan Child Tax Credit Expansion Will Lift 272,000 Florida Children Out Of Poverty. [CBPP, [3/15/21](#)]

CBPP: The American Rescue Plan Child Tax Credit Expansion Will Benefit 92 Percent Of Florida Children. [CBPP, [3/15/21](#)]

CBPP: 1.3 Million Florida Workers Without Children Benefitted From The American Rescue Plan EITC Expansion. [CBPP, [3/15/21](#)]

Police Funding

Salazar opposed defunding the police and claimed she would “always fight to defend our police.”

Salazar: “We're Seeing Those New Yorkers That Are Coming To Florida Because [...] They Do Not Want To Defund The Police, Because They Want Law And Order.” “[SALAZAR:] Oh, absolutely, we're seeing it. And we're seeing those New Yorkers that are coming to Florida because they do not want to pay more taxes, because they do not want to defund the police, because they want law and order, because they want the America that we know. We understand, Maria, that the system is not perfect. We understand that we need to make some changes. But we also understand that we do not need a revolution. That word is very traumatic. We've got to fix the system that works very well. It's not perfect, but it has worked very well for 300 years.” [Fox Business, 8/27/20]

Salazar's Campaign Sent A Fundraising Message Claiming Salazar Would “Always Fight To Defend Our Police.” “Salazar raised \$538,843 in the latest fundraising quarter, which covered the months of April, May and June, while Shalala was close behind at \$530,932. Shalala maintains a cash-on-hand advantage in the race, with \$1.8 million on hand to Salazar's \$1.2 million. ‘The energy and momentum are on our side as our community thirsts for change,’ Salazar said in a text message. ‘I will always fight to defend our police, help people get back to work, and keep socialism out of this country so we can enjoy the freedoms many of our families fought so hard to obtain.’” [Miami Herald, 7/16/20]

The City of Miami planned to cut 100 public safety jobs and 66 police officers as a result of budget shortfalls from COVID-19.

Miami Planned To Cut More Than 100 Public Safety Jobs Including 66 Sworn Police Officers As A Result Of Budget Shortfalls From Covid. “The force of COVID-19's impact on the local economy

reverberated through the city of Miami's \$1 billion budget that will cut more than 100 public safety jobs [...] Officials said they could have minimized lost jobs if the city's two largest labor unions representing police officers and firefighters had agreed to freeze their wages. City Manager Art Noriega and Mayor Francis Suarez said they appealed to Miami's Fraternal Order of Police and the Association of Fire Fighters, though they couldn't cut a deal that would avoid layoffs. Without an agreement for a large wage freeze, administrators instead approved cutting more than a dozen firefighters and 66 sworn police officers." [Miami Herald, [9/25/20](#)]

American Rescue Plan funding allowed Miami to avoid police layoffs and Florida governor Ron DeSantis to grant \$1,000 bonus checks to first responders.

Miami Mayor Francis Suarez Said \$137 Million From The American Rescue Plan Would Ensure No First Responders Were Laid Off. "Suarez, a Republican, praised President Biden for not only signing the American Rescue Plan into law, but also for including in it what many mayors around the country had been asking for. The mayor said the City of Miami will be receiving about \$140 million from the plan, money that will be used to help individuals and small businesses regain their footing, as well as make sure that civil servants and first responders aren't laid off." [NBC Miami, [3/11/21](#)]

Florida First Responders Received \$1,000 Bonus Checks Due To Funding From The American Rescue Plan. "Furious, if not frustrated, Florida congressional Democrats blasted Gov. Ron DeSantis for 'brazenly' seeking credit for financial relief, such as \$1,000 bonuses for first responders [...] Overall, Frankel and other Democrats on the call said without the stimulus funds Florida received, DeSantis and the GOP-controlled Florida Legislature would not have been able to afford the \$101 billion-plus budget they agreed to this month [...] However, DeSantis again galled Democrats on Thursday morning in West Palm Beach when he told a crowd of supporters at the Club 45 USA gathering that 'while other places are trying to defund the police, we're funding the police and then some' in reference to \$1,000 checks. DeSantis skipped over the fact that the money to fund that program is coming from the American Rescue Plan, which DeSantis did not support, and which every congressional Republican in Florida voted against." [Palm Beach Post, [5/6/21](#)]

2020 was the worst year for homicides in Miami-Dade since 1997, with homicides in the first half of 2021 matching the same period for 2020.

2021: Miami Had 41 Homicides Between January And The End Of May – Matching The 2020 Recent-High Homicide Rate. [Miami Dade Police Department, Part 1 Crimes YTD Comparison, [5/23/21](#)]

2020: Miami-Dade Had 272 Homicides – Up By 31 Over 2019. "The young girl's violent death was part of a sharp increase in murders in Miami-Dade County in 2020, a year upended by the coronavirus pandemic that saw kids home from school, parents losing jobs and social-justice protests heightening tensions between the community and police. Officials recorded 272 homicides through Dec. 24 across Miami-Dade County, up 31 cases from all of 2019, records show. The year isn't even over and it's a recent high — up from 232 in all of 2017, and 252 in 2015." [Miami Herald, [12/27/20](#)]

2020: Miami-Dade's 272 Homicides Were The Most Since The City Saw 305 Homicides In 1997. [Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Florida uniform crime report, [1995-2019](#)]

Police layoffs would have created greater workloads for detectives at the same time Miami-Dade had a dismal 17 percent clearance rate on reported crimes.

Planned Police Layoffs Would Have Increased Detectives' Workloads And Cut Into Investigation Hours. "Without an agreement for a large wage freeze, administrators instead approved cutting more than a dozen firefighters and 66 sworn police officers. Between filled and unfilled jobs being eliminated in multiple departments, about 175 positions have been cut from the city's 4,000-person workforce. According to a budget memo, the cuts will increase detectives' workloads and curtail their time to investigate cases. 'These reductions will also negatively impact response to victims, lost hours on investigations (increasing the time taken to bring offenders into custody), and other community relations efforts,' reads the memo." [Miami Herald, [9/25/20](#)]

2020: 82.4 Percent of Crimes Reported In Miami-Dade Went Unsolved. [Florida Department of Law Enforcement, County And Municipal Offense Data, [6/2020](#)]

- **2020: 74.2 Percent Of Crimes Reported In The State Of Florida Went Unsolved.** [Florida Department of Law Enforcement, County And Municipal Offense Data, [6/2020](#)]

2019: 83 Percent Of Crimes Reported In Miami-Dade Went Unsolved. "Overall, Miami-Dade's clearance rate — the percentage of reported crimes that are resolved by police either by arrest or other means — was an abysmal 17 percent during the first six months of 2019. In other words, a full 83 percent of crimes in the area went unsolved. Across Florida, only Martin, Glades, and Gilchrist Counties were worse, with crime clearance rates of 16.4, 16.5, and 13.3 percent. The statewide rate was 25.8 percent." [Miami New Times, [12/20/19](#)]

- **2019: 74.2 Percent Of Crimes Reported In The State Of Florida Went Unsolved.** [Florida Department of Law Enforcement, County And Municipal Offense Data, [6/2020](#)]

Education Funding

Salazar said she wanted children to have access to the "greatest education system possible," but by voting against the American Rescue Plan she voted against \$1.1 billion in federal funds provided to Miami-Dade schools.

Salazar's Campaign Platform Stated That "All Children Must Have Access To The Greatest Education System Possible."



Education & Schools

Maria is a product of South Florida's public school system. She paid her way through the University of Miami and Harvard graduate school. All children must have access to the greatest education system possible.

[Maria Elvira Salazar Campaign Website, accessed [8/4/22](#)]

[Miami-Dade County public schools received \\$1.1 billion in funding from the American Rescue Plan.](#)

Miami-Dade School District Were To Receive \$1.1 Billion For K-12 As A Result of The American Rescue Plan. “The final bill includes major direct fiscal benefits for the District, including new equity measures targeting districts like Miami-Dade with the highest shares of economically disadvantaged students. Moreover, the State of Florida is slated to receive approximately \$7.4 billion for K-12, with Miami-Dade estimated to receive \$1.1 billion. The bill will also directly impact local students and families through individual relief measures, including child tax credits that are projected to reduce child poverty substantially.” [Superintendent Alberto Carvalho Memo, [3/11/21](#)]

20 Percent Of State And Local Elementary And Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Funds Were Set Aside To Address Learning Loss Through Programs Like Summer School And Extended School Years. “K-12 allocations follow the initial House bill, with a new set-aside for homeless children: \$128.6 billion for K-12 will be made under the same terms as the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) fund of the Education Stabilization Fund, with 90 percent distributed to local districts. Funds may be expended over several years. A reserve for learning loss applies to 20 percent of local funds and half of the state's funds. These funds will be subject to equitable services sharing with private schools, based on the total number of low-income students served. Purposes include ‘implementation of evidence-based interventions, such as summer learning, extended day, or extended school year programs, and ensure such interventions respond to students’ academic, social, and emotional needs and address the disproportionate impact of the coronavirus.” [Superintendent Alberto Carvalho Memo, [3/11/21](#)]

Miami-Dade Superintendent Carvalho: The American Rescue Plan Was “The Most Massive Investment In The History Of Education In This Country, Which, For Miami-Dade Exceeds About A Billion Dollars.” “MR. CARVALHO. Well sir, when we hire a teacher we hope to hire a teacher for a lifetime because of their commitment. The funds the way they've been earmarked to us, the first level ESSER I, we've spent 70 percent of those dollars. We just received the second allocation under the previous administration, And we now know that the most massive investment in the history of

education in this country, which, for Miami-Dade exceeds about a billion dollars, has been announced. And we're going to absolutely be cautious, careful in monitoring those expenditures and strategic, to live up to your challenge to me, which is, these dollars will make a difference in terms of accelerating every single student to their full potential." [House Education And Labor Subcommittee On Early Childhood Education, 3/25/21]

The American Rescue Plan Allowed Miami-Dade To Spend \$50 Million To Offer Summer School To Up To 65,000 Students. "Millions of children this summer will participate in what's expected to be the largest summer-school program in history, powered by more than \$1.2 billion in targeted federal post-pandemic assistance from the American Rescue Plan [...] In Florida, the sprawling Miami-Dade County School District's summer schools hope to serve about 65,000 of the district's 334,000 students who were identified as needing the most extra help, said Superintendent Alberto Carvalho. He said the district's \$50 million effort is particularly seeking to reach students with disabilities, English learners and students in poverty. The district traditionally has offered summer school to fewer than 10,000 students, and only 6,000-7,000 actually participate, many of them older students needing credits to graduate. When this year's school year ended, about half of Miami-Dade's 350,000-plus students were still learning remotely." [USA Today, [6/9/21](#)]

Miami-Dade School Board Listed "Year-Round Learning/Extended Summer School" As A Top Initiative Being Considered For ESSER II And ARP ESSER Funding. [Miami-Dade School Board FY 2021-22 Budget Workshop Presentation, [4/14/21](#)]

2021: Miami planned to use school emergency relief funds to provide mental health services to students.

MDCPS Was Exploring Using ESSER Funds To Hire Additional Mental Health Professionals To Address Psychological Trauma Of Returning Students And Staff Resulting From The Pandemic. "The Miami-Dade County school district will likely hire additional mental health professionals to deal with an expectantly large — and possibly unprecedented — number of returning students and staff who suffered psychological trauma over the course of the COVID-19 pandemic. [...] The proposal, which was unanimously approved by the board, comes as hospitals, clinics and private practices in South Florida report a surge in behavioral health issues among adolescents brought on by the pandemic, as well as a shortage of mental health professionals to meet those needs. [...] The proposal calls for the superintendent to look into using the district's Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Funds to hire more certified and licensed mental health clinicians to provide services to both students and staff." [Miami Herald, [6/23/21](#); Board Member Initiative H-8, [6/23/21](#)]

MDCPS School Board Asked Superintendent Carvalho To Report On Plans For Hiring Mental Health Professionals By July 9. "The proposal, which was unanimously approved by the board, comes as hospitals, clinics and private practices in South Florida report a surge in behavioral health issues among adolescents brought on by the pandemic, as well as a shortage of mental health professionals to meet those needs. [...] The proposal calls for the superintendent to look into using the district's Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Funds to hire more certified and licensed mental health clinicians to provide services to both students and staff. The board tasked Superintendent Alberto

Carvalho to report back by July 9 on the proposal’s feasibility.” [Miami Herald, [6/23/21](#); Board Member Initiative H-8, [6/23/21](#)]

MDCPS Received A \$1,535,000 American Rescue Plan Grant To Support Head Start Programs.
[MDCPS E-201, [6/23/21](#)]

Healthcare

Salazar claimed to support access to affordable healthcare but opposed the American Rescue Plan, which helped make health insurance more affordable during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Salazar’s Campaign Platform Stated That “Americans Need To Be Able To Access Affordable Healthcare.”



The image is a screenshot of a campaign website bio for Maria Elvira Salazar. At the top left is a logo with a red and white swoosh and the text 'MARIA ELVIRA SALAZAR'. To the right of the logo is the word 'Bio'. Below the logo is a section titled 'Affordable Healthcare' in bold black text. The text in this section reads: 'Americans need to be able to access affordable healthcare. There must be protections for people with pre-existing conditions, we must take care of our seniors and protect Medicare, and young adults should be allowed to stay on their parents’ plan up to the age of 26. In order to lower costs, we need more competition, including allowing individuals and families to buy health insurance across state lines. The government can and should renegotiate drug prices to lower the high cost of medications. The high premiums, co-payments, and medication make impossible what every American cannot be without: affordable healthcare.'

[Maria Elvira Salazar Campaign Website, accessed [8/4/22](#)]

The American Rescue Plan extended the Affordable Care Act health insurance subsidies’ eligibility to people “at every income level.”

The American Rescue Plan Provided Increased Affordable Care Act Marketplace Premium Subsidies For People “At Every Income Level” Up To And Above 4 Times The Poverty Level. “Under ARP, ACA marketplace premium subsidies are substantially enhanced for people at every income level and, for the first time, offered to those with income above 4 times the federal poverty level (FPL). [...] Premium subsidies will also increase for people at higher income levels among those currently eligible for help with incomes up to 400% of the poverty level. Premium tax credits will increase for people at every income level. (Figure 1) People with income of 200% FPL had been required to contribute \$1,664

toward the cost of the benchmark marketplace plan this year; now under the ARP they will have to contribute just \$510. At income of 400% FPL, people were required to contribute up to \$5,017 toward the benchmark plan premium, now they will be required to contribute no more than \$4,338 toward that plan. People with income above 400% FPL will be newly eligible for marketplace premium subsidies. Under the ACA, people with income above 400% FPL were not eligible for marketplace premium subsidies. Now, they will be required to contribute no more than 8.5% of household income toward the benchmark plan.” [Kaiser Family Foundation, [3/17/21](#)]

The American Rescue Plan Provided Silver Health Insurance Plans Under The Affordable Care Act “For Zero Premium With Vastly Reduced Deductibles” To People Up To 1.5 Times The Poverty Level.

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

The American Rescue Plan Provided “Enhanced Marketplace Subsidies For People Who Receive Or Are Approved To Receive Unemployment Insurance (UI) Benefits.”

“The ARP provides for enhanced marketplace subsidies for people who receive or are approved to receive unemployment insurance (UI) benefits during any week in 2021. The ARP also extends the current federal supplement (\$300 per week) to state UI benefits through September 6, 2021. The federal UI supplement is not taken into account in determining eligibility for Medicaid or CHIP. When UI recipients apply for marketplace subsidies, special rules will be in effect during 2021.” [Kaiser Family Foundation, [3/17/21](#)]

The American Rescue Plan Created 6 Months Of COBRA Subsidies To Cover 100% Of The Monthly Cost Of COBRA.

“The ARP provides for temporary COBRA premium subsidies for up to 6 months during 2021. Subsidies will cover 100% of the monthly cost of COBRA while people are eligible. The law requires the former employer to pay the COBRA premium for subsidy-eligible individuals; the federal government will then reimburse the former employer for this cost. The COBRA premium subsidies can be paid for coverage months no earlier than April 1, 2021 and no later than September 30, 2021. The subsidy can end earlier than September 30 in some circumstances. It ends when COBRA coverage is exhausted; so for example, someone who first became eligible for COBRA due to a job layoff on March 1, 2020 could continue in that plan for 18 months, or through August 2021. That person could claim the COBRA premium subsidy starting in April 2021, but the subsidy would stop when COBRA exhausts at the end of August. People also lose eligibility for the COBRA premium subsidy once they become eligible for other job-based coverage. If this happens, people must notify their COBRA plan administrator or risk owing a penalty.” [Kaiser Family Foundation, [3/17/21](#)]

- **ARP COBRA Subsidies Only Applied To People Who Lost Health Insurance Coverage Due To Employment Termination Or Reduction In Hours Worked, Not People Who Voluntarily Quit.** “The subsidy is for people whose COBRA qualifying event involves termination of employment or reduction in hours worked. People are not eligible for the COBRA subsidy if they quit voluntarily. Nor are they eligible for subsidies if COBRA resulted from other qualifying events, including death of or divorce from the covered employee, the covered employee becoming entitled to Medicare, or loss of dependent child status.” [Kaiser Family Foundation, [3/17/21](#)]

February 2021: The Department Of Labor Issued An Emergency Rule To Extend COBRA Election Deadlines From 60 Days To 1 Year Or 60 Days After The End Of The COVID-19 National Emergency.

“The Joint Notice and Notice 2020-01 (collectively “Notices”) provide relief for certain actions related to employee benefit plans required or permitted under Title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (“ERISA”) and the Internal Revenue Code (“Code”). [...] Individuals and plans with timeframes that are subject to the relief under the Notices will have the applicable periods under the Notices disregarded until the earlier of (a) 1 year from the date they were first eligible for relief,(2) or (b) 60 days after the announced end of the National Emergency (the end of the Outbreak Period). On the applicable date, the timeframes for individuals and plans with periods that were previously disregarded under the Notices will resume. In no case will a disregarded period exceed 1 year.” [U.S. Department of Labor, [2/26/21](#)]

False Claims

Salazar falsely claimed people receiving \$1,400 stimulus checks from ARP will pay “thousands and thousands more in taxes.”

[VIDEO] March 2021: Salazar: “Those Who Are Happy About A \$1,400 Stimulus Will Later Pay Thousands And Thousands More In Taxes.” In a video posted to her Facebook, Salazar claimed in Spanish “those who are very happy because they will receive \$1,400 per person, or for couples earning less than \$150K receiving \$2,800 - I want to tell you that this is a fallacy, because it will later cost you thousands and thousands of dollars in taxes, I don’t know if it could be \$24K or \$14K, but it’s a bad deal.” [Facebook, Maria Elvira Salazar, [03/08/21](#) , 00:00/3:59]

- **Spanish version:** “Para aquellos que están muy contentos porque van a recibir \$1,400 por persona, y si es una pareja que gana menos de \$150K, van a recibir el doble de esto, osea \$2,800, les quiero decir que esto es una falacia, porque después le va a costar en taxes miles y miles más, no se si van a ser \$24K o \$14K, pero el negocio es malo.”

[VIDEO] June 2022: Salazar: “Democrats Threw Away \$1.9T At The Beginning Of My Term.” In a video interview with Alex Otaola, Salazar attacked the American Rescue Plan, stating in Spanish “At the beginning of my term, Democrats threw away \$1.9T alleging they would help the COVID situation, but what they did was help millions and millions of lazy people stay at home.” [YouTube, Maria Elvira Salazar, [06/16/22](#), 7:33/23:30]

- **Spanish version:** “Es el \$1.9T que tiraron en la economía los Demócratas al principio de mi término... supuestamente iban a ayudar a COVID... no, lo que hicieron fue [ayudar] a millones y millones de vagos a quedarse en la casa.”

Salazar took credit for the passage of legislation she proposed to extend repayment of COVID relief loans, despite ultimately voting against the bill included in the American Rescue Plan, which prompted backlash.

2021: Salazar Introduced A Bill To Extend Repayment Of COVID Relief Loans. “Today Congresswoman Maria Elvira Salazar (FL-27) and Congresswoman Sharice Davids (KS-03) introduced the COVID Economic Injury Disaster Loan Relief Act (H.R. 1533) alongside Rep. Mario Diaz-Balart (FL-25), Rep. Angie Craig (MN-02), and Rep. Dan Meuser (PA-09). This bipartisan bill extends the time to repay Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) loans, taken in response to COVID-19, for an extra year since the COVID-19 pandemic is still ongoing.” [Rep. Salazar, Press Release, [3/03/21](#)]

2021: Salazar’s Congressional Office: “The Biden Administration Has Just Implemented Congresswoman Maria Elvira Salazar’s (FL-27) COVID Relief Bill As Part Of Small Business Administration (SBA) Policy.” [Office of Maria Salazar, [3/12/21](#)]

2021: Salazar Received Backlash For Celebrating The Passage Of Her Bill When She Voted Against It. “Democratic Representative Ted Lieu of California pointed to this discrepancy in a Sunday tweet responding to Republican Representative María Elvira Salazar of Florida. "So proud to announce that the Biden Administration has just implemented my bipartisan COVID relief bill as part of U.S. Small Business Administration policy," Salazar tweeted on Friday. Lieu since responded to Salazar's, saying: "You voted against it. You voted NO on your own legislation. But thanks for highlighting some of the great small business provisions in the American Rescue Plan, which every Republican member of Congress opposed." [Newsweek, 3/14/21]

[HEADLINE]: 2021: CNN: “Fact Check: Republican Congresswoman Didn't Take Credit For The Relief Bill She Voted Against.” [CNN Wire, 3/15/21]

2021: Fact Checkers Said Criticism Against Salazar Was “Inaccurate.” “Salazar could be accurately criticized for celebrating this one element of Covid relief after having rejected a broad array of other relief policies in the American Rescue Plan. And critics could accurately note that the American Rescue Plan she opposed includes billions in additional funding for small business loans and grants. But much of the criticism of Salazar's tweet was plain inaccurate. Critics with six-figure or seven-figure Twitter followings -- including California Democratic Rep. Ted Lieu; Fred Wellman, executive director of the Lincoln Project, the conservative group that campaigned against President Donald Trump; songwriter and activist Holly Figueroa O'Reilly; Markos Moulitsas, founder of the Daily Kos progressive political website; and journalist Soledad O'Brien -- wrongly alleged that Salazar was praising a bill she voted against.” [CNN Wire, 3/15/21]

2020 Protests

[Salazar cosponsored legislation to investigate Antifa's role in riots in U.S. cities in 2020.](#)

June 2021: Salazar Co-Sponsored Legislation To “Establish The National Commission On Domestic Terrorist Attacks On The U.S. By Antifa.” “Rep. Don Bacon, R-Neb., has introduced legislation (H.R. 4117) to ‘establish the National Commission on Domestic Terrorist Attacks on the U.S. by Antifa.’ The bill was introduced on June 24 and has six co-sponsors. Co-sponsors include Reps. Tony Gonzales, R-Texas, David Joyce, R-Ohio, Maria Elvira Salazar, R-Fla., Van Taylor, R-Texas, Rodney Davis, R-Ill., and Nancy Mace, R-S.C. The legislation was referred to the House Judiciary Committee.” [Rep. Don Bacon, Press Release, 6/28/21]

- **The Legislation Was To Investigate Antifa’s Role In Riots In US Cities In 2020.** “U.S. Rep. Nancy Mace is backing legislation aimed at investigating the role of Antifa during riots in numerous American cities last year, but said she still doesn't believe Congress should probe the Jan. 6 Capitol Hill riot. Mace, R-Charleston, cosponsored the effort last week alongside six other Republican members of Congress. [...] Other sponsors of the bill include GOP Reps. Don Bacon, Neb.; Rodney Davis, Ill.; Tony Gonzales, Texas; David Joyce, Ohio; Maria Elvira Salazar, Fla.; and Van Taylor, Texas.” [Post & Courier, 6/29/21]

Baby Formula

Shortage

[Salazar demanded “answers” from the Biden administration on the baby formula shortage and even called for the use of the Defense Production Act to increase access to formula. But then Salazar voted against authorizing \\$28 million in emergency funding to the FDA to address the shortage.](#)

May 2022: Salazar Said, “We Demand Answers” From The Biden Administration For The Baby Formula Shortage. “We’ve been in a so-called ‘temporary’ supply chain crisis for months now, but desperate parents having to ration baby formula is a new low for this Administration. We demand answers.” [Twitter, @MaElviraSalazar, [5/12/22](#)]

2022: Salazar Called For The Use Of The Defense Production Act To Increase Access To Baby Formula. "The United States government must use every tool available, including invoking the Defense Production Act, to quickly ramp up supply of baby formula so mothers can feed their children," stated Congresswoman Maria Elvira Salazar's (FL-27). "We must continue working on a bipartisan basis to encourage the Administration to get this crisis under control." [Congressional Documents and Publications, 5/18/2022]

- **2022: Salazar Was One Of 20 Bipartisan Members To Call For The Use Of The Act To Increase Access To The Formula.** Today, May 18, 2022, U.S. Representative Josh Gottheimer (NJ-5) led twenty total Members of Congress in new bipartisan legislation urging the President to invoke the Defense Production Act to increase the production of baby formula, and the

legislation will also ensure distribution to all regions of the country through federally qualified health centers. [Congressional Documents and Publications, 5/18/2022]

May 2022: Salazar Voted Against Authorizing \$28 Million To The Food And Drug Administration In Emergency Funding To Address The Baby Formula Shortage. In May 2022 Salazar voted against: “Passage of the bill that would provide \$28 million in emergency appropriations for the Food and Drug Administration to address the current shortage and prevent future shortages of FDA-regulated infant formula and certain medical foods, including to prevent fraudulent products from entering the U.S. market. It would require the FDA to report to Congress weekly on obligations of funding provided by the bill.” The bill passed by a vote of 231-192. [H.R. 7790, [Vote #Vote #220](#), 5/18/22; CQ, [5/18/22](#)]

- **Food And Drug Administration Funding Provided For Increased Staff To Inspect Baby Formula And The Prevention Of Future Baby Formula Shortages.** “The House voted 231-192 on Wednesday to pass an emergency spending bill aimed at addressing the baby formula shortage. [...] The bill gives the Food and Drug Administration \$28 million to increase its staff to help inspect baby formula before it arrives on grocery store shelves. • It will also look ‘to prevent future shortages, including such steps as may be necessary to prevent fraudulent products from entering the United States market.’” [Axios, [3/18/22](#)]
- **May 2022: More Than 40 Percent Of Baby Formulas Were Out Of Stock In Stores Across The U.S.** “Datassembly’s real-time hyper-local data analysis shows that baby formula stock was relatively stable for the first half of 2021, with out-of-stock (OOS) fluctuation between 2-8%. The OOS detail shows that in April 2022 baby formula shortages hit 30% and jumped to 40% at the end of month. For the first week of May the nationwide OOS situation for baby formula continues to climb. The nation-wide OOS percentage is now at 43% for the week ending May 8th.” [Datassembly, [5/10/22](#)]
- **May 2022: 26 States Had Baby Formula Out-Of-Stock Rates At 40-50%.** “The states seeing the worst shortages include Texas, Tennessee, Missouri, Iowa, North Dakota and South Dakota — all with out-of-stock rates of about 50 percent. A total of 26 states have out of stock rates of 40 to 50 percent. Among metro areas, San Antonio’s out-of-stock rate has climbed to 57 percent, with Memphis and Nashville at 52 percent and Houston and Des Moines at 50 percent.” [NBC News, [5/9/22](#)]
- **Center For Disease Control And Prevention: Non-Hispanic Black Infants, Infants Eligible For WIC, And Infants Born To Mothers Aged 20-29 Were Less Likely To Breastfeed.** “Breastfeeding Disparities Exist. • Fewer non-Hispanic Black infants (75.5%) are ever breastfed compared with Asian infants (92.4%), non-Hispanic White infants (85.3%) and Hispanic infants (85.0%).³ • Infants eligible for and receiving the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) are less likely to ever be breastfed (76.9%) than infants eligible, but not receiving WIC (83.3%), and infants ineligible for WIC (91.6%).³ • Younger mothers aged 20 to 29 years are less likely to ever breastfeed (81.2%) than mothers aged 30 years or older (85.9%).³” [CDC.gov, Accessed [5/19/22](#)]

- **HEADLINE: “Baby Formula Shortage Has Anxious Parents Stalking Shelves Nationwide.”**
[NBC News, [5/12/22](#)]

Bad For Workers And Seniors

“Parasites Of Society”

Salazar said “handouts” turn people into “parasites of society” and that the top one percent of earners pay 99 percent of the taxes in the U.S., which is false. Ironically, she has more recently said that if someone needs social help that “you have to give it to them” “temporarily.”

Salazar Said That “Handouts” Turn Poorer Citizens Into “Parasites of Society.” “Shortly after an on-air guest made the false claim that the top one percent of earners pay 99 percent of the taxes in the U.S., Fox & Friends co-host Steve Doocy issued a correction and informed the show’s viewers that the richest Americans don’t pay nearly that much. While railing against socialism and the Democratic Party on Thursday morning, former Republican congressional candidate Maria Elvira Salazar sounded the alarm on ‘handouts,’ claiming that redistribution turns poorer citizens into ‘parasites of society.’” [Daily Beast, [2/7/19](#)]

[VIDEO] February 2019: Salazar: “The More You Give Handouts, The More You Make Them Parasites Of Society.” “[SALAZAR:] The more you give handouts, the more you make them parasites of society then the less they do and the less they come out of that state, which is really bad for the human soul.” [Daily Beast, [2/7/19](#)]

Salazar, “If You need Social Help, You Have To Give It To Them” “Temporarily.” Salazar said, “I am not opposed to people in need receiving money. On the contrary, if they need social help, you have to give it to them. I repeat, Democrats do not have a monopoly on compassion. What I oppose is waste, sending a distorted message to citizens that it is more economically feasible to stay on the couch than go to work. The aid has to be for those who need it, temporarily.” [Diario Las Americas, [12/04/21](#)]

- **Spanish Version:** “No me opongo a que las personas necesitadas reciban dinero. Todo lo contrario, si necesitan una ayuda social, hay que dársela. Repito, los demócratas no tienen el monopolio de la compasión. A lo que me opongo es al despilfarro, a que se envíe un mensaje distorsionado al ciudadano de que es más factible económicamente quedarse en el sofá que ir a trabajar. Las ayudas tienen que ser para quien las necesite, de forma temporal.”

Top 1 Percent

Salazar was corrected on air after saying the top 1 percent of people pay 99 percent of taxes.

Salazar Was Corrected On Air After Falsely Claiming That 1 Percent Of American Paid 99 Percent Of Taxes. “Shortly after an on-air guest made the false claim that the top one percent of earners pay 99 percent of the taxes in the U.S., Fox & Friends co-host Steve Doocy issued a correction and informed the show’s viewers that the richest Americans don’t pay nearly that much. While railing against socialism

and the Democratic Party on Thursday morning, former Republican congressional candidate Maria Elvira Salazar sounded the alarm on 'handouts,' claiming that redistribution turns poorer citizens into 'parasites of society.' [...] She then tossed out this outright falsehood: 'Remember that one percent of the country, this country, pays 99 percent of the taxes. The one percent, the most—the richest people, pay 99 percent of the taxes.' [...] Referencing recent research from the non-profit Tax Foundation, the Fox News host explained that the top one percent pay something closer to 45 percent of the taxes. Per their most recent public data, in fact, the organization found that the top one percent paid 39 percent of federal income taxes." [Daily Beast, [2/7/19](#)]

Cuts To Medicare And Social Security

Salazar claimed she did not support any cuts to Medicare or Social Security.

Salazar Said She Would Not Support Any Cuts To Medicare or Social Security. “[REPORTER:] As it relates to the federal budget, two of the big issues the federal government faces, Social Security and Medicare. Where do you stand on those are there? Are there holes in Medicare that need to be fixed? How do you paid for that? [SALAZAR:] Entitlements is a big problem. There was Paul Ryan, that was his project, that by 2026, or 2032, we may not have enough money in order to pay for all the entitlement programs that we have a commitment with. We need to look at the expenses. But I believe that we cannot touch Medicare, or Social Security. Those people worked for that money. Those people deserve to have those services [...] But we got to find other areas, but not Medicare or Social Security. It's just not fair.” [Miami Herald Editorial Board, 31:00-32:22, [9/26/18](#)]

...but Salazar was endorsed by a group who wanted to privatize Social Security and Medicare.

2018: Maria Elvira Salazar Was Endorsed By Freedom Works. “But Miami broadcast journalist Maria Elvira Salazar nabbed an endorsement on Friday from FreedomWorks, a conservative advocacy group that promotes small government and frequently clashes with GOP leaders in Washington.” [Miami Herald, [5/11/18](#)]

2012: Freedom Works Supported Privatizing Social Security. “The only way to stop the political raids and manipulations is for private ownership. The fatal flaw with funding and honoring government obligations is the worker does not own his or her account. With ownership, workers will protect their property and every other worker's property. This is the only means to hold politicians fiscally and morally responsible.” [Freedom Works, [10/11/12](#)]

FreedomWorks Was “Really About” Privatizing Social Security And Medicare. Theda Skocpol, Harvard University Professor: “And then, it’s also got a series of top-down groups that have sort of opportunistically jumped on and goaded on and leveraged this grassroots phenomenon. Those are long-standing groups like Americans for Prosperity and FreedomWorks, the new Heritage Action operation that former Senator Jim DeMint Leads. And those groups are really about pushing low taxes, removal of regulation, blocking of environmental regulation, privatization of Social Security and Medicare.” [MSNBC, 10/23/13]

Cuts To Medicaid

Salazar claimed she did not support making cuts to Medicaid.

Salazar Said She Did Not Support Cutting Medicaid Funding But Wanted “Better Medicaid.” “‘We don't want to cut funding,’ Salazar added. ‘We want to have a better Medicaid and help everybody that needs it. And we want to keep the [coverage for] pre-existing conditions and we want to give a better healthcare coverage to people at a lower price.’” [Miami Herald, 11/2/18]

Biden

Weak

In Spanish, Salazar has repeatedly called Biden weak and mentally incompetent.

[VIDEO] March 2022: Salazar Said Biden’s Problem Was His “Advanced Age, His Incapacity Physically And Mentally.” [VIDEO] Salazar said, “Biden is someone who I think has good intentions. The problem is his advanced age, his incapacity physically and mentally in some occasions. [YouTube, Cubanos por el Mundo – Live, [3/27/22](#) (5:40)]

- **Spanish Version:** “Biden es un persona que yo pienso que tiene buena intenciones. Lo que pasa es su edad avanzada, su incapacidad física y mental en algunas ocasiones.”

[VIDEO] April 2022: Salazar Said Biden Is “Weak Mentally And Physically.” Salazar said, Biden is “weak mentally and physically. The people around him are neo-Marxists. [...] Neo-Marxists have kidnapped the Democratic Party.” [YouTube, America TeVe Canal 41, [4/19/22](#) (4:30)]

- **Spanish Version:** Biden es “débil mental y físicamente. Las personas que tiene alrededor son neomarxistas. [...] Los neomarxistas han secuestrado al Partido Demócrata.”

Salazar Called The Biden Administration “Weak, Weak, Weak” And Said The Mexican Government And Drug Traffickers Are Aware. “For her part, Republican deputy María Elvira Salazar, a Cuban-American, affirmed that the weakness of the Biden government was demonstrated by the absence of López Obrador and other Latin American leaders. ‘For the first time in 100 years, the Mexican president dares to confront the president of the United States in this way, by not attending a Summit of the Americas on United States territory. So that shows that they know it's weak, weak, weak.’ According to Salazar, who proposed ‘closing’ the border, this weakness is also known by ‘coyotes’ and drug traffickers.” [Zacatecas en Imagen, [June 2022](#)] Translation

- **Spanish Version:** “Por su parte la diputada republicana María Elvira Salazar, cubano-estadounidense, afirmó que la debilidad del gobierno de Biden se demostró con la ausencia de López Obrador y otros mandatarios latinoamericanos. ‘Por primera vez en 100 años, el presidente mexicano se atreve a enfrentar así al presidente de los Estados Unidos, al no asistir a una Cumbre de las Américas en territorio de los Estados Unidos. Entonces, eso demuestra que saben que es débil, débil, débil.’ Según Salazar, que propuso ‘cerrar’ la frontera, esa debilidad es conocida también por ‘coyotes’ y traficantes de drogas.”

Opposed Impeachment

January 2021: Salazar voted against impeaching Trump for inciting the January 6th insurrection.

Salazar Voted Against Impeaching President Trump For Incitement Of Insurrection. In January 2021, Salazar voted against “Adoption of the article of impeachment that would impeach President Donald Trump for incitement of insurrection by ‘inciting violence against the government of the United States.’ Specifically, it would state that Trump ‘repeatedly issued false statements’ asserting that the results of the 2020 presidential election were the product of widespread fraud and should not be accepted or certified. It would state that Trump made statements at a rally on Jan. 6, 2020, that ‘encouraged -- and foreseeably resulted in -- lawless action’ at the Capitol building during the certification of electoral college votes, during which protesters entered the Capitol, attacked law enforcement personnel, ‘menaced’ members of Congress and the vice president, and engaged in other ‘violent, deadly, destructive, and seditious acts.’ It would state that Trump’s conduct on Jan. 6 followed prior efforts ‘to subvert and obstruct’ the certification of 2020 presidential election results, including during a Jan. 2 phone call during which he urged Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger to ‘find’ enough votes to overturn the state’s presidential election results and ‘threatened Secretary Raffensperger if he failed to do so.’ It would state President Trump’s ‘endangered the security of the United States and its institutions of government’ and that he ‘threatened the integrity of the democratic system, interfered with the peaceful transition of power, and imperiled a coordinate branch of government.’ Pursuant to the rule (H Res 41), upon adoption of the article of impeachment, the House agreed to the resolution (H Res 40) that would appoint and authorize the following impeachment trial managers to conduct the impeachment trial against President Donald Trump in the Senate: Reps. Raskin, D-Md., DeGette, D-Colo., Cicilline, D-R.I., Castro, D-Texas, Swalwell, D-Calif., Lieu, D-Calif., Plaskett, D-V.I., Neguse, D-Colo., and Dean, D-Pa.” The article of impeachment was adopted, 232-197. [H. Res. 24, [Vote #Vote #17](#), 1/13/21; CQ, [1/13/21](#)]

Salazar Voted Against The Resolution Calling On Vice President Pence To Invoke The 25th Amendment And Remove President Trump From Office. In January 2021, Salazar voted against “Agreeing to the resolution that would state that the House of Representatives calls on Vice President Mike Pence to use his powers under section 4 of the 25th Amendment to convene and mobilize members of the president’s cabinet to declare that President Donald Trump is unable to successfully discharge the duties and powers of his office, and to transmit notice to Congress that Pence will immediately assume the powers and duties of the office as acting president. The resolution would state among its findings that Trump ‘widely advertised and broadly encouraged’ participation in the march on the U.S. Capitol on Wednesday, Jan. 6, which turned into a violent insurrectionary mob that resulted in 5 deaths following the storming of the Capitol building; did not appeal to his followers to exit the Capitol during the insurrection; refused to accept the results of the 2020 presidential election as legitimate; and made at least three attempts to intervene in the vote counting and certification process in the state of Georgia and to ‘coerce’ its state officials to declare him the winner of the state’s electoral votes.” The resolution passed, 223-205. [H. Res. 21, [Vote #Vote #14](#), 1/12/21; CQ, [1/12/21](#)]

Opposed Select Committee To Investigate The January 6th Insurrection

June 2021: Salazar voted against establishing the Select Committee to investigate the January 6th attack on the United States Capitol.

Salazar Voted Against The Establishment Of The Select Committee To Investigate The January 6 Attack On The US Capitol. In June 2021, Salazar voted against: “Agreeing to the resolution that would establish a special committee in the House of Representatives to investigate facts and causes related to the Jan. 6, 2021, ‘domestic terrorist attack’ on the U.S. Capitol; examine and evaluate evidence developed by relevant federal, state and local governmental agencies; and build upon the investigations of other entities. It would require the committee to investigate facts and circumstances of the attack related to intelligence and law enforcement agency activities and factors contributing to the attack, including online platforms and foreign influence operations; identify and analyze the causes of and lessons learned from the attack with regard to law enforcement operations and security protocol at the Capitol; and submit to Congress reports including findings and conclusions of its investigations, legislative recommendations, and recommendations for corrective measures. The resolution would authorize the speaker of the House to appoint 13 members to the committee, including five members after consultation with the minority leader. Among other provisions, it would authorize the committee chair to issue subpoenas, authorize such sums as may be necessary for committee expenses, and specify that the committee would terminate 30 days after filing its final report to Congress.” The bill passed 222 to 190. [H. Res. 503, [Vote #Vote #197](#), 6/30/21; CQ, [6/30/21](#)]

- **The Select Committee Was Established After Senate Republicans Blocked A Vote On Creating A Bipartisan Outside Commission To Investigate The January 6th Insurrection.** “In a largely party-line vote, the Democratic-controlled House of Representatives approved legislation on Wednesday to create a select committee to launch a new inquiry into the Jan. 6 attack on the U.S. Capitol. With a larger share of Republicans voting against the plan, it marks the latest turn in a partisan fight to investigate the riot [...] Last month, Senate Republicans blocked a move to vote on an outside commission, leaving Democratic leaders with plans to move forward with a House select committee instead. But some Republicans who supported the independent commission voted against the select committee.” [NPR, [6/30/21](#)]

Salazar supported the initial commission concept but says it is now “in the hands of Democrats” and a “partisan show.”

2022: Salazar Said She Supported The Initial Jan 6th Commission Makeup But The Current Formation Is “In The Hands Of Democrats.” “She [Salazar] said that while she supported the initial proposal for a bipartisan independent commission -- which she did not support in its final form when it passed in June in a largely party-line vote -- she said she believed the commission was “in the hands of the Democrats,” but that she does not “want to cover anyone, Republicans or Democrats.” [Miami Herald, 5/23/22]

2021: Salazar Voted For The Initial Commission. “Only two Florida Republicans were among the 35 House Republicans who voted in favor of the commission: freshmen Miami U.S. Reps. Maria Elvira

Salazar and Carlos Gimenez, for which we commend them. However, we continue to hold out hope for Rubio, once considered the savior of the Republican Party." [Florida Times Union, 5/27/21]

2022: Salazar Said The Committee Is A "Partisan Show." "However, the current special committee is nothing more than a partisan show that I have consistently opposed since its creation. That includes the recent one-sided requests for testimony motivated purely by politics." [Miami Herald, 5/23/22]

2022: Salazar Appears To Believe GOP Members Of Congress Who Have Been Subpoenaed Should Testify. "U.S. Rep. Maria Elvira Salazar appeared on Sunday to call on fellow Republicans who've been subpoenaed by Congress' Jan. 6 investigative body to testify on what they know about what happened during the riot. During a recorded interview with NBC 6's Jackie Nespral that aired on Sunday, Salazar responded to a question about the subpoenas to five GOP House members, including Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy, saying that "no one is above the law." [Miami Herald, 5/23/22]

Opposed Capitol Security Improvements

May 2021: Salazar voted against \$1.9 billion intended to improve Capitol security in response to the January 6th attack and prevent future attacks on the Capitol.

Salazar Voted Against A Bill Funding Emergency And Security Activities In Response To Jan. 6 Attack On U.S. Capitol And Security Upgrades For Future Prevention Of Similar Incidents. In May 2021, Salazar voted against: "Passage of the bill that would provide approximately \$1.9 billion in emergency supplemental fiscal 2021 appropriations to legislative branch and other federal entities for security activities in response to the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol, including approximately \$753 million to reimburse costs associated with responding to the attack and approximately \$990 million for legislative and judicial branch security upgrades. Within the total, it would also provide approximately \$170 million for legislative branch costs associated with the COVID-19 public health emergency. For expenses related to the Jan. 6 attack and to prevent similar incidents, it would provide \$520.9 million for the National Guard and funding for several law enforcement agencies, including the FBI and National Park Service. It would provide \$66.8 million to the District of Columbia for public safety expenses related to terrorist threats and federal presence in the district. It would provide \$79.3 million for the Capitol Police, including specified funding for employee hazard pay and retention bonuses, the employee wellness program, agreements with state and local law enforcement agencies, protective details for members of Congress, and physical protection barriers." The bill passed 213 to 212. [H R 3237, [Vote #Vote #156](#), 5/20/21; CQ, [5/20/21](#)]

Salazar Voted Against \$1.9 Billion To Improve Capitol Security And Respond To The January 6th Attack. "Although the House passed House Bill H.R. 3237 with a final vote of 213 in favor and 212 against, Florida Rep. Maria Elvira Salazar (R) voted against providing additional funding to improve Capitol Security. On the heels of Congress voting to create a 9/11-style commission that would further investigate the storming of the Capitol on January 6th, Congress has also voted to provide \$1.9 billion to improve Capitol security & to respond to the attack on January 6th. [...] In introducing the bill, Connecticut Rep. Rosa DeLauro (D), the Chair of the House Appropriations Committee, commented that 'the January 6th insurrection caused tragic loss of life and many injuries while leaving behind

widespread physical damage to the Capitol Complex and emotional trauma for Members, Congressional employees, and the Capitol Police.” [Floridian, [5/21/21](#)]

Opposed Contempt Of Congress Charges For Scavino And Navarro

Salazar voted against holding Trump's associates accountable for their role in the January 6th insurrection and their refusal to cooperate with the Committee investigating the attack.

Salazar Voted Against Holding Former Trump Advisors Peter Navarro And Daniel Scavino In Contempt Of Congress For Refusal To Comply With Subpoenas From The January 6th Select Committee. In April 2022 Salazar voted against: “Agreement to the resolution that would find two advisers to former President Donald Trump -- Peter K. Navarro, former White House director of trade and manufacturing policy, and Daniel Scavino, Jr., former White House deputy chief of staff -- in contempt of Congress for refusing to comply with subpoenas issued by the Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol. It would direct the speaker of the House to ‘take all appropriate action to enforce the subpoenas’ and certify the committee report (H Rept 117-284) accompanying the contempt resolution to the U.S. attorney for the District of Columbia for judicial action.” The bill passed by a vote of 220-203. [H. Res. 1037, [Vote #Vote #118](#), 4/6/22; CQ, [4/6/22](#)]

- **Republican Reps. Cheney And Kinzinger Were The Only Votes To Break The Party-Line On Holding Navarro And Scavino In Contempt.** “The mostly party-line vote of 220 to 203 referred contempt charges to the Justice Department, calling for prosecutions of Mr. Navarro, a former top White House adviser, and Mr. Scavino Jr., a former deputy chief of staff. [...] Only two Republicans, Representatives Liz Cheney of Wyoming and Adam Kinzinger of Illinois, both members of the investigative committee, voted for the charges. The rest of their party refused to support the move.” [New York Times, [4/6/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Considering Holding Peter Navarro And Daniel Scavino In Contempt Of Congress. In April 2022 Salazar voted against: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 1023) that would provide for floor consideration of the resolution (H Res 1037) accompanying the report (H Rept 117-284) that would find Peter K. Navarro and Daniel Scavino, Jr., advisers to former President Donald Trump, in contempt of Congress. It would provide for up to one hour of debate on the resolution.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 221-200. [H. Res. 1023, [Vote #Vote #117](#), 4/6/22; CQ, [4/6/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Referring Former Trump Chief Of Staff Mark Meadows To The Justice Department In Contempt Of Congress For Refusal To Comply With A Subpoena From The Select Committee Investigating The January 6th Attack On The U.S. Capitol. In December 2021 Salazar voted against: “Agreeing to the resolution, that would find Mark Meadows, former White House chief of staff to President Donald Trump, in contempt of Congress for refusal to comply with a subpoena issued by the Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol. It would direct the speaker of the House to “take all appropriate action to enforce the subpoena” and certify the committee report (H Rept 117-216) accompanying the contempt resolution to the U.S. attorney for the District of Columbia for judicial action.” The motion passed by a vote of 222-208. [H. Res. 851, [Vote #Vote #447](#), 12/14/21; CQ, [12/14/21](#)]

- **Mark Meadows Provided Thousands Of Documents To The January 6th Committee But Claimed Executive Privilege And Refused To Appear Before The Panel.** “Sweeping claims of executive privilege by Meadows and Trump to shield their activities on and before Jan. 6 from congressional scrutiny have been challenged in the court and by constitutional experts. Last week, Meadows backed away from cooperating with the panel just days after saying he would. He argued that the panel was pressuring him to discuss issues that the former president said are protected by executive privilege. However, Meadows had already produced thousands of documents for the panel, including text messages and emails related to the events of the day.” [Washington Post, [12/15/21](#)]
- **January 6th Committee Chairman Bennie Thompson: The Report Referring Meadows For Criminal Contempt Was “Clear And Compelling.”** “‘The select committee’s report referring Mr. Meadows for criminal contempt charges is clear and compelling,’ Committee Chairman Bennie Thompson, a Democrat from Mississippi, said on Tuesday. ‘As White House chief of staff, Mr. Meadows played a role in or was witness to key events leading up to and including the January 6th assault on the United States Capitol.’ [...] Republican Rep. Liz Cheney of Wyoming, the vice chair of the select committee, said Tuesday that Meadows had received numerous text messages urging Trump to take action to stop the riot that he has produced without any privilege claim.” [CNN, [12/14/21](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Finding Steve Bannon In Contempt Of Congress For Not Complying With A Subpoena From The Committee Investigating The January 6th Insurrection. In October 2021 Salazar voted against: “Agreeing to the resolution that would find Stephen Bannon, adviser to former President Donald Trump, in contempt of Congress for refusal to comply with a subpoena issued by the Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol. It would direct the speaker of the House to ‘take all appropriate action to enforce the subpoena’ and certify the committee report (H Rept 117-152) accompanying the contempt resolution to the U.S. attorney for the District of Columbia for judicial action.” The bill passed by a vote of 229-202. [H.Res. 730, [Vote #Vote #329](#), 10/21/21; CQ, [10/21/21](#)]

Opposed Domestic Terrorism Prevention Act

May 2022: Salazar voted against the Domestic Terrorism Prevention Act which established offices focused on investigating and prosecuting domestic terrorism.

Salazar Voted Against The Domestic Terrorism Prevention Act. In May 2022 Salazar voted against: “Passage of the bill that would authorize the establishment of three new offices focused on domestic terrorism; a Homeland Security Department office to monitor and analyze domestic terrorism activity, a Justice Department office to investigate and prosecute domestic terrorism incidents, and a domestic terrorism section within the FBI counterterrorism division to investigate domestic terrorism activity. It would also require the FBI and the Justice, Defense and Homeland Security departments to establish an interagency task force to analyze and combat white supremacist and neo-Nazi ‘infiltration’ of law enforcement agencies and the uniformed services. It would require the FBI and Justice and Homeland Security departments to submit a biannual joint report to Congress including an assessment of the domestic terrorism threat posed by white supremacists and neo-Nazis. In preparing the reports, it would

require the new offices to review each federal hate crime charge and conviction in the preceding six months to determine whether it also constitutes a domestic terrorism incident. It would require the first report to include an analysis of incidents or attempted incidents of domestic terrorism that have occurred in the United States since April 19, 1995, and require subsequent reports to analyze incidents in the preceding six months. Among other provisions, it would require various actions to investigate and coordinate the federal response to domestic terrorism incidents that may also be hate crimes; require the FBI and Justice and Homeland Security departments to make training available to law enforcement agencies related to countering and prosecuting domestic terrorism; and require reports on the implementation of such training to include the number of federal incidents involving a false report of a domestic terrorism or hate crime incident. It would authorize such sums as necessary to carry out the bill's provisions." The bill passed by a vote of 222-203. [H.R. 350, [Vote #Vote #221](#), 5/18/22; CQ, [5/18/22](#)]

- **The Domestic Terrorism Prevention Act Created Homeland Security, Department Of Justice, And FBI Offices To Focus On Domestic Terrorism.** "The Domestic Terrorism Prevention Act is what Congress can do this week to try to prevent future Buffalo shootings — to prevent future California shootings, future El Paso shootings, future Charleston shootings, future Pittsburgh shootings, future Wisconsin shootings,' Schneider said. [...] Schneider's bill, which the House passed by voice vote in 2020, would create domestic terrorism offices within the Justice Department, the Department of Homeland Security and the FBI to facilitate better coordination and help the agencies identify risks and homegrown threats. It also would require biannual reporting about the state of domestic terrorism threats." [NBC News, [5/16/22](#)]
- **The Domestic Terrorism Prevention Act Specifically Called For Assessments Of Threats Related To White Supremacists And Neo-Nazis.** "The Domestic Terrorism Prevention Act would set up offices specifically focused on domestic terrorism at the Department of Homeland Security, the Department of Justice and the FBI. [...] It also calls for assessments of the threat posed specifically by White supremacists and neo-Nazis." [CNN, [5/18/22](#)]

Promoted Conspiracy Theories

Salazar promoted conspiracy theories about the 2020 election and January 6th. In April 2022, Salazar asked a journalist - "Are you working to uncover the full truth about what everyone knew before Jan 6th?"

April 2022: Salazar Appeared To Cast Doubt On The 2020 Election When She Asked Soledad O'Brien "Are You Working To Uncover The Full Truth About What Everyone Knew Before Jan 6th?"



María Elvira Salazar  
@MaElviraSalazar



Thank you for the compliment. I have a great stylist I can recommend.

But, as a fellow journalist, let me ask: Are you working to uncover the full truth about what everyone knew before Jan 6th? Or are you guilty of partial reporting? I think I already know the answer.

Abrazos.



Soledad O'Brien  @soledadobrien · Apr 28

All she has left of being a journalist is good anchor hair. And that's it. So when she says "we"—journalists can just ignore that bs. twitter.com/cspan/status/1...

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[Maria Elvira Salazar, Twitter, [4/28/22](#)]

April 2022: Salazar refused to discuss Rep. Kevin McCarthy's lies about January 6th and said that the press's insistence on pursuing the story was because the press had been "infiltrated" by "Neo-Marxists."

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Salazar said "we have a problem here in this country with the news media, because the news media is now, not doing our job. You know why? Because maybe we have been infiltrated by an ideology that I don't agree with. Now I am a member of the GOP, but Im still an American. And shame on the media. You know why? Because we're concentrating and we're trying to look for headlines, not on what is not important. What's important is that there is a major threat in this country by what I call the socialists or the neo-Marxists." [Facebook, Donald Trump Jr, [4/29/22](#)]

Salazar Said The Press Should Ask What Speaker Pelosi Knew Before January 6th. "Don't you feel responsible, that what you guys are covering is not what the American people need to hear? Why don't we ask Madame Speaker, what did she know? [Reporter says "we asked."] No one is asking, no you're not asking Madame Speaker what she knew. What she knew before that event." [Facebook, Donald Trump Jr, [4/29/22](#)]

Salazar Excused McCarthy Lying To The Press And The American People About What He Said On January 6th, Saying That “People Change Their Minds, Things Happen.” “[Reporter: We asked leader McCarthy what he said on January 6th, and they lied to us. And then there's audio...] Salazar: You know this “they lied”- people change their minds, things happen.” [Facebook, Donald Trump Jr, [4/29/22](#)]

Salazar Said She “Knows The Art Of Editing... You Know, I Was One Of You, So I Know Exactly Where You’re Gonna Go Now, How You’re Gonna Edit It, How You’re Gonna Cut It.” “I know the art of editing... You know, I was one of you, so I know exactly where you’re gonna go now, how you’re gonna edit it, how you’re gonna cut it.” [Facebook, Donald Trump Jr, [4/29/22](#)]

In 2022, when Salazar was asked about January 6th by the media, Salazar instead criticized the media and said the media is “not doing their job” when “there’s a major threat in this country” by what she calls the “socialists or the neo-Marxists: that’s the real threat.”

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- **2022: Salazar Claimed “Neo-Marxists” Are “Penetrating Media And Academia.”** “Listen, I am more concerned, not about the past, but about the future. Don’t you see that there is an influence called the neo-Marxists penetrating media and academia? Don’t you guys see it?! And you know what that means? Oh, ask the Venezuelans, ask the Cubans (...) we do know what happens when the neo-Marxists and the socialist forces infiltrate a society.” Finally, the Cuban-American congresswoman said that the mainstream media, their editors and “the people who are running the show” should feel “shame” for not focusing on what really threatens the future of the country.” [El American, [4/29/22](#)]

Salazar said people need to move forward from January 6th.

2022: Salazar suggested people need to “move forward” from Jan 6th and focus on “what is happening right now” but the media won’t allow that to happen: “You cannot be storming any buildings, much less the Capitol, but then why don’t we move forward? And why don’t we start thinking ‘what’s happening right now’? But no, the media doesn’t want to do that because it’s not convenient, it doesn’t produce headlines,” Salazar continued.” [El American, [4/29/22](#)]

[Salazar said getting to the bottom of Jan 6 begins by seeing what Pelosi knew.](#)

2022: Salazar Said She Wants To Know Who Knew What About January 6th And It Begins By Asking Nancy Pelosi What She Knew About Jan 6. “The reporter again interrupted her to state that they are “just trying to figure out what happened on January 6th,” to which Salazar replied that it was necessary to question both sides, Republicans and Democrats, and that began by asking Nancy Pelosi what she knew about it. “We need to know what she [Pelosi] knew 24 hours, 48 hours, 72 hours before,” the representative insisted. “I have no idea because I don’t have a crystal ball, but I do believe that we have oversight, and we have mechanisms in place to find out what anyone knew. Leadership from the Dems, leadership from the republicans. That’s our system, otherwise, we’re banana republic.” [El American, [4/29/22](#)]

[Amid the release by the NY Times of tapes between Kevin McCarthy and other members of the GOP about how January 6th could impact Trump, Salazar suggested the tapes were edited and blamed the media for not “doing \[their\] job.”](#)

2022: Amid The Release By The NY Times Of Tapes Between Kevin McCarthy And Other Members Of The GOP About How Jan 6th Could Impact Trump, Salazar Suggested The Tapes Were Edited And Blamed The Media For Not “Doing Our Job.” “In a further attempt to turn the course of the conversation, the reporter questioned Salazar about the leaked audios of GOP leader Kevin McCarthy, in which several Republican representatives discussed the consequences that the January 6 riots would have on Donald Trump’s presidency. “And what was your response as an American [to the McCarthy audios]?” the reporter asked, to which the Republican replied that the audio was edited and she doesn’t know the full context. “What I’m saying to you is that it’s not a matter of trying to find out what he said, it’s the whole story,” Salazar insisted. “Don’t you guys see it, what you guys are doing? History will judge the news organizations a hundred years from now and they’ll say we were not doing our job.” [El American, [4/29/22](#)]

[January 2021: Prior to election certification, Salazar said “what’s happening is outrageous” and predicted “evidence will be revealed” on January 6th.](#)

January 5th, 2021: Salazar On Election Certification: “Tomorrow Is When The Evidence Will Be Revealed [...] We Will Listen To The Evidence.” “The day before the riot, Salazar gave an interview to YouTube host Alexander Otaola, a Miami-based Cuban-American influencer, telling him, ‘Tomorrow is a very important day because tomorrow is when the evidence will be revealed.’ ‘We will listen to the evidence,’ Salazar said. ‘I’ve been studying this topic because I think what’s happening is outrageous.’” [Miami Herald, [1/11/21](#)]

Salazar On Election Certification: “I’ve Been Studying This Topic Because I Think What’s Happening Is Outrageous.” “The day before the riot, Salazar gave an interview to YouTube host Alexander Otaola, a Miami-based Cuban-American influencer, telling him, ‘Tomorrow is a very important day because tomorrow is when the evidence will be revealed.’ ‘We will listen to the evidence,’ Salazar said. ‘I’ve been studying this topic because I think what’s happening is outrageous.’” [Miami Herald, [1/11/21](#)]

[Salazar was featured in a report on disinformation on Miami Spanish language radio for saying the Pennsylvania election results were “impossible.”](#)

Salazar Was Featured In A Report About Spanish Language Radio In Miami Spreading Disinformation On The January 6th Attack And Election Denial. “Thousands of dead people and noncitizens voted in the 2020 presidential election. There were more votes cast than registered voters. Black Lives Matter and Antifa infiltrated the deadly storming of the U.S. Capitol. Those are just some of the conspiracy theories compiled in a new media monitoring report published Wednesday, revealing the extent to which misinformation pervaded the airwaves of Miami Spanish-language talk radio in the immediate lead-up to, and aftermath of, the Jan. 6 insurrection. Scrutinizing a week’s worth of early to mid-January pre-recorded programming, the report, titled ‘Disinformation in Miami After the Capitol Insurrection,’ shows how a group of radio hosts across two popular local AM stations, Radio Mambi and Actualidad Radio, mischaracterized the events of Jan. 6 and continued amplifying baseless claims of voter fraud, sometimes with the tacit endorsement of high-ranking guests, including U.S. Rep. Maria Elvira Salazar of Miami-Dade.” [Miami Herald, [6/2/21](#)]

January 11: Salazar Cited A “Repeatedly Debunked Conspiracy Theory” About Pennsylvania’s Election Results On Ninoska Perez’ Radio Show. “The media monitoring study, which contains links to the audio clips it makes reference to, chronicles how claims of voter fraud were also routinely entertained on Radio Mambi. On occasion, the misinformation came from high-ranking officials. On Jan. 11, while appearing as a guest on Ninoska Pérez’s daily show, Salazar amplified a false claim about the integrity of the vote in one of the election’s most closely contested states: Pennsylvania. ‘How is it possible that in Pennsylvania there are 200,000 more votes on Election Day than there were [voters] in the electoral rolls? That’s not possible,’ she said. Salazar seemed to be citing a repeatedly debunked conspiracy theory based on incomplete data (which Trump himself also shared on Twitter).” [Miami Herald, [6/2/21](#)]

- **Salazar: “How Is It Possible That In Pennsylvania There Are 200,000 More Votes On Election Day Than There Were On The Electoral Rolls, That Is Impossible!”** “The Pennsylvania case. Lourdes D’ Kendall and Ninoska Perez repeat the GOP claims about Pennsylvania’s changes in election laws being unconstitutional, despite several stories saying the contrary, stating those claims are wrong, not true and groundless: USA Today, The Morning Call, NPR, Tampa Bay Times and NBC News, among others [...] Maria Elvira Salazar on Ninoska Perez’ show: ‘How is it possible that in Pennsylvania there are 200,000 more votes on election day than there were on the electoral rolls, that is impossible!’” [No Mas Disinfo, [6/2/21](#)]

Following The 2020 Election Salazar Said There Were Reports Of Irregular Voting And That “Only Courts Can Decide On That Evidence [...] We All Trust American Courts.” “Newly elected U.S. Rep. Maria Elvira Salazar: Salazar didn’t respond to the Miami Herald’s request for comment. On Facebook, five days after the election, she wrote this: ‘We’re waiting to hear what happened in Pennsylvania and other states where there are reports ... of irregular voting. Only lawyers can find such evidence and only courts can decide on that evidence. We all trust American courts. Let’s look forward to the next few days. We are trusting God to protect this country from all evil.’” [Miami Herald, [11/20/20](#)]

Salazar Was Interviewed The Day Before The Capitol Riot By A YouTuber Who Later Downplayed The Capitol Attack And Said No Police Officers Were Hurt. “The day before the riot, Salazar gave an interview to YouTube host Alexander Otaola, a Miami-based Cuban-American influencer [...] Salazar ended the interview, saying, ‘I would love to keep talking all day but my chest is hurting.’ Otaola later downplayed the deadly riot and said inaccurately that no police were hurt, part of a continued effort by some figures in Miami's Spanish-language media to promote Trump and his false statements regarding the 2020 election.” [Miami Herald, [1/11/21](#)]

Days after the 2020 election was called, Salazar appeared on Fox News and peddled conspiracy theory-style election rhetoric, saying, “we better do something in order to preserve the sanctity of the electoral process” or “we’re doomed.”

November 2020: Just Days After The 2020 Election Was Called, Salazar Appeared On Fox News And Peddled Conspiracy Theory-Style Election Rhetoric. [Salazar]: “So we better do something in order to preserve the sanctity of that electoral process, otherwise the rest of the world, we're doomed.” [Fox Business News Interview With MARIA BARTIROMO, 11/19/2020]

In November 2020, Salazar refused to respond when asked if they were aware of any Venezuelan efforts to change votes in the 2020 election.

November 2020: Salazar Refused To Respond When Asked If They Were Aware Of Any Venezuelan Efforts To Change Votes In The 2020 Election. “Miami's three Republicans who will serve in Congress next year, Diaz-Balart, former Miami-Dade Mayor Carlos Gimenez and ex-TV journalist Maria Elvira Salazar, did not respond when asked if they are aware of any Venezuelan efforts to change votes in the 2020 election and if they agree with the Trump legal team's baseless claims. All three have made statements following the election indicating support for Trump's continued legal challenges of President-elect Joe Biden's win.” [Miami Herald, 11/20/20]

Salazar said anyone called to testify about January 6th should “go and tell the truth.”

Salazar Said Anyone Called To Testify About January 6th Should “Go And Tell The Truth.” The Miami Herald Editorial Board wrote, “Miami Congresswoman María Elvira Salazar told a television interviewer over the weekend that anyone called to testify before a congressional investigative panel into what happened Jan. 6 must come forward and tell the truth. Bravo for her! But then Salazar screwed up what he said. Given the GOP's inability — or, let's face it, unwillingness — when it comes to investigating the facts about the attack on Capitol Hill, Salazar initially sounded positively reasonable, even politically worthy. She made the comments in a taped interview with NBC 6's Jackie Nespral that aired Sunday. In it, the first-term Miami Republican responded to a question about the Jan. 6 riots and the five federal GOP representatives facing subpoenas to testify by saying ‘no one is above the law, and everyone who need to be called and questioned should go and tell the truth,’ the Miami Herald reported.” [Miami Herald/El Nuevo Herald, Editorial Board, 5/24/22] Translation

- **Spanish Version:** “La congresita de Miami María Elvira Salazar dijo el fin de semana a un entrevistador de televisión que cualquiera que sea llamado a declarar ante el panel de

investigación del Congreso por lo ocurrido el 6 de enero debe presentarse y decir la verdad. ¡Bravo por ella! Pero luego Salazar arruinó lo que dijo. Dada la incapacidad del Partido Republicano -o, seamos realistas, la falta de voluntad- cuando se trata de investigar los hechos sobre el ataque al Capitolio, Salazar inicialmente sonó positivamente razonable, incluso sonó digna de una política. Hizo los comentarios en una entrevista grabada con Jackie Nespral de NBC 6 que se emitió el domingo. En ella, la republicana de Miami en su primer mandato respondió a una pregunta sobre los disturbios del 6 de enero y los cinco representantes federales del Partido Republicano que enfrentan citaciones para testificar diciendo que 'nadie está por encima de la ley, y todos los que necesitan ser llamados e interrogados deben ir y decir la verdad,' según informó el Miami Herald."

State Election Operations

Instead of working on protecting voter rights, Salazar cosponsored legislation that would require election officials to report the total number of ballots in their possession within one hour of polls closing.

June 2021: Salazar Cosponsored Legislation That Would Require Election Officials To Report The Total Number Of Ballots In Their Possession Within One Hour Of Polls Closing. The bill was introduced by Byron Donalds and co-sponsored by 9 other Republicans, including Matt Gaetz and Pete Sessions. The bill would require local election officials to report the total number of ballots in their possession within one hour of polls closing. [H.R. 4044, Co-Sponsors, accessed [8/25/22](#)]

Salazar Denounced Violence

Salazar denounced violence at the U.S. Capitol.

Salazar On January 6th: "I'm Deeply Troubled By What Is Happening In Washington [...] There Is Absolutely No Place For Violence And Rioting In The U.S. Capitol." "Though she was elected to the U.S. House for Miami's 27th District in November -- beating incumbent Democratic Rep. Donna Shalala -- she missed the swearing-in for new members on Jan. 3. Her absence since then means she also missed the vote in Congress Wednesday, after Trump-supporting rioters attacked the Capitol, on whether to challenge President-elect Joe Biden's victory. Salazar issued a tweet condemning the violence on Wednesday, which caused five deaths, but did not say what her position was on Republican efforts to overturn the presidential election results. 'While I am in Miami recovering from COVID-19, I'm deeply troubled by what is happening in Washington,' Salazar tweeted. 'I am praying for the safety of my colleagues & our law enforcement. There is absolutely no place for violence and rioting in the U.S. Capitol!'" [Miami Herald, 1/11/21]

Proud Boys

2018: Salazar was criticized after the far-right group the Proud Boys attended a protest of her general election opponent.

Miami-Dade GOP Chair Nelson Diaz Apologized After Proud Boys Attended A Planned Protest Of A Donna Shalala Campaign Event. “While Republican lawmakers took turns denouncing the actions of conservative protesters who heckled House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi outside a campaign event in Coral Gables, the chairman of the Republican Party of Miami-Dade County apologized on Saturday for his ‘unbecoming’ behavior during Wednesday’s rally and denounced the extremists in attendance. Nelson Diaz, who helped organize the protest, was one of a few dozen conservatives who gathered outside Democratic Congressional candidate Donna Shalala’s campaign headquarters [...] Diaz, who is Cuban-American, was videotaped during the protest repeatedly banging on a locked door used moments earlier by Pelosi to enter Shalala’s campaign offices. He stood by as a member of the so-called Proud Boys, a national organization characterized as a ‘hate group’ by the Southern Poverty Law Center, heckled and hurled expletives at Pelosi as she walked inside. ‘You don’t belong here you f**king communist,’ the Proud Boy, Enrique Tarrío, is heard yelling. ‘Open up, it’s the Proud Boys in here.’” [Mimi Herald, [10/20/18](#)]

Shalala: “If Salazar As A Candidate Is Willing To Unleash Hate Groups At Peaceful Campaign Events That She Disagrees With, What Will She Do If She Is A Member Of Congress?” “Lee’s expected appearance was publicly announced during a debate on Tuesday between Shalala and her Republican foe Maria Elvira Salazar, a Cuban-American former broadcast journalist. Shalala is running in a district that is home to some 280,000 Cuban voters. On Saturday, she blamed Salazar for the protesters’ ferocity. ‘If Salazar as a candidate is willing to unleash hate groups at peaceful campaign events that she disagrees with, what will she do if she is a Member of Congress?’ Shalala posted in a tweet. ‘This is the choice that voters of #FL27 will make: these thuggish attacks, or the politics of unity and problem-solving that our campaign represents.’” [Mimi Herald, [10/20/18](#)]

Certification

In January 2021, Salazar missed the certification vote because she had COVID-19. Salazar never said how she would have voted had she been at the Capitol.

2021: Due To Contracting COVID, Salazar Missed A Vote In Congress On Whether To Certify The 2020 Election Results. Representatives Maria Elvira Salazar’s (FL-27) and Abigail Spanberger’s (VA-07) mental health and substance abuse bill (H.R. 7234) passed the House Energy and Commerce Health Subcommittee through unanimous consent as a part of the Restoring Hope for Mental Health and Well-Being Act (H.R. 7666). The Summer Barrow Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery Act (H.R. 7234), named for a 2020 overdose victim, would reauthorize more than \$900 million in funding through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration (SAMHSA) to support our nation’s fight against the substance use disorder epidemic. According to the CDC, it claimed a record-setting number of lives from October 2020-2021. [Miami Herald, 1/11/2021]

- **2021: Salazar Did Not Say How She Would Have Voted Had She Been At The Capitol.** She hasn’t said how she would have voted on challenges to Arizona and Pennsylvania’s electoral votes. Miami Republican Reps. Carlos Gimenez and Mario Diaz-Balart voted to challenge Arizona and Pennsylvania’s Electoral College results. [Miami Herald, 1/11/2021]

2000 Election

In 2001, Salazar said there was “no fraud” in the 2000 election, but instead there were voters who “made mistakes” and if the “wrong votes were counted Gore might have won.”

2001: Salazar Said There Was “No Fraud” In The 2000 Election, But Instead There Were Voters Who “Made Mistakes” And If The “Wrong Votes Were Counted Gore Might Have Won.” “Do you think there was fraud in the presidential elections?” Salazar said, “Fraud no, what happened is that many people made a mistake when voting but, well, the American system does not contemplate doing anything with people who make mistakes like that. If all those wrong votes had been counted, Al Gore might have won.” [El Nuevo Herald, 1/12/01] Translation

- **Spanish Version:** “Cree que hubo fraude en las elecciones presidenciales?” Salazar dijo, “Fraude no, lo que paso es que mucha gente se equivoco al votar pero, bueno, el sistema americano no contempla hacer nada con la gente que se equivoca asi. Si todos esos votos mal hechos se hubieran contado posiblemente hubiera ganado Al Gore.”

Blockchain

Sponsored Legislation

Salazar introduced legislation to direct the Small Business Administration to study how it might use blockchain technology to make loans to qualified small businesses.

February 2022: Salazar Introduced Legislation To Direct The Small Business Administration To Study How It Might Use Blockchain Technology To Make Loans To Qualified Small Businesses. In February 2022, Salazar sponsored H.R. 6597, the Blockchain Solutions for Small Businesses Act. The bill would require “the Small Business Administration to study the current and potential uses of blockchain technology (i.e., the technology that supports digital currencies such as Bitcoin) in making loans to qualified small businesses.” The bill is cosponsored by 18 Republicans and 3 Democrats. The bill was referred to the Committee on Small Business, but as of August 8, 2022, the bill has not received any action. [H.R. 6597, Co-Sponsors, accessed [8/08/22](#); Rep. Salazar, Press Release, [2/03/22](#)]

- **The Blockchain Solutions For Small Businesses Act Is Cosponsored By Rep. Ro Khanna And Supported By Major Blockchain Advocacy Organizations.** “Today, Representative Maria Elvira Salazar (R-FL-27) was joined by Representatives Ro Khanna (D-CA-17) and Young Kim (R-CA-39) to introduce the bipartisan Blockchain Solutions for Small Businesses Act, a bill to improve the Small Business Administration's (SBA) operational efficiency using blockchain technology. At the time of its introduction, Rep. Salazar's bill is the most widely cosponsored legislation supporting blockchain technologies ever introduced in the U.S. Congress... Utilizing blockchain technology would help the SBA: increase access to capital; improve agency efficiency by using secure automation; decrease fraud; and improve agency transparency... The Blockchain Solutions for Small Businesses Act has also received support from multiple organizations

[including the Blockchain Association, The Chamber of Digital Commerce, and the Information Technology and Innovation Foundation.] [Rep. Salazar, Press Release, [2/03/22](#)]

SBA Letter

[Salazar showed support for blockchain by signing on to a letter to the SBA asking for the feasibility of using blockchain to carry out SBA programs.](#)

2022: Salazar Signed A Letter To The SBA Asking The Agency To Analyze The Feasibility Of Using Blockchain To Carry Out SBA Programs. Representatives Jason Crow (D-CO-06) and Maria Elvira Salazar (R-FL-27), members of the House Small Business Committee, today pressed to modernize the Small Business Administration (SBA) by looking into using blockchain. In a bipartisan letter to Comptroller General Gene Dodaro, the Members request that the Government Accountability Office conduct a study to analyze the current and potential uses of blockchain technology to carry out the programs and services offered by SBA, including small business lending. [State News Service, 3/18/22]

Censorship

[In January 2021, Salazar said, “censorship is infiltrating the U.S.”](#)

[VIDEO] January 2021: Salazar: “Censorship Is Infiltrating The US.” In a video posted to her Facebook account 15 days after the J6 riots, Salazar claimed in Spanish “I’m highly worried about the censorship infiltrating this country, censorship that I haven’t lived through before, where we have the first amendment that gives you the freedom to say what you believe independent of whether we agree or not, and we’ve seen President Trump’s Twitter account be shut down, the New York Post’s account shut down for reporting a story on Hunter Biden.” [Facebook, Maria Elvira Salazar, [01/26/21](#), 00:20/2:09]

- **Spanish version:** “Estoy altamente preocupada porque en este país se esta colando la censura, censura la cual yo nunca viví, este país tiene la primera enmienda en la constitución, la cual le permite a usted decir lo que considere independiente de que si yo estoy de acuerdo o no, hemos visto que la cuenta de Twitter del Presidenta se la cerraron, vimos que el New York Post que es uno de los periódicos en Nueva York le cerraron la cuenta en una de las plataformas de las redes sociales porque había reportado una historia noticia sobre Hunter Biden.”

China

Legislation & Advocacy

[Salazar has cosponsored multiple bills to hold China accountable. She also signed a letter about China’s growing influence in Latin America.](#)

2022: Salazar Cosponsored Legislation To Deliver A Report To Congress On Chinese Ports In The Western Hampshire. Earlier today, Congressman Pat Fallon (TX-04) and Congresswoman Maria Elvira Salazar (FL-27) introduced legislation requiring a report on the capability of Chinese ports in the

Western Hemisphere. This bill will require the Director of National Intelligence, in conjunction with the Secretary of State and Secretary of Defense, to deliver a report to appropriate Congressional committees within 180 days of the enactment of this bill. The report must include: 1. An identification of any port located in the Western Hemisphere under control of the Government of the People's Republic of China; and 2. An assessment of the military capability of these ports and any implications this could have for the United States. [State News Service, 2/01/22]

- **2022: Salazar Said, “The United States Will Be Safer Because We Are Working To Ensure That China Cannot Put Naval Bases Near American Shores.”** China has started infiltrating ports across Latin America through predatory lending schemes that harm countries and put key national infrastructure at risk. In Peru, China has already begun building at the Port at Chancay, against significant opposition from Peruvian citizens," said Congresswoman Salazar. "China's blatant disregard of environmental concerns and human rights, along with their goal of international military and financial control, means that the U.S. must investigate the real reasons behind their race to own the world's supply chains. The United States will be safer because we are working to ensure that China cannot put naval bases near American shores." [State News Service, 2/01/22]

2021: Salazar Cosponsored Legislation To Impose Duties On Chinese Merchandise. Rep. Louie Gohmert, R-Texas, has introduced legislation (H.R. 6128) to "direct the President to impose duties on merchandise from the People's Republic of China to compensate holders of U.S. intellectual property rights for losses resulting from violations of such intellectual property rights in China." The bill was introduced on Dec. 2 and was co-sponsored by Reps. Daniel Crenshaw, R-Texas, Rick Crawford, R-Ark., and Maria Elvira Salazar, R-Fla. It was referred to the House Ways and Means Committee. [Targeted News Service, 12/04/21]

2021: Salazar Signed A Letter To The US Trade Rep Regarding Influence Of China In Latin America And Caribbean Trade And Economic Development. “While the U.S. continues to maintain being the primary trading partner with Central American and Caribbean neighbors, heightened Chinese economic engagement with those neighbors concerns several Congressional members. Over a dozen representatives sent a letter to U.S. Trade Representative Katherine Tai asking for immediate attention to the growing influence of the Chinese Community Party in both Latin America and the Caribbean trade and economic development. China has now surpassed the United States and is the largest non-continental trading partner for 54% of South America. This is a substantial increase from 20 years ago when China had few trade agreements in the region and little economic footprint.” [Southwest Farm Press, 10/13/21]

2021: Salazar Cosponsored Legislation To Hold The Chinese Government Officials Accountable For Persecution Of Christians. Rep. Vicky Hartzler, R-Mo., has introduced legislation (H.R. 4821) to "hold accountable senior officials of the Government of the People's Republic of China who are responsible for, complicit in, or have directly persecuted Christians in China." The bill was introduced on July 29 and has 35 co-sponsors. Co-sponsors include Reps. Jeff Duncan, R-S.C., Mike Gallagher, R-Wis., Doug Lamborn, R-Colo., Robert B. Aderholt, R-Ala., Robert Latta, R-Ohio, Gus Bilirakis, R-Fla., Randy Weber, R-Texas, Maria Elvira Salazar... [7/31/21]

Confederate Statues

US Capitol Grounds

Salazar sided with the far-right and white supremacists by voting against the removal of Confederate statues from the US Capitol grounds.

2021: Salazar voted against removing confederate statues from the US Capitol. “Miami Republican U.S. Rep. Maria Elvira Salazar was the only South Florida representative to vote "no" on a bill that would remove statues of Confederates and historical figures who defended slavery from the U.S. Capitol.” [Miami Herald, 6/30/2021]

Colombia

Gustavo Petro

Salazar warned Colombians about Petro, tying him to Bernie Sanders and corruption. After Petro won the election, Salazar called Petro a “thief, terrorist, and a marxist.”

June 2022: Salazar Called Colombian President Petro A “Thief, Terrorist, And A Marxist, An Apologist For Castro And Chavez.” “And from the United States, several darts also arrived for Petro. The Cuban-American congresswoman from the Republican Party, María Elvira Salazar, said she was ‘very dismayed’ by the electoral result in Colombia and maintained that Petro ‘is a thief, a terrorist and a Marxist, an apologist for Castro and Chávez.’ The governor of Florida called him a “former Marxist narco-terrorist.” [Proceso MX, [6/21/22](#)]

- **Spanish Version:** “Y desde Estados Unidos, llegaron también varios dardos para Petro. La congresista cubanoamericana del Partido Republicano, María Elvira Salazar, aseguró estar ‘muy consternada’ por el resultado electoral en Colombia y sostuvo que Petro “es ladrón, terrorista y marxista, un apologista de Castro y Chávez.’ El gobernador de Florida, lo llamó “ex narcoterrorista marxista.” [Proceso MX, [6/21/22](#)]

November 2021: Salazar: “He Is A Thief, A Socialist, A Marxis, A Terrorist.” ““He is a thief, a socialist, a Marxist, a terrorist and he is leading the polls for the Presidency of Colombia. Do you share my opinion?’ said the American, of Cuban origin, during an audience with Brian Nichols, the undersecretary for the Western Hemisphere.” [Infobae, 11/17/21] Translation

- **Spanish Version:** ““Es un ladrón, un socialista, un marxista, un terrorista y está liderando las encuestas a la Presidencia de Colombia. ¿Comparte mi opinión?,’ afirmó la estadounidense, de origen cubano, durante una audiencia con Brian Nichols, el subsecretario para el Hemisferio Occidental.”

Salazar: “I Have The Opinion To Tell Colombians To Be Careful Because What [Petro] Is Promising Is A Lie.” “In the television newscast Noticias Caracol they consulted with Salazar about his controversial opinion about Petro and the possible criticism that it could bring about. ‘They can say what they want, I have the opinion to tell Colombians to be careful because what they are promising is a lie, it is a farce,’ she replied.” [Infobae, 11/17/21] Translation

- **Spanish Version:** “En el informativo de televisión Noticias Caracol consultaron con Salazar sobre su controversial opinión sobre Petro y las posibles críticas que le podrían acarrear. ‘Pueden decir lo que ellos quieran, yo tengo la opinión de decirle a los colombianos que tengan cuidado porque lo que les están prometiendo es mentira, es una farsa’, respondió.’

Salazar: “Petro Is A Socialist [...] And No Socialism Is Good.” “Meanwhile, in El American, an anti-leftist Internet news portal for the Hispanic community in the United States, the congresswoman reiterated her opinion about the leader of Human Colombia. ‘Gustavo Petro is a socialist and nothing that has to do with socialism is good. Neither democratic, nor pragmatic, nor sympathetic socialism. No socialism is good,’ they highlighted in that news portal what the congresswoman said in another event which took place outside the Capitol in Washington D.C. where more US congressmen met to pronounce on the situation in Cuba.” [Infobae, 11/17/21] Translation

- **Spanish Version:** “Entre tanto en El American, un portal de noticias de internet anti-izquierdista y para la comunidad hispana en Estados Unidos, la congresista reiteró su opinión sobre el líder de la Colombia Humana. ‘Gustavo Petro es socialista y nada que tenga que ver con socialismo es bueno. Ni el socialismo democrático, ni el pragmático, ni el simpático. Ningún socialismo es bueno,’ destacaron en ese portal de noticias de lo que dijo la congresista en otro evento que se llevó a cabo en las afueras del Capitolio en Washington D.C. en donde se reunieron más congresistas estadounidenses para pronunciarse sobre la situación en Cuba.”

2022: Salazar Publicly Warned Against Petro Becoming President, Saying He Has Links With Terrorists And Close Ties With Bernie Sanders. “In a new barrage of criticism against the presidential candidate of the Historical Pact, Gustavo Petro Urrego, the representative to the U.S. House of Representatives, María Elvira Salazar, once again launched vehement questionings and predicted for Colombia a supposed gloomy scenario if the current senator of Colombia Humana comes to power. Through a video published in her official Twitter account, the Cuban-born journalist also accused the Colombian politician of having “links with terrorists in Latin America” and accused him of having had past close ties with Bernie Sanders, one of the figures of the gringo left. Salazar, who has become known in Colombia for her closeness with Colombians living in Florida, and who has repeatedly lashed out against Gustavo Petro, asked in her publication “what could someone with such friends offer?” and immediately gave the answer: “Misery, destruction and, in the end, exile,” she said.” [CE Noticias Financieras English, 3/22/22]

- **2022: Salazar Said Petro Will Bring “More Corruption.”** “Other South Florida leaders had expressed their concerns about Petro even before the election. Last week, Republican U.S. Rep. Maria Elvira Salazar of Miami warned that his victory would be very dangerous for Colombia. “Colombians, be very careful, because Petro will bring more corruption. His promises are

precious in theory, but in practice they translate to misery for the people," she said on her Twitter account. "[Miami Herald, 6/20/22]

- **2022: It Was Reported That Salazar Had Pushed Biden To Intervene In The Colombian Election If Necessary To Stop Petro.** "A US congresswoman, Representative Maria Elvira Salazar (R-Florida), has called for Biden to intervene if necessary to prevent Petro from becoming president. Gustavo Petro is a thief, a Marxist and a terrorist, she said on Friday. And he wants to be the next president of Colombia, to lead Colombians into misery, hunger and exile. Be very careful, Colombia. Today's decisions determine tomorrow." [Economic News, 5/30/22]

[VIDEO] July 2022: Salazar: "A Warning To The Hundreds Of Thousands Of Colombians In The 27th District - The New Commissioner Of Peace Named By President-Elect [Gustavo] Petro, Danilo Rueda, Is A Great Friend Of Fidel Castro." In July 2022, Salazar shared a video to Twitter warning Colombian-Americans that Colombian President-elect Gustavo's "new appointed Commissioner of Peace Danilo Rueda is a great admirer, praiser, and friend of of Fidel Castro, showing it in these tweets that show what honor he felt when Fidel had given him this book." [Twitter, Maria Elvira Salazar, [07/29/22](#), 0:07/1:30]

- **Spanish version:** "El distrito 27, donde tenemos cientos de miles de Colombianos, por eso esta advertencia, yo no sé si usted sabe que el nuevo comisionado de la paz nombrado por el presidente-electo Petro se llama Danilo Rueda, y Danilo Rueda es un gran admirador, adulador, queridísimo amigo de Fidel Castro, y allí lo demostró el honor que él sentía por ese libro que Fidel le había regalado."

Petro and a Colombian Senator both claimed Salazar was interfering in a foreign election, and the Senator claimed Salazar was carrying out a "smear campaign" against Petro. They both pointed out that she was "strongly supported" by Uribe, who "illegally intervened."

Petro: "Uribe Illegally Intervened In The US To Elect [Maria Elvira Salaar] And Now She Intervenes In The Free Decision Of Colombian Citizens." Petro responded with: "Uribe illegally intervened in the US to elect this congresswoman and now she intervenes in the free decision of Colombian citizens. I am a senator of the Republic of Colombia, thanks to the vote of eight million citizens. Respect!" [Twitter, @petrogustavo, [11/17/21](#)] Translation

- **Spanish Version:** "Uribe intervino ilegalmente en EEUU para elegir esta congresista y ahora ella interviene en la decisión libre de la ciudadanía colombiana. Soy senador de la República de Colombia, gracias al voto de ocho millones de ciudadanos y ciudadanas. ¡Respete!"

2022: A Colombian Senator Claimed Salazar Was Carrying Out A "Smear Campaign" Against Petro And That She Previously "Strongly Supported" Uribe. "Iván Cepeda, senator from Colombia, denounces fraud campaign [...] The politician drew attention with a publication on social networks, where he denounced that the North American congresswoman María Elvira Salazar would be carrying out a smear campaign against the leftist candidate Gustavo Petro. In addition, remember that said official strongly supported Álvaro Uribe." [La Republica, 5/29/22] Translation

- **Spanish Version:** “Iván Cepeda, senador de Colombia, denuncia campaña de fraude [...] El político llamó la atención con una publicación en redes sociales, donde denunciaba que la congresista norteamericana María Elvira Salazar estaría haciendo una campaña de desprestigio contra el candidato de izquierda Gustavo Petro. Además, recuerda que dicha funcionaria apoyó firmemente a Álvaro Uribe.”

Legislation

Salazar introduced legislation to ban from entry into the United States any current or former members of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC). She also introduced a resolution affirming US support of Colombia.

December 2021: Salazar Introduced Legislation To Ban From Entry Into The United States Any Current Or Former Members Of The Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC). In December 2021, Salazar sponsored the No Foreign Adversaries Residing in our Communities Act (the No FARC Act). The bill would “bars any alien who is a present or former member of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (also known as FARC) from being admitted into the United States or receiving a visa.” The bill is cosponsored by 14 Republicans. The bill was referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary, but as of August 8, 2022, the bill has not received any action. [H.R. 6237, Cosponsors, accessed 8/08/22; Rep. Salazar, Press Release, [12/09/21](#)]

- **Salazar Said That The Biden Administration’s Decision To Remove FARC From The List Of Foreign Terrorist Organizations Was An Affront To Colombians.** “The No FARC Act denies visas to current and former members of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC). This bill comes a direct response to President Biden's reckless and unilateral decision to remove the FARC from the State Department's list of Foreign Terrorist Organizations. The Biden Administration made the decision without properly consulting Congress, the Colombian Government, or the Colombian-American community in the United States.” [Rep. Salazar, Press Release, [12/09/21](#)]

2021: Salazar Introduced Resolution Reaffirming US Support Of Colombia. “Representatives Maria Elvira Salazar (FL-27), Mario Diaz-Balart (FL-25), Carlos A. Gimenez (FL-26), and Michael Waltz (FL-6) introduced a resolution reaffirming the United States' commitment to Colombia, America's strongest ally in Latin America. This resolution condemns any efforts to undermine democracy and encourages the international community to join the United States in standing with Colombia. The resolution also calls for U.S. support for Colombia in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, including providing excess vaccine doses to help revitalize Colombia's economy.” [Targeted News Services, 6/23/21]

COVID-19

COVID Diagnosis

Salazar missed her swearing-in due to contracting COVID.

2020: Salazar Got COVID-19 Prior To Being Sworn Into Congress, Which Forced Her To Miss The Swearing-In Ceremony And Resulted In Her Getting Sworn In Days Later. “Republican Rep.-elect Maria Elvira Salazar has COVID-19, is self-isolating, and will miss the congressional swearing-in ceremonies in Washington D.C. on Sunday. Her office revealed Thursday that she was admitted to Doctors Hospital in Miami on Dec. 23 with heart arrhythmia and was diagnosed with COVID-19. She received treatment and was released the next day. She has been self-isolating at home and will do so for at least 14 days while she recovers, based on guidance from her doctors and medical professionals, her office said. 'I am incredibly thankful to the tireless front-line medical workers in our community, who help so many people combatting the COVID-19 pandemic. I am in quarantine at home and getting better each day,' she said in a news release. 'I look forward to hitting the ground running for my community, once it is medically permissible.' On Sunday, the 117th Congress will convene and members will be sworn in. Leadership votes will also be taken.” [Florida Politics, [12/31/2020](#)]

Schools

In March 2021, during the COVID-19 pandemic, Salazar cosponsored legislation to reopen schools. In May 2022, Salazar also cosponsored legislation to overturn vaccine and mask requirements in some federal education programs.

March 2021: Salazar Co-Sponsored H.R. 682, The Reopen Schools Act. The bill would withhold emergency education funding from any local education agencies that do not provide in-person instruction to at least 50% of their students. The bill was introduced by Ashley Hinson and co-sponsored by 86 other Republicans, including Madison Cawthorne, Ronny Jackson, Liz Cheney, Steve Scalise, Lauren Boebert, Louie Gohmert, and Dan Crenshaw. [H.R. 682, Co-Sponsors, accessed [8/25/22](#)]

May 2022: Salazar Co-Sponsored H.J.Res. 81, Providing For Congressional Disapproval Under Chapter 8 Of Title 5, United States Code, Of The Rule Submitted By The Department Of Health And Human Services Relating To "Vaccine And Mask Requirements To Mitigate The Spread Of COVID-19 In Head Start Programs". The resolution would overturn vaccine and mask requirements in certain federal education programs. The bill was introduced by David P Joyce and co-sponsored by 27 other Republicans, including Mo Brooks, Paul Gosar, Louie Gohmert, Marjorie Taylor Greene, Lauren Boebert, Andy Biggs, Matt Gaetz, and Madison Cawthorne. [H.J.Res. 81, Co-Sponsors, accessed [8/25/22](#)]

Small Business

In June 2021, Salazar introduced legislation to direct the Small Business Administration to increase the loan limits for the disaster loan program.

June 2021: Salazar Introduced Legislation To Direct The Small Business Administration (SBA) To Increase The Loan Limits For The Disaster Loan Program. In June 2021, Salazar sponsored H.R. 4215, the Rebuilding Communities After Disasters Act. The bill would “require the Small Business Administration (SBA) to increase the loan limits for the disaster loan program and to communicate certain information about the program following disasters.” The bill is cosponsored by 30 Republicans and 9 Democrats. The bill was referred to the House Committee on Small Business, but as of August 8,

2022, the bill has not received any action. [H.R. 4215, Co-Sponsors, accessed [8/08/22](#); Rep. Salazar, Press Release, [7/02/21](#)]

- **The Bill Would Double The Maximum Loan Amounts For SBA Physical Damage Disaster Loans To Bring Limits More In Line With Current Home Prices.** “The Rebuilding Communities After Disasters Act ensures homeowners have adequate resources to recover from natural disasters. Specifically, it increases the maximum loan amount for SBA physical damage disaster loans from \$200,000 to \$400,000 for home repair, and from \$40,000 to \$75,000 to replace household and personal belongings, bringing the loans limits in line with today’s home prices to help homeowners fully recover from unavoidable disasters. The limits on these loans have not been increased since 1994 - over 25 years - when the average home price in the United States was \$106,000. The bill would also require the SBA to market these loans to homeowners in a declared disaster area through all media platforms and to provide a yearly report to Congress on the progress of the loan program.” [Rep. Salazar, Press Release, [7/02/21](#)]

In March 2021, Salazar introduced legislation to extend the time to repay economic injury disaster loans.

March 2021: Salazar Introduced Legislation To Extend The Time To Repay Economic Injury Disaster Loans. In March 2021, Salazar sponsored H.R. 1533, the COVID Economic Injury Disaster Loan Relief Act. The bill would “extend the deferment of a borrower's payments on an economic injury disaster loan taken in response to COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) from one year to two years from the date on which the loan is made.” The bill is cosponsored by 9 Democrats and 4 Republicans. The bill was referred to the House Committee on Small Business, but as of August 8, 2022, the bill has not received any action. [H.R. 1533, Co-Sponsors, accessed [8/08/22](#); Rep. Salazar, Press Release, [3/03/21](#)]

- **This Legislation Did Not Pass, But Its Intent Has Been Implemented. In September 2021, The Deferment Period Was Extended To Two Years.** “As of September 8, 2021, new COVID EIDL policy changes took effect as follows: ...Extend the deferment period to 24 months from origination for all loans (existing loans with a less than 24-month deferment will be adjusted)” [Small Business Administration, COVID-19 Economic Injury Disaster Loan, About COVID-19 EIDL, accessed [8/08/22](#)]

In 2022, Salazar signed onto a letter to the IRS to urge faster delivery of the Employee Retention Tax Credit (ERTC) designed for small businesses to respond to COVID.

2022: Salazar Signed Onto A Letter To The IRS To Urge Faster Delivery Of The Employee Retention Tax Credit (ERTC) Designed For Small Businesses To Respond To COVID. “Today, Congressman Andy Levin (D-Michigan) and Congresswoman Carol Miller (R-West Virginia), led a bipartisan group of 66 of their colleagues in a letter to the Commissioner of the Internal Revenue Service, Charles P. Rettig, highlighting the urgent need to deliver Employee Retention Tax Credit (ERTC) payments to Americans across the country. Despite the tax credit being designed to provide relief to businesses facing COVID-19 related revenue reductions, many small business owners nationwide are reporting wait times of eight to ten months to receive payments.” [Congressional Documents and Publications, 4/7/22]

In 2021, Salazar introduced legislation to allow craft breweries to have access to increased PPP loan eligibility due to pandemic business losses.

2021: Salazar Introduced Legislation To Allow Craft Breweries To Have Access To Increased PPP Loan Eligibility Due To Pandemic Business Losses. “Congresswoman Maria Elvira Salazar (FL-27) introduced the bipartisan Fairness for Craft Beverage Producers Act alongside Congresswoman Jennifer Wexton (VA-10). Congresswoman Salazar was recently selected to serve as the Ranking Member of the Small Business Subcommittee on Contracting and Infrastructure. [...] These craft beverage producers were inadvertently excluded from increased maximum PPP loan amount eligibility, which is designed to aid the hardest-hit small businesses like restaurants and bars. The bill makes a similar correction to fix an oversight which excluded these businesses from receiving extended debt relief on other loans from the Small Business Administration (SBA).” [Office of Congresswoman Maria Salazar, [2/11/2021](#)]

Cruise Ships

In April 2021, Salazar introduced legislation to end the COVID-19 closure of cruise ships.

April 2021: Salazar Introduced Legislation To End The COVID-19 Closures Of Cruise Ships. In April 2021, Salazar sponsored H.R. 2554, the Careful Resumption Under Improved Safety Enhancements Act (CRUISE Act). The bill would “establish a working group comprised of specified federal departments and industry stakeholders to develop recommendations for resuming cruise ship operations.” The bill is cosponsored by 14 Republicans. The bill was referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Health, but as of August 8, 2022, the bill has not received any action. [H.R. 2554, Co-Sponsors, accessed [8/08/22](#); Rep. Salazar, Press Release, [4/16/21](#)]

- **The Bill Would Revoke The CDC’s Current No Sail Order On Cruises And Require The CDC To Provide COVID-19 Mitigation Guidance For Cruise Lines To Resume Safe Domestic Operations.** “Today Congresswoman María Elvira Salazar (FL-27), the Dean of the U.S. House of Representatives, Congressman Don Young (AK-AL), and a number of their House colleagues, introduced the Careful Resumption Under Improved Safety Enhancements (CRUISE) Act, which would revoke the CDC’s current No Sail Order on cruises and require the CDC to provide COVID-19 mitigation guidance for cruise lines to resume safe domestic operations... It has been almost 400 days since a passenger stepped foot on a cruise ship from U.S. soil. Ships have been anchored at port for over a year. The suspension in U.S. cruise departures has resulted in the loss of \$5.64 billion to the State of Florida’s economy, the loss of 91,450 jobs, and the loss of \$4.44 billion in wages. The ripple effects of these devastating losses are being felt across the nation.” [Rep. Salazar, Press Release, [4/16/21](#)]

Airplane Mask Mandate

In 2022, Salazar pushed for an end to mask and testing mandates for travel. Once the mask mandate was lifted, Salazar said that she was “free at last.”

2022: Signed Cosponsored Legislation To End The Federal Mask Mandate On Airlines. “Congressman Carlos A. Gimenez (FL-26) introduced today the America Reopens Act. The legislation ends all federal-level mandates of COVID-19 restrictions, including ending the federal mask mandate on systems of transportation such as U.S. airlines. The America Reopens Act is currently co-sponsored by:* Rep. Maria Elvira Salazar” [Targeted News Service, 4/09/22]

- **2022: Salazar Signed Onto A Letter Asking Biden For An End To Testing Requirements To Fly Into America.** “Rep. Jack Bergman and 13 of his colleagues sent a letter to President Joe Biden requesting the elimination of pre-departure COVID-19 testing mandates for passengers traveling to the United States. The federal government currently requires proof of a negative COVID-19 test one day before flying to our country. As the impact of COVID-19 dwindles, this mandate no longer serves our public health needs and creates an undue burden on all travelers - whether they are Americans returning home, family and friends who wish to visit the United States, or tourists. Additionally, the pre-departure testing mandate harms U.S. tourism and discourages travel for Americans desiring to fly on U.S. airlines overseas. With other countries, including the United Kingdom, already making science-based decisions to drop similar mandates, our leaders should remove this complication for travel and return to normalcy.” [Targeted News Service, 3/19/22]

Salazar Tweeted That She Was “Free At Last” When The Mandate To Wear Masks On Airplanes Was Lifted In April 2022. “On my way back to Washington for the first time since the mask mandate was revoked. Free at last 🇺🇸🇺🇸 De regreso a Washington por primera vez desde que se revocó el mandato de máscaras. Libre al fin 🇺🇸🇺🇸 us.”



[Twitter, @MaElviraSalazar, [4/26/22](#)]

2022: Salazar Introduced Legislation To Direct The Dept. Of Commerce To Establish A Travel And Tourism Recovery Strategy For Pandemics And Other Disasters. “Congressman Neal Dunn (FL-02), Congressman Darren Soto (FL-09), and Congresswoman Maria Salazar (FL-27) recently introduced the Travel and Tourism Act (H.R. 7820). This bill would require the Secretary of Commerce to identify the resources, regulatory changes, and private sector engagement needed to achieve annual tourism goals. [...] The Travel and Tourism Act requires the Secretary of Commerce to establish a travel and tourism recovery strategy for pandemics and other disasters. In addition, this bill would authorize the creation of an advisory board under the Department of Commerce composed of leaders in the travel and tourism industry.” [State News Service, 5/26/22]

Vaccines

In May 2021, Salazar introduced legislation to distribute excess COVID-19 vaccines to Western Hemisphere allies as a diplomatic move.

May 2021: Salazar Introduced Legislation To Distribute Excess COVID-19 Vaccines To Western Hemisphere Allies As A Diplomatic Move. In May 2021, Salazar sponsored H.R. 3236, the American Medical Investment Generating Overseas Security Act (AMIGOS Act). The bill would “prohibit the President from taking action to support the waiver of certain intellectual property obligations” related to COVID-19 vaccines, and “establish prioritization for allocating excess COVID-19 vaccines to other countries” and “require that such vaccines be marked as assistance from the American people or the United States.” The bill is cosponsored by 6 Republicans. The bill was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Committee on Ways and Means, but as of August 8, 2022, the bill has not received any action. [H.R. 3236, Cosponsors, accessed [8/08/22](#); Rep. Salazar, Press Release, [5/14/21](#)]

- **The Bill Would Use Covid-19 Vaccines As A Diplomatic Tool To Promote American Interests In The Western Hemisphere And Counteract Moves By Russia And China.** “The United States is leading the world’s COVID-19 response - we developed the most effective vaccines and have made the largest contributions to global health organizations like COVAX and GAVI to deliver vaccines directly to vulnerable communities. However, the United States has no strategic surplus vaccine diplomacy strategy. “Rather than crushing free market innovation, the U.S. should be proposing bold surplus vaccine donation plans, increase awareness of current U.S. efforts, and ramp up vaccine manufacturing,” said Congresswoman Salazar. “Our most vulnerable allies and neighbors, especially in Latin America and the Caribbean are counting on us to get this right and slow viral spread and COVID-19 mutations. I’ve introduced the AMIGOS Act to develop a strategy for effective U.S. vaccine diplomacy and counter Communist China’s and Putin’s Russia’s growing influence in our hemisphere.” This strategy only takes effect once every eligible American has had the chance to receive the vaccine. Specifically, the AMIGOS Act implements a strategy to prioritize surplus vaccine distribution to our neighbors in the Western Hemisphere as well as key U.S. allies and partners across the globe, requiring USA branding so that an American flag is emblazoned on every surplus vaccine we provide to other countries. It also prevents the Administration from signing over American Intellectual Property (IP) through the World Trade Organization without Congressional approval.” [Rep. Salazar, Press Release, [5/14/21](#)]

2021: Early In The COVID-19 Vaccine Rollout, Salazar Joined Many In The Florida Delegation In Asking The Federal Government For An Increased Vaccine Supply Due To The Influx Of Snowbirds.

“Members of Florida's congressional delegation asked the federal government Thursday for more COVID-19 vaccines to account for the thousands of seasonal residents who move to the state during the winter months, saying that the influx of ‘snowbirds’ is straining the initial allotment. Seventeen of the state's 27 House members, along with Republican Sen. Marco Rubio, sent a letter to Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar and Operation Warp Speed COO Gen. Gustave Perna asking to increase Florida's vaccine allocation from the federal government. The letter was signed by 16 Republicans and two Democrats: Broward County Rep. Ted Deutch and Central Florida Rep. Stephanie Murphy. Miami Republican Reps. Carlos Gimenez, Maria Elvira Salazar and Mario Diaz-Balart also signed the letter.” [Miami Herald, 1/14/21]

- **2021: The Request By The Florida Delegation Was Denied.** “The Department of Health and Human Services declined to change the allocation of COVID-19 vaccines to account for the thousands of seasonal residents who move to Florida during the winter months after a majority of the state's members of Congress asked it to do so in January.” [Miami Herald, 3/01/21]

2022: Salazar Signed A letter Asking For Additional US Funding For Global COVID Vaccination Efforts. “Today, Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi (IL-08) led a bipartisan letter in support of increased global vaccination funding to key leaders of the House Appropriations Committee with Reps. Tom Malinowski (NJ-07), Jason Crow (CO-06), María Elvira Salazar (FL-27), Peter Meijer (MI-03), Brian Fitzpatrick (PA-01), Brad R. Wenstrup (OH-02), Ami Bera, M.D (CA-07), Dina Titus (NV-01), and Jim Himes (CT-04). The letter, addressed to the Chairs and Ranking Members of the House Committee on Appropriations and the House Appropriations Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, called for robust additional funding for U.S global vaccination programs through the FY22 appropriations process in order to end the pandemic, restore American global moral leadership, strengthen bilateral relationships across the world, and counter the influence of the People ’ s Republic of China.” [Impact News Service, 3/8/22]

Spike In Cases

July 2020: Salazar said COVID cases spiked in South Florida because people went to beaches and bars, did not social distance, and did not wear masks.

July 2020: Salazar Said Covid Cases Spiked In South Florida Because People Went To Beaches And Bars, Did Not Social Distance, And Did Not Wear Masks. “[SALAZAR:] Well, we are very concerned because, you know, our young people thought that this was over and what happened is that they went out and went to the beaches, and went to the bars and they -- they didn't keep social distancing. [BARTIROMO:] Yes. [SALAZAR:] They didn't put any masks. And then we spiked up. [BARTIROMO:] Yes. [SALAZAR:] And now we are in a situation where it's costing us economically speaking. And -- and we understand.” [Fox Business, 7/9/20]

Biden Policy

Salazar appears to have flip-flopped on U.S. Cuba policy once she became a Member of Congress. In 2022, Salazar said, “the Biden Administration reopening US-Cuba relations gives oxygen to the Castro regime.” However, in 2016, Salazar described Obama’s visit to Cuba as “historic,” “noble,” and showed that the Cuban people “are not alone.”

[VIDEO] May 2022: Salazar: “The Biden Administration Reopening US-Cuba Relations Gives Oxygen To The Castro Regime.” In a Spanish-language Facebook video shared by Telemundo 51’s Alexis Boentes, Salazar said “The Biden Administration has reopened relations with Cuba, giving oxygen to the Castro regime.” [Facebook, Maria Elvira Salazar, [05/17/22](#), 0:10/3:35]

- **Spanish version:** “La administración del Presidente Biden acaba de abrir nuevamente las relaciones con Cuba, es un tanque de oxígeno al régimen Castrista.”

[VIDEO] March 2016: Salazar: President Obama’s Visit To Cuba Is Historic In Demonstrating To The Cuban People That They Are Not Alone. In a Spanish-language Facebook live video on her account, Salazar stated President Obama’s Cuba visit “showed to the Cuban people that on this visit, this visit by President Obama, that they are not alone, not alone in the way they have felt in the last 56 years.” [Facebook, Maria Elvira Salazar, [06/20/16](#), 1:31/13:29]

- **Spanish version:** “El pueblo Cubano puede ver en esta situación, en esta visita del Presidente Obama, que no está solo, como se ha sentido solo en los últimos 56 años.”
- **2018: Salazar’s Primary Opponents Criticized Her For Calling Obama’s Policy Change Toward Cuba “Noble.”** “During her acceptance speech, Salazar denounced the ‘misleading’ attacks on her waged by all eight of her opponents, who claimed she ingratiated herself to former Cuban leader Fidel Castro during a rare interview she conducted with him in 1995. During the interview, snippets of which were used in an attack ad by a self-described ‘political hitman,’ Salazar refers to the strong-man dictator as ‘comandante’ and ‘un revolucionario por excelencia.’ Her demeanor was criticized by some candidates in the primary as ‘flirtatious’ and inappropriate, especially for a politician looking to represent nearly 300,000 Cubans who live in the district and replace the first Cuban-American politician to serve in Congress. She was also criticized for calling former President Barack Obama’s policy change toward Cuba as ‘noble.’” [Miami Herald, [8/28/18](#)]

Salazar has been critical of Biden’s policy towards Cuba, including claiming he was providing concessions to Cuba.

2022: Salazar Spoke Out Against Biden Lifting Trump’s Restrictions On Flights To Cuba. “The U.S. government on Wednesday revoked restrictions on flights into Cuba imposed by the administration of former President Donald Trump. The order was issued by the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) and ends the ban on U.S. flights to Cuban airports outside Havana. Since the end of 2019, regular passenger flights from the United States could only be made to the country’s capital, although some airlines were authorized to carry humanitarian cargo to airports in other Cuban provinces. The

suspension of flights by U.S. companies involved nine Cuban airports, among them those of Matanzas, Cienfuegos, Cayo Coco, Cayo Largo, Camagüey, Manzanillo and Santiago de Cuba. The measures imposed by the Trump administration also included a ban on charter flights to any Cuban airport except Havana and a limit on charter flights to the capital [...] Representatives Mario Diaz-Balart, Michael McCaul, Mark Green, Maria Elvira Salazar and Carlos Gimenez also spoke out against the Biden administration's policy." [CE Latin America Migration English, 6/01/22]

2021: Salazar Blasted Biden For Extending Visas To The Cuban Baseball Team, But Not Children With Cancer Waiting For Humanitarian Visas. "Cuban-American Congresswoman Maria Elvira Salazar called it inconceivable that the administration of President Joe Biden would grant visas to Cuban baseball players who played in the pre-Olympics in Florida, while children with cancer wait for a humanitarian visa.[...] "How is it possible that the Biden Administration has given visas to the Castro dictatorship's ball team while I have cases in my district of children with cancer waiting for their humanitarian visas? It's inconceivable!" said Salazar on his social media and attached a video of an intervention. "Yes, for baseball players, but no, for children with cancer," the congresswoman said, questioning who makes, in the current administration, those decisions that affect the heart of her Florida district." [CE Latin America Migration English, 6/24/21]

2022: Salazar Slammed Biden, With Other Republicans In A Joint Statement, For Providing "Concessions" To Cuban Leadership. "During Cuba 's historic anti-regime protests last year, President Biden said '[t]he United States stands with the brave Cubans who have taken to the streets to oppose 62 years of repression under a communist regime.' Yet today, while hundreds of activists remain unlawfully imprisoned, the White House is resurrecting President Obama 's failed policy of unilateral concessions to the Castro/Díaz-Canel criminal dictatorship. Rather than supporting their pleas for freedom by expanding democracy programming, broadcasting, global diplomacy, and sanctions against their oppressors, the Biden White House is rewarding the Western Hemisphere 's longest ruling communist dictatorship with high level talks, easing sanctions, increased travel, and access to U.S financial institutions. Appeasing Cuba 's murderous regime does not comply with the statutory requirements in U.S law and undercuts America 's support for Cuba 's democratic opposition." [Impact News Service, 5/23/22]

2022: Salazar Was Highly Critical Of The Biden Administration, Including Blinken, Ahead Of A Planned Discussion Between The US And Cuba For Not Including The Exile Community. "Cuban-born Republican Congresswoman María Elvira Salazar criticized U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken on Wednesday for not including the Cuban exile community in his talks with the Havana government and said that he had broken his promise to do so. In a letter sent to Blinken, the Republican demands that the exile community be included in the next meeting that the Administration of Democrat President Joe Biden will hold with a Cuban delegation headed by the Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs, Carlos Fernandez de Cossio. Representatives of the United States and Cuba will meet this Thursday in Washington to discuss migration issues, in the first high-level dialogue between the two countries since Biden's arrival at the White House." [CE Noticias Financieras English, 4/20/22]

- **2022: Salazar Said SOS Blinken Had Given Her "His Word" That Te Exile Community Would Be Included In Any Talks And Requested To Attend The Meeting.** "Secretary Blinken gave me his word when he testified before Congress last year" and he has broken it by not consulting

with the Cuban-American exile community, Congresswoman Salazar said in a statement. To alleviate this situation, the congresswoman asked the State Department to allow her to attend this "ill-advised meeting" with the government of the island in order to represent her constituents in Miami-Dade County, where a large Cuban community lives. In the letter, Salazar assured that not only was the exile community not consulted, but that the federal Congress did not have news of these conversations until a few days ago." [CE Noticias Financieras English, 4/20/22]

- **2022: Salazar Asked The Biden Administration To Reconsider The Planned Talks.** "Florida Republican Congressmen María Elvira Salazar, Mario Díaz-Balart and Carlos Giménez asked the Biden Administration to reconsider the round of immigration negotiations with the Cuban regime, scheduled to begin this Thursday in Washington. "We write to express our grave concern regarding the plans announced by the Biden Administration to organize migration talks in Washington, DC with the totalitarian and terrorist state in Cuba," the representatives said in a letter sent to Secretary of State Antony Blinken." [CE Latin America Migration English, 4/21/22]
- **2022: Salazar Wrote "Instead Of Negotiating, We Believe That You Should Not Go Forward With The Ill-Conceived Plan To Negotiate With Operatives Of The Cuban Dictatorship.** "Instead of negotiating, we believe that you should not go forward with the ill-conceived plan to negotiate with operatives of the Cuban dictatorship. At a minimum, we suggest that you mention the regime's numerous human rights abuses related to migration, including the right to leave and return to one's country. We also believe he should emphasize the Migration Agreements' guarantee that Cuban citizens who are forcibly repatriated are monitored upon return to Cuba to ensure that they do not face reprisals for trying to escape communist tyranny." [CE Latin America Migration English, 4/21/22]

[Salazar joined other Florida Republicans in urging Biden to make Cuba a top priority.](#)

2021: Salazar Joined Rubio In Demanding For Biden To Make Cuba A "Diplomatic Priority." "...a group of Republican legislators, led by Cuban-Americans Marco Rubio, Maria Elvira Salazar and Mario Diaz-Balart, demanded Tuesday that Biden make Cuba "a diplomatic priority", given the repression by the Executive of Miguel Diaz-Canel of the movement of "intellectuals, young people and artists who want political freedom". Cuba experienced intense days of protests in July that attracted the attention of the international community." [CE Noticias Financieras English, 11/17/21]

2021: Salazar Signed Onto A Letter To Biden In Advance Of The November 2021 Planned Protests In Cuba, Writing, "The Opportunity Is Slipping For You To Actively Lead A Coordinated, Global Effort Of Likeminded Partners To Stand With The Longsuffering Cuban People." "The opportunity is slipping for you to actively lead a coordinated, global effort of likeminded partners to stand with the longsuffering Cuban people in their efforts to attain freedom. For these reasons, within all applicable rules and regulations, we respectfully request that you assess every tool at your disposal, including democracy programming, broadcasting, global diplomacy and sanctions, to support the longsuffering Cuban people in their pleas for freedom. Sincerely, Mario Diaz-Balart, Member of Congress, Maria Elvira Salazar, Member of Congress..." [Targeted News Service, 11/13/21]

2021: Salazar Signed A Letter To Urge Biden Early In His Term To Implement A Cuba Policy That Holds The Country's Leaders Accountable For Human Rights Abuses. "This morning, Rep. Mark Green, Ranking Member of the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, and Subcommittee members Congresswoman Maria Elvira Salazar (FL-27) and Rep. August Pfluger (TX-11) sent a letter to President Biden calling on him to implement a Cuba policy that holds the regime accountable for its human rights abuses and support for authoritarian regimes in the region. In their letter, the lawmakers express grave concern about the threat Cuba's communist dictatorship poses to the national security of the United States and the stability of the Western Hemisphere. The letter urges President Biden to take the steps necessary to restrict the flow of U.S. dollars to the Cuban military, maintain designations that hold the regime accountable for its support for global terrorism, and continue support for democracy on the island." [Targeted News Service, 2/27/21]

Salazar allegedly requested to meet with Biden about Cuba, including claiming that she sometimes made the request three times a day.

2021: Salazar joined a group of GOP members and requested a meeting with Biden to discuss Cuba and support the Cuban people. "Today, Senator Rick Scott joined House Republican Leader Kevin McCarthy, Senator Marco Rubio, Representatives Mario Diaz-Balart, Carlos Gimenez, Maria Elvira Salazar and other members of Congress in a letter to the President Biden requesting a meeting as soon as possible to discuss how the White House and Congress can work together to end the oppressive Cuban regime and support the Cuban people's fight for freedom and democracy." [Impact News Service, 7/27/21]

- **2021: Salazar Claimed She Called The White House Three Times A Day To Meet About Cuba.** SALAZAR: "Well, I have the same message. And as I was telling you, we are very frustrated. We are very upset, because we have called respectfully. And we have told the Biden administration, this has nothing to do with political parties. HANNITY: Can you not meet with Joe Biden? Will he not with you? SALAZAR: He will not meet with us. RUBIO: We've asked for meetings. It hasn't happened so far. SALAZAR: Yeah. I am asking the White House three times – HANNITY: That's despicable. SALAZAR: Three times a day, Sean." [Fox News Network FOX HANNITY, 7/21/2021]

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2021: Salazar Called On Biden To Lead A Military Intervention To Protect Cubans, But Added, "We Cannot Trust Biden's Stance On Cuba." "Also Republican and Cuban-American congresswoman María Elvira Salazar addressed President Biden to tell him that Cubans 'don't need study groups.' 'We need action now,' stressed Salazar, who, like other legislators and Cuban exile leaders in Miami, has insistently asked Biden that the United States lead a military intervention to protect Cubans from the repression unleashed by the island's authorities and help them to recover freedom and democracy for the island. 'We cannot trust Biden's stance on Cuba to support freedom fighters. He has shown in the past that he supports a relaxation of pressure on the communist regime by allowing remittances and lifting the embargo,' she said." [CE Noticias Financieras Spanish, 7/20/21] Translation

- **Spanish Version:** “La también congresista republicana y cubano-estadounidense María Elvira Salazar se dirigió al presidente Biden para decirle que los cubanos ‘no necesitan grupos de estudio.’ ‘Necesitamos acción ya,’ subrayó Salazar, quien al igual que otros legisladores y dirigentes del exilio cubano en Miami ha pedido insistentemente a Biden que EEUU encabece una intervención militar para proteger a los cubanos de la represión desatada por las autoridades de la isla y ayudarles a recuperar la libertad y la democracia para la isla. ‘No podemos confiar en que la postura de Biden sobre Cuba sea de apoyo a los luchadores por la libertad. Ha demostrado en el pasado que apoya una relajación de la presión sobre el régimen comunista, al permitir las remesas y levantar el embargo,’ dijo.”

Afro-Cubans

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2021: Salazar Said That AOC And The Squad Should Defend Afro-Cubans The Same Way They Are Trying To Defend African American Rights, Saying The “Double Standard” Is “Sickening.” [SA:AZAR] “So when you were talking about Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, my colleague on the floor on the other side of the aisle, what I'm saying to them and to the Squad is that the same way that you're trying to defend the rights of the African-Americans in this country, why don't you defend the rights of the Afro-Cubans in Cuba? It's the same race. The double standard is impossible. It's sickening. This is the time for everyone...” [Fox News with Niel Cavuto, 7/16/21]

Émigrés

2021: Salazar introduced a bill to make it easier for Cuban émigrés to have family join them in the U.S.

Salazar Introduced The Cuban Family Reunification Modernization Act To Allow Eligible Citizens And Permanent Residents To Apply To Have Family Join Them In The U.S. “South Florida Republicans announced Monday they're introducing a bill in Congress that would jump-start a federal program that helps reunite Cuban families by resuming consular services on the island from Guantánamo Bay amid a growing backlog of applications. U.S. Reps. María Elvira Salazar, Carlos Gimenez, Mario Díaz-Balart and Stephanie Murphy, a Central Florida Democrat, are co-sponsoring the Cuban Family Reunification Modernization Act of 2021, which would restart processing claims under the Cuban Family Reunification Parole Program, known as CFRP. The humanitarian program allows eligible citizens and permanent residents in the U.S. to apply for their relatives on the island to join them in the U.S. while they wait for their immigration visas to be issued.” [Miami Herald, 4/19/21]

Migration

Salazar has supported multiple efforts for Cuban migrants, including requesting the renewal of Cuban consular services, calling for the release of Cubans detained by ICE, and reactivating the family reunification program.

2022: Salazar Requested The Renewal Of Cuban Consular Services And Requested That Priority Be Given To Advocates Of Human Rights And Those With Medical Needs. “U.S. Congressmen of Cuban origin Mario Diaz-Balart, Maria Elvira Salazar and Carlos Gimenez raised with U.S. President Joe Biden, a Democrat, the need to reestablish regular consular services in Cuba. In a letter dated February 3, the three Florida Republican representatives also requested that priority consular access be given to Cuban advocates of democratic change and human rights, as well as those with urgent humanitarian or medical needs. "It was particularly insulting to many in our districts when agents of the regime and their favorites, such as professional baseball players, were able to access consular services on the island, while the vast majority of the most deserving Cubans were forced to travel to a third country at considerable expense," the letter reads. Salazar, Diaz-Balart and Gimenez suggested that applicants be carefully vetted to ensure that no human rights abusers can enter the United States. They also asked Biden to resume as soon as possible the processing of applications for the Cuban Family Reunification Permit Program (CFRP), which was put on hold in 2018 following health problems suffered by diplomats and staff of the U.S. mission in Havana. They recalled that to remedy the situation they introduced the bipartisan Cuban Family Reunification Modernization for Cubans Act in Congress in 2021, which authorizes the State Department in coordination with the Department of Homeland Security and the Department of Defense to resume processing CFRP applications. The lawmakers also urged the president to carefully consider how security and other non-U.S. personnel are selected at the U.S. mission in Cuba.” [CE Noticias Financieras English, 2/04/22]

During The COVID-19 Pandemic, Salazar Called For The Biden Administration To Release Cubans Detained By ICE And Grant Them Permanent Residence Because They “Fled A Repressive Dictatorship.” “The population in ICE centers could decrease even more if President Joe Biden heeds the petition presented by Republican representatives Mario Díaz-Balart, María Elvira Salazar and Carlos Giménez. The legislators ask the Democratic administration to release the hundreds of Cubans detained by the agency and also grant them permanent residence. ‘They are Cubans who have fled a repressive dictatorship with one of the worst human rights records in our hemisphere,’ says a letter sent to Secretary of National Security Alejandro Mayorkas.” [CE Latin America Migration Spanish 3/17/21]
Translation

- **Spanish Version:** “La población en los centros del ICE podría disminuir aún más si el presidente Joe Biden hace caso a la petición presentada por los representantes republicanos Mario Díaz-Balart, María Elvira Salazar y Carlos Giménez. Los legisladores piden a la administración demócrata que libere a los cientos de cubanos detenidos por la agencia y además se les otorgue la residencia permanente. ‘Son cubanos que han huido de una dictadura represiva con uno de los peores antecedentes de derechos humanos en nuestro hemisferio,’ dice una carta enviada al secretario de Seguridad Nacional, Alejandro Mayorkas.”

2021: Salazar Added Her Name To A Letter To The National Security Secretary Asking For Cubans Detained By ICE Be Released. “Giménez sent a letter to Mayorkas for release and permanent residence for hundreds of Cuban migrants detained at immigration and customs control (ICE) centers. "They are Cubans who have fled a repressive dictatorship with one of the worst human rights records in our hemisphere," says the letter also signed by Congressmen Mario Díaz-Balart and María Elvira Salazar.” [CE Latin America Migration English, 3/16/21]

2021: Salazar Authored Legislation To Reactivate The Family Reunification Program And Remove Cubans From Limbo In The Program And Host Interviews At Guantanamo. “Guantanamo Naval Base could host interviews for the Family Reunification Program (CFRP). This is how it has been included in a bill that will be presented to the House of Representatives on Tuesday by Republican congressmen Mario Díaz-Balart and María Elvira Salazar. At a press conference on Monday, Díaz-Balart said the initiative would help reactivate the Family Reunification Program and remove its Cuban beneficiaries from the limbo they find themselves in after the partial closure of the U.S. Embassy on the island.” [CE Latin America Migration English, 4/19/21]

Salazar claimed Cuba was using immigration to create “chaos” at the U.S. southern border.

2021: Salazar Said That Cuba Was Using Immigration To Create “Chaos” At The US Southern Border By Nicaragua Providing Low-Cost Visas. “On the Radio Mambí program, Congresswoman María Elvira Salazar pointed out that Daniel Ortega wants to create chaos on the U.S. border "This is a new initiative that shows that Daniel, very intelligently, is telling Cuba, 'we are going to create chaos on the border, and I am going to give you the step to do it'," [CE Latin America Migration English, 11/24/21]

- **2021: Sen Rubio Backed Up Salazar’s Claims About Cuban Migration Through Central America.** “Senator Marco Rubio described as a "hostile act" the Cuban regime's strategy of using mass migration as a "weapon" against the U.S. government, such a maneuver is apparently being encouraged by the dictatorship of Daniel Ortega in Nicaragua that approved the visa-free for all Cubans. "This summer I expressed my concern and warned that the Cuban regime would use mass migration as a weapon following the historic July 11 protests. The Ortega-Murillo regime is helping the Cuban dictatorship by eliminating visa requirements to instigate mass migration to our southern border. The Biden administration must respond quickly and take this for what it is: a hostile act,"Rubio told Univision.” [CE Latin America Migration English, 11/24/21]

State Sponsor Of Terrorism

In January 2021, Salazar introduced a bill to prevent Cuba from being removed from the list of state sponsors of terrorism until certain conditions were met.

January 2021: Salazar Introduced Legislation To Prohibit The Removal Of Cuba From The List Of State Sponsors Of Terrorism. In January 2021, Salazar sponsored H.R. 287, the Fighting Oppression until the Reign of Castro Ends Act (FORCE Act). The bill would “prohibits removing Cuba from the list of state sponsors of terrorism until the President makes the determination that a transition government in Cuba is in power.” The bill is cosponsored by 21 Republicans. The bill was referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, but as of August 8, 2022, the bill has not received any action. [H.R. 287, Cosponsors, accessed [8/08/22](#); Rep. Salazar, Press Release, [1/13/21](#)]

- **The Bill Would Prohibit The United States From Removing Cuba From The List Of State Sponsors Of Terror Until The Country Frees All Political Prisoners And Transitions Away From The Castro Regime.** “The State Department recently redesignated the Castro regime in Cuba as a State Sponsor of Terrorism for granting safe harbor to terrorist fugitives and engaging in international terrorism. To ensure compliance and stop Cuba from sponsoring terrorism, this

bill prevents the brutal Castro dictatorship from being removed from the State Sponsor of Terrorism List until they meet the requirements of Section 205 of the LIBERTAD Act (P.L. 104-114). Section 205 of the LIBERTAD Act requires Cuba to comply with the following conditions: Release all its political prisoners and allow for investigations of Cuban prisons by appropriate international human rights organizations; Transition away from the Castro regime to a system that guarantees the rights of the Cuban people to express themselves freely; Commit to holding free and fair elections. These are the very same requirements that must be met to lift the embargo and accompanying sanctions towards the regime. In other words, this bill forces the regime to comply with existing U.S. law.” [Rep. Salazar, Press Release, [1/13/21](#)]

- **Salazar’s First Bill As A Member Of Congress Was To Prevent The Biden Administration From Removing Cuba From The List Of Countries That Promote And Finance Terrorism.** “The newly elected congresswoman María Elvira Salazar, who occupies the 27th district seat in Miami, began her term with a bill co-sponsored by other Cuban-Americans that aims to prevent a new thaw between the Democratic administration and the Cuban regime. ‘Very proud of my first bill,’ Salazar said on social media, where she is followed by tens of thousands of people. The proposal seeks to prevent the Democratic administration from removing Cuba from the list of countries that promote and finance terrorism, from which it had been excluded by then President Barack Obama in 2015.” [El Nuevo Herald, 1/14/21] Translation
 - **Spanish Version:** “La recién electa congresista María Elvira Salazar, quien ocupa el escaño del distrito 27 en Miami inició su legislatura con un proyecto de ley copatrocinado por otros cubanoamericanos que pretende impedir un nuevo deshielo de la administración demócrata con el régimen cubano. ‘Muy orgullosa de mi primer proyecto de ley,’ dijo Salazar en las redes sociales, donde es seguida por decenas de miles de personas. La propuesta busca impedir que la administración demócrata retire a Cuba de la lista de países que promueven y financian el terrorismo, de donde había sido excluida por el entonces presidente Barack Obama en 2015.”

Trump Policy

2018: Salazar praised Trump's Cuba policy but urged him to “do more.”

Salazar Praised Trump’s Cuba Policy But Said He Should Do More To “Fulfill What He’s Promised.”

“During her videotaped interview with the Miami Herald's Editorial Board, in which members of the newsroom like me participated, I asked Republican congressional candidate Maria Elvira Salazar about her position on President Donald Trump's Cuba policy. Salazar said she liked that Trump ‘has changed the rules of the game’ and now when people like Madonna want to go to Cuba to celebrate their birthdays, they have to stay in a Cuban home instead of a hotel owned by the Cuban military and buy cigars not from government stores but from the people. Trump should ‘do even more,’ she said, ‘and fulfill what he's promised.’” [Miami Herald, Fabiola Santiago Column, [10/17/18](#)]

Cuba Broadcasting

[Salazar blasted proposed cuts to the Office of Cuba Broadcasting.](#)

2022: Salazar Blasted Proposed Cuts To The Office Of Cuba Broadcasting. “Representatives Mario Diaz-Balart (FL-25), Maria Elvira Salazar (FL-27), and Carlos A. Gimenez (FL-26) issued the following statement regarding announced plans by the U.S. Agency for Global Media's (USAGM) and the United States Office of Personnel Management (OPM) to further cut funding for the Office of Cuba Broadcasting. "We are outraged that the Biden Administration is working to impose further cuts to the Office of Cuba Broadcasting at a time when the Cuban people are struggling for freedom, and political prisoners languish in prison. In fact, while the Biden Administration and Democratic Majority continue pressing for unprecedented and irresponsible increases in government spending nearly across-the-board, they are also recommending draconian layoffs and cuts for an already diminished broadcasting agency that supports the Cuban people in their right to independent, outside information. "These egregiously misplaced priorities are appalling. The Biden Administration and Democratic Majority should be finding more ways and greater resources to support the Cuban people in their democratic aspirations, rather than seeking ways to crush an effective and pro-freedom agency tasked with providing reliable information to the Cuban people. The Biden Administration and Democratic Majority are so blinded by their far-left, progressive ideology that they cannot bring themselves to support the basic rights of the Cuban people. Instead, they repeatedly choose to align themselves with the Cuban people's Communist oppressors." [State News Services, 1/05/22]

Internet Issue

[Salazar supported efforts to try and have internet provided to Cubans.](#)

July 2021: Salazar Called For The Biden Administration To Provide Internet To Cuba. “Florida Congressman Mario Diaz Balart joins protesters near the White House in Washington DC, on July 26, 2021. As the crowd spontaneously chanted ‘intervention,’ none of the speakers onstage, which included Republican Representatives María Elvira Salazar, Carlos Giménez, Dan Crenshaw, Nicole Malliotakis, Michael McCaul, Michael Waltz, and Victoria Spartz, explicitly called for the US military involve. Instead, the group put forth a unified message urging Biden to do everything in his power to provide Internet to Cuba and speak out louder against the regime in Havana. ‘We are respectfully sending a message to President Biden, please stand with the Cubans, we need your leadership, we need your guidance, we need the White House,’ Salazar said. ‘The White House can do two things, bring the international community together and turn on Wi-Fi.’ No Democratic elected officials showed up for Monday's protest.” [El Nuevo Herald, 7/26/21] Translation

- **Spanish Version:** “Congresista de Florida Mario Díaz Balart se une a los manifestantes cerca de la Casa Blanca en Washington DC, el 26 de julio de 2021 Mientras la multitud coreaba espontáneamente ‘intervención,’ ninguno de los oradores en el escenario, que incluía a los representantes republicanos María Elvira Salazar, Carlos Giménez, Dan Crenshaw, Nicole Malliotakis, Michael McCaul, Michael Waltz y Victoria Spartz, pidió explícitamente al ejército estadounidense involucrarse. En cambio, el grupo presentó un mensaje unificado de instar a Biden a hacer todo lo que esté en su poder para proporcionar Internet a Cuba y hablar con más fuerza contra el régimen de La Habana. ‘Estamos enviando respetuosamente un mensaje al presidente Biden, por favor esté con los cubanos, necesitamos su liderazgo, necesitamos su guía,

necesitamos la Casa Blanca,' dijo Salazar. 'La Casa Blanca puede hacer dos cosas, unir a la comunidad internacional y encender el wifi.' Ningún funcionario electo demócrata se presentó a la protesta del lunes."

2022: Salazar Asked Elon Musk To Provide Satellite Internet To Cuba As He Did For Ukraine. "U.S. Congresswoman Maria Elvira Salazar, of Cuban origin, asked businessman Elon Musk to do the same for Cuba as he has done to provide internet access to Ukraine through his Starlink network during the Russian invasion. Recently Musk, CEO of SpaceX, announced the shipment of 50 Starlink terminals to Ukraine, to help the country counteract the internet access difficulties created by Russia's interference during the invasion. "I thank Mr. Elon Musk and I would love for him to do the same for Cuba," Salazar said in an interview with Fox News Digital, which published it on its website." [CE Noticias Financieras English, 3/07/22]

2021: Salazar Spoke In Favor Of A Successful House Resolution Expressing US Support Of Cuban Citizens And Calling For The Biden Admin To Provide Internet Access To Citizens Amid Protests. "Yesterday, Representative Maria Elvira Salazar (R-FL) delivered remarks on the floor of the chamber urging her colleagues to support the Cuban people ahead of their November 15th protests. Her remarks came before a vote on House Resolution 760, "Expressing solidarity with Cuban citizens demonstrating peacefully for fundamental freedoms, condemning the Cuban regime's acts of repression, and calling for the release of arbitrarily detained Cuban citizens." The Resolution passed the House by a vote of 382--40. [...] Additionally, this resolution urges the Biden Administration to provide internet access to the Cuban people. On July 11th, the Cuban people broke out in mass protests against the regime." [Targeted News Service, 11/05/2021]

2021: Salazar Pushed For Legislation To Have The US Implement A Wireless Communications Strategy To Ensure Internet And Wireless Access In Areas Of The World Where There Are Blackouts, Disasters Or Authoritarian Governments, Including Providing Wireless Services To People In Cuba Who May Protest Their Authoritarian Government. "Congresswoman Maria Elvira Salazar (FL-27), Michael Waltz (FL-06), Claudia Tenney (NY-22), and a dozen Republican lawmakers introduced the American Freedom and Internet Access Act (HR 5123). This bill implements "Operation Starfall" - a strategic plan to provide access to wireless communications abroad and ensure we are ready when blackouts occur, disaster strikes, or when rogue regimes shut down internet access. This is critical to protecting the safety and wellbeing of American citizens at home and abroad[...]The Biden Administration refused to help the people of Cuba when they needed it the most, so Congress must act to ensure we have a clear strategy to deploy in a time of crisis" said Rep. Salazar. "We cannot stand by when tyrants shut off the lights and when American security is at risk. With Operation Starfall, we can improve homeland security and be ready to restore internet, freedom, and prosperity to those in need." [Office of Congresswoman Maria Salazar, [8/31/2021](#)]

- **2021: In Advance Of The Cuban Presidential Election, Salazar Warned Biden About The Cuban Government Potentially Cutting Off Internet Access During The Election.** "Today, Representative Maria Elvira Salazar (R-FL) sent a letter to President Biden warning him of the Cuban regime's planned violence during the November 15th protests, and asked the Administration to be prepared for the regime to cut internet from the island. The letter expresses the frustration of the Cuban-American community for the Administration's delay in providing the

Cuban people with internet after the regime shut it off on July 12th following historic anti-government protests on the island.” [Office of Congresswoman Maria Salazar, [11/10/2021](#)]

- **2021: Salazar ‘Begged’ The Biden Administration To Restore Internet On The Island In The Summer Of The 2021 Protests.** [SALAZAR] “Cuba is closer to Miami than Orlando is to Miami. And I was conducting a press conference yesterday with Governor DeSantis, the governor of the state of Florida demanding, asking, begging the Biden administration, the president, to do one thing right now -- just the most urgent thing to do is to restore Internet on the island. Why is that? Because the moments those Cubans know that there's Internet, that there's a balloon where they can be beaming the videos where they're being beaten and tortured and killed on the streets, the Cubans will go back to the streets and finally will say to the world that they want freedom. It's not that they want vaccine. It's not that they want to lift the embargo. They're not saying they want food. They want Libertad, means liberty. Sixty-two years, the most cruel revolution that the Americans have ever seen. It's time for that - for the United States to help us end it.” [Fox Business News with Maria Bartiromo, 7/16/2021]
- **2021: Salazar Called Biden “Weak” In Responding To The Cuban Crisis During The Summer Of The 2021 Protests.** [BARTIROMO]: “We'll get to that in a moment. How do you view Biden's work on this? [SALAZAR]: Very weak, very weak, because this is an audience of one. The Cubans are talking the Cubans on the street are talking to an audience of one, the president of the United States -- has nothing to do with political parties, Democrats, Republicans. Hey, I'm a Republican, and I am more than willing to join the Democrats to liberate the Cubans, because it has nothing to do that's has to do with political parties. It has to do with being American. We're American defending the Cubans.” [Fox Business News with Maria Bartiromo, 7/16/2021]

2021: Salazar Said Internet Access Opening Up At The US Embassy In Havana Would Expose What The Cuban Government Is Doing To Its People. [SALAZAR]: “And we want to see what they're doing. That's why I'm saying we need Internet, because the moment we have Internet, we will see what the repressive apparatus is doing against the Cubans. They're being killed. They're being -- their heads are being cracked open. They're being put in jail. They're being shot at. But no one is seeing it. And we, the United States, we have the capability in the United States Embassy, in the heart of Havana, just to open up the Internet, so then they can get close to the embassy and upload whatever thing they want to.” [Fox News with Niel Cavuto, 7/16/21]

2021: Salazar Joined DeSantis And Others In Calling For The US To Deploy “High-Altitude Stratospheric Balloons” To Create Internet Access For Cubans. “Florida Republican leaders are urging the Biden administration to greenlight efforts to help provide consistent internet access to Cubans amid unprecedented protests against the communist regime. On Thursday afternoon, Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis, U.S. Reps. Maria Elvira Salazar and Carlos Gimenez, and Federal Communications Commission Commissioner Brendan Carr, called on the president to approve the deployment of "high-altitude stratospheric balloons" to create aerial wireless networks that Cubans can connect to.” [Tampa Bay Times, 7/15/21]

Sanctions

Salazar has been supportive of sanctions on foreign persons who do business with Cuba.

2021: Salazar Cosponsored Legislation To Impose Sanctions On Foreign Persons Who Do Certain Transactions With Cuba. Rep. Byron Donalds, R-Fla., has introduced the Denying Earnings to the Military Oligarchy in Cuba and Restricting Activities of the Cuban Intelligence Apparatus Act (H.R. 5557) to "impose sanctions with respect to foreign persons that engage in certain transactions relating to Cuba and to impose sanctions with respect to human rights abuse and corruption in Cuba." The bill was introduced on Oct. 12 and has six co-sponsors. Co-sponsors include Reps. Mario Diaz-Balart, R-Fla., Carlos A. Gimenez, R-Fla., Alex X. Mooney, R-W.Va., Maria Elvira Salazar, R-Fla., Brian Babin, R-Texas, and Nicole Malliotakis, R-N.Y. [Targeted News Service, 10/16/21]

- **2021: Salazar: "This Critical Legislation Ensures That Any Foreign Company Choosing To Do Business With The Castro Regime Will Be Blocked From American Money And Markets."** Representative Maria Elvira Salazar said, "I represent Florida's 27th district - home to the largest Cuban exile community in the United States. As the daughter of Cuban exiles myself, I am committed to fighting against the murderous regime that forced so many of us to flee. This critical legislation ensures that any foreign company choosing to do business with the Castro regime will be blocked from American money and markets. We will not stand idly by as foreign businesses supply oxygen to a brutal dictatorship for their own financial gain. The United States must not and will not do business with dictators or their cronies." [Congressional Documents and Publications, 10/12/21]

Cuban Presidential Election

Salazar called the Cuban presidential elections "phony."

2021: Salazar Called The 2021 Presidential Election In Cuba A "Phony, Pathetic" Election. "Today, the brutal Castro regime pretends to fool the international community with the appearance of change on the island of Cuba -- but it's nothing more than a complete and total farce." said Congresswoman Salazar. "This is a phony, pathetic transfer of power to the very same murderous and corrupt monsters who have destroyed the island for the past 62 years. Titles may change but the oppression remains and increases every day as more and more Cubans on the island speak out and risk their lives for freedom, democracy, and Human Rights." [Office of Congresswoman Maria Salazar, [4/16/21](#)]

Republican Cuban Policy Committee

In July 2021, Salazar was named by Rep. McCarthy to a special Cuban policy committee.

July 2021: Salazar Was Named By McCarthy To A Special Cuban Policy Committee. "House Republican Leader Kevin McCarthy announced the launch of the Leader's Advisory Team on Cuba. The group will advise House Republicans on the ongoing freedom protests and government atrocities in Cuba, develop policies to ensure the United States stands in solidarity with the Cuban freedom movement, and educate the American people on the tyranny of the communist regime in Havana. [...] The following individuals will serve on the team: * Rep. Mario Diaz-Balart (FL-25) * Rep. Carlos Gimenez (FL-26) * Rep. Maria Salazar (FL-27)..." [Targeted News Service, 7/16/21]

2021 Protests

Salazar was very vocal and active surrounding the 2021 Cuban protests.

2022: Salazar Joined Other GOP Lawmakers To Sponsor A Resolution In Honor Of The One-Year Anniversary Of The Cuban Protests. “On July 11, 2021, thousands of Cubans took to the streets in a historic and organic protest against decades of oppression, censorship, and human rights violations at the hands of the communist regime. U.S. Senators Marco Rubio (R-FL) and Rick Scott (R-FL) introduced a resolution marking one year since the 11J pro-democracy demonstrations in Cuba and condemning the Castro/Diaz-Canel regime's horrific attempts to silence Cubans as they demand freedom on the island. [...] Senators Ted Cruz (R-TX) and Mike Braun (R-IN) are also cosponsors. A companion resolution was introduced by U.S. Representatives Mario Diaz-Balart (R-FL), Maria Elvira Salazar (R-FL), Carlos Gimenez (R-FL), Rick Crawford (R-AR), and Michael McCaul (R-TX) in the U.S. House of Representatives.” [Congressional Documents and Publications, 8/01/22]

2022: Salazar Helped Introduce A Resolution To Demand The Release Of Jose Freer And July 2021 Cuban Protesters. “Yesterday, Congresswoman Maria Elvira Salazar (FL-27) joined Representative Mario Diaz-Balart (FL-25) and Senator Rick Scott (R-FL) in commending Jose Daniel Ferrer and the brave anti-regime Cuban activists by introducing resolutions in their respective chambers. Both resolutions, H.Res 867 and S.Res 489, demand the immediate release of Jose Daniel Ferrer and the numerous other July 11th protestors.” [Targeted News Service, 1/14/22]

- **2022: Salazar Said “No Cuban Should Be Imprisoned For Peacefully Protesting.”** “As a defender of human rights and democracy in Cuba, Jose Daniel Ferrer stood up to the regime directly for years, suffering torture and imprisonment on multiple occasions. But Ferrer has never given up on his principles, and together with his organization -- the UNPACU -- he has led the fight for freedom in Cuba,” said Congresswoman Salazar. “Neither Jose Daniel nor any Cuban should be imprisoned and tortured for peacefully protesting for their God-given rights. The United States will always stand with the brave men and women who stand up against the regime!” [Targeted News Service, 1/14/22]

2021: U.S. Secretary Of Homeland Security Alejandro Mayorkas Visited Miami To Meet With The Cuban Community Regarding How The US Can Assist With The Cuban Crisis. Salazar Was Not Invited To The Meeting. “U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security Alejandro Mayorkas met in Miami with members of the Cuban-American and Haitian-American communities, two of the most prominent communities in the City of the Sun, to hear firsthand what they expect the United States to do in the midst of the crisis facing both countries. [...] Cuban-American congressmen Mario Diaz Balart and Maria Elvira Salazar, who represent the areas with the highest concentration of Cuban-Americans in the area, were not invited to the meeting.” [CE Noticias Financieras English, 8/20/21]

2021: Salazar Joined Other Members Of Congress In Demonstrations In DC To Show Solidarity With The People Of Cuba In July 2021. “House Foreign Affairs Committee Lead Republican Michael McCaul (R-TX), Reps. Maria Elvira Salazar (R-FL), Nicole Malliotakis (R-NY), and their colleagues joined members

of the Cuban exile community at Lafayette Square to show their support for the people of Cuba as they mark another anniversary of the sadistic communist revolution.” [Targeted News Service, 7/27/22]

2021: Salazar Signed A Letter To World Leaders Urging Them To Stand With The People Of Cuba.

“Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart joined Senator Rick Scott, House Republican Leader Kevin McCarthy, and members of the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate in a letter to leaders of the member nations of the Organization of American States and the European Union, as well as to other democratic nations and Secretary of State Antony Blinken, urging them to stand up and support the Cuban people in their fight for freedom. The letter, signed by 143 members of Congress including Senator Marco Rubio, Senate Minority Whip John Thune, House Minority Whip Steve Scalise, Representative Carlos Gimenez, and Representative Maria Elvira Salazar, highlights four actions the democratically-elected leaders of the world's free countries must take in support of the Cuban people and their democratic aspirations. These actions include denouncing the illegitimate regime and holding it accountable for its horrific human rights abuses through an International Criminal Tribunal; ending all financial support to the regime; coordinating democratic assistance for the brave Cuban freedom advocates; and restoring telecommunications and internet access on the island.” [Congressional Documents and Publications, 7/21/21]

2021: Salazar Signed A Letter By Rubio To The Executive Secretary Of The Inter-American Commission On Human Rights Askig For An Investiation Into Cuban Human Rights.

“U.S. Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL) led a bipartisan and bicameral letter to the Executive Secretary of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, Tania Reneaum Panszi, urging her "to direct the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights to initiate an immediate investigation into the regime's violations of the human rights of the Cuban people." Since the historic and organic protests in Cuba, Senator Rubio has been steadfast in condemning the Diaz-Canel Castro regime's assault on the Cuban people. The Diaz-Canel Castro regime has since detained and disappeared hundreds, if not thousands, of Cubans for participating in these peaceful protests. Rubio has written two letters to President Joe Biden, outlining the steps his administration should take in support of the courageous freedom fighters in Cuba. In their letter, the legislators highlighted that "the only way to break down the culture of impunity within the regime is to investigate and publicize its crimes against the people of Cuba". [Targeted News Service, 7/20/21]

2021: Salazar Signed Onto A Resolution Amid The 2021 Cuban Protests Calling For International Solidarity With The Cuban People.

“Today, Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart introduced a resolution calling for international solidarity with the Cuban people in their demands for freedom and condemning the brutal oppression of the Communist dictatorship in Cuba. [...] The original cosponsors include: ...Maria Elvira Salazar (FL-27)...” [Office of Congressman Diaz-Balart, [7/13/21](#)]

Mexico

In 2022, Salazar said, “Mexico is violating the USCMA by participating in the modern enslavement of more than 600 Cuban doctors.”

[VIDEO] July 2022: Salazar: “Mexico Is Violating The USCMA By Participating In The Modern Enslavement Of More Than 600 Cuban Doctors.” In July 2022, Salazar shared a video to Twitter in

which she accused Mexico and President AMLO of the following in Spanish: “The body to which I belong, Congress, gave the OK to this treaty [USCMA], and I will ensure that the USDOL and the USDOC understand that Mexico is violating it by participating in modern slavery.” [Twitter, Maria Elvira Salazar, [07/28/22](#), 1:05/1:54]

- **Spanish version:** “El cuerpo al que yo pertenezco, el Congreso federal norteamericano, fue el que le dio el OK a este tratado, Yo me voy a encargar que el Departamento de Labor y el que el Departamento de Comercio de los Estados Unidos entienda que México está violando porque esta creando y participando en esclavitud moderna de mas de 600 medicos Cubanos.”

[Salazar criticized the administration of Mexican President Andrés Manuel López Obrador for welcoming the presidents of Venezuela and Cuba to Mexico City.](#)

2021: Salazar Criticized The Administration Of Mexican President Andrés Manuel López Obrador For Welcoming The Presidents Of Venezuela And Cuba To Mexico City. “U.S. Republican congressmen criticized the government of Andrés Manuel López Obrador for welcoming the presidents of Venezuela and Cuba to Mexico City, holding them responsible for human rights violations. In the framework of the summit of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (Celac), the federal government welcomed Nicolas Maduro of Venezuela and Miguel Diaz-Canel of Cuba in recent days. Meanwhile, Florida Republican Congresswoman Maria Elvira Salazar rebuked Lopez Obrador for inviting Diaz-Canel, who in addition to participating in the summit, also served as a speaker at the Independence Day ceremony on Sept. 16. “Poor our Mexican brothers, poor my Mexican brothers who have a president of such little stature, not only intellectually, but also morally, to invite and give all this reverence to a guy who the only thing he does is keep the people (Cuban) escavado,” he said through a video.” [CE Noticias Financieras English, 9/20/21]

Juanes Concert In Cuba

[In 2009, Salazar said “lots of exiles were crying inside” because of the Juanes’ concert in Cuba.](#)

2009: Salazar On Juanes Cuba Concert: “Lots Of Exiles Are Crying Inside. I Think [The Concert] Got Us Closer -- The Cubans In Miami And The Cubans On The Island.” “Cuban-American support of Juanes’ Cuba concert has almost doubled in the aftermath of the Sept. 20 event, according to a poll released Wednesday at the Americas Conference by Sergio Bendixen and Associates. [...] Talk-show host Maria Elvira Salazar, who made the concert a regular subject on her popular Mega TV show, Maria Elvira Live, said the poll confirmed a shift she had seen in reactions during the concert, and in e-mails she has received since. Remarks by performers Olga Tañon, Miguel Bosé and Juanes about freedom and unifying Cubans had a powerful effect, Salazar said. ‘This was different than we had expected,’ Salazar said Wednesday. ‘Lots of exiles are crying inside. I think [the concert] got us closer -- the Cubans in Miami and the Cubans on the island.’” [Miami Herald, 10/1/09]

Otaola

[Salazar has repeatedly praised Otaola and considered him a “friend.”](#)

November 2020: Salazar: “Otaola Supports The Cause Of Freedom” And That “Otaola Is Our Friend And We Are With Him.” “María Elvira Salazar, the former journalist who recently won the federal race for District 27 in Florida, said in a Facebook post around 3 p.m. that he spoke with the mayor of Miami, Francis Suárez, and that they would release Otaola. ‘Otaola supports the cause of freedom!’ the Republican wrote. ‘It has been a bad time that is about to end. Otaola is our friend and we are with him!’” [El Nuevo Herald, 11/28/20]

- **Spanish Version:** “María Elvira Salazar, la ex periodista que recientemente ganó la contienda federal por el Distrito 27 en Florida, dijo en una publicación de Facebook alrededor de las 3 p.m. que habló con el alcalde de Miami, Francis Suárez, y que liberarían a Otaola. ‘Otaola apoya la causa de la libertad!’ escribió la republicana. ‘Ha sido un mal momento que está a punto de terminar. Otaola es nuestro amigo y estamos con él!’”

2021: Salazar Said Otaola Was “The One” Who Is “Changing The Newly Arrived Cubans From Democrats To Republicans.” “These campaigns knew what they were doing. Nearly every recent Cuban immigrant I talked with in Miami had heard of Otaola. One woman told me she watched his show every day-nearly 15 hours a week. Like Otaola, she'd come here in 2003 and voted for Clinton. Otaola turned her into a Trump supporter. ‘Oh my god, he's the one changing the newly arrived Cubans from Democrats to Republicans,’ Maria Elvira Salazar, who would go on to defeat Democratic Rep. Donna Shalala in November, told me outside her Little Havana campaign office. ‘He is the one.’” [Mother Jones, January 2021]

Target

In 2021, Salazar claimed her office was a target and could be attacked by Castro's regime.

2021: Salazar Claimed Her Office Was A Target And Could Be Attacked By Castro's Regime. “Miami Congresswoman María Elvira Salazar urged the government to provide more information about the attacks and said she was concerned about the staff of her office in Miami and the community, who she said could be targeted. ‘Castro's murderous regime is cynical and evil. My Miami office is a target and could be attacked because we have exposed these tyrants and their minions. I am deeply concerned for the safety of my team and the safety of our Cuban exile community.’ said the legislator. ‘Americans are at risk of being attacked and Congress is being deprived of this information. Americans need to stay safe and we need this information ASAP!’ she added.” [El Nuevo Herald, 5/13/21] Translation

- **Spanish Version:** “La congresista de Miami, María Elvira Salazar, urgió al gobierno a brindar más información sobre los ataques y dijo sentirse preocupada por el personal de su oficina en Miami y la comunidad, que según ella podrían ser blanco de ataques. ‘El régimen asesino de Castro es cínico y malvado. Mi oficina de Miami es un objetivo y podría ser atacada porque hemos denunciado a estos tiranos y sus secuaces. Estoy profundamente preocupada por la seguridad de mi equipo y la seguridad de nuestra comunidad de exiliados cubanos,’ dijo la legisladora. ‘Los estadounidenses están en riesgo de ser atacados y el Congreso está siendo privado de esta información ¡Los estadounidenses deben mantenerse seguros y necesitamos esta información lo antes posible!,’ añadió.”

Daylight Savings Time

Congressional Record

[Salazar cosponsored legislation to make daylight savings time permanent.](#)

2021: Salazar Cosponsored Legislation To Make Daylight Savings Time Permanent. “Sen. Marco Rubio filed the Sunshine Protection Act in March that would make daylight saving time permanent across the country. States and U.S. territories that don't currently observe DST, such as Hawaii and parts of Arizona, could stay in standard time. Rubio's bill has 14 co-sponsors from both parties, including Florida's other senator, Rick Scott. The U.S. House version has 29 co-sponsors, including U.S. Rep. Maria Elvira Salazar of Miami.” [TimesDaily, 11/12/21]

Disinformation

Disinformation Governance Board

[Salazar cosponsored legislation to terminate DHS' disinformation governance board.](#)

May 2022: Salazar Co-Sponsored H.R. 7641, To Terminate The Disinformation Governance Board Of The Department Of Homeland Security And To Prohibit The Use Of Federal Funds To Establish Any Other Similar Board. The bill was introduced by Lauren Boebert and co-sponsored by 75 other Republicans, including Thomas Massie, Steve Scalise, Jim Banks, Madison Cawthorne, Matt Gaetz, Paul Gosar, Elise Stefanik, Louie Gohmert, and Jim Jordan. [H.R. 7641, Co-Sponsors, accessed [8/25/22](#)]

- **May 2022: Salazar Called For Terminating The DHS' Disinformation Governance Board, Saying, “The Federal Government Should Never Be Allowed To Determine What Is And Is Not True.”** “Today, Rep. Lauren Boebert led 61 of her colleagues in introducing the Protecting Free Speech Act to terminate the Department of Homeland Security's Disinformation Governance Board, also known as the "Ministry of Truth", and prohibit any federal funds from being used to establish or carry out the activities of any other entity that is substantially similar. [...] U.S. Congresswoman Maria Elvira Salazar (FL-27) stated, 'I represent Miami, home to one of the largest exile communities in the country. Many of my constituents Cubans, Nicaraguans, Venezuelans, etc. fled abusive governments that censor and silence the speech of those who dare to speak their mind. This move by the Biden Administration is straight out of the tyrant's playbook. Let me be clear: the federal government should never be allowed to determine what is and is not true.’” [Targeted News Service, 5/03/22]

[VIDEO] May 2022: Salazar: “The Biden Administration Has Created A Ministry Of Truth.” In a video posted to her Twitter account, Salazar accused the Biden Administration of creating a Ministry of Truth, stating in Spanish “Truly, the people in the Biden Administration are crazy, they have created a Ministry of Truth where the federal government will determine whether what the media or people online and social media say is correct or incorrect, like the Ideological Department of the Cuban Communist Party.”

[Twitter, Maria Elvira Salazar, [05/09/22](#), 0:00/2:07]

- **Spanish Version:** “Es que verdaderamente la gente en la administración del Presidente Biden está loca, han creado un ministerio de la verdad donde el gobierno federal, el gobierno federal, va a determinar si lo que los medios o la gente en el internet y las redes sociales dicen es correcto o incorrecto, como el Departamento Ideológico del Partido Comunista en Cuba.”

Domestic Violence

Violence Against Women Act

March 2021: Salazar did not vote on reauthorizing the Violence Against Women Act for five years, which would expand protections for survivors of domestic abuse and stalking.

Salazar Did Not Vote On Reauthorizing The Violence Against Women Act For Five Years. In March 2021, Salazar did not vote on: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would reauthorize programs enacted under the Violence Against Women Act through fiscal 2026. It would also expand a number of these programs and other programs and policies aimed at addressing and assisting victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual violence, stalking and sex trafficking.” The bill passed 244 to 172. [HR 1620, [Vote #86](#), 3/17/21; CQ, [3/17/21](#)]

The original Violence Against Women Act helped decrease the rate of intimate partner violence and improved care for sexual assault victims.

In The 15 Years After VAWA Passed, The Rate Of Serious Intimate Partner Violence Nationally Declined 72 Percent. “Between 1994 and 2011, the rate of serious intimate partner violence against women declined 72 percent, from 5.9 to 1.6 victimizations per 1,000 women. The annual rate of rape and sexual assault perpetrated against girls and women older than age 11 declined nearly 60 percent from 1995 to 2010. While these declines are likely the product of multiple causes, evidence tells us that declines in rape and sexual assault are linked to VAWA. A study examining rape and aggravated assault data from over 10,000 jurisdictions over a seven-year period found that VAWA funding, specifically those funds most likely to support local law enforcement, was associated with reductions in these violent crimes, even after controlling for general decreasing crime rates and other justice-related funding.” [Urban Institute, [2/9/17](#)]

VAWA Funding Prevented Sexual Assault Victims From Having To Pay For Their Forensic Exams. “If a person seeks medical attention within four days of an assault, they may also undergo a sexual assault medical forensic exam (SAMFE). This exam collects and preserves important evidence—like DNA—that could identify a suspect and provide invaluable corroborating evidence to support the victim’s account of the crime. Before VAWA, victims could be billed by the health care provider that conducted their exam. No victim of any other crime is expected to pay for the collection and preservation of evidence. VAWA has supported programs in every state to end this practice. Our research shows that these programs have nearly reversed the billing of victims for collecting forensic evidence from their own bodies.” [Urban Institute, [2/9/17](#)]

VAWA Funding Helped Train Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners, Who Improve Both Quality Of Health Care For Survivors And The Chance Of A Successful Conviction. “Sexual assault nurse examiners (SANEs) are specially trained medical personnel who conduct the SAMFE, providing care and treatment for victims of sexual assault and rigorously collecting evidence for use during investigation and prosecution. VAWA resources support many state and local SANE programs. Exams conducted by SANEs are associated with increases in successful prosecution, even when compared with exams conducted by traditional emergency room personnel. The SANE training equips providers with the skills to create a more thorough record of all medical forensic evidence and to preserve crucial, fragile DNA evidence. Studies show that SANE programs improve the quality of health care delivered to survivors, the quality of forensic evidence, and the chances of obtaining a conviction. Eliminating VAWA would almost certainly reduce the number of SANEs available to treat sexual assault survivors, limiting important victim services and the availability of quality evidence to convict those who commit these crimes.” [Urban Institute, [2/9/17](#)]

Education

Classroom Teaching

After Salazar praised DeSantis for signing legislation in Florida to teach students about the “evils of communism,” Salazar introduced federal legislation to produce anti-communist education programs for high school students, and cosponsored legislation introduced by Rep. Cawthorn to educate the public on “traditional American history.” The Cawthorn legislation prohibited grant funds to be used to teach the 1619 Project or Critical Race Theory. Salazar also signed a letter that called “curricula like critical race theory” “harmful.”

July 2021: Salazar Praised Legislation Signed By DeSantis To Teach Students The Evils Of Communism. “Back in July of last year, Florida Governor Ron DeSantis signed HB 5, SB 1108 and HB 233, which is designed to teach in schools about the evils of communism and totalitarian ideologies. It also pushes for civics instruction and education in public schools, from kindergarten through higher education. Florida Congresswoman María Elvira Salazar celebrated Governor Ron DeSantis' decision and assured that the evils of communism cannot be whitewashed in schools. Salazar affirmed that half of American teenagers believe that communism and socialism are good and most of them cannot differentiate between the Communist Manifesto and the Declaration of Independence.” [CE Noticias Financieras English, 5/10/22]

December 2021: Salazar Introduced Legislation To Produce Anti-Communist Education Programs For High School Students. In December 2021, Salazar sponsored H.R. 6123, the Crucial Communism Teaching Act. The bill would “direct the Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation to develop a civic education curriculum and oral history resources for high school students to promote understanding of certain political ideologies (e.g., communism and totalitarianism) that conflict with principles of U.S. democracy.” The bill is cosponsored by 68 Republicans. The bill was referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor, but as of August 8, 2022, the bill has not received any action. [H.R. 6123, Co-

Sponsors, accessed [8/08/22](#); Rep. Salazar, Press Release, [12/02/21](#)]

- **The Act Is Inspired By The Never Again Education Act, Which Created An Analogous Program To Educate American Students About The Holocaust Through The U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum.** “The CCT Act would make educational materials available through the Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation to help educate high school students about the dangers of communism and totalitarianism, and how they are contrary to the founding principles of freedom and democracy in the United States. The CCT Act framework is inspired by the Never Again Education Act, passed by the 116th Congress, which created an analogous program to educate American students about the Holocaust through the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum. The bill also continues similar efforts by Florida Governor Ron DeSantis to educate American students on the failed experiment of communism throughout history.” [Rep. Salazar, Press Release, [12/02/21](#)]

2021: Salazar Cosponsored Legislation Introduced By Rep. Madison Cawthorn To Reform The Higher Education Act And Educate The Public On “Traditional American History.” U.S.

Representative Madison Cawthorn, joined by U.S. Representatives Tracey Mann, Burgess Owens and Maria Salazar introduced the Informed Electorate Act yesterday, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act by reforming the American History for Freedom program. This program is meant to educate the public on the civic and electoral process. These centers strengthen academic programs, but are also designed to inform and defend western civilization, civics, and traditional American history to the American public. [Madison Crathorn Office, [6/17/21](#)]

- **2021: Salazar Said In The Press Release About The Bill We Must Continue Sharing The Story Of America.** Representative Maria Elvira Salazar stated: "The founding principles of our nation built an enduring democracy that has provided a safe haven for those fleeing persecution and violence from around the world, including my own family exiled from Cuba. We must continue sharing the story of America so that future generations can continue taking advantage of all the opportunities afforded by our truly exceptional nation." [Madison Crathorn Office, [6/17/21](#)]
- **The Legislation Prohibited Grant Funds To Be Used To Teach The 1619 Project Or Critical Race Theory.** “Rep. Madison Cawthorn, R-N.C., has introduced legislation (H.R. 3928) to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 ‘to reform the American History for Freedom program.’ The bill was introduced on June 16 and was co-sponsored by Reps. Tracey Mann, R-Kan., Burgess Owens, R-Utah, and Maria Elvira Salazar, R-Fla. It was referred to the House Education and Labor Committee.” The bill allows eligible institutions of higher education to use grant funds to establish academic centers or programs that promote the importance of civic engagement and the First Amendment to the Constitution. The bill prohibits the use of grant funds to promote, endorse, teach, or distribute material related to (1) the 1619 Project, which is an initiative that addresses the beginning of slavery in the United States; or (2) critical race theory. [Rep. Madison Cawthorn, Press Release, 6/18/21; H.R. 3928, Summary, accessed [8/21/22](#)]

2021: Salazar Said “If We Are Teaching In American Schools The Atrocity Supposedly Of The American Agenda, How Bad We Behaved As A Country During Slavery...Then We Also Have To Teach Our High School Kids What The -- The Beauties Of The System.” “SALAZAR: ...if we are

teaching in American schools the atrocity supposedly of the American agenda, how bad we behaved as a country during slavery, to the Japanese during World War II, to the Native Americans. Then we also have to teach our high school kids what the -- the beauties of the system. We have to teach our kids what happened in the soviet gulags, what happened in the China of Mao, what happened in the Cuba of Castro.” [Fox Business Mornings with Maria Bartiromo, 12/09/21]

2021: Salazar Signed A Letter To AG Garland About Alleged Federal Agents Being Used To “Intimidate And Silence Parents.” “Today, Senators Rick Scott and Marco Rubio, joined by Representatives, and fellow members of the Florida Delegation, Kat Cammack, Michael Waltz, Carlos Gimenez, Bill Posey, Neal Dunn, Brian Mast, María Elvira Salazar, Gus Bilirakis and John Rutherford sent a letter to Attorney General Merrick Garland. In the letter, Senator Scott and his colleagues condemn the Department of Justice ’s (DOJ) recent directive to deploy federal law enforcement resources in a thinly veiled effort to intimidate and silence parents. Across the nation, parents have rightfully exercised their constitutionally protected free speech to protect their children from harmful curricula like critical race theory being implemented by radical school board members and school administrators. In the letter, the members call for the DOJ to immediately explain its clear misuse and weaponization of federal agents and resources to intervene in matters best handled by local law enforcement.” [Impact News Service, 10/16/21]

- **2021: The Letter Also Called “Curricula Like Critical Race Theory” “Harmful.”** “Today, Senators Rick Scott and Marco Rubio, joined by Representatives, and fellow members of the Florida Delegation, Kat Cammack, Michael Waltz, Carlos Gimenez, Bill Posey, Neal Dunn, Brian Mast, María Elvira Salazar, Gus Bilirakis and John Rutherford sent a letter to Attorney General Merrick Garland. In the letter, Senator Scott and his colleagues condemn the Department of Justice ’s (DOJ) recent directive to deploy federal law enforcement resources in a thinly veiled effort to intimidate and silence parents. Across the nation, parents have rightfully exercised their constitutionally protected free speech to protect their children from harmful curricula like critical race theory being implemented by radical school board members and school administrators. In the letter, the members call for the DOJ to immediately explain its clear misuse and weaponization of federal agents and resources to intervene in matters best handled by local law enforcement.” [Impact News Service, 10/16/21]

Education Freedom Scholarships

Salazar is attacking public schools. In 2022, Salazar cosponsored legislation that attacked public schools by providing a 100-percent income tax credit for individuals and businesses that contribute to scholarship funds for private K-12 schools.

January 2022: Salazar Co-Sponsored H.R. 889, The Education Freedom Scholarships And Opportunity Act. The bill would provide a tax-credit for individual donations to scholarship-granting organizations. The bill was introduced by Burgess Owens and co-sponsored by 50 other Republicans, including Matt Gaetz, Jim Jordan, Ronny Jackson, and Dan Crenshaw. [H.R. 3835, Co-Sponsors, accessed [8/25/22](#)]

- **The Bill Would Institute A 100% Tax Credit For Donations To Scholastic Scholarship Organizations. In Effect, This Credit Would Allow Taxpayers To Direct Federal Funds To The Private Or Religious Schools They Prefer.** “Even if taxpayers are not contributing to their own child’s K-12 schooling, the bill would create an extraordinarily generous subsidy for individuals or businesses that donate to private schools, including religious schools. In effect, this credit allows taxpayers to direct federal funds to the private or religious schools they prefer. The bill would even allow credits for home schooling, as long as the funds were funneled through an authorized “scholarship-granting organization.” Imagine, you could claim a 100-percent tax credit to pay yourself to home school your child.” [Tax Policy Center, [2/11/20](#)]
- **The Bill Was First Proposed By Trump And Was “Dreamed Up” By Betsy DeVos.** “I often see tax proposals that are well-intentioned but poorly designed. I sometimes see ideas that are well designed but wrong-headed. Then, there is President Trump’s plan to provide a 100-percent federal income tax credit for individuals and businesses that contribute to scholarship funds for private K-12 schools. It hits the daily double: It is bad policy paired with horrific design. Sort of the tax policy version of cheap red wine mixed with Dr. Pepper. Yet the idea is one of the few new tax initiatives in the budget Trump proposed yesterday. It seems to have first been dreamed up by Education Secretary Betsy DeVos and then turned into legislation by Sen. Ted Cruz (R-TX).” [Tax Policy Center, [2/11/20](#)]
- **Trump Explicitly Promoted The Tax Credit As An Attack On Public Schools.** “In his State of the Union address Trump explicitly promoted the credits as an attack on public schools. “No parent,” he said, “should be forced to send their child to a failing government school.” And Trump is doubling down on that view by proposing major cuts in federal assistance to K-12 education, including a nearly offsetting \$4.7 billion reduction in funding for schooling for disadvantaged children and cuts in federal support for publicly funded charter schools.” [Tax Policy Center, [2/11/20](#)]
- **The Tax Policy Center Described The Proposal As “Bad Policy Paired With Horrific Design.”** “I often see tax proposals that are well-intentioned but poorly designed. I sometimes see ideas that are well designed but wrong-headed. Then, there is President Trump’s plan to provide a 100-percent federal income tax credit for individuals and businesses that contribute to scholarship funds for private K-12 schools. It hits the daily double: It is bad policy paired with horrific design. Sort of the tax policy version of cheap red wine mixed with Dr. Pepper.” [Tax Policy Center, [2/11/20](#)]

School Safety

[Salazar cosponsored legislation to create best practices for school resource officers.](#)

2022: Salazar Cosponsored Legislation To Create Best Practices For School Resource Officers. “Rep. Clay Higgins, R-La., has introduced legislation (H.R. 7886) to “direct the Attorney General and the Secretary of Education to develop and implement best practices for occupation-specific education for school resource officers.” The bill was introduced on May 27 and was co-sponsored by Reps. Maria Elvira Salazar, R-Fla., Dan Newhouse, R-Wash., Mike Kelly, R-Pa., and Carlos A. Gimenez, R-Fla. It was

jointly referred to the House Education and Labor and Judiciary committees.” [Targeted News Service, 5/30/2022]

STEM

Salazar has stressed the importance of STEM, especially for Latino students.

2022: Salazar Stressed The Importance Of STEM. “Republican Maria Elvira Salazar stressed that “investment in education and workforce development is critical, and having more Latinos pursuing STEM degrees will help our economy grow.” [CE Noticias Financieras English, 5/18/22]

2022: Salazar Introduced A Resolution To Stress The Importance Of Increasing The Number Of Latino Students In STEM Fields. “Senate Resolution 640, which expresses “support for increasing the number of Latino students and young professionals entering careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics fields.” The bipartisan resolution was sponsored by Senator Alex Padilla (D-CA) and co-sponsored by Senator John Cornyn (R-TX). The House of Representatives has a companion Resolution (H.Res. 1105) pending its consideration that was introduced by Representatives Tony Cárdenas (D-CA) and María Elvira Salazar (R-FL).” [PRWeb Newswire, 5/19/22]

Energy & Environment

Campaign Promises

Salazar claimed she would protect the environment in Congress.

Salazar Acknowledged Climate Change Was Real And Said We Must Combat The Problem. “Climate change is real, and the evidence is right here in Miami. Miami’s pristine coastline must be protected. The water level is rising in at an alarming rate and coastal areas like Miami Beach may become uninhabitable in a matter of decades, not centuries, unless we work to combat the problem. As studies have shown, Miami will need some major feats of engineering, way beyond the resources available at the state and local levels.” [Mariaelvirasalazar.com, “Issues,” [5/29/21](#)]

Salazar Ran An Ad Vowing To Protect The Environment If Elected To Congress. “Maria Elvira Salazar, the Republican candidate in Florida’s 27th Congressional District, is out with a new ad touting her ‘vow’ to fight for environmental protection in Congress. Salazar has attempted to cast herself as a moderate on the environment. She recently told the Miami Herald she would be open to a carbon tax proposal put forward by U.S. Rep. Carlos Curbelo of Florida’s 26th Congressional District. His efforts were swiftly rejected by his own party. The Republican’s new 30-second ad echoes those comments, as she competes against Democratic nominee Donna Shalala. [...] ‘To say that God has been abundant with what He has given Florida is an understatement,’ Salazar begins. ‘We have been blessed with an environment that truly provides us with a lot, and we must protect it. I vow for that in Congress. Let’s make sure we have better jobs. Our kids: safer schools. For me, their protection is paramount.’” [Florida Politics, [10/12/18](#)]

Former EPA Head Carol Browner: “While Salazar Claims To Care About The Environment, She Has Aligned Herself With The Koch Brothers And Polluter Interests.” “The choice is clear. While Salazar claims to care about the environment, she has aligned herself with the Koch Brothers and polluter interests. Meanwhile, Shalala has been on the front lines working to protect our children and has demonstrated through her work, leadership, and campaign that she will fight tirelessly to protect our air, water, and our health. Let's all make sure that Miami-Dade sends someone to Congress who will truly fight for better public health and environmental protections for Florida and for the country: vote Donna Shalala.” [Miami Herald, Carol Browner Op-Ed, 10/26/18]

Supported Opening Alaska National Wildlife Refuge To Drilling

... but Salazar supported the Republican tax law that opened the Alaska National Wildlife Refuge to drilling.

2018: Salazar Said She Supported The Republican Tax Plan. “I will always support any legislative measure that puts more money in the pockets of the middle class. The Republican Tax Cut law was the right thing to do for our economy and our struggling middle class. I also believe, that tax cuts, combined with fewer regulations, have led to the explosive growth of our economy. As your elected representative, I will work with my colleagues to ensure that the tax cut law becomes permanent for everyone, not just corporations.” [MariaElvira.com, accessed [9/3/18](#)]

The Republican Tax Law Opened A 1.5 Million Acres Section Of The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge To Drilling. “The Republican-controlled U.S. House of Representatives gave final approval on Wednesday to the biggest overhaul of the U.S. tax code in 30 years, sending a sweeping \$1.5 trillion bill to President Donald Trump for his signature. In sealing Trump's first major legislative victory, Republicans steamrolled opposition from Democrats to pass a bill that slashes taxes for corporations and the wealthy while giving mixed, temporary tax relief to middle-class Americans [...] The tax bill included a measure to open a 1.5-million-acre coastal section of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to drilling. The measure, written by Alaska Sen. Lisa Murkowski, requires the federal government to hold two lease sales within seven years in a 1.5-million-acre section of the coastal plain. The first lease sale must be held within four years, and could lead to drilling and oil production.” [Anchorage Daily News, [12/20/17](#)]

Offshore Drilling

Salazar opposed offshore drilling off the coast of Florida.

2021: Salazar Cosponsored Legislation That Would "Extend The Moratorium On Drilling Off The Coasts Of The States Of Florida, Georgia, And South Carolina." “Rep. Michael Waltz, R-Fla., has introduced legislation (H.R. 4696) to amend the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006 "to extend the moratorium on drilling off the coasts of the States of Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina." The bill was introduced on July 26 and has 16 co-sponsors. Co-sponsors include...Maria Elvira Salazar, R-Fla...” [Targeted News Service, 7/28/21]

Contributions From Oil And Gas Industry

Salazar has been funded and supported by pro-oil drilling groups who are pushing Congress to allow them to drill offshore, including in the Florida Straits, putting our coastline and water supply at risk. Salazar accepted \$6,500 from Chevron and Exxon Mobil PACs, both of which are members of the American Chemistry Council. The American Chemistry Council has lobbied against banning offshore drilling, including in the Florida Straits. Salazar has also been supported by FreedomWorks for America via \$76,000 in outside spending support. FreedomWorks has opposed offshore drilling, including in the Atlantic, and called for markets to decide where to drill.

Note: Salazar Has Cosponsored multiple Bills To Ban Offshore Drilling In Florida.

Career: Salazar Received \$6,500 From Chevron And Exxon Mobil PACs. [FEC.gov, accessed [8/24/22](#)]

Exxon Mobil And Chevron Are Members Of The American Chemistry Council. [American Chemistry Council, Manufacturer Members, accessed [8/24/22](#)]

- **The American Chemistry Council Is “An Industry Group Representing The World’s Largest Chemical Makers And Fossil Fuel Companies.”** “Confronting a climate crisis that threatens the fossil fuel industry, oil companies are racing to make more plastic. But they face two problems: Many markets are already awash with plastic, and few countries are willing to be dumping grounds for the world’s plastic waste... According to documents reviewed by The New York Times, an industry group representing the world’s largest chemical makers and fossil fuel companies is lobbying to influence United States trade negotiations with Kenya, one of Africa’s biggest economies, to reverse its strict limits on plastics — including a tough plastic-bag ban. It is also pressing for Kenya to continue importing foreign plastic garbage, a practice it has pledged to limit... The Chemistry Council includes the petrochemical operations of Exxon Mobil, Chevron and Shell, as well as major chemical companies including Dow.” [New York Times, [8/30/20](#)]
- **2015: The American Chemistry Council Was “Critical Of A Ban On Exploration And Production Within 50 Miles Of Shore.”** The American Chemistry Council said, “Today’s plan concentrates nearly all oil and gas production in the Gulf of Mexico. It takes potential resources in the South Atlantic off the table by banning any exploration and production within 50 miles of shore. It does not authorize a lease sale in the Atlantic near Canadian waters, even though our neighbor to the north is developing its own oil and gas resources there.” [Akron Beacon Journal, [1/28/15](#)]
- **2022: The American Chemistry Council Lobbied On The American Shores Protection Act, Which Would “Extend A Moratorium On Oil And Gas Drilling In The South Atlantic Planning Area And The Straits Of Florida Planning Area.”** The American Shores Protection Act (S. 2468) “extends a moratorium on oil and gas drilling in the Gulf of Mexico through June 30, 2032, and expands the moratorium to include the South Atlantic Planning Area and the Straits of Florida Planning Area.” The American Chemistry Council [Congress.gov, S. 2468, accessed [8/24/22](#); Opensecrets, Lobbying on S. 2468, accessed [8/24/22](#)]

2018-2020: FreedomWorks For America Has Spent \$76,000 In IE Spending In Support Of Salazar.. FreedomWorks For America spent \$17,496 in support of Salazar In 2020, and \$58,500 in support of Salazar in 2018. [FEC.gov, accessed [8/24/22](#)]

- **2018: FreedomWorks Called For Trump To Overturn Obama-Era Bans On Drilling In The Atlantic, Saying “Markets” Should “Decide Where And Whether To Develop America’s Domestic Resources.”** “Last Tuesday, President Obama announced a sweeping, completely unprecedented power grab. He claims that he has unilaterally withdrawn from future mineral leasing most of the Arctic seabed and large portions of the Atlantic seabed. The president and his radical environmentalist allies assert, without any evidence, that this withdrawal is permanent and cannot be overturned by a future president. This arrogance and disregard for our constitutional system is yet another example of why the president’s legacy was rejected by voters in the general election last month... President Trump should call Obama’s bluff. On day one he should reverse this ban and leave the markets to decide where and whether to develop America’s domestic resources.” [FreedomWorks, [12/28/16](#)]
 - **December 2016: FreedomWorks Headline: “Obama Tries to Sneak a Last-Minute Ban on Offshore Drilling.”** [FreedomWorks, [12/28/16](#)]
- **2006: FreedomWorks Headline: “FreedomWorks Florida Holds Meeting to Support Offshore Energy.”** [FreedomWorks, [12/01/06](#)]
- **FreedomWorks Worked Closely With The American Petroleum Institute To Oppose CO2 Cap And Trade.** “ FreedomWorks receives funding from the tobacco conglomerate Philip Morris, as well as from Richard Scaife, another business tycoon, who for years helped fund dirt-digging investigations into Bill Clinton. Local branches of Americans for Prosperity have also received tobacco money; the group has opposed smoke-free workplace laws and cigarette taxes. In the environmental area, too, there has been an affinity between the groups and the corporate interests that back them. ExxonMobil was a sponsor of Citizens for Sound Economy, and both FreedomWorks and Americans for Prosperity have campaigned vigorously against Obama's plans to reduce CO2 emissions through a cap and trade scheme, working closely with the American Petroleum Institute.” [The Guardian, [9/18/09](#)]

Salazar Has Not Cosponsored A Bill To Prohibit Offshore Drilling In The Straits Of Florida. As of June 2021, Salazar has not cosponsored H.R. 3116 “To amend the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act to permanently prohibit the conduct of offshore drilling on the outer Continental Shelf in the Mid-Atlantic, South Atlantic, North Atlantic, and Straits of Florida planning areas.” [H.R.3116, accessed [6/9/21](#)]

- **Salazar Has Cosponsored Two Bills To Ban Offshore Drilling In Florida: H.R. 5707 The Preserving Recreation, Oceans, Tourism, Environment, and Coastal Towns (PROTECT) Florida Act; And H.R. 4696 The American Shores Protection Act.** [Congress.gov, H.R. 5707, Cosponsors, accessed [8/24/22](#); Congress.gov, H.R. 4696, Cosponsors, accessed [8/24/22](#)]

Salazar has taken more than \$68,000 from the oil and gas industry in her career, including \$9,000 from oil and gas PACs.

Career: Salazar Took \$68,125 From The Oil And Gas Industry. [OpenSecrets, accessed [8/21/22](#)]

Career: Salazar Took \$9,000 From Oil And Gas Corporate PACs, Including \$6,500 From Chevron And Exxon Mobil PACs. [FEC.gov, accessed [8/24/22](#)]

Salazar Contributions From Oil And Gas Corporate PACs			
Contributor	Committee	Date	Amount
THE WILLIAMS COMPANIES, INC. POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE	SALAZAR FOR CONGRESS	5/5/22	\$2,500
CHEVRON EMPLOYEES POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE - CHEVRON CORPORATION	SALAZAR FOR CONGRESS	6/22/21	\$1,500
EXXON MOBIL CORPORATION POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE (EXXONMOBIL PAC)	MARIA ELVIRA SALAZAR FOR CONGRESS	12/15/2020	\$1,500
CHEVRON EMPLOYEES POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE - CHEVRON CORPORATION	MARIA ELVIRA SALAZAR FOR CONGRESS	10/29/2018	\$2,500
MARATHON PETROLEUM CORPORATION EMPLOYEES POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE (MPAC)	MARIA ELVIRA SALAZAR FOR CONGRESS	10/15/2018	\$1,000
		Total:	\$9,000

[FEC.gov, accessed [8/24/22](#)]

Carbon Tax

Salazar supported a carbon tax proposed by Carlos Curbelo.

[VIDEO] September 2018: Asked If She Would Vote For Curbelo's Carbon Tax, Salazar Said "Sure." "[REPORTER:] Carlos Curbelo has a carbon tax bill filed. Would you vote for that? [SALAZAR:] Sure, I'll talk to him. I haven't spoken with him about that. Listen, whatever makes sense. I want to step into the center and whatever makes sense for the community for the whole country, is what we need to do. [Miami Herald Editorial Board, 36:12-36:28, [9/26/18](#)]

Salazar Said She Would Vote For A Carbon Tax Proposed By Carlos Curbelo. "Salazar, who spoke to the editorial board minutes after Shalala, said she would be open to supporting universal background checks on guns and providing a path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants in the country at least 15 years. She also said she'd vote for the carbon tax proposal by Miami Rep. Carlos Curbelo, which would provide \$700 billion for infrastructure by taxing coal and natural gas emissions, if it had any chance of becoming law in a Republican-controlled Congress." [Miami Herald, [9/26/18](#)]

Curbelo's Carbon Tax Proposal Would Raise \$700 Billion For Infrastructure By Taxing Coal And Natural Gas Emissions. "Carlos Curbelo's latest effort to shift the climate change debate within the Republican Party has a long way to go. As the Miami Republican prepares to officially unveil a sweeping carbon tax bill on Monday that would provide \$700 billion for infrastructure by taxing coal and natural gas emissions, House Republicans overwhelmingly voted for a resolution on Thursday expressing that a potential tax on carbon emissions would be detrimental to the U.S. economy. Only six of 236 Republicans voted against the resolution, including Curbelo and retiring Miami Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen." [Miami Herald, [7/19/18](#)]

- **Curbelo's Carbon Tax Proposal Would Repeal The Gas Tax.** "Curbelo's massive bill would repeal the federal gas tax and instead tax fossil fuels at the source. In exchange, the bill would enact a moratorium on certain environmental regulations if lower carbon emissions are met. 'Next week, you'll see major legislation authored by a Republican and cosponsored by other Republicans to kind of show a good solution that... takes into account the cost of carbon emissions,' Curbelo said. 'We wanted to make it as fair as possible and that's why we repeal the gas tax. This is not about punishing consumers or punishing producers, it's about making sure that we can hand off a clean, healthy planet to future generations while being sensitive to economic realities.'" [Miami Herald, [7/19/18](#)]
- **70 Percent Of Revenue Raised From Curbelo's Carbon Tax Would Go To The Highway Trust Fund.** "Curbelo's plan would send 70 percent of the money raised by the carbon tax to the Highway Trust Fund, with 10 percent going to grants for low-income households and five percent going to flood-mitigation projects, which would all benefit his South Florida constituents caught in daily traffic and worried about sea level rise, and potentially get members from both parties to support the plan." [Miami Herald, [7/19/18](#)]
- **Curbelo's Carbon Tax Proposal Would Place A Moratorium On Environmental Regulations If Emissions Targets Were Met.** "Curbelo's massive bill would repeal the federal gas tax and instead tax fossil fuels at the source. In exchange, the bill would enact a moratorium on certain environmental regulations if lower carbon emissions are met. 'Next week, you'll see major legislation authored by a Republican and cosponsored by other Republicans to kind of show a good solution that... takes into account the cost of carbon emissions,' Curbelo said. 'We wanted to make it as fair as possible and that's why we repeal the gas tax. This is not about punishing consumers or punishing producers, it's about making sure that we can hand off a clean, healthy planet to future generations while being sensitive to economic realities.'" [Miami Herald, [7/19/18](#)]
- **Curbelo's Bill Would Levy Taxes On Goods From Countries That Do Not Have Carbon Emissions Standards.** "The carbon emission goals in Curbelo's bill are also more stringent than the goals imposed by the Paris Agreement, which Trump pulled out of last year, and would levy taxes on non-U.S. goods from countries that don't have carbon emission standards, components that Curbelo said should get environmentalists on board. The bill also creates a National Climate Commission that would offer recommendations to Congress for reducing carbon emissions." [Miami Herald, [7/19/18](#)]

Curbelo's carbon tax would have caused consumers to pay nearly \$500 more in yearly fuel costs by 2030.

Curbelo's Carbon Tax Would have Raised Per Capita Energy Expenditure By \$275 In 2020 And By \$186-\$278 By 2030. "The proposal from Florida congressman Carlos Curbelo would tax carbon dioxide emissions starting at \$24 per ton of CO2 equivalent in 2020, and would repeal the federal excise taxes on gasoline and diesel fuels. Revenues from the carbon tax would help fund the U.S. transportation system and provide dividends to low-income families, among other uses. A group that included Columbia's Center on Global Energy Policy has analyzed how these policy changes would affect the U.S. economy, energy system and emissions, as well as low-income households. Here are some of their key findings: [...] Per capita energy expenditures will increase by about \$275 in 2020 and by \$186-\$278 in 2030, in all years remaining more than \$1,000 lower than the recent historical peak in 2008." [Columbia Climate School, [7/24/18](#)]

Curbelo's Carbon Tax Would Have Increased Electricity Prices By 8 Percent In 2020 And 5-10 Percent By 2030. "The proposal from Florida congressman Carlos Curbelo would tax carbon dioxide emissions starting at \$24 per ton of CO2 equivalent in 2020, and would repeal the federal excise taxes on gasoline and diesel fuels. Revenues from the carbon tax would help fund the U.S. transportation system and provide dividends to low-income families, among other uses. A group that included Columbia's Center on Global Energy Policy has analyzed how these policy changes would affect the U.S. economy, energy system and emissions, as well as low-income households. Here are some of their key findings: [...] National average electricity prices are 8 percent higher in 2020 and 5-10 percent higher in 2030." [Columbia Climate School, [7/24/18](#)]

Scalise said Curbelo's carbon tax would kill jobs and "raise costs on everything we buy."

Steve Scalise: "Liberal Washington Special Interests" Were Pushing "A Job-Killing Carbon Tax, Which Would Raise Costs On Everything We Buy From Electricity And Gasoline To Food And Everyday Household Products." "Curbelo is the co-founder of the Climate Solutions Caucus, a group of Republicans and Democrats concerned about the impacts of climate change. The group has 43 Republican members, though only four of them voted against the anti-carbon tax resolution and one Democrat in the caucus, Florida Rep. Stephanie Murphy, voted in favor of the resolution. 'Working with President Trump, this Congress is leading America toward energy dominance and strong economic growth, yet some liberal Washington special interests continue to pursue a radical agenda that includes imposing a job-killing carbon tax, which would raise costs on everything we buy from electricity and gasoline to food and everyday household products,' said Republican Whip Steve Scalise, who introduced Thursday's resolution and could run for speaker if Republicans maintain control of Congress after the election." [Miami Herald, [7/19/18](#)]

2018: Only 6 Out Of 236 Republicans Voted Against A Resolution That Stated A Carbon Tax Would Be Detrimental To The U.S. Economy. "Carlos Curbelo's latest effort to shift the climate change debate within the Republican Party has a long way to go. As the Miami Republican prepares to officially unveil a sweeping carbon tax bill on Monday that would provide \$700 billion for infrastructure by taxing coal and natural gas emissions, House Republicans overwhelmingly voted for a resolution on Thursday expressing that a potential tax on carbon emissions would be detrimental to the U.S. economy. Only six

of 236 Republicans voted against the resolution, including Curbelo and retiring Miami Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen. Curbelo argued that the resolution's language was correct in that a carbon tax on its own would hurt the economy, but that a carbon tax paired with other ideas would help it." [Miami Herald, [7/19/18](#)]

Biden

Salazar has been critical of Biden's energy policies, calling his policies an "assault" on energy and his actions "band-aids." Salazar called for Biden to restore the Keystone XL Pipeline and end freezes on new oil and gas leases. Salazar wrote that clean energy policies without expanding our domestic capacity will empower China and Maduro.

2022: Salazar Joined An Op-Ed Calling For Biden To Restore The Keystone XL Pipeline And Slammed Biden's "Assault" On Energy. "On his first day in office, President Biden declared war on American energy by signing an executive order to cancel the Keystone XL pipeline and ban all new oil and gas development on federal lands. Coupled with more burdensome regulations on building pipelines and other infrastructure, Americans have seen record-high gasoline prices, higher Co2 emissions than the previous four years combined and increased dependence on China and other adversaries, all under Biden's watch. The American people are hurting because of this administration's assault on American energy." [Miami Herald, 7/23/22]

- **2022: Salazar Called Biden's Current Actions "Band-Aids."** "While Biden and his team try to place Band-Aids on the problem, the time has long past for this administration to take the only action capable of lowering fuel prices for American families and ending reliance on China -- unleash American energy production right here at home." [Miami Herald, 7/23/22]
- **2022: Salazar Wrote That Advancing Clean Energy Policies Without Increasing Domestic Mining Capacity Will Empower China And Maduro.** "Advancing clean energy policies to increase our demand for critical minerals, including rare earth elements, without significantly expanding our domestic capacity to mine and refine them, will result in a United States increasingly dependent on China and other adversaries. We cannot empower tyrannical dictatorships like the Chinese Communist Party, Nicolás Maduro, and others by relying on them for our energy needs, especially when the United States is fully capable of indisputably leading the world in clean energy production." [Miami Herald, 7/23/22]
- **2022: Salazar Called On The Biden Administration To End Freezes On New Oil And Gas Leases, Among Other Things.** "The Biden administration must abandon its failed energy policies and immediately reverse course. It must end the federal freeze on new oil and gas leases; fast-track pending LNG export permits; expedite approval of all pipeline and energy development; and stop the regulatory assault on U.S. energy development and financing." [Miami Herald, 7/23/22]

Everglades

[Salazar has been vocal about enhanced funding for Everglades.](#)

2022: Salazar Signed Letter Asking Biden To Fund The EAA Reservoir, Which Is The Most Important Everglades Restoration Project Because It Will Allow More Water To Flow South And Drastically Reduce Toxic Discharges To The Estuaries. “U.S. Congressman Brian Mast (FL-18) today led 12 of his Florida colleagues in calling on President Joe Biden to fund the EAA Reservoir, which is the most important Everglades restoration project because it will allow more water to flow south and drastically reduce toxic discharges to the estuaries. President Biden has touted his infrastructure bill as "once-in-a-generation," but the bill failed to provide even one dollar of funding for the EAA Reservoir, leaving the future of this project's funding in doubt. [...] The letter was also signed by Representatives Mario Diaz Balart (FL-25), Scott Franklin (FL-15), Bill Posey (FL-8), Maria Elvira Salazar (FL-27), John Rutherford (FL-4), Gus Bilirakis (FL-12), Carlos Gimenez (FL-26), Byron Donalds (FL-19), Dan Webster (FL-11), Neal Dunn (FL-2), Greg Steube (FL-17) and Michael Waltz (FL-6).” [Targeted News Service, 2/05/22]

2021: Salazar Signed A Letter To Biden Requesting Full Funding For The Completion Of The Authorized Everglades Restoration Projects. “U.S. Congressmen Brian Mast (FL-18) and Darren Soto (FL-9) today led Members of the Florida Congressional delegation in requesting that President Joe Biden and Congressional leaders include full funding for the completion of the authorized Everglades Restoration projects in the upcoming infrastructure package. This infrastructure package is a historic opportunity to fully fund Everglades restoration and combat Floridas ongoing public health crisis caused by the federal government discharging toxic water from Lake Okeechobee nearly every summer, Rep. Mast said. Fully funding Everglades Restoration as part of this package would create more than 65,000 jobs, protect the environment and improve public health not just for Floridians but also for the 130 million visitors attracted to the state each year by Americas Everglades and Floridas other environmental marvels. [...] The letters were also signed by Representatives Matt Gaetz (FL-1), Stephanie Murphy (FL-7), Bill Posey (FL-8), Gus Bilirakis (FL-12) and Maria Elvira Salazar (FL-27).” [State News Service, 3/29/21]

2021: Salazar Signed Onto Letter With Entire Florida Delegation To Request \$275 Million In The 2022 Budget For Everglades Restoration Efforts. “U.S Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL) and every U.S Representative from Florida urged President Biden to include \$725 million for Everglades restoration efforts in his forthcoming Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 budget to Congress. This amount builds off the successful effort to secure \$250 million in federal funds for FY 2021 South Florida Ecosystem Restoration (SFER). The FY 2022 request matches the amount advocated for by the Everglades Foundation. “Florida’s environmental assets attracted 131 million visitors in 2019, directly infusing nearly \$100 billion into the state’s economy.” [Impact News Service, 3/05/21]

Biscayne National Park

[In May 2022, Salazar introduced legislation to repair a damaged Stiltsville structure In Biscayne Bay National Park.](#)

May 2022: Salazar Introduced Legislation To Repair A Damaged Stiltsville Structure In Biscayne Bay National Park. In May 2022 Salazar sponsored H.R. 7833, the Stiltsville Restoration Act. The bill would

“authorize repairs to a damaged Stiltsville structure in Biscayne Bay National Park. Specifically, the bill requires the Secretary of the Interior to allow repairs on the house damaged by a fire in 2021..” The bill is cosponsored by 3 Republicans and 1 Democrat. The bill was referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources, but as of August 8, 2022, the bill has not received any action. [H.R. 7833, Cosponsors, accessed [8/08/22](#); Rep. Salazar, Press Release, [5/20/22](#)]

- **Stiltsville Is A “Historical Landmark” And “Tourist Destination” That Was Damaged By A Fire In January 2021.** “Stiltsville's unique history dates back to the 1930s when ‘Crawfish’ Eddie Walker built a house on stilts in Biscayne Bay. Its history as an outlaw's paradise during the prohibition era led to its protection as a historical landmark in 2003 when the Stiltsville Trust was established. Today, Stiltsville's six remaining houses remain a major tourist destination and a very important landmark to the history of Miami. In January 2021, a fire damaged one of the remaining six houses. The Stiltsville Trust, in cooperative agreement with the U.S. Department of Interior (DOI), would like to repair the structure. However, DOI bureaucrats in Washington have refused to enter arbitration for consideration of repairs. Stiltsville's designation within a U.S. National Park requires Congress to get involved to break the gridlock. If repairs are authorized, they would be executed through private funds via the Stiltsville Trust, at no cost to American taxpayers.” [Rep. Salazar, Press Release, [5/20/22](#)]

Strategic Federal Oil Reserve

In April 2022, when gas prices were rising, Salazar said, “Biden should not use the strategic federal oil reserve to bring energy prices down.”

[VIDEO] April 2022: Salazar: “Biden Should Not Use The Strategic Federal Oil Reserves To Bring Energy Prices Down.” In a video on her Instagram, Salazar stated in Spanish that the Biden Administration was getting desperate over the rising costs of energy, and that they had permitted the release of 1M oil barrels per day from the strategic federal oil reserve, to which she was opposed. [Instagram, Maria Elvira Salazar, [04/03/22](#), 0:05/2:05]

- **Spanish Version:** La administración del Presidente Biden, que están desesperados con el alza de los precios del petróleo, está permitiendo sacar un millón de barriles de petróleo diarios... eso no se hace.

LNG

Salazar wants faster approval for LNG exports.

2022: Salazar Cosponsored Legislation To Expedite The Approval Of Liquefied Natural Gas Exports. “Congressman Clay Higgins (R-LA), Congresswoman Kat Cammack (R-FL), and 25 Republican colleagues recently introduced H.R. 7115, the Small Scale LNG Access Act, which would expedite the approval of U.S. natural gas exports up to and including 51.75 billion cubic feet per year. The bill highlights the importance of U.S. liquefied natural gas (LNG) to America's energy independence and national security. With current geopolitical concerns, investing in LNG at any scale will provide long-

term benefits, support American jobs, foster American energy independence, and ensure the U.S. leads the way as a leading producer of cleaner energy. Original co-sponsors at the time of introduction include Reps. Garret Graves (R-LA), Mike Johnson (R-LA), Carlos Gimenez (R-FL), Maria Elvira Salazar (R-FL)..." [Targeted News Service, 3/20/22]

Fracking

Salazar criticized the Biden Administration for stopping the "drilling or fracking on government land."

[VIDEO] March 2022: Salazar Criticized The Biden Administration For Stopping The "Drilling Or Fracking On Government Land." Salazar said, "They know very well that when [Biden] got into his administration, he canceled the pipeline that was coming from Canada that was [...] [going to bring] 800,000 barrels of oil a day. He cancelled the possibility that they continue to drill or frack on government land." [YouTube, Cubanos por el Mundo – Live, [3/27/22](#) (7:20)]

- **Spanish Version:** "Sabem muy bien que cuando [Biden] llego a la administración el canceló el pipeline que venía de Canadá que [...] 800.000 barriles diarios de petróleo. Canceló la posibilidad de que sigan en las tierras del gobierno siguen drilling o fracking."

Carbon Capture

2021: Signed Cosponsored Carbon Capture Legislation. "U.S. Representatives Tim Burchett (TN-02) and Terri Sewell (AL-07) introduced the Carbon Capture Improvement Act of 2021. U.S. Representatives Maria Elvira Salazar (FL-27), David McKinley (WV-01), Clay Higgins (LA-03), Andrew Garbarino (NY-02) and Brian Mast (FL-18) are original cosponsors of this bipartisan legislation. "Overbearing environmental regulations harm America's energy supply," Rep. Burchett said. "A better approach is a tax-free incentive that encourages businesses to invest in carbon capture technologies. Market-based solutions will help limit carbon emissions without damaging a company's ability to meet the needs of its customers." [Targeted News Service, 7/14/21]

Blue Economy

Salazar Introduced legislation to create ocean innovation clusters to strengthen the coastal communities and blue economies across the country.

2022: Salazar Introduced Legislation To Create Ocean Innovation Clusters To Strengthen The Coastal Communities And Blue Economies Across The Country. "U.S. Representatives Chellie Pingree (D-Maine) and Maria Elvira Salazar (R-Fla.) introduced legislation to strengthen coastal communities and the blue economy of Maine and the U.S. through technological research and development, job training, and cross-sector partnerships. The bipartisan Ocean Regional Opportunity and Innovation (Ocean ROI) Act of 2022, which was introduced in the Senate by Senators Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska) and Maria Cantwell (D-Wash.), would direct the Secretary of Commerce to establish "Ocean Innovation Clusters" and provide grants for their establishment, operation, and administration." [Targeted News Service, 6/08/22]

US Navy Vessels

In September 2021, Salazar introduced legislation to promote the use of decommissioned US Navy vessels as artificial reef starters.

September 2021: Salazar Introduced Legislation To Promote The Use Of Decommissioned US Navy Vessels As Artificial Reef Starters. In September 2021, Salazar sponsored H.R. 5306, the Re-using Equipment for Environmental Fortification Act (REEF Act). The bill would “require the Department of the Navy to notify Congress of the pending retirement of vessels that are viable candidates for artificial reefing (intentionally sinking a vessel to promote marine life). Specifically, the Navy must provide such notice not later than 90 days before the viable candidate's retirement from the Naval Vessel Register.” The bill is cosponsored by 16 Republicans and 6 Democrats. The bill was referred to the House Committee on Armed Services, but as of August 8, 2022, the bill has not received any action. [H.R. 5306, Co-Sponsors, accessed [8/08/22](#); Rep. Salazar, Press Release, [9/22/21](#)]

- **The Act Incentivizes Retired Navy Ships To Be Repurposed Into Artificial Reefs, Boosting Marine Environments And Creating Recreational And Economic Opportunities In The Process.** “A strong bipartisan group of their colleagues introduced the Reusing Equipment for Environmental Fortification (REEF) Act. The REEF Act incentivizes retired Navy ships to be repurposed into artificial reefs, boosting marine environments and creating recreational and economic opportunities in the process... A number of notable fishing and boating associations, including the American Sportfishing Association and the International Game Fish Association, penned a letter of support for the REEF Act as well.” [Rep. Salazar, Press Release, [9/22/21](#)]

Natural Disasters

After the Surfside disaster, Salazar introduced legislation to increase loan limit amounts for homeowners impacted by natural disasters.

2021: Salazar Introduced Legislation To Increase Loan Limit Amounts For Homeowners Impacted By Natural Disasters. “This week, Congresswoman Maria Elvira Salazar (R-FL), Congresswoman Elaine Luria (D-VA), Congressman Dan Crenshaw (R-TX), Congressman Joe Neguse (D-CO), and Congressman Garret Graves (R-LA) introduced H.R. 4215 , the bipartisan Rebuilding Communities After Disasters Act with 35 original co-sponsors... [...] The Rebuilding Communities After Disasters Act ensures homeowners have adequate resources to recover from natural disasters. Specifically, it increases the maximum loan amount for SBA physical damage disaster loans from \$200,000 to \$400,000 for home repair, and from \$40,000 to \$75,000 to replace household and personal belongings, bringing the loans limits in line with today's home prices to help homeowners fully recover from unavoidable disasters. The limits on these loans have not been increased since 1994 - over 25 years - when the average home price in the United States was \$106,000. The bill would also require the SBA to market these loans to homeowners in a declared disaster area through all media platforms and to provide a yearly report to Congress on the progress of the loan program.” [Targeted News Service, 7/03/21]

- **2021: The Bill Was Introduced Alongside The SBA Disaster Declaration For Surfside.** “This bill comes alongside the Small Business Administration's Declaration of Disaster for Surfside victims, which offers these loans to those impacted by the Surfside condo collapse in Miami-Dade County.” [Targeted News Service, 7/03/21]
- **2021: Salazar Said, “We Must Do Everything Possible So That Our Coastal Communities Have Access To The All Resources Provided By The SBA.”** “We are in the midst of hurricane season, and in South Florida, we know all too well how these storms can absolutely devastate our homes,” said Congresswoman Maria Elvira Salazar. “We must do everything possible so that our coastal communities have access to the all resources provided by the SBA to safely rebuild their homes in the event of a disaster. The Disaster Assistance Loans must be modernized to reflect the rising costs of homes across our communities.” [Targeted News Service, 7/03/21]
- **2021: After Surfside, Salazar Participated In An Area Elected Official Meeting And Said Officials At All Levels Of Government Must “Work Together.”** “As our South Florida community continues to recover from the Surfside tragedy, it is critical that our officials at all levels of government work together to protect our residents,” said Congresswoman Maria Elvira Salazar (FL-27). “Together, we can create smart policies and provide proactive solutions to keep our community strong, safe, and resilient.” [Targeted News Service, 8/05/21]

Paris Climate Agreement

[Salazar supported Biden’s decision to re-enter the Paris Climate Agreement.](#)

2021: Salazar Supported Biden’s Decision To Re-Enter The Paris Climate Agreement. “In Miami, Republicans like former Reps. Carlos Curbelo and Ileana Ros-Lehtinen were known for speaking out on climate change. But in 2021 only Republican Rep. Maria Elvira Salazar says she supports Biden's decision to re-enter the Paris Climate Agreement. Miami Republican Rep. Mario Diaz-Balart is opposed. And Rep. Carlos Gimenez once supported a Miami-Dade County resolution endorsing the Paris Climate Agreement, when he was the county's mayor, but said during his campaign for Congress that ‘we should reenter something that doesn't put us at a disadvantage.’” [Miami Herald, 1/22/21]

Ethics And Government Reform

Forgoing Salary & Employment Center

During the 2020 campaign trail, Salazar repeatedly promised to donate her congressional salary. She even promised to use it to run an employment center in her district office. When describing the center while running for office, Salazar said “my African Americans” would be the first to benefit. However, the House Ethics Committee advised Salazar against redirecting her salary to fund her congressional office. As a result, Salazar was not able to hire additional staff for a prosperity center, but said her district office would conduct additional casework related to employment. This raises the question if Salazar kept her promise and has been donating her salary.

Salazar Was Forgoing Her \$174,000 Congressional Salary. “Despite forgoing her \$174,000 congressional salary for the last nine months in a so-far unsuccessful attempt to establish an employment center, U.S. Rep. Maria Elvira Salazar's finances improved dramatically since entering Congress in January.” [Miami Herald, 9/10/21]

Salazar Promised She Would Create An Employment Center Out Of Her Congressional Office. “Though she did not agree to an interview with the Miami Herald for this story, she told DeFede that she's focusing on ‘jobs and the economy’ in her campaign. ‘I'm going to create out of my congressional office, if I'm elected to Congress, an employment center,’ Salazar said to DeFede.” [Miami Herald, 10/3/20]

Salazar Said She Would Fund The Employment Office By Directing Her Salary To Her District Office Funds. “Salazar said she would add her own congressional salary to the funds lawmakers receive to run their district offices and establish an employment center in her office. It's an interesting idea that was marred only by a tone-deaf Salazar telling the Board that she wanted ‘my African Americans’ to be the first in her district to benefit from this service.” [Miami Herald, 10/31/20]

- **Salazar Repeatedly Promised To Donate Her Salary Throughout Her Campaign.** “Salazar first vowed to give back her salary as part of an attack ad, as she challenged incumbent Democratic Rep. Donna Shalala last year in Florida's 27th Congressional District. In the ad, which ran on TV, she said: ‘Politicians shouldn't enrich themselves like Donna Shalala. That's why Maria Elvira Salazar will donate her entire salary.’ She also repeated the salary donation pledge in interviews throughout the campaign.” [Miami Herald, 1/30/21]
- **Salazar Promised To Donate Her Salary Despite Reporting A \$20,000 Income And Up To \$5 Million In Debt On Her 2020 Personal Financial Disclosure.** “Salazar first vowed to give back her salary as part of an attack ad [...] It's not unusual for wealthy politicians to donate their salaries. Former President Donald Trump donated his presidential salary four times a year to different federal agencies though he still earned profits from his real estate business. And Florida Republican Sen. Rick Scott donates his salary to various charities -- in April, for example, it went to medical researchers at the University of South Florida. But Trump and Scott are multi-millionaires and Salazar isn't -- though she might not be far from it. Her 2020 federal financial disclosure listed \$20,000 in income for TV work, along with a net worth of at least \$600,000. Salazar owes between \$1 million and \$5 million on a residential mortgage, according to her financial disclosure. Federal disclosures require lawmakers to report assets and liabilities in ranges, so a precise accounting of their net worth is impossible.” [Miami Herald, 1/30/21]

Salazar Said She Wanted To Hire Three Staff Members For Her Prosperity Center And Suggested Paying Rent For People Looking For Jobs. “Salazar said her staff's conversations with the House Committee on Ethics have not yet given her clarity on how and whether she can use her salary to supplement her office funds and expand her staff. [...] Salazar said Friday that the prosperity center -- which she expects to open Feb. 3 within her main district office in Miami at 3961 NW Seventh St. -- will be staffed by three people. ‘I don't want to break the rules so I will wait for them,’ Salazar said of the ethics and administration committees. ‘I would like to hire more people or I would like to pay people's rent if they have a need while they're finding a job...but I have to do it within the restraints of the United States Congress.’” [Miami Herald, 1/30/21]

Salazar Said House Ethics Committee Could Not Give Her Clear Guidance On Donating Her Salary To Fund A “Prosperity Center” In Her Congressional Office. “Miami Republican Rep. María Elvira Salazar ran ads during her campaign last year declaring that she would donate her entire \$174,000 salary to fund a ‘prosperity center’ to help her constituents pay their rent and find jobs. But on Friday, when Salazar was expected to get her first paycheck as a member of Congress, she said she has had trouble receiving clear guidance from committees that oversee how members of Congress run their offices on whether and how she can proceed with her plans. [...] Salazar said her staff's conversations with the House Committee on Ethics have not yet given her clarity on how and whether she can use her salary to supplement her office funds and expand her staff. Late Friday, she provided emails to the Miami Herald with redacted addresses that she said were between her staff and the House Committee on Administration, showing that her office asked for guidance as early as Dec. 4.” [Miami Herald, 1/30/21]

Salazar Approached The House Ethics Committee With Different Ideas On How To Direct Her Salary Into Her Congressional Office But Was Advised They All Would Violate Rules. “Salazar said she wanted to use the money to directly pay for additional staff, which wasn't allowed. Then, she inquired about donating her salary to her own congressional budget, which wasn't allowed, either. Finally, she asked if her salary could fund bonuses for staff who take on additional case work for the prosperity center, which again violated the rules. ‘I can't hire more than 18 people plus four part-timers,’ Salazar said, adding that the House Ethics Committee knows her well because she's called them so many times. ‘I'm not going to go against any of the rules.’” [Miami Herald, 2/26/21]

Salazar's Office Shared Emails From House Ethics Recommending Against Using Personal Funds To Pay Personnel. “Salazar said her staff's conversations with the House Committee on Ethics have not yet given her clarity on how and whether she can use her salary to supplement her office funds and expand her staff. Late Friday, she provided emails to the Miami Herald with redacted addresses that she said were between her staff and the House Committee on Administration, showing that her office asked for guidance as early as Dec. 4. One email, on Dec. 7, recommends that members of Congress avoid using their personal funds to pay for personnel. Salazar said Friday that the prosperity center -- which she expects to open Feb. 3 within her main district office in Miami at 3961 NW Seventh St. -- will be staffed by three people.” [Miami Herald, 1/30/21]

Salazar Said She Would Find Another Way To Donate Her Salary After The House Ethics Committee Advised Against Using It To Run A Job Center Out Of Her Congressional Office. “Salazar said she will find another way to donate her salary toward job services for the people of Florida's 27th Congressional

District after House ethics managers shot down her proposal to use her paycheck to hire staff to run a job center out of her office. 'If I wanted to make money, believe me I would have stayed in the private sector making a lot more than I'm making now,' she said. 'Because I'm not making anything.'" [Miami Herald, 2/3/21]

Salazar Said Her Congressional Pay Would Sit In A Bank Account Until She Could Figure Out What To Do With It. "The Miami Republican told voters and media outlets of a plan 'unlike any other congressional office' to fund a 'prosperity center' with her \$174,000 salary, using her paycheck to pay for additional staff who would provide job training resources and steer federal contracts to small businesses interested in providing services to the government. But two months into the job, Salazar says she can't fully honor her campaign promise due to congressional ethics rules. On Friday, Salazar is expected to receive her second paycheck as a member of Congress, a sum of about \$7,700 after taxes. For now, the money will sit in a bank account until Salazar decides what to do with it. 'The government doesn't let me do what I promised I was going to do,' Salazar said in an interview. 'I have to work on a plan. I have not worked on that plan yet.'" [Miami Herald, 2/26/21]

Salazar Said Despite Not Being Able To Hire Additional Staff And Open An Employment Center, She Incorporated The Duties Into The Traditional Casework Of Her District Office. "But Salazar said that while she can't boost her congressional office with her salary, the prosperity center idea has been incorporated into the job responsibilities of her staffers. Her 18 employees are equally split between Miami and Washington, she said. Salazar's congressional office has opened 405 traditional constituent cases since she assumed office in January, according to her district director, Daniel Leyte-Vidal. [...] Even though Salazar can't use her salary to fund a prosperity center, which is simply an extra set of job responsibilities within her existing office, she said her staff has added additional casework related to employment." [Miami Herald, 2/26/21]

Term Limits

Salazar supported term limits, but said she would "die doing this" after being elected.

[VIDEO] 2020: Salazar Promised To Fight For Term Limits. "[SALAZAR:] I'm Maria Elvira Salazar and I approve this message because I'll fight for term limits and get rid of the corrupt politicians in both parties. [SUPER: Maria Elvira Salazar Deliver Term Limits]." [YouTube, Maria Elvira Salazar, [9/22/20](#)]

- **Salazar Said She Supports Term Limits.** "Salazar said former lawmakers should never become lobbyists. 'I would denounce that forever. If you are part of the government, you should never be a lobbyist, period,' Salazar said, adding that she also favors term limits. 'If you choose to [serve in Congress], it's a very big sacrifice.'" [Miami Herald, 2/4/20]

[VIDEO] Salazar Said She Would "Die Doing This" If The Voters Allowed Her. "This is one of the, probably the toughest job I've done, running for Congress [...] But it's the most gratifying because you're doing it for the common good. You're doing it for what you believe in. Now I would say that I am at that point where I will never give up. And hopefully the voters want me to, I will die doing this." [YouTube, ForbesWomen, 0:22-1:05, [6/2/21](#)]

Lobbying Ban

Salazar supported a ban on lobbying after leaving office.

Salazar: “If You Are Part Of The Government, You Should Never Be A Lobbyist, Period.” “Salazar said former lawmakers should never become lobbyists. ‘I would denounce that forever. If you are part of the government, you should never be a lobbyist, period,’ Salazar said, adding that she also favors term limits. ‘If you choose to [serve in Congress], it's a very big sacrifice.’” [Miami Herald, 2/4/20]

Federal Buildings

Joseph Woodrow

Salazar joined bipartisan efforts to rename a Florida courthouse after the first Black Florida Supreme Court justice.

2022: Salazar Supported Efforts To Name A Tallahassee Courthouse After Joseph Woodrow On Two Separate Occasions. “Efforts to name the federal courthouse in Tallahassee after Judge Joseph Woodrow Hatchett, Florida's first Black Florida Supreme Court Justice, were derailed last month when House Republicans, including U.S. Rep. Neal Dunn, R-Panama City, whose district includes Tallahassee, objected because of a Hatchett ruling on school prayer. Tallahassee's other Congressman, Democrat Al Lawson, got the proposal back on track Wednesday, when he reintroduced and debated the measure on the House floor. Dunn flipped his vote to a yes and the measure by Florida GOP Senators Marco Rubio and Rick Scott cleared the House on a 230-191 tally, with nine other Republicans joining Democrats to honor Hatchett. [...] Like Dunn, U.S. Rep. Bill Posey, R-Brevard, and U.S. Rep. Maria Elvira Salazar, R-Miami, voted with Democrats. The two had also voted yes in April.” [The News Herald, 5/21/22]

Flip Flopper

2020 Campaign

In 2020, Tim Padgett, an editor for the Miami NPR affiliate WLRN, slammed Salazar as practicing “McCarthyism” and said Salazar was filled with “shameless double standards” that it would have “even made a two-faced politico like Fidel Castro blush.”

2020: Salazar Was Slammed By A Guest Columnist, Tim Padgett, In The South Florida Sun-Sentinel For Practicing Mccarthyism During The 2020 Campaign. “This year's election not only confirmed malicious McCarthyism is alive and smearing in South Florida, it showcased Salazar as one of its most enthusiastic practitioners.” [South Florida Sun-Sentinel, 11/09/20]

2020: In The Editorial, Salazar Was Blasted For The “Hypocrisy” Of Her Election And Her Campaign To “Darken Civic Discourse” In South Florida. “So it's not Salazar's election that bothers me. It's how she got elected. The sheer hypocrisy of it, of course, but also the way it's contributed to the unhinged orgy of ¡tú eres comunista! hysteria that defined this election cycle in South Florida, and which promises

to further darken civic discourse and practices here for years to come precisely because it was so successful.” [South Florida Sun-Sentinel, 11/09/20]

2020: Tim Padgett Wrote That Salazar's Campaign Was Filled With Such “Shameless Double Standards” It Would Have “Made Even A Two-Faced Politico Like Fidel Castro Blush.” “What's just as civically harmful as the reckless bile is the shameless double standards, which Salazar paraded in ways that would have made even a two-faced politico like Fidel Castro blush. She had the unmitigated brass to call Shalala and Democrats socialistas because of policies like Obamacare; then she turned around and told voters Obamacare was OK because she knew damn well how popular it is with South Floridians - especially with the Cubans and other Latinos in her district to whom she was most loudly preaching the ¡Demócratas-son-socialistas! Propaganda.” [South Florida Sun-Sentinel, 11/09/20]

Food

Citrus/Fruit Production

Salazar supported the domestic production of orange juice, promoted grapefruit production, warned about the greening of Florida citrus trees, and supported the Florida fruit industry.

2022: Salazar Cosponsored Legislation To Protect Domestic Production Of Orange Juice. “Rep. Mario Diaz-Balart, R-Fla., has introduced the Defending Domestic Orange Juice Production Act (H.R. 8054) "to modify minimum required weight of orange juice soluble solids." The bill was introduced on June 14 and has 14 co-sponsors. Co-sponsors include Reps. Debbie Wasserman Schultz, D-Fla., Stephanie N. Murphy, D-Fla., Kat Cammack, R-Fla., Daniel Webster, R-Fla., Maria Elvira Salazar, R-Fla., Darren Soto, D-Fla., Al Lawson, D-Fla., Bill Posey, R-Fla., John H. Rutherford, R-Fla., Greg Steube, R-Fla., C. Scott Franklin, R-Fla., Carlos A. Gimenez, R-Fla., Charlie Crist, D-Fla., and Vern Buchanan, R-Fla.” [Targeted News Service, 6/17/22]

2022: Salazar Signed A letter To Reconsider A Ban On The Usage Of Thiram, An Important Fungicide Used In The Cultivation Of Strawberries. “Representatives Scott Franklin (FL-15) and Darren Soto (FL-09) today sent a letter to the Environmental Protection Agency urging reconsideration of a ban on the usage of Thiram, an important fungicide used in the cultivation of strawberries. A ban of Thiram would be devastating to the strawberry production, according to industry experts. In December, EPA proposed a ban on the usage of Thiram due to potential harm posed to agricultural workers. It found that Thiram's skin absorption factor was 15 percent, a level deemed too high to be considered safe. Eastman Chemical, the company which produces Thiram, conducted a follow up study which concluded the absorption factor is only 1.2 percent, well within the EPA's acceptable range for safe use. In response, the members have asked EPA to re-examine the data and make a determination once all information has been considered. The letter's cosigners include Reps. Kat Cammack (FL-03), Al Lawson (FL-05), Maria Elvira Salazar (FL-27)...” [State News Services, 5/20/22]

2022: Salazar Signed A Letter To The EPA To Approve Vismax To Prevent The Greening Of Citrus Trees That Hurts The Florida Citrus Industry. “Congresswoman Kat Cammack (R-FL-03) and Congressman Al Lawson (D-FL-05) led a bipartisan letter with members of the Florida congressional delegation to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requesting an expeditious approval of

Vismax, a biochemical pesticide used for citrus greening. Citrus greening, a disease that impairs trees' ability to take in nourishment, has negatively impacted nearly every farm in Florida and can drastically reduce the productivity of a tree within just two years. Today, citrus greening has caused Florida's citrus industry to shrink by more than two-thirds and has caused over \$8 billion in economic losses, with thousands of jobs lost. The letter asks the EPA to rapidly approve the use of Vismax in preventing citrus greening, so the industry may access this product before the start of the 2022 growing season this October. [...] The letter earned the support of Florida Citrus Mutual. Original signees of the letter include Reps. Cammack and Lawson, Reps. Bill Posey, Carlos Gimenez, Debbie Wasserman Schultz, Gus Bilirakis, Frederica Wilson, John Rutherford, Maria Elvira Salazar, Mario Diaz-Balart, Michael Waltz, and Scott Franklin." [Targeted News Service, 5/18/22]

2021: Salazar Signed A letter To Tom Vilsak To Reverse The Suspended Rules On Juice Standards For Important Grapefruits. "Florida Congressman Daniel Webster, R-Clermont, joined U.S. Senators Marco Rubio (R-FL), Ted Cruz (R-TX), and Rick Scott (R-FL) and members of the Florida and Texas Congressional Delegations to urge the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Tom Vilsack to reverse the Department's unjustified decision to administratively suspend juice content standards for imported grapefruits, and to request information regarding the circumstances of the suspension, which was made without a proper rulemaking process, and for which Congress was not notified. Following the suspension of grapefruit juice content standards, Texas A&M University found in November 2021, that more than 85 percent of grapefruits imported from Mexico in September and October would have "failed quality standards and been rejected," if not for the suspension of juice content standards by Secretary Vilsack." [Targeted News Service, 12/11/21]

2021: Salazar Signed A Letter To The Acting US Trade Rep Expressing Concern Over EU Tariffs On Grapefruit. "Last week, members of the Florida congressional delegation, led by Reps. Darren Soto (FL-09) and Bill Posey (FL-08) , wrote a letter to Acting U.S. Trade Representative, Maria Pagan, expressing concerns over retaliatory tariffs placed by the European Union (EU) on U.S. agricultural products, particularly Florida grapefruits. "These tariffs have had a devastating impact on citrus, particularly Florida grapefruit, worsening the already difficult market conditions resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic," wrote the members . "Because fresh citrus and citrus juices are subject to the retaliatory tariff, fresh Florida grapefruit is among the most adversely impacted." In the past, forty percent of Florida's fresh grapefruit production was intended for EU markets. With the addition of a twenty-five percent retaliatory tariff on top of the existing 1.5 percent tariff, grapefruit exports from Florida have shrunk significantly. As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, Florida growers have already been struggling to maintain their livelihoods. If immediate action is not taken and the United States loses the fresh grapefruit market in the EU, they could face even harsher consequences." [State News Service, 2/10/21]

2021: Joined with other Florida lawmakers to write a letter to Biden to protect Florida's seasonal fruit and veggie growers. "U.S Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL) led members of the Florida congressional delegation in a letter to President Joe Biden urging the administration to protect Florida ' s seasonal fruit and vegetable growers from unfair trade competition. Florida ' s agricultural industry plays an indispensable role in American food security. [...] Joining Rubio were Senator Rick Scott (R-FL) and Representatives Brian Mast (R-FL), Stephanie Murphy (D-FL), Vern Buchanan (R-FL), Mario Diaz-Balart

(R-FL), Gus Bilirakis (R-FL), Bill Posey (R-FL), Maria Elvira Salazar (R-FL)..." [Impact News Service, 10/8/21]

Guns

Bipartisan Gun Bill

[Salazar voted for the bipartisan gun bill after the Uvalde massacre.](#)

2022: Salazar Voted For The Bipartisan Gun Bill Signed Into Law By President Biden In The Summer Of 2022 After The Uvalde Massacre. “The House of Representatives passed the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act on Friday, sending the most significant new gun restrictions since the 1990s to President Joe Biden's desk. The bill passed by a 234-193 margin, with 14 House Republicans voting in favor. It comes after 15 Senate Republicans broke ranks and voted for the bill late Thursday night. The bipartisan measure, negotiated by Democratic and Republican senators with Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell's blessing, includes multimillion dollar investments in mental health services and school security, as well as a new federal ban on gun trafficking. The gun safety bill would also offer new funding to support states and tribes that seek to enact "red flag" laws — which allow authorities to confiscate guns from individuals deemed a threat to themselves or others — closing the so-called "boyfriend loophole," and subjecting gun purchasers under the age of 21 to new background check requirements. [...] Here are the 14 House Republicans who voted for the bill: ... Rep. Maria Elvira Salazar of Florida” [Business Insider, 6/24/22]

Opposed Red Flag Laws

[June 2022: Salazar voted against red flag laws that prohibited the purchase and possession of firearms by people who pose an imminent danger.](#)

Salazar Voted Against A Family Or Household Member Or Law Enforcement Initiated Red Flag Law Authorizing Judges To Prohibit The Purchase And Possession Of Firearms By People Who Pose An Imminent Danger. In June 2022 Salazar voted against: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would allow a family or household member of an individual, or a law enforcement officer, to petition a federal district court to issue an extreme risk protection order to prohibit an individual from purchasing or possessing a firearm or ammunition, if the court finds that such purchase or possession poses a risk of imminent personal injury to the individual or others. It would require courts to grant or deny a petition for a temporary order, valid for 14 days, on its date of submission. It would require courts to hold a hearing on a petition for a long-term order, valid for a renewable period of 180 days, within 72 hours of issuing a temporary order or 14 days after submission of the petition. In evaluating a petition, it would require courts to consider recent threats or acts of violence by the respondent, recent acts of cruelty to animals and evidence of ongoing substance abuse. It would also allow courts to consider a respondent's reckless use or display of a firearm or history of violence or attempted violence. It would establish procedures for the surrender and removal of firearms pursuant to an extreme risk protection order and prohibit the possession of firearms by individuals subject to an order under federal firearm law. It would also specify that there would be no costs for filing a petition and establish a penalty of up to \$5,000 or five years

imprisonment for making false or frivolous petitions. The bill would also require the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services within the Justice Department to establish a grant program to assist state, tribal and local governments in implementing legislation allowing individuals to petition state or tribal courts to issue extreme risk protection orders, including to enhance the capacity and training of law enforcement agencies and courts to carry out the legislation.” The bill passed by a vote of 224-202. [H.R. 2377, [Vote #Vote #255](#), 6/9/22; CQ, [6/9/22](#)]

- **2022: 74% Of Voters Supported A National Red Flag Law Allowing “Police Or Family Members To Request That A Judge Temporarily Removes Guns From A Person Who May Be A Danger To Others Or Themselves.”**

VTSRFL1. NPR/PBS NewsHour/Marist Poll National Tables May 31st through June 6th, 2022				
National Adults				
Would you definitely vote for or definitely vote against a candidate for Congress who supports a national red flag law, that is, a gun control law that allows police or family members to request that a judge temporarily removes guns from a person who may be a danger to others or themselves?				
		Definitely vote for	Definitely vote against	Vol: Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
National Adults		73%	16%	10%
National Registered Voters		74%	16%	10%
Party Identification	Democrat	91%	4%	5%
	Republican	60%	26%	14%
	Independent	69%	21%	10%
Gun Owners		61%	24%	15%
Region	Northeast	79%	12%	9%
	Midwest	72%	17%	11%
	South	72%	20%	9%
	West	74%	14%	12%

[NPR, PBS NewsHour, and Marist Poll; [6/9/22](#)]

- **U.S. Secret Service: In 41 School Violence Incidents Between 2008-2017, “All Attackers Exhibited Concerning Behaviors” “Often Observed By Peers, School Staff, Family Members, Or Others.”** “To aid in these efforts, the U.S. Secret Service National Threat Assessment Center (NTAC) studied 41 incidents of targeted school violence that occurred at K-12 schools in the United States from 2008 to 2017. [...] The analysis suggests that many of these tragedies could have been prevented [...] All attackers exhibited concerning behaviors. Most elicited concern from others, and most communicated their intent to attack. The initial indicators of a student who was in distress or exhibiting concerning behavior were often observed by peers, school staff, family members, or others in their immediate community systems. The behaviors that elicited concern ranged from a constellation of lower-level concerns to objectively concerning or prohibited behaviors. Most of the attackers communicated a prior threat to their target or communicated their intentions to carry out an attack. In many of these cases, someone observed a threatening communication or behavior but did not act, either out of fear, not believing the attacker,

misjudging the immediacy or location, or believing they had dissuaded the attacker. These findings continue to highlight the importance of encouraging students, school personnel, and family members to report troubling or concerning behaviors, in order to ensure that those in positions of authority can intervene. These same community members need to be trained on identifying risk factors for student violence and students in crisis.” [United States Secret Service National Threat Assessment Center, Report, [11/7/19](#)]

- **Journal of Contemporary Criminal Justice: A Study Of 15 Of The Worst Mass Shootings Showed Most “Were Indeed Preventable” And “The Deadliest Mass Shooters Exhibited More Warning Signs” Compared To Other Active Shooters.** “This study examined the 15 deadliest public mass shootings in the United States from March 1998 to February 2018 to assess (a) leakage of violent thoughts/intent, (b) leakage of specific interest in mass killing, (c) concerning behaviors reported to law enforcement, (d) concerning interest in homicide reported to law enforcement, and (e) firearms acquisition. We then compared our findings on the deadliest public mass shooters with the Federal Bureau of Investigation’s (FBI) findings on active shooters in general. Overall, the results suggest that most incidents were indeed preventable based on information known about offenders in advance, and that the deadliest mass shooters exhibited more warning signs and were more often reported to law enforcement than other active shooters. Future prevention efforts should aim to educate, encourage, and pressure the public to report warning signs to law enforcement, educate and train law enforcement so that they can more effectively investigate potential threats, and limit firearms access for people who have admitted having homicidal or suicidal thoughts or being interested in committing a mass shooting. These relatively straightforward steps could significantly reduce the prevalence of future attacks.” [Journal of Contemporary Criminal Justice, Research Article, [4/2/19](#)]
- **Federal Bureau Of Investigation: A Study Of 63 Active Shooters Found Each Displayed An Average Of 4 to 5 Concerning Behaviors Observable By Others.** “The 63 active shooters examined in this study did not appear to be uniform in any way such that they could be readily identified prior to attacked based on demographics alone. [...] On average, each active shooter displayed 4 to 5 concerning behaviors over time that were observable to others around the shooter. The most frequently occurring concerning behaviors were related to the active shooter’s mental health, problematic interpersonal interactions, and leakage of violent intent.” [U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Report, [6/20/18](#)]

Opposed Raising The Minimum Age

[June 2022: Salazar voted against The Protecting Our Kids Act that would have raised the age to buy a semiautomatic weapon.](#)

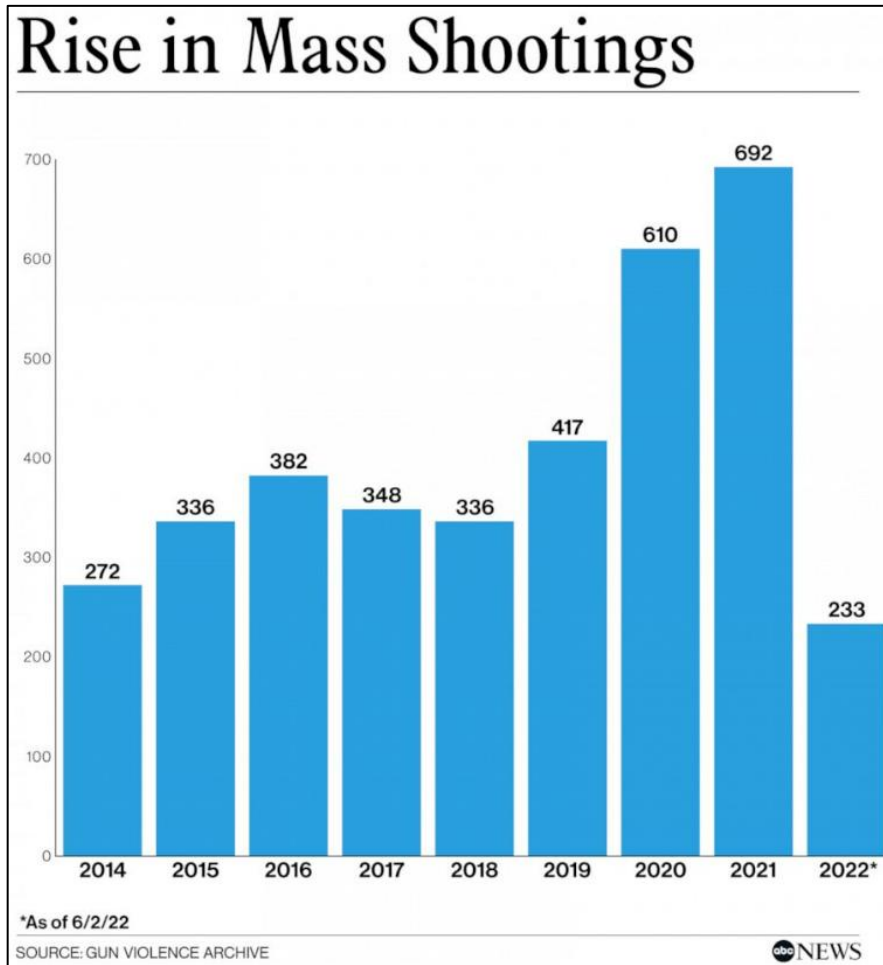
Salazar Voted Against The Protecting Our Kids Act To Increase Gun Safety. In June 2022 Salazar voted against: “Passage of the bill that would contain several provisions related to limiting gun access. Specifically, it would increase from 18 to 21 years the age at which an individual can legally purchase a semiautomatic weapon; prohibit ‘straw purchases,’ or the acquisition of firearms for sale to another individual other than in the case of gifts between family members or purchases for lawful use in a business; and prohibit individuals from selling or transferring a firearm or ammunition if they have

reason to believe the recipient intends to use them in violation of federal law or sell or dispose of them in another state in violation of that state's law. It would prohibit the import, sale, manufacture, transfer or possession of large capacity ammunition feeding devices, other than for certain law enforcement or testing purposes; prohibit the manufacture, sale or transfer of 'ghost guns,' or firearms that lack a serial number issued by a licensed manufacturer, and make such weapons and the assembly of such weapons subject to federal firearm regulations; and authorize the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives to regulate bump stocks, which are devices intended to increase the rate of fire of a semiautomatic weapon in the same manner as a machine gun. It would prohibit the storage of a firearm in a private residence where a minor is likely to access it without permission or where a resident of the household is ineligible to possess a firearm, unless the weapon is secured with a gun storage or safety device, in a reasonably secure location or on the person of the owner. It would authorize \$10 million annually through fiscal 2033 for Justice Department grants for state and tribal programs to distribute safe firearm storage devices to the public, and it would require the department to publish best practices for safe firearm storage and gun manufacturers to include such information on weapon packaging. Among other provisions, it would authorize the use of federal law enforcement grants for state and tribal buy-back programs for large capacity ammunition feeding devices; require the FBI to submit to Congress a report regarding the operation of its public access tip line; and require the Justice Department to submit to Congress an annual report including the demographic data of individuals who were determined to be ineligible to purchase a firearm based on a background check performed by the National Instant Criminal Background Check System during the previous year." The bill passed by a vote of 223-204. [H.R. 7910, [Vote #Vote #245](#), 6/8/22; CQ, [6/8/22](#)]

- **House Republican Leadership Urged Members To Vote Against The Protecting Our Kids Act, Citing Opposition From The National Rifle Association And Gun Owners Of America.** "In a 'whip notice' sent to rank-and-file members on Tuesday afternoon, House GOP leadership urged a 'no' vote on all eight bills, referring to the seven-bill package as the 'Unconstitutional Gun Restrictions Act.' They wrote that House Democrats had 'thrown together this reactionary package comprised of legislation that egregiously violates law-abiding citizens' 2nd Amendment rights and hinders Americans' ability to defend and protect themselves and their families.' The email also noted the opposition of the National Rifle Association and Gun Owners of America, including links to talking points from the NRA about both the gun package and the red flag law." [Business Insider, [6/8/22](#)]
- **House Republican Leadership Noted The National Rifle Association Would Consider Votes On The Protecting Our Kids Act In Future Candidate Ratings And Endorsements.** "'Due to the importance of this issue, votes on this legislation will be considered in future candidate ratings and endorsements by the NRA Political Victory Fund,' declares one of the memos shared by party leaders. [...] But the two gun groups' inclusion — and the NRA's threat to downgrade candidate ratings or withhold endorsements should any Republicans back the measures — underscores the enduring influence of pro-second amendment groups on the right, despite the NRA's recent financial troubles and shrinking membership." [Business Insider, [6/8/22](#)]
- **Center For Disease Control: Guns Were The Leading Cause Of Death Among Children, Above Car Accidents And Cancer.** "The CDC publishes data on the leading causes of death among different demographic groups, providing the most reliable data. In 2020, the leading cause of

death among children ages one through 18 involved a firearm. There were 3,219 such deaths in 2020, followed by motor vehicle traffic deaths, of which there were 2,882.” [PolitiFact, [6/4/22](#)]

- **Mass Shootings Rose 46% Between 2019 And 2020 And Increased Another 13% By 2021.**



[ABC News, [6/7/22](#)]

- **Center For American Progress: “Rising Crime Rates [Were] Almost Entirely Driven By An Increase In Gun-Related Homicides.”** “Rising crime rates are almost entirely driven by an increase in gun-related homicides • From 2019 to 2020, homicides increased a staggering 28 percent.¹ This sharp increase was driven by a dramatic rise in gun-related homicides: ° While nonfirearm homicides increased less than 10 percent from 2019 to 2020, gun homicides rose by 35 percent, the largest annual increase ever recorded.² ° In 2020, 8 out of every 10 homicides were perpetrated with a gun, the highest proportion in recent years.³ • Unfortunately, the rise in gun homicides continued through 2021: Preliminary data suggest an additional 7 percent increase in gun homicides from 2020 to 2021.⁴” [Center for American Progress, Fact Sheet, [6/3/22](#)]

Around the same time, Salazar did vote with Democrats to increase the age of semi-automatic rifles from 18 to 21.

2022: Salazar Voted To Increase The Age Of Semi-Automatic Rifles From 18-21. “Ten House Republicans backed a symbolic vote on Wednesday to raise from 18 to 21 the minimum age of purchase for a semi-automatic rifle. The defectors voted to retain language raising the age of purchase in House Speaker Nancy Pelosi’s wide-ranging gun control package. The Republican representatives who voted with the Democrats included Reps. Fred Upton of Michigan, Adam Kinzinger of Illinois, Brian Fitzpatrick of Pennsylvania, Chris Smith of New Jersey and Maria Elvira Salazar of Florida.” [Washington Times, 6/09/22]

However, in the past, Salazar has questioned the effectiveness of raising the age for gun purchases.

2018: Salazar in 2018 questioned the effectiveness of raising the age. “She [Salazar] has also questioned the effectiveness of raising the age limit to purchase assault rifles and other firearms, while sounding the horn against violent video games. ‘Guns don’t shoot themselves,’ she said in a recent interview. ‘If you increase the age from 18 to 21, even if they raise it to 25, to 39, if [Parkland shooter] Nikolas Cruz wanted to... he would buy it on the black market.’” [Miami Herald, 10/05/18]

Opposed Active Shooter Alert Act

July 2022: Salazar voted against the Active Shooter Alert Act that was supported by multiple law enforcement groups in order to better respond to active threats.

Salazar Voted Against The Active Shooter Alert Act To Establish The Active Shooter Alert Communications Network To Inform Communities During Emergencies. In July 2022 Salazar voted against: “Passage of the bill that would require the Justice Department to appoint a national coordinator for a new Active Shooter Alert Communications Network. It would require the coordinator to work with state and local government agencies to establish procedures for response to and public alerts regarding active shooter threats; coordinate with the Federal Emergency Management Agency and Federal Communications Commission regarding the use of the Integrated Public Alert and Warning System for active shooter alerts; establish and regularly update best practices for the issuance of alerts through the network; and report to Congress biennially on the status and effectiveness of each state and local alert procedure that has been implemented. It would authorize \$2 million in fiscal 2023 for the Justice Department to carry out the bill’s provisions. It would also require the Government Accountability Office to report to Congress, within two years of enactment, on state and local responses to active shooters, including the timing and effectiveness of public alerts.” The bill passed by a vote of 260-169. [H.R. 6538, [Vote #Vote #307](#), 7/13/22; CQ, [7/13/22](#)]

- **The Active Shooter Alert Communications Network Utilized Alerts Similar To AMBER Alerts.** “The House approved legislation on Wednesday to create an active shooter alert network. Driving the news: The bill would create the Active Shooter Alert Communications Network to issue AMBER-style alerts to make people aware of active shooter situations in their area.” [Axios, [7/13/22](#)]
- **The Fraternal Order Of Police Supported The Active Shooter Alert Act To “Improve The Ways Officers And Agencies Communicate With The Public About Active Threats.”** “I am writing on behalf of the members of the Fraternal Order of Police to advise you of our support for H.R.

6538, the 'Active Shooter Alert Act.' Responding to an active shooter event is chaotic and can be fraught with peril, especially when the incident is not confined to one location. Law enforcement officers must prioritize preserving lives and ending the threat. Simultaneously, they need a way to notify the public about the incident, whether that is to avoid a certain area, shelter in place, or announce when the area is once again safe. The bill you have introduced is designed to improve the ways officers and agencies communicate with the public about active threats. [...] We believe as you do—having a network for informing the public during these critical incidents will save lives. On behalf of the more than 364,000 members of the Fraternal Order of Police, I thank you for your efforts on this legislation and look forward to working with you to get it passed. If I can provide any additional assistance about this issue, please do not hesitate to contact me or Executive Director Jim Pasco in our Washington, D.C. office.” [Fraternal Order of Police, Letter, [1/28/22](#)]

- **The National Sheriffs' Association Supported The Active Shooter Alert Act.** “The US House passed bipartisan legislation on Wednesday night that would help state and local governments set up a warning system for active shooter situations, and enhance law enforcement’s communication with the public in such emergencies. It would be similar in operation to the Amber Alert system that’s deployed whenever a child is abducted. [...] The bill was endorsed by numerous law enforcement organizations, including the Fraternal Order of Police and National Sheriffs’ Association.” [Bloomberg, [7/13/22](#)]
- **The National Education Association Supported The Active Shooter Alert Act To “Reduce Harm During A Shooting.”** “On behalf of the 3 million members of the National Education Association, who educate and support 50 million students in 14,000 communities across America, we urge you to vote YES on the Active Shooter Alert Act of 2022 (H.R. 6538). Votes on this legislation may be included in the NEA Report Card for the 117th Congress. [...] The Active Shooter Alert Act is a pragmatic response to our epidemic of gun violence. The legislation would create a national system for sending AMBER-style alerts during an active-shooter emergency. This would be crucial in disseminating accurate information quickly, warning people in the vicinity who are vulnerable. [...] The members of NEA know that our nation’s students will not truly be safe until we address the root of our crisis: There are far too many guns on our streets, from small towns to major cities. We support the Active Shooter Alert Act because it attempts to reduce harm during a shooting, and we continue to ask members of Congress to work toward passing the commonsense gun reforms, such as raising the minimum age for purchasing semiautomatic weapons from 18 to 21 and requiring universal background checks, that Americans are demanding. We ask that you vote YES on the Active Shooter Alert Act.” [National Education Association, Letter, [7/13/22](#)]

Opposed Assault Weapons Ban

July 2022: Salazar voted against an assault weapons ban despite previously voicing support for banning assault weapons.

July 2022: Salazar Voted Against The Assault Weapons Ban. In July 2022 Salazar voted against: “Passage of the bill that would prohibit the import, sale, manufacture, transfer and possession of

semiautomatic assault weapons and large capacity ammunition feeding devices. It would specify that the prohibition does not apply to weapons otherwise lawfully possessed on the date of enactment, most manually operated firearms, permanently inoperable firearms, antique firearms and certain possession by federal, state, local or campus law enforcement officials. It would require serial numbers for any such weapons and devices manufactured after the bill's enactment to include the date of manufacture clearly engraved or cast by the manufacturer. It would prohibit any existing owner of semiautomatic assault weapons who is not a licensed importer, manufacturer or dealer, from transferring such weapons directly to another unlicensed individual or storing them where they would be accessible to an individual prohibited from possessing a firearm. It would extend existing law providing for the seizure and forfeiture of firearms and ammunition that are used or intended to be used in a crime to include large capacity ammunition feeding devices. It would allow law enforcement grants under the Byrne JAG program to be used for state and tribal buy-back programs for weapons and devices banned by the bill. It would require the Office of the Attorney General to establish and maintain a public record of the make and model of any semiautomatic assault weapons used in relation to a crime, including the circumstances of the crime and the outcome of any relevant criminal proceedings." The bill passed by a vote of 217-213. [H.R. 1808, [Vote #410](#), 7/29/22; CQ, [7/29/22](#)]

2018: Salazar supported an assault weapons ban and universal background checks.

Salazar Supported Banning Assault Weapons And Closing The Gun Show Loophole. "Salazar would also ban assault weapons and close the loophole. She supports universal background checks and early intervention measures to prevent young, troubled people from picking up a weapon." [Miami Herald, Editorial, [10/21/18](#)]

Salazar Said She Supported Universal Background Checks And Was Open To An Assault Weapon Ban. "Though Parkland is in overwhelmingly Democratic Broward County, congressional candidates in nearby Palm Beach and Miami-Dade Counties have changed their tune on guns in the last year. Miami Republican Rep. Carlos Curbelo, running for reelection in a Democratic-leaning district, called on Congress to ban devices that allow semi-automatic rifles to function like automatic rifles after the Las Vegas shooting in October 2017. Treasure Coast Republican Rep. Brian Mast cited his military experience when calling for an assault weapons ban after Parkland. Miami congressional candidate Maria Elvira Salazar, a Republican, said this week that she supports background checks on guns and is open to an assault-weapons ban." [Miami Herald, [10/2/18](#)]

Salazar Voted To Expand Background Checks For Gun Sales. "Two years ago, Miami Republican Rep. Mario Diaz-Balart was one of eight Republicans to vote in favor of expanding background checks on every gun sale. On Thursday, Diaz-Balart switched his vote, voting against the same legislation he once supported. But Miami's two other House Republicans, Reps. Carlos Gimenez and Maria Elvira Salazar, voted yes. Diaz-Balart's 'no' vote didn't stop the House of Representatives from passing the Bipartisan Background Checks Act and sending it to the U.S. Senate. The bill was approved by a 227 to 203 vote, with eight Republicans joining 219 Democrats to vote for the bill. One Democrat, Rep. Jared Golden from Maine, joined 202 Republicans to vote against the bill." [Miami Herald, 3/11/21]

Salazar Was Open To Supporting Universal Background Checks. "Salazar, who spoke to the editorial board minutes after Shalala, said she would be open to supporting universal background checks on guns

and providing a path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants in the country at least 15 years. She also said she'd vote for the carbon tax proposal by Miami Rep. Carlos Curbelo, which would provide \$700 billion for infrastructure by taxing coal and natural gas emissions, if it had any chance of becoming law in a Republican-controlled Congress." [Miami Herald, [9/26/18](#)]

Background Checks

In 2021, Salazar called for background checks.

March 2021: Salazar: "I Think Everyone Who Buys A Firearm Should Go Through A Background Check." "Salazar said she voted for the bill 'because I think everyone who buys a firearm should go through a background check.' 'This security measure establishes an additional layer that will protect our community from violent criminals who take advantage of our laws to illegally acquire weapons,' she said in a statement." [El Nuevo Herald, 3/12/21]

- **Spanish Version:** "Salazar dijo que votó a favor del proyecto de ley 'porque creo que todos los que compran un arma de fuego deben pasar por una verificación de antecedentes.' 'Esta medida de seguridad establece una capa adicional que protegerá a nuestra comunidad de los criminales violentos que se aprovechan de nuestras leyes para hacerse ilegalmente con armas,' declaró mediante un comunicado."

2nd Amendment

Salazar has called the 2nd Amendment "sacred."

[VIDEO] June 2022: Salazar: "The Second Amendment Is Sacred." In a video interview with Alex Otaola, Salazar defended her position on the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act by stating in Spanish "The second amendment is sacred, there is no one who can strip us of it, it is in the constitution. I am the first one to believe that all citizens should have the right to bear arms... remember when Fidel said no firearms to enslave people." [YouTube, Maria Elvira Salazar, [06/16/22](#), 2:35/23:30]

- **Spanish version:** "La segunda enmienda es sagrada, no hay quien la pueda quitar, esta medida en la constitución, y además yo soy la primera que considero que nosotros todos los ciudadanos tenemos que tener el derecho a tener armas, porque hay que acordarse que cuando Fidel dijo 'armas para que?' 'armas para que?' para poder esclavizarte."

2018: Salazar: "I Am A Firm Believer In The 2nd Amendment." "I am a firm believer in the 2nd Amendment. Although we must continue to protect this fundamental Constitutional right, we must find ways to keep guns out of the hands of those who should never have them – namely children, criminals, and the mentally ill. As Congresswoman, I will strongly support solutions that concentrate on gun safety, including improving school resource officer training, universal background checks, and effectively closing loopholes that allow criminals to have access to firearms, while preserving the integrity of all our rights as Americans." [MariaElvira.com, accessed [9/3/18](#)]

School Shootings

[Salazar voted to use ARP funds for school safety enhancements.](#)

2022: Salazar Signed Onto The Securing Our Students Act To Use Unused ARP Funds For School Safety Enhancements. Rep. Chris Stewart (R-UT) co-sponsored Rep. Burgess Owens's (R-UT) Securing Our Students Act. This legislation would redirect unused American Rescue Plan funding to help identify and implement evidence-based school safety measures. Of the \$122 billion appropriated to America's K-12 schools in last year's \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan, 93% remains unspent. [...] The bill is co-sponsored by ...**Maria Salazar** (FL-27). [State News Services, 6/15/22]

[Salazar called the Uvalde shooting “heartbreaking.”](#)

2022: Salazar Called The Uvalde Shooting “Heartbreaking.” On social networks, Florida Republican Congresswoman Maria Elvira Salazar described the shooting as "heartbreaking": "Let's keep the Uvalde community in our prayers after facing such a horrible and senseless act of violence". [CE Noticias Financieras English, 5/24/22]

Concealed Carry

[Salazar supports concealed carry.](#)

2022: Salazar Supports Concealed Carry. “Supported bipartisan gun safety legislation in 2021 to require federal authorities to alert state and local law enforcement within 24 hours when an ineligible individual lies on a background check and tries to purchase a firearm. Has voted for some background check bills but against others and supported conceal carry legislation.” [Palm Beach Post Online, 6/14/22]

School “Trauma Centers”

[Salazar wanted to fund “trauma centers” in high school to identify and intervene with potential shooters.](#)

Salazar Wanted To Address School Shootings By Putting Counselors In High Schools To Identify Potential School Shooters And Intervene Before They Act. “On gun control, while she says she is open to banning assault weapons and regulating all private sales, she is more steadfast in her support of early intervention programs that she says could catch potential school shooters before they even walk into a pawn shop or gun store. Her plan is to create a system of counselor-staffed ‘trauma centers’ inside the nation’s high schools — she wants to start small, with a pilot program in her district — that would exist to sniff out school shooters or other troubled youths with violent thoughts. ‘If we would have had an early intervention center in Parkland, where trauma therapists would have been there just to spot people like him, with all his problems, chances are, they would have been able to neutralize him,’ she told the Miami Herald.” [Miami Herald, [10/15/18](#)]

NRA

[Salazar said she would refuse NRA contributions.](#)

Salazar Said She Would Refuse NRA Contributions. “Salazar said she would not accept money from the National Rifle Association, but that she would support the organization’s funding of early intervention centers.” [Miami Herald, [10/15/18](#)]

Giffords PAC

[Salazar Received \\$1,000 From Giffords PAC.](#)

June 2022: Salazar Received \$1,000 From Giffords PAC. “None of the four senators who announced the bipartisan legislation are up for reelection until at least 2024, but Giffords PAC has contributed over \$148,000 to Democratic candidates so far this cycle and \$6,000 to four Republicans who voted 'yes' on the House's proposed gun control bill, the Protect Our Kids Act - \$2,000 to Reps. Brian Fitzpatrick (R-Pa.) and Chris Smith (R-N.J.) and \$1,000 to Reps. Maria Salazar (R-Fla.) and Fred Upton (R-Mich.). The gun violence prevention PAC also donated \$1,000 to Rep. Carlos Gimenez (R-Fla.), who voted against the House bill but previously voted with Salazar to expand background checks, and to Future First Leadership PAC, which is affiliated with Rep. Adam Kinzinger (R-Ill.), another Republican who voted for the House bill. Giffords PAC has not yet spent any money on television ads, mailers or other outside spending expenditures during the 2022 midterms.” [OpenSecrets Blog, 6/23/2022]

Haiti

HELP Program

[In December 2021, Salazar introduced legislation to extend beneficial trade provisions from the Haitian Economic Lift Program \(HELP\) for an additional 10 years.](#)

December 2021: Salazar Introduced Legislation To Extend Beneficial Trade Provisions From The Haitian Economic Lift Program (HELP) For An Additional 10 Years. In December 2021, Salazar sponsored the Haiti Economic Lift Program Extension Act of 2021 (the HELP Act of 2021). The bill would “extend through FY2035 the special duty-free rules for Haiti. It also extends through December 19, 2035, the duty-free treatment provided for apparel articles assembled in Haiti and imported from Haiti or the Dominican Republic.” The bill is cosponsored by 7 Republicans and 5 Democrats. The bill was referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means, but as of August 8, 2022, the bill has not received any action. [H.R. 6136, Cosponsors, accessed [8/08/22](#); Rep. Salazar, Press Release, [12/03/21](#)]

- **The Haitian Economic Lift Program Removes Barriers To The Import Of Manufactured Apparel From Haiti.** “The HELP Extension Act extends several beneficial U.S.-Haiti trade provisions from the Haitian Economic Lift Program (HELP) for an additional 10 years, providing a critical source of formal employment for Haiti through the textile industry... The HELP Extension Act will allow the Haitian people to improve their livelihoods and rebuild their country by ensuring the 60,000+ Haitians in the textile industry continue to enjoy the benefits of unfettered trade with the United States.” [Rep. Salazar, Press Release, [12/03/21](#)]

Obamacare

In 2018, while Salazar was first running for Congress, she said Obamacare “was no good” and “we need to find another way.” She even called Democrats “socialistas” because of policies like Obamacare.

[VIDEO] 2018: Salazar: “We Need To Find Another Way” Because Obamacare “Was No Good.” A Florida anchor asked Salazar, “Obamacare. Would you like to see Obamacare replaced? Salazar said, “What we had before was no good. Obamacare. What we have now is no good either. We need to find another way.” [YouTube, CBS Miami, [9/11/18](#) (3:15)]

Tim Padgett Op-Ed: Salazar Called Democrats “Socialistas Because Of Policies Like Obamacare; Then She Turned Around And Told Voters Obamacare Was OK.” “What's just as civically harmful as the reckless bile is the shameless double standards, which Salazar paraded in ways that would have made even a two-faced politico like Fidel Castro blush. She had the unmitigated brass to call Shalala and Democrats socialistas because of policies like Obamacare; then she turned around and told voters Obamacare was OK because she knew damn well how popular it is with South Floridians - especially with the Cubans and other Latinos in her district to whom she was most loudly preaching the ¡Demócratas-son-socialistas! propaganda.” [South Florida Sun-Sentinel, Tim Padgett Op-Ed, 11/9/20]

2018: Salazar Said She Supported Overturning Obamacare But Wants To Keep Coverage For People With Preexisting Conditions. “Salazar, who is running to replace outgoing U.S. Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen in Florida's 27th Congressional district, said she wants to repeal the Affordable Care Act but maintain the federal law's protections for patients with pre-existing conditions.” [Miami Herald, 11/2/18]

[VIDEO] 2018: Salazar: “I Think That We Should Allow The Forces Of Capital To Go Into The Health Care Industry.” Salazar said, “I think that we should allow the forces of capital to go into the health care industry.” [YouTube, CBS Miami, [9/11/18](#) (3:15)]

2018: Salazar: “we need to ... repeal crushing Obama-era taxes and needless regulations, while ensuring that the neediest among us have access to affordable, quality healthcare.”

2018: Salazar: “We Need To ... Repeal Crushing Obama-Era Taxes And Needless Regulations, While Ensuring That The Neediest Among Us Have Access To Affordable, Quality Healthcare.” “With Obamacare premiums expected to rise by at least 17% in Florida, many families in our communities are gravely concerned on how they will be able to afford health insurance now and in the future. The current system is simply not working. I am determined to protect South Florida families from mounting costs by reforming our broken healthcare system with cost-effective and patient-centered solutions. Specifically, we need to go after the \$95 billion in annual waste, fraud and abuse; give individuals and businesses the right to purchase health insurance across state lines; and repeal crushing Obama-era taxes and needless regulations, while ensuring that the neediest among us have access to affordable, quality healthcare.” [MariaElvira.com, accessed [9/3/18](#)]

- **2018: Salazar: “The Current System Is Simply Not Working. I Am Determined To Protect South Florida Families From Mounting Costs By Reforming Our Broken Healthcare System With Cost-Effective And Patient-Centered Solutions.”** “With Obamacare premiums expected to rise by at least 17% in Florida, many families in our communities are gravely concerned on how they will be able to afford health insurance now and in the future. The current system is simply not working. I am determined to protect South Florida families from mounting costs by reforming our broken healthcare system with cost-effective and patient-centered solutions. Specifically, we need to go after the \$95 billion in annual waste, fraud and abuse; give individuals and businesses the right to purchase health insurance across state lines; and repeal crushing Obama-era taxes and needless regulations, while ensuring that the neediest among us have access to affordable, quality healthcare.” [MariaElvira.com, accessed [9/3/18](#)]

However, in 2020, Salazar said, “If you like your Obamacare, you can keep it,” and “Obamacare needs to stay the way it is unless we can provide a better plan.”

2020: Salazar On Healthcare: “If You Like Your Obamacare, You Can Keep It.” “But with Shalala favored to win the seat again, Salazar has started changing her messaging. In a recent TV interview with CBS4 Miami, she said, ‘if you like your Obamacare, you can keep it,’ despite years of efforts by Republicans to repeal the law. She followed that with an assertion that Shalala's "corruption" is the most important issue in the race -- though she provided no evidence backing up the allegation.” [Miami Herald, 10/3/20]

- **2020: Salazar: “I Think If You Like Obamacare, You Can Keep It.”** “Salazar offered even less detail than Giménez about her health care plan, arguing only that more market-based competition in health care is good for consumers. ‘The law of the country is that if you have insurance called Obamacare, they can't take it away from you,’ Salazar said. ‘I think if you like your Obamacare, you can keep it.’” [El Nuevo Herald, 10/14/20] *Translation*
 - **Spanish Version:** “Salazar ofreció incluso menos detalles que Giménez sobre su plan de atención médica, argumentando solamente que una mayor competencia con base en el mercado en el campo de la atención médica es favorable para los consumidores. ‘La ley del país es que, si tienes un seguro llamado Obamacare, no te lo pueden quitar,’ dijo Salazar. ‘Creo que, si te gusta tu Obamacare, puedes quedártelo.’”
- **2020: Salazar Said, “Those Who Like Their Obamacare Should Keep Their Insurance” And “I Would Not Vote To Remove Obamacare.”** “Salazar said that ‘those who like their Obamacare should keep this one,’ but he wants there to be options to buy cheaper insurance, which stems from competition. ‘I would not vote to remove Obamacare,’ he said.” [El Nuevo Herald, 10/21/20] *Translation*
 - **Spanish Version:** “Salazar dijo que ‘a quienes les gusta su Obamacare que se queden con este,’ pero que quiere que haya opciones para comprar seguros más baratos, lo que se deriva de la competencia. ‘No votaría por quitar Obamacare,’ afirmó.”

In 2018, Salazar Said She Wanted “Capitalism To Invade The Health Care Industry, But In 2020, Salazar Said, “You Can Keep Your Obamacare.” “Two years ago, she told the Board that she wanted ‘capitalism to invade the health care industry.’ Now? ‘If you like your Obamacare, you can keep your Obamacare,’ she said, concluding that the Affordable Care Act should be part of an array of market-based healthcare options.” [Miami Herald, Editorial Board, 10/31/20]

2020: Salazar: “Obamacare Needs To Stay The Way It Us Unless We Can Provide A Better Plan, A Cheaper Plan For More People.” “On healthcare in 2018, Salazar said she supported what she called ‘the forces of capitalism to invade and to penetrate the healthcare industry.’ In 2020, her healthcare position appears to align more with Democrats who want to maintain and expand Obamacare. ‘If like your Obamacare, you can keep your Obamacare,” Salazar said to CBS Miami. ‘There is no way that we can repeal Obamacare if we do not offer something better or equal. Obamacare needs to stay the way it us unless we can provide a better plan, a cheaper plan for more people.’” [Miami Herald, 10/3/20]

- **2018: Salazar Supported Repealing The ACA If A Viable Alternative Was Presented.** “On healthcare, Salazar said that she would only support repealing the Affordable Care Act if a viable alternative were also presented and that she did not support removing pre-existing conditions from coverage options. She said the best way to reduce premiums was to ‘allow the forces of the free market to invade’ the healthcare industry. ‘We have a mess in the healthcare industry,’ she said. ‘I believe competition is the mother of good quality.’” [Miami Herald, [9/26/18](#)]

She also would not say if she supported a lawsuit to invalidate Obamacare.

2020: Salazar Would Not Say If She Supported A Lawsuit To Invalidate Obamacare. “Salazar would not say whether she agrees with the Obamacare lawsuit, saying she hasn't seen the litigation that began in 2018 when 20 states sued the federal government. Maine and Wisconsin dropped out of the lawsuit after the 2018 elections when their Republican candidates for governor lost. ‘I am going to be a member of Congress. I'm not the presidency and I'm not in the courts,’ Salazar said. ‘I have no comment right now because I haven't seen the lawsuit. Once I'm in Congress and I see all the sides, then I can answer that question intelligently.’” [Miami Herald, 10/14/20]

Pre-Existing Conditions

Salazar said she supported protections for pre-existing conditions.

Salazar Did Not Support Removing Pre-Existing Condition Protections. “On healthcare, Salazar said that she would only support repealing the Affordable Care Act if a viable alternative were also presented and that she did not support removing pre-existing conditions from coverage options. She said the best way to reduce premiums was to ‘allow the forces of the free market to invade’ the healthcare industry. ‘We have a mess in the healthcare industry,’ she said. ‘I believe competition is the mother of good quality.’” [Miami Herald, [9/26/18](#)]

Negotiating Prescription Drug Prices

Salazar supported allowing the government to negotiate prescription drug prices, but voted against allowing the government to do so.

2021: Salazar Supported Allowing The Government To Negotiate Lower Prescription Drug Prices.

“Americans need to be able to access affordable healthcare. [...] The government can and should renegotiate drug prices to lower the high cost of medications.” [MariaelviraSalazar.com, “Issues,” accessed [5/29/21](#)]

2020: Salazar Said She Supported The Government Negotiating Drug Prices. “This is one of the essential issues of the current election campaign. Salazar believes that Americans should be able to access affordable health care. ‘There must be protections for people with pre-existing conditions, we must take care of our seniors and protect Medicare, and young adults must be allowed to stay on their parents’ plan until age 26.’ In addition, she believes that ‘to reduce costs, they need more competition, which includes allowing individuals and families to buy health insurance across state lines. The government can and should renegotiate drug prices to reduce their high cost. High premiums, copays, and medications make impossible what every American can’t do without: affordable health care.’” [CE Latin America Migration Spanish, 11/04/20] *Translation*

- **Spanish Version:** “Se trata de uno de los temas esenciales de la actual campaña electoral. Salazar cree que los estadounidenses deben poder acceder a una atención médica asequible. ‘Debe haber protecciones para las personas con afecciones preexistentes, debemos cuidar a nuestras personas mayores y proteger Medicare, y se debe permitir que los adultos jóvenes permanezcan en el plan de sus padres hasta la edad de 26 años.’ Además, opina que ‘para reducir los costos, necesitan más competencia, lo que incluye permitir que las personas y las familias compren un seguro médico a través de las fronteras estatales. El gobierno puede y debe renegociar los precios de los medicamentos para reducir su alto costo. Las altas primas, los copagos y los medicamentos hacen imposible lo que todo estadounidense no puede prescindir: atención médica asequible.’”

State Lines

In 2018, Salazar said she supported allowing health insurance to be sold across state lines.

2018: Salazar Said She Supported Allowing Health Insurance To Be Sold Across State Lines. “Donna Shalala has touted her experience at the Department of Health and Human Services under President Bill Clinton and portrayed her Republican opponent, María Elvira Salazar, as a ‘Trump cheerleader’ and her political preferences, such as rejecting Obamacare. Salazar said he would vote against repealing Obamacare alongside Democrats, but voiced support for allowing health insurance to be sold across state lines, an idea Shalala said was foolish.” [El Nuevo Herald, 10/16/18] *Translation*

- **Spanish Version:** “Donna Shalala ha promocionado su experiencia en el Departamento de Salud y Servicios Humanos bajo el presidente Bill Clinton y ha presentado a su oponente republicana, María Elvira Salazar, como una ‘cheerleader de Trump’ y sus preferencias políticas, como la de rechazar el Obamacare. Salazar dijo que votaría en contra de la derogación del Obamacare junto

a los demócratas, pero expresó su apoyo por permitir que el seguro de salud se vendiera fuera de los límites estatales, una idea que Shalala dijo que era una tontería.”

Free Market Solution

Salazar said the “free market” needs to “invade” the health care industry to reduce premiums.

Salazar Said The Best Way To Reduce Premiums Was To Allow More Free Market Competition. “On healthcare, Salazar said that she would only support repealing the Affordable Care Act if a viable alternative were also presented and that she did not support removing pre-existing conditions from coverage options. She said the best way to reduce premiums was to ‘allow the forces of the free market to invade’ the healthcare industry. ‘We have a mess in the healthcare industry,’ she said. ‘I believe competition is the mother of good quality.’” [Miami Herald, [9/26/18](#)]

- **Fabiola Santiago Column: Salazar Said She Supported “Free Markets” For Health Care, But Would Not Repeal The ACA Without A Replacement Plan.** “It’s hard to gauge where Salazar really stands on issues because one minute she sounds as Trumpian as they come, then not: Let the “free markets” deliver healthcare, she says. Then she says that you have to have something to replace Obamacare — a big issue in her district, where enrollment is one of the highest in the nation — before you repeal it.” [Miami Herald, Fabiola Santiago Column, [10/17/18](#)]

2018: Salazar Said Obamacare Must Be Reformed And The Free Market Can Solve It. “Speaking about the United States health system, Shalala stressed that Obamacare has managed to provide help to an important segment of the population that has not had access to medicine, but emphasized that it must be improved and the problems it still presents must be overcome. Salazar, for his part, said that the laws must be reformed to allow for more competition within the sector. ‘The government is not the one that solves, the one that solves are the forces of the free market.’” [El Nuevo Herald, 10/13/18]

Translation

- **Spanish Version:** “Al hablar sobre el sistema de salud de Estados Unidos, Shalala resaltó que el Obamacare ha logrado brindar ayuda a un importante segmento de la población que no ha tenido acceso a la medicina, pero enfatizó que hay que mejorarlo y superar los problemas que aún presenta. Salazar, por su parte, dijo que hay reformar las leyes para permitir que haya más competencia dentro del sector. ‘El gobierno no es el que soluciona, el que soluciona son las fuerzas del libre mercado.’”

Alpha-1 Antitrypsin (AAT) Deficiency

In March 2022, Salazar introduced legislation to provide Medicare coverage of treatment for Alpha-1 Antitrypsin (AAT) deficiency.

March 2022: Salazar Introduced Legislation To Provide Medicare Coverage Of Treatment For Alpha-1 Antitrypsin (AAT) Deficiency. In March 2022, Salazar sponsored H.R. 7346, the John W. Walsh Alpha-1 Home Infusion Act of 2022. The bill would “provides for Medicare coverage of treatment for

alpha-1 antitrypsin (AAT) deficiency (a protein deficiency that raises the risk of lung and other diseases). Specifically, the bill provides for coverage of at-home augmentation therapy for beneficiaries with emphysema as a result of severe hereditary AAT deficiency. Treatment must be provided through qualified home infusion therapy suppliers; beneficiaries must be under the care of a physician, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant.” The bill is cosponsored by 5 Democrats. The bill was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Health, but as of August 8, 2022, the bill has not received any action. [H.R. 7346, Cosponsors, accessed [8/08/22](#); . Rep. Salazar, Press Release, [4/01/22](#)]

- **The John W. Walsh Alpha-1 Home Infusion Act Which Would Allow Medicare Beneficiaries Struggling With The Hereditary Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency Condition, Or Alpha-1 Patients, To Receive Essential Augmentation Infusions At Home.** “Today, Congresswomen María Elvira Salazar (FL-27) and Chellie Pingree (ME-1) introduced the John W. Walsh Alpha-1 Home Infusion Act which would allow Medicare beneficiaries struggling with the hereditary alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency condition, or alpha-1 patients, to receive essential augmentation infusions at home. Alpha-1 patients struggle with a hereditary condition that, without treatment by FDA approved augmentation therapies, may result in serious lung disease in adults and/or liver disease in infants, children, and adults. Therapy slows but not reverses the progression of the lung destruction associated with this disorder. [Rep. Salazar, Press Release, [4/28/22](#)]

2018 Campaign Lawsuit

Salazar filed a lawsuit in 2018 claiming the Center for Voter Information was lying about Salazar's position. The organization claimed Salazar wanting to end preexisting conditions and strip money away from Medicaid.

2018: Salazar Filed A Lawsuit During Her 2018 Campaign Against Center For Voter Information For What Salazar Described As A “Lie” About Her Healthcare Plan. “With four days to go before the midterm election, Republican Congressional candidate Maria Elvira Salazar has lodged a complaint with the Internal Revenue Service accusing the left-leaning Center for Voter Information of mailing out fliers that "lie" about her healthcare stance.” [Miami Herald, 11/02/18]

2018: The Mailer That Salazar Called A “Lie” Said Salazar Wanted To End Coverage For Preexisting Conditions. “In a political mailer sent to a voter in District 27, the Washington, D.C.-based nonprofit states that Salazar does not "support requiring health insurance companies to cover individuals with pre-existing conditions" and that her opponent, Democrat Donna Shalala, does. The mailer cites Salazar's campaign website, which includes no mention of the Republican's stance on maintaining coverage for pre-existing conditions” [Miami Herald, 11/02/18]

2018: Salazar Also Stated The Mailer Said She Wanted To Strip Money Away From Medicaid, Which Salazar Said Was Untrue And Called That Move “Inhumane.” “Salazar, who held a press conference at her attorney's office in Miami on Friday, said the flier's claim that she supports stripping money from Medicaid was also false. "We need to reform and do better with Medicaid, but never to abolish Medicaid," Salazar said. "I mean, that would be inhumane." [Miami Herald, 11/02/18]

Housing

Frontline Workers

Salazar cosponsored legislation to support teachers, cops, firefighters and paramedics to gain access to affordable housing.

2022: Salazar Cosponsored Legislation To Support Teachers, Cops, Firefighters And Paramedics To Gain Access To Affordable Housing. “U.S. Reps. Maria Elvira Salazar and Carlos Gimenez understand the boundless value that first responders and teachers provide to South Florida and appreciate the sacrifices they make, especially in the face of COVID-19. That’s why both are cosponsors of the Homes for Every Local Protector, Educator and Responder (HELPER) Act. This common-sense legislation is supported by more than three dozen Republican and Democratic lawmakers from every corner of the country, including six House members from Florida. This legislation is desperately needed.” [Miami Herald, 1/28/22]

- **2022: With Home Prices Far Exceeding The Rate Of Wage Growth Among First Responders, The Act Provides These Heroes With A Viable Path To Homeownership.** “According to the latest Case-Shiller index, year-over-year home prices recently surged by almost 20%, with the median price at an all-time high. However, police, firefighters, paramedics and teachers in Florida have seen average annual wage growth of just 2%-3%, leaving this largely forgotten class of first-time buyers boxed out of the housing market. It’s time for those who have continued to serve during the pandemic, to enjoy access to the American Dream of affordable homeownership. The HELPER Act would help make that idea a reality, creating a viable path for frontline workers to build wealth for themselves and a better future for their families.” [Miami Herald, 1/28/22]

Immigration And Border Security

Assimilation

2017: Salazar said that conservatives should not be worried about immigrants “threatening the American cultural identity” because the second generation of immigrants assimilate.

Salazar: “There Is Great Concern Among Conservatives That This Constant Resupply Of Foreigners Has Weakened The Forces Of Assimilation ...The United States Still Has The Power To Perform The Miracle Of Transubstantiation: Transforming The Identity Of An Immigrant Into That Of An American By The Second Generation.” “Today, there is great concern among conservatives that this constant resupply of foreigners has weakened the forces of assimilation, threatening the American cultural identity at its core. I would only say to them: Have more faith in American Exceptionalism. The United States still has the power to perform the miracle of transubstantiation: transforming the identity of an immigrant into that of an American by the second generation. I am the best proof of that, along with millions of Chinese, Hungarians, and Mexicans.” [Newsmax, Elvira Salazar, [3/31/17](#)]

“Bad Hombres”

2017: Salazar retweeted Trump and used his phrase “bad hombres.”

2017: Salazar Retweeted Trump And Used His Phrase “Bad Hombres.” On July 29, 2017, Salazar retweeted Trump and wrote on Twitter: “Yes @POTUS, kick out #ms13 & all the #badhombres! But let’s also focus on solving poverty & unemployment in our own backyard. Big Challenge!” [Maria Elvira Salazar Twitter, [7/29/17](#)]

Biden Administration

Salazar was critical of Biden’s border approach, even saying that Biden is a “de facto” partner of cartels.

2022: Salazar Signed Onto A Resolution To Force The Biden Admin To Produce All Documents Regarding Their Border Policies. “U.S Representative Peter Meijer (R-MI), Ranking Member of the House Committee on Homeland Security Subcommittee on Oversight, Management, and Accountability, today led a large group of his Republican colleagues, including Committee Ranking Member John Katko (R-NY) and Vice Ranking Member Michael Guest (R-MS), in introducing a Resolution of Inquiry (ROI) that would require the Biden Administration to transmit to the House of Representatives copies of all documents in their possession regarding U.S border policies. [...] The ROI is cosponsored by: ...Maria Elvira Salazar (R-FL)...” [Impact News Service, 2/16/22]

2021: Salazar Cosponsored Legislation To Limit VP Harris’ Travel Until Certain “Activities” Are Taken On The Border. “Rep. Ashley Hinson, R-Iowa, has introduced legislation (H.R. 3403) to “limit travel by the Vice President until after certain activities are undertaken with respect to the southwest border.” The bill was introduced on May 20 and has 15 co-sponsors. Co-sponsors include...Maria Elvira Salazar, R-Fla...” [Targeted News Service, 5/24/21]

- **The Bill Would Limit Harris’ Travel Until She Traveled To The Southern Border.** The bill would limit international travel by the Vice President until she personally travels to the southern border. The bill was introduced by Ashley Hinson and co-sponsored by 19 other Republicans, including Madison Cawthorne, Paul Gosar, Lauren Boebert, Ronny Jackson, and Elise Stefanik. [H.R. 3403 , co-sponsors, accessed [8/25/22](#)]

2021: Salazar Said Biden Is A “De Facto” Partner Of Cartels. Republican congressmen Maria Elvira Salazar and Mario Díaz-Balart said Monday that the federal government’s “irresponsible policy” on the Mexican border makes President Joseph Biden a “de facto partner” of drug, arms and people trafficking cartels. [CE Noticias Financieras English, 4/19/21]

Bipartisanship

In 2020, Salazar claimed she wanted to work with Democrats to provide a pathway to legal status.

2020: Salazar Hoped To Work With The Democratic Party To Provide Residency For Undocumented Immigrants. “INGRAHAM: Congresswoman-elect, do you foresee yourself being able to work on any

issues with Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez or Ilhan Omar or Congresswoman Tlaib or Pressley on any issues to improve the country? MARIA ELVIRA SALAZAR, (R-FL) CONGRESSWOMAN-ELECT: Absolutely, we are going to work on immigration, because the Democratic Party for 30 years has said they have our best interests at heart. And now is the time to prove it. And the GOP, as I was telling leadership, we want to be part of the family. There are 7.7 million people who have lived here that do not have papers, that have been here for more than 15 years, that have American children, that have paid taxes and do not have a criminal record. Those people we need to give them some type of legality. Why? Because I know that they broke the law, but the system allowed them to be here for a long time. So now we should give them some type of legality, and that needs to be discussed in Congress. And we need our friends on the other side of the aisle to join us, so we can include and welcome those Hispanics to be part of a family. No more in the shadows. INGRAHAM: That's going to be an interesting conversation, one that I have been involved with for many, many years. SALAZAR: Correct. INGRAHAM: And we've got to definitely make sure the law-abiding, legal immigrants are not jumped ahead of in the line to become U.S. citizens. That would be catastrophic for the rule of law and for, I think, just overall faith in the system. But Hispanic-Americans are huge drivers of this economy, and they need to be -- they need to be properly recognized for it. And I am so excited about this new Congress. I'm thrilled about it. SALAZAR: I just want to say, it's legality. I'm not talking about citizenship. I'm talking about something quicker. INGRAHAM: The Squad is not going to go for that, Congresswoman-elect. Not going to happen with them, no. SALAZAR: Then they do not have the best interests, our best interests at heart, and they need to prove it." [Fox News Network INGRAHAM ANGLE, 11/12/20]

Birthright Citizenship

Salazar said birthright citizenship should be reviewed and "not just anyone" should be granted birthright citizenship.

November 2018: Salazar Said Birthright Citizenship Should Be "Reviewed" After Trump Proposed Changing The Law By Executive Order. "And so it was outside a voting precinct in West Miami-Dade County on Wednesday that Maria Elvira Salazar, the Republican candidate for a hotly contested congressional seat in Miami-Dade County, gave her thoughts on the president's proposal to change birthright citizenship with an executive order. The former broadcast journalist, running for Florida's 27th congressional district seat, said the birthright citizenship of the 14th Amendment should be reviewed, calling it a 'complicated' issue." [Miami Herald, [11/01/18](#)]

November 2018: Salazar On Birthright Citizenship: "People Born In This Country Have To Become American Citizens, But We Have To See Which Ones, And Who They Are And Under What Rules -- Not Just Anyone." "It is also true that this is a country of laws and a country where you have to respect the Constitution and if the Constitution says that people born in this country have to become American citizens, but we have to see which ones, and who they are and under what rules -- not just anyone,' she said. She added: 'The first clause of the 14th Amendment needs to be reviewed, but I think the president is saying what I think my community shares, the fact that we do not want abuses,' Salazar said. 'The Constitution says very clearly that those that are born here are citizens, but we need to see to what extent.'" [Miami Herald, [11/01/18](#)]

[Salazar originally criticized Trump's proposal before she “changed her tune.”](#)

Salazar Criticized Trump’s Birthright Citizenship Proposal On Twitter Before Saying The Next Day She Agreed It Should be Reviewed. “And so it was outside a voting precinct in West Miami-Dade County on Wednesday that Maria Elvira Salazar [...] said the birthright citizenship of the 14th Amendment should be reviewed, calling it a ‘complicated’ issue [...] On Tuesday, when the news of Trump's comments on the proposal to the news outlet Axios emerged, Salazar struck a more combative tone with the president over his proposal. ‘.@realDonaldTrump, our Constitution is sacred!’ she tweeted. ‘Birthright Citizenship is protected and you cannot change that by executive order. Focus efforts on immigration reform that secures our borders and is true to our legacy of being a nation of immigrants.’” [Miami Herald, [11/01/18](#)]

- **Florida Politics: Salazar “Changed Her Tune” On Trump’s Birthright Citizenship Proposal.** “Salazar was in that camp as well, tweeting Tuesday, '@realDonaldTrump, our Constitution is sacred! Birthright Citizenship is protected and you cannot change that by executive order. Focus efforts on immigration reform that secures our borders and is true to our legacy of being a nation of immigrants.' @realDonaldTrump, our Constitution is sacred! Birthright Citizenship is protected and you cannot change that by executive order. Focus efforts on immigration reform that secures our borders and is true to our legacy of being a nation of immigrants.' [...] But the next day, she changed her tune. Speaking with the media after voting with U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio and Republican gubernatorial running-mate Jeanette Nunez, Salazar seemed at least open to the idea. 'It is also true that this is a country of laws and a country where you have to respect the Constitution and if the Constitution says that people born in this country have to become American citizens, but we have to see which ones, and who they are and under what rules - not just anyone,' Salazar said in comments flagged by the Miami Herald.” [Florida Politics, 11/1/18]

Border Wall

[Salazar supported Trump's border wall, but also wanted to add towers, more officers, and high tech solutions.](#)

[VIDEO] 2022: Salazar: “I Have An Immigration Reform Law Where You Seal The Border [...] If I Catch You Coming Back, Once You Were Deported, You’re Going To Jail For A Long Time.” “I have presented and I've said it to you, a law, an immigration reform law where you seal the border, seal the border, if I catch you coming back, once you were deported, you're going to go to jail for a long time. Very strong border security measures [...] my bill, a brown girl from the hood, presented by the GOP, pay attention to it, seal the border, and then take care of those who are here, who are contributing to the American economy. It's simple.” [Fox Business News Maria Bartiromo with Congresswoman Maria Salazar, [6/09/22](#) (4:51)]

- **[VIDEO] Salazar Says Her Plan Has The Technology To Seal The Border With “Towers” And “Drones.”** “So, it depends on us, the United States government, our administration to say no more and seal that border. You know why, because we do have that technology. How do I know we have the technology because it's in my law? You put a lot of towers, a lot of drones, a lot of people, you put everything you need to, we have the technology to seal the border, and let in

whomever we deem necessary for the benefit of the economy of this country.” [Fox Business News Maria Bartiromo with Congresswoman Maria Salazar, [6/09/2022](#) (7:13)]

June 2022: Salazar Said We Have The Technology To Seal The Border With “A Lot Towers, A Lot Of Drones, A Lot Of People.” Salazar said, “How do I know we have the technology because it's in my law? You put a lot of towers, a lot of drones, a lot of people, you put everything you need to, we have the technology to seal the border, and let in whomever we deem necessary for the benefit of the economy of this country. But, there is no leadership.” [Fox News, Mornings with Maria, 6/09/22]

Salazar Said The Wall Was Only One Aspect Of Border Security And More Officers, Towers, And Technological Solutions Were Needed. “[Kudlow:] What about the wall? Will you support the -- if you had a chance, if you had a different administration, would you support completion of the wall? [SALAZAR:] Listen, when you concentrate on the wall, according to the Border Patrol, you're only talking about one aspect. You need the automatic machines, and you need the towers, and you need more Border Patrol. I'm talking about a comprehensive group of different measures, including physical barriers. That's what you need. And then, that way, you open -- you have very big doors in that structure to allow those people that the business community need.” [Fox Business, 3/18/21]

Salazar Said She Supported Finishing The Border Wall And Adding “The Latest Of Technology To Complement That Structure.” “[KUDLOW:] But, Elvira, I'm kind of listening. In my old age, I don't hear as well as I used to. I just didn't hear you say you're -- as part of this comprehensive security, I didn't hear you say you favored completion of the wall. Did I miss that? Did I miss that? [SALAZAR:] Because what I'm saying to you, because I'm -- yes, because, when I was at the border, I spoke with the chief of the Border Patrol and asked the same question that you're asking me. And she said that is just one to have components. We need the latest of technology to complement that structure that you're talking about.” [Fox Business, 3/18/21]

Salazar On Border Security: “Let's Do Something Whether It's A Wall Or Still Slats, Right, That's The New Word, Or Drones Or Satellites Or More Border Patrol.” “[SALAZAR:] --enough is enough. Let's do something whether it's a wall or still slats, right, that's the new word, or drones or satellites or more Border Patrol. And - and that is fine because, I repeat, we do not want to come in illegally. We want to come in legally and do the jobs that the marketplace requires, which is that's why I'm saying.” [Fox News, 1/2/19]

Salazar Supported Building Trump's Border Wall. “While she supports legal status for immigrants who have been in the country for a period of around 15 years, Salazar is a fierce critic of so-called sanctuary cities, and she has supported Trump's plan to build a wall across the southern border of the U.S., though she proposed to create a virtual barrier by forcing employers to vet their workers using the program known as E-Verify.” [Miami Herald, [10/15/18](#)]

Asked If She Would Vote To Build Trump's Border Wall, Salazar Said She Supported “Any Type Of Tower, Any Type Of Technology, Any Type Of Guards For Border Security.” “[ANCHOR:] If you were elected to Congress would you vote to build the president's border wall? [SALAZAR:] I would definitely vote in order to secure the border. [ANCHOR:] But does that mean the wall that the president wants? [SALAZAR:] That means any type of tower, any type of technology, any type of guards for border

security that will secure the border because we do not want El Chapo or his friends smuggling drugs.” [MSNBC, [9/9/18](#)]

June 2022: Salazar: “We Do Not Want Open Borders [...] We Want Legal Migration.” Salazar said, “Of course not, of course not. And, what's happening at the border is something that it's - we were desperate just like you are. We, the Hispanics in the United States, 23 percent of the population, I've always said it, we do not want open borders. We need to stop this, fentanyl, child sex traffickers, the coyotes. We don't want these people coming in. We want legal migration. But, the administration doesn't know what to do with it. And, unfortunately, what I think they believe is that everyone who is coming in through the border is going to be a vote for the Democratic Party. And, that's not going to happen, because as you see in the latest polls, the Hispanics are coming to the GOP because we're not socialists, because we want to live the America - but, that doesn't mean is that the we have, let's go back to the border, which is the topic that you're asking me about, we don't have a plan. This country, the administration doesn't have a plan to stop what's happening at the border, not only the people but the fentanyl as well. So, this is in the Executive—” [Fox News, Mornings with Maria, 6/09/22]

Caravan

2018: Salazar said that respect for migrants as “human beings” is a “core value” of our nation.

Salazar Tweeted That “These Migrants [In A Caravan] Are Human Beings... To Forget This Is Contrary To The Core Values Of [Our Nation].” “Neither #Mexico nor the #US can tolerate mob violence, but it is also a fact that these migrants are human beings...to forget this is contrary to the core values of both nations. Via @ajplus #MigrantCaravan #BorderSecurity #immigrationreform #trump #immigrants #usa #politics” [Twitter, @MaElviraSalazar, [11/20/18](#)]

Census Question

Salazar defended the Census asking people if they were undocumented.

Salazar Said There Was “Nothing Wrong With” The Census Asking People If They Were Undocumented. “[CARLSON:] So, since we don't know if those numbers are real or not because we have no idea how many people are here illegally, why wouldn't we have a nationwide effort to figure out what at least the number is, like why not ask that on the census? Why not dispatch some kind of federal record-keeping force, how to figure out like how many people are living here illegally? Why is that wrong to know that? [SALAZAR:] Who says that it's wrong? [CARLSON:] Democrats do. [SALAZAR:] There's nothing wrong with that.” [Fox News, 1/2/19]

Critical of Trump and Republicans

Salazar has been critical of Trump and her own party, saying “the reality of immigration is not” as Republicans see it and that Republicans have never promised anything on immigration. Salazar also said that she did not like “what Trump has done on immigration.”

[VIDEO] February 2018: Salazar: “I Will Help The Republican Party Understand That The Reality Of Immigration Is Not As They See It.” During a televised interview on *Al Punto - Florida*, Salazar responded in Spanish that her top priority would be to “help factions of the Republican Party understand that immigration is not as they present it and not as they see it... if you know what I mean,” promising a softer tone on GOP immigration policy. [YouTube, Maria Elvira Salazar, [02/11/18](#), 4:15/11:40]

- **Spanish version:** “Es ayudar al partido, sectores del partido Republicano, que entiendan que la realidad de la inmigracion, que no necesariamente es de la manera que la presentan y que la ven... si me entiendes.”

2018: Salazar Said She Did Not Like “What Trump Has Done With Immigration.” “I do not like what [Trump] has done with immigration,” she said. “There are some aspects of the immigration policy established by the White House that need to be rectified and changed now.” [Miami Herald, 10/05/18]

[VIDEO] March 2021: Salazar: Republicans Have Never Promised Anything On Immigration. In a televised interview segment on *DirectoUSA*, Salazar pushed back in Spanish to the interviewer stating Republicans promised to deliver on immigration by saying “Republicans have never promised anything.” [YouTube, Maria Elvira Salazar via *DirectoUSA*, [03/17/21](#), 5:47/9:09]

DACA

Salazar supported legal status for Dreamers and their parents.

2020: Salazar Supported Legal Status For Dreamers And Their Parents. “In the recent electoral debate, he said that he not only supports Dreamers, but also their parents and immigrants who are already in the country, who work and pay taxes, so that they have legal status, a point that he has defended knowing that it does not coincide with the position of the majority of the republicans. ‘I’ve always been conservative, but that doesn’t mean I’m not compassionate,’ she told *el Nuevo Herald* in 2018. ‘One is human, we’re in this country to raise our children. That’s why all immigrants decided to come.’” [*El Nuevo Herald*, 11/03/20]

- **Spanish Version:** “En el reciente debate electoral dijo que no solo apoya a los Dreamers, sino a sus padres y a los inmigrantes que ya están en el país, que trabajan y pagan impuestos, para que tengan un estatus legal, un punto que ha defendido a sabiendas de que no coincide con la postura de la mayoría de los republicanos. ‘Siempre he sido conservadora, pero eso no significa que no soy compasiva,’ dijo a *el Nuevo Herald* en el 2018. ‘Uno es humano, estamos en este país para criar a nuestros hijos. Por eso todos los inmigrantes decidieron venir.’”

In 2021, Salazar voted for a bill to provide a pathway to citizenship for 2 million Dreamers.

Salazar Voted For A Bill To Provide A Pathway To Citizenship For 2 Million Dreamers But Called The Bill “Imperfect” And Said It Would Likely Not Pass The Senate. “With the GOP seizing on the growing migration crisis at the southern border, even the two measures to offer legal protections for farm

workers and the group known as Dreamers have become intensely partisan [...] Nine Republicans joined Democrats to pass the Dream and Promise Act, which would provide a path to citizenship for an estimated 2 million undocumented immigrants who were brought to the U.S. as children [...] Salazar voted for the Dreamers legislation on Thursday, even though she described it as an 'imperfect bill' and noted it was unlikely to pass the Senate. But Salazar also said she wanted to show Democrats that she stands ready and willing to work with them. 'I want to send the right message to the Democrats that I'm willing to work with them,' she told reporters after the vote. 'Let's see if now they're going to work with us.'" [Politico, 3/18/21]

- **March 2021: Salazar Voted To Give 2.5 Million Undocumented Immigrants The “Opportunity To Apply For Citizenship.”** “The House of Representatives passed two bills Thursday that collectively provide a path to citizenship for 3.5 million undocumented immigrants, proposals that offer a piecemeal approach to fixing the nation's immigration system at a time when undocumented arrivals in the border are increasing. The American Dream and Promise Act contemplates granting 2.5 million undocumented immigrants the opportunity to apply for citizenship, most of them the so-called dreamers, people who came to the United States as children with their parents. The legislation passed on a 228-197 vote in the Democrat-controlled House. Nine Republicans voted in favor of the legislation, including the three Miami Republicans in the House: Representatives María Elvira Salazar, Mario Díaz-Balart and Carlos Giménez. ‘It's not the perfect bill,’ Salazar said. ‘I want to send the right message to the Democrats that I'm willing to work with them. Let's see if they're going to work with us now.’” [El Nuevo Herald, 3/19/21] Translation
 - **Spanish Version:** “La Cámara de Representantes aprobó el jueves dos proyectos de ley que colectivamente proporcionan un camino a la ciudadanía para 3.5 millones de inmigrantes indocumentados, propuestas que ofrecen un enfoque fragmentado para arreglar el sistema inmigratorio de la nación en un momento en que la llegada de indocumentados a la frontera están aumentando. La Ley American Dream and Promise contempla otorgar a 2.5 millones de indocumentados la oportunidad de solicitar la ciudadanía, la mayoría de ellos los llamados dreamers, personas que llegaron de niños a Estados Unidos con sus padres. La legislación fue aprobada en una votación de 228 a 197 en la Cámara, controlada por los demócratas. Nueve republicanos votaron a favor de la legislación, incluidos los tres republicanos de Miami en la Cámara: los representantes María Elvira Salazar, Mario Díaz-Balart y Carlos Giménez. ‘No es la factura perfecta,’ dijo Salazar. ‘Quiero enviar el mensaje correcto a los demócratas de que estoy dispuesto a trabajar con ellos. Vamos a ver si ahora van a trabajar con nosotros.’”

In 2017, Salazar advocated for the GOP to keep and support DACA. She said opposing DACA would be a “war on Hispanics” and Republicans need to “wake up and smell the votes.”

July 2017: Newsmax Headline: “Keeping DACA Good for GOP, Vote Counting Shows.” [Newsmax, [7/17/17](#)]

Salazar Said If Republicans Didn't Support DACA It Would Be A "Political Catastrophe" And The GOP Would Be "Blind" If They "Declared War On Hispanics." Salazar wrote, "It has been reported that Texas and ten other states want deferred action for childhood arrivals (DACA) eliminated. For that reason, DHS Director Kelly warned that the political protection President Trump had promised to these close to 800,000 undocumented kids may come to an end. If this administration allows this to happen, it will be a political catastrophe of biblical proportions for the Republican Party in the very near the future. How can the GOP be so blind? Most of these so-called "dreamers" are between 16 and 30 years old and did not break any immigration laws — as they were too young to do so. Their massive deportation, because the feds know where they live, will send the message that the Republicans have declared war on Hispanics. The GOP does not seem to realize that it's going after a group that can be labeled the 'ideal immigrant.'" [Newsmax, [7/17/17](#)]

Salazar Said Getting Rid Of DACA Protection Would Be A "Punch In The Gut," But Admitted That It Would "Please" The Base. Salazar wrote, "To get rid of the DACA protection could give the GOP political short-term benefits; and no doubt it will please the base, who see the 'Dreamers' as future Democratic voters. What they are not factoring in is that this punch in the gut could imperil the conservative movement reborn with Trump." [Newsmax, [7/17/17](#)]

Salazar Said Republicans Need To "Wake Up And Smell The Votes" Of Hispanics. Salazar wrote, "The more the conservative view of Hispanics as a demographic threat becomes official party dogma, the greater the chances Hispanic-Americans will become just that. Republicans: Wake up and smell the votes." [Newsmax, [7/17/17](#)]

Salazar said Dreamers are "Americans" who "contribute to our economy" and "pay taxes."

Salazar Said Dreamers Are "Americans, They Go To Schools, They Contribute To Our Economy, They Pay Taxes And They Serve In The Armed Forces." "Representative María Elvira Salazar pointed out that "the 'dreamers' are Americans, they go to schools, they contribute to our economy, they pay taxes and they serve in the armed forces." "Since I came to Congress I have fought for immigration reform and to give the 'dreamers' a solution," she added. "That's why in February I introduced a bill that not only addresses immigration reform but also includes legislation for dreamers." [ABC PY, [6/15/22](#)] Translation

- **Spanish Version:** "La representante María Elvira Salazar señaló que "los 'soñadores' son estadounidenses, van a las escuelas, contribuyen a nuestra economía, pagan impuestos y sirven en las fuerzas armadas." "Desde que llegué al Congreso he bregado por una reforma de inmigración y para dar a los 'soñadores' una solución," agregó. "Por eso en febrero presenté un proyecto de ley que no solo se refiere a la reforma de inmigración sino que incluye legislación para los soñadores."

Deportations

Salazar said we should not deport "good hombres" and the "relentless pursuit of illegals" causes "more crime and lawlessness."

April 2017: Salazar Said The Trump Administration Should Not Deport “Good Hombres.” Salazar wrote, “At this hour, what is sorely needed is a compromise between the federal government and the sanctuary cities' local officials. Both sides need to listen to each other and see the validity of their respective points of view. Deport expeditiously any illegal immigrant with a serious criminal record. The Hispanic community does not want them here either. But be careful, while going after the ‘bad hombres,’ not to cast the net so wide and indiscriminately that ‘good hombres’ are picked up as well. I repeat, a petty theft charge is not comparable to a murder charge, but they both send people to the county jail.” [Newsmax, Salazar Op-Ed, [4/12/17](#)]

April 2017: Salazar Claimed “Relentless Pursuit Of Illegals” Causes “More Crime And Lawlessness.” Salazar wrote, “During Obama’s presidency, the locals refused to turn over aliens who did not commit violent crimes; under Trump they are vowing to do the same. Driving with a fake driver’s license is not the same as manslaughter, but they both are winding up in jail. The mayors fear that the president’s relentless pursuit of illegals, and his attempt to make law enforcement immigration agents, will make them reluctant to cooperate with the police and report crimes. That translates into more crime and lawlessness.” [Newsmax, Salazar Op-Ed, [4/12/17](#)]

E-Verify

Salazar supported requiring E-Verify and accused business owners of “luring” undocumented people into the U.S.

2022: Salazar Introduced Legislation To Mandate E-Verify. “Maria Elvira Salazar, R-Fla., has introduced legislation (H.R. 6637) to “amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to make mandatory and permanent requirements relating to use of an electronic employment eligibility verification system.” [Targeted News Service, 2/10/2022]

Salazar Supported Requiring Employers To Vet Potential Employees Through E-Verify. “While she supports legal status for immigrants who have been in the country for a period of around 15 years, Salazar is a fierce critic of so-called sanctuary cities, and she has supported Trump’s plan to build a wall across the southern border of the U.S., though she proposed to create a virtual barrier by forcing employers to vet their workers using the program known as E-Verify.” [Miami Herald, [10/15/18](#)]

Salazar: Undocumented Immigrants “Are Coming In Because The Business Owners Of America Are Luring Them In.” “[SALAZAR:] We have to understand that the illegals are not --No one wants to be illegal. They are coming in because the business owners of America are luring them in and everybody is responsible. [Fox News, 1/4/19]

Family Separation

Salazar opposed Trump's zero tolerance policy on immigration.

Salazar Opposed Trump’s Zero-Tolerance Immigration Policy That Resulted In Family Separations. “She has spoken out against his ‘zero-tolerance’ immigration policy that resulted in more than 2,000 immigrant kids being split up from their parents by the U.S. government at the southern border. ‘I do not

like what [Trump] has done with immigration,' she said. 'There are some aspects of the immigration policy established by the White House that need to be rectified and changed now.'" [Miami Herald, [10/15/18](#)]

Salazar Said That The United States Had The Capacity To Reunite All Families Separated At The Border. "But how many children are there too young to remember their own name, much less a phone number? We have to put all technical and financial resources to reunite the 2000 plus kids separated from their families. Now!! No more crying. ...2/3" [Twitter, @MaElviraSalazar, [6/24/18](#)]

Federal Government

Salazar said immigration is the "responsibility of the federal government," not the states.

April 2017: Salazar Said "Immigration Is The Responsibility Of The Federal Government." Salazar wrote, "Next, the mayors are confident the law is on their side: The constitution says the federal government can't make a local cop into an immigration agent. Immigration is the responsibility of the federal government." [Newsmax, Salazar Op-Ed, [4/12/17](#)]

Human Trafficking

Salazar was concerned about human trafficking at the southern border. She called the U.S. government the "number one enabler of sex traffickers" because Border Patrol was not DNA testing every adult who crossed the border with a minor.

Salazar Said The U.S. Government Was The "Number One Enabler Of Sex Traffickers" Because Border Patrol Was Not DNA Testing Every Adult That Crossed The Border With A Child.

"[SALAZAR:] And let me just tell you one more thing, which is something that probably most people do not know. Child sex trafficking, those are very heavy big words -- child sex trafficking -- we're talking about seven, eight, 13-year-old, the United States government has become the number one enabler of the child sex traffickers. Why do I say that? Because since the Border Patrol is so overwhelmed, Maria, they cannot run these adults by DNA -- by the FBI database, and they cannot do DNA tests. So, when the adult shows up with a child, you do not know if it's the father or the trafficker. Could you imagine? So we've -- and then I don't see anyone doing anything, number one." [Fox Business, 5/3/21]

Salazar Said Coyotes And Traffickers Were "Gaming The Asylum System." [SALAZAR:] And then reform immigration, reform asylum, because, you know, they are gaming the asylum system as well, the coyotes and the traffickers." [Fox Business, 3/18/21]

ICE

Salazar signed onto a resolution supporting ICE.

2021: Salazar Signed Onto A Resolution Supporting ICE. "Congresswoman Lisa McClain (R-MI), House Republican Whip Steve Scalise (R-LA) and 62 of their colleagues introduced a resolution to show

their support for the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and Customs and Border Protection (CBP). The Representatives introduced this resolution after several Democrats called to defund DHS earlier this month.” [Targeted News Service, 7/14/2021]

Migrants Fleeing Dangerous Situations

Salazar said we can't paint every undocumented immigrant with the "same brush," calling for the Trump administration to "care" about migrants fleeing dangerous situations in their home countries and let their cases be "heard."

May 2017: Salazar Wanted The United States To Support Migrants That Are Fleeing Dangerous Situations In Their Home Countries. Salazar wrote, “What are we going to do with the 15-year-old ganged-raped girl from El Salvador knocking at our border? When Attorney General Jeff Sessions triumphantly proclaimed that the immigration policy known as ‘catch and release’ was history it pays to consider its implications. What are we going to do with Lola? She is fleeing for her life; her monstrous rapists took away her innocence, now we may take away her last chance on life. Mind you, catch and release was an abomination! For decades, those seeking asylum or another form of immigration status were released by border patrol — to await their day in court.” [Newsmax, Salazar Op-Ed [5/02/17](#)]

Salazar Said, “We Have To Care” About Migrants Entering The United States Who Have Been Raped Or Abused In Their Country. Salazar wrote, “One of the unintended and tragic consequences of the ‘new status quo’ is the fate of ‘Lola,’ when she shows up at the U.S. border. How will she be treated? Will there be a disposition from our immigration system to hear that five monsters raped her repeatedly in her Salvadorian town; or care, that after endless days walking to get to Texas — ‘the promised land’ — the coyotes hired by her mother raped her again as “bonus pay.” Will my immigration guys care? We are the best country in the world. Yes, we have to care.” [Newsmax, Salazar Op-Ed [5/02/17](#)]

Salazar Said We Can't Paint Every Undocumented Immigrant With The “Same Brush.” Salazar wrote, “I understand we can't give shelter to every girl who has been brutally marked for life, but I believe Lola is our problem too, whether we like or not, because she lives in our back yard only three ‘doors’ down the road. The justified anger and frustration of millions of Americans over our failed immigration policies will lead many to say, ‘Sorry, not my problem.’ The temptation will then be to turn her away after a rushed and superficial, pro forma — cover-your-butt — review of her case. But we can't erase the distinction between one illegal alien and Lola. We can't dump everyone seeking asylum into the same bin with the label: ‘Expedite Removal.’ We can't paint everyone with the same brush.” [Newsmax, Salazar Op-Ed [5/02/17](#)]

Salazar Called For Migrants Traveling To The United States Deserve To Have Their Cases Heard. Salazar wrote, “That's all what Lola needs: to have her case heard, and heard well. To send her back home to the same conditions she was fleeing from... is to condemn her to being consumed alive... literally, in a living hell. The United States of America is still the moral compass of the world... the city upon a hill. A nation whose greatness is not measured by the might of its guns, but by the way it treats

the most vulnerable. If we send Lola back, we will have we lost our soul, and our presumption of being exceptional among the nations will be an empty boast.” [Newsmax, Salazar Op-Ed [5/02/17](#)]

Sanctuary Cities

In 2016, Salazar said, “sanctuary cities are the best shelters, because at least they can’t be deported that easily.”

February 2016: Salazar: “Sanctuary Cities Are the Best Shelters, Because At Least They Can’t Be Deported That Easily.” “MARIA ELVIRA SALAZAR, ANCHOR, MEGA NOTICIERO: Another tragedy. The brothers who don't have a legal immigrant status in this country. Sanctuary cities are the best shelters, because at least they can't be deported that easily. But now there's a bill that wants to remove that protection from sanctuary cities.” [Newsbusters, Newstex Blogs, 2/18/16]

In 2017, Salazar said sanctuary cities are “havens for criminals” and makes “Hispanics look like a bunch of imbeciles.”

[VIDEO] June 2017: Salazar: “Sanctuary Cities Are Making Hispanics Look Like A Bunch Of Imbeciles!” On June 2, 2017, Salazar posted on Twitter: “#SanctuaryCities are making #Hispanics look like a bunch of imbeciles! My conversation w/ @TeamCavuto @FoxBusiness | #Immigration.” [Maria Elvira Salazar, [6/2/17](#)]

May 2017: Salazar Tweeted That “Anti-Sanctuary City Laws Won’t Take Us Anywhere.” ““Anti-sanctuary city laws won’t take us anywhere. If we want real & long-lasting success, we need an #Immigration Reform!” [Twitter, @MaElvriaSalazar, [5/12/17](#)]

June 2017: Salazar Said Sanctuary Cities Are “Havens For Criminals.” Salazar wrote, “Nancy Pelosi’s hysterics over the Texas anti-sanctuary city law obscure some important questions that people on both sides of the debate need to ask themselves. The truth is that sanctuary cities have become havens for criminals; and the states and the federal government have made mistakes in their rush to correct a decades-old problem that eludes one-sided solutions. In the name of standing up to policies such as those of Texas (and before that, Arizona), Pelosi casts Texas as the villain and sanctuary cities as the good guys. That was opportunist and manipulative.” [Newsmax, Op-Ed, [6/06/17](#)]

June 2017: Salazar Said We Should Let “Non-Violent Illegal Immigrants” Be Allowed To “Carry On With Their Lives Until Their Status Is Resolved.” After Salazar wrote, “Going after 1.5 million illegal immigrants all at once, even if the law says we can, is simply impractical. Why not go after the ‘bad hombres’ first, as the president himself suggested? By honoring detainers for this class of illegal immigrant the cities will do everyone a big favor. The non-violent illegal immigrants would be allowed to carry on with their lives until their status is resolved through comprehensive immigration reform — the only thing on which Pelosi and I might agree. Lesson to be learned? We cannot and should not protect all illegal immigrants; but we should not criminalize and go after all of them.” [Newsmax, Op-Ed, [6/06/17](#)]

A few months later, Salazar praised California's sanctuary law and said it was "not as bad as it sounds."

October 2017: Salazar Said California's Sanctuary Law Was "Not As Bad As It Sounds." Salazar wrote, "The new sanctuary California state law (Senate Bill 54) is not as bad as it sounds. [...] But the good news is that in its scaled-down, final version — courtesy of Republican legislators and sheriffs who pushed for amendments — Bill 54 makes possible the removal of dangerous criminals from our cities for good. It allows federal immigration authorities to keep working with state corrections officials and to continue entering county jails to question immigrants. The legislation also permits police and sheriffs to share information and transfer people to immigration authorities if they have been convicted of serious crimes." [Newsmax, Salazar Op-Ed, [10/06/17](#)]

- **October 2017: Newsmax Headline: "Is the New California Sanctuary Law as Bad as It Sounds?"** [Newsmax, Salazar Op-Ed, [10/06/17](#)]
- **Salazar Praised A Law That Provided "Sanctuary" For Undocumented Immigrants.** Salazar wrote, "There is indeed in this law 'sanctuary' for the non-violent, non-criminal illegal alien, without question. But I have argued that the final status of the law-abiding, non-violent illegal immigrant should be decided through comprehensive immigration reform, not executive order." Salazar added, "Far from a defeat for the administration's immigration policies, this law paradoxically can serve as a template that will usher in a new era of cooperation between cities, states, and federal immigration authorities. In touting this law as a model that should be adopted nation-wide, it is ironic that California just may have laid the foundation for the demise of the sanctuary city movement." [Newsmax, Salazar Op-Ed, [10/06/17](#)]
- **The Bill Made California A "Sanctuary State" By Extending "Sanctuary City" Protections To Undocumented Immigrants Living In California.** "The Golden State is about to become a 'sanctuary state.' California Gov. Jerry Brown has signed a bill that places sharp limits on how state and local law enforcement agencies can cooperate with federal immigration authorities, placing California squarely and provocatively in conflict with President Trump and his calls to deport millions of undocumented immigrants. 'These are uncertain times for undocumented Californians and their families,' the governor said in a signing statement that laid out what the measure will – and will not – do. 'This bill strikes a balance that will protect public safety while bringing a measure of comfort to those families who are now living in fear every day.' The bill, SB 54 by California Senate President pro tem Kevin de León (D-Los Angeles), takes effect on January 1st, 2018. In broad terms, it extends local 'sanctuary city' protections for immigrants living in California without legal documentation." [NPR, [10/05/17](#)]

Salazar Praised The "Obama-Era System Of Shared Databases" That Provides Information To ICE And Immediate Communication Between, FBI, DHS, And Local Jails. Salazar wrote, "In practice the close cooperation and communication between law enforcement and Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) enshrined in Bill 54 accomplishes the same goal. Already the Obama-era system of shared databases provides a wealth of information to ICE that makes possible immediate communication between FBI, DHS, and local jails." [Newsmax, Salazar Op-Ed, [10/06/17](#)]

Title 42

[Salazar opposed lifting Title 42.](#)

[VIDEO] April 2022: Salazar: “Lifting Title 42 Tells The Smugglers, Drug Dealers, And Everyone Else That The Border Is Open For Good Business.” In a video posted to her Twitter, Salazar opposed the termination of Title 42 by stating in Spanish “If they get rid of Title 42, the only message it sends to the coyotes [smugglers], the drug smugglers, child traffickers, others, is that the border is open for good business.” [Twitter, Maria Elvira Salazar, [04/09/22](#), 0:14/1:08]

- **Spanish version:** “Si quitan el Título 42, el único mensaje que está enviando a los coyotes, a los narcotraficantes, a los que trafican con niños, que la frontera está abierta para buen negocio.”

2022: Salazar Opposed Ending Title 42. 'By ending Title 42, President Biden welcomes an influx of migrants to the U.S. that our system is not prepared to handle,' Salazar told Just the News. 'He has no plan to solve the issue at our southern border, and it's hitting my community — the Hispanic-American community — the hardest.' [Just News, [4/10/22](#)]

- **2022: Salazar Signed Onto Legislation Preventing The Lifting Of Title 42 Without A Plan To Address Border “Surge.”** “Yesterday, Congressman Chris Pappas (NH-01), joined Reps. Jared Golden (ME-02), Tony Gonzales (TX-23), Tom O'Halleran (AZ-01), August Pfluger (TX-07), Stephanie Murphy (FL- 07), Brian Fitzpatrick (PA-02), Don Bacon (NE-02), Greg Stanton (AZ-09), and Maria Elvira Salazar (FL-27) to introduce the Public Health and Border Security Act of 2022. Senators James Lankford (R-OK) and Kyrsten Sinema (D-AZ) introduced similar bipartisan legislation in the Senate. The bipartisan bill would prevent President Biden from lifting existing Title 42 immigration restrictions without a plan in place from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to address the expected surge of migrants at the Southern border. [...] Title 42 is a provision of the Public Health Service Act of 1944. In March 2020, the Trump Administration invoked Title 42 to prevent the spread of COVID-19, preventing migrants presenting themselves at the border for asylum from remaining in the country while their cases were processed. The Biden Administration had largely continued the Trump Administration's policy, but announced that it will begin rolling back the policy next month.” [Congressional Documents and Publications, 4/08/22]

TPS

[In 2022, Salazar signed a letter supporting TPS for migrants from Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, and Nicaragua.](#)

2022: Salazar Signed A Letter Asking For TPS For Migrants From Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, And Nicaragua. “Today, Reps. Joaquin Castro (TX-20) and Adriano Espaillat (NY-13) led a bipartisan letter to President Biden, Secretary of Homeland Security Alejandro Mayorkas, and Secretary of State Antony Blinken urging the administration to expand Temporary Protected Status protections for migrants from Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, and Nicaragua. Despite the ongoing humanitarian

crises in Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, and Nicaragua, citizens of these nations who flee to the United States without legal status face an uphill battle to remain in the country. If detained, they can face deportation back to countries beset by food insecurity, political conflict, and economic instability — challenges that have been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic and twin hurricanes that hit the region in November 2020. An estimated 1.5 million migrants in the United States would benefit from extending TPS to Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, and Nicaragua. [...] Additional co-signers on the letter include... Maria Elvira Salazar (FL-27)..” [Impact News Service, 5/26/22]

Undocumented Immigrants

In 2021, Salazar proposed a 10 year path to legal status for undocumented immigrants and expanded work visas.

[VIDEO] March 2021: Salazar: “Let’s Give Dignity To Those 11 Million People That Includes The Acs, And Include The DACA And Their Parents, And Everyone Else Who Has Not Committed A Crime.” In March 2021, Salazar said, “Let’s give dignity to those 11 million people that includes the acs, and include the DACA and their parents, and everyone else who has not committed a crime, who has been here for at least 5 years, who has paid taxes, and who is working and helping our economy.” [YouTube, ABC News, [3/17/21](#) (3:30)]

2021: Salazar Introduced An Immigration Proposal That Would Protect Dreamers, Offer A 10 Year Path To Legal Status For Undocumented Immigrants, And Expand Agricultural Visas. “House Republicans unveiled a competing immigration proposal this week, sponsored by freshman Rep. Maria Elvira Salazar (R-Fla.), that pairs border security with other immigration changes. Those include protecting Dreamers, offering a 10-year path to achieving a renewable legal status for undocumented immigrants who have a clean criminal record and are employed, and expanding visas for agricultural workers.” [Politico, 3/18/21]

In 2022, Salazar introduced legislation to overhaul the immigration system by heightening border security, renewable legal status for undocumented immigrants, and establishing an “American worker fund” financed by “restitution” from immigrants to promote employment of American citizens.

February 2022: Salazar Introduced Legislation To Overhaul The Immigration System By Heightening Border Security, Renewable Legal Status For Undocumented Immigrants, And Establishing An “American Worker Fund” Financed By “Restitution” From Immigrants To Promote Employment Of American Citizens. In February 2022, Salazar sponsored H.R. 6637, the DIGNIDAD (Dignity) Act. The bill would be a “complete immigration reform bill consisting of 3 core principles: stopping illegal immigration, providing a dignified solution for immigrants living in America, and strengthening the American workforce and economy... The Dignity Act is the only realistic solution proposed in Congress that fully secures the border, reestablishes law and order in our immigration system, enacts a 10-year Dignity Program providing renewable legal status, and offers an additional optional redemption path to permanent legalization. This reasonable and compassionate approach will finally fix an immigration system that has been broken for decades. The Dignity Act was written in consultation with American businesses leaders, agriculture and farming industries, the faith-based community, immigration reform

groups, and border security experts.” The bill is cosponsored by 7 Republicans. The bill was referred to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure; Homeland Security; the Judiciary; Ways and Means; Agriculture; Natural Resources; the Budget; Education and Labor; Foreign Affairs; Oversight and Reform; Intelligence (Permanent Select); Armed Services; and Financial Services, but as of August 8, 2022, the bill has not received any action. [H.R. 6637, Cosponsors, accessed [8/08/22](#); Rep. Salazar, Press Release, [2/08/22](#)]

- **The Dignity Act Is A Complete Immigration Reform Bill Consisting Of 3 Core Principles: Stopping Illegal Immigration, Providing A Dignified Solution For Immigrants Living In America, And Strengthening The American Workforce And Economy.** “Today, Congresswoman Maria Elvira Salazar (FL-27) and group of her Republican House colleagues introduced the long-awaited Dignity Act, a complete immigration reform bill consisting of 3 core principles: stopping illegal immigration, providing a dignified solution for immigrants living in America, and strengthening the American workforce and economy. Original cosponsors are Representatives Dan Newhouse (WA-04), John Curtis (UT-03), Pete Sessions (TX-17), Jenniffer Gonzalez-Colon (PR), Tom Reed (NY-23), and Peter Meijer (MI-03)... Authorizes funding to fully secure America’s border at no cost to American taxpayers... Creates immediate legal status and streamlined path for Dreamers. Dignity Program (10 Years): Through the 10-year Dignity Program, undocumented immigrants will be provided a chance to work, earn legal status, pay restitution, and get right with the law... Creates an American Worker Fund, using restitution payments from the Dignity and Redemption programs, at no-cost to taxpayers. This provides grants to American citizens for workforce education initiatives, apprenticeship programs, and Career and Technical Education to give opportunities for Americans to enter new careers.” [Rep. Salazar, Press Release, [2/08/22](#)]
- **Participants Of The Program Would Have To Be In The US For Five Years To Be Eligible, But Also Pass A Background Check, Pay Back Taxes, Start Paying Income Tax And Pay \$10,000 In Restitution Fees.** “The legislation would set up a new ‘Dignity Program,’ which would allow undocumented immigrants who have been in U.S. for five years to remain in the country and work legally if they satisfied the program’s requirements. Participants in the Dignity Program would have to pass a criminal background check, pay back taxes, start paying income taxes on new wages and pay \$10,000 in restitution over 10 years to the federal government for entering the country illegally.” [Miami Herald, 2/08/22]
 - **Salazar: “A Thousand Dollars A Year To Live In The Promised Land, It’s More Than Accepted.”** “‘A thousand dollars a year to live in the promised land, it’s more than accepted,’ Salazar said. The restitution money would go into a new American Worker Fund, which would pay for workforce training for U.S. citizens.” [Miami Herald, 2/08/22]
- **Participants Of The Program Would Not Be Eligible For Federal Subsidies And Would Be Required To Purchase Health Insurance.** “Participants in the program would be required to purchase health insurance but would be ineligible for federal subsidies, according to Salazar’s office. The bill would also impose a 2% income tax levy on the program’s participants. It would pay for increased border security by increasing the number of Border Patrol agents, upgrading their technology and constructing physical barriers.” [Miami Herald, 2/08/22]

- **Participants Would Have To Also Pay A 2% Income Tax Levy To Pay For Increased Border Security, Including The Construction Of “Physical Barriers.”** “Participants in the program would be required to purchase health insurance but would be ineligible for federal subsidies, according to Salazar’s office. The bill would also impose a 2% income tax levy on the program’s participants. It would pay for increased border security by increasing the number of Border Patrol agents, upgrading their technology and constructing physical barriers.” [Miami Herald, 2/08/22]
 - **Salazar: “The Undocumented Labor Force Is Going To Be Paying For Border Security.”** “‘The undocumented labor force is going to be paying for border security,’ Salazar said.” [Miami Herald, 2/08/22]

- **The Participants Would Be “Legal Residents Rather Than Citizens.”** “Participants would be allowed to travel back and forth between the U.S. and their country of origin. They would be legal residents rather than citizens. ‘The Dignity Proposal considers that the majority of the undocumented population may not be looking for a citizenship-or-nothing deal, but would likely be content with the opportunity to live in the U.S. legally, work and pay taxes, have protection from deportation (for non-felons), and be able to travel to their country of origin and be with family for the holidays,’ states a summary of the legislation from Salazar’s office.” [Miami Herald, 2/08/22]

- **After 10 Years In The Program, Participants Would Have The Option To Continue The Program Or Join A Five-Year “Redemption Program” That Provides A Path To Citizenship After Paying \$2,500 Every 20 Months.** “At the end of 10 years, participants in the Dignity Program would have the option of continuing work in the country as legal residents under a renewable visa or they could enter a five-year ‘Redemption Program,’ which would provide a pathway to citizenship for participants who make payments of \$2,500 every 20 months to the American Worker Fund and who study English and U.S. civics. Completion of the Redemption Program would put participants in line to become citizens, but they would be in the back of the line for their country of origin.” [Miami Herald, 2/08/22]

- **Dreamers Would Have “Multiple” Options For “Full Permanent Residency,” Including “Three Years Of Military Service And Earning A Higher Education Degree.”** “Participants in the already existing Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, who entered the U.S. as children and who are commonly referred to as ‘Dreamers,’ would have multiple tracks for full legal permanent residency under Salazar’s bill, including three years of military service and earning a higher education degree.” [Miami Herald, 2/08/22]

- **March 2021: Salazar: We Don’t Want Any More False Promises ... We Want Those 11 Million Undocumented People Here To Be Treated With Dignity.”** “‘As Hispanics, we don’t want any more false promises, false hopes,’ he added. ‘We want those 11 million undocumented people here to be treated with dignity. But this won’t happen if we don’t stop the madness at the border with real and permanent solutions, not executive orders.’” [El Nuevo Herald, 3/19/21] Translation

- **Spanish Version:** “‘Como hispanos, no queremos más falsas promesas, falsas esperanzas,’ agregó. ‘Queremos que esos 11 millones de indocumentados que están aquí sean tratados con dignidad. Pero esto no sucederá si no detenemos la locura en la frontera con soluciones reales y permanentes, no con órdenes ejecutivas.’”
- **2022: Salazar Filed The “Dignity Act”, The GOP Plan To Address The Immigration Issue. Salazar First Attempted To Present The Plan As A “Dignified” Way To Address The Issue.** “This week, Congresswoman Maria Elvira Salazar (FL-27) and a group of her Republican House colleagues introduced the long-awaited Dignity Act, a complete immigration reform bill consisting of 3 core principles: stopping illegal immigration, providing a dignified solution for immigrants living in America, and strengthening the American workforce and economy.” [Office of Maria Salazar, [2/11/22](#)]
- **February 2022: Salazar Introduced Immigration Reform Legislation That Created A Potential Path To Citizenship After 15 Years And Thousands Of Dollars.** “Miami Republican Rep. Maria Elvira Salazar introduced legislation Tuesday that would set up a new legal residency program for millions of undocumented immigrants and create a potential path to citizenship for those who complete a pair of programs over 15 years. Salazar’s 483-page bill, titled ‘The Dignity Act,’ would set up numerous changes to the immigration system, including measures to increase border security, an expedited process for asylum seekers and a new program to provide a path to legal residency for undocumented immigrants already in the country.” [Miami Herald, 2/08/22]
- **Salazar: “You Can Come Out Of The Shadows And Live A Dignified Life.”** “The first-term GOP representative has been floating the legislation since last year, but Tuesday marked its official introduction. She said the bill was intended to simultaneously halt new illegal immigration and to provide dignity to undocumented people who are already residing in the U.S. ‘You can come out of the shadows and live a dignified life,’ Salazar said in a phone call with reporters Tuesday morning.” [Miami Herald, 2/08/22]

Salazar Called For Granting Legal Status To Undocumented Immigrants Who Have Been In The Country For 5 Years. “Listen, we have got to do something with 11 million people who have been here for more than five years, have American children, have helped the economy, have not committed a crime, and who have been here for, what, decades. What are you going to do with those people? Deport them? The previous administration tried it. And, you know, it’s impossible. So, why don’t we just get -- sit down and do the art of the possible, which is politics? Let’s give them legality. Let’s give them something called dignity. I’m not talking about making them gringos. I’m not talking about giving them paths to citizenship, because you know something, Larry? They don’t want that.” [Fox Business, 3/18/21]

Salazar Said She Supported Immigration Reform To Get Visas To For People Coming To The U.S. For Work. “[SALAZAR:] The undocumented people do not want to be undocumented. That’s why we need to reform our immigration system and we need to give visas to those that are coming to pick jalapeno peppers in southern California or to clean toilets in Orlando or Manhattan, because that is what my people are doing. So they need some type of legality so they can stay here, they can pay taxes, they can

contribute to the economy, and they can continue working like they are right now without a criminal record.” [MSNBC, [9/9/18](#)]

2022: Conservatives Like Tucker Carlson Criticized Salazar’s Immigration Proposal And Called It Amnesty. [CARLSON]: “You just called last month for the amnesty for tens of millions of people who came into this country illegally. SALAZAR: Oh, no. CARLSON: Oh, but you did because I read the legislation today. SALAZAR: No, I did not. CARLSON: Actually about 20 minutes ago, I read it.” [Fox News with Tucker Carlson, 3/16/22]

- **2022: Tucker Carlson Blasted Salazar’s Immigration Policy Suggesting The American People Were Angry That The US Was Sending Military Forces To Defend The Ukrainian Border, But Not The US Border.** [Carlson] “Let me just ask you a question, can you see why Americans who support the Ukrainians' right to secure their own borders, I mean, I certainly do. Most people do, all Americans do. Can you see the frustration that they might feel listening to you, a lawmaker say: Yes, there's a process. But when that happens in a foreign country, we have to send billions of the U.S. military, your sons, but we can't kind of do that here. Because why? I mean, can you sort of understand the frustration a little bit?” [...] “Why not treat our own border with the same seriousness? That's it. That's it -- but you're not. You're not treating our border crisis with any level of the same seriousness as you're treating Ukraine.” [Fox News with Tucker Carlson, 3/16/22]

March 2022: Salazar Said Her Immigration Reform Proposal Did Not Provide Amnesty To Undocumented Immigrants. “CARLSON: You just called last month for the amnesty for tens of millions of people who came into this country illegally. SALAZAR: Oh, no. CARLSON: Oh, but you did because I read the [...] SALAZAR: The Dignity Act, which I presented last month is an Immigration Reform Law, probably the first one that the G.O.P. has presented in a long time. CARLSON: Right. SALAZAR: has one of the strongest border security measures in the history of the United States Congress. CARLSON: All right, got it. But it also provides amnesty for tens of millions of people. SALAZAR: With very strong border security -- wait a minute. No. Amnesty what we have now, Tucker. Amnesty is when you have more than 13 million illegals -- [...] CARLSON: People who came over our border without permission are not being punished, they are instead being rewarded. And so you -- SALAZAR: No, they are not -- let me answer to that. [...] I want to be rigorous. I am talking about those people who have lived here for than five years that have not committed a crime, that have American children and who are contributing to our economy, I want to give them something called dignity and then redemption. CARLSON: All right, got it. SALAZAR: I'm not talking about path to citizenship, I'm not talking about amnesty. CARLSON: Okay, well of course, you are. SALAZAR: I'm talking about -- no, no, but let me -- no, I'm not. And I don't want you to misrepresent what we did and we worked for one whole year so we can solve just because this bill doesn't.” [Fox News, Tucker Carlson, 3/16/22]

Salazar Supported A Pathway To Citizenship For Undocumented Immigrants Who Were In The Country For At Least 15 Years. “Salazar, who spoke to the editorial board minutes after Shalala, said she would be open to supporting universal background checks on guns and providing a path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants in the country at least 15 years. She also said she'd vote for the carbon tax proposal by Miami Rep. Carlos Curbelo, which would provide \$700 billion for

infrastructure by taxing coal and natural gas emissions, if it had any chance of becoming law in a Republican-controlled Congress.” [Miami Herald, [9/26/18](#)]

Salazar defended the use of the term “illegals” and said undocumented people did not want citizenship.

Salazar Said “Illegals” Wanted Legal Status But Not Citizenship. “[SALAZAR:] And reality is that Hispanics do not want to be illegals. Hispanics don't care if we have a wall or not. We can have a wall, which is what we have the shutdown right now with very big gates because illegals do not want to be illegals. Who wants to have that stigma? Who wants to raise your kids in darkness? What illegals want is to have a piece of paper, not citizenship, legality. Legality that would allow them to buy homes, pay taxes, raise their kids, be able to go back home, and then come back if they're needed. And that is what I think that—” [Fox News, 1/2/19]

Salazar Defended Calling Undocumented People “Illegals.” “[CARLSON:] Why do you think the debate almost immediately moves to what language we're allowed to use and away from the core question about what the border should look like? [...] [SALAZAR:] I live in Miami, Florida. There are, I would say, half a million illegals. I know them very well. I can call them undocumented. I can call them illegal. They are people. Most of them are wonderful people. Not every illegal is a criminal. But those who are criminals have nothing to do among this. They should be kicked out immediately. And that's my fear that sometimes the cleaning ladies, the good hombres, not the bad hombres, and the gang members like this guy, Gustavo Perez Arriaga, they're all bundled together, and that is where the problem comes.” [Fox News, 1/2/19]

Fabiola Santiago Column: Salazar Said She Was Not Sure That Dreamers, Their Parents, Or TPS Holders Should Have A Pathway To Citizenship, But Agreed They Should Have Legal Status. “It's hard to gauge where Salazar really stands on issues because one minute she sounds as Trumpian as they come, then not: [...] She doesn't want to call it 'a wall' but she supports Trump's efforts to shut the door. She also isn't 'sure' Dreamers, their parents, and TPS holders should get a pathway to citizenship but she agrees that they should get some kind of legal status. This is her most horrid view, as this would create a cast system of second-class citizens.” [Miami Herald, Fabiola Santiago Column, [10/17/18](#)]

In 2017, Salazar said she did not support a path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants.

June 2017: Salazar Said She Is For Legal Status For Undocumented Immigrants, But Not A Path To Citizenship. Salazar wrote “Let me preempt the objection that comprehensive immigration reform is 'amnesty,' or 'path to citizenship.' I am for legal status for hard-working illegal immigrants, but not for path to citizenship.” [Newsmax, Op-Ed, [6/06/17](#)]

In 2018, Salazar said undocumented immigrants under 14 years old should be sent back to their home countries, even those who fled violence.

October 2018: Salazar Said Undocumented Immigrants Under 14 Years Old Should Be Sent Back To Their Home Countries, Even Those Who Fled Violence. “Salazar said that if elected, she would be willing to play that role within the Republican party, but even so, she does not believe that all undocumented immigrants should be found a way to stay. Those in the United States under 14 should

be sent back to their home countries, including those who fled violence in Central America and families with children who were separated from their children, he said. The candidate said that the solution here would be to convene a kind of emergency Summit to deal with the economic and social problems in countries like Honduras and Guatemala that have led thousands to abandon their homes." [El Nuevo Herald, 10/04/18] Translation

- **Spanish Version:** "Salazar dijo que de ser electa, estaría dispuesta a jugar ese papel dentro del partido republicano, pero aún así no cree que a todos los indocumentados se les debe buscar una manera de quedarse. Aquellos que tienen menos de 14 años en Estados Unidos deberían ser enviados a sus países de origen, incluyendo aquellos que huyeron de la violencia de América Central y las familias con niños que fueron separados de sus hijos, opinó. La candidata dijo que la solución aquí sería convocar una especie de Cumbre de emergencia para tratar los problemas económicos y sociales en países como Honduras y Guatemala que han llevado a miles a abandonar sus hogares."

Visas

[Salazar has introduced or added her name to numerous pieces of legislation aimed at reforming the visa process.](#)

2022: Salazar Signed Letter Demanding State Department Address J-1 Visa Processing Delays.

"Congressman John Curtis (UT-03) and Representatives Chris Pappas (NH-01), Blake Moore (UT-01), and Annie Kuster (NH-02) led a bipartisan call demanding the Department of State take action to address J-1 Visa processing delays ahead of the summer. These visas sponsor students from around the world to participate in exchange programs and support tourist economies. Participation in the program declined due to the pandemic and now suffers from severe processing delays...**Maria Elvira Salazar**, Member of Congress" [Targeted News Service, 5/27/22]

2022: Salazar Signed On To Legislation To Allow H-4 Visa Holders To Automatically Be Granted Authorization To Work.

"Today, Congresswomen Carolyn Bourdeaux (GA-07) and Maria Elvira Salazar (FL-27) introduced the bipartisan H-4 Work Authorization Act to address the national labor shortage affecting American businesses while helping immigrant families thrive together. The bill would allow H-4 visa holders to be automatically granted their work authorization without needing to submit a "Form I-765, Employment Authorization Document (EAD)," which can take years to be approved. [...] "I am proud to co-lead the bipartisan H-4 Work Authorization Act," said Congresswoman Maria Elvira Salazar. "This policy will help Miami and the United States maximize our entrepreneurial spirit and continue leading in job creation, innovation, research and development, and economic growth by meeting critical labor market needs." [Office of Congresswoman Bourdeaux, [4/7/22](#)]

2021: Salazar Supported Two Bills To Give Pathway To Undocumented Migrants In 2021. One Provided A Pathway To Dreamers And The Other To Ag Workers.

"In March, the House passed two bills with bipartisan support that would give these immigrants a chance at a brighter future. The American Dream and Promise Act and the Farm Workforce Modernization Act (FWMA) both offer solutions that will allow undocumented immigrants a chance to continue living and working in our country. The American Dream and Promise Act focuses on Dreamers and would give them and others

with temporary legal status an earned pathway to legal status, while the FWMA would be used to give a pathway to citizenship for undocumented agriculture workers, who make up the majority of Florida's farmworkers. It was encouraging to see several lawmakers cross party lines to vote for these bills, including Florida Republican representatives Mario Diaz-Balart, Carlos Gimenez and Maria Elvira Salazar. These bills now need to move forward in the Senate, and they need the same bipartisan support to be put into action." [South Florida Sun-Sentinel, 8/2/21]

2021: Salazar Signed Onto Legislation By Rand Paul To Create A Nonimmigrant Category Allowing U.S Citizens And Permanent Residents To Petition For Their Family Members For Temporary Visits.

"Today, U.S Senators Rand Paul (R-KY) and Richard Blumenthal (D-CT) introduced the Temporary Family Visitation Act that would establish a new B-3 nonimmigrant category allowing U.S citizens and permanent residents to petition for their family members for temporary visits. The bill was also introduced in the House by U.S Representatives Scott Peters (D-CA-52), María Elvira Salazar (R-FL-27), Stephanie Bice (R-OK-05), and Jim Himes (D-CT-04). Under the current system, family members of U.S citizens and permanent residents may only apply to visit their relatives through B2 visas. The current immigration law lacks a direct path for families to temporarily reunite for family purposes such as weddings, birthdays, graduations, funerals, and holidays. If enacted, the Temporary Family Visitation Act would establish a separate nonimmigrant classification under B visa category for family members of U.S citizens and permanent residents who are residents of countries not included in the Visa Waiver Program for a duration of 90 days." [Impact News Service, 5/18/21]

Inflation

"I Haven't Done Anything To Help The Average American"

2022: Salazar said "I haven't done anything to help the average American" after being in Congress for 18 months because Democrats had not proposed any policies to "take care of your pocket or of your economy."

[VIDEO] August 2022: Salazar Said "I Haven't Done Anything To Help The Average American" After Being In Congress For 18 Months. "HOST: Maria, it is just so frustrating isn't it when politics trumps the well being of I don't know us? SALAZAR: Of course, I agree with you. I'm here in Congress right now outside the floor we have a lot of votes today and I thank you very much for the opportunity. I've been here for eighteen months and I haven't done anything to help the average American." [YouTube, Maria Elvira Salazar, Brian Mudd Interview, [8/2/22](#)]

[VIDEO] August 2022: Salazar Claimed Nancy Pelosi And Democrats In Congress "Have Not Brought One Bill" That Would Deal With Inflation Or Lower Consumer Costs. "It doesn't matter the political party; Democrat, Republican, Independent. Right now if you got the super market one out of four Americans can not buy everything they need because they don't have the money. One out of two can not fill the gas tank because it's too much money per gallon, so that is miserable. Four years ago we were in a much better position. The reason why I came to Congress was to help not only the Americans but District 27. We haven't done it. Why? Because Nancy Pelosi is in charge of the House of Representatives and they have not brought one bill that will lower, forget about inflation, affordability.

You can not afford what you need. Gas, eggs, buying uniforms for your children, finding people to work in your shop. And what have we done? Well the Democrats want to spend more money and tax corporations.” [YouTube, Maria Elvira Salazar, Brian Mudd Interview, [8/2/22](#)]

[VIDEO] July 2022: Salazar Said “For 19 Months, I Haven’t Seen Any Laws That Take Care Of Your Pocket Or Of Your Economy.” “For 19 months, this Congress has been in the hands of the Democrats, specifically Madam Speaker Nancy Pelosi. And for 19 months, I haven’t seen any laws that take care of your pocket or of your economy. And right now, we are in a major disaster of affordability. I am sure you feel it in your daily lives. For instance, one out of four people that go to the supermarket cannot buy everything they need. They need to leave things on the shelves because they just do not have enough money to buy everything. And one out of two people that go to the gas pump cannot fill their tank because they just do not have the money to do that. That is unacceptable in the United States. It is unacceptable that the Democrats, during the last 19 months, have been trying to do two things: spend more, and tax you more. That is what they have been trying to do. And you know what is the most ironic thing of it all, is that all this disaster could have been avoided because this has been made by the Biden Administration with bad economic policies, That’s reality, 19 months where they haven’t done anything.” [Facebook, Maria Elvira Salazar, [7/30/22](#)]

Inflation Reduction Act

[Salazar voted against the Inflation Reduction Act, despite it lowering cost for prescription drugs.](#)

Salazar Voted Against Passing The Inflation Reduction Act Through Reconciliation. In July 2022 Salazar voted against: “Yarmuth, D-Ky., motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the bill comprising a package of climate, tax and health care provisions. Among drug pricing provisions, the bill would require the Health and Human Services Department to negotiate a "maximum fair price" with drug manufacturers for certain Medicare-eligible, brand-name drugs that do not have generic competition; cap cost-sharing for insulin products covered under Medicare at \$35 a month; and require single-source drug manufacturers to provide rebates to HHS for the price of drugs under Medicare Parts B and D for which price increases outpace inflation. For Medicare Part D, it would cap the annual out-of-pocket limit at \$2,000. It would extend through 2025 tax subsidies toward Affordable Care Act marketplace insurance premiums for individuals under a certain income level. The bill would provide for approximately \$270 billion in new or expanded tax credits to incentivize actions by businesses and individuals to mitigate climate change, including production credits for electricity produced by renewable and nuclear facilities; investment tax credits for certain renewable energy equipment and facilities; and credits for advanced energy manufacturing projects, including in areas where a coal mine or power plant has closed. To incentivize emission reduction and clean fuel production, it would create or extend tax credits for carbon oxide sequestration facilities; biodiesel, renewable diesel and alternative fuels; and clean hydrogen facilities. For most of its corporate tax credits, it would add prevailing wage and apprenticeship requirements and establish bonus credits for using domestic materials in facility construction. It would also expand individual tax credits for residential energy efficiency improvements and renewable energy expenses; increase credits for new energy efficient homes; and create credits for the purchase of used electric vehicles by individuals under a certain income level. It would reinstate the Superfund tax on crude oil at a rate of 16.4 cents per barrel. Among other tax provisions, the bill would establish a 15 percent alternative minimum tax for corporations with a book income of at least \$1 million

annually and institute a 1 percent excise tax on corporate stock buybacks. It would authorize \$79.3 billion for IRS operations, including enforcement activities and systems modernization. The bill would provide funding for various activities to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, promote energy-efficient technologies and mitigate the impacts of climate change, including \$27 billion for grants to state, local and nonprofit entities for greenhouse gas emission reduction activities; \$9.7 billion for zero-emission or carbon capture rural electric systems; \$5 billion for loan guarantees to replace or reduce emissions of energy infrastructure; \$3 billion for zero-emission vehicles for the Postal Service; and \$1.6 billion for methane emissions reduction and mitigation. It would provide \$9 billion for residential energy efficiency improvement rebates; \$3 billion for new EPA environmental and climate justice block grants for community-led activities to address pollution, emission reduction, climate resiliency and public engagement; and \$3 billion for Federal Highway Administration grants for projects that address surface transportation facilities that disconnect or negatively impact communities. It would provide \$4 billion for drought mitigation in Western states; \$2.15 billion for hazardous fuel reduction and restoration projects; and \$1 billion to improve energy and water efficiency or climate resilience of affordable housing. It would require the Interior Department to accept bids for certain canceled oil and gas leases on the outer continental shelf. It would authorize wind lease sales adjacent to U.S. territories but prohibit new wind or solar development rights on federal lands for 10 years unless the department completes certain oil or gas lease sales." The bill passed by a vote of 220-207. [H.R. 5376, [Vote #420](#), 8/12/22; CQ, [8/12/22](#)]

- **The Inflation Reduction Act Capped Out-Of-Pocket Costs At \$2,000 For People Who Participated In Medicare Part D, “The Prescription Drug Plan For Seniors.”** “Medicare is poised to renegotiate the prices of some of its most expensive drugs through a historic expansion of its power, which could reduce costs for many seniors as well as federal spending on its prescription drug plan. The changes are tucked inside a massive spending-and-tax bill in Congress that includes \$433 billion in investments in health-care and clean energy. House Democrats passed the Inflation Reduction Act on Friday in a 220 to 207 vote along party lines, ending a tortured legislative process that took more than a year. The bill empowers the Health and Human Services Secretary to negotiate prices for certain drugs covered under two different parts of Medicare and punish pharmaceutical companies that don’t play by the rules. The legislation also caps out-of-pocket costs at \$2,000 starting in 2025 for people who participate in Medicare Part D, the prescription drug plan for seniors.” [CNBC, [8/12/22](#)]
- **AARP CEO Jo Ann Jenkins On The Inflation Reduction Act: “Millions Of Older Adults Are Now ‘One Step Closer To Real Relief From Out-Of-Control Prescription Drug Prices.’”** “Medicare is poised to renegotiate the prices of some of its most expensive drugs through a historic expansion of its power, which could reduce costs for many seniors as well as federal spending on its prescription drug plan. The changes are tucked inside a massive spending-and-tax bill in Congress that includes \$433 billion in investments in health-care and clean energy. House Democrats passed the Inflation Reduction Act on Friday in a 220 to 207 vote along party lines, ending a tortured legislative process that took more than a year. [...] The American Association of Retired Persons, which represents 38 million people, described the legislation as a historic victory for older adults. AARP CEO Jo Ann Jenkins said the group has fought for nearly two decades to allow Medicare to negotiate drug prices. Millions of older adults are now “one step closer to real relief from out-of-control prescription drug prices,” Jenkins said earlier this week.” [CNBC, [8/12/22](#)]

- **NBC: The Inflation Reduction Act “Is Set To Lower The Cost Of Prescription Drugs.”** “The Inflation Reduction Act, signed into law by President Joe Biden, is set to lower the cost of prescription drugs — including cancer medications, blood thinners and insulin — for millions of Americans, experts say. Exorbitant drug prices in the United States are a key reason many people in the U.S. are forced to skip or delay filling their needed prescriptions. A Kaiser Family Foundation poll published last month found that nearly 1 in 2 adults report difficulty affording their health care expenses, including their prescribed medications.” [NBC, [8/16/22](#)]
- **The Inflation Reduction Act Extended Subsidies Through 2025 For 13 Million People Who Buy Individual Coverage Through The ACA.** “The law immediately extends subsidies through 2025 for the roughly 13 million people who buy individual coverage through the ACA. The subsidies were set to expire this year.” [NBC, [8/16/22](#)]

[Salazar said the Inflation Reduction Act “will do nothing to reduce inflation,” despite 126 leading economists saying otherwise.](#)

[VIDEO] August 2022: Salazar: “Democrats Think The Everyday Man In This Country Is Stupid.” In a Spanish-language video posted to her Twitter account, Salazar attacked the Inflation Reduction Act, stating “Democrats truly think the common man is stupid with the Inflation Reduction law, which does nothing but raise inflation.” [Facebook, [08/13/22](#), 0:00/1:49]

- **Spanish version:** “Es que los Demócratas verdaderamente piensan que el hombre común y corriente en este país es estúpido con este nuevo proyecto de ley que le han puesto la ley de la reducción de inflación.”

[RADIO] August 2022: Salazar: “This Inflation Reduction Act Is A Lie And Does The Opposite.” In a Spanish-language interview on Radio Mambi, Salazar stated “This Inflation Reduction Act is a lie, it does the opposite, and what they’re doing is terrible, starting with the 87,000 new IRS agents. Imagine, they can’t send border patrol agents, but they can send 87,000 newly hired agents to go after people listening.” [Radio Mambi, Maria Elvira Salazar, [08/12/22](#), 1:33/13:12]

- **Spanish version:** “Este proyecto de ley que le dicen reducción de inflación, y lo que es es mentira, es lo opuesto, y ahora estaba aprendiendo lo que están haciendo y es terrible, empezando por los 87,000 nuevos agentes del IRS, no pueden mandar agentes para el border patrol de la frontera, pero pueden mandar 87,000 nuevos agentes que van a contratar para caerle arriba al que me está escuchando.”

[VIDEO] August 2022: Salazar: “Democrats Want People To Lose The Incentive Of Going To Work And Making Their Own Money.” During a Spanish-language interview on Al Punto Florida, Salazar attacked the Inflation Reduction Act and the American Rescue Plan by stating “Democrats want people to lose the incentive of going to work and making their own money.” [Instagram, [08/08/22](#), 1:16/1:22]

August 2022: Salazar Said The Inflation Reduction Act “Will Do Nothing To Reduce Inflation” And Hires “87,000 New IRS Agents.” Salazar tweeted, “The Inflation Reduction Law will be enacted today.

What does this Law do? Hire 87 thousand new IRS agents. Send American jobs abroad. Costs taxpayers \$437 billion dollar. Will do NOTHING to reduce inflation.” [Twitter, @MaElviraSalazar, 8/16/22]

- **Spanish Version:** “La Ley de Reducción de la Inflación será promulgada hoy. ¿Qué hace esta Ley? Contrata a 87 mil nuevos agentes del IRS. Envía trabajos estadounidenses al extranjero. Cuesta a los contribuyentes \$437 mil millones de dólares. No hará NADA para reducir la inflación.”

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

Opposed Bills To Help Consumers

[Salazar Voted Against The CHIPS Semiconductor Package.](#)

Salazar Voted Against The CHIPS Semiconductor Package. In July 2022 Salazar voted against: “Johnson, D-Texas, motion to concur in the Senate amendment that would provide \$54.2 billion in supplemental appropriations for semiconductor research and manufacturing and 5G network deployment and authorize federal investment in a wide range of scientific research and development programs over five years. It would also provide \$19.4 million for fiscal 2023 for the U.S. Marshals Service and Supreme Court to address threats against the Supreme Court. The bill would provide \$52.7 billion in supplemental appropriations over five years to incentivize research, development and workforce development related to the production of semiconductors, including \$50 billion through fiscal 2026 for an existing Commerce Department semiconductor incentive initiative to support semiconductor manufacturing, research and development; \$2 billion for national defense and intelligence activities; \$500 million for international communications technology and semiconductor supply chain security; and \$200 million for semiconductor workforce development. It would also authorize a 25 percent investment tax credit for spending on semiconductor manufacturing facilities. It would also provide \$1.5 billion over two years to support 5G wireless network supply chain development and deployment. Among provisions related to science and technology research and development, it would require the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy to review quadrennially U.S. capabilities and develop a national science and technology strategy to improve national competitiveness. It would identify "key technology focus" areas as federal research and development priorities, including artificial intelligence, automation and advanced manufacturing, quantum computing, biotechnology and advanced energy. It would authorize \$81 billion through fiscal 2027 for National Science Foundation activities, including \$16.3 billion for a new NSF Directorate for Technology, Innovation and Partnerships to encourage

research, development and workforce development to support use-inspired and translational research, accelerate the development and use of federally funded research, and accelerate development in key technology focus areas. It would require the NSF to support research in a range of new areas, including climate change and the impacts of technology on social and behavioral science. It would authorize more than \$67 billion through fiscal 2027 for Energy Department science activities, including for laboratory upgrades and research and development related to renewable and alternative energy, quantum technologies, energy technology commercialization and microelectronics manufacturing. It would authorize \$11 billion through fiscal 2027 for Commerce Department economic development activities, primarily for regional technology innovation hubs designated by the Economic Development Administration. It would authorize \$9.7 billion through fiscal 2027 for the National Institute of Standards and Technology and expand NIST programs and activities in information security, cybersecurity and key technology focus areas. It would establish an interagency initiative to advance research and development in engineering biology and biomanufacturing. It would authorize new and existing NASA programs and activities, including to formally authorize a program to support human exploration of the moon and Mars and require NASA to prioritize development of nuclear propulsion and low-enriched uranium technologies. It would authorize a new NSF office to coordinate federal efforts and policies related to research security and integrity and require federal research agencies to adopt policies to prohibit personnel from participating in malign foreign talent recruitment programs. It would authorize a variety of programs to expand workforce development, education and participation of underrepresented groups in the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics.” The bill passed by a vote of 243-187. [H.R. 4346, [Vote #404](#), 7/28/22; CQ, [7/28/22](#)]

- **The CHIPS Bill Would Lower The Costs Of Everyday Goods And Create High Paying Manufacturing Jobs.** “The House on Thursday voted to pass the \$280 billion Chips and Science Act, a bill that would subsidize domestic semiconductor manufacturing and invest billions in science and technology innovation, in a bid to strengthen the United States’ competitiveness and self-reliance in what is seen as a keystone industry for economic and national security. [...] Today, the House passed a bill that will make cars cheaper, appliances cheaper, and computers cheaper,” Biden said in a statement. “It will lower the costs of everyday goods. And, it will create high-paying manufacturing jobs across the country and strengthen U.S. leadership in the industries of the future at the same time.” [Washington Post, [7/28/22](#)]
- **The CHIPS Bill Provided \$54 Billion In Grants For Semiconductor Manufacturing And Research.** “The CHIPS bill, short for Creating Helpful Incentives to Produce Semiconductors for America Act, would provide \$54 billion in grants for semiconductor manufacturing and research, tens of billions to support regional technology hubs and a tax credit covering 25% of investments in semiconductor manufacturing through 2026.” [NPR, [7/27/22](#)]

[Salazar voted against the Lower Food and Fuel Costs Act.](#)

Salazar Voted Against The Lower Food And Fuel Costs Act To Make Fertilizer More Affordable And Boost Meatpacking Competition. In June 2022 Salazar voted against: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would provide \$700 million in supplemental fiscal 2023 appropriations and authorize or require various Agriculture Department activities to reduce food production costs; support biofuel infrastructure upgrades to reduce fuel costs; expand livestock and poultry processing capacities; and address supply

chain resilience in the food and agriculture sectors. Within supplemental appropriations, it would provide \$500 million for additional payments to producers under the Environmental Quality Incentives Program to implement crop nutrient management practices or precision agriculture practices, which use new technologies to increase crop yields or decrease needed inputs such as land, fertilizer and herbicides. It would also modify existing USDA conservation programs to provide additional support, including loans and loan guarantees, for farmers and ranchers to adopt precision agriculture practices and acquire related technology. Within supplemental appropriations, it would provide \$200 million for grants to transportation fueling and distribution facilities, fuel terminal operations and heating oil distribution facilities to install or upgrade fuel infrastructure to ensure the environmentally safe availability of fuel containing ethanol blends at levels greater than 10 percent or biodiesel blends at levels greater than five percent, or to build and retrofit existing systems to blend biodiesel and carry ethanol and biodiesel. It would also authorize the EPA to extend a waiver to allow the sale of gasoline blended with more than 10 percent ethanol. The bill would also authorize \$120 million annually through fiscal 2025 for USDA loans, loan guarantees and grants for public and private entities to expand and diversify livestock or poultry processing capabilities and promote local and interstate sales by meeting relevant regulatory standards. It would establish a USDA special investigator's office to investigate and prosecute violations of competition and trade practices by packers and live poultry dealers and consult with the Homeland Security Department on security issues in the food and agriculture sector. To address supply chain issues, it would authorize \$100 million for grants, loans and other assistance to address fertilizer shortages, including by reducing dependence on foreign sources and supporting efficient and sustainable fertilizer use; direct the USDA to establish at least six Supply Chain Regional Resource Centers to provide grants and assistance to small- and medium-sized agricultural producers and businesses to address supply chain challenges; and require the USDA to establish a temporary food system supply chain resilience and crisis response task force." The bill passed by a vote of 221-204. [H.R. 7606, [Vote #Vote #277](#), 6/16/22; CQ, [6/16/22](#)]

- **The Lower Food And Fuel Costs Act Created A Task Force To Prevent Bottlenecks In Agriculture And Food Supply Chains And Lower Food Costs.** "In action June 16, the U.S. House of Representatives passed by a vote of 221-204 H.R. 7606, the Lower Food and Fuel Costs Act, which lead Democrat authors say will help address supply chain risks, lower the cost of food and gas prices, strengthen the food supply chain and ensure robust competition in the meat and poultry sector. [...] The package also includes the Strengthening the Agriculture and Food Supply Chain Act which would create a task force dedicated to shoring up the agriculture and food supply chains in order to prevent bottlenecks and lower food costs." [Farm Progress, [6/16/22](#)]
- **The Lower Food And Fuel Costs Act Contained A Number Of Separate Agriculture Provisions Aimed At Addressing Food Costs And Supply Chain Issues.** "The House of Representatives on Thursday passed an omnibus appropriations bill aimed at addressing spiraling fuel costs by further expanding the availability of higher-ethanol fuel blends. The Lower Food and Fuel Costs Act contains a number of separate agriculture provisions aimed at addressing food costs and supply chain issues." [The Hill, [6/16/22](#)]
- **The Lower Food And Fuel Costs Act Lifted Summer Restrictions On E15 Gas, Which Was Cheaper Than Regular E10 Gas.** "The Lower Food and Fuel Costs Act contains a number of separate agriculture provisions aimed at addressing food costs and supply chain issues. On the

energy side, it would remove summertime restrictions on the sale of a 15 percent ethanol blend, a policy similar to provisions included in an executive order signed by President Biden earlier this month. [...] The Renewable Fuels Association, the primary lobbying group for biofuels, hailed the passage in a statement Thursday. 'E15 typically sells for 10 to 40 cents per gallon less than regular E10 gasoline today, meaning consumers are saving several dollars each time they fill up their vehicle's tank with E15 instead of E10,' RFA President and CEO Geoff Cooper said in a statement." [The Hill, [6/16/22](#)]

- **Renewable Fuels Association: Households Could Save Over \$300 A Year By Switching To E15 Gas.** "The Renewable Fuels Association welcomed passage of the bill. 'By expanding the availability of cleaner, more-affordable ethanol blends, this legislation will help deliver immediate economic relief to American families who are feeling unprecedented pain at the pump,' said Geoff Cooper, president and CEO of the RFA. 'E15 typically sells for 10 to 40 cents per gallon less than regular E10 gasoline today, meaning consumers are saving several dollars each time they fill up their vehicle's tank with E15 instead of E10. That means the typical household can save more than \$300 on fuel expenses over the course of a year simply by choosing lower-carbon E15. RFA thanks Speaker Pelosi, Majority Leader Hoyer, and renewable fuel supporters from both parties for pushing this legislation over the goal line and delivering a win to hard-pressed American families dealing with inflationary pressures.'" [Biodiesel Magazine, [6/16/22](#)]

May 2022: Salazar voted against the Consumer Fuel Price Gouging Prevention Act that would crack down on price gouging by oil companies.

Salazar Voted Against The Consumer Fuel Price Gouging Prevention Act To Bar Excessive Or Exploitative Fuel Prices. In May 2022 Salazar voted against: "Passage of the bill, as amended, that would prohibit the sale of consumer fuel at excessive costs during a presidentially declared energy emergency. Specifically, the bill would allow the president to issue an energy emergency proclamation for any U.S. area for a renewable period of up to 30 days. During an energy emergency period, it would prohibit the sale of consumer fuel at a price that is 'unconscionably excessive' and indicates that the seller is 'exploiting' the circumstances of the emergency to unreasonably increase prices. It would direct the Federal Trade Commission to enforce such violations under existing law related to unfair or deceptive practices. It would establish an affirmative defense for civil and administrative action brought to enforce the violation that an increase in price 'reasonably reflects' additional costs or risks taken to produce, distribute, obtain or sell fuel. It would specify aggravating and mitigating factors in determining violations including whether the price grossly exceeds the average price of fuel offered in the 30 days before the emergency proclamation or during a benchmark period established by the FTC; whether the price grossly exceeds the average price offered during the emergency period by other sellers in the same area; and whether the quantity of fuel produced, distributed or sold increased in an area during the emergency period, accounting for usual seasonal variation. Among other provisions related to enforcement, it would require the FTC to prioritize enforcement against companies with sales over \$500 million annually; allow state attorneys general to enforce the prohibition through civil action and allow the FTC to intervene in such cases; and establish the Consumer Relief Trust Fund for funds collected from penalties, to be used to provide energy assistance to low-income households. It would also increase from \$1 million to \$2 million the maximum penalty under existing law and expand FTC enforcement authority for market manipulation and sharing false information with respect to

transportation fuel pricing. It would require the Energy Department's Energy Information Administration to conduct surveys of energy companies to collect information on U.S. crude oil and transportation fuel markets and share survey results and related analyses with the public and the FTC. It would require the FTC to investigate and create a strategy to address price manipulation and price gouging practices for gasoline during national or international emergencies." The bill passed by a vote of 217-207. [H.R. 7688, [Vote #Vote #232](#), 5/19/22; CQ, [5/19/22](#)]

- **The Price Gouging Prevention Bill “Prohibit[ed] Price Increases During National Emergencies” And Authorized The Federal Trade Commission “To Issue Penalties For Price Gouging.”** “The measure, which is unlikely to garner the Republican support needed to become law, would prohibit price increases during national energy emergencies declared by the president. [...] The bill, called the Consumer Fuel Price Gouging Prevention Act, would also give the Federal Trade Commission the power to issue penalties for price gouging, according to a summary of the legislation. It would prioritize penalizing larger companies, while protecting independently owned gas stations.” [Bloomberg, [5/12/22](#)]
- **March 2022: 87% Of Voters Supported “A Crackdown On Price Gouging By Oil Companies, Including 63% Who Strongly Favor It.”** “Of all the actions the President and Congress might take to address the problem of rising gasoline prices and long-term energy costs, the one voters support most strongly and most broadly is cracking down on price gouging and excessive price increases by oil companies. Eighty-seven percent (87%) of voters favor a crackdown on price gouging by oil companies, including 63% who strongly favor it. One reason voters are so emphatic about cracking down on price gouging is that they believe oil company CEOs are “profiteering” off of the war between Russia and Ukraine and are using the war as an opportunity to raise gas prices just to increase their profits. [...] 49% say the prices at the pump are a reflection of oil companies wanting to increase their profits as much as possible.” [Hart Research Associates, [3/15/22](#)]

March 2022: Salazar voted against the Affordable Insulin Now Act that capped the price of insulin at \$35.

Salazar Voted Against Capping The Price Of Insulin At \$35. In March 2022 Salazar voted against: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would require private health insurance and Medicare to cover certain insulin products and limit cost-sharing requirements for such products for plans beginning in 2023. Specifically, it would require private insurance plans to cover at least one of each dosage form of each type of insulin, such as short-acting, long-acting and premixed insulin; prohibit the plans from applying a deductible for the insulin products; and cap cost-sharing for the insulin products at the lesser of \$35 or 25 percent of the plan's negotiated price for the product per 30-day supply. For Medicare plans, it would similarly prohibit the application of a deductible for covered insulin products and cap copayments at \$35 per 30-day supply. The bill would also increase funding available for the Medicare Improvement Fund from \$5 million to approximately \$9 billion. As an offset, it would delay for an additional year, through Jan. 1, 2027, implementation of a November 2020 rule ending a safe harbor provision that protects pharmacy benefit managers from federal anti-kickback laws for prescription drug rebates provided to health insurers under Medicare Part D.” Passed by a vote of 232-193. [H.R. 6833, [Vote #Vote #102](#), 3/31/22, CQ, [3/31/22](#)]

- **The Affordable Insulin Now Act Capped The Price Of Insulin At \$35 Or 25% Of An Insurance Plan's Negotiated Price, Whichever Was Lower.** “The House of Representatives voted Thursday to approve legislation that would limit cost-sharing for insulin under private health insurance and Medicare. The vote was 232-193, with 12 Republican members joining their Democratic colleagues to pass the measure. The Affordable Insulin Now Act would cap insulin prices at either \$35 a month or 25% of an insurance plan's negotiated price — whichever is lower. The legislation aims to take effect in 2023 but its fate in the Senate remains unclear.” [NPR, [3/31/22](#)]
- **Insulin Prices Doubled Between 2012 And 2016.** “Advocates of the legislation point to data from the Health Care Cost Institute, an independent nonprofit that studies health care prices, which shows prices for insulin doubled between 2012 and 2016. ‘No one should have to choose between taking their medication as prescribed and putting food on the table or a roof over their head,’ said Rep. Dan Kildee, one of three Democratic lawmakers who sponsored the legislation.” [NPR, [3/31/22](#)]

February 2022: Salazar voted against the America COMPETES Act, which would decrease inflation and increase the U.S.'s global economic competitiveness by bolstering supply chains and investing in domestic manufacturing.

Salazar Voted Against The America COMPETES Act, Aimed At Increasing The U.S.'s Global Competitiveness. In February 2022 Salazar voted against: “Passage of the bill, as amended, comprising a package of provisions related to scientific research and development and international competitiveness, including provisions to authorize more than \$135 billion over five years for federal investment in scientific research and development programs; provide more than \$52 billion in supplemental appropriations for the U.S. semiconductor industry; and require various actions related to U.S. technological competitiveness and foreign policy, particularly with regard to countering Chinese influence. Among provisions related to science and technology research and development, it would authorize \$78 billion through fiscal 2026 for National Science Foundation activities, including \$13.3 billion for a new NSF Directorate for Science and Engineering Solutions to support use-inspired research and development that addresses societal challenges such as climate change, global competitiveness in critical technologies, cybersecurity, national security, social and economic inequality, and education and workforce development in science and technology. It would authorize \$50.2 billion through fiscal 2026 for Energy Department science activities, including research and development related to climate issues, alternative energy sources and quantum technologies. It would authorize \$8 billion through fiscal 2026 for the National Institute of Standards and Technology and expand NIST functions to include information security and cybersecurity research and development activities. Among supply chain provisions, it would provide \$52.7 billion through fiscal 2026 in supplemental appropriations to fund a program to incentivize research, development and workforce development related to the production of semiconductors, established by the fiscal 2021 defense authorization law. It would establish a Commerce Department office to lead federal efforts to strengthen supply chains and domestic manufacturing in critical industries, and it would authorize \$45 billion through fiscal 2027 for grants and loans under the office. It would appropriate \$1.5 billion through fiscal 2031 to support 5G wireless

network development. Among foreign policy provisions, it would require the president and State Department to develop diplomatic engagement strategies to address global economic and security development, particularly with regard to countering Chinese influence and economic coercion. It would authorize more than \$2 billion in bilateral and regional foreign assistance and \$1.25 billion for diplomatic engagement in the Indo-Pacific region for fiscal 2022, as well as over \$1 billion through fiscal 2026 for foreign military financing and security programs in the region. It would include various provisions related to global action on climate change, including to establish an interagency task force to monitor climate change in relation to national security risks and authorize \$8 billion through fiscal 2023 for contributions to the U.N. Green Climate Fund. It would extend a wide range of duty reductions and suspensions; update certain trade policies to include standards related to environmental, labor, human rights and intellectual property protections; and establish a U.S. Trade Representative committee to review and potentially block overseas investments in foreign adversary nations that could impact U.S. critical capabilities. Among workforce and economic development provisions, the bill would reauthorize and expand the Labor Department national apprenticeship system; authorize several new or expanded NSF programs related to expanding science, technology, engineering and mathematics education, workforce development and participation of underrepresented groups in STEM; create a new class of nonimmigrant 'W' visas for entrepreneurs associated with U.S. start-up companies; and reauthorize and expand the Trade Adjustment Assistance program to support individuals and communities that have been adversely impacted by international trade." The bill passed by a vote of 222-210. [H.R. 4521, [Vote #31](#), 2/4/22; CQ, [2/4/22](#)]

- **The America COMPETES Act Authorized \$45 Billion To Bolster The Supply Chain And Increase U.S. Manufacturing Of "Critical" Goods.** "The House bill would provide \$45 billion over six years in grants and loans to improve the nation's supply chains and to boost American manufacturing of goods deemed critical for national security and the US economy -- like products for public health, communications technology and food -- according to a summary of the bill provided by House Democrats. Similar to the Senate bill, it would create a new initiative within the Department of Commerce to help promote the resiliency of the nation's supply chains. The House bill would establish an office that would monitor supply chains, identify vulnerabilities and designate which products are critical. The agency would also be tasked with building up stockpiles to prevent shortages of goods in the event of a future supply chain shock." [CNN, [2/4/22](#)]
- **The America COMPETES Act Invested \$3 Billion In Solar Manufacturing To Reduce The U.S.'s Reliance On China.** "The House legislation would set aside billions of dollars to bolster research and manufacturing. [...] It would set aside another \$3 billion for the nation's solar manufacturing supply chain, aiming to reduce the country's reliance on China for parts." [CNN, [2/4/22](#)]
- **The America COMPETES Act Invested \$52 Billion In Domestic Manufacturing And Research Of Semiconductors To Decrease The U.S.'s Technological Dependence On Asia.** "The House voted Friday to pass the America COMPETES Act, a bill that aims to increase U.S. competitiveness with China and to address the country's shortage of semiconductors by strengthening the country's supply chain. [...] The bill includes \$52 billion to support domestic manufacturing and research of semiconductors, the chips that are used in electronic devices and have faced shortages throughout the pandemic, contributing to delays and increased costs. The

incentives for semiconductor production come as the U.S. has increasingly relied on imports for computer chips. Twelve percent of the world's chips are made in the U.S., down from 37% in the 1990s, according to industry officials. About 80% are made in Asia.” [USA Today, [2/4/22](#)]

- **The America COMPETES Act Funded An Aid Program For Workers Impacted By Increased Imports And Invested In STEM Education Programs.** “The measure, known as the America COMPETES Act, passed 222-210 in a near-party-line vote. [...] The legislation would also fund a government program to aid workers who lost jobs or saw their pay cut as a result of increased imports, as well as boost funds for the National Science Foundation and STEM education programs.” [New York Post, [2/4/22](#)]
- **The American COMPETES Act Provided “More Than \$1 Billion Toward Increasing Diversity” In Science And Technology To Increase STEM Employment.** “Congress is aiming to reshape America’s workforce through new legislation that would direct more than \$1 billion toward increasing diversity of the scientists, researchers and technologists who drive the innovation economy. The measure includes \$900 million for grants and partnerships with historically Black colleges and universities, \$164 million to study barriers for people of color in the field and \$17.5 million to combat sexual harassment. They’re part of a expansive package of bills known as the America Competes Act, which lawmakers hope will ensure the United States continues to lead the global economy. [...] A report from the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine estimated the United States will need 1 million more people employed in those sectors over the next decade than it is currently on track to produce. The group said the country will not reach that goal without substantially increasing diversity in the labor force.” [CNBC, [2/4/22](#)]
- **The America COMPETES Act Included Provisions To Hold China Accountable For Human Rights Violations.** “The legislation includes provisions to strengthen US relations with Taiwan, new sanctions for officials in Xinjiang accused of ‘systematic rape, coercive abortion, forced sterilisation, or involuntary contraceptive implantation policies and practices’ and an authorisation for millions of dollars in funding to counter Chinese government censorship and disinformation. [...] Advocacy groups supporting human rights in Xinjiang and Hong Kong applauded the bill. The Washington-based Hong Kong Democracy Council said it was ‘elated’, and the non-profit Uyghur Human Rights Project said it was ‘encouraged that Congress continues to put rhetoric into action’. ‘We are particularly encouraged by provisions meant to provide safe haven for Uyghurs fleeing atrocities, and to tighten scrutiny on Chinese companies complicit in these abuses,’ said Uyghur Human Rights Project executive director Omer Kanat.” [South China Morning Post, [2/4/22](#)]
- **The America COMPETES Act Included Provisions To “Offset China’s Market-Distorting Trade Practices.”** “The U.S. House of Representatives on Friday narrowly passed a multibillion-dollar bill aimed at increasing American competitiveness with China and boosting U.S. semiconductor manufacturing, despite Republican opposition. [...] It includes changes to U.S. trade rules intended to offset China's market-distorting trade practices, including by strengthening anti-dumping rules.” [Reuters, [2/4/22](#)]

- **The American COMPETES Act Authorized \$10 Billion To Help Developing Countries Address Climate Change.** “The bill also authorizes \$8.8 billion this year for Energy Department research and development programs, with that amount increasing each year through fiscal 2026. And it authorizes as much as \$8 billion to help developing countries address climate change over the next two years and another \$2 billion annually to help developing countries deploy clean energy technologies, expand zero-emission vehicles, promote sustainable land use, and adapt to the effects of climate change.” [Bloomberg, [2/4/22](#)]

National Association Of Manufacturers: The America COMPETES Act Would “Help Address Inflation And Alleviate Supply Chain Challenges We’re Facing Today.” “The introduction of the America COMPETES Act, which includes many components of the overwhelmingly bipartisan U.S. Innovation and Competition Act, is a major step forward, and lawmakers can feel confident that supporting this bill means supporting the future of manufacturing in America. Not only would its provisions help address inflation and alleviate supply chain challenges we’re facing today, but the bill provides significant investment in U.S. semiconductor manufacturing, which would also help us avert future crises. This bill also includes funding for a Supply Chain Resilience and Crisis Response Office at the Department of Commerce. I’ve discussed the programs that this office would oversee with Secretary Raimondo, and manufacturers strongly back these initiatives, which would include game-changing grants, loans and loan guarantees.” [National Association of Manufacturers, Press Release, [1/26/22](#)]

Infrastructure

Campaign Promises

During her 2018 campaign, Salazar pledged to “work hard” at “investing and improving our infrastructure,” including roads and public transportation.

Salazar Supported Investing In Roads, Public Transportation, And Traffic Flow To Support Business And Tourism In South Florida. “I will also work hard to attract investments to South Florida, including strengthening the industries that drive our dynamic economy – particularly tourism, business, and international trade – by investing and improving our infrastructure—roads, public transportation, and traffic flow.” [Salazar Campaign Website, Issues, archived [10/5/18](#)]

Salazar said Miami deserved a “first-rate public transportation system” like Boston and Chicago.

Salazar Said Miami Deserved A “First-Rate Public Transportation System” Like Boston And Chicago. Salazar tweeted, “It is shameful and intolerable that our commute to work takes almost an hour and a half – every single day! If Boston and Chicago can have a first-rate public transportation system, why can’t Miami? We can and must do better! #Vote37 #MariaElviraSalazar #TeamMariaElvira #FL27” [Twitter, @MaElviraSalazar, [8/14/18](#)]

2018: Salazar: “Politics as usual, poor planning, and coordination has cost South Florida millions in federal dollars that are badly needed to solve the ...transportation crisis”

2018: Salazar: “Politics As Usual, Poor Planning, And Coordination Has Cost South Florida Millions In Federal Dollars That Are Badly Needed To Solve The Traffic And Transportation Crisis.” “This lack of coordination and cooperation between local, state, and federal authorities has – for decades – made it impossible to develop a coherent and practical plan to expand and improve our highways, roads, and public transportation systems (Metrorail in particular). Politics as usual, poor planning, and coordination has cost South Florida millions in federal dollars that are badly needed to solve the traffic and transportation crisis that affects all of us. It is shameful and intolerable that your commute to work will take almost an hour and half each way – every day! And all because we have failed to present a united front in Washington that could make a strong case for why South Florida badly needs and deserves federal transportation dollars.” [MariaElvira.com, accessed [9/3/18](#)]

Infrastructure Bill

November 2021: Salazar voted against the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill that provided billions in new infrastructure funding, including for roads and public transportation.

Salazar Voted Against The Infrastructure Investment And Jobs Act, Providing \$550 Billion In New Infrastructure Spending. In November 2021 Salazar voted against: “DeFazio, D-Ore., motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the bill that would provide approximately \$550 billion in new infrastructure spending, including for surface transportation, broadband, water and energy infrastructure. In supplemental appropriations and increased contract authority, the bill would provide \$110 billion for roads, bridges and major surface transportation projects, including \$47.3 for highway infrastructure and \$40 billion for bridge construction and repair; \$66 billion for rail, including \$58 billion for Amtrak; and \$39 billion for transit, including \$5.3 billion for zero- and low-emission transit buses and \$2 billion for accessibility improvements. It would provide \$25 billion for airports and approximately \$17 billion for ports and waterways, including \$3.4 billion to modernize land ports of entry and \$2.25 billion for water port upgrades, including resilience and electrification projects. It would provide approximately \$11 billion for various transportation safety and research programs. It would provide \$7.5 billion for electric vehicle charging infrastructure and \$5 billion for zero- and low-emission school bus programs. It would establish requirements for many new and existing surface transportation programs to consider the environmental and equity impacts of funded activities and authorize a range of transportation programs related to emissions reduction and climate change resilience. It would provide \$1 billion for activities to reconnect neighborhoods by removing or remediating the effects of transportation infrastructure construction in disadvantaged and underserved communities. The bill would provide approximately \$65 billion for broadband, including \$42.5 billion for grants to states to increase access in unserved areas and \$14.2 billion to extend a program initially authorized in response to the coronavirus pandemic that provides stipends to help low-income families pay for internet services. It would provide approximately \$62 billion for the Energy Department, including \$21.5 billion for clean energy demonstration projects, \$16.3 billion for energy efficiency and renewable energy programs, \$8 billion for power grid resilience and other electricity projects, and \$7.5 billion for fossil energy and carbon management. It would authorize or expand several programs to incentivize clean energy manufacturing, development and adoption. It would provide approximately \$55 billion for water infrastructure and safety, including \$30.7 billion for the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund, including \$15 billion to replace lead service lines and \$4 billion to address per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances and other emerging contaminants; and \$12.7 billion for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund. Across various departments, the bill would

provide funding for climate change response and environmental remediation, including; \$11.3 billion for abandoned mine land and water reclamation projects, approximately \$5.75 billion for wildfire management, \$3.5 billion for the EPA hazardous substance superfund and \$3.5 billion for FEMA flood mitigation. It would also provide more than \$1.7 billion for cybersecurity resilience programs. The bill would include a number of provisions intended to offset spending, including by rescinding certain unobligated COVID-19 relief funding and establishing tax reporting requirements for cryptocurrency and other digital assets.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 228-206. [H.R. 3684, [Vote #Vote #369](#), 11/5/21; CQ, [11/5/21](#)]

- **White House Projected The \$1 Trillion Bipartisan Infrastructure Deal Would Add About 2 Million Jobs Per Year For A Decade.** “The \$1 trillion infrastructure plan that now goes to President Joe Biden to sign into law has money for roads, bridges, ports, rail transit, safe water, the power grid, broadband internet and more [...] The new law promises to reach almost every corner of the country. It’s a historic investment that the president has compared to the building of the transcontinental railroad and Interstate Highway System. The White House is projecting that the investments will add, on average, about 2 million jobs per year over the coming decade.” [Associated Press, [11/6/21](#)]
- **CNN: Experts Agreed The Infrastructure Spending Was “Sorely Needed To Ensure Safe Travel” And “Efficient Transport Of Goods And Produce.”** “Congress passed a \$1.2 trillion infrastructure package Friday, approving a signature part of President Joe Biden's economic agenda. It will deliver \$550 billion of new federal investments in America's infrastructure over five years, touching everything from bridges and roads to the nation's broadband, water and energy systems. Experts say the money is sorely needed to ensure safe travel, as well as the efficient transport of goods and produce across the country. The nation's infrastructure system earned a C- score from the American Society of Civil Engineers earlier this year.” [CNN, [11/5/21](#)]
- **Washington Post: Infrastructure Spending Included \$16 Billion For “Major Projects That Are Too Large Or Complex For Traditional Funding Programs.”** “The \$1.2 trillion infrastructure bill adopted late Friday creates a multibillion-dollar fund to spur the type of complicated, ambitious projects that have been stymied by decades of tentative investment and inattention from Washington. Modern-day equivalents of megaprojects like the Hoover Dam can benefit broad swaths of the United States, but infrastructure experts say they have often stagnated. [...] Among the projects that could see a boost: the Gateway rail project, a vast plan to expand capacity for train traffic between New York and New Jersey; and a long-delayed effort to replace the outmoded Brent Spence Bridge connecting Kentucky and Ohio, which is one of the nation’s worst bottlenecks. [...] The infrastructure bill includes about \$16 billion for 'major projects that are too large or complex for traditional funding programs,' but that have big economic benefits, according to the White House.” [Washington Post, [11/6/21](#)]
- **Bipartisan Infrastructure Deal Would Provide \$110 Billion For Repairs To Highways, Bridges, And Roads.** “The bill would provide \$110 billion to repair the nation’s aging highways, bridges and roads. According to the White House, 173,000 total miles or nearly 280,000 kilometers of America’s highways and major roads and 45,000 bridges are in poor condition. And the almost

\$40 billion for bridges is the single largest dedicated bridge investment since the construction of the national highway system, according to the Biden administration.” [Associated Press, [11/6/21](#)]

- **Axios: The Infrastructure Bill Included \$65 Billion For “Building High-Speed Internet Networks, Helping Low-Income Families Pay For Service And Digital Equity Programs.”** “The infrastructure bill heading to President Biden's desk includes \$65 billion to improve high-speed internet access and affordability. [...] By the numbers: The funding is aimed towards building high-speed internet networks, helping low-income families pay for service and digital equity programs. \$42.45 billion in grants to states for broadband projects, which can range from network deployment to data collection to help determine areas that lack service. \$14.2 billion to provide a \$30-a-month voucher to low-income Americans to pay for internet service. It will replace the current \$50-a-month Emergency Broadband Benefit program, offering less money monthly, but increasing the number of those eligible. \$2.75 billion for digital inclusion and equity projects, such as improving digital literacy or online skills for seniors. \$2 billion each for a rural broadband construction program called ReConnect, run by USDA, and to the Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program run by the Commerce Department's National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA). \$1 billion to build so-called 'middle mile' infrastructure to connect local providers to larger internet access points. \$600 million for private activity bonds to finance broadband deployment projects in rural areas.” [Axios, [11/8/21](#)]
- **The Infrastructure Bill Included \$1.75 Billion To Increase The Accessibility Of Transit Systems.** “A \$1.75 billion fund in the infrastructure package will aim to guarantee that transit stations are accessible, decades after campaigns by disability rights activists to demand lifts on buses helped to spur passage of the Americans With Disabilities Act. Almost a fifth of transit stations were not fully accessible in 2019, according to the most recent Federal Transit Administration data. [...] The bill also includes language about Amtrak, requiring that a person with disabilities be appointed to the railroad's board and mandating spending on accessibility, which Duckworth said helped show that accessibility was a national issue and not only an urban concern. About 25 million people in the United States report having a disability that limits their transportation options, and the Labor Department attributes lower rates of employment among people with disabilities, in part, to those obstacles. People with disabilities are almost twice as likely as others to use public transit to get around, according to the Transportation Department.” [Washington Post, [11/6/21](#)]
- **Bipartisan Infrastructure Deal Would Invest \$44 Billion On Water And Wastewater Infrastructure, Including \$15 Billion To Replace Lead Pipes And \$10 Billion To Address PFAS Water Contamination.** “The legislation would spend \$55 billion on water and wastewater infrastructure. It has \$15 billion to replace lead pipes and \$10 billion to address water contamination from polyfluoroalkyl substances — chemicals that were used in the production of Teflon and have also been used in firefighting foam, water-repellent clothing and many other items.” [Associated Press, [11/6/21](#)]
- **Bipartisan Infrastructure Deal Would Invest \$65 Billion To Improve The Reliability Of The Power Grid And Boost Clean Power Generation.** “To protect against the power outages that

have become more frequent in recent years, the bill would spend \$65 billion to improve the reliability and resiliency of the power grid. It would also boost carbon capture technologies and more environmentally friendly electricity sources like clean hydrogen.” [Associated Press, [11/6/21](#)]

- **Bipartisan Infrastructure Deal Would Invest \$7.5 Billion In Electrical Vehicle Charging Stations And \$5 Billion In Electric And Hybrid School Buses.** “The bill would spend \$7.5 billion for electric vehicle charging stations, which the administration says are critical to accelerating the use of electric vehicles to curb climate change. It would also provide \$5 billion for the purchase of electric school buses and hybrids, reducing reliance on school buses that run on diesel fuel.” [Associated Press, [11/6/21](#)]
- **Bipartisan Infrastructure Deal Would Invest \$66 Billion In Amtrak, The Largest Federal Investment In The Service Since Its Founding.** “To reduce Amtrak’s maintenance backlog, which has worsened since Superstorm Sandy nine years ago, the bill would provide \$66 billion to improve the rail service’s Northeast Corridor (457 miles, 735 km), as well as other routes. It’s less than the \$80 billion Biden — who famously rode Amtrak from Delaware to Washington during his time in the Senate — originally asked for, but it would be the largest federal investment in passenger rail service since Amtrak was founded 50 years ago.” [Associated Press, [11/6/21](#)]
- **Bipartisan Infrastructure Deal Would Invest \$25 Billion In Airport Improvements.** “The bill would spend \$25 billion to improve runways, gates and taxiways at airports and to improve terminals. It would also improve aging air traffic control towers.” [Associated Press, [11/6/21](#)]
- **Bipartisan Infrastructure Deal Would Be Funded Through Unspent Pandemic Relief, Unused Federal Unemployment Insurance, And An “Array Of Smaller Pots Of Money.”** “The five-year spending package would be paid for by tapping \$210 billion in unspent COVID-19 relief aid and \$53 billion in unemployment insurance aid some states have halted, along with an array of smaller pots of money, like petroleum reserve sales and spectrum auctions for 5G services.” [Associated Press, [11/6/21](#)]

Florida received billions in funding to improve highways, public transit, drinking water infrastructure, and airports through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill.

Headline: “Billions Of Dollars Coming To Florida Once Biden’s Infrastructure Bill Becomes Law.”
[Miami Herald, [11/9/21](#)]

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill Provided \$13.1 Billion To Rebuild And Modernize Florida’s Highways. “In Florida, the White House estimates that \$13.1 billion would be spent to rebuild and modernize Florida’s highways with an additional \$245 million for bridge replacement and repairs. The White House cited data from the American Society of Civil Engineers that said 3,584 miles of highway and 408 bridges in Florida are in poor condition.” [Miami Herald, [11/9/21](#)]

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill Provided \$2.6 Billion To Improve Public Transit In Florida. “The White House also said Florida expects to receive \$2.6 billion over five years to improve public transit.

And the state would get \$198 million over five years to expand an electric vehicle charging network, with an opportunity to apply for \$2.5 billion more in grants to further expand EV charging stations.” [Miami Herald, [11/9/21](#)]

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill Provided \$1.6 Billion To Improve Florida’s Drinking Water Infrastructure. “The state will receive \$1.6 billion over five years to improve drinking water infrastructure, \$26 million to protect against wildfires, \$29 million to protect against cyberattacks and \$1.2 billion for airports.” [Miami Herald, [11/9/21](#)]

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill Provided \$1.2 Billion To Improve Florida’s Airports. “The state will receive \$1.6 billion over five years to improve drinking water infrastructure, \$26 million to protect against wildfires, \$29 million to protect against cyberattacks and \$1.2 billion for airports.” [Miami Herald, [11/9/21](#)]

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill Provided \$100 Million To Expand Broadband Internet Coverage Across Florida. “Florida would get \$100 million to expand broadband internet coverage across the state, which the White House says would give internet access to more than 700,000 Floridians who currently do not have it. An additional 6.5 million Floridians, or anyone with an income at or below 200% of the federal poverty line (about \$25,500 for an individual in 2021), would be eligible for a \$30 a month internet subsidy under the bill.” [Miami Herald, [11/9/21](#)]

Salazar said she voted against the legislation because it was a “tradeoff between infrastructure and socialism” and said parts of the bill were “very questionable.”

2021: Salazar Voted Against The Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill Because She Said It Was A “Tradeoff Between Infrastructure And Socialism.” “SALAZAR: And, indeed, they are going to transform the United States. And that founding spirit that created the United States is going to be shot. And that is the reason why I voted against this bill, because there has been a tradeoff between infrastructure and socialism. And I cannot allow that.” [CNN with CHRISTIANE AMANPOUR, 11/08/21]

2021: Salazar Said Only Part Of The Bill Is Traditional Infrastructure, The Rest Is “Very Questionable.” “SALAZAR: Number two, even more importantly, that bill, half of the bill, or 25 percent, I should say, is going to be paid by the debt, is not covered. Number three, half of the bill is only going -- only half of the bill is going to what you and I know as traditional infrastructure. The rest is very questionable.” [CNN with CHRISTIANE AMANPOUR, 11/08/21]

Local Projects

Salazar claimed she secure millions of dollars for infrastructure projects in her district.

2022: Salazar Claimed She Submitted A \$1.4 Million Infrastructure Request To The House Transportation Committee And A Request For Expansion Of The University Of Miami Campus. “Since coming to Congress, Rep. Salazar has worked on several projects directly benefitting the City of Coral Gables. In 2021, she submitted a \$1.4 million infrastructure project request to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure for the city to purchase new trolleys. This year, she submitted a

\$900,000 Community Funding Project Request for the University of Miami's expansion of its aquaculture campus" [Office of Maria Salazar, [6/1/2022](#)]

2022: Salazar Secured Over \$7 Million In Funding For Mt. Sinai Medical Hospital. "\$7.65 million to Mt. Sinai Medical Hospital. As the sole hospital provider during disasters for vulnerable populations without options, Mount Sinai fulfills an essential emergency healthcare function for the city, state, and federal governments. Mount Sinai Medical Center has developed a Resiliency Master Plan that will protect campus facilities and mitigate damage from storm surge, seawater intrusion, windstorm damage, and flooding. The requested funds for this project would go towards resiliency improvements that the center needs to continue to safely serve its 10,000,000+ annual visitors and protect the lives of patients, hospital staff, and local residents in times of severe weather emergencies." [Office of Congresswoman Maria Salazar, [3/18/2022](#)]

2022: Salazar Secured Half A Million For FIU. "\$500,000 to FIU's Startup Tech and Food Business Hub. StartUP FIU is a university-wide initiative that fosters innovation and entrepreneurship for its students, faculty, alumni, and for the greater community of Miami. This project proposes to partner with community and local governmental organizations in Florida's 27th District to develop a Startup FIU Technology and Food Business Hub that would create over 500 jobs. The proposed grant would be used to help students partner directly with companies to enhance their skills in digital marketing, social media, website development, e-commerce, design thinking, sales, finance, entrepreneurship, and data analytics." [Office of Congresswoman Maria Salazar, [3/18/2022](#)]

2022: Salazar Secured \$3 Million For Miami Water Projects. "\$3 million to West Miami's Potable Water Main Improvements Project. The City of West Miami's existing potable water system is comprised largely of 4"-8" cast-iron mains constructed over 50 years ago and is unsuitable to serve the existing population of the City. The outdated system suffers from leakage, intermittent failures, and ruptures causing disruptions in service, damage to infrastructure, and potential contamination. This project will help the City replace its aged and outdated water infrastructure." [Office of Congresswoman Maria Salazar, [3/18/2022](#)]

2022: Salazar Secured Over \$1 Million For The Frost Museum. "\$1.15 million for Frost Museum's National Center for Education and Conservation of Florida's Coral Reefs. This project will create a new community-focused coral nursery and education center at the Frost Museum of Science, which would allow for research, education, and conservation work to save Florida's coral reefs. The proposed center would provide unique opportunities for continuous education, research and dissemination, and active field conservation of Florida's coral reefs, while connecting people to marine science, STEM-based education, biodiversity, and restoration." [Office of Congresswoman Maria Salazar, [3/18/2022](#)]

2022: Salazar Secured Over 600k For A Stormwater Project. "\$606,000 for Pinecrest's Stormwater Management Project. The Stormwater Management Project focuses on much-needed infrastructure improvements to reduce flooding and more effectively manage stormwater. The proposed project is located in an area that has suffered repetitive flooding over the years, and this project would dramatically reduce the risk of floods in the future." [Office of Congresswoman Maria Salazar, [3/18/2022](#)]

2022: Salazar Secured 500k For Key Biscayne K-8 Schools. “\$500,000 to Key Biscayne's K-8 Center Elementary School Stormwater Improvements. This project will provide a safer, more quality educational environment for school-aged children at Key Biscayne's K-8 Elementary and Middle School by reducing the excessive flooding experienced in and around the school. In addition to addressing flooding at the school, this would also help reduce the high amount of pollutants discharged into Biscayne Bay.” [Office of Congresswoman Maria Salazar, [3/18/2022](#)]

2022: Salazar Secured Over \$1 Million For A Local Water Pump. “\$1.6 million to West Grove Biscayne Bay Water Pump. This pump will support the conversion of parcels served by septic systems to the sanitary sewer system to reduce the risk of nutrients being transported to the groundwater aquifer (Biscayne Aquifer), canals, and ultimately Biscayne Bay. This will help prevent sewage backups into homes and potential exposure of residents to floodwaters that may be contaminated with sewage. It is expected to provide a safe and reliable sewer service that will perform better in a coastal community subject to the impacts of rising groundwater” [Office of Congresswoman Maria Salazar, [3/18/2022](#)]

Internet

Access

In August 2021, Salazar introduced legislation directing the US Air Force to deploy technology capable of delivering wireless internet anywhere on the planet from the stratosphere or higher.

August 2021: Salazar Introduced Legislation Directing The US Air Force To Deploy Technology Capable Of Delivering Wireless Internet Anywhere On The Planet From The Stratosphere Or Higher. In August 2021, Salazar sponsored H.R. 5123, the American Freedom and Internet Access Act of 2021. The bill would the US Air Force to “develop and begin implementation of “Operation Starfall”, a strategic plan to deploy stratospheric balloons, aerostats, or satellite technology capable of rapidly delivering wireless internet anywhere on the planet from the stratosphere or higher.” The bill is cosponsored by 16 Republicans. The bill was referred to the House Committee on Armed Services, but as of August 8, 2022, the bill has not received any action. [H.R. 5123, Cosponsors, accessed [8/08/22](#); Rep. Salazar, Press Release, [8/31/21](#)]

- **The Bill Implements “Operation Starfall” – A Strategic Plan To Provide Access To Wireless Communications Abroad And Ensure We Are Ready When Blackouts Occur, Disaster Strikes, Or When Rogue Regimes Shut Down Internet Access.** “Today, Congresswoman María Elvira Salazar (FL-27), Michael Waltz (FL-06), Claudia Tenney (NY-22), and a dozen Republican lawmakers introduced the American Freedom and Internet Access Act (HR 5123). This bill implements “Operation Starfall” – a strategic plan to provide access to wireless communications abroad and ensure we are ready when blackouts occur, disaster strikes, or when rogue regimes shut down internet access. This is critical to protecting the safety and wellbeing of American citizens at home and abroad... Operation Starfall is a strategic plan to deploy stratospheric balloons, aerostats, or satellite technology capable of rapidly delivering wireless internet anywhere on the planet from high altitudes. With the use of emerging technologies that already exist in the private sector, it can be employed to create wireless internet networks covering a

target geographic territory. At home, Operation Starfall would be deployable across the United States in the wake of floods, hurricanes, or wildfire devastation when local communications infrastructure is disabled.” [Rep. Salazar, Press Release, [8/31/21](#)]

Iran

Foreign Policy

[VIDEO] July 2022: Salazar: “Biden Is Negotiating With The Number One Enemy.” In July 2022, Salazar shared a video to Twitter in which she said the following in Spanish: “ While President Biden is visiting Israel, he is also negotiating with Iran, which is the ‘number one’ enemy of Israel and the Middle East because they are the greatest sponsor of terrorism globally... He wants to appease them by giving them \$140B.” [Twitter, Maria Elvira Salazar, [07/13/22](#), 0:05/1:09]

- **Spanish version:** “El President Biden mientras está visitando Israel esta negociando con Iran, que es el enemigo numero uno que tiene Israel, y que tiene todo el medio oriente porque son el estado que más apoya el terrorismo a nivel mundial. Sabemos que el presidente Biden quiere llegar a nuevamente un tratado con Irán, que le quiere dar \$140B para apaciguarlos.”

Internet

[Salazar signed a letter supporting the shipment of internet devices to Iran.](#)

2021. Signed Signed A Bipartisan Letter To Allow The Shipment Of Internet-Related Communications Devices To Iran. “A bipartisan congressional group today urged U.S. President Joe Biden to support the free flow of information and internet freedom for civil society in Iran by clarifying and updating allowable activities under the U.S. Treasury's General License D-1 (GL D-1), which exempts the sale of personal communications tools from sanctions on Iran.” [Targeted News Service, 10/11/2021]

Islam

#BanIslam

[2017: Salazar retweeted a post calling to ban Islam.](#)

2017: Salazar Retweeted A Post On Twitter Calling To Ban Islam.



[Twitter, Maria Elvira Salazar, [3/17/17](#)]

In 2016, Salazar also said the “political ideology of ISIS is based on the Quran.”

[VIDEO] March 2016: Salazar: “The Political Ideology Of ISIS Is Based On The Quran.” In a televised segment during her journalistic career, Salazar equated ISIS to all Islam, and hosted a preacher to teach the ways of Christianity, stating in Spanish that ISIS based its political ideologies on the Quran, the sacred book of Muslims, and the teachings of the Prophet Muhammad, then introduced guest Father Alberto, “to remind us that in this time, Christian teachings are the only ones that matter.” [Facebook, Maria Elvira Salazar, [12/30/14](#), 0:22/13:40]

- **Spanish version:** ISIS basa su ideología política en el Corán, el libro sagrado de los Musulmanes, en las enseñanzas del profeta Mahoma, que sirven de base para sus dictámenes políticos... vamos también del Islamismo al Cristianismo, donde también está con nosotros el Padre Alberto, para recordarnos que en esta época, las enseñanzas Cristianas son las que valen.

Israel And Anti-Semitism

Anti-Semitism

Salazar repeatedly called Ilhan Omar, Rashia Tlaib, and the “far-left” anti-Semitic for their positions on Israel and Palestine.

November 2021: Salazar Tweeted About Anti-Semitism “From The Far Left Wing Of Congress.” “Antisemitism is rising across the world, from the far left wing of Congress to the violence of Hamas. Yesterday's terrorist attack in Jerusalem isn't political activism; it's not human rights; it's a continuation of violence against the Jewish people by emboldened extremists.” [Twitter, @MaElviraSalazar, [11/22/21](#)]

September 2021: Salazar Called Rashia Tlaib Anti-Semitic For Describing Israel As An Apartheid-State. “Rashida Tlaib's anti-semitic comments against Israel are blatant and dangerous lies. This is false propaganda coming from a congresswoman on the floor of the House of Representatives. The majority stands with Israel. Those that don't are a small minority and need to be weeded out” [Twitter, @MaElviraSalazar, [9/23/21](#)]

June 2021: Salazar Called For Pelosi To Remove Ilhan Omar From Her Committee Assignments Because Of Omar's “Antisemitic Hatred,” And Called Omar “A Spokesperson For Hamas And The Taliban.”

- “The House of Representatives is no place for antisemitic hatred. Join me to take a stand against antisemitism. Sign my petition to demand that Nancy Pelosi remove Ilhan Omar from her committee assignments. <https://secure.winred.com/salazar/omar-pelosi-antisemitism-petition>” [Twitter, @MaElviraSalazar, [6/17/21](#)]
- “Antisemitism is Un-American. It is unacceptable to have a member of congress be a spokesperson for Hamas and the Taliban. Nancy Pelosi must remove Ilhan Omar from her

committee assignments. Sign my petition to stand against antisemitism: <https://secure.winred.com/salazar/omar-pelosi-antisemitism-petition> [Twitter, @MaElviraSalazar, [6/18/21](#)]

- “Anti-Semitism and fueling hatred against the Jewish community have no place in Congress. Neither does support for the Taliban or Hamas. Speaker Pelosi must remove Ilhan Omar from the House Foreign Affairs Committee <https://secure.winred.com/salazar/omar-pelosi-antisemitism-petition>” [Twitter, @MaElviraSalazar, [6/18/21](#)]

After tweeting in English that the media was guilty of dealing in “anti-Semitic canards,” Salazar tweeted in Spanish her own quintessential anti-Semitic canard about George Soros, claiming he was in the “shadow” of wanting to “silence conservative voices.” The Anti-Defamation League considers conspiracy theories about George Soros and the media to be “well-known anti-Semitic tropes.”

May 2021: Salazar Tweeted About The Media Using “Anti-Semitic Canards” To Discuss Rockets Fired Into Israel From Palestine. “I am deeply disturbed by media outlets hurling anti-Semitic canards and peddling anti-Semitic hate during these times of crisis. #Israel is under assault by Hamas terrorists who are targeting innocents & the #US must stand with the Israeli people!” [Twitter, @MaElviraSalazar, [5/11/21](#)]

Salazar Tweeted That “Investors In The Shadow Of George Soros” Want To “Silence Conservative Voices In The Hispanic Media.” Salazar tweeted, “Radio Mambí has always opened its microphones to the truth. Now this freedom is threatened by investors in the shadow of George Soros. The radical left wants to silence conservative voices in the Hispanic media and they started with Radio Mambí. How worrying!” [Twitter, Maria Elvira Salazar, [6/07/22](#)]

- **Spanish version:** “Radio Mambí siempre ha abierto sus micrófonos a la verdad. Ahora esta libertad está amenazada por inversionistas bajo la sombra de George Soros. La izquierda radical quiere silenciar las voces conservadoras en los medios hispanos y comenzaron con Radio Mambí. ¡Qué preocupante!

[VIDEO] June 2022: Salazar: “Let’s Talk About Radio Mambi’s Sale To A Soros Group.” In a Spanish video on her Instagram, Salazar stated “Let’s talk about the sale of Radio Mambi to the [George] Soros group, because it is extremely dangerous and questionable.” [Instagram, Maria Elvira Salazar, [06/12/22](#), 0:02/1:29]

- **Spanish Version:** “Quiero volver a comentarles sobre la venta de Radio Mambi a el grupo de Soros, lo cuál es muy peligroso y muy sospechoso.”

The Anti-Defamation League Considers Conspiracy Theories About George Soros And The Media To Be “Well-Worn Antisemitic Tropes.” “But it’s been equally troubling to see claims of Soros-driven conspiracies move into the mainstream. Even if unintentional, politicians and pundits repeating these unsubstantiated conspiracies essentially validate the same hateful myths propagated by antisemites. A person who promotes a Soros conspiracy theory may not intend to promulgate antisemitism. But Soros’ Jewish identity is so well-known that in many cases it is hard not to infer that meaning. This is especially

true when Soros-related conspiracy theories include other well-worn antisemitic tropes such as control of the media or banks; references to undermining societies or destabilizing countries; or language that harkens back to the medieval blood libels and the characterization of Jews as evil, demonic, or agents of the antichrist.” [Anti-Defamation League, [10/11/18](#)]

[Salazar was critical of the sale of Radio Mambi to “left-wing investors.”](#)

2022: Salazar Joined Many Florida GOP Elected Officials In An Orchestrated Attack About The Sale Of Radio Mambi To What Salazar Calls “Left-Wing Investors.” “For years, an increasingly radical left has sought to silence conservative Hispanic voices in South Florida. Regrettably, the purchase of Radio Mambi by left-wing investors seems to be part of a long-term plan. Radio Mambi became a legendary home for anti-communist voices in South Florida because it was one of the few places where those who value freedom of thought could speak their minds and argue against socialist tyranny in our hemisphere. We are concerned that this purchase of Radio Mambi is a thinly veiled attempt to stifle voices inconvenient to progressive liberals. If true, it will be yet another attempt by the left to erode first amendment rights and a free marketplace of ideas[...]If this is an attempt by the left to sell Hispanics on their woke ideology and culture wars, then we predict this venture is doomed to fail the way Air America did. Hispanics are much smarter than that.” [Office of Congresswoman Marisa Salazar, [6/7/2022](#)]

[Salazar has also outrageously tied socialism to anti-Semitism. She claimed all socialists are “anti-Jew” and even once said, “When you say socialism, you are talking about anti-Semitism in the same phrase.”](#)

[VIDEO] 2021: Salazar: “Everyone That Is A Socialist Or A Communist Is Anti-Jew.” “Domenech then interviewed Rep. Maria Salazar (R-FL), who proceeded to make the strange claim that upswing in anti-Semitic incidents is happening because of socialism and communism. 'Vox may not know what is,' she said, 'But I have the answer. The answer is socialism.' She continued, We have an immense problem in this country with this democratic socialism that some people within the Democratic Party are peddling to our youth. When you say 'socialism,' you're talking about anti-Semitism in the same phrase, even though it may not be mentioned. If you see Cuba, if you see Iran, if you see Venezuela, if you see North Korea, everybody that is a socialist or a communist is anti-Jew. Beauchamp, who is Jewish, tore into Domenech and Salazar as 'two non-Jews in this segment attacking my work,' and accused them of not actually reading the article. He also said 'virtually my entire family was wiped out in the Holocaust,' and added, 'I've been harassed in real life for being Jewish.'" [Mediaite, [6/04/21](#) (1:25)]

- **[HEADLINE] June 2021: Daily Beast Headline: “GOP Congresswoman Redefines Antisemitism: All Socialists Are ‘Anti-Jew.’”** [Daily Beast, [6/03/21](#)]
- **2021: Salazar Claimed All Socialists Are “Anti-Jew.”** “A Republican congresswoman from Florida representing one of America's largest Jewish communities on Thursday claimed that all socialists are ‘anti-Jew,’ even though there's a long history of Jewish socialism within the US and beyond. The comments, from Miami Beach-area representative Maria Elvira Salazar, came on Thursday, during a discussion on Fox News with host Ben Domenech. [The Independent, [6/4/21](#)]

[VIDEO] 2021: Salazar Said “Socialism” Was The Reason For The Upswing In Anti-Semitic Incidents, Adding, “When You Say Socialism, You’re Talking About Anti-Semitism In The Same Phrase.”

“Domenech then interviewed Rep. Maria Salazar (R-FL), who proceeded to make the strange claim that upswing in anti-Semitic incidents is happening because of socialism and communism. 'Vox may not know what it is,' she said, 'But I have the answer. The answer is socialism.' She continued, 'We have an immense problem in this country with this democratic socialism that some people within the Democratic Party are peddling to our youth. When you say 'socialism,' you're talking about anti-Semitism in the same phrase, even though it may not be mentioned. If you see Cuba, if you see Iran, if you see Venezuela, if you see North Korea, everybody that is a socialist or a communist is anti-Jew. Beauchamp, who is Jewish, tore into Domenech and Salazar as 'two non-Jews in this segment attacking my work,' and accused them of not actually reading the article. He also said 'virtually my entire family was wiped out in the Holocaust,' and added, 'I've been harassed in real life for being Jewish.'" [Mediaite, [6/04/21](#) (1:25)]

- **2021: Salazar: “When You Say Socialism, You Are Talking About Antisemitism In The Same Phrase.”** "Vox may not know what it is but I have the answer - the answer is socialism," Ms Salazar said, adding, "We have an immense problem in this country with this democratic socialism that some people within the Democratic Party are peddling to our youth. When you say socialism, you are talking about antisemitism in the same phrase, even though it might not be mentioned." [The Independent, 6/4/21]

Arabs

In 2021, Salazar said, “We are talking about 350 million Arabs that most of them are not very friendly with Israel.”

[VIDEO] June 2021: Salazar: “We Are Talking About 350 Million Arabs That Most Of Them Are Not Very Friendly With Israel.” [Mediaite, [6/04/21](#) (2:55)]

Hezbollah

In March 2022, Salazar introduced a house resolution calling for Argentina to prosecute Hezbollah for the bombing of the Embassy of Israel in Buenos Aires in 1992.

March 2022: Salazar Introduced A House Resolution Calling For Argentina To Prosecute Hezbollah For The Bombing Of The Embassy Of Israel In Buenos Aires In 1992. In March 2022, Salazar sponsored H.Res. 988, Calling for justice and accountability for the perpetrators of the bombing of the Embassy of Israel in Buenos Aires on March 17, 1992. The resolution “urges the government of Argentina to bring the perpetrators of the March 17, 1992, terrorist attack on the Embassy of Israel in Buenos Aires to justice (in 1999 the Supreme Court of Argentina found that the transnational terrorist organization Hezbollah was responsible for the attack). The resolution commends the Argentinian government for designating Hezbollah as a terrorist organization and urges other U.S. allies and partners in Latin America and the Caribbean to do the same. The resolution urges these allies and partners to condemn and counter regional governments in the hemisphere that aid and abet Iran and Hezbollah.” The resolution is cosponsored by 72 Republicans and 33 Democrats. The bill was referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs. As of August 8, 2022, the Resolution has been Agreed to in

the House. [H.Res 988, Co-Sponsors, accessed [8/08/22](#); Rep. Salazar, Press Release, [3/17/22](#)]

- **More Than 100 Members Of Congress Introduce H.Res. 988 Which Marks The 30th Anniversary Of The March 17th, 1992 Terrorist Bombing Of The Israeli Embassy In Buenos Aires, Argentina.** “Representative María Elvira Salazar led more than 100 Members of Congress to introduce H.Res. 988 which marks the 30th anniversary of the March 17th, 1992 terrorist bombing of the Israeli embassy in Buenos Aires, Argentina. The horrific event injured 242 and claimed the lives of 29 innocent Israelis and Argentinians, including school-aged children. The resolution calls for justice for the victims; accountability for the perpetrators; urges the US government to continue working with allies in the Western Hemisphere to isolate governments who support Hezbollah and Iran’s anti-Semitic attacks; and also commends the Organization of American States (OAS) for appointing a commissioner to monitor and combat anti-Semitism... The resolution is supported by the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC), the American Jewish Committee (AJC), the Republican Jewish Coalition (RJC), and the Foundation for Defense of Democracies (FDD).” [Rep. Salazar, Press Release, [3/17/22](#)]

Jobs And The Economy

Jobs Overseas

In 2021, Salazar called for moving jobs overseas by providing financial incentives to companies that move jobs to Central America.

2021: Salazar Called For Financial Incentives To American Corporations To Move Jobs To Central America And “Absorb That Labor Force.” “[Mr. Ricardo Zuniga, special envoy for the Northern Triangle at the U.S. department of state] ZUNIGA: So primarily, to--first of all, we completely agree that oversight of U.S. taxpayer dollars has to be the priority. SALAZAR: Great. ZUNIGA: So the way that we do that is by working with trusted partners who have reliably worked-- SALAZAR: And who are those? ZUNIGA: So it depends on the--on the circumstance, but usually it's implementers that the United States has a long experience with that are either in the United States or in the region. SALAZAR: Who are they, NGOs, private sector? Because the private sector doesn't have--this bill doesn't include any--any monies directly to the private sector. And as my Congress--my colleague, Congressman Mark Green, said that we need to be giving incentives to the private sector to attract those American companies that leave China and come to Central America. But you don't have one penny in this \$4 billion package that will do that. ZUNIGA: So the money that we're talking about here is money that's for development assistance. There is funding that goes to finance--to prioritize financing. The Development Finance Corporation has uses and stimulates private lending, but there is also additional forms of financing. SALAZAR: How much is that? Don't you think that a piece of the four billion should be going to incentivize the American companies to come to Central America and absorb that labor force? ZUNIGA: At this point, I believe the Development Finance Corporation has over \$1 billion invested in facilitating the economy and stimulating the economy in Central America with a focus on small, medium-- [House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Civilian Security, Migration, and International Economic Policy Holds Hearing on Migration from Central America, CQ Transcriptions, 4/14/21]

Amazon Headquarters

[2018: Salazar wanted to lobby Amazon to move to locate new headquarters in Miami.](#)

October 2018: Salazar Said She Planned To Lobby Jeff Bezos To Locate Amazon's New Headquarters In Miami. "And she plans to use the persistence she learned as a journalist to try lobbying the federal government to invest in South Florida's fight against rising sea levels, and to hound Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos into moving the company's newest headquarters to South Florida. 'Poor Mr. Bezos won't be able to sleep,' she said in an interview with Cuban-American actor and web talk show host Alex Otaola. "Because you already know [if Amazon does not come to Miami] he is going to be in trouble." [Miami Herald, [10/15/18](#)]

Minimum Wage

[Salazar cosponsored legislation to study the impact of a \\$15 minimum wage.](#)

2021: Salazar Cosponsored Legislation To Study The Impact Of A \$15 Minimum Wage. "Congressman Scott Fitzgerald (WI-05) co-introduced the Ensuring Economic Recovery Act alongside his colleagues Ranking Member Blaine Luetkemeyer (MI-03), Reps. Beth Van Duyne (TX-24), Maria Elvira Salazar (FL-27), Andrew Garbarino (NY-02), and Pete Stauber (MN-08). This legislation would direct the Administrator of the Small Business Administration (SBA) to submit a report to Congress on small businesses' recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, including what impact an increase in the federal minimum wage to \$15 would have" [Impact News Service, 3/12/21]

Supply Chain

[Salazar signed onto letters and legislation aimed at addressing supply chain issues.](#)

2021: Salazar Signed Onto A Letter To Pelosi Calling For A Bi-Partisan Committee To Address Supply Chain Issues. "Today, U.S. Representatives Young Kim (CA-39) and Mikie Sherrill (NJ-11), Maria Salazar (FL-27) and Lou Correa (CA-46) led a bipartisan letter to House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (CA-12) and House Republican Leader Kevin McCarthy (CA-23) calling for a bipartisan Select Committee, with equal representation from both sides of the aisle to address the supply chain crisis hurting our economy, families, workers and small businesses across the country." [State News Services, 12/16/21]

2021: Salazar Cosponsored The Critical Infrastructure Manufacturing Feasibility Act. "U.S. Representative Rodney Davis (R-IL) and a bipartisan group of lawmakers are introducing legislation, the Critical Infrastructure Manufacturing Feasibility Act, with the goal of identifying how supply chain issues can be mitigated and how more goods, along with jobs, can be created in the US. [...] "As we come out of the COVID-19 pandemic and work to overcome the supply chain crisis, it's important to rethink where our products are coming from and who is making them," said Rep. Maria Elvira Salazar (FL-27). "The Critical Infrastructure Manufacturing Feasibility Act will allow us to identify our manufacturing vulnerabilities and make us less dependent on products from overseas. This bill is a crucial step to

bringing our manufacturing jobs back from China and strengthening business in the U.S." [State News Services, 12/07/21]

Latin America

Summit of the Americas

[VIDEO] June 2022: Salazar: Summit Of The Americas Has No Real Agenda. While lambasting the Summit of the Americas and President Biden's "weak leadership," Salazar stated a right-wing trope in Spanish claiming the Summit agenda was on "Climate change, gender ideology, and how to fight other COVIDs." [Twitter, Maria Elvira Salazar, [06/08/22](#),1:56/2:15]

- **Spanish Version:** "lo que esta en la agenda es el climate change, la ideologia del sexo, como combatir otros COVID."

Latinx

Anti-Latinx

Salazar presented a bill to ban "Latinx" from official documents.

2022: Salazar Presented A Bill To Ban 'Latinx' From Government Documents. "In July, republican congresswoman and conservative firebrand María Elvira Salazar presented a bill that would prevent the US government from using the terms "Latinx" or "Latin-x"-alternatives to Latino/s-in public-facing government documents." [The Telegraph, 7/24/22]

LGBTQ+

Equality Act

February 2021: Salazar voted against the Equality Act which prohibited discrimination based on sex, sexual orientation and gender identity.

Salazar Voted Against Passage Of The Equality Act, Which Would Prohibit Discrimination Or Segregation Based On Sex, Sexual Orientation And Gender Identity. In February 2021, Salazar voted against: "Passage of the bill that would prohibit discrimination or segregation based on sex, sexual orientation and gender identity under 1964 Civil Rights Act protections, including in public facilities, public education, federal assistance programs, employment, jury service and areas of public accommodation. It would expand the definition of 'public accommodations' to include transportation services and any establishment providing a good, service or program -- including retailers, health care facilities and legal services. The bill would define 'gender identity' as 'gender-related identity, appearance, mannerisms or other gender-related characteristics of an individual,' regardless of designated sex at birth. It would also allow the Justice Department to intervene in equal protection cases

regarding sexual orientation and gender identity.” The bill passed 224-206. [HR 5, [Vote #Vote #39](#), 2/25/21; CQ, [2/25/21](#)]

Salazar Said She Voted Against The Equality Act Because It “Missed The Mark By Removing Religious Freedom Protections.” “Diaz-Balart voted against the Equality Act, a bill that would prohibit discrimination based on gender identity and sexual orientation by amending the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Fair Housing Act to explicitly include new protections. He was one of eight Republicans to vote in favor of the bill two years ago. The Equality Act passed the House of Representatives Thursday on a 224-206 vote, with three Republicans joining all Democrats to vote for the bill [...] Miami Republican Reps. Carlos Gimenez and Maria Elvira Salazar also voted against the Equality Act, a departure from their South Florida GOP predecessors. Former Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, the first Republican to support same-sex marriage, co-sponsored the Equality Act while in office. [...] Salazar said the Equality Act ‘missed the mark by removing religious freedom protections.’” [Miami Herald, 2/25/21]

Miami Herald Editorial: Salazar’s Vote Against The Equality Act Was “Shameful.” “Sixty-percent of Floridians live in cities and counties with ‘human-rights ordinances,’ according to Equality Florida. But the Legislature has yet to pass a law to give state protections to those who identify as gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and queer. The same disappointment can be extended to Congress, where the Equality Act is waiting for a Senate vote after it was approved by the U.S. House of Representatives. Miami U.S. Reps. Carlos Gimenez, Maria Elvira Salazar and Mario Diaz-Balart, all Republicans, voted against it. That’s shameful coming from the people representing a place that’s know worldwide for celebrating its LGBTQ community.” [Miami Herald, Editorial, [6/4/21](#)]

Respect for Marriage Act

[Salazar voted for legislation to protect same-sex and interracial marriages.](#)

2022: Salazar Voted For Legislation To Protect Same-Sex And Interracial Marriages. Here's what makes the vote unique. The Respect for Marriage Act bill passed the Democratic-controlled chamber -- no surprise there -- by a vote of 267-157, with support from 47 Republicans. That's the shocker. Among those Republicans voting Yes were the three from Miami-Dade County: Mario Diaz-Balart, Carlos Gimenez and Maria Elvira Salazar. Really. We get that it's an election year and that Salazar is seen as vulnerable, but still it's of note that our congressional delegation went their own way. However, at least one says he was voting for state rights.” [Miami Herald, 7/20/22]

LGBT Rights

[Salazar cosponsored legislation to protect the rights of LGBT individuals in public spaces.](#)

2021: Salazar Cosponsored Legislation To Protect The Rights Of LGBT Individuals In Public Spaces. “Congressman Chris Stewart (UT-02) reintroduced the Fairness for All Act (FFA). This legislation aims to protect everyone's dignity in public spaces. It harmonizes religious freedom and LGBT rights by amending the Civil Rights Act, protecting religious freedom in the workplace, protecting the rights of LGBT individuals, and preserving 1st amendment rights.” [Targeted News Service, 2/27/21]

GLAAD

In 2007, Salazar was a guest at the GLAAD Awards in Miami.

2007: Salazar Was A Guest At The GLAAD Awards. “La salsera India will be honored with the Bravery Award during the GLAAD Awards ceremony to be held today at 7:30 p.m. at the JW Marriott hotel, located at 1109 Brickell Avenue. These awards are given by the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community to media outlets that adequately represent this sector of the community. Peruvian journalist Jaime Bayly from Mega TV will receive the Visibility award and personalities such as Albita, María Celeste Arrarás, Frank Cairo, Candela Ferro, María Elvira Salazar and Mauricio Zeilic will be among the guests.” [El Nuevo Herald, 5/10/07] Translation

- **Spanish Version:** “La salsera India será honrada con el premio Valentía durante la ceremonia de los premios GLAAD que se celebrarán hoy a las 7:30 p.m. en el hotel JW Marrriot, ubicado en el 1109 de la avenida Brickell. Estos premios son otorgados por la comunidad gay, lesbiana, bisexual y transexual a los medios de comunicación que representen adecuadamente a este sector de la comunidad. El periodista peruano Jaime Bayly de Mega TV recibirá el premio Visibilidad y personalidades como Albita, María Celeste Arrarás, Frank Cairo, Candela Ferro, María Elvira Salazar y Mauricio Zeilic estarán entre los invitados.”

Medicare and Social Security

Campaign Promises

Salazar called for protecting Medicare and claimed that “the government can and should renegotiate drug prices to lower the high cost of medications.”

Salazar’s Campaign Platform Called For Protecting Medicare And Said “The Government Can And Should Renegotiate Drug Prices To Lower The High Cost Of Medications.”



Bio

Affordable Healthcare

Americans need to be able to access affordable healthcare. There must be protections for people with pre-existing conditions, we must take care of our seniors and protect Medicare, and young adults should be allowed to stay on their parents' plan up to the age of 26. In order to lower costs, we need more competition, including allowing individuals and families to buy health insurance across state lines. The government can and should renegotiate drug prices to lower the high cost of medications. The high premiums, co-payments, and medication make impossible what every American cannot be without: affordable healthcare.

[Maria Elvira Salazar Campaign Website, accessed [8/4/22](#)]

Salazar supported allowing the government to negotiate prescription drug prices.

2021: Salazar Supported Allowing The Government To Negotiate Lower Prescription Drug Prices.

"Americans need to be able to access affordable healthcare. [...] The government can and should renegotiate drug prices to lower the high cost of medications." [Mariaelvirasalazar.com, "Issues," accessed [5/29/21](#)]

Opposed Build Back Better

Salazar voted against the Build Back Better Act, which would lower the cost of prescription drugs and expand Medicare to include dental, vision, and hearing benefits.

November 2021: Salazar Voted Against The Build Back Better Act. In November 2021, Salazar voted against: "Passage of the fiscal 2022 budget reconciliation bill, as amended, that would provide approximately \$2 trillion in investments and tax cuts to address climate change and child care, health care, education, housing and other social policies intended to support families. It would establish a child care and early learning entitlement program, providing approximately \$100 billion for the program through fiscal 2024. It would provide \$18 billion through fiscal 2024 for a free universal preschool program. It would extend through 2022 the expanded child tax credit provided by prior coronavirus relief law (PL 117-2) and provide \$5 billion to administer the credit. It would establish a paid family and medical leave benefit for up to four weeks per year, beginning in 2024. It would require the Health and Human Services Department to negotiate a "maximum fair price" for insulin and select Medicare-eligible, brand-name drugs that do not have generic competition. It would require manufacturers to provide

rebates for single-source drugs under Medicare Parts B and D for which prices increase faster than inflation. For Medicare Part D, it would cap annual out-of-pocket limit at \$2,000 beginning in 2024. It would establish or extend expanded eligibility for certain tax credits toward Affordable Care Act marketplace insurance premiums through 2025. It would establish or expand a number of tax credits to incentivize actions by businesses and individuals to mitigate climate change, including to expand credits for renewable energy production and facilities, carbon capture facilities, use of alternative fuels and energy efficiency improvements at residential properties; and to establish individual credits for the purchase of electric vehicles. It would raise royalty rates and fees for oil and gas drilling leases and cancel or ban certain offshore leases. It would provide \$29 billion to support the deployment of low- and zero-emission technologies, more than \$20 billion for federal climate resiliency and environmental conservation activities and \$9 billion for federal procurement of electric vehicles and related infrastructure. It would provide \$65 billion for public housing improvements, \$24 billion for rental assistance housing vouchers and \$15 billion for down payment assistance and loan programs for first-generation homebuyers. It would provide \$9.8 billion for local transit projects to support mobility and affordable housing access disadvantaged communities and \$9 billion for lead remediation and water line replacement projects. It would forgive all debt owed by the National Flood Insurance Program's debt, for a total of \$20.5 billion. It would provide such sums as necessary for the USDA to forgive farm loan debt for economically distressed farmers and ranchers. It would provide \$6.6 billion to the Small Business Administration and Minority Business Development Agency to help underrepresented individuals with business development. It would provide \$20 billion for Labor and Education department workforce development programs and \$1.9 billion for Labor Department worker protection agencies. It would allow individuals who entered the United States prior to Jan. 1, 2011, to receive a grant of parole allowing them to remain temporarily in the country for a period of five years, but no later than Sept. 30, 2021. It would temporarily increase from \$10,000 to \$80,000 the annual cap on the deduction for state and local taxes for tax years 2021 through 2030. To offset costs, it would establish or modify various taxes on corporations and high-income individuals, including to establish a 15 percent alternative minimum tax for corporations with an annual income exceeding \$1 billion; a one percent tax on stock buybacks by public companies; and an additional five percent tax on individual income over \$10 million and further three percent tax on income over \$25 million. It would provide \$78.9 billion to improve IRS operations and tax enforcement.” The bill passed by a vote of 220-213. [HR 5376, [Vote #Vote #385](#), 11/19/21; CQ, [11/19/21](#)]

- **Roosevelt Institute: Build Back Better Act Would Invest In Child Care, Creating Jobs And Allowing Parents To Get Back To Work.** “Convenient, affordable childcare is a major obstacle for working parents, illuminated even more so by school and daycare closures during the COVID-19 pandemic, which has disproportionately impacted women’s labor force participation. Increasing the capacity of industries in order to curb inflation of specific prices requires increasing the supply of labor. The Build Back Better Act invests in existing and new childcare facilities in underserved areas and provides subsidies to make childcare more affordable for qualifying households. Together, these investments would increase the supply of childcare, create new jobs, and allow parents to get back to work. [Roosevelt Institute, Fact Sheet, [9/28/21](#)]
- **Center For American Progress: Build Back Better Act Would Invest In Clean Electricity And Energy Efficiency, Reducing Energy Costs By \$500 Per Year For The Average Household.** “Build Back Better helps break the United States’ dependence on fossil fuels—an industry that’s

particularly vulnerable to extreme weather, which has and will continue to be exacerbated by climate change—consumer energy costs will be reduced. Specifically, proposed investments in clean electricity and energy efficiency will make energy costs more affordable, saving the average household approximately \$500 a year in reduced energy costs. This much-needed investment in clean energy would come at a time when energy prices have pushed up inflation for consecutive months.” [Center for American Progress, [11/16/21](#)]

- **The Build Back Better Deal Lowered Drug Prices For Seniors By Reducing Co-Pays And Establishing A \$2,000 Out-Of-Pocket Limit in Medicare Part D.** “Pelosi celebrated the drug-pricing agreement: ‘For a generation, House Democrats have been fighting to deliver real drug price negotiations that will lower costs. With today’s agreement on strong lower drug price provisions for the Build Back Better Act, Democrats have a path forward to make good on this transformational agenda for our seniors.’ She said the deal will lower drug prices for seniors, reduce their out-of-pocket co-pays and establish a \$2,000 out-of-pocket limit for seniors’ expenses in Medicare Part D. The bill would also halt price hikes above inflation, which would affect all Americans, she said.” [NBC News, [11/2/21](#)]
- **FactCheck.Org: “In The First Year Of Biden’s Proposed Budget, 2022, Nearly Nine Out Of 10 Households Would See A Tax Cut.”** “In the first year of Biden’s proposed budget, 2022, nearly nine out of 10 households would see a tax cut, according to the Tax Policy Center.” [FactCheck.org, [9/24/21](#)]

Salazar called the legislation “communism” and added, “nothing is free.”

Salazar Called Democrats’ Build Back Better Reconciliation Bill “Communism” And Said, “Nothing Is Free.” Said Nothing Is “‘It is not conciliation, it is communism that the budget plan hides,’ he considers. The Democrats’ claim that the money from the ambitious social spending plan will be paid by the rich ‘is the story of the Good Pipe,’ said the Republican congresswoman. ‘Nothing is free. First you have to produce something, then distribute its fruits. Who’s going to pay for it? Who is going to produce it so that it can be distributed to the needy classes?’ she wondered.” [Diario Las Americas, [12/04/21](#)]

- **Spanish Version:** “‘No es conciliación, es comunismo lo que oculta el plan presupuestario,’ considera. La afirmación de los demócratas de que el dinero del ambicioso plan de gasto social lo pagarán los ricos ‘es el cuento de la Buena Pipa,’ sostuvo la congresista republicana. ‘No hay nada gratis. Primero hay que producir algo, para después distribuir sus frutos. ¿Quién lo va a pagar? ¿Quién lo va a producir para poderlo distribuir a las clases necesitadas?,’ se preguntó.”

Salazar Claimed The Reconciliation Bill “Discourages The Average American” From Working Because She Claims It’s Better To Stay At Home And Receive Government Assistance Than Work. Salazar said “The number of social programs included in the law discourages the average American. People are calculating that it is better to stay at home and receive the help that the government sends instead of going to work. We are already seeing the result. Right now, there are ten million jobs available and there are 8 million people unemployed. We see how it affects the distribution chain in the ports of California, where there are ships loaded with containers that cannot find stevedores to unload

them, nor truck drivers to move the merchandise. That's why this Thanksgiving was the most expensive in history." [Diario Las Americas, [12/04/21](#)]

- **Spanish Version:** “Salazar considera que, de aprobarse el paquete legislativo, se le estaría enviando el mensaje erróneo al público. “La cantidad de programas sociales que incluye la ley desmotiva al estadounidense promedio. La gente está calculando que es mejor quedarse en casa y recibir la ayuda que envía el gobierno en lugar de ir a trabajar. El resultado ya lo estamos viendo. Ahora mismo, hay diez millones de empleos disponibles y hay 8 millones de personas desempleadas. Vemos cómo repercute en la cadena de distribución en los puertos de California, donde hay barcos cargados de contenedores que no encuentran estibadores para descargarlos, ni camioneros para trasladar las mercancías. Es por eso por lo que este Día de Acción de Gracias fue el más caro de la historia.”

The Build Back Better Act included several provisions that would lower prescription drug costs for people with Medicare and private insurance, including by allowing the government to negotiate prices.

The Build Back Better Act’s Drug Pricing Provisions Would Reduce The Federal Deficit By \$297 Billion. “On November 19, 2021, the House of Representatives passed H.R. 5376, the Build Back Better Act (BBBA), which includes a broad package of health, social, and environmental proposals supported by President Biden. The BBBA includes several provisions that would lower prescription drug costs for people with Medicare and private insurance and reduce drug spending by the federal government and private payers. These proposals have taken shape amidst strong bipartisan, public support for the government to address high and rising drug prices. CBO estimates that the drug pricing provisions in the BBBA would reduce the federal deficit by \$297 billion over 10 years (2022-2031).” [Kaiser Family Foundation, [11/23/21](#)]

The Build Back Better Act Would Allow the Federal Government to Negotiate Prices for Some High-Cost Drugs Covered Under Medicare Part B And Part D. “The BBBA would amend the non-interference clause by adding an exception that would allow the federal government to negotiate prices with drug companies for a small number of high-cost drugs covered under Medicare Part D (starting in 2025) and Part B (starting in 2027). The negotiation process would apply to no more than 10 (in 2025), 15 (in 2026 and 2027), and 20 (in 2028 and later years) single-source brand-name drugs or biologics that lack generic or biosimilar competitors. These drugs would be selected from among the 50 drugs with the highest total Medicare Part D spending and the 50 drugs with the highest total Medicare Part B spending. The negotiation process would also apply to all insulin products.” [Kaiser Family Foundation, [11/23/21](#)]

The Build Back Better Act Would Require Inflation Rebates To Limit Annual Increases In Drug Prices In Medicare And Private Insurance. “The BBBA would require drug manufacturers to pay a rebate to the federal government if their prices for single-source drugs and biologics covered under Medicare Part B and nearly all covered drugs under Part D increase faster than the rate of inflation (CPI-U). Under these provisions, price changes would be measured based on the average sales price (for Part B drugs) or the average manufacturer price (for Part D drugs). If price increases are higher than inflation, manufacturers would be required to pay the difference in the form of a rebate to Medicare.” [Kaiser Family Foundation, [11/23/21](#)]

The Build Back Better Act Would Cap Out-of-Pocket Spending for Medicare Part D Enrollees and Other Part D Benefit Design Changes. “The BBBA amends the design of the Part D benefit by adding a hard cap on out-of-pocket spending set at \$2,000 in 2024, increasing each year based on the rate of increase in per capita Part D costs (Figure 2). It also lowers beneficiaries’ share of total drug costs below the spending cap from 25% to 23%. The provision lowers Medicare’s share of total costs above the spending cap (“reinsurance”) from 80% to 20% for brand-name drugs and to 40% for generic drugs; increases plans’ share of costs from 15% to 60% for both brands and generics; and adds a 20% manufacturer price discount on brand-name drugs. The BBBA also requires manufacturers to provide a 10% discount on brand-name drugs in the initial coverage phase (below the annual out-of-pocket spending cap), instead of a 70% price discount in the coverage gap phase under the current benefit design.” [Kaiser Family Foundation, [11/23/21](#)]

The Build Back Better Act Would Limit Cost Sharing for Insulin for People with Medicare and Private Insurance. “The BBBA would require insurers, including Medicare Part D plans and private group or individual health plans, to charge patient cost-sharing of no more than \$35 per month for insulin products. Private group or individual plans would not be required to cover all insulin products, just one of each dosage form (vial, pen) and insulin type (rapid-acting, short-acting, intermediate-acting, and long-acting), for no more than \$35.” [Kaiser Family Foundation, [11/23/21](#)]

The Build Back Better Act would expand Medicare to include dental, vision, and hearing benefits.

Democrats’ 2021 Reconciliation Bill Proposed Adding Dental, Vision And Hearing Benefits To Medicare. “The blueprint recommends adding dental, vision and hearing benefits to Medicare, as well as lowering the eligibility age -- both longstanding goals of Budget Committee Chairman Bernie Sanders, an independent from Vermont who caucuses with the Democrats.” [CNN, [8/9/21](#)]

Nearly 24 Million People Would Receive Dental Coverage As Part Of Medicaid Expansion. “Nearly half of Medicare beneficiaries, or 24 million people, did not have dental coverage, as of 2019, according to a recent Kaiser Family Foundation report.” [CNN, [8/9/21](#)]

The Proposed Medicare Expansion Would Also Lower The Eligibility Age To 60. “Medicare, which is relied on by most Americans once they reach the eligibility age of 65, would provide coverage for dental, vision and hearing under the budget resolution. In addition, the age when people can sign up would be lowered, most likely to age 60 as President Joe Biden has said he supports.” [CNBC, [8/25/21](#)]

Privatizing Social Security and Medicare

Salazar claimed she did not support any cuts to Medicare or Social Security, but voted against preventing sequestration cuts to Medicare and was endorsed by a group who wanted to privatize Social Security and Medicare.

[VIDEO] September 2018: Salazar: “I Believe That We Cannot Touch Medicare Or Social Security.” “[REPORTER:] As it relates to the federal budget, two of the big issues the federal government faces, Social Security and Medicare. Where do you stand on those are there? Are there holes in Medicare that

need to be fixed? How do you paid for that? [SALAZAR:] Entitlements is a big problem. There was Paul Ryan, that was his project, that by 2026, or 2032, we may not have enough money in order to pay for all the entitlement programs that we have a commitment with. We need to look at the expenses. But I believe that we cannot touch Medicare, or Social Security. Those people worked for that money. Those people deserve to have those services [...] But we got to find other areas, but not Medicare or Social Security. It's just not fair." [Miami Herald Editorial Board, 31:00-32:22, [9/26/18](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Preventing Sequestration Cuts To Medicare And Providing The Senate With Procedures To Increase The Debt Limit. In December 2021 Salazar voted against: "Passage of the bill, as amended, that would extend from Dec. 31, 2021, to March 31, 2022, a temporary suspension of the 2 percent annual sequester of Medicare payments, and provide for payment reductions of 1 percent for the period of April 1 through June 30, 2022. As an offset, it would increase sequestration percentages above 2 percent in fiscal 2030. It would also require budget year debit for 2022 to be rolled over to the 2033 scorecards under statutory pay-as-you-go requirements, thus delaying spending cuts to Medicare and other mandatory programs subject to sequestration that would otherwise be triggered in January. It would delay a number of other Medicare payment reductions and policies, including to extend a temporary increase in payment amounts for physicians to provide a 3 percent increase for services furnished in 2022; delay for one year a provision that would phase in payment reductions for clinical diagnostic laboratory tests, prohibiting any reductions for 2021 and 2022 and prohibiting reductions greater than 15 percent for 2023 through 2025; and delay through 2022 the implementation of the Medicare radiation oncology model. It would decrease from \$165 million to \$101 million funding that may be expended from the Medicare Improvement Fund for fiscal 2021. Finally, the bill would establish procedures to expedite Senate consideration of a joint resolution to increase the debt limit by a specific dollar amount. Specifically, it would provide for a non-debatable motion to proceed to the joint resolution and, if the motion is agreed to, up to 10 hours of debate on the measure with no amendments or other motions in order, immediately followed by a vote on passage. Such procedures would be valid for consideration of one joint resolution by Jan. 16, 2022." Passed by a vote of 222-212. [S 610, [Vote #Vote #404](#), 12/07/21; CQ, [12/07/21](#)]

2018: Maria Elvira Salazar Was Endorsed By Freedom Works. "But Miami broadcast journalist Maria Elvira Salazar nabbed an endorsement on Friday from FreedomWorks, a conservative advocacy group that promotes small government and frequently clashes with GOP leaders in Washington." [Miami Herald, [5/11/18](#)]

2012: Freedom Works Supported Privatizing Social Security. "The only way to stop the political raids and manipulations is for private ownership. The fatal flaw with funding and honoring government obligations is the worker does not own his or her account. With ownership, workers will protect their property and every other worker's property. This is the only means to hold politicians fiscally and morally responsible." [Freedom Works, "Social Security: Structurally Violates Freedom," [10/11/12](#)]

MSNBC: FreedomWorks Was "Really About" Privatizing Social Security And Medicare. Theda Skocpol, Harvard University Professor: "And then, it's also got a series of top-down groups that have sort of opportunistically jumped on and goaded on and leveraged this grassroots phenomenon. Those are long-standing groups like Americans for Prosperity and FreedomWorks, the new Heritage Action operation that former Senator Jim DeMint Leads. And those groups are really about pushing low taxes,

removal of regulation, blocking of environmental regulation, privatization of Social Security and Medicare.” [MSNBC, 10/23/13]

Rick Scott’s Plan To Dismantle Social Security

Praise For Rick Scott

Salazar was repeatedly pictured attending events with Senator Rick Scott, referred to him as her “friend & Capitol Hill colleague,” and praised him on social media.

2022: Salazar Attended An Event In Florida With Senator Rick To Promote Democracy In Colombia.

“Today, Senator Rick Scott met with Colombian community leaders in Doral to hear about the issues facing the Colombian community in South Florida and discuss federal efforts to promote freedom and democracy in Latin America. Senator Scott was joined by Congressman Carlos Giménez, Congresswoman María Elvira Salazar, Doral Mayor Juan Carlos “JC” Bermudez and Mayor of Weston Margaret “Peggy” Brown.”



[Senator Rick Scott, Press Releases, [1/26/22](#)]

2021: Salazar Called Senator Rick Scott Her “Friend & Capitol Hill Colleague.”



[Maria Elvira Salazar, Facebook, [12/1/21](#)]

2020: Salazar Wished Her “Friend” Senator Rick Scott A Happy Birthday.



María Elvira Salazar  
@MaElviraSalazar



¡Muchísimas felicidades @senrickscott! Wishing all the best to my friend on his very special day. Happy Birthday! 🎉



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[Maria Elvira Salazar, Twitter, [12/1/20](#)]

2020: Salazar Thanked Senator Rick Scott For Criticizing Her Opponent Rep. Donna Shalala.



Maria Elvira Salazar

February 28, 2020 · 🌐



Thank you Senator [Rick Scott](#) for exposing the political games that Donna Shalala is playing.

The people of Miami and America deserve better!

<https://twitter.com/Scottfo.../status/1233421385172738048...>



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Rick Scott on Twitter

"South Florida Democrats like @DebbieforFL and @DonnaShalala r...

[Maria Elvira Salazar, Facebook, [2/28/20](#)]

2018: Salazar Attended Church With Florida Governor Rick Scott.



[Maria Elvira Salazar, Facebook, [4/23/18](#)]

Scott's Plan For Social Security

Scott's plan would raise income taxes on half of Americans, including millions of retirees and the middle-class, and sunset Medicare and Social Security.

Sen. Scott's Plan: "All Americans Should Pay Some Income Tax To Have Skin In The Game, Even If A Small Amount. Currently Over Half Of Americans Pay No Income Tax." "All Americans should pay some income tax to have skin in the game, even if a small amount. Currently over half of Americans pay no income tax." [U.S. Senator Rick Scott 11 Point Plan To Rescue America, Accessed [4/5/22](#)]

A Study By The Tax Policy Center Found That The Majority Of Scott's Tax Increase Would Fall On Households With Incomes Under \$100,000. "The NRSC chairman is proposing a 10-year tax increase of more than \$1 trillion on, in his own words, "more than half of Americans," to make sure every household pays taxes. The bean counters at the Urban-Brookings Tax Policy Center and the Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy ran the numbers on what ITEP called the "only possible interpretation of Sen. Scott's proposal" (making sure every household pays at least \$1 in federal income tax) and found that the Republican plan would raise taxes by \$100 billion a year, or more than \$1 trillion over the

standard 10-year budgeting time frame. Almost all of it would be shouldered by households with income of \$100,000 or less.” [Washington Post, Dana Milbank Column, [3/11/22](#)]

Tax Policy Center: Under Scott’s Plan, “More than 80 Percent Of The Tax Increase Would Be Paid By Households Making About \$54,000 Or Less, And 97 Percent Would Be Paid By Those Making Less Than About \$100,000.” “The Tax Policy Center estimates that achieving Scott’s goal could increase federal income taxes by more than \$100 billion in 2022 alone. More than 80 percent of the tax increase would be paid by households making about \$54,000 or less, and 97 percent would be paid by those making less than about \$100,000.” [Tax Policy Center, [2/24/22](#)]

ITEP: Under Scott’s Plan, 95 Percent Of The Tax Increase Would Fall On Middle-Class And Poor Americans.

Table 1: Impacts of Requiring Minimum Federal Personal Income Tax Liability of \$1 in 2022 in the United States

Income Group	Income Range	Average Income	Tax Change 1000s	Average Tax Change	Tax Change as % of Income	Share of Tax Change	Share with Tax Hikes
Poorest 20%	Less than \$24,100	\$12,300	\$33,823,100	\$1,050	8.6%	34%	80.2%
Second 20%	\$24,100 to \$45,600	\$34,700	\$44,877,100	\$1,390	4.0%	45%	53.2%
Middle 20%	\$45,600 to \$74,200	\$58,700	\$15,958,100	\$500	0.8%	16%	29.6%
Fourth 20%	\$74,200 to \$128,000	\$97,400	\$4,393,400	\$140	0.1%	4%	10.8%
Next 15%	\$128,000 to \$283,700	\$180,500	\$727,000	\$30	0.0%	1%	2.7%
Next 4%	\$283,700 to \$700,000	\$413,900	\$72,900	\$10	0.0%	0%	1.1%
Richest 1%	\$700,000 or more	\$2,188,400	\$3,800	\$0	0.0%	0%	0.3%
ALL		\$105,200	\$100,160,200	\$620	0.6%	100%	35.5%

[ITEP, [3/7/22](#)]

Under Scott’s Plan, Over 100 Million Americans, Including Retirees, Could Face A Tax Hike. “But it does advocate for raising taxes on, in the Tax Foundation’s estimate, as many as 75 million people who paid no such taxes after deductions and credits in 2020. If you include the 32 million who didn’t file returns, such as retirees, the number climbs well over 100 million Americans.” [Washington Post, [2/23/22](#)]

Sen. Scott's Plan: "All Federal Legislation Sunsets In 5 Years. If A Law Is Worth Keeping, Congress Can Pass It Again." "All federal legislation sunsets in 5 years. If a law is worth keeping, Congress can pass it again." [U.S. Senator Rick Scott 11 Point Plan To Rescue America, Accessed [4/5/22](#)]

New York Times: "Taken Literally" Scott's Plan "Would Leave The Fate Of Medicare, Medicaid And Social Security To The Whims Of A Congress That Rarely Passes Anything So Expansive." "Beyond taxing everyone, under the plan, all federal laws would sunset in five years. 'If a law is worth keeping, Congress can pass it again,' the plan says. Taken literally, that would leave the fate of Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security to the whims of a Congress that rarely passes anything so expansive." [New York Times, [3/31/22](#)]

HEADLINE: "Rick Scott Backtracks, But His Plan Is Still Ultra-MAGA Madness" [New York Magazine, [6/10/22](#)]

New York Magazine: Rick Scott's Plan "Marries The Very Latest In Apocalyptic Hate-Filled MAGA Rhetoric With Fiscal And Social Positions From The Museum Of Conservative Ideology Circa 1964." "Scott claims the "plan" contains 128 "ideas," which may be accurate if you consider owning the libs and cutting culture-war capers "ideas." The "plan" is innovative insofar as it marries the very latest in apocalyptic hate-filled MAGA rhetoric with fiscal and social positions from the museum of conservative ideology circa 1964. [New York Magazine, *Intelligencer*, [6/10/22](#)]

[The Rescue America Plan would require kids in public schools to stand for the national anthem and "honor" the American flag.](#)

CNN Politics: The Rescue America Plan Would Require Kids In Public Schools To Stand For The National Anthem And "Honor" The American Flag. "So what's actually in the plan? A fair amount of it is just red-meat rhetoric sure to make the base of the party happy. But amid the spin -- and the attacks on Democrats, 'wokeness' and the media -- there are some actual policy proposals. Let's go through them. [...] Kids in public schools would say the Pledge of Allegiance and be required to stand for the National Anthem. They also would have to "honor" the American flag." [CNN Politics, [2/23/22](#)]

[The Rescue America Plan would close the Department of Education.](#)

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[The Rescue America Plan would cut federal funding and tax-exempt status for colleges and universities that used affirmative action in their admissions process.](#)

CNN Politics: The Rescue America Plan Would Cut Federal Funding And Tax-Exempt Status For Colleges And Universities That Used Affirmative Action In Their Admissions Process. "So what's actually in the plan? A fair amount of it is just red-meat rhetoric sure to make the base of the party

happy. But amid the spin -- and the attacks on Democrats, 'wokeness' and the media -- there are some actual policy proposals. Let's go through them. [...] If a college or university uses affirmative action in admissions, it would be "ineligible for federal funding and will lose their tax-exempt status." [CNN Politics, [2/23/22](#)]

The Rescue America Plan would impose "strict" mandatory minimum sentences in every case that a police officer was seriously injured.

CNN Politics: The Rescue America Plan Would Impose "Strict" Mandatory Minimum Sentences In Every Case That A Police Officer Was Seriously Injured. "So what's actually in the plan? A fair amount of it is just red-meat rhetoric sure to make the base of the party happy. But amid the spin -- and the attacks on Democrats, 'wokeness' and the media -- there are some actual policy proposals. Let's go through them. [...] Strict' mandatory minimum sentences would be required in every case in which a police officer is seriously injured." [CNN Politics, [2/23/22](#)]

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The Rescue America Plan would complete the wall along the US southern border and name it after President Trump.

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The Rescue America Plan would prevent immigrants to the US from collecting unemployment benefits or welfare until they have lived in the United states for 7 years.

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Nicaragua

CAFTA

In June 2021, Salazar introduced legislation to determine the extent to which Nicaragua is in compliance with the Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement.

June 2021: Salazar Introduced Legislation To Determine The Extent To Which Nicaragua Is In Compliance With The Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement. In June 2021, Salazar sponsored H.R. 3964, the Nicaragua Free Trade Review Act of 2021. The bill would “require the U.S. Trade Representative to submit a report on the manner and extent to which Nicaragua is in compliance with the Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement.” The bill is cosponsored by 16 Republicans and 5 Democrats. The bill was referred to the House

Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on Trade, but as of August 8, 2022, the bill has not received any action. [H.R. 3964, Cosponsors, accessed [8/08/22](#); Rep. Salazar, Press Release, [6/17/21](#)]

- **The Dominican Republic-Central America Fta (Cafta-Dr) Is A Free Trade Agreement Between The United States And Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, As Well As The Dominican Republic. Collectively, The Countries That Comprise This Agreement Are The United States' 18th Largest Trading Partner.** “On November 7, 2021, Nicaragua is scheduled to have its presidential election. Yet, Daniel Ortega has embarked on a violent crackdown on democracy and jailed the opposition candidates running for President. Ortega is dismantling Nicaragua's democratic institutions, actively undermining US interests, and violating the rights of the Nicaragua people. Reviewing Nicaragua’s compliance with the CAFTA-DR Free Trade Agreement is not only necessary, but urgent... First signed by President Bush in 2005, the Dominican Republic-Central America FTA (CAFTA-DR) is a free trade agreement between the United States and Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, as well as the Dominican Republic. Collectively, the countries that comprise this agreement are the United States' 18th largest trading partner.” [Rep. Salazar, Press Release, [6/17/21](#)]

RENACER Act

Salazar introduced legislation that became law that would establish certain sanctions against people and agencies accused of corruption in Nicaragua.

2021: Salazar Introduced Legislation To Establish The Implementation And Extension Of Economic Sanctions Against People And Agencies Accused Of Corruption In Nicaragua. “Salazar and Congressman Albio Sires were in charge of presenting the Renacer Law initiative before the United States Congress on April 30. Salazar said she is working to get support from more Democrats for this law and she is sure that President Joe Biden will also support it. The Renacer initiative establishes the implementation and extension of economic sanctions to the family circle of Ortega and Murillo, officials of the Police, the Nicaraguan Army, the Supreme Electoral Council, members and officials of the FSLN - including their families-, allied persons or financial entities, and persons accused of corruption in Nicaragua. It also includes expanding the restrictions and controls on loans from multilateral institutions to the country.” [La Prensa, 5/06/21] Translation

- **Spanish Version:** “Salazar y el congresista Albio Sires fueron los encargados de presentar la iniciativa de Ley Renacer ante el Congreso de Estados Unidos el pasado 30 de abril. Salazar dijo que está trabajando para tener apoyo de más demócratas para esta ley y está segura que el presidente Joe Biden también la va a apoyar. La iniciativa Renacer establece la implementación y extensión de sanciones económicas al círculo familiar de Ortega y Murillo, funcionarios de la Policía, Ejército de Nicaragua, Consejo Supremo Electoral, miembros y funcionarios del FSLN - incluyendo sus familias-, personas o entidades financieras aliadas, y personas señaladas de corrupción en Nicaragua. Además comprende ampliar las restricciones y fiscalizaciones a préstamos de instituciones multilaterales hacia el país.”

2021: The House Approved The Act In A Matter Of Weeks And Was Signed Into Law By President Biden In November Of 2021. [Reuters, [11/03/21](#); White House, [11/10/21](#)]

- **The Law Was Amended To Include Language Proposed By Salazar To Open A Review Of Nicaragua's Participation In CAFTA.** "The Renacer Act was also amended to include language from Salazar, a former journalist who once worked in Nicaragua and interviewed Ortega, that calls on the Biden administration to open a formal review to determine whether Nicaragua should continue to participate in the Central America Free Trade Agreement, requires increased U.S. intelligence reporting on Russian activities in Nicaragua and a review of Russian arms sales to Nicaragua. Russia, an Ortega ally, criticized the United States for refusing to recognize the election result." [Miami Herald, 11/10/21]

Salazar said the Act sent a "pretty weak" message, but still praised its passage.

2021: Salazar Said The RENACER Act Is Going To Be Sending A "Pretty Weak" Message. "So, we pass the RENACER Act. Thank God that President Biden is saying that he is going to sign it. And what is that going to be sending, Christiane? It's going to be sending the message to Ortega late and pretty weak message but nonetheless, it's there, that you cannot go to Paris or to Italy or to Miami and enjoy the fruits of what you stole from the national treasury." [CNNI with CHRISTIANE AMANPOUR, 11/08/2021]

2021: Salazar Joined With House Colleagues To Celebrate The Passage Of The RENACER Act. "Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Bob Menendez (D-N.J.), SFRC Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere Ranking Member Marco Rubio (R-Fla.), Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere Albio Sires (D-NJ-08), and Representative Maria Elvira Salazar (R-FL-27), were joined today by a group of seven of their colleagues in applauding the House of Representatives' final passage of their Reinforcing Nicaragua's Adherence to Conditions for Electoral Reform (RENACER) Act, legislation to dramatically increase the United States' response to the continued use of repressive tactics by Daniel Ortega and his government to intimidate, inhibit, or arrest every aspiring opposition candidate ahead of Nicaragua's scheduled elections on November 7th." [State News Service, 11/03/21]

Elections

In 2021, Salazar criticized President Ortega and said he was "jailing political opponents," including Arturo Cruz, an opposition presidential candidate and Salazar's ex-husband.

Salazar: "Under Daniel Ortega, Nicaragua Has Become A Land Of Oppression" And "Ortega's Thugs are Jailing Political Opponents." "'Under Daniel Ortega, Nicaragua has become a land of oppression,' said Congresswoman María Elvira Salazar, who heads the petition for the state of Florida. 'Ortega's thugs are jailing political opponents and violently silencing dissenting voices. I introduced the Nicaragua Free Trade Review Act because trade with the United States is a privilege, not a right. We must show the Ortega regime that it cannot continue to repress the Nicaraguan people while reaping the economic benefits of free trade with the United States. The United States should not be in the business of trading with dictators,' Salazar said." [Infobae, 6/19/21] Translation

- **Spanish Version:** “‘Bajo Daniel Ortega, Nicaragua se ha convertido en una tierra de opresión,’ afirmó la congresista María Elvira Salazar, quien encabeza la petición por el estado de Florida. ‘Los matones de Ortega están encarcelando a los opositores políticos y silenciando violentamente las voces disidentes. Presenté la Ley Revisión del Libre Comercio de Nicaragua porque el comercio con Estados Unidos es un privilegio, no un derecho. Debemos demostrarle al régimen de Ortega que no puede seguir reprimiendo al pueblo nicaragüense mientras cosecha los beneficios económicos del libre comercio con los Estados Unidos. Estados Unidos no debería estar en el negocio de comerciar con dictadores,’ sentenció Salazar.”

Salazar Said Oretga Jailed Her Ex-Husband, Arturo Cruz. “In a speech ahead of the Renacer Act's passage, Salazar said on the House floor that Ortega jailed her ex-husband, Arturo Cruz Jr., a former Sandinista who became an Ortega critic. Cruz was one of the opposition candidates hoping to run in the November election. ‘Ortega has banned political parties. He has killed hundreds of Nicaraguans and jailed hundreds more,’ Salazar said. ‘Now we are on the eve of one of his most brazen moves in nearly 35 years of terrorizing this country -- a sham election where all seven presidential candidates were arrested in broad daylight -- one of them being my ex-husband, Arturo Cruz. This is the most flagrant example of a stolen election we have ever seen, and the world to needs know that.’” [Miami Herald, 11/10/21]

June 2021: Salazar Came Out Strongly Against The Detention Of Arturo Cruz In Nicaragua . “We strongly condemn the Ortega regimes illegal arrest of yet another opposition presidential candidate and call for his immediate release. With todays arrest of Arturo Cruz which comes mere days after the house arrest and detainment of Cristiana Chamorro it has become clear that Ortega fears those who dare run against him in Novembers scheduled elections. With his popular support plummeting, Ortega appears willing to abuse state resources, trample the law, and violate the human rights of his fellow citizens with impunity, all in a desperate effort to maintain power. We echo the call made by governments and international organizations for the regime to immediately cease its persecution of opposition political candidates and civil society organizations. It must release the more than 120 political prisoners being held by the Ortega regime.” [State News Service, 6/6/21]

- **November 2021: Salazar Called Ortega’s Detention A “Flagrant Example Of A Stolen Election.”** “In a speech on the House floor before the election, U.S. Maria Elvira Salazar of South Florida said that Ortega jailed her ex-husband, Arturo Cruz Jr., an Ortega critic. Cruz was one of the opposition candidates hoping to run in the November election. ‘Ortega has banned political parties. He has killed hundreds of Nicaraguans and jailed hundreds more,’ Salazar said. ‘Now we are on the eve of one of his most brazen moves in nearly 35 years of terrorizing this country - a sham election where all seven presidential candidates were arrested in broad daylight - one of them being my ex-husband, Arturo Cruz. ‘This is the most flagrant example of a stolen election we have ever seen, and the world to needs know that.’ [Omaha World-Herald, 11/14/21]
- **November 2021: Salazar Asked “Where Is The State Department” In Regards To The Jailing Of Political Opposition.** “[Salazar] Seven of the presidential contenders are in a dungeon. They have been there for more than five months. How do I know? Because one of them, Arturo Cruz, was my first husband. One of the leaders of the Contra. How could you be in jail just because you're running as a presidential contender because you want democracy in your country? That's

Daniel Ortega and the Sandinistas, but where is the State Department? Where's the beacon of hope which is this country, the United States? They have been begging, beseeching, calling my office saying, why don't you do something?" [CNNI with CHRISTIANE AMANPOUR, 11/08/2021]

Salazar said *"we must find a solution and not allow Ortega to steal the elections in Nicaragua again."* She said she would be a *"mediator so that among all the presidential candidates they choose one"* to go against Ortega.

Salazar: "We Must Find A Solution And Not Allow Ortega To Steal The Elections In Nicaragua Again." "The congresswoman stated that she is committed to making efforts to prevent Ortega from stealing the elections in Nicaragua again, but she also insisted that the opposition has to unite to strengthen international pressure. 'The reality is that by November 7 of this year, we must find a solution and not allow the dictator Daniel Ortega to steal the elections in Nicaragua again. We in the Federal Congress, from the Foreign Relations Committee, can help a lot, we can pressure that dictatorship to open the democratic game, what happens is that the opposition has to do one thing: unite and choose a candidate who runs in the presidential contest,' Salazar told the media." [La Prensa, 5/06/21] Translation

- **Spanish Version:** "La congresista manifestó que está comprometida con hacer esfuerzos que eviten que Ortega se vuelva a robar las elecciones en Nicaragua, pero también insistió en que la oposición tiene que unirse para afianzar las presiones internacionales. 'La realidad es que para el 7 de noviembre de este año, hay que buscar una solución y no permitir que el dictador Daniel Ortega se vuelva a robar las elecciones en Nicaragua. Nosotros en el Congreso Federal, desde el Comité de Relaciones Exteriores podemos ayudar mucho, podemos presionar a esa dictadura para que abra el juego democrático, lo que pasa es que la oposición tiene que hacer una cosa: unirse y escoger un candidato que corra en la contienda presidencial,' dijo Salazar a los medios."

Salazar: "I Offer To Be A Mediator So That Among All The Presidential Candidates They Choose One" To Go Against Ortega. "A group of Nicaraguans living in the United States met this Tuesday, May 4, with Congresswoman María Elvira Salazar, to influence the approval of the Law to Strengthen Nicaragua's Adherence to the Conditions for Electoral Reform (Renacer Law). In statements to the media after the meeting, Salazar offered herself as a mediator to choose a sole opposition presidential candidate, who will face Daniel Ortega in the November elections in Nicaragua. 'I know Nicaraguans very well, I love them, I worked as a war correspondent in Nicaragua, I interviewed the Contras, I know who the leaders are, I know very well the record since the triumph of Mrs. Violeta Chamorro. That is why I very much and as a federal congressman from the city of Miami where hundreds of thousands of Nicaraguans live, I offer to be a mediator and that among all the presidential candidates they choose one, so that he is the head and is named against of the dictator,' Salazar said." [La Prensa, 5/06/21] Translation

- **Spanish Version:** "Un grupo de nicaragüenses que viven en Estados Unidos, se reunió este martes 4 de mayo con la congresista María Elvira Salazar, para incidir en la aprobación de la Ley de Reforzamiento de la Adherencia de Nicaragua a las Condiciones para la Reforma Electoral (Ley Renacer). En declaraciones a los medios de comunicación después de la reunión, Salazar se ofreció como mediadora para elegir a un candidato presidencial único opositor, que se enfrente a

Daniel Ortega en las elecciones de noviembre en Nicaragua. 'Yo conozco a los nicaragüenses muy bien, los quiero, trabajé como corresponsal de guerra en Nicaragua, entrevisté a la Contra, sé quiénes son los líderes, conozco muy bien el historial desde el triunfo de la señora Violeta Chamorro. Por eso yo con mucho y como congresista federal de la ciudad de Miami donde viven cientos de miles de nicaragüenses yo me ofrezco a ser mediadora y que entre todos los precandidatos presidenciales escojan a uno, para que ese sea la cabeza y se le nombre en contra del dictador,' dijo Salazar."

Ortega ended up winning the election, and Salazar called it "illegitimate."

2021: Salazar Joined In A Statement Calling The 2021 Nicaraguan Elections "Illegitimate." "The so-called 'elections' that took place in Nicaragua on Sunday are illegitimate and Daniel Ortega's victory must be widely rejected. Leading into this sham process, the regime led by Ortega and his wife and Vice President, imprisoned their political opponents, forcefully persecuted opposition parties and unlawfully jailed over 150 political prisoners. We urge the Biden Administration to rally our like-minded allies and partners and implement further targeted sanctions on regime officials and entities propping up the Ortega-Murillo family dictatorship. The United States unequivocally supports the democratic aspirations of the Nicaraguan people; their voices must be heard, and political prisoners released." [Congressional Documents and Publications, 11/8/21]

2021: Salazar Cosponsored Legislation To Advance The Free, Fair And Transparent Elections In Nicaragua. "Rep. Albio Sires, D-N.J., has introduced legislation (H.R. 2946) to "advance the strategic alignment of U.S. diplomatic tools toward the realization of free, fair, and transparent elections in Nicaragua and to reaffirm the commitment of the U.S. to protect the fundamental freedoms and human rights of the people of Nicaragua." The bill was introduced on April 30 and has eight co-sponsors. Co-sponsors include Reps. Maria Elvira Salazar, R-Fla..." [Targeted News Service, 5/2/21]

Immigration

In 2022, Salazar called for extending TPS for Nicaraguans, but in 2021 did not commit to welcoming Nicaraguans fleeing the oppressive regime.

2022: Salazar Joined A Bipartisan Group To Call For Extending Temporary Protected Status For Nicaraguans. "A bipartisan group of Florida members of Congress called on the Biden administration Friday to "redesignate and extend" Temporary Protected Status, a humanitarian protection that shields people from deportation, to eligible Nicaraguans already residing in the United States. "We strongly urge you ... to protect tens of thousands of Nicaraguan men, women, and children who would face great risk to their safety should they return to Nicaragua at this time," a letter from the representatives to President Joe Biden and Department of Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas said. [...] Rep. Charlie Crist, who is running for Florida governor, spearheaded the letter....South Florida Reps. Frederica Wilson, Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick, Debbie Wasserman Schultz, and Maria Elvira Salazar, all signed the letter." [Miami Herald, 7/15/22]

2021: Salazar Was Noncommittal To Whether The US Should Welcome Nicaraguans Fleeing The Oppressive Regime, Saying "We Cannot Be Allowing The Whole World To Come." "[AMANPOUR]

Let me ask you something I that touched on before, immigration. Because, clearly, this all has an impact. The people who can't live under that regime in Nicaragua are going to want to leave it. More than 100,000 Nicaraguans are seeking refuge. As you know, primarily right now in Costa Rica and many of them are likely to try to come to your country, to the United States. So, should the U.S. welcome these Nicaraguans who are fleeing this repressive regime? What is your view on that? [SALAZAR]: It's a very complicated topic because if you are Nicaraguan, obviously, I would pack up my kids and everything that I own and I would come up north because the gringos, the Yankees are going to treat me a lot better than my own compatriots. So, that's what's happening. But at the same time, we're in a situation where we cannot be allowing the whole world to come. So, that's why I go back to Ronald Reagan. He had it right. He would fight the Sandinistas with everything he had, diplomatically speaking. He was the guy who forced the Sandinistas to give elections in 1989, and that's why the Violeta Barrios de Chamorro was able to win. So, Reagan had it right." [CNNI with CHRISTIANE AMANPOUR, 11/08/2021]

Biden

[Salazar called Biden's approach to Nicaragua "embarrassing."](#)

2021: Salazar Called Biden's State Department's Approach To Nicaragua, And Central America, "Embarrassing. "[AMANPOUR]: "All right. OK. Let's go to Nicaragua. So, the government, this administration has called the election, which we said over the weekend, a sham pantomime election. Is the administration's response and I will give you a bit -- I'll read some in a minute, but is the response enough? What are you looking for having helped pass that legislation about election reform and the like in Nicaragua?" [SALAZAR]: "It's embarrassing. It's embarrassing what the State Department is doing in Central America. But not only Nicaragua, in Venezuela and Cuba. Every -- all over Latin America. And why do I say it's embarrassing? I have hundreds of thousands of Nicaraguans who live in District 27. I was the Central American bureau chief. While you were in the Middle East, I was covering the Reagan War between the Sandinistas and the Contras." [CNNI with CHRISTIANE AMANPOUR, 11/8/2021]

2021: Salazar Was Highly Critical Of Biden's Approach To Nicaragua Saying It "Burns Like Acid On Our Skin." "Rep. Salazar on the political prisoners in Nicaragua: "I am very embarrassed. I am very upset. Because the United States is not present in this hemisphere, period. "You know, I represent Miami, the heart of the Cuban exile community and the heart of the Nicaraguan community. And when you tell me that you have - that you're working through social media to denounce the Ortega Administration, I'm only full of anger, because of the people that I represent. It burns like acid on our skin. And I just want to share that with you. "Where is the Biden Administration? "I just have three names here that I want to share with you. Maybe people do not recognize who this guy is. This is Arturo Cruz, who was Ambassador for Ortega to Washington. He is in jail. He has lost 30 pounds. This guy, Felix Maradiaga, has been tortured - psychologically tortured. And here we have Chamorro, who we do not know what's really happening with him." [Targeted News Service, 9/22/21]

Opioids

Opioid Crisis

[Salazar cosponsored bipartisan legislation to tackle opioid abuse.](#)

2022: Salazar Authored legislation To Fight Back Against Opioid Abuse. “Representatives Maria Elvira Salazar's (FL-27) and Abigail Spanberger's (VA-07) mental health and substance abuse bill (H.R. 7234) passed the House Energy and Commerce Health Subcommittee through unanimous consent as a part of the Restoring Hope for Mental Health and Well-Being Act (H.R. 7666). The Summer Barrow Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery Act (H.R. 7234), named for a 2020 overdose victim, would reauthorize more than \$900 million in funding through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration (SAMHSA) to support our nation's fight against the substance use disorder epidemic. According to the CDC, it claimed a record-setting number of lives from October 2020-2021.” [Office of Congresswoman Maria Salazar, 5/12/2022]

- **2022: The Legislation Reauthorized Key Programs On Overdose Prevention, Substance Abuse Disorder And Alternatives To Opioids.** “In response to these record overdose rates, the Summer Barrow Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery Act would reauthorize several substance use disorder programs -- including the Substance Use Disorder Programs of National Significance Grant Programs for both treatment and prevention. These authorizations include key programs focused on overdose prevention, first responder training, co-prescribing programs, pregnant and postpartum women substance use disorder treatment, and alternatives to opioids in emergency rooms -- and more.” [Congressional Documents and Publications, 3/29/22]

Palestine

Office of Palestinian Affairs in Jerusalem

[Salazar was critical of Biden's move to create an Office of Palestinian Affairs in Israel. She previously cosponsored legislation to prevent funding for diplomatic facilities in Jerusalem other than the U.S. embassy to the state of Israel.](#)

2022: Salazar Was Critical Of Biden's Move To Create An Office Of Palestinian Affairs In Israel.

“Maria Elvira Salazar (FL-27) along with 23 Senators and 36 other House colleagues released a joint statement denouncing the Biden Administration's recent decision to create an Office of Palestinian Affairs in Jerusalem, which is an effort to circumvent Congress and formalize direct U.S. diplomatic channels with the Palestinians in Israel's capital.” [Office of Congresswoman Maria Salazar, [6/23/22](#)]

2022: Salazar Cosponsored Legislation To Prevent Funding For Diplomatic Facilities In Jerusalem Other Than The U.S. Embassy To The State Of Israel.

“Rep. David Kustoff, R-Tenn., has introduced legislation (H.R. 6004) to "prohibit the use of funds for a U.S. Embassy, Consulate General, Legation, Consular Office, or any other diplomatic facility in Jerusalem other than the U.S. Embassy to the State of Israel.” The bill was introduced on Nov. 17 and has 114 co-sponsors. Co-sponsors include...Maria Elvira Salazar, R-Fla.” [Targeted News Service, 11/19/21]

BDS Movement

[Salazar cosponsored legislation to prohibit the BDS movement.](#)

2022: Salazar Cosponsored Legislation To Prohibit International Boycotts Or Boycott Requests Of Israel And Reaffirms Opposition To BDS Movements. “This week, Congressman Doug Lamborn joined Congressman Lee Zeldin, both co-chairs of the House Republican Israel Caucus, and 46 of their House Republican colleagues in introducing the Israel Anti-Boycott Act. This legislation amends the Export Administration Act of 1979 to prohibit boycotts or boycott requests imposed by international governmental organizations against Israel. This bill protects American companies from being coerced into providing information to international organizations to further boycotts against Israel and holds individuals who attempt to violate this protection accountable. Additionally, it affirms Congress’ opposition to the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement and that Congress considers the United Nations (UN) Human Rights Council’s creation of a database of companies doing business in the West Bank, East Jerusalem, and the Golan Heights in March 2016 to be an act of BDS” [Impact News Service, 3/7/22]

2021: Salazar Called For An Investigation Into The Palestinian Campaign For The Academic And Cultural Boycott Of Israel's Investments Into Terrorist Organizations. “U.S. Representatives Tim Burchett (TN-02), Maria Elvira Salazar (FL-27), and Greg Steube (FL-17) are calling for an investigation into the Palestinian Campaign for the Academic and Cultural Boycott of Israel's (PACBI) financial ties to foreign terrorist organizations affiliated with the Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) movement. In a letter sent to the leaders of the U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation's Counterterrorism Division and the U.S. Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, the members raised alarm that American donations to the pro-BDS PACBI could be funneled to the Palestinian BDS National Committee (BNC), an umbrella organization for terrorists like Hamas and Palestinian Islamic Jihad (PIJ).” [Targeted News Service, 6/11/21]

Salazar Called For The FBI To Investigate Links Between The BDS Movement And Terrorism. “Three US Republican lawmakers well-known for their ties with the country's infamous pro-Israel lobby groups have reportedly called on the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) to probe purported links between the pro-Palestinian Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions movement (BDS) and terrorism. In a letter sent to FBI's Counterterrorism Division and cosigned by Tennessee Congressman Tim Burchett, along with Florida Representatives Greg Steube and Maria Salazar, the three lawmakers claimed ‘serious concerns’ that Americans donating funds to organizations affiliated with the increasingly popular Boycott-Israel campaign could be financing “terrorist groups,” the US-based Mondoweiss online news outlet reported Friday.” [Press TV, 7/03/21]

Palestinians

[In 2021, Salazar said the “average Palestinian doesn’t really understand that they are being used on behalf of this terrorist organization.”](#)

[VIDEO] June 2021: Salazar: “The Average Palestinian Doesn’t Really Understand That They Are Being Used On Behalf Of This Terrorist Organization.” [Mediaite, [6/04/21](#) (3:25)]

Panama Canal

Cargo Vessels

[Salazar signed onto legislation to provide grants to the owners of cargo vessels being rerouted through the Panama Canal.](#)

2021: Salazar Signed Onto Legislation To Provide Grants To Owners Of Cargo Vessels Being Rerouted Through The Panama Canal. Rep. Carlos A. Gimenez, R-Fla., has introduced legislation (H.R. 5925) to "direct the Secretary of Transportation to establish a program to provide grants to owners of cargo vessels being rerouted from the western seaboard of the U.S. through the Panama Canal." The bill was introduced on Nov. 9 and has 11 co-sponsors. Co-sponsors include Reps. Randy Weber, R-Texas, Maria Elvira Salazar, R-Fla., Mario Diaz-Balart, R-Fla., Brian J. Mast, R-Fla., David B. McKinley, R-W.Va., Alex X. Mooney, R-W.Va., Louie Gohmert, R-Texas, Nicole Malliotakis, R-N.Y., David Rouzer, R-N.C., Andy Harris, R-Md., and Madison Cawthorn, R-N.C. [Targeted News Service, 11/11/21]

Partisanship

Self-Described Moderate

[In 2018, Salazar tried to style herself as a moderate and said she would "step into the center."](#)

September 2018: Salazar: "I Want To Step Into The Center." "'I want to step into the center,' Salazar, 56, said. 'Whatever makes sense to the community, to the whole country, is what we need to do.' Until Wednesday, Salazar, a political novice who is well known in Miami-Dade's Hispanic community from her TV show, has mostly kept the details of her policy positions to herself. She trounced a crowded field in the Republican primary, during which her opponents ignored issues of policy and tried to drag her down by casting her as soft on Cuba. For the most part, however, Salazar signaled that she would mostly follow in the footsteps of Ros-Lehtinen, a moderate within the GOP and mentor to Salazar." [Miami Herald, [9/26/18](#)]

[VIDEO] Salazar Said That The Country Needs To Elect People Like Her Who Would "Step Into The Center" And Heal The Division. "My thoughts on the #Kavanaugh confirmation hearing. Thank you @CBSMiami for the opportunity. #FL27 #TeamMariaElvira #YourTrustedVoice #MariaElviraSalazar #District27 #MiamiFL." Salazar said, "The division we have in this country– 50% does not trust or believe in the other 50%. That's why we need people like me to step into the center. New blood, full of stamina, full of energy, I'm in my prime, to step into the center." [Twitter, Maria Salazar, [9/7/18](#)]

2018: Salazar: "I'm A Commonsense Republican And I Have Common Sense Policies." "'It will be a seamless transition between Ileana and myself, because we believe in the same causes,' said Salazar. 'I'm a commonsense Republican and I have common sense policies.'" [WLRN, [8/29/18](#)]

However, Salazar was named Assistant House GOP Whip as soon as she entered office and repeatedly showed support for Trump.

Salazar Was Named Assistant House GOP Whip. “Freshman Republican Rep. Maria Elvira Salazar has secured an assistant whip position just weeks after being sworn in as a member of Congress for the first time. House Republican Whip Steve Scalise of Louisiana named Salazar to his team, per a Tuesday release. Salazar represents Florida's 27th Congressional District in Miami-Dade County. She'll be responsible for helping to push fellow Republicans to vote in line with the party during the 117th Congress.” [Florida Politics, 1/1/9/21]

Editorial: New Constituents In 2022 “Could Remember That Salazar [...] Mindlessly Parroted Trumpian Talking Points.” “And, in all likelihood, so are Diaz-Balart, Gimenez and Salazar. Not only do they have to gear up for 2022 elections, they will be running in reconfigured districts. Redistricting is one of the results of the 2020 -- and every other decennial -- U.S. Census. That means that the population of voters that propelled them to victory last year might not hold. New constituents might still be appalled that Diaz-Balart and Gimenez voted against certifying some states' Electoral College results for Joe Biden. They could remember that Salazar and Gimenez mindlessly parroted Trumpian talking points that ‘my opponent is a socialist.’” [Miami Herald, Editorial, 2/7/21]

2017: Salazar Tweeted “Bravo Trump” In Reference To His Immigration Policies. “Bravo #Trump for calling for ‘real and positive #immigration reform’. Look forward to concrete details. #JointSession” [Maria Elvira Salazar Twitter, [2/28/17](#)]

January 2021: Salazar Voted Not To Impeach Trump For His Role In The Capitol Riot. “Miami's three Republicans in the House of Representatives voted against impeaching President Donald Trump over his role in a deadly riot at the U.S. Capitol that led to five deaths. Reps. Carlos Gimenez, Mario Diaz-Balart and Maria Elvira Salazar all voted against one article of impeachment, titled ‘incitement of insurrection’ and drafted by Democrats within hours of last week's riot. Every Democrat in the House, including South Florida Reps. Frederica Wilson, Debbie Wasserman Schultz, Alcee Hastings and Ted Deutch, voted in favor of impeaching Trump. [...] The article of impeachment passed the House of Representatives on a 232-197 vote, with 10 Republicans joining Democrats to send the impeachment article to the U.S. Senate. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said a potential trial would not begin before Trump's term ends on Jan. 20.” [Miami Herald, 1/13/21]

In 2018, The Miami Herald described Salazar as someone who “mostly kept the details of her policy positions to herself.”

2018: Salazar Was “A Political Novice Who [...] Has Mostly Kept The Details Of Her Policy Positions To Herself.” “‘I want to step into the center,’ Salazar, 56, said. ‘Whatever makes sense to the community, to the whole country, is what we need to do.’ Until Wednesday, Salazar, a political novice who is well known in Miami-Dade's Hispanic community from her TV show, has mostly kept the details of her policy positions to herself. She trounced a crowded field in the Republican primary, during which her opponents ignored issues of policy and tried to drag her down by casting her as soft on Cuba. For the most part, however, Salazar signaled that she would mostly follow in the footsteps of Ros-Lehtinen, a moderate within the GOP and mentor to Salazar.” [Miami Herald, [9/26/18](#)]

Liz Cheney

In November 2020, Salazar said it was “an absolute honor to serve” with Liz Cheney and described Cheney as someone who wasn’t “afraid to speak truth to power.” However, in 2021, Salazar failed to stand up for Cheney when she faced retaliation for speaking out against the Big Lie, and Salazar refused to say whether she voted to oust Cheney from party leadership.

November 2020: Salazar Said That It Was “Absolutely An Honor To Serve With Women Leaders Like Liz Cheney... Who Aren’t Afraid To Speak Truth To Power.” “Great speaking to the @TODAYshow on this historic Year of the Republican Woman! 🇺🇸 us We are the future of the @GOP! It is an absolute honor to serve with women leaders like @Liz_Cheney & @NancyMace in #Congress — tireless fighters who aren't afraid to speak truth to power!” [Twitter, @MaElviraSalazar, [11/21/20](#)]

Salazar Refused To Tell The Media Whether Or Not She Voted To Remove Cheney From Republican Party Leadership. “Three months later, Gimenez didn't publicly defend Cheney, the highest-ranking Republican woman in the U.S. House, before their GOP colleagues swiftly ousted her on Wednesday in a 15-minute meeting that culminated in a short speech from Cheney and a voice vote. Gimenez, along with Miami Republican U.S. Reps. Mario Diaz-Balart and Maria Elvira Salazar, did not respond when the Miami Herald asked their staff if they supported Cheney's removal from her leadership post during Wednesday's vote. Salazar, who arrived at the brief meeting after Cheney spoke and just before the voice vote, did not say what her position was when asked by Herald reporter. Efforts to find and speak to Gimenez and Diaz-Balart before and after the vote were unsuccessful.” [Miami Herald, [5/12/21](#)]

Marjorie Taylor Greene

Salazar voted to strip Marjorie Taylor Greene of her committee assignments.

Salazar Voted To Strip Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene Of Her Committee Assignments. “All three of South Florida's House Republicans voted Thursday to remove Georgia Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene -- who previously questioned whether the 2018 Parkland school shooting actually happened and filmed herself harassing Parkland survivors who pushed for gun control -- from the House committee that oversees education policy, breaking with their party and standing with a group of Parkland victims' families who urged them to vote yes. The votes by Reps. Mario Diaz-Balart, Carlos Gimenez and Maria Elvira Salazar came as a surprise at the last moment during a 30-minute vote late Thursday. They bucked House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy, part of a group of Republicans who waited till the end to cast their ‘yes’ votes for a resolution authored by Broward Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz.” [Miami Herald, [2/4/21](#)]

- **Salazar: “I Had To Hold Marjorie Greene Accountable For Her Denial Of The Parkland Massacre, The Flight 77 Crash, And Accusing A Jewish Family Of Starting The California Wildfires.”** ““As I have repeatedly criticized (U.S. Rep.) Ilhan Omar for her anti-Semitic comments, I had to hold Marjorie Greene accountable for her denial of the Parkland massacre,

the Flight 77 crash, and accusing a Jewish family of starting the California wildfires,' Salazar said in a tweet." [Tampa Bay Times, 2/4/21]

Bill McCollum

2010: Salazar on McCollum: "It's like his principles change with the polls."

2010: Salazar On McCollum: "It's Like His Principles Change With The Polls." "Miami-Dade School Board candidate Carlos Curbelo and state Rep. J.C. Planas to the chorus of Hispanic Republicans who sound disgusted at GOP gubernatorial hopeful Bill McCollum for proposing a controversial immigration law for Florida. [...] 'It's like his principles change with the polls,' host Maria Elvira Salazar added of McCollum." [St. Petersburg Times, 8/13/10]

Public Safety & Law Enforcement

Defund the Police

Salazar co-sponsored legislation to require a local government to waive sovereign immunity to receive any grant funds from the DOJ if such local government has defunded" the police.

March 2021: Salazar Co-Sponsored Legislation To Require A Local Government To Waive Sovereign Immunity To Receive Any Grant Funds From The DOJ If Such Local Government Has Defunded" The Police. "Rep. Nicole Malliotakis, R-N.Y., has introduced legislation (H.R. 1465) to "require a local government to waive sovereign immunity to receive any grant funds from the Department of Justice if such local government has defunded a municipal police department." The bill was introduced on March 1 and was co-sponsored by Reps. Carlos A. Gimenez, R-Fla., and Maria Elvira Salazar, R-Fla. It was referred to the House Judiciary Committee." [Rep. Malliotakis, Press Release, 3/03/21]

Bad Cops

Salazar said there were "bad cops."

Salazar: "I Get It, That We Need To Do Reform. I Get It That There Are Bad Cops. We Get It." "[SALAZAR:] Has to be siding with the far left because they have no other choice. That party, unfortunately, has been hijacked by this dogma that they're promising social justice. [BARTIROMO:] Yes. [SALAZAR:] I get it, that we need to do reform. I get it that there are bad cops. We get it. [BARTIROMO:] Yes. [SALAZAR:] But it's not through socialism. It's through free market. It's through democracy. It's by talking to people. It's by being free, not by being socialist." [Fox Business, 7/9/20]

Funding & Training

Salazar cosponsored legislation to promote police recruitment efforts and awareness training.

2022: Salazar Cosponsored Legislation To Expand Human Trafficking Awareness For First Responders. “Rep. Kat Cammack, R-Fla., has introduced legislation (H.R. 6480) to "amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to expand to State, local, Tribal, territorial, and educational institution law enforcement the availability of the Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers' human trafficking awareness training to equip frontline first responders with the knowledge to recognize and properly respond to potential human trafficking situations." The bill was introduced on Jan. 25 and has 12 co-sponsors. Co-sponsors include Reps. Michael Waltz, R-Fla., Maria Elvira Salazar,..." [Targeted News Service, 1/27/22]

2022: Salazar Cosponsored Legislation To Enhance Police Recruitment Efforts Nationwide. “The Pathways to Policing Act invests in programs to help state and local law enforcement agencies struggling to maintain adequate staffing levels. While the root cause of the nationwide officer shortage is multifaceted, bolstering the pipeline of service-oriented individuals is one way to ensure agencies have the resources they need to protect our communities and keep officers safe. [...] Original cosponsors include Reps. Angie Craig (MN-02), Peter Meijer (MI-03), Don Bacon (NE-02), Jaime Herrera Beutler (WA-03), Ed Case (HI-01), María Elvira Salazar (FL-27), Josh Gottheimer (NJ-05), and David Valadao (CA-21).” [Impact News Service, 5/23/22]

Regulations

FDA

In September 2021, Salazar cosponsored legislation that made it easier to sell meat products without FDA inspections.

September 2021: Salazar Co-Sponsored H.R. 3835, The Processing Revival And Intrastate Meat Exemption Act Or The PRIME Act. The bill would permit farmers and ranchers to process their animals at slaughterhouses that have not been inspected by the USDA if the meat would only be sold intrastate. The bill was introduced by Thomas Massie and co-sponsored by 40 other Republicans and 7 Democrats, including Madison Cawthorne, Elise Stefanik, and Matt Gaetz. [H.R. 3835, Co-Sponsors, accessed [8/25/22](#)]

- **The Bill Would Permit The Sale Of Meat Products Processed In Slaughterhouses That Are Not Inspected By The FDA If They Will Only Be Sold Intrastate.** “Today, Representative Chellie Pingree (D-ME) and Representative Thomas Massie (R-KY) re-introduced the PRIME (Processing Revival and Intrastate Meat Exemption) Act to make it easier for small farms and ranches to serve consumers. Companion legislation has been introduced in the United States Senate by Senators Angus King (I-ME) and Rand Paul (R-KY). The PRIME Act would give individual states freedom to permit intrastate distribution of custom-slaughtered meat such as beef, pork, or lamb to consumers, restaurants, hotels, boarding houses, and grocery stores. “The pandemic exposed serious problems in our supply chain—from toilet paper to cars to the meat in our grocery stores. Coupled with the recent ransomware attack on the world’s largest meat company, it’s clear that relying solely on industrial-scale meat processing is a liability,” said Congresswoman Pingree.

“Congress must act to make it easier for local farms to compete with these big meat companies and make locally raised livestock processing more widely available. A farmer in Maine shouldn't have to drive hours to get to a USDA-inspected processing facility when other safe options are available. I'm proud to join Congressman Massie in introducing the bipartisan PRIME Act, which will change federal regulations to help make local meat processing easier.” [Rep. Glenn Grothman, Press Release, [6/11/21](#)]

Government Regulatory Burdens

In June 2021, Salazar cosponsored legislation that would require government “agencies to repeal at least two rules before promulgating a major rule.”

June 2021: Salazar Co-Sponsored H.R. 4047, The Cutting Unnecessary Regulatory Burdens Act. The bill would require “agencies to repeal at least two rules before promulgating a major rule” except for rules related to agency procedures, the Armed Forces, national security, or foreign affairs. The bill was introduced by C. Scott Franklin and co-sponsored by 11 other Republicans, including Madison Cawthorne, Paul Gosar, Ronny Jackson, Andy Biggs, and Marjorie Taylor Greene. [H.R. 4047, Co-Sponsors, accessed [8/25/22](#)]

Russia

Russian Sanctions

Salazar has repeatedly supported sanctions on Russian officials and oligarchs.

2022: Salazar Joined With Bipartisan Lawmakers To Sanction Russian Officials Involved With The Detention Of Vladimir Kara-Murza. “President Joe Biden to publicly sanction “every Russian official and associate involved with the false arrest, detention, and political persecution of Vladimir Kara-Murza. The lawmakers made the plea last week in a letter that also was signed by ...Maria Elvira Salazar (R-Fla.-27)...” [Impact News Service, 5/14/22]

2022: Salazar Cosponsored The “Oligarch Asset Forfeiture Act To Freeze, Seize And Liquidate The Ill-Gotten Wealth Of Putin-Linked Oligarchs.” “Representatives Steve Cohen (TN-09), Joe Wilson (SC-02), Tom Malinowski (NJ-07) and Maria Elvira Salazar (FL-27) today introduced the Oligarch Asset Forfeiture Act to freeze, seize and liquidate the ill-gotten wealth of Putin-linked oligarchs. [...] Congresswoman Salazar made the following statement: "Actions have consequences. As Putin continues to inflict untold pain on the Ukrainian people, oligarchs who enable his horrific and unjust war of aggression should not be comfortable. There is no doubt in my mind that the United States government should be empowered to liquidate sanctioned assets acquired through blood and corruption for the cause of Ukraine's freedom." [States News Service, 3/15/22]

2022: Salazar Added Her Name To A Bipartisan Call To Crack Down On Israeli/Russian Oligarchs. “One jet, owned by Russian-Israeli oligarch Roman Abramovich, landed the day Russia's invasion began. The United States has yet to follow Britain and Canada in imposing sanctions on Abramovich,

reportedly Israel's second-richest person who made much of his fortune through the privatization of Russia's oil companies. Several leading Democratic members of Congress - including Reps. Steve Cohen, Maria Elvira Salazar and Tom Malinowski - have urged the Biden administration to crack down on Abramovich. In a letter, they said that "U.S. sanctions against Abramovich are conspicuous by their absence." They noted that Abramovich obtained Portuguese citizenship based on a law offering naturalization to descendants of Sephardi Jews who were expelled from Spain and Portugal during the Inquisition. The lawmakers said that this move was "ostensibly to evade sanctions." [Haaretz, 3/13/22]

2022: Salazar Cosponsored Legislation To Hold Vladimir Putin's Enablers Accountable For Supporting His Human Rights Abuses And Military Aggression. "Representatives Malinowski (D-NJ), John Curtis (R-UT), Bill Keating (D-MA), and Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA) -- as Co-Chairs of the Congressional Caucus Against Foreign Corruption and Kleptocracy (CAFCAK) -- are introducing the CORRUPT Act to hold Vladimir Putin's enablers accountable for supporting his human rights abuses and military aggression. The bill encourages steps beyond the strong sanctions announced by President Biden today. Specifically, it requires the administration to consider sanctions against the 35 corrupt and abusive Russian officials identified by leading Russian anti-corruption activist Alexei Navalny as most critical to Putin's regime. The proposal echoes an amendment introduced by Representatives Malinowski and Curtis which passed the House as part of the FY 2022 Defense Authorization Act. [...] The bill has been endorsed by the Free Russia Foundation, Transparency International, Freedom House, and Human Rights First. Original cosponsors include representatives Bill Keating (D-MA), Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA), Steve Cohen (D-TN), Maria Elvira Salazar (R-FL)..." [Congressional Documents and Publications, 2/24/22]

2021: Salazar Cosponsored Legislation To Prevent Russian And Chinese Kleptocrats To Shop For Visas In The West. "This week, Congressmen Adam Kinzinger (IL-16) and Tom Malinowski (NJ-7) introduced H.R. 4142, the Golden Visa Accountability Act. This bipartisan legislation would direct the Department of State to create a database that highlights denials of investor visas on the grounds of corruption or human rights abuses. These visas, colloquially known as "golden visas," are often used by corrupt officials to launder money and live lavish lifestyles in the West. By coordinating with the European Union and the countries of the Five Eyes, the United States would be leading the way to curb efforts by Chinese and Russian kleptocrats to shop for these visas in the West [...] Reps. Kinzinger and Malinowski were joined in introducing the Golden Visa Accountability Act by their colleagues from the Caucus Against Foreign Corruption and Kleptocracy: ...Rep. Maria Elvira Salazar (FL-27)." [State News Services, 6/25/21]

September 11th

Declassify Documents

[*Salazar wanted to declassify documents that may implicate Saudi officials in the 9/11 attacks.*](#)

2021: Salazar Added Her Name To A Letter To AG Garland Asking The DOJ To Declassify Documents That Might Implicate Saudi Officials In 9/11 Attack. "Congresswoman Nicole Malliotakis (NY-11) today led Congressman Brian Mast (R-FL), Congressman Gus Bilirakis (R-FL), Congressman Thomas Massie (R-KY) and Congresswoman Maria Elvira Salazar (R-FL), in sending a letter to Attorney

General Merrick Garland calling on the Department of Justice to immediately declassify and publish FBI and CIA documents that may implicate Saudi Arabian officials in the 9/11 terrorist attacks.” [State News Services, 4/21/21]

Small Businesses

Federal Contracts

[Salazar supporting assisting small businesses in accessing federal contracts.](#)

2022: Salazar Introduced Legislation To Assist Small Businesses In Accessing Federal Contracts.

“Last night, Congressman Joe Neguse and Congresswoman Maria Elvira Salazar's bipartisan, bicameral legislation to expand partnership opportunities between small businesses and the federal government passed the House of Representatives. The Promoting Rigorous and Innovative Cost Efficiencies for Federal Procurement and Acquisitions (PRICE) Act will modernize federal contracting procedures and ensure Colorado's small businesses have an equal opportunity to participate in federal contracting.” [Targeted News Service, 2/09/22]

2021: Salazar Supported Legislation To Expand Contracting Opportunities For Small Businesses.

“Amendment No. 365: The Expanding Contracting Opportunities for Small Businesses Act raises sole source contracting thresholds from \$5 million to \$8 million for general contracts and from \$7 million to \$10 million for manufacturing contracts. This program specifically benefits veteran-owned, women-owned, and minority-owned businesses, as well as those operating in economically disadvantaged areas. These changes will level the playing field and encourage more small contractors to participate in government programs leading to a quicker rebuilding of the US economy. "Small businesses are the backbone of our economy, creating jobs and providing opportunities for success for everyone. Sadly, entrepreneurs faced many challenges during the COVID-19 pandemic and they need support to recover," said Rep. Salazar. "Increasing sole source contracting caps will level the playing field and provide expanded opportunities for our small business contractors. Since coming to Congress, I've made it my mission to secure new opportunities for small businesses to contract with the federal government and it is an honor to be able to deliver on this promise." [Targeted News Services, 9/25/21]

2021: Salazar Introduced Legislation To Expand Contracting Opportunities To Small Businesses In Historically Underutilized Business Zones.

“U.S. Representatives Marie Newman (D-IL-03) and Maria Elvira Salazar (R-FL-27) introduced the HUBZone Price Evaluation Preference Clarification Act, new bipartisan legislation designed to expand contracting opportunities to millions of small businesses located in historically underutilized business zones. The bill would amend current language to ensure more federal spending is devoted to the Small Business Administration's (SBA) HUBZone program, which could then be used to expand the number of federal and private contracting opportunities for local entrepreneurs and small businesses.” [Targeted News Service, 11/6/21]

Women-Owned Businesses

[Salazar introduced legislation targeted at women-owned businesses.](#)

2021: Salazar Introduced Legislation To Assist Women-Owned Businesses. “U.S. Reps. Grace Meng (D-NY) and Maria Elvira Salazar (R-FL) announced today that they reintroduced bipartisan legislation in the House of Representatives to help increase support to female entrepreneurs and women-owned businesses. The Interagency Committee on Women's Business Enterprise Act would reauthorize the Interagency Committee on Women's Business Enterprise (ICWBE), a U.S. government entity charged with coordinating federal resources to help women-owned businesses grow and succeed.” [State News Services, 6/21/21]

Socialism, Communism & Marxism

Legislation

[Salazar has made the fight against socialism and communism her top priority as a Member of Congress, often attempting to tie any policy supported by the left as “socialism.” In Congress, she has introduced or cosponsored legislation to denounce socialism and communism, gaining praise from GOP dark money groups like FreedomWorks.](#)

December 2021: Salazar Introduced Legislation To Produce Anti-Communist Education Programs For High School Students. In December 2021, Salazar sponsored H.R. 6123, the Crucial Communism Teaching Act. The bill would “direct the Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation to develop a civic education curriculum and oral history resources for high school students to promote understanding of certain political ideologies (e.g., communism and totalitarianism) that conflict with principles of U.S. democracy.” The bill is cosponsored by 68 Republicans. The bill was referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor, but as of August 8, 2022, the bill has not received any action. [H.R. 6123, Co-Sponsors, accessed [8/08/22](#); Rep. Salazar, Press Release, [12/02/21](#)]

- **The Act Is Inspired By The Never Again Education Act, Which Created An Analogous Program To Educate American Students About The Holocaust Through The U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum.** “The CCT Act would make educational materials available through the Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation to help educate high school students about the dangers of communism and totalitarianism, and how they are contrary to the founding principles of freedom and democracy in the United States. The CCT Act framework is inspired by the Never Again Education Act, passed by the 116th Congress, which created an analogous program to educate American students about the Holocaust through the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum. The bill also continues similar efforts by Florida Governor Ron DeSantis to educate American students on the failed experiment of communism throughout history.” [Rep. Salazar, Press Release, [12/02/21](#)]
- **The Legislation Is Not An “Educational Mandate, But Would Provide Materials And Resources On The “True Evils Of Communism.”** “The federal legislation ‘is not an educational mandate,’ but rather would provide materials through the Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation for states and local educators to use to ‘teach the true evils of communism,’ according to Salazar's

office. The bill also includes the development of a 'Portraits in Patriotism' series of personal stories from immigrants who fled communist regimes." [The Quad City Times, 12/02/21]

- **Some Critics Noted Lessons On Communism Are Already In School Curriculums And Questioned The Necessity Of The Legislation.** "Critics have questioned the necessity of such legislation, noting lessons on communism and other forms of political and economic systems are already part of public-school curricula. Some worry the legislation amounts to McCarthyism." [The Quad City Times, 12/02/21]

2022: Salazar Cosponsored Legislation To Create A Special State Department Envoy To Counter Communism. "Congressman Carlos A. Gimenez (FL-26) introduced today the Combatting Communism Act in the House of Representatives. The legislation directs the Department of State to create a Special Envoy to retool American foreign policy to counter communist and authoritarian governments around the world. Gimenez is joined by Reps. Mario Diaz-Balart of Florida, Maria Elvira Salazar of Florida, and Nicole Malliotakis of New York in introducing the bill." [Targeted News Service, 2/4/22]

- **January 2022: Salazar Cosponsored A Bill To Create A State Department Position Tasked With Combating Communism.** "Three South Florida Republicans introduced a bill Tuesday to create a new State Department position that would be tasked with combating communism and authoritarianism. The proposed Special Envoy to Combat the Global Rise of Authoritarian Socialism and Communism would be inspired by a similar State Department ambassador-level position that was created in 2004 to combat global anti-Semitism. The legislation was spearheaded by Republican Rep. Carlos Giménez, a former Miami-Dade mayor who was born in Cuba and whose family immigrated to the United States in 1960 after the Cuban revolution. [...] Giménez was joined by Republican lawmakers Mario Díaz-Balart and María Elvira Salazar, the two children of people who fled Cuba. They were joined by Rep. Nicole Malliotakis, the only Republican representing New York City, whose mother also fled Cuba." [El Nuevo Herald, 1/26/22] Translation
 - **Spanish Version:** "Tres republicanos del sur de la Florida presentaron el martes un proyecto de ley para crear un nuevo cargo en el Departamento de Estado que se encargaría de combatir el comunismo y el autoritarismo. El propuesto Enviado Especial para Combatir el Ascenso Mundial del Socialismo Autoritario y el Comunismo se inspiraría en un cargo similar a nivel de embajador del Departamento de Estado que se creó en 2004 para combatir el antisemitismo mundial. La legislación fue liderada por el representante republicano Carlos Giménez, ex alcalde de Miami-Dade que nació en Cuba y cuya familia emigró a Estados Unidos en 1960 después de la revolución cubana. [...] A Giménez se le unieron los legisladores republicanos Mario Díaz-Balart y María Elvira Salazar, los dos hijos de personas que huyeron de Cuba. A ellos se unió la representante Nicole Malliotakis, la única republicana que representa a la Ciudad de Nueva York, cuya madre también huyó de Cuba."

July 2021: Salazar Introduced A Resolution To Denounce The Evils Of Socialism. In July 2021, Salazar sponsored H.Res. 548, Denouncing the horrors of socialism. The resolution would "denounce socialism in all its forms, and oppose the implementation of socialist policies in the United States of America." The

resolution was cosponsored by 205 Republicans. The resolution was referred to to the House Committee on Financial Services, but as of August 8, 2022, the bill has not received any action. [H.Res. 548, Co-Sponsors, accessed [8/08/22](#); Rep. Salazar, Press Release, [7/21/21](#)]

- **The Resolution Outlines Historical Examples Of The Great Crimes And Tragedies Of Socialism.** “This resolution outlines several historical examples of the greatest crimes and tragedies of socialism, and why such a system goes against the founding principles of our great nation. It specifically highlights examples in: USSR, China, Cambodia, North Korea, Cuba, and Venezuela. Through this resolution, the House of Representatives denounces socialism in all its forms and opposes the implementation of socialist policies in the United States of America... Socialism is responsible for hundreds of millions of deaths across the globe. The United States must unequivocally denounce this cynical and cruel ideology that has harmed millions of Americans who have fled from socialist regimes.” [Rep. Salazar, Press Release, [7/21/21](#)]
- **2021: FreedomWorks Named Salazar’s Resolution A Bill Of The Month.** “This week, FreedomWorks announced Rep. Matt Rosendale (R-Mont.) as our featured Member of the Month and H. Res. 548, introduced by Rep. Maria Salazar (R-Fla.) to denounce the horrors of socialism, as our featured Bill of the Month for August 2021.” [Freedom Works Foundation, 8/13/21]

Biden & Democrats

As a politician, Salazar has always fearmongered about socialism coming to the United States, often claiming the Democrats have been kidnapped by socialists and Marxists. She has repeatedly connected Biden and the Democrats to socialism and Marxism, including claiming Biden will take us “down the path to socialism.”

[VIDEO] 2018: Salazar: “Capitalism Doesn’t Solve Everything, But It’s A Lot Better Than Socialism.” Salazar said, “Capitalism doesn’t solve everything, but it’s a lot better than socialism.” [YouTube, CBS Miami, [9/11/18](#) (3:55)]

[VIDEO] April 2022: Salazar Said “Neo-Marxists Have Kidnapped The Democratic Party.” Salazar said, Biden is “weak mentally and physically. The people around him are neo-Marxists. [...] Neo-Marxists have kidnapped the Democratic Party.” [YouTube, America TeVe Canal 41, [4/19/22](#) (4:30)]

- **Spanish Version:** Biden es “débil mental y físicamente. Las personas que tiene alrededor son neomarxistas. [...] Los neomarxistas han secuestrado al Partido Demócrata.”

December 2021: Salazar Said The Democrats Have Been Kidnapped By The Socialists. “Federal Congresswoman María Elvira Salazar argues that the multimillion-dollar project approved in the House of Representatives is the result of the kidnapping of the Democratic Party by the Socialists.” [Diario Las Americas, [12/04/21](#)]

- **Spanish Version:** “La congresista federal María Elvira Salazar argumenta que el multimillonario proyecto aprobado en la Cámara de representantes es fruto del secuestro del partido demócrata por los socialistas.”

[VIDEO] April 2022: The Biden Administration Is Surrounded By “Neo-Marxists.” Salazar said, “We know that we are have an administration that has neo-Marxists around them.” [YouTube, America TeVe Canal 41, [4/19/22](#) (1:20)]

- **Spanish Vesion:** “Sabemos que estamos una administración donde tienen neomarxistas a su alrededor.”

[VIDEO] 2018: Salazar: The Democratic Party Has Been “Hijacked By The Extreme Left.” Salazar said, “Or vote for the Democrat, but unfortunately that party has been hijacked by the extreme left. The extreme left of socialist Bernie Sanders. The extreme left of Ocasio-Cortez.” [YouTube, CBS Miami, [9/11/18](#) (4:55)]

Salazar: The Biden Administration Intends To Take Us “Down The Path To Socialism.” “María Elvira Salazar explained in a video her opposition to Biden's plan. Republican congresswoman María Elvira Salazar said Thursday that the economic plan promoted by the Democratic president of the United States, Joe Biden, seeks to implement socialist policies that will lead to the debacle of the national economy. The Cuban-American, congresswoman for the 27th district of Florida, considered that the speech issued the night before by Biden from Congress, regarding the first 100 days of his administration, made clear his ‘socialist’ intentions in economic matters. The Republican did not hesitate to express her concerns about it. ‘In the United States there are two paths: the free market economy or socialism. And this administration intends to take us down the path to socialism and an unsustainable government!’ Salazar wrote on his social networks. She reiterated her opposition to the increase in taxes in the country, as she believes that it will bring negative repercussions for the national economy. ‘Like I always say: if big government was the real answer, then Venezuela should be Switzerland, and it's not, because while the state takes money out of your pocket in taxes, to give it to the bureaucrats and let them bureaucrats determine how that money is going to be spent, then what is coming is economic collapse,’ he said.” [CE Latin America Migration Spanish, 4/30/21] *Translation*

- **Spanish Version:** “María Elvira Salazar explicó en un video su oposición al plan de Biden. La congresista republicana María Elvira Salazar dijo este jueves que el plan económico impulsado por el presidente demócrata de Estados Unidos, Joe Biden, busca implementar políticas socialistas que llevarán a la debacle de la economía nacional. La cubanoamericana, congresista por el distrito 27 de la Florida, consideró que el discurso emitido la noche anterior por Biden desde el Congreso, a propósito de los primeros 100 días de su administración, dejó clara sus intenciones ‘socialistas’ en materia económica. La republicana no dudó en manifestar sus preocupaciones al respecto. ‘En Estados Unidos hay dos caminos: la economía de libre mercado o el socialismo. ¡Y esta administración pretende llevarnos por el camino hacia el socialismo y un gobierno insostenible!’ escribió Salazar en sus redes sociales. Reiteró su oposición al aumento de los impuestos en el país, pues considera que traerá repercusiones negativas para la economía nacional. ‘Como yo siempre digo: si el gobierno grande fuera la verdadera respuesta, entonces Venezuela debiera ser Suiza, y no lo es, porque mientras que el Estado le quita dinero a usted de

su bolsillo en impuestos, para dárselo a los burócratas y que los burócratas determinen cómo es que ese dinero se va a gastar, entonces lo que viene es el colapso económico,' sentenció."

Salazar: "Biden Is Proposing Socialism." Salazar insisted that every time governments make decisions to raise taxes, these actions bring negative consequences because 'people want to work less to pay less taxes,' or companies increase the costs of their products and increase layoffs, In addition, multinationals could decide to continue their business in other countries. 'Four years ago we demonstrated with the Trump administration that lowering taxes helped, and we have already seen the economic boom of the last three years. And now? Now we don't know. Now what Biden is proposing is socialism and we immigrants know very well. well that socialism when it comes to the economy doesn't work,' she added. To conclude, María Elvira Salazar considered that Joe Biden's plan could be 'very noble' in theory, but totally 'deluded' in practice." [CE Latin America Migration Spanish, 4/30/21] Translation

- **Spanish Version:** "Salazar insistió en que cada vez que los gobiernos toman decisiones en cuanto a subir los impuestos, estas acciones traen consecuencias negativas porque "la gente quiere trabajar menos para pagar menos impuestos", o las empresas aumentan los costos de sus productos e incrementan los despidos, además de que las multinacionales podrían decidir continuar sus negocios en otros países. 'Hace cuatro años demostramos con la administración de Trump que bajar los impuestos ayudó, y ya vimos la bonanza económica de los últimos tres años. ¿Y ahora? Ahora no sabemos. Ahora lo que Biden está proponiendo es socialismo y nosotros los inmigrantes sabemos muy bien que el socialismo cuando se trata de la economía no funciona,' agregó. Para concluir, María Elvira Salazar consideró que el plan de Joe Biden pudiera ser 'muy noble' en teoría, pero totalmente 'iluso' en la práctica."

October 2020: Salazar Said, "Socialism Is Only One Thing, Hell" And That Democrats Are Trying To Impose It In The United States. "Salazar insisted that growth was synonymous with lower taxes. The best thing to do for the economy is to follow capitalism, he said, noting that Shalala had declared herself a 'pragmatic socialist.' 'Socialism is one thing, hell,' she said, indicating that it is what the Democratic Party is trying to impose." [El Nuevo Herald, 10/21/20] Translation

- **Spanish Version:** "Salazar insistió que el crecimiento era sinónimo de menos impuestos. Lo mejor que se puede hacer por la economía es seguir el capitalismo, dijo, al tiempo que señalaba que Shalala se había declarado 'socialista pragmática.' 'El socialismo es una sola cosa, el infierno,' expresó, indicando que es lo que está tratando de imponer el partido demócrata."

2022: Salazar Connected Democrats To Marxists. "March 9. Rep. Salazar tells Lnea Directa co-host Rodrigo Duran via telephone that 'inside the Democratic Party there are very Marxist people who detest the United States, who consider that there has to be a radical change in how this country has been in the last 300 [sic] years.' She falsely claims President Biden hasn't sent weapons to Ukraine and that he 'thought Putin wasn't so bad' because 'in the State Department and in the White House there are people who think very close to the Marxists.' Duran changes the subject, asking 'on behalf of listeners' why she and her two Cuban-American Republican counterparts in the House haven't defended Governor Ron DeSantis more." [Florida Bulldog, 7/10/2022]

[Salazar also called Biden racist.](#)

2021: Salazar Accused Biden Of Subliminal Racism For Comments Made About Low Vaccination Rates In Minority Communities Because Of More Limited Internet Access. “And I just wanted to point out that in that same speech, Maria, he also talking about the Hispanics. And he also talks about COVID. And he said that we, the Hispanics, or the minorities, we do not know how to use the Internet. And that is why we're not getting vaccinated. You know something? I think that's subliminal racism. I think he spoke his heart. And we have been able to see what he's really feeling, what's in his mind. And I think that's very disturbing for people like me. Once again, the Democrats want to use us, the Hispanics, and they're playing political football with us. Something that I think is very troubling and very, very disturbing.” [Fox Business News Interview between MARIA BARTIROMO and Congresswoman Salazar, 2/17/2021]

Bernie Sanders & AOC

[Salazar called Bernie Sanders A “Danger.”](#)

[VIDEO] Salazar Called Bernie Sanders A “Danger.” In February 2020, Salazar said Bernie Sanders was a “danger to this country.” [YouTube, Cubanos por el Mundo, [2/26/20](#)]

- **Spanish Version:** “Usted es un peligro por este pais.”

Freedom Force

[Salazar joined other Republicans in creating the “Freedom Force” to oppose the Squad.](#)

Salazar and Other Incoming Republican Legislators Created The “Freedom Force” Group To Oppose “The Squad” Of Progressive Democrats. “Several newly elected Republican House members, including New York's Nicole Malliotakis, have banded together to create a group they've dubbed the "Freedom Force" - to oppose "The Squad" of progressive Democrats. ‘This group will give a contrast to the hard left,’ Utah Rep.-elect and former NFL player Burgess Owens said Friday on Fox News. ‘We have 'Freedom Force' versus 'Squad.’ At least seven other incoming Republican lawmakers are in the group, including Reps.-elect Malliotakis; Michelle Steel of California; Stephanie Bice of Oklahoma; Victoria Spartz of Indiana; and Carlos Gimenez, Maria Elvira Salazar and Byron Donalds of Florida.” [New York Post, 11/30/20]

Space Force

HQ

[Salazar called for the Space Force to be permanently located at Cape Canaveral.](#)

2022: Salazar Joined With Colleagues To Call For The Space Force To Be Permanently Located At Cape Canaveral. “U.S Senators Marco Rubio (R-FL) and Rick Scott (R-FL) and Representatives Bill

Posey (R-FL), Stephanie Murphy (D-FL), and colleagues sent a letter to U.S Air Force Secretary Frank Kendall regarding his forthcoming selection of a permanent location for the U.S Space Force 's (USSF) Space Training and Readiness Command (STARCOM). The lawmakers urged Secretary Kendall to select Patrick Space Force Base and Cape Canaveral Space Force Station [...] Joining Rubio, Scott, Posey, and Murphy were Representatives Michael Waltz (R-FL), Carlos Gimenez (R-FL), Gus Bilirakis (R-FL), Mario Diaz-Balart (R-FL), Maria Elvira Salazar (R-FL)..." [Impact News Service, 4/28/22]

Statehood

Puerto Rico & DC

Salazar introduced a bill to admit Puerto Rico as the 51st state, but voted against making DC a state.

Salazar Introduced A Bill To Admit Puerto Rico As The 51st State. "Today Congresswoman Maria Elvira Salazar (FL-27) joined Congresswoman Jenniffer Gonzalez-Colon (PR-AL) in introducing the Puerto Rico Statehood Admission Act to admit Puerto Rico as the 51st state of the union. 'I am honored to join my friend and colleague, Congresswoman Jenniffer Gonzalez-Colon, in introducing this bipartisan bill that will admit the island of Puerto Rico, my childhood home, as the 51st state of the union!' said Congresswoman Salazar. 'The people of Puerto Rico are patriotic, hardworking, and passionate. The majority of the American citizens of Puerto Rico voted for statehood in 2020, and I look forward to seeing the Puerto Rican star on our American flag.'" [Salazar Press Release, [3/2/21](#)]

2021: Salazar Voted Against Making DC A State. "Conferring D.C. Statehood: By a vote of 216-208, the House on April 22 passed a bill (HR 51) that would admit to the union a fifty-first state including most of the current District of Columbia. The new state named "Washington, Douglass Commonwealth" would give the more than 700,000 D.C. residents voting representation in Congress, adding two seats to the Senate and one in the House. A two-square-mile portion of the current District containing the Capitol, White House, Supreme Court and other principal federal government buildings would not be part of the new state. [...] Voting no: Matt Gaetz, R-1, Neal Dunn, R-2, Kat Cammack, R-3, John Rutherford, R-4, Michael Waltz, R-6, Bill Posey, R-8, Daniel Webster, R-11, Gus Bilirakis, R-12, Scott Franklin, R-15, Vern Buchanan, R-16, Greg Steube, R-17, Brian Mast, R-18, Byron Donalds, R-19, Mario Diaz-Balart, R-25, Carlos Gimenez, R-26, **Maria Elvira Salazar**, R-27" [Sarasota Herald Tribune, 4/25/21]

Puerto Rico

Salazar supported legislation to provide parity in Medicare and Medicaid services in Puerto Rico.

August 2022: Salazar Supported Legislation To Provide Parity In Medicare and Medicaid Services In Puerto Rico. "The pressure is concentrated on Senators Rubio and Scott to support initiatives that give parity to beneficiaries of federal programs in Puerto Rico such as Medicaid and Medicare Advantage. The House bill HR 7997 is sponsored by Darren Soto and Jennifer González and supported by Nidya Velázquez, María Elvira Salazar, Charlie Crist, Stephanie Murphie, and other business sectors that seek to provide parity in the services of the Medicare Savings Program." [La Prensa, 8/11/22] Translation

- **Spanish Version:** “La presión se concentra en los senadores Rubio y Scott para que apoyen iniciativas que den paridad a beneficiarios de programas federales en Puerto Rico como el Medicaid y el Medicare Advantage. El proyecto de ley HR 7997 de la Cámara es auspiciado por Darren Soto y Jennifer González y apoyado por Nidya Velázquez, María Elvira Salazar, Charlie Crist, Stephanie Murphie, y otros sectores empresariales que buscan dar paridad en los servicios del Medicare Savings Program.”

Supreme Court

Supreme Court Justices

April 2021: Salazar Co-Sponsored H.J.Res. 11, Proposing An Amendment To The Constitution Of The United States To Require That The Supreme Court Of The United States Be Composed Of Nine Justices. The bill would propose a Constitutional amendment to fix the number of Justices on the Supreme Court at nine. The bill was introduced by Dusty Johnson and co-sponsored by 179 other Republicans, including Mo Brooks, Paul Gosar, Louie Gohmert, Marjorie Taylor Greene, Lauren Boebert, Andy Biggs, Ronny Jackson, Jim Banks, Elise Stefanik, and Madison Cawthorne. [H.J.Res. 11, Co-Sponsors, accessed [8/25/22](#)]

Taxes

Praised 2017 Republican Tax Bill

2018: Salazar praised the 2017 Republican tax bill that overwhelmingly benefited the wealthy and large corporations “as very beneficial to the U.S. economy and job growth” and said she would work to make the tax plan permanent.

2018: Salazar Said She Supported The Republican Tax Plan. “I will always support any legislative measure that puts more money in the pockets of the middle class. The Republican Tax Cut law was the right thing to do for our economy and our struggling middle class. I also believe, that tax cuts, combined with fewer regulations, have led to the explosive growth of our economy. As your elected representative, I will work with my colleagues to ensure that the tax cut law becomes permanent for everyone, not just corporations.” [MariaElvira.com, accessed [9/3/18](#)]

2018: Salazar Said The Trump Corporate Tax Cuts Were “Very Beneficial To The U.S. Economy And Job Growth.” “The reduction in the corporate tax rate has been very beneficial to the U.S. economy and job growth, but we must also ensure that the corporations pay their fair share of taxes by closing current loopholes that have allowed them in the past to pay less than required.” [Salazar Campaign Website, Issues, archived [10/5/18](#)]

2021: Salazar: The Trump Administration Showed That “Lowering Taxes Helped.” Salazar insisted that every time governments make decisions to raise taxes, these actions bring negative consequences because ‘people want to work less to pay less taxes,’ or companies increase the costs of their products

and increase layoffs, In addition, multinationals could decide to continue their business in other countries. 'Four years ago we demonstrated with the Trump administration that lowering taxes helped, and we have already seen the economic boom of the last three years. And now? Now we don't know. Now what Biden is proposing is socialism and we immigrants know very well. well that socialism when it comes to the economy doesn't work,' she added. To conclude, María Elvira Salazar considered that Joe Biden's plan could be 'very noble' in theory, but totally 'deluded' in practice." [CE Latin America Migration Spanish, 4/30/21] Translation

2018: Salazar Promised To Work To Make All The Trump Tax Cuts Permanent – Not Just The Corporate Cuts. "I will always support any legislative measure that puts more money in the pockets of all hard-working Americans. The Republican Tax Cut law was the right thing to do for our economy and our struggling middle class. I also believe, that tax cuts, combined with fewer regulations, have led to the explosive growth of our economy. As your elected representative, I will work with my colleagues to ensure that the tax cut law becomes permanent for everyone, not just corporations." [Salazar Campaign Website, Issues, archived [10/5/18](#)]

CBO Estimated The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Would Increase The Debt By \$1.9 Trillion Over 10 Years. "The GOP's signature tax law is projected to increase the national debt by \$1.9 trillion between 2018 and 2028, according to a new report by the Congressional Budget Office (CBO). According to the report, the tax law would cost the government \$2.3 trillion in revenues, but economic growth would offset that figure by about \$461 billion." [The Hill, [4/9/18](#)]

April 2018: CBO: The Republican Tax Law "Increases The Total Projected Deficit Over The 2018–2028 Period By About \$1.9 Trillion." "What Are the Act's Projected Budgetary Effects? To construct its baseline budget projections, CBO incorporated the effects of the tax act, taking into account economic feedback—that is, the ways in which the act is likely to affect the economy and in turn affect the budget. Doing so raised the 11-year projection of the cumulative primary deficit (that is, the deficit excluding the costs of servicing the debt) by \$1.3 trillion and raised projected debt-service costs by roughly \$600 billion. The act therefore increases the total projected deficit over the 2018–2028 period by about \$1.9 trillion." [CBO Budget & Economic Outlook 2018 to 2028, Appendix B: The Effects of the 2017 Tax Act on CBO's Economic and Budget Projects, p.105, [April 2018](#)]

S&P 500 Companies Could See \$1.64 Trillion in Tax Cuts. "In other words, you can thank tax cuts for nearly half the growth in big-company earnings in the first quarter. For many companies – including a favorite target of Trump's ire, Amazon.com Inc. – the boost was even more substantial, representing all, or nearly all, the quarter's growth. It gets better: At the rate they're going, S&P 500 companies could save \$1.64 trillion in taxes over the next decade, Steve estimates – \$300 billion more than lawmakers expected. Now we're talking real money." [Bloomberg News, [5/25/18](#)]

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](#)]

Corporate Tax Cuts In The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act 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](#)]

Major Corporations Received Bulk of Tax Cuts. "Widespread publicity about corporations sharing a big slice of their huge Trump tax cuts with their workers through bonuses and wage hikes is mostly hype, this Americans for Tax Fairness analysis reveals. Even though America's biggest corporations are poised to reap hundreds of billions in tax cuts, only 18 corporations in the Fortune 100 have announced any sort of employee benefits tied to those cuts, as of today. Only 46 of the Fortune 500—just 9%—have announced any plans to share the tax-cut wealth." [Americans For Tax Fairness, [1/29/18](#)]

The Atlantic: "The Richer The Family, The Bigger The Cut, Both In Absolute Terms And In Proportional Income" From The GOP Tax Bill. "The GOP tax bill operates by two simple principles. First, families at every income level can expect a tax cut—but the richer the family, the bigger the cut, both in absolute terms and in proportional income. Households making between \$500,000 and \$1 million would get a \$21,000 tax cut in 2019 and their after-tax income would rise by 4.3 percent. That proportional gain is four times larger than the average after-tax benefit for a family making \$40,000. Second, as time goes by, most families' tax benefits would shrink—with the major exception being the most affluent. Most of the plan's individual tax cuts end after 2025. This provision is necessary (because of the procedure congressional Republicans chose for the bill) to pay for a permanent corporate tax cut whose benefits flow mostly through capital gains and dividends to shareholders. The bars below illustrate this effect: The tax cuts shrink between 2018 and 2025 before disappearing for all levels in 2027—except for the richest households, the ones with the most money invested in stocks, who will still be reaping the benefits of lower corporate taxes." [The Atlantic, [12/19/17](#)]

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 "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 Tax Cut Benefitted The Top 1% Of Earners And "Will Reap More Than 20% Of The Total Value Of The Tax Cut, Roughly The Same Amount As Americans In The Bottom 60% Of The Income Distribution." "No one in the middle class is going to turn up their nose at an extra thousand bucks. But critics have been pointing out that the tax bill could have done much more for middle earners. That \$900

pales in comparison to the average \$51,000 tax cut that Americans in the top 1% of earners — those taking home \$733,000 and up — will reap. Overall, the 1% will reap more than 20% of the total value of the tax cut, roughly the same amount as Americans in the bottom 60% of the income distribution, the Tax Policy Center found.” [Time, [12/20/17](#)]

2018: Salazar: “We, Cuban Americans, Have Always Been Conservative. And What Do #Conservatives Want? We Want Freedom, We Want To Pay Fewer Taxes.” On April 27, 2018, Salazar posted on Twitter: “We, Cuban Americans, have always been conservative. And what do #Conservatives want? We want #Freedom, we want to pay fewer taxes, and allow each individual to seek #Happiness in every way possible. #FL27.” [Maria Elvira Salazar Twitter, [4/27/18](#)]

Opposed American Rescue Plan

February 2021: Salazar voted against the American Rescue Plan, which cut taxes for the middle class by expanding the child tax credit and earned income tax credit.

Salazar Voted Against Passage Of The American Rescue Plan Act. In February 2021, Salazar voted against: “Passage of the fiscal 2021 budget reconciliation bill, as amended, comprising a coronavirus relief package that would provide roughly \$1.9 trillion in funding to further address the health and economic effects of COVID-19, including approximately \$350 billion in direct aid to state and local governments; \$47.8 billion for testing and contact tracing; \$168 billion to assist educational institutions; and \$50 billion to assist small businesses. It would extend and increase federal unemployment compensation benefits for 24 weeks and increase the weekly amount to \$400; provide tax rebates of \$1,400 for individuals with incomes of \$75,000 or less; extend or expand a number of employer and individual tax credits, including credits to subsidize health insurance premiums; and gradually increase the federal minimum wage to \$15 per hour. Among other provisions, the bill would provide \$195.3 billion for direct assistance to states and \$130.2 billion for local governments; \$128.6 billion through fiscal 2023 for an Education Department elementary and secondary school emergency relief fund and \$39.6 billion for grants to higher education institutions, including to provide emergency financial aid; and continue the 15% increase in Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits through September 2021. It would provide \$47.8 billion for COVID-19 testing and contact tracing; \$7.5 billion for vaccine administration and distribution; and \$6.1 billion for vaccine and therapeutic development, manufacturing and procurement. It would require Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program to fully cover the cost of COVID-19 vaccines. It would expand eligibility in 2021 and 2022 for federal tax subsidies toward Affordable Care Act marketplace insurance premiums, including to fully cover premium costs for individuals earning up to 150% of the federal poverty level and cap premiums at 8.5% of household income. It would provide \$50 billion for small business assistance, including \$25 billion for restaurants. It would provide \$30.5 billion for transit, \$18 billion for airline and aviation manufacturing industry payroll support; and \$4 billion for Agriculture Department pandemic-related assistance. It would incrementally increase the federal minimum wage annually to reach \$15 per hour in 2025, including for tipped workers, teens and workers with disabilities. It would create a program to provide financial assistance to multiemployer pension plans.” The bill passed by a vote of 219-212. [HR 1319, [Vote #Vote #49](#), 2/27/21; CQ, [2/27/21](#)]

The American Rescue Plan Expanded The Child Tax Credit “From \$2,000 Per Child To \$3,000 Per Child For Children Over The Age Of Six And From \$2,000 To \$3,600 For Children Under The Age Of Six.” “The American Rescue Plan increased the Child Tax Credit from \$2,000 per child to \$3,000 per child for children over the age of six and from \$2,000 to \$3,600 for children under the age of six, and raised the age limit from 16 to 17. All working families will get the full credit if they make up to \$150,000 for a couple or \$112,500 for a family with a single parent (also called Head of Household).” [White House, accessed [6/1/22](#)]

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

Opposed Build Back Better

November 2021: Salazar voted against the Build Back Better Act which would cut taxes for the middle class and make corporations and the ultra-wealthy start to pay their fair share. Salazar called the plan “socialist” and claimed it would be “one of the biggest tax increases in history.”

Salazar Voted Against The Build Back Better Act. In November 2021, Salazar voted against: “Passage of the fiscal 2022 budget reconciliation bill, as amended, that would provide approximately \$2 trillion in investments and tax cuts to address climate change and child care, health care, education, housing and other social policies intended to support families. It would establish a child care and early learning entitlement program, providing approximately \$100 billion for the program through fiscal 2024. It would provide \$18 billion through fiscal 2024 for a free universal preschool program. It would extend through 2022 the expanded child tax credit provided by prior coronavirus relief law (PL 117-2) and provide \$5 billion to administer the credit. It would establish a paid family and medical leave benefit for up to four weeks per year, beginning in 2024. It would require the Health and Human Services Department to negotiate a "maximum fair price" for insulin and select Medicare-eligible, brand-name drugs that do not have generic competition. It would require manufacturers to provide rebates for single-source drugs under Medicare Parts B and D for which prices increase faster than inflation. For Medicare Part D, it would cap annual out-of-pocket limit at \$2,000 beginning in 2024. It would establish or extend expanded eligibility for certain tax credits toward Affordable Care Act marketplace insurance premiums through 2025. It would establish or expand a number of tax credits to incentivize actions by businesses and individuals to mitigate climate change, including to expand credits for renewable energy production and facilities, carbon capture facilities, use of alternative fuels and energy efficiency improvements at residential properties; and to establish individual credits for the purchase of electric vehicles. It would raise royalty rates and fees for oil and gas drilling leases and cancel or ban certain offshore leases. It would provide \$29 billion to support the deployment of low- and zero-emission technologies, more than \$20 billion for federal climate resiliency and environmental conservation activities and \$9 billion for

federal procurement of electric vehicles and related infrastructure. It would provide \$65 billion for public housing improvements, \$24 billion for rental assistance housing vouchers and \$15 billion for down payment assistance and loan programs for first-generation homebuyers. It would provide \$9.8 billion for local transit projects to support mobility and affordable housing access disadvantaged communities and \$9 billion for lead remediation and water line replacement projects. It would forgive all debt owed by the National Flood Insurance Program's debt, for a total of \$20.5 billion. It would provide such sums as necessary for the USDA to forgive farm loan debt for economically distressed farmers and ranchers. It would provide \$6.6 billion to the Small Business Administration and Minority Business Development Agency to help underrepresented individuals with business development. It would provide \$20 billion for Labor and Education department workforce development programs and \$1.9 billion for Labor Department worker protection agencies. It would allow individuals who entered the United States prior to Jan. 1, 2011, to receive a grant of parole allowing them to remain temporarily in the country for a period of five years, but no later than Sept. 30, 2021. It would temporarily increase from \$10,000 to \$80,000 the annual cap on the deduction for state and local taxes for tax years 2021 through 2030. To offset costs, it would establish or modify various taxes on corporations and high-income individuals, including to establish a 15 percent alternative minimum tax for corporations with an annual income exceeding \$1 billion; a one percent tax on stock buybacks by public companies; and an additional five percent tax on individual income over \$10 million and further three percent tax on income over \$25 million. It would provide \$78.9 billion to improve IRS operations and tax enforcement.” The bill passed by a vote of 220-213. [HR 5376, [Vote #Vote #385](#), 11/19/21; CQ, [11/19/21](#)]

- **FactCheck.Org: “In The First Year Of Biden’s Proposed Budget, 2022, Nearly Nine Out Of 10 Households Would See A Tax Cut.”** “In the first year of Biden’s proposed budget, 2022, nearly nine out of 10 households would see a tax cut, according to the Tax Policy Center.” [FactCheck.org, [9/24/21](#)]

Build Back Better Would Lower Taxes On Middle Class And Working Families By Extending Increases In The Child Tax Credit And The Earned Income Tax Credit. “Cut taxes for families and workers. Prior to the pandemic, 17% of children under the age of 18 in Florida lived in poverty. The Build Back Better framework will bolster financial security and spur economic growth in Florida by reducing taxes on the middle class and those striving to break into it. The framework will extend Child Tax Credit (CTC) increases of \$300/month per child under 6 or \$250/month per child ages 6 to 17. This will continue the largest one-year reduction in child poverty in history. And critically, the agreement includes permanent refundability for the Child Tax Credit, meaning that the neediest families will continue to receive the full Child Tax Credit over the long-run. The framework will also provide a tax cut of up to \$1,500 in tax cuts for more than 1.3 million low-wage workers in Florida by extending the American Rescue Plan’s Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) expansion.” [Florida BBB State Fact Sheet, [10/1/21](#)]

Build Back Better Would Make Sure That Wealthiest Americans And The Biggest Corporations Begin To Pay Their Fair Share In Federal Taxes, And Would Not Raise Taxes On Anyone Making Less Than \$400,000 A Year. “The Build Back Better Act is fiscally responsible. It reduces the deficit over the long-term. It’s fully paid for by making sure that the wealthiest Americans and biggest corporations begin to pay their fair share in federal taxes. It keeps my commitment that no one earning less than \$400,000 a year will pay a penny more in federal taxes.” [The White House, Press Release, [11/19/21](#)]

The Build Back Better Act Would Raise \$1.85 Trillion Over Ten Years To Pay For Health Care, Child Care And Address Child Poverty. “The Build Back Better (BBB) legislation before the House would raise a reported \$1.85 trillion over ten years to pay for critical investments to reduce child poverty; make health care, child care, and housing more affordable; and address climate change.” [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, [11/2/21](#)]

The Build Back Better Act Would Raise Revenue By Increasing Taxes For The Richest Americans, Reduce Tax Advantages For Large Corporations And Improve Enforcement Of Tax Laws. “Moreover, while many of the BBB investments are temporary, the bulk of the tax provisions are permanent and so would continue raising revenue after ten years. The legislation would raise revenue in three main ways: requiring people with high incomes to pay a fairer amount of tax, reducing unwarranted tax advantages for profitable corporations (particularly large multinationals), and improving enforcement of the nation’s tax laws to close the roughly \$600 billion annual gap between taxes legally owed and taxes paid — a gap disproportionately due to high-income filers’ noncompliance with the law. Together, these measures would make the tax code more equitable and adequate.” [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, [11/2/21](#)]

- **The Build Back Better Act Would Raise \$650 Billion Over Ten Years By Imposing A 5% Surtax On Multimillionaires, Closing The Net Investment Income Loophole And Limiting Excess Business Losses.** “BBB imposes a new 5 percent surtax on households with adjusted gross income (AGI) above \$10 million and an additional 3 percent tax (for a combined 8 percent) on those with AGI above \$25 million. This would raise \$230 billion over ten years, according to the Biden Administration. [...] High-income people pay a 3.8 percent Medicare tax on their wages and self-employment income. In 2010, Congress enacted a parallel 3.8 percent tax on high-income people’s net investment income. The tax, however, was designed with a large loophole: some income of high-income people who own pass-through businesses — including partnerships and S corporations — doesn’t face either 3.8 percent tax. This gives high-income professionals, such as lawyers or investment fund managers, a significant incentive to recharacterize their income, or rearrange their business operations, to avoid the tax. BBB closes this loophole, raising \$250 billion over ten years. [...] BBB makes permanent a provision of the 2017 tax law that limits the amount of business losses that high-income owners of pass-through businesses can deduct from their non-business income, such as capital gains. [...] Making the provision permanent will raise \$170 billion over ten years. [...] The high-income components of BBB described above represent sound policy and will raise \$650 billion over ten years.” [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, [11/2/21](#)]

2021: Salazar Called Proposals By President Biden Before A Joint Session Of Congress “Socialist.” “Republican Congresswoman Maria Elvira Salazar said Thursday that the economic plan pushed by U.S. Democratic President Joe Biden seeks to implement socialist policies that will lead to the debacle of the national economy. The Cuban-American, a congresswoman for Florida’s 27th arrondissement, considered Biden’s speech the night before from Congress, about the first 100 days of her administration, to make clear her “socialist” intentions in economic matters. The Republican did not hesitate to express her concerns about it.” [Periódico Cubano, 4/30/2021]

- **The Speech Salazar Called “Socialist” Called For Universal Pre-K, And The Extension Of The Child Tax Credit Through 2025, Among Other Policies Designed To Assist American Families.** “The sprawling “American Families Plan,” laid out by senior administration officials on Tuesday night, would invest \$200 billion in universal prekindergarten and more than \$100 billion in free community college. It would extend the expanded child tax credit through 2025 and ensure that the benefit is more accessible to low-income families by making it permanently refundable. And it would set aside \$225 billion to create the country’s first national paid family and medical leave program.” [Politico, [4/28/2021](#)]
- **2021: Local Area Healthcare Advocates And Union Workers Criticized Salazar For Opposition To The Build Back Better Due To The Rising Cost Of Prescription Drugs And The Need To Extend The Child Tax Credit.** “Healthcare advocates and union workers met Friday morning outside of Congresswoman Maria Elvira Salazar's district office in Miami in response to her opposition of President Joe Biden's 'Build Back Better' agenda. The group spoke in support of Biden's 'Build Back Better' agenda, particularly on the health care aspect of the plan, which seeks to lower costs of prescriptions as well as health care in general. 'It is not a partisan issue that drug costs in this country have been moving in the wrong direction, getting more prohibitively expensive without any checks being put on unscrupulous large pharmaceutical companies,' William Miller, Protect Our Care Florida state director, said in a statement[...] Those at the event also criticized U.S. Rep. Carlos Gimenez, along with Salazar, for inaction in regard to lowering prescription drug prices for Floridians and providing more pandemic relief, like extending the child tax credit” [Florida Politics.com, [9/18/2021](#)]
- **When The Child Tax Credit That Salazar Called “Socialist” Expired In 2022, Over 2,000 Florida Families Stopped Receiving The Child Tax Credit.** “Rep. Frederica Wilson tweeted on Friday that 2,292 children in Florida received the CTC and now none of those families are receiving the payments. She, too, supports passage of the Build Back Better Act and the return of the Child Tax Credit. [[CBS News, 1/14/2022](#)]

November 2021: Salazar Said The Build Back Better Act Was “One Of The Biggest Tax Increases In History” And It Was “False” That It Would Cost \$0. “Rep. Maria Elvira Salazar, a Miami Republican, agreed. 'As Americans face the highest rate of inflation in 30 years, House Democrats just passed one of the biggest tax increases in history,' she posted. 'The White House said their #BuildBackBroke agenda would cost \$0, but that proved to be false. House Dems passed this bill based on a lie. Shame.’” [Florida Politics, 11/19/21]

Opposed Higher Taxes On Corporations

July 2022: Salazar criticized Democrats in Congress for wanting “to spend more money and tax corporations.”

[VIDEO] July 2022: Salazar Said Democrats In Congress “Want To Spend More Money And Tax Corporations.” “It doesn’t matter the political party; Democrat, Republican, Independent. Right now if you got the super market one out of four Americans cannot buy everything they need because they don’t have the money. One out of two cannot fill the gas tank because it’s too much money per gallon,

so that is miserable. Four years ago we were in a much better position. The reason why I came to Congress was to help not only the Americans but District 27. We haven't done it. Why? Because Nancy Pelosi is in charge of the House of Representatives and they have not brought one bill that will lower, forget about inflation, affordability. You cannot afford what you need. Gas, eggs, buying uniforms for your children, finding people to work in your shop. And what have we done? Well the Democrats want to spend more money and tax corporations." [YouTube, Maria Elvira Salazar, Brian Mudd Interview, [8/2/22](#)]

Corporate Tax Loopholes

Salazar said she supported closing corporate tax loopholes.

Salazar Supported Closing Corporate Tax Loopholes To Make Corporations Pay Their Fair Share.

"The reduction in the corporate tax rate has been very beneficial to the U.S. economy and job growth, but we must also ensure that the corporations pay their fair share of taxes by closing current loopholes that have allowed them in the past to pay less than required." [Salazar Campaign Website, Issues, archived [10/5/18](#)]

Tax Code

Salazar cosponsored legislation to create a short form tax return.

2021: Salazar Cosponsored Legislation To Create A Short Form Tax Return. "Rep. Don S. Beyer, D-Va., has introduced legislation (H.R. 6057) to "create a short form tax return to simplify the return process for certain taxpayers living abroad." The bill was introduced on Nov. 19 and was co-sponsored by Reps. Dina Titus, D-Nev., Carolyn B. Maloney, D-N.Y., and Maria Elvira Salazar, R-Fla. It was referred to the House Ways and Means Committee." [Targeted News Service, 11/22/21]

Trump

Stands With Trump

In August 2022, Salazar tweeted that the FBI raid of Mar-A-Lago was "extremely troubling." In Spanish, Salazar was more extreme and promoted conspiracy theories. Salazar said, "government institutions, in this case the FBI and DOJ, are being weaponized as political threats" and "government institutions" were being used to "politically assault the opposition." She was even more extreme on Spanish television, falsely claiming that there was "empirical evidence" of business dealings between Hunter Biden and China that should be "investigated."

Salazar Tweeted That The FBI Raid On Mar A Lago Was "Extremely Troubling." "It's extremely troubling that the FBI raided the home of a former President. America cannot go down the path of countries like Cuba & Nicaragua that turn government agencies into weapons for those in power." [Twitter, @MaElviraSalazar, [8/9/22](#)]

[VIDEO] August 2022: Salazar: “Government Institutions, In This Case The FBI And DOJ, Are Being Weaponized As Political Threats.” In August 2022, during a televised interview, Salazar stated in Spanish “this type of situation, in which government institutions like the FBI and DOJ, are being weaponized to threaten political opponents, this happens in Nicaragua, where [Daniel] Ortega jailed 7 presidential candidates.” [Twitter, Maria Elvira Salazar, [08/10/22](#), 0:05/0:41]

- **Spanish version:** “Este tipo de situación, donde las instituciones gubernamentales, en este caso el FBI y el Departamento de Justicia, se utilizan como una arma política para ahuyentar a un oponente político... Eso pasa en Nicaragua donde Ortega metió a 7 candidatos presidenciales presos.”

[VIDEO] August 2022: Salazar: “They’re Using Government Institutions To Politically Assault The Opposition.” In a Spanish-language video interview shared to her Twitter account, Salazar said of the FBI’s search of Trump’s home “the great evil in all of this is that they are using government instruments and institutions to politically assault the opposition.” [Twitter, Maria Elvira Salazar, [08/13/22](#), 0:30/1:09]

- **Spanish version:** “El gran satán de todo esto es que están usando los instrumentos y las instituciones del gobierno para agredir políticamente a la oposición.”

[VIDEO] August 2022: Salazar Falsely Claimed That There Was Empirical Evidence Of Backdoor Deals Between Hunter Biden And China Has Not Been Investigated. In a televised interview segment about the FBI’s search of Trump’s home on America TeVe, Salazar stated in Spanish “How can it be that we know there’s empirical evidence against President Biden’s son, including a computer that might detail business wrongdoings with the Chinese? Why has that not been investigated?” [YouTube, Maria Elvira Salazar via AmericaTeVe, [08/09/22](#), 5:08/16:46]

- **Spanish version:** “Como es posible que sabemos que hay evidencia empírica en contra de el hijo del Presidente Biden, donde sabemos que hay una computadora donde pueden haber manejos turbios el gobierno de China.”

January 2021: Salazar voted not to impeach Trump following the Capitol attack on January 6th.

Salazar Voted Not To Impeach Trump For His Role In The Capitol Riot. “Miami’s three Republicans in the House of Representatives voted against impeaching President Donald Trump over his role in a deadly riot at the U.S. Capitol that led to five deaths. Reps. Carlos Gimenez, Mario Diaz-Balart and Maria Elvira Salazar all voted against one article of impeachment, titled ‘incitement of insurrection’ and drafted by Democrats within hours of last week’s riot. Every Democrat in the House, including South Florida Reps. Frederica Wilson, Debbie Wasserman Schultz, Alcee Hastings and Ted Deutch, voted in favor of impeaching Trump. [...] The article of impeachment passed the House of Representatives on a 232-197 vote, with 10 Republicans joining Democrats to send the impeachment article to the U.S. Senate. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said a potential trial would not begin before Trump’s term ends on Jan. 20.” [Miami Herald, 1/13/21]

In a blog post from September 2019, Salazar denied that Trump had conditioned military aid to Ukraine on the country launching criminal investigations of the Biden family, and claimed that “government officials” with “an axe to grind” were sabotaging the president.

Salazar Disclaimed That Her Entire Post Was Based On A Single Document And Everything Was “Subject To Revision.” “The story surrounding the potential impeachment of president Trump is an evolving story, so everything I write here is subject to revision. But from what we know right now from the transcript of the conversation between the president and the president of Ukraine, the claim that president Trump offered a quid pro quo to president Zelensky of Ukraine—requesting damaging information about former vice president Biden and his son Hunter Biden in exchange for (the release of) military aid—is entirely circumstantial not at all demanded by the text.” [MariaSalazar.com, [9/27/19](#)]

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Salazar Said That There The Transcript Show “No Discernable Intent [By Trump] To Manipulate The Conversation To Advance ‘His Own Interests.’” “I have read the transcript and the NYT’s spin on the “favor” president Trump is asking of the president Zelensky. According to the NYT, the sale of the anti-tank Javelin missiles the president made contingent on investigating Joe Biden, among other things. But in fact, it was not president Trump who brought up the subject of missiles, but president Zelensky himself! As I read the transcript, there is no discernable intent to manipulate the conversation to advance “his own interests.” [MariaSalazar.com, [9/27/19](#)]

Salazar Claimed That Zelensky Himself Denied He Had Felt Pressured By Trump To Investigate The Bidens. “But president Zelensky has recently confirmed that the president did not pressure him to investigate Biden or his son Hunter. In fact, Zelensky seems clearly stunned by the spin put on the conversation by the critics of the president.”

- **After Trump Lost, Zelensky And His Administration “Opened Up To The Media About The Pressure Campaign Mounted By Trump And His Allies.”** “For a year and half, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky and his aides said little about their interactions with Giuliani, not wanting to anger an emissary of the U.S. President. But now, as the Trump era ends with a historic second impeachment trial, the Ukrainians have begun to speak up about the circumstances that led to the first. They are also taking steps that could imperil Giuliani and his Ukrainian allies... Zelensky’s government has taken legal action against Giuliani’s Ukrainian associates. And they have opened up to the media about the pressure campaign mounted by Trump and his allies.” [TIME, [2/9/21](#)]
- **Zelensky And His Advisors Felt That They Were “In Grave Danger” Even Before Their Phone Call With Trump.** “But from Ukraine’s perspective, the call put the Zelensky government in a

perilous position. “That first phone call left me in a state of shock,” says Novikov, who participated in the call along with Andriy Yermak, then a top adviser to Zelensky and currently his chief of staff. “After we hung up the phone, without a shadow of a doubt I knew that we were in grave danger.”” [TIME, [2/9/21](#)]

- **Ukraine Would Have Launched Investigations Of Hunter Biden After Trump Froze \$400 Million In Military Aid In 2019, And Only Did Not Do So Because The Whistleblower Came Forward.** “Trump ordered a freeze on some \$400 million in aid to Ukraine in the summer of 2019. After learning of the move, Zelensky and his aides prepared to announce the investigations that Trump and Giuliani wanted. But before they went through with it, a complaint from a whistleblower inside the White House exposed Giuliani’s pressure campaign, and Trump agreed to release the aid to Ukraine. Looking back on those events, Zelensky’s advisers still wonder what the fallout would have been if those investigations of the Biden family had been opened. “The consequences could have been catastrophic,” says Yermak, the chief of staff to Ukraine’s president. “I think we avoided domestic American politics,” he tells TIME. “At least that was our mission all along.”” [TIME, [2/9/21](#)]

Salazar Said The Whistleblower Was Passing Along Hearsay, And That The Information Was Probably Coming From Government Officials “With An Axe To Grind Against The President.”

“Furthermore, there is one major problem with the whistleblower’s statement. He claims that he has been informed of various “facts.” No Mr. Whistleblower, you were informed of allegations whose factuality has not been established! The only thing, Sir, that is factual is that you were told these things, not that these things are factual or true. For all you know, these “government officials” have an axe to grind against the president, and what they gave you was their spin of what they heard.”

[MariaSalazar.com, [9/27/19](#)]

[October 2018: Salazar was attacked for being too in line with Trump.](#)

2018: Salazar Was Attacked For Being In Line With Trump On His Tax Law That Raised Middle Class Taxes And Insurance Premiums. “Today, the DCCC announced a new Spanish-language television ad in Florida’s 27th Congressional District, showing how Maria #BravoTrump Salazar is completely in line with President Trump’s policies [...] TRANSCRIPT: He likes to tweet. A lot. So does Maria Elvira Salazar- a loyal Trump follower. Salazar tweeted out ‘Bravo #Trump’. She praised Trump when he signed a law that will raise taxes on middle class families. And raised healthcare premiums. And she's endorsed by a group that wants to privatize Social Security and Medicare. ‘Bravo #Trump’? More like - Maria Elvira Salazar is hashtag With Trump not Miami.” [DCCC.org, Press Release, [10/18/18](#)]

[2018: Salazar called Trump a “special person.”](#)

[VIDEO] 2018: Salazar: “Trump Is A Special Person.” Salazar said, “The problem we have with the president is you have to see what he does, not what he says. Trump is a special person. We know that he is completely unconventional.” [YouTube, CBS Miami, [9/11/18](#) (4:15)]

[2017: Salazar repeatedly supported Trump.](#)

2017: Salazar Retweeted Trump And Used His Phrase “Bad Hombres.” On July 29, 2017, Salazar retweeted Trump and wrote on Twitter: “Yes @POTUS, kick out #ms13 & all the #badhombres! But let's also focus on solving poverty & unemployment in our own backyard. Big Challenge!” [Maria Elvira Salazar Twitter, [7/29/17](#)]

2017: Salazar Tweeted “Bravo Trump” In Reference To His Immigration Policies. “Bravo #Trump for calling for ‘real and positive #immigration reform’. Look forward to concrete details. #JointSession” [Maria Elvira Salazar Twitter, [2/28/17](#)]

2017: Salazar: “There Is No Question That It Will Be An Uphill Battle To Pin Malfeasance On President Trump.” On June 9, 2017, Salazar posted on Twitter: “There is NO question that it will be an uphill battle to pin malfeasance on president #Trump. #POTUS.” [Maria Elvira Salazar, [6/9/17](#)]

2016: Salazar said she voted for Trump because she thought Clinton would be indicted.

Salazar Said She Voted For Trump In 2016 Because She Was Afraid Clinton Would Get Indicted. “As Ms. Salazar has tried to portray herself as a centrist who might back a ban on assault weapons and citizenship for some undocumented immigrants, Ms. Shalala has tried to tie her to Mr. Trump. Ms. Salazar said she voted for Mr. Trump in 2016 ‘because I was afraid that Hillary was going to get indicted.’” [New York Times, [10/2/18](#)]

Pardons

Summary:

Trump Pardon

Salazar called for Trump to pardon a man convicted of conspiring to distribute marijuana.

2020: Salazar Supported Pardoning A Man Convicted Of Conspiring To Distribute Marijuana. “President Trump granted a full pardon to Cesar Lozada. This act of clemency is supported by U.S. Representative-elect Maria Elvira Salazar and members of Mr. Lozada's community. Mr. Lozada, an immigrant from Cuba, started a small business cleaning and servicing pools in Miami-Dade County. Since then, his business, now a pool equipment company, has grown and employs dozens of people. Today's pardon addresses a mistake Mr. Lozada made in 2004 of conspiring to distribute marijuana, for which Mr. Lozada took full responsibility, served his sentence of 14 months in prison and 3 years supervised release, and paid a \$10,000 fine. Mr. Lozada volunteers on weekends at a charity mission and serves food to the poor.” [States News Service, 12/23/20]

Russia

In 2017, Salazar said it had not been determined yet if there was collusion between Trump and the Russians, adding, “there is an investigation, but beyond that.”

[VIDEO] 2017: Salazar Said It Had Not Been Determined Yet If There Was Collusion Between Trump And The Russians, Adding, “There Is An Investigation, But Beyond That.” MARIA ELVIRA SALAZAR, ANCHOR, MEGA NEWS: One moment Mr. Parra, Mr. Parra, I've given you enough time. You follow my cue (signal) and believe me that I will be impartial. JOSE DANTE PARRA, DEMOCRATIC STRATEGIST: But María Elvira... María Elvira... MARIA ELVIRA SALAZAR, ANCHOR, MEGA NEWS: Because the president... the president... let's get back to the topic, the president can do it. JOSE DANTE PARRA, DEMOCRATIC STRATEGIST: There is an investigation or several investigations of collusion between him and the Russians ... MARIA ELVIRA SALAZAR, ANCHOR, MEGA NOTICIERO: It has not yet been determined ... JOSE DANTE PARRA, DEMOCRATIC STRATEGIST: There is a campaign... there are several investigations... MARIA ELVIRA SALAZAR, ANCHOR, MEGA NEWS: There is an investigation, but beyond that.” [Newsbusters.org, [5/18/17](#)] Translation

- **Spanish Version:** “MARIA ELVIRA SALAZAR, PRESENTADORA, MEGA NOTICIERO: Un momentito señor Parra, señor Parra, le he dado bastante tiempo. Usted siga mi cue (señal) y créame que yo voy a ser imparcial. JOSE DANTE PARRA, ESTRATEGA DEMÓCRATA: Pero María Elvira ... María Elvira ... MARIA ELVIRA SALAZAR, PRESENTADORA, MEGA NOTICIERO: Porque el presidente ... el presidente ... volvamos al tema, el presidente lo puede hacer. JOSE DANTE PARRA, ESTRATEGA DEMÓCRATA: Hay una investigación o varias investigaciones de colusión entre él y los rusos ... MARIA ELVIRA SALAZAR, PRESENTADORA, MEGA NOTICIERO: Todavía no se ha determinado... JOSE DANTE PARRA, ESTRATEGA DEMÓCRATA: Hay una campaña ... hay varias investigaciones ... MARIA ELVIRA SALAZAR, PRESENTADORA, MEGA NOTICIERO: Hay una investigación, pero más allá de eso.”

2017: Salazar Was Praised By A Right-Wing Media Watchdog For Not Letting A Guest On Her Show Get Away With Saying That There Are Investigations Of Collusion Between Trump And The Russians. “But the truth is that not all Spanish-language television networks in the United States are the same. El Mega Noticiero, which is presented nationally from Miami through DirecTV, as well as through affiliates in various cities throughout the country, is clearly breaking with the pattern and tone of news coverage that prevails among its rivals. Here we see María Elvira Salazar, host of Mega Noticiero, doing something you see few other places: affirming the value of impartiality and not allowing a Democratic analyst to get away with questionable or unfounded claims about President Trump.” [Newsbusters.org, [5/18/17](#)] Translation

- **Spanish Version:** “Pero lo cierto es que no todas las cadenas de televisión en español en Estados Unidos son iguales. El Mega Noticiero, que se presenta a nivel nacional desde Miami a través de DirecTV, así como a través de afiliados en varias ciudades en todo el país, claramente está rompiendo con el patrón y tono de cobertura noticiosa que predominan entre sus rivales. Aquí vemos a María Elvira Salazar, presentadora del Mega Noticiero, haciendo algo que se ve en pocos otros lugares: afirmando el valor de la imparcialidad y no permitiendo que un analista demócrata se salga con la suya con afirmaciones cuestionables o infundadas sobre el presidente Trump.”

Critical Of Trump

[Salazar criticized Trump's rhetoric.](#)

2019: Salazar: “Trump Has Not Picked The Right Words In Many Occasions, But He Has Picked The Right Policies.” “In Florida, Republicans are expecting another rematch with journalist Maria Elvira Salazar, who plans to face off again against Rep. Donna Shalala, a Cabinet official under President Clinton who won her House seat in November [...] ‘Trump has not picked the right words in many occasions, but he has picked the right policies,’ Ms. Salazar said.” [Washington Times, 9/5/19]

2018: Salazar Said Trump “Used Pretty Insensitive Words” When Talking About Minorities. “During an interview with the Miami Herald Editorial Board, the former broadcast journalist and political commentator opened up about her political platform, which had been unclear to the point that Donna Shalala, her Democratic opponent, could barely identify how they differ. Salazar said she wants to do ‘whatever makes sense to the community,’ even if it means ‘respectfully’ standing up to President Donald Trump, whom she called an ‘unconventional figure.’ ‘The president has used pretty insensitive words,’ Salazar said of Trump’s rhetoric on minorities. ‘I will talk to him in a nice, respectful way, because I do respect the institution of the presidency. I respect the American electoral process and the American electoral process gave this result.’” [Miami Herald, [9/26/18](#)]

2018: A Republican Rival Released A Video Attacking Salazar For Referring To Trump As A “Monster.” “Maria Elvira Salazar is now being bashed by a former rival in the Republican primary for Florida’s 27th Congressional District. Former candidate Stephen Marks, who came in fourth in the nine-person contest, has launched a new website and PAC, called MiamiAmerica. [...] Among the claims made in those videos are that Salazar once called Trump a ‘monster,’ that she does not see abortion as immoral, and that she proposed banning semi-automatic weapons. While Salazar’s ‘monster’ comments are heavily edited in the MiamiAmerica clip, a review of her fuller remarks by Florida Politics shows that she was discussing the matchup between Jeb Bush and Trump in the Republican primary. Of that campaign, Salazar says Jeb was forced to ‘confront the monster.’ It’s not clear whether she is simply saying that as a figure of speech or actually labeling Trump a monster. A request for comment from the Salazar campaign was not returned.” [Florida Politics, [10/16/18](#)]

- **2018: Salazar Was Discussing The Primary Between Jeb Bush And Trump, Saying Bush Had To “Confront The Monster.”** “Among the claims made in those videos are that Salazar once called Trump a ‘monster,’ that she does not see abortion as immoral, and that she proposed banning semi-automatic weapons. While Salazar’s ‘monster’ comments are heavily edited in the MiamiAmerica clip, a review of her fuller remarks by Florida Politics shows that she was discussing the matchup between Jeb Bush and Trump in the Republican primary. Of that campaign, Salazar says Jeb was forced to ‘confront the monster.’ It’s not clear whether she is simply saying that as a figure of speech or actually labeling Trump a monster. A request for comment from the Salazar campaign was not returned.” [Florida Politics, [10/16/18](#)]

Critical Of Anti-Trump Press Coverage

2018: Salazar said some journalists were “bad apples” who “just do not like” Trump.

Asked About Trump’s Attacks On The Press, Salazar Said She Defends The Press But That Some Journalists Were “Bad Apples” Who “Just Do Not Like” Trump. “[ANCHOR:] since you are, as you mentioned, a former journalist, this president has spoken about the press in this country in ways that

some people have called Stalinist. He has said that we are the enemy of the people. Do you agree with that, first of all, and what would you say to the president about the press and whether or not they deserve to be defended. [SALAZAR:] Oh no, no. We have the best press in the world. I was Central American Bureau Chief for Univision so I know the difference between the Latin American press and the American press and we have a very good press corps. So I defend the press because I was one of yours up until January of this year. I believe that what happens is some journalists – there are bad apples in this industry just like any other – and some journalists, and I'm sure that you agree with this, just do not like the guy. They don't like him in their gut. And that's the problem – it's not important if we like the person or not, we need to continue doing our job, being impartial, being unbiased because in that way we gain our credibility. And unfortunately sometimes that's not happening in American mainstream media." [MSNBC, [9/9/18](#)]

Ukraine & Russia

No Fly Zone

At the beginning of the war in Ukraine, Salazar said that she supported a 'no-fly zone' over Ukraine, drawing fire from local media, including the Miami Herald who called her "ill prepared."

Salazar Said "I Support Everything That Has To Do With Punishing Vladimir Putin And Supporting Ukrainians" When Asked If She Supported A No-Fly Zone. "Last week, a reporter on the street asked Congresswoman Maria Salazar (R., Fla.) whether she supported a no-fly zone in Ukraine. "I support everything that has to do with punishing Vladimir Putin and helping the Ukrainians," she said. When asked whether that would "mean direct conventional warfare with Russia, she responded, "I don't know what it would mean, but you know, freedom is not free." The reporter pushed back: "So you don't know what a no-fly zone would mean — you do have to shoot down Russian planes." "Of course!" Salazar said." [National Review, [3/17/22](#)]

- **2022: Salazar Said She "Absolutely" Supported A No-Fly Zone.** "A Republican congresswoman has been ridiculed online for supporting a no-fly zone above Ukraine even though she allegedly does not "know what it will mean". Maria Elvira Salazar, who represents Florida 's 27th congressional district, told reporters she "absolutely" supported Ukrainian president Volodymyr Zelensky 's calls for a no-fly zone when asked on Wednesday." [The Independent, [3/10/22](#)]

Salazar Dismissed Concerns About Nuclear Retaliation As "Hypothetical." "In fairness, one could see how Salazar's "of course!" in the initial video clip was meant as a response to the reporter's query about the meaning of a no-fly zone rather than an endorsement of the U.S. military shooting down Russian planes. When pressed, however, on the potential dangers of a no-fly zone, the congresswoman repeatedly dismissed concerns about nuclear retaliation as 'hypothetical.'" [National Review, [3/17/22](#)]

2022: Salazar Voiced Support For A No-Fly Zone In Ukraine, But Said She Didn't Know "What It Will Mean." "A Republican congresswoman has been ridiculed online for supporting a no-fly zone above Ukraine even though she allegedly does not "know what it will mean". Maria Elvira Salazar, who represents Florida 's 27th congressional district, told reporters she "absolutely" supported Ukrainian

president Volodymyr Zelensky 's calls for a no-fly zone when asked on Wednesday. [...] "Absolutely, I support everything that has to do with punishing Vladimir Putin and helping the Ukrainians," Ms Salazar said when asked whether or not she supported a no fly zone in Ukraine while adding, "I don't know what it will mean but freedom is not free". [The Independent, 3/10/22]

2022: Salazar Was Pushed About Her Comment Regarding A No-Fly Zone. "When the reporter asked if she knew a no-fly zone could mean "conventional warfare with Russia," she replied, "I don't know what it will mean but, you know, freedom is not free." He followed up, "So you don't know what a no-fly zone would mean, if you have to shoot down Russian planes, I mean . . ." Salazar responded: "Of course." [Miami Herald, 3/17/22]

- **2022: Salazar Was Accused By Tucker Carlson Of Suggesting The United States Go To War With Russia.** "[Carlson]: So since you have called for war with Russia, how do you think that war once it begins would play out? SALAZAR: I think that's a hypothetical question. I think that we should concentrate, Tucker in what Zelenskyy asked Congress today, which is – CARLSON: I'm sorry -- I can't -- and I am in no way trying to cut you off, but I can't let you elide over that. You said we should shoot down Russian planes. That's of course war. Since you've called for that, and you are a member of Congress – SALAZAR: Well, I didn't say that. I think – CARLSON: Well, you said that on the tape we played." [Fox News with Tucker Carlson, 3/16/22]
- **2022: Salazar Was Pushed By Carlson And Said We Should Keep The No-Fly Zone On The Table.** "And my position is that we should not take the no-fly zone off the table..." [Fox News with Tucker Carlson, 3/16/22]

[HEADLINE] **The Independent: 2022: Florida Republican Ridiculed For Saying She Supports Ukraine 'No Fly Zone' Even Though She 'Doesn't Know What It'll Mean.'** [The Independent, 3/10/22]

[HEADLINE] **Miami Herald Editorial: "Salazar Was Ill Prepared To Talk About Ukraine. Tucker Carlson Went For The Jugular."** [Miami Herald, [3/17/22](#)]

2022: The Miami Herald Blasted Salazar For Not Knowing What She Is Talking About In Terms Of Ukraine. "At another point in time, FOX News host Tucker Carlson's dressing down of Miami U.S. Rep. Maria Elvira Salazar's gaffe about the war in Ukraine would've been entertaining material for late-night comics. But in a time of international crisis, her words -- and her grasp of a serious national security issue -- matter. She needs to know what she's talking about. And she doesn't." [Miami Herald, 3/17/22]

- **2022: The Herald Said Salazar Is "Ill-Prepared" To Be A Member Of The House Foreign Affairs Committee.** "Nevertheless, Carlson, though disingenuous, is a skilled debater and he exposed how ill-prepared Salazar seems to be as a member of the House Foreign Affairs Committee." [Miami Herald, 3/17/22]
- **2022: The Herald Said, Salazar "Couldn't Elaborate Her Stances Beyond The Cliché."** "Salazar appears to be trying to catch a ride to reelection this fall on the "Biden is weak" bandwagon, but she couldn't elaborate her stances beyond the cliché, "We acquire peace through strength." She

gave a lot of pat solutions, such as that the United States should support whatever Ukrainians think is best for their country.” [Miami Herald, 3/17/22]

American Policy

Salazar believed the United States should comply with all aid requests that Ukraine made to the United States.

Salazar Said “It’s Embarrassing That [Zelensky] Has Come To Congress To Beg” For Aid. ““My position is that we should not take a no-fly zone off the table,” she told Carlson. “But before that, that’s two — we need to do one. And one is to give Zelensky exactly what he’s asking for. No troops on the ground. Let’s give him the MiGs and S-300s, what he needs to defend his own airspace, so that he can create his own no-fly zone. And I think that’s what we should have done months ago. It’s embarrassing that this guy — this president who is under the bullets — has come to Congress to beg for us to give him something we should have done a long time ago.”” [National Review, [3/17/22](#)]

Salazar said that the transfer for military aid “should have [been] done a long time ago.” Salazar never condemned and [does not appear to have ever even commented](#) on Donald Trump’s decision to withhold military aid unless Zelensky launched investigations of the Biden family, for which he was impeached.

Salazar Asked “Who Am I To Say What’s Correct And What’s Incorrect Coming From Zelensky?” And Said American Lawmakers “Are No One To Say Something To The Contrary.” “That remarkable turn of phrase — “it’s embarrassing” that Zelensky “has come to Congress to beg for us to give him something we should have done a long time ago” — seems to color Salazar’s view of foreign policy. “Who am I to say what’s correct and what’s incorrect coming from Zelensky?” she said of a potential declaration of NATO neutrality for Ukraine. When pressed further on that position, she reiterated: “If Zelensky comes to the United States Congress and he says that this is the best path forward, we are no one to say something to the contrary.” Tucker retorted that Salazar was “an American policy-maker.” But it didn’t seem to register. “If the Ukrainians want to go that route, they have the right to and we are no one to say anything about it because they are the ones dying on the streets and they are the ones under siege,” she maintained.” [National Review, [3/17/22](#)]

Salazar voted for billions in aide to Ukraine.

2022: Salazar Voted For Legislation To Provide \$14 Billion In Aid To Ukraine. “The Senate voted 68-31 to approve a \$1.5 trillion spending plan to fund the federal government for the rest of the current fiscal year, which lasts through September. The package included roughly \$14 billion in aid to Ukraine meant to provide assistance to the European nation as it resists an invasion from Russia. The legislation, which passed the House the previous evening with bipartisan support, was the result of months of negotiation between Democrats and Republicans. It will prevent any threat of a government shutdown until October. [...] The House passed the bill the previous evening by a bipartisan vote of 361-69. South Florida Republican Reps. Mario Diaz-Balart, **María Elvira Salazar** and Carlos Gimenez all joined majority Democrats in supporting the measure.” [Miami Herald, 3/11/22]

[Salazar said Biden was weak on Ukraine.](#)

2022: Salazar Blasted A Biden Speech On Ukraine As Weak. “Biden's statements on Russia were equally rebuffed by U.S. Rep. Maria Elvira Salazar, a freshman Republican from Miami, who said his announcements on Russia were too weak and said that the administration needs to block the purchase of Russian oil in the wake of the invasion of Ukraine. "We're still paying for oil. We're paying for the war, the invasion of a sovereign country," she said.” [Miami Herald, 3/2/22]

Nuclear Weapons

[In March 2022, Salazar said she was concerned about Russia using nuclear weapons on the United States.](#)

March 2022: Salazar Said She Was Concerned About Russia Using Nuclear Weapons On The United States And Biological Weapons Against Ukraine. “CARLSON: So, are we concerned at all, that he might use a nuclear weapon against the United States? Is that a concern? Is that something that you consider as you recommend these policies? SALAZAR: Of course, that we are very concerned, and we're also concerned that he may be throwing a biological weapon against the Ukrainians within the next few hours, because he cannot take Kyiv -- or Kyiv as he thought he was going to. So of course, that we are confronting a dictator, but I think that we should put this into context. And I thank you very much that you're giving me the opportunity. CARLSON: Of course.” [Fox News, Tucker Carlson, 3/16/22]

Sanctioned By Russia

[Salazar was sanctioned by the Russian government.](#)

Salazar Was One Of Nearly 400 Members Of Congress To Be Sanctioned By The Russian Government In The Aftermath Of Their Invasion Of Ukraine. “Last week, as the invasion of Ukraine continues, the Russian regime imposed sanctions on almost 400 members of Congress including members of the Florida delegation. The Russian sanctions included U.S. Reps. Vern Buchanan, R-Fla., Kathy Castor, D-Fla., Kat Cammack, R-Fla., Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick, D-Fla., Charlie Crist, D-Fla., Val Demings, D-Fla., Mario Diaz-Balart, R-Fla., Byron Donalds, R-Fla., Neal Dunn, R-Fla., Lois Frankel, D-Fla., Matt Gaetz, R-Fla., Carlos Gimenez, R-Fla., Al Lawson, D-Fla., Brian Mast, R-Fla., Stephanie Murphy, D-Fla., Bill Posey, R-Fla., John Rutherford, R-Fla., Maria Elvira Salazar, R-Fla., Debbie Wasserman Schultz, D-Fla., Darren Soto, D-Fla., Greg Steube, R-Fla., Michael Waltz, R-Fla., Dan Webster, R-Fla., and Frederica Wilson, D-Fla. The sanctions come in response to sanctions imposed on 300 Russian lawmakers by the federal government.” [Florida Daily, [4/18/22](#)]

Neutrality

[Salazar said she would accept neutrality if Russia/Ukraine came to an agreement.](#)

2022: Salazar Said She Would Accept Neutrality By Ukraine Where They Would Agree Not To Join NATO If Russia Ended Its Occupation Of Ukraine. “CARLSON: So, do you believe that's true? So

President Zelenskyy said yesterday that he is considering declaring that Ukraine would not join NATO, in exchange for having Russian troops withdraw from his country? Would you describe this as President Zelenskyy speaking, would you describe that as – SALAZAR: Zelenskyy can -- who am I to say what's correct and what is incorrect? CARLSON: Would you accept -- would you -- well, I don't know. Okay, so but – SALAZAR: I am going -- I think we should accept anything that comes from him. CARLSON: Wait a minute. Hold on, please don't dodge the question. Is that -- would that be an answer you'd be satisfied with if Zelenskyy made good on what he just suggested that we agreed to neutrality, will relinquish claims to Crimea and the Russians leave, would that be okay with you? Would you consider that an honorable exit? Or would you consider it a display of weakness? SALAZAR: If Zelenskyy comes to the United States Congress, and he says that this is the best path forward, we are no one to say something to the contrary, but I don't think he's going to say that, so we're creating scenarios here that are hypothetical.” [Fox News with Tucker Carlson, 3/16/22]

Children

[Salazar called for the Biden Administration to unite Ukrainian children going through the adoption process.](#)

2022: Salazar Signed A Letter Asking The Biden Administration To Take Immediate Action To Unite Ukrainian Children Going Through The Adoption Process. “U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin, a member of the Congressional Coalition on Adoption, joined a bipartisan, bicameral group of 73 Members of Congress in urging the Biden administration to take immediate action to unite Ukrainian children going through the adoption process with American adoptive or host families. In the letter, the bipartisan group of lawmakers specifically called on the Biden administration to identify the approximately 300 Ukrainian children waiting to join American adoptive or host families and work with the Ukrainian government to find a way forward to allow children with in-process adoptions to travel to stay with host families in the United States instead of requiring these children to remain in other locations for displaced persons in Europe or in Ukraine. In Wisconsin, stories like that of a Fitchburg family have illustrated the struggle of the process being halted due to the Russian attack. [...] The letter was also signed by Representatives Adam Smith (D-WA), Robert Aderholt (R-AL), Jim McGovern (D-MA), Maria Elvira Salazar (R-FL)...” [TendersInfo, 4/1/22]

Pre-War

[In 2017, Salazar said that Nikki Haley's speech to the United Nations about the Russian annexation of Crimea was proof that Trump was not compromised by Russian interests.](#)

Salazar Tweeted That Nikki Haley's Speech At The United Nations "Puts To Rest Suspicion Of Trump-Russia Cabal." “Tough @POTUS stand on Ukraine/Crimea at @UN hits Russia hard and puts to rest suspicion of Trump-Russia cabal. @NikkiHaley shines at UN” [Twitter, @MaElviraSalazar, [2/3/17](#)]

Unions

Salazar has shown her opposition to unions by voting against the PRO Act and against a measure to allow her own staff to unionize.

Salazar Voted Against The PRO Act Expanding Authorities Of The National Labor Relations Board And Protecting Collective Bargaining Rights. In March 2021, Salazar voted against: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would expand enforcement authorities of the National Labor Relations Board and modify procedures by which employees may unionize and elect representation under federal labor law. The bill would authorize the NLRB to enforce any orders it issues and to impose a number of civil monetary penalties, including penalties of up to \$50,000 against employers who prevent or punish organizing activities by employees. It would require the NLRB to seek temporary injunctions against employers charged with engaging in unfair labor practices and allow employees to bring civil action if the board fails to seek an injunction. It would outline a number of procedures by which employees may petition for and elect representation for collective bargaining through an election directed by the NLRB. It would require the NLRB to schedule pre-election hearings within eight days of a petition being filed; prohibit employers from certain interference or participation in such elections; and require the NLRB to certify and order the employer to engage in collective bargaining with an elected labor organization. It would outline procedures for initial collective bargaining between an employer and a union, including to provide for federal mediation services if an agreement is not reached 90 days after the bargaining begins and referral to an arbitration panel if an agreement is not reached in an additional 30 days. Among other provisions, the bill would prohibit employers from taking certain retaliatory actions against employees who participate in a strike, including permanently replacing or discriminating against such employees. It would specify that employees' right to strike is protected regardless of the duration, scope, frequency, or intermittence of the strike. It would modify definitions of ‘employee’ and ‘supervisor,’ particularly to narrow the classification of independent contractors and supervisors, two categories of employees not eligible for collective bargaining. It would also authorize the use of collective bargaining agreements that require employees to pay fees to a labor organization as a condition of employment.” The bill passed by a vote of 225-206. [HR 842, [Vote #Vote #70](#), 3/9/21; CQ, [3/9/21](#)]

In 2022, Salazar voted against a measure to allow Capitol Hill House staff to unionize.

2022: Salazar Voted Against A Measure To Allow Capitol Hill House Staff To Unionize. “The House of Representatives approved a resolution that allows staff in the lower chamber to join a union and engage in collective bargaining. The vote on Tuesday was straight down party lines, with 217 Democrats voting for the measure and 202 Republicans voting against it. Three Democrats and seven Republicans did not vote. [...] Here is a list of all Republicans who voted against the resolution:...Maria Elvira Salazar of Florid.” [Newsweek, 5/11/22]

Venezuela

U.S Intervention

In 2018, Salazar suggested the U.S. should “topple Venezuela, but seconds later said the United States should not be “promoting coups.”

Fabiola Santiago Column: Salazar Said The U.S. Needed To “Topple Venezuela” But Then Said The U.S. Should Not Be “Promoting Coups Anywhere.” “It’s hard to gauge where Salazar really stands on issues because one minute she sounds as Trumpian as they come, then not [...] ‘We have to use the nuclear option in Venezuela,’ she said at one point, also using the words ‘topple Venezuela.’ And, at the next sound bite, she sounds like a moderate: The United States shouldn’t be ‘promoting coups anywhere.’” [Miami Herald, Fabiola Santiago Column, [10/17/18](#)]

[VIDEO] September 2018: Salazar Suggested The United States Should “Topple Venezuela.” Salazar said, “I think that we have to use the nuclear option in Venezuela. We need to stop buying and selling oil. Period. [...] If you topple Venezuela they will not be able to give any more oil, the hundred thousand barrels a day to Cuba.” [Facebook, Miami Herald, [9/26/18](#) (21:00-22:50)]

[VIDEO] September 2018: A Few Seconds Later Salazar Said The “United States Should Not Be Promoting Coups Anywhere.” Salazar said, The United State should not be promoting coups anywhere.” [Facebook, Miami Herald, [9/26/18](#) (23:10)]

2018: Salazar Said, “We Have To Use The Nuclear Option In Venezuela,” Using The Word “Overthrow,” But Later Said, The United States Should Not “Promote Coups Anywhere.” “She doesn't want to call it ‘a wall,’ but she supports Trump's efforts to close the door on immigration. She is also not ‘sure’ that Dreamers, their parents and TPS holders should achieve a path to citizenship, but agrees that they should obtain some form of legal status. This is his most horrific vision as it would create a caste system of second class citizens. ‘We have to use the nuclear option in Venezuela,’ she said at one point, also using the words ‘overthrow Venezuela.’ And, in the next sentence, she suddenly seems like a moderate candidate: the United States should not ‘promote coups anywhere.’” [El Nuevo Herald, 10/22/18] Translation

- **Spanish Version:** “Ella no quiere llamarla ‘una pared,’ pero apoya los esfuerzos de Trump para cerrar la puerta a la inmigración. Tampoco está ‘segura’ de que los Soñadores (Dreamers), sus padres y los titulares de TPS deban lograr un camino hacia la ciudadanía, pero está de acuerdo en que deben obtener algún tipo de estatus legal. Esta es su visión más horrorosa, ya que crearía un sistema de casta de ciudadanos de segunda clase. ‘Tenemos que utilizar la opción nuclear en Venezuela,’ dijo en un momento dado, y también usó las palabras ‘derrocar a Venezuela.’ Y, en la siguiente frase, parece de pronto una postulante moderada: Estados Unidos no debería ‘promover golpes en ningún lado.’”

Iran Nuclear Deal

In May 2022, Salazar was opposed to a nuclear deal with Iran because she claimed it would benefit the Maduro regime.

May 2022: Salazar Was Opposed To A Nuclear Deal With Iran Because She Claimed It Would Benefit The Maduro Regime. “An eventual nuclear agreement between the United States and Iran would directly benefit the finances of the Nicolás Maduro regime, Miami congresswoman María Elvira Salazar said on Wednesday, warning that this type of treaty would open the doors of the international oil market to the sanctioned South American country. Salazar is the main author of a bipartisan project

that would force the United States government to produce a report on the benefits that the nuclear agreement would have for Venezuela. But the legislator said in an interview that it is obvious that the socialist government in Caracas would be one of the main beneficiaries.” [El Nuevo Herald, 5/04/22]
Translation

- **Spanish Version:** “Un eventual acuerdo nuclear entre Estados Unidos e Irán beneficiaría directamente las finanzas del régimen de Nicolás Maduro, dijo el miércoles la congresista de Miami María Elvira Salazar, al advertir que ese tipo de tratado le abriría las puertas del mercado petrolero internacional al sancionado país sudamericano. Salazar es la principal autora de un proyecto bipartidista que obligaría al gobierno de Estados Unidos a producir un informe sobre los beneficios que el acuerdo nuclear tendría para Venezuela. Pero la legisladora dijo en una entrevista que es obvio que el gobierno socialista de Caracas sería uno de los grandes beneficiados.”

Salazar Said Obama’s Nuclear Deal Agreement With Iran Was Flawed. “Such an agreement had been reached during the Barack Obama administration, but Salazar said that agreement was deeply flawed and ultimately did little to prevent Iran from developing nuclear weapons.” [El Nuevo Herald, 5/04/22]
Translation

- **Spanish Version:** “Un acuerdo de ese tipo había sido alcanzado durante la administración de Barack Obama, pero Salazar dijo que ese tratado tenía muchas fallas y que al final hacía muy poco para evitar que Irán desarrollara armas nucleares.”

In April 2022, Salazar introduced legislation to require the White House to produce a report on any possible benefits to the Nicolas Maduro Administration that might arise from an American agreement with Iran related to their nuclear program.

April 2022: Salazar, With Rep. Stephanie Murphy (D-FL-07), Introduced Legislation To Require The White House To Produce A Report On Any Possible Benefits To The Nicolas Maduro Administration In Venezuela That Might Arise From An American Agreement With Iran Related To Their Nuclear Program. In April 2022 Salazar sponsored H.R. 7635, the Iranian Nuclear and Venezuelan Energy, Sanctions and Terrorism Investigation Government Accountability Report (INVESTIGAR) Act. The bill would “direct the President to submit to Congress a report on possible benefits accruing to the regime of Nicolás Maduro as a result of an agreement with Iran relating to the nuclear program of Iran.” The bill is cosponsored by 15 Republicans and 1 Democrat. The bill was referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, but as of August 8, 2022, the bill has not received any action. [H.R. 7635, Cosponsors, accessed [8/08/22](#); Rep. Salazar, Press Release, 5/20/22]

- **The INVESTIGAR Act Would Require The Biden Administration To Produce A Report Detailing How Venezuela Could Benefit From A New Iran Nuclear Deal.** “The INVESTIGAR Act would require the Biden Administration to produce a report detailing how Venezuela could benefit from a new Iran Nuclear Deal. Specifically, it requires the White House to report on possible benefits to Nicolás Maduro's oil industry, how it might help Venezuela avoid American sanctions, and how it would boost Hezbollah and other terrorist organizations. Under the

legislation, the report must be delivered to the Armed Services and Foreign Affairs Committees within 14 days of reaching a nuclear agreement with Iran. [Rep. Salazar, Press Release, [4/28/22](#)]

Temporary Protected Status

March 2021: Salazar praised the DHS decision to extend TPS to Venezuelan nationals in the U.S.

March 2021: Salazar Praised The Department Of Homeland Security For Extending Temporary Protected Status To Venezuelans Nationals In The US. “Congresswoman Maria Elvira Salazar (FL-27) issued the following statement in response to the Department of Homeland Security's decision to grant Temporary Protected Status (TPS) to Venezuelan nationals in the United States for 18 months. ‘Two months ago, I was thrilled to join Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart to support Deferred Enforced Departure (D.E.D.) for Venezuelans in America’, said Congresswoman Salazar. ‘Today, I am glad to see that our Venezuelan exile community has been granted TPS through 2022. Nicolas Maduro is a murderous thug and I will always stand up for the victims of his socialist regime!’” [Salazar Press Release, 3/8/21]

June 2022: Salazar called for the Biden Administration to extend the TPS deadline for Venezuelans.

June 2022: Salazar Called For The Biden Administration To Extend The TPS Deadline For Venezuelans. “A July 5 letter from Miami-Dade State Sen. Annette Taddeo, signed by dozens of Tallahassee lawmakers, urged President Biden and Mayorkas to move the TPS deadline to Dec. 31, 2021, more than nine months after the current one. The Democratic lawmaker also held a roundtable discussion with Florida Rep. Charlie Crist at her Miami office last week, where Venezuelans from South Florida discussed why they had left their homeland and the importance of TPS. On July 8, Congressman Darren Soto of Florida wrote a bipartisan letter to Biden and Mayorkas also requesting a December 31 arrival date. Members of Congress from South Florida, including Mario Diaz-Balart, Debbie Wasserman Schultz, Maria Elvira Salazar and Carlos A. Gimenez, also signed it. A day later, Miami-Dade County Mayor Daniella Levine Cava joined the chorus of voices supporting a new TPS redesignation date for Venezuelans to include people who arrived after the original date.” [Radio Santa Fe, [6/11/22](#)]

Translation

- **Spanish Version:** “Una carta del 5 de julio de la senadora estatal de Miami-Dade, Annette Taddeo, firmada por decenas de legisladores de Tallahassee, instó al presidente Biden y a Mayorkas a cambiar la fecha límite para el TPS al 31 de diciembre de 2021, más de nueve meses después de la actual. La legisladora demócrata también sostuvo una mesa redonda con el representante de la Florida Charlie Crist en su oficina de Miami la semana pasada, donde los venezolanos del sur de Florida hablaron sobre por qué habían dejado su tierra natal y la importancia del TPS. El 8 de julio, el congresista Darren Soto de la Florida escribió una carta bipartidista a Biden y Mayorkas también solicitando una fecha de llegada para el 31 de diciembre. Los miembros del Congreso del sur de la Florida, incluidos Mario Diaz-Balart, Debbie Wasserman Schultz, Maria Elvira Salazar y Carlos A. Gimenez, también lo firmaron. Un día después, la alcaldesa del condado de Miami-Dade, Daniella Levine Cava, se unió al coro de voces que apoyaban una nueva fecha de redesignación de TPS para los venezolanos para incluir a las personas que llegaron después de la fecha original.”

Maduro

[Salazar called the Maduro regime a “state sponsors of terror.”](#)

2022: In A Letter To Biden, Salazar And Others Wrote That Maduro Is A “Regime For Autocratic Regimes And Other State Sponsors Of Terror Around The World.” “The Maduro regime is a puppet regime for autocratic regimes and other state sponsors of terror around the world, including the illegitimate, communist regime in Cuba, Hezbollah in Iran, and both Vladimir Putin in Russia and Xi Jinping in China. As a result, Maduro has allowed these anti-American forces to use Venezuela as a launchpad to permeate their tactics of violence and terrorism throughout the hemisphere.” [Office of Sen. Marco Rubio, [3/10/22](#)]

[In 2021, Salazar cosponsored legislation to prevent contracting with people who do business with Maduro.](#)

2021: Salazar added name to legislation to prevent contracting with persons that do business with Maduro. “Rep. Michael Waltz, R-Fla., has introduced legislation (H.R. 621) to “prohibit contracting with persons that have business operations with the Maduro regime.” The bill was introduced on Jan. 28 and has 11 co-sponsors. Co-sponsors include Reps. Debbie Wasserman Schultz, D-Fla., Mario Diaz-Balart, R-Fla., Stephanie N. Murphy, D-Fla., Maria Elvira Salazar”. [Targeted News Service, 1/30/21]

Biden & Sanctions

[Salazar said Biden’s negotiations with Maduro were a “betrayal.”](#)

2022: Salazar Joined Others To Slam Biden For Negotiations With Maduro Calling Them A “Betrayal.” “The Republican congressmen from Florida (USA) María Elvira Salazar, Mario Díaz-Balart and Carlos Giménez criticized on Tuesday the “betrayal” of President Joe Biden to the struggle for freedom in Venezuela for his negotiations with the president of that country, Nicolás Maduro. In the opinion of the three Cuban-born politicians, the recent talks held by representatives of the White House in Caracas also represent a blow to the “national security” of the United States, since, they recalled, they want to bring “Maduro and his thugs” to justice in this country.” [CE Noticias Financieras English, 3/16/22]

2022: Salazar And GOP Colleagues Accused Biden Of Engagement With Maduro In Pursuit Of Foreign Oil. “As your administration continues a misguided engagement with the illegitimate Maduro regime in Venezuela in pursuit of more foreign oil – rather than bolstering the plentiful supply of domestic production...” [Office of Sen. Marco Rubio, [3/10/22](#)]

[Salazar sent a letter to Biden asking to maintain sanctions against Venezuela and Maduro.](#)

2022: Salazar And Others Sent A Letter To Biden Asking To Maintain Sanctions Against Venezuela And Maduro After A Meeting Between US Officials And Maduro, Saying The Meeting Is “Undermining” US Policy Toward The Nation. “Florida Republican lawmakers asked President Joe

Biden and two of his Cabinet secretaries in a letter Thursday to commit to maintaining current sanctions against Venezuelan dictator Nicolás Maduro and his associates following the administration's recent outreach to Venezuela. In the letter to Biden, Secretary of State Antony Blinken and Energy Secretary Jennifer Granholm, a group of Florida lawmakers listed atrocities committed by Maduro's regime and warned against lifting sanctions as a way to bolster oil supplies following Saturday's meeting between Maduro and a U.S. delegation. "By negotiating with the Maduro dictatorship, your administration is undermining American foreign policy towards Venezuela and is neglecting the U.S. commitment to the Venezuelan exile community," the letter states." [Miami Herald, 3/10/22]

Halting Deportations

Salazar praised the Biden administration for halting the deportation of Venezuelan nationals.

January 2021: Salazar Praised The Biden Administration For Halting The Deportation of Venezuelan Nationals. "Congresswoman Maria Elvira Salazar (FL-27) issued the following statement in response to the White House's decision to provide Deferred Enforced Departure (D.E.D.) to Venezuelan nationals in the United States. Congresswoman Salazar is a longtime champion for the cause of freedom and democracy. She looks forward to continue fighting for the Venezuelan exile community in the halls of Congress. 'We have a fundamental obligation to provide safe-haven for those fleeing tyranny and oppression. This act of solidarity provides our Venezuelan exile community with much-needed assurance during these unprecedented times. I commend my dear friend and colleague, Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart, for his work with the administration and his unwavering commitment to the plight of the Venezuelan people.'" [Salazar Press Release, [1/25/21](#)]

Salazar cosponsored legislation that would "prohibit an executive agency from entering into a contract for the procurement of goods or services with any person that has business operations with the Maduro regime."

January 2021: Salazar Cosponsored Legislation That Would "Prohibit An Executive Agency From Entering Into A Contract For The Procurement Of Goods Or Services With Any Person That Has Business Operations With The Maduro Regime." The bill would prohibit an executive agency from entering into a contract for the procurement of goods or services with any person that has business operations with the Maduro regime in Venezuela. The bill was introduced by Michael Waltz and co-sponsored by 12 other Republicans and 5 Democrats, including Matt Gaetz, Mario Diaz-Balart, Stephanie Murphy, Debbie Wasserman Schultz, and Val Demings. [H.R. 621, co-sponsors, accessed [8/25/22](#)]

Oil

Salazar cosponsored legislation to prohibit the importation of petroleum products from Venezuela.

2022: Salazar Cosponsored Legislation To Prohibit The Importation Of Petroleum Products From Venezuela. "Rep. C. Scott Franklin, R-Fla., has introduced legislation (H.R. 7023) to "prohibit the importation of petroleum products from Venezuela." The bill was introduced on March 9 and has 23 co-

sponsors. Co-sponsors include Reps. Jeff Van Drew, R-N.J., Stephanie I. Bice, R-Okla., Steven M. Palazzo, R-Miss., Bob Gibbs, R-Ohio, Carlos A. Gimenez, R-Fla., Maria Elvira Salazar, R-Fla., Michael Waltz, R-Fla., Mario Diaz-Balart, R-Fla., Burgess Owens, R-Utah, John H. Rutherford, R-Fla., Neal P. Dunn, R-Fla., Tim Burchett, R-Tenn., Brian J. Mast, R-Fla., Jake LaTurner, R-Kan., Kat Cammack, R-Fla., Gregory F. Murphy, R-N.C., Jim Banks, R-Ind., Ralph Norman, R-S.C., Mariannette Miller-Meeks, R-Iowa, Byron Donalds, R-Fla., Greg Steube, R-Fla., Buddy Carter, R-Ga., and Richard Hudson, R-N.C.”
[Targeted News Service, 3/11/22]

Veterans & Military

Opposed PACT Act

[March 2022: Salazar voted against the PACT Act that would have expanded Veterans Affairs health care benefits to include burn pit and other toxic substance exposure.](#)

March 2022: Salazar Voted Against The Honoring Our Pact Act To Expand Veterans Affairs Health Care Benefits To Include Burn Pit And Other Toxic Substance Exposure. In March 2022 Salazar voted against: “Passage of the bill, as amended, as amended, that would expand Veterans Affairs Department health care benefits for veterans with service-connected exposure to burn pits or other toxic substances, making such veterans eligible for VA hospital care, medical services and nursing home care. Specifically, it would establish a presumption of service-connected exposure for certain types of cancer and certain respiratory illnesses, including asthma diagnosed after service, for all veterans who served in certain periods and locations where burn pits or other airborne hazards were present, including those who served in Iraq, Afghanistan and Persian Gulf countries beginning in August 1990. It would require the VA to conduct outreach to inform such veterans of their eligibility. It would also require the VA to coordinate federally funded research activities related to health consequences of military toxic exposures; establish a toxic exposure advisory committee to assess cases of toxic exposure; and conduct research based on committee recommendations to make determinations for new or modified presumptions of service-connected exposure. Among other provisions, it would require the VA to publish a list of resources for toxic-exposed veterans and their caregivers and survivors; include a toxic exposure questionnaire in initial screenings conducted by VA primary care providers; provide department health care personnel with education and training to identify and treat illnesses related to toxic exposure; and establish a registry for servicemembers who may have been exposed to per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances due to the release of aqueous film-forming foam on military installations.” The bill passed by a vote of 256-174. [H.R. 3967, [Vote #57](#), 3/3/22; CQ, [3/3/22](#)]

- **3.5 Million U.S. Military Service Members Were Estimated To Have Been Exposed To Toxic Substances From Burn Pits.** “U.S. officials estimate that more than 3.5 million service members who deployed were exposed to toxic smoke from the roughly 250 pits used in Iraq and Afghanistan.” [New York Times, [9/7/21](#)]
- **Honoring Our PACT Act Designated 23 Illnesses And Cancers As Linked To Toxic Exposures From “Burn Pits And Airborne Hazards.”** “The bill would specifically designate 23 respiratory illnesses and cancers as likely linked to toxic exposures related to military burn pits and airborne

hazards exposure. Currently, the Department of Veterans Affairs decides these exposure claims on a case-by-case basis, with the exception of those filed for asthma, rhinitis or sinusitis. The burden of proving one's illness is related to a burn pit exposure falls on the veteran, leading to delays in health care." [ABC News, [3/3/22](#)]

- **Honoring Our PACT Act Included Veterans Affairs Benefits For Radiation During The Cold War And Additional Illnesses Linked To Agent Orange Used In The Vietnam War.** "The bill also provides for new benefits for veterans who faced radiation exposure during deployments throughout the Cold War, adds hypertension and monoclonal gammopathy to the list of illnesses linked to Agent Orange exposure in the Vietnam War, and requires new medical exams for all veterans with toxic exposure claims." [Military.com, [3/3/22](#)]
- **Honoring Our Pact Act Provided Retroactive Veterans Affairs Benefits For Previously Denied Claims And To Deceased Veterans' Survivors.** "The bill would open up Department of Veterans Affairs health care to millions of Iraq and Afghanistan veterans exposed to toxic substances during their service even if they don't have a service-connected disability. The bill also would provide new or increased disability benefits to thousands of veterans who have become ill with cancer or respiratory conditions such as bronchitis or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, or COPD. The VA would presume that veterans developed their illness as a result of exposure to toxic substances during their service. [...] The bill also provides for retroactive benefits to veterans whose disability claims have been denied and to survivors of deceased veterans." [AP News, [3/3/22](#)]

June 2021: Salazar Co-Sponsored H.R. 2127, Toxic Exposure In The American Military Act Or The TEAM Act. The bill would have expanded healthcare for veterans who were exposed to toxic burn pits while deployed to a military base. The bill was introduced by Mike Bost and co-sponsored by 55 other Republicans and 8 Democrats, including Madison Cawthorne, Jim Banks, and Marjorie Taylor Greene. [H.R. 2127, Co-Sponsors, accessed [8/25/22](#)]

- **Salazar Co-Sponsored The TEAM Act But Voted Against H.R.3967, The Honoring Our PACT Act of 2022, Which Incorporated The TEAM Act As Title II.** [H.R. 3967, House passage vote, accessed [8/25/22](#); H.R. 3967, summary, accessed [8/25/22](#)].

Opposed Automatic Healthcare Enrollment

January 2022: Salazar voted against two proposals that would have extended automatic Veterans Affairs healthcare enrollment for discharged service members.

Salazar Voted Against Automatic Veterans Affairs Healthcare Enrollment For Discharged Service Members Within 60 Days Of Eligibility. In January 2022 Salazar voted against: "Passage of the bill, as amended, that would require the Veterans Affairs Department to automatically enroll eligible veterans in the department's patient enrollment system, giving them access to VA health care services, within 60 days of receiving confirmation of their eligibility from the Defense Department. It would also require the VA to provide veterans a notification of enrollment, an electronic version of their certificate of eligibility,

means to opt out of enrollment electronically and instructions to elect enrollment at a later date.” The bill passed by a vote of 265-163. [H.R. 4673, [Vote #Vote #14](#), 1/20/22; CQ, [1/20/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against An Amendment To Extend Automatic Veteran Healthcare Enrollment To Veterans Discharged 90 Days Prior To The Bill’s Enactment. In January 2022 Salazar voted against: “Escobar D-Texas, amendment no. 3 that would extend automatic enrollment under the bill’s provisions to veterans discharged 90 days before enactment or later.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 228-198. [H.R. 4673, [Vote #Vote #12](#), 1/20/22; CQ, [1/20/22](#)]

Opposed Consumer Protections

September 2021: Salazar voted against strengthening consumer protections related to medical debt and credit reporting for service members.

Salazar Voted Against An Amendment That Would Strengthen Servicemember Consumer Protections Related To Medical Debt And Credit Reporting. In September 2021, Salazar voted against “Tlaib, D-Mich., amendment no. 11 that would strengthen servicemember consumer protections with regard to medical debt collections and credit reporting, including by prohibiting the collection of medical debt for two years after a first payment is due and prohibiting debt arising from medically necessary procedures from ever appearing on servicemember credit reports.” The amendment was adopted 222 to 203. [H. Res. 4350, [Vote #271](#), 9/22/21; CQ, [9/23/21](#)]

Sponsorships/Co-Sponsorships

Salazar has filed numerous pieces of legislation to promote veterans and their spouses since arriving in Congress as well as legislation targeted at activity duty military.

Salazar Introduced Legislation To Assist Veterans With PTSD. “Today, U.S. Reps. Lisa McClain (R-MI), Brian Fitzpatrick (R-PA) and Maria Salazar (R-FL) introduced the Veterans for Mustangs Act (VMA) that would amend the 1971 Wild and Free Roaming Horses and Burros Act to help better protect American wild horses and burros on federal lands and provide avenues for healing American veterans with PTSD and other disorders resulting from combat.” [State News Services, 4/29/22]

2022: Salazar Cosponsored Legislation To Promote The Hiring Of Military Spouses. “Today, U.S. Representative Antonio Delgado (NY-19) announced that his bipartisan bill, the Military Spouse Hiring Act, has earned support from 100 House members, both Democrats and Republicans. The legislation addresses high military spouse unemployment rates by expanding the Work Opportunity Tax Credit to include the hiring of military spouses. This incentivizes employers to hire military spouses by allowing them to claim a tax credit equal to a portion of the wages paid to those spouses. [...] Full list of cosponsors:...Maria Elvira Salazar (R-FL)...” [State News Services, 4/5/22]

2022: Salazar Helped Introduce The PACT Act To Grant Veterans Who Served In The Panama Canal Zone Automatic VA Benefits For Herbicide Exposure. “Panama Canal Zone Veterans Act, which would grant veterans who served in or near the Panama Canal Zone with presumptive herbicide exposure status, meaning they could receive federal benefits and disability compensation from the U.S.

Department of Veteran Affairs (VA). [...] The Panama Canal Zone Veterans Act was introduced last August with Congresswoman Maria Elvira Salazar's (R-FL-27). The bill has also been endorsed by Military Veterans Advocacy, which works to ensure that the rights of millions of members of the armed forces are protected and that veterans receive their earned benefits without delay from the federal government." [Targeted News Service, 3/03/22]

- **2021: Salazar's Legislation Would Provide Presumption Coverage To Veterans Exposed To Agent Orange Or Agent Purple On The Panama Similar To How Vietnam Vets Receive Presumptive Coverage.** "U.S. Representatives Marie Newman (D-IL-03) and Maria Elvira Salazar's (R-FL-27) introduced new legislation to provide federal benefits to veterans who served in or near the Panama Canal Zone and may have been exposed to deadly tactical herbicide, also known as Agent Purple or Agent Orange, which was used by the military in this area during the 1950s, 1960s and 1970s. Under the Panama Canal Zone Veterans Act, veterans who served in or near the Panama Canal Zone would be granted presumptive herbicide exposure status, meaning they could receive federal benefits and disability compensation from the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs (VA). The bill would expand presumptive coverage to these veterans, similar to the coverage for those who served in Vietnam, along the Korean DMZ and on the base perimeters in Thailand." [Congressional Documents and Publications, 8/13/21]

2021: Salazar Cosponsored Legislation To Give Veterans The "Ability To Choose Health Care Providers." "Rep. Andy Biggs, R-Ariz., has introduced legislation (H.R. 2910) to "direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot program to improve the ability of veterans to access medical care in medical facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs and in the community by providing the veterans the ability to choose health care providers." The bill was introduced on April 30 and has eight co-sponsors. Co-sponsors include Reps. Maria Elvira Salazar, R-Fla..." [Targeted News Service, 5/2/21]

October 2021: Salazar Introduced Legislation To Create Grants To Support The Creation Of Specialized Law Enforcement Units Comprised Veterans Intended To Safety Respond To Veterans In Crises. In October 2021, Salazar sponsored H.R. 5788, the Supporting Every at-Risk Veteran In Critical Emergencies Act of 2021 (SERVICE Act of 2021). The bill would "authorize the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services within the Department of Justice to make grants to support the creation and operation of veterans' response teams in state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies." The bill is cosponsored by 34 Republicans and 14 Democrats. The bill was referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary, but as of August 8, 2022, the bill has not received any action. [H.R. 5788, Co-Sponsors, accessed [8/08/22](#); Rep. Salazar, Press Release, [10/28/21](#)]

- **The Act Would Create A Pilot Program To Create "Veteran Response Teams" Who Could Deescalate Emergencies Involving Veterans And Connect Them With Social Services.** "The SERVICE Act creates a pilot program through the U.S. Department of Justice that would provide grants to law enforcement agencies to create local veteran response teams — teams of military veteran law enforcement officers that respond to other veterans in crisis or emergency. Once the emergency is under control, the response team can work further with the veteran to connect them with public and private partner resources to create long-term solutions and care." [Rep. Salazar, Press Release, [10/28/21](#)]

2021: Salazar Cosponsored Legislation To Waive Fees For Veterans For Demonstrations And Special Events On Federal Land. “Today, Rep. Ron Kind (D-WI) joined Rep. Greg Steube (R-FL) in reintroducing the bipartisan Free Veterans from Fees Act, legislation which would waive application fees for special use permits for veterans' demonstrations and special events at war memorials on federal land. [...] This bill was introduced with original cosponsors, U.S. Representatives Maria Elvira Salazar (R-Fla.)..” [State News Services, 2/12/21]

2022: Salazar Cosponsored Legislation To Change The Term Disability In The Foreign Service Act. “Representatives Ro Khanna (D-Calif.), a member of the House Armed Services Committee, Steve Chabot (OH-01), Dina Titus (NV-01), and Brian Fitzpatrick (PA-01) announced bipartisan legislation to amend the Foreign Service Act of 1980 to replace the outdated term "handicapping condition" with "disability" in the Foreign Service Act of 1980, which prohibits discrimination against people with disabilities serving in the Foreign Service. People with disabilities are often damaged by negative, misleading, and inadequate labels that imply a focus on inherent inabilities, rather than a focus on the person behind that disability. By amending this legislation and using the term "disability" rather than "handicapping condition," Congress will bring the terminology used in the Foreign Service Act of 1980 into conformity with the Americans with Disabilities Act and other laws. This message of inclusion signals respect for Foreign Service Officers and other State Department employees with disabilities as they serve our country, often at great sacrifice, in posts around the world. [...] The lead sponsor of this legislation is Rep. Ro Khanna (CA-17) and original cosponsors include Reps. Steve Chabot (OH-01), Dina Titus (NV-06), Brian Fitzpatrick (PA-01), Andy Levin (MI-09), Maria Salazar (FL-27), and Gerry Connolly (VA-11).” [Congressional Documents and Publications, 6/9/22]

Water

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2021: Salazar Requested \$3 Million In Funding To Improve Water Pipes In West Miami. “Each of the members of the South Florida House of Representatives submitted a list of 10 projects in their districts to receive federal funds through the annual appropriations process. Projects proposed by Republicans include a \$6 million plan by Diaz-Balart for a new wastewater treatment plant in Everglades City, \$750,000 for police body cameras in Rep. Carlos Gimenez's Homestead, and \$3 million to improve water mains in West Miami of representative María Elvira Salazar.” [El Nuevo Herald, 5/08/21]

- **Spanish Version:** “Cada uno de los miembros de la Cámara de Representantes del Sur de la Florida presentó una lista de 10 proyectos en sus distritos para recibir fondos federales a través del proceso anual de asignaciones. Los proyectos propuestos por los republicanos incluyen un plan de \$6 millones de Díaz-Balart para una nueva planta de tratamiento de aguas residuales en Everglades City, \$750,000 para cámaras corporales policiales en Homestead del representante Carlos Giménez y \$3 millones para mejorar las tuberías de agua en West Miami de la representante María Elvira Salazar.”

Women

Equal Pay

[Salazar voted against equal pay for equal work legislation.](#)

Salazar Voted Against The Paycheck Fairness Act. In April 2021, Salazar voted against: “Passage of the bill that would narrow the legal defense an employer may use in a lawsuit alleging pay discrimination on the basis of sex. Specifically, it would require employers to demonstrate that a difference in pay between employees is based on a business-related ‘bona fide factor other than sex, such as education, training, or experience’ as opposed to being based on ‘any factor other than sex.’ It would prohibit employers from retaliating against employees involved in lawsuits under fair labor standards law; prohibit employers from relying on a prospective employee’s wage history for hiring or wage determinations; increase employers’ liability for compensatory or punitive damages related to pay discrimination violations; and provide for automatic inclusion of all affected individuals in class action lawsuits related to pay discrimination. Among other provisions, the bill would authorize a new Labor Department grant program for public and private entities to carry out negotiation skills training programs to address pay disparities. It would establish an annual national award for an employer that made a ‘substantial effort to eliminate pay disparities between men and women.’ It would require the Labor Department to conduct a number of studies on sex-based pay disparities and require the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission to collect compensation data disaggregated by employees’ sex, race and national origin. It would require the Labor Department and EEOC to provide technical assistance for small businesses to comply with the bill’s provisions. It would add a definition of ‘sex’ with respect to federal fair labor standards law, which would include sexual orientation or gender identity.” According to CNBC, the Paycheck Fairness Act “aims to eliminate the gender pay gap and strengthen workplace protections for women.” The bill passed 217 to 210. [HR 7, [Vote #Vote #108](#), 4/15/21; CQ, [4/15/21](#); CNBC, [4/16/21](#)]

- **The Paycheck Fairness Act Aimed “To Eliminate The Gender Pay Gap And Strengthen Workplace Protections For Women.”** “The Paycheck Fairness Act, which aims to eliminate the gender pay gap and strengthen workplace protections for women, passed the House of Representatives on Thursday in a 217-210 vote [...] Biden added that a full passage of the Paycheck Fairness Act by Congress would address the wage gap by ‘closing loopholes that have allowed employers to justify gender pay disparities, strengthening provisions for holding employers accountable for systemic pay discrimination, and helping level the playing field for women and people of color by making it easier for workers to challenge pay disparities as a group. Additionally, he said the Paycheck Fairness Act would make it illegal for employers to ask employees about their salary history in the hiring process and promote pay transparency by requiring more employers to report pay data to the government. Right now, at least 18 states already have laws in place that ban employers from asking about salary history.” [CNBC, [4/16/21](#)]

Sex Trafficking

[Salazar Said, “Everyone is innocent until found guilty” after Rep. Gaetz was facing a federal investigation into sex trafficking allegations.](#)

Salazar Said, “Everyone Is Innocent Until Found Guilty” After Rep. Gaetz Was Facing a Federal Investigation Into Sex Trafficking Allegations. “Matt Gaetz is facing a federal investigation into sex trafficking allegations, turmoil inside his congressional office and a flurry of unsavory reports about his conduct toward women. But his position inside the House GOP conference is safe - at least for now. While top Republicans acknowledged the serious nature of the allegations surrounding Gaetz, just one sitting GOP lawmaker has so far publicly called on him to resign: Rep. Adam Kinzinger of Illinois. Instead, Republican leaders on Tuesday were quick to defer to the ongoing Justice Department probe, noting that the Florida Republican would automatically lose his committee assignments if he were indicted. [...] Freshman GOP Rep. Maria Elvira Salazar, also from Florida, echoed a similar sentiment: ‘That investigation needs to be concluded ... Everybody is innocent until found guilty. So let's wait.’” [Politico, 4/13/21]

[*Salazar supported legislation to end the statute of limitations for some victims of sexual abuse and sex trafficking.*](#)

2022: Salazar Introduced Legislation That Would End The Statute Of Limitations Under The Federal Civil Remedies Code For Victims Fo Sexual Abuse And Sex Trafficking. “Today, Representatives Guy Reschenthaler (PA-14), Deborah Ross (NC-02), Eric Swalwell (CA-15), and Maria Elvira Salazar (FL-27) introduced H.R 8061, the Eliminating Limits to Justice for Child Sex Abuse Victims Act, to ensure that survivors of child sex abuse and sex trafficking can seek justice under the federal civil remedy statute without being barred by statutes of limitations. This bipartisan legislation will enable survivors who are victims of more than a dozen federal child sex abuse offenses, including aggravated sexual abuse, sex trafficking, human trafficking, forced labor, and sexual exploitation and pornography, to seek civil damages in federal court regardless of how long it took to process and disclose the abuse they suffered.” [Impact News Service, 6/18/22]

POLITICAL ASPIRATIONS

TOPLINES

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Misrepresentation of Political Aspirations

Running For Office

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January 2021: Salazar: “As a little girl, I never thought that I’d one day represent the very same community that welcomed my parents with open arms.” “I was born in Little Havana — the daughter of political refugees. As a little girl, I never thought that I’d one day represent the very same community that welcomed my parents with open arms. This is the American dream 🇺🇸 #FL27” [Facebook, Rep. María Elvira Salazar, [1/12/21](#)]

August 2018: Miami Herald: “Salazar Told Reporters After The Celebration ... That She Never Envisioned Leaving The Pinnacle Of An Award-Winning Broadcast Journalism Career To Run For Office.” “Salazar told reporters after the celebration -- which included a personalized conga jingle -- that she never envisioned leaving the pinnacle of an award-winning broadcast journalism career to run for office. She said Ros-Lehtinen, Diaz-Balart and other members of the community approached her and convinced her to run. ‘They wanted to keep the seat in Republican hands and continue the legacy that Ileana has had for 30 years,’ Salazar said. ‘I really thought that I should step up to the plate and help my community.’” [Miami Herald, 8/28/18]

January 2018: Salazar: “I Am A News Reporter, Not A News Maker... Parties Have Approached Me To Consider Running For Office. My Plans Are To Continue Being A TV Journalist -- Until God And The Audience Give Me That Opportunity.” “Ros-Lehtinen is talking to any Republican who might be willing to step up. She personally met with Spanish-language TV journalist Maria Elvira Salazar at a Cuban restaurant in South Miami in an effort to drum up more competition in the primary. ‘The district is totally winnable for the right candidate,’ Ros-Lehtinen said. ‘She could be the right candi-date.’ But Salazar, like many other names bandied about in Miami Republican circles, demurred when asked if

she'll run. 'I am a news reporter, not a news maker,' Salazar said in an email. 'It's an honor that over the years both parties have approached me to consider running for office. My plans are to continue being a TV journalist -- until God and the audience give me that opportunity.'" [Miami Herald, 1/2/18]

[VIDEO] February 2018: Salazar: "One Of The Largest GOP Donors Recruited Me To Run For Congress During A Fox News Meeting." In a televised interview on Al Punto Florida - Univision, Salazar revealed she was recruited to run for Congress by a GOP Mega donor, stating in Spanish that during a meeting at Fox News, one of the most important donors, one of the best donors that the Republican party has - labeling him as "people that none of us know," - asked if she'd consider the possibility of running in the 27th district. [YouTube, Maria Elvira Salazar, [02/11/18](#), 2:10/11:40]

- **Spanish Version:** "En una reunión de Fox, viene uno de los donantes más importantes, de los mejores que tiene el Un donador republicano, gente que nosotros no conocemos... y me dice después de una conversación... que si yo consideraría la posibilidad de correr en ese escaño."

1983: The Miami Herald Reported Salazar Wanted To Become A Politician. "University of Miami senior Maria Elvira Salazar hopes to become a broadcast journalist and later a politician." [Miami Herald, 2/27/83]

CAMPAIGN FINANCE

TOPLINES

- From 2018 to 2020, Salazar loaned her campaign \$192,000, including \$182,000 in 2020, which was the same year Salazar only disclosed \$20,000 in income. Salazar was not married at the time, which raises the question if Salazar illegally accepted nearly \$200,000 from a close partner and made the contribution under her name to in order to evade contribution limits. Salazar has said that a longtime partner who she lived with was financially supporting her family.
- Salazar is getting most of her campaign contributions from outside the district. As of August 2022, Salazar has received more than 42% of her contributions from out of state. She has also received more than 42% of her contributions from outside of the district.
- Salazar’s donors are big dollar donors. As of August 2022, Salazar has only received 22% of her contributions from small dollar donors.
 - In 2020, Salazar only received 16% of her contributions from small dollar donors.
 - In 2018, Salazar only received 3% of her contributions from small dollar donors.
- In the 2022 election, Americans for Prosperity PAC, a PAC funded and affiliated to Koch, has spent more than \$257,000 in support of Salazar. Salazar was also endorsed by American for Prosperity.
- Salazar took nearly \$50,000 in contributions from an attorney who represented Alex Saab, a man Salazar called “Nicolás Maduro's leading henchman” and a “drug trafficker who is responsible for flooding American streets with cocaine.”
- In 2020, Salazar faced an FEC complaint over failing to report employer and occupation data for some contributors. In 2021, Salazar was issued a FEC warning letter for having 13 donations exceeding the contribution limit. Salazar’s attorney said the donations were “misapplied”; however, two of those donations came from the Columbian lawyer (and his wife) who represented famed international criminal Alex Saab. Salazar said she was thankful for the attorney’s support.
 - Note: The FEC Complaint was dismissed by the FEC.

Overview

Raised & Spent

Salazar raised a total of \$9,699,269.61 and spent a total of \$8,184,238.57 in her runs for Congress.

Maria Elvira Salazar Federal Campaign Finance History			
Year	Candidate or Committee	Raised	Spent
2022	Maria Elvira Salazar	\$3,939,358.26	\$2,445,466.10
2020	Maria Elvira Salazar	\$3,690,747.29	\$3,682,371.15
2018	Maria Elvira Salazar	\$2,069,164.06	\$2,056,401.32
	Total:	\$9,699,269.61	\$8,184,238.57

[FEC.gov, accessed [8/21/22](#)]

Cash On Hand

August 2022: Salazar has \$1.5 million cash on hand.

August 2022: Salazar Has \$1,515,150.36 Cash On Hand. [FEC.gov, accessed [8/21/22](#)]

PAC Support

2022: Salazar has received more than \$644,000 in PAC contributions.

2022: Salazar Received More Than \$644,000 In PAC Contributions. As of August 2022, Salazar has received \$644,600 of her contributions from PACs. [OpenSecrets, accessed [8/26/22](#)]

2020: Salazar has received more than \$237,000 in PAC contributions.

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2018: Salazar has received more than \$644,000 in PAC contributions.

2018: Salazar Received More Than \$71,000 In PAC Contributions. In the 2018 election cycle, Salazar received \$71,200 of her contributions from PACs. [OpenSecrets, accessed [8/26/22](#)]

Corporate PACs

2022: Salazar has taken \$274,500 from corporate PACs.

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Leadership PACs

Career: Salazar has taken nearly \$500,000 from leadership PACs.

Career: Salazar Has Taken \$492,596 From Leadership PACs. [OpenSecrets, accessed [8/21/22](#)]

Industry Contributions

Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate

Salazar has taken \$1,411,252 from the Finance, Insurance & Real Estate sector in her career.

Career: Salazar Has Taken \$1,411,252 From The Finance, Insurance & Real Estate Sector.

[OpenSecrets, accessed [8/21/22](#)]

- **Salazar Has Taken \$537,659 From The Real Estate Industry.** [OpenSecrets, accessed [8/21/22](#)]
- **Salazar Has Taken \$415,511 From The Securities & Investment Industry.** [OpenSecrets, accessed [8/21/22](#)]
- **Salazar Has Taken \$149,564 From The Insurance Industry.** [OpenSecrets, accessed [8/21/22](#)]

Personal Contributions

Campaign Loans

From 2018 to 2020, Salazar loaned her campaign \$192,000, including \$182,000 in 2020, which was the same year Salazar only disclosed \$20,000 in income. Salazar was not married at the time, which raises the question if Salazar illegally accepted nearly \$200,000 from a close partner and made the contribution under her name to in order to evade contribution limits. Salazar has said that a longtime partner who she lived with was financially supporting her family.

Career: Salazar Has Loaned Her Campaign \$192,000. [FEC.gov, accessed [8/22/22](#)]

- **2020: Salazar Loaned Her Campaign \$182,000.** [FEC, accessed [8/29/22](#)]
 - **May 2021: Salazar's Campaign Repaid Salazar's \$182,000 Loan.** [FEC, accessed [8/29/22](#)]
- **2018: Salazar Loaned Her Campaign \$10,000.** [FEC, accessed [8/29/22](#)]
 - **July 2018: Salazar's Campaign Repaid Salazar's \$10,000 Loan.** [FEC, accessed [8/29/22](#)]

In 2020, Salazar Reported \$20,000 In Income From Her TV Work. "Salazar first vowed to give back her salary as part of an attack ad [...] It's not unusual for wealthy politicians to donate their salaries. Former President Donald Trump donated his presidential salary four times a year to different federal agencies though he still earned profits from his real estate business. And Florida Republican Sen. Rick Scott donates his salary to various charities -- in April, for example, it went to medical researchers at the University of South Florida. But Trump and Scott are multi-millionaires and Salazar isn't -- though she might not be far from it. Her 2020 federal financial disclosure listed \$20,000 in income for TV work,

along with a net worth of at least \$600,000. Salazar owes between \$1 million and \$5 million on a residential mortgage, according to her financial disclosure. Federal disclosures require lawmakers to report assets and liabilities in ranges, so a precise accounting of their net worth is impossible." [Miami Herald, 1/30/21]

September 2021: Salazar Said A Longtime Partner Who She Lives With Was Financially Supporting Her Family Despite The Pandemic Forcing Them To Postpone Their Marriage. "And she said a longtime partner, who she declined to name, is still providing for her family despite the ongoing pandemic forcing them to postpone a planned marriage this year. Members of Congress are required to list spousal assets on their yearly financial disclosures but not the assets of unmarried partners. [...] 'I want to get married, and COVID has upended everything. We have to wait a little bit longer on that front,' Salazar said, adding that her partner 'helps me' with expenses. 'We live together, and people who live together help each other. I have savings, and I can pull from my savings.'" [Miami Herald, 9/10/21]

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2018: Salazar had not contributed to state or federal campaigns.

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Contributions by Geography

Out-of-State

2022: Salazar has received more than 42% of her contributions from out of state.

2022: Salazar Has Received 42.27% Or \$1,087,786 From Out-Of-State Donors. [OpenSecrets, accessed [8/26/22](#)]

- **2020: Salazar Received 34% Or \$943,764 From Out-Of-State Donors.** [OpenSecrets, accessed [8/26/22](#)]
- **2018: Salazar Received 18% Or \$293,047 From Out-Of-State Donors.** [OpenSecrets, accessed [8/26/22](#)]

Out Of District

[Salazar has received more than 42% of her contributions from outside of the district.](#)

Salazar Has Received 19.06% Or \$490,388 From Donors In The District. [OpenSecrets, accessed [8/26/22](#)]

- **Salazar Has Received 42.79% Or \$1,101,251 From Donors Outside Of The District.** [OpenSecrets, accessed [8/26/22](#)]
- **Salazar Has Received 38.15% Or \$981,811 From Donors With “No District.”** [OpenSecrets, accessed [8/26/22](#)]

Small Dollar vs. Large Dollar Contributions

2022

[2022: Salazar has only received 22% of her contributions from small dollar donors.](#)

2022: Salazar Received More Than 52% Of Her Contributions From Large Dollar Donors. As of August 2022, Salazar has received 52.34% or \$1,940,606 of her contributions from large individual contributions or contributions of \$200 or more. [OpenSecrets, accessed [8/26/22](#)]

2022: Salazar Received Only 22% Of Her Contributions From Small Dollar Donors. As of August 2022, Salazar has received 22.37% or \$829,351 of her contributions from small individual contributions or contributions less than \$200. [OpenSecrets, accessed [8/26/22](#)]

2020

[2020: Salazar only received 16% of her contributions from small dollar donors.](#)

2020: Salazar Received More Than 70% Of Her Contributions From Large Dollar Donors. In the 2020 election cycle, Salazar received 70.42% or \$2,573,339 of her contributions from large individual contributions or contributions of \$200 or more. [OpenSecrets, accessed [8/26/22](#)]

2020: Salazar Received Only 16% Of Her Contributions From Small Dollar Donors. In the 2020 election cycle, Salazar received 16.32% or \$596,204 of her contributions from small individual contributions or contributions less than \$200. [OpenSecrets, accessed [8/26/22](#)]

2018

[2018: Salazar only received 3% of her contributions from small dollar donors.](#)

2018: Salazar Received More Than 78% Of Her Contributions From Large Dollar Donors. In the 2018 election cycle, Salazar received 78.45% or \$1,612,317 of her contributions from large individual contributions or contributions of \$200 or more. [OpenSecrets, accessed [8/26/22](#)]

2018: Salazar Received Only 3% Of Her Contributions From Small Dollar Donors. In the 2020 election cycle, Salazar received 3.4% or \$69,830 of her contributions from small individual contributions or contributions less than \$200. [OpenSecrets, accessed [8/26/22](#)]

FEC Complaints

In 2020, Salazar faced an FEC complaint over failing to report employer and occupation data for some contributors. In 2021, Salazar was issued a FEC warning letter for having 13 donations exceeding the contribution limit. Salazar's attorney said the donations were "misapplied"; however, two of those donations came from a Columbian lawyer (and his wife) who represented famed international criminal Alex Saab. Salazar said she was thankful for the attorney's support.

2020: Salazar Was The Subject Of An FEC Complaint After She Failed To Report Employers And Occupation Information For Some Donors. "In Florida's 27th Congressional District, which includes most of coastal Miami-Dade County and Miami Beach, Salazar managed to outraise Shalala in August and September, the previous quarter, and then sent out the press release saying she had 'shattered the incumbent's efforts' on fundraising in the most recent quarter. A Shalala supporter filed a complaint with the FEC this week, saying Salazar's campaign violated federal election law by not reporting the occupation and employer information of some her donors." [Miami Herald, 10/16/20]

- **2020: Salazar Received An FEC Complaint For Not Disclosing The Employer And Occupation For Individuals Who Contributed \$200 Or More, But The Complaint Was Dismissed By The FEC.** "COMPLAINANT: Juan-Carlos Planas. RESPONDENTS: Salazar for Congress and Paul Kilgore, in his official capacity as treasurer (the Committee); and Maria Elvira Salazar. SUBJECT: The complaint alleged that the Committee failed to disclose the employer and occupation for each individual who contributed \$200 or more to the Committee during Salazar's 2020 campaign for Florida's 27th Congressional District, and that the Committee also may have accepted excessive contributions. DISPOSITION: The Commission exercised its prosecutorial discretion and dismissed the complaint." [Targeted News Service, 8/14/21]

2021: Salazar Was Issued An FEC Warning Letter For Having 13 Donations Exceeding The Contribution Limit. "Separate from her personal financial situation, Salazar's campaign was recently admonished by the Federal Elections Commission for misreporting \$147,700 in campaign contributions. The campaign contributions from 13 different donors exceeded the \$2,900 threshold for the 2022 election cycle, according to an FEC warning letter." [Miami Herald, 9/10/21]

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compliance accountant didn't properly classify those donations,' Torchinsky said. 'They weren't, in fact, over the limit but just misapplied.' Torchinsky and Salazar said the campaign now has a new treasurer and filed a series of amendments with the FEC to rectify the mistake. They said it's possible that the FEC could issue a fine for the campaign finance violations, but Torchinsky said the fine 'could take some time' and that the FEC will likely consider the campaign's amendments and treasurer change when they decide how big of a punishment to mete out. 'This lady, I don't want to throw her under the bus, but we don't control compliance,' Salazar said. 'That's why the FEC is saying this is wrong. It's a major mess. I'm not happy, and I'll fix it.'" [Miami Herald, 9/10/21]

- **2022: All The Donations Were Earmarked For The 2022 Primary Election. Salazar Claimed The Donations Were Split Up Improperly.** "All of the donations in question were earmarked for the 2022 primary election, though Salazar and her attorney said the contributions were not properly split up by the congresswoman's former treasurer. Individuals are permitted to donate \$2,900 to a candidate's primary and general election campaigns, essentially resulting in a \$5,800 limit that must be evenly split." [Miami Herald, 9/10/21]

2022: Salazar's Attorney Said The Donations Were "Misapplied." "The prior compliance accountant didn't properly classify those donations," Torchinsky said. "They weren't, in fact, over the limit but just misapplied." [Miami Herald, 9/10/21]

- **2022: Salazar's Campaign Said They Were Filing Amendments With The FEC To Rectify The Mistake.** "Torchinsky and Salazar said the campaign now has a new treasurer and filed a series of amendments with the FEC to rectify the mistake. They said it's possible that the FEC could issue a fine for the campaign finance violations, but Torchinsky said the fine "could take some time" and that the FEC will likely consider the campaign's amendments and treasurer change when they decide how big of a punishment to mete out." [Miami Herald, 9/10/21]

2022: Two Of The Over-The-Limit Contributions Came From Abelardo De La Espriella And His Wife. De La Espriella Was An Attorney For Alex Sabb. "The over-the-legal-limit donations include \$5,700 from Abelardo de la Espriella, a Colombian lawyer and U.S. permanent resident who up until two years ago was the criminal defense attorney for a fellow countryman targeted in a Colombian money-laundering probe involving ill-gotten government contracts in Venezuela. The FEC also flagged \$5,700 which de la Espriella's wife, Ana Lucia Pineda, donated to Salazar for Congress's primary election. Both amounts are above the \$2,900 federal cap each individual is allowed to give per election." [Florida Bulldog, 9/02/21]

2021: Salazar Said She "Thanked" De La Espriella For His Contributions. "She also appreciates de la Espriella's financial support, Salazar added. 'He is a prominent Colombian attorney who lives in my district,' she said. 'I know him. I don't know his clients. I thank him for his contributions.' [Florida Bulldog, 9/02/21]

Fundraisers

Kevin McCarthy

[2018: Salazar held a fundraiser with Kevin McCarthy.](#)

2018: Salazar Held A Fundraiser With Kevin McCarthy At The Riviera Country Club In Coral Gables.

“McCarthy, a California congressman who wants to lead Republicans in the House of Representatives after the November election, has voiced explicit support for funding Trump's proposed Mexico border wall and sponsored a bill called the ‘Build the Wall, Enforce the Law Act of 2018.’ He's also raising money for Miami congressional candidate Maria Elvira Salazar, a Republican running in a majority Hispanic district Trump lost by nearly 20 percentage points. Salazar is set to host a fundraiser with McCarthy on Wednesday, according to an invitation obtained by the Miami Herald. The lunchtime gathering at the Riviera Country Club in Coral Gables lists \$10,000 in fundraising for ‘host’ status and \$5,000 in fundraising for ‘co-host’ status.” [Miami Herald, 10/23/18]

- **2018: Miami Herald HEADLINE: “GOP Leader Who Wants To Build Trump's Wall Is Raising Cash For Maria Elvira Salazar.”** [Miami Herald, 10/23/2018]

Forums & Events

[2018: Salazar did not attend a candidate forum hosted by WLRN Public Radio, The League Of Women Voters, And AARP Florida.](#)

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“The conservative talking point drew out cheers and boos from a divided audience at Miami Dade College’s Kendall campus, where the Miami Herald, WLRN Public Radio, the League of Women Voters and AARP Florida invited all 15 candidates running for Ros-Lehtinen’s seat to discuss politics. All five Democrats, four of the nine Republican candidates and independent Mayra Joli attended. [...] Whether their opinions reflect the likely views of the eventual Republican nominee are unclear. Among the no-shows Tuesday were former county commissioner Bruno Barreiro and television personality Maria Elvira Salazar.” [Miami Herald, 8/7/18]

[2018: Miami Herald: Salazar did not meet with the editorial board during their endorsement process and “made few public appearances as part of her primary bid.”](#)

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Process. “Two candidates in the race, Salazar and Barreiro, who are viewed as the front-runners, declined to take part in the Miami Herald’s candidate interview process. Barreiro’s campaign said that he was not seeking our endorsement; Salazar’s campaign said that her schedule was booked until Aug. 28 -- Election Day. The Editorial Board was most impressed by Rodriguez Aguilera, now a business consultant.” [Miami Herald, Editorial Board, 8/19/18]

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Notable Contributions

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2022: Americans for Prosperity PAC, a PAC funded and affiliated to Koch, has spent more than \$257,000 in support of Salazar.

2022: Americans For Prosperity PAC Has Spent \$257,631 In Support Of Salazar. Americans For Prosperity Action Inc. PAC spent \$257,631 in support of Salazar In 2022. [OpenSecrets, accessed [8/24/22](#)]

- **Americans For Prosperity Is Funded By Koch And Koch Industries.** “Americans for Prosperity, a ‘social welfare’ organization, along with Americans for Prosperity Action and Americans for Prosperity Foundation are conservative/libertarian groups heavily financed by Koch Industries, which is owned largely by billionaire Charles Koch.” [FactCheck.org, [3/02/22](#)]

2022: Salazar Was Also Endorsed By American for Prosperity. Florida won't complete its congressional redistricting until next week's Special Session, but that didn't stop Americans for Prosperity's political committee from endorsing three House incumbents Monday. AFP Action offered its seal of approval to three Republicans: Rep.Kat Cammack of Gainesville, who represents Florida's 3rd Congressional District; Rep.Scott Franklin of Lakeland, the incumbent in Florida's 15th Congressional District; and Rep. Mara Elvira Salazar of Miami-Dade, who represents Florida's 27th Congressional District. [Floria Politics, 4/11/2022]

Some of Salazar's largest donors are Mark and Eloah Fisher, and Daniel Fisher. Mark Fisher is a commodities trader and broker who has been penalized by the CFTC at least twice.

Mark And Eloah Have Contributed \$8,600 Each To Salazar In The Current Cycle, And \$5,600 Each In The Previous Cycle. They Have Also Contributed \$10,000 Each To Salazar's Leadership PAC Freedom Force PAC. [FEC.gov, accessed [8/22/22](#)]

Daniel Contributed \$5,600 In The Previous Cycle. [FEC.gov, accessed [8/22/22](#)]

A Company Run By Mark Fisher Was Fined \$650,000 By The U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission In December 2012 For Not Properly Segregating Customer Accounts. “A federal court has ordered a futures brokerage run by well-known New York trader Mark Fisher to pay \$650,000 for not properly segregating customer funds following a complaint filed by the country's top commodity regulator. The U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission accused Fisher's MBF Clearing Corp in March of holding between \$30 million and \$90 million of customer funds between September 2008 and March 2010 in an account at a separate financial institution that did not meet the requirements of the Commodity Exchange Act.” [Reuters, [12/3/12](#)]

Fisher Was Also Investigated By The CFTC In The Late 1980s And Early 1990s For Engaging In “Noncompetitive Trading” That Defrauded Clients. “The Commodities Futures Trading Commission said yesterday that it had filed administrative complaints against eight brokers and traders on the New York Mercantile Exchange; the Coffee, Sugar and Cocoa Exchange, and the Commodity Exchange... The individuals are charged with various forms of "noncompetitive trading" that would defraud the brokers' clients or stage fictitious trades to cause false prices to be recorded... The accused members of the New York Mercantile Exchange were Mr. Fisher, Mr. Effron and Kenneth L. Carter.” [New York Times, [10/20/92](#)]

Salazar has accepted \$34,100 from employees of Cano Health and Rangel Medical Center, two healthcare companies for which Salazar served as a spokesperson until her election in 2020.

Salazar Received \$17,500 From Members Of Cano Health Including Joel Lago, Marlow and Stephanie Hernandez, And Pedro Cordero. [FEC.gov, accessed [8/22/22](#)]

Salazar Received \$16,600 From Orlando Rangel And His Family. [FEC.gov, accessed [8/22/22](#)]

Salazar received the maximum amount from Sheldon Adelson and his wife.

2020: Sheldon Adelson And His Wife Gave Max Contributions To Salazar. “Casino magnate Sheldon Adelson and his wife, Miriam, are pitching in to help Republican candidate Maria Elvira Salazar as she seeks to oust incumbent Democratic Rep. Donna Shalala. Sheldon and Miriam Adelson each donated \$5,600 for a total of \$11,200 to the Salazar campaign according to newly-filed reports with the Federal Election Commission (FEC).” [Florida Politics, 8/05/2020]

Notable Expenses

In 2020, Salazar hired a Florida political consultant who was discovered to have a subcontractor who was in prison for postage stamp forgery.

2020: Salazar hired Florida political consultant Al Lorenzo. “Lorenzo hasn't worked for any federal candidates since 2011 until this year, when campaign finance reports showed that he began working with Gimenez in July and Republican congressional candidate Maria Elvira Salazar in March.” [Miami Herald, 10/06/20]

2020: Lorenzo was fired by the Mayor of Miami-Dade when it was discovered one of his subcontractors was in prison for postage stamp forgery. “Eight years ago, Al Lorenzo's political consulting career was upended by Miami-Dade Mayor Carlos Gimenez. Lorenzo, a veteran political consultant who earned millions from high-profile clients ranging from Barack Obama to Marco Rubio, was fired by Gimenez's mayoral campaign in 2012 after he failed to disclose that one of his subcontractors had a lengthy criminal record, including a two-year stint in prison for forging postage stamps. Lorenzo's firing also coincided with an absentee ballot investigation in Hialeah, though Lorenzo denied any connection to the probe.” [Miami Herald, 10/06/20]

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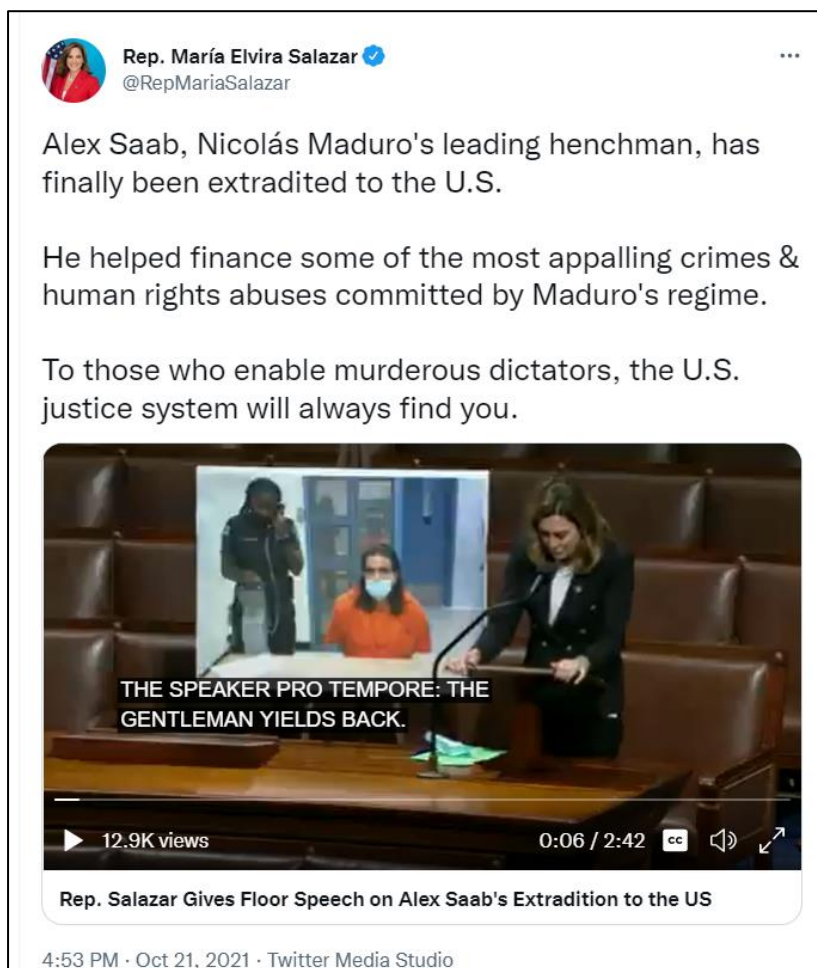
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[VIDEO] October 2021: Salazar Called Saab “A Thug For The Venezuelan Regime” And A “Drug Trafficker Who Is Responsible For Flooding American Streets With Cocaine.” “For those who enable murderous dictators the United States system will find you in this life or next and this is a perfect example. Alex Saab, the plunderer of Venezuela. Justice for his crimes against humanity will be swift and without mercy. Why? Because over the weekend we learned that Saab will finally be extradited to the United States. He tried to claim diplomatic immunity but he is not a diplomat, he is not a politician, he is just another thug for the Venezuelan regime. Saab was Maduro’s leading front man and his number one money launderer. He is a drug trafficker who is responsible for flooding American streets with

cocaine. He helped finance the worst crimes and the most appalling human rights abuses committed by the Maduro regime in Venezuela in the last 15 years. So it is no surprise that Maduro, the dictator, has pulled out all the stops to try to prevent his extradition to the United States but he could not. In the meantime earlier this week six American executives in Venezuela known as the Citgo six were sent back to a cruel political prison for no reason. The regime arrested these men on bogus charges in 2020 with no justification and now with no explanation Maduro has condemned these innocent American executives to rot in a Venezuelan prison. Why? Just one reason, retaliation, because Maduro doesn't like this picture This is a classic tactic of tyrants. If Maduro thinks he can make a prisoner exchange he needs to wake up and realize that the United States does not deal with dictators. So the Citgo six executives need to be released now unconditionally. Unfortunately right now Maduro is panicking because his top confidant will soon be facing trial in an American court of law and he will say many things that Maduro doesn't want us to hear."






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2021: Salazar Was A Vocal Supporter Of The Extradition Of Maduro Ally Alex Saab. Salazar said Saab “is a drug trafficker who is responsible for flooding American streets with cocaine. He helped finance the worst crimes and the most appalling human rights abuses committed by the Maduro regime in Venezuela in the last 15 years.” [Office of Maria Salazar, [10/21/21](#)]

October 2021: Salazar Said Saab’s Extradition To The United States Is “One Step Closer” And We Are Not Going To Stop Until Venezuela Achieves Its Freedom. “US congressmen such as the

Republican María Elvira Salazar, representative for South Florida, the Venezuelan ambassador in Washington, Carlos Vecchio, who responds to Juan Guaidó, whom the US considers interim president of Venezuela, opposition leaders, exiles and citizens Venezuelans living in the US have expressed their satisfaction with the extradition. Salazar pointed out that with the delivery of Saab to the US 'we are one step closer and we are not going to stop until Venezuela achieves its freedom.'" [EFE Spanish Newswire, 10/17/21]

- **Spanish Version:** "Congresistas estadounidenses como la republicana María Elvira Salazar, representante por el sur de Florida, el embajador de Venezuela en Washington, Carlos Vecchio, que responde a Juan Guaidó, al que EE.UU. considera presidente interino de Venezuela, dirigentes opositores, exiliados y ciudadanos venezolanos radicados en EE.UU. han manifestado su satisfacción por la extradición. Salazar, señaló que con la entrega de Saab a EE.UU. 'estamos un paso más cerca y no vamos a parar hasta que Venezuela alcance su libertad.'" [EFE Spanish Newswire, 10/17/21]

[February 2022: Federal court documents revealed that Saab was working as a DEA informant before he was arrested.](#)

Saab Worked As A Confidential Informant For The DEA And Turned Over Millions Of His Profits To The DEA Before Failing To Surrender In 2019. "A Colombian businessman held in Miami on charges of paying bribes to Venezuelan government officials worked as a confidential informant for the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration and turned over millions of his profits to the DEA before he failed to surrender in 2019, according to a federal court document unsealed Wednesday. Alex Saab, 49, who is close to Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro, started communicating with DEA and FBI agents in Bogota, Colombia, about his planned cooperation in 2016. With his lawyers he continued those discussions with federal agents and prosecutors through June 2018, when he signed a "cooperating source agreement" with the DEA, the court document filed by prosecutors says." [Miami Herald, [2/16/22](#)]

Saab Transferred More Than \$12 Million Of His Venezuelan Contract Profits To A U.S. Bank Account Controlled By The DEA. "For nearly a year, Saab reported paying bribes to Venezuelan officials to secure illicit food, housing and other contracts totaling hundreds of millions of dollars with the government. Saab communicated with DEA special agents "via telephone, text and voice messaging," the document says, and he "engaged in proactive cooperation," meaning he recorded conversations with co-conspirators targeted in the U.S. investigation. Saab also made four wire transfers totaling more than \$12 million of his Venezuelan contract profits to a U.S. bank account controlled by the DEA as part of his cooperation with the agency, the document says." [Miami Herald, [2/16/22](#)]

Saab's Cooperation Deal As A Federal Informant Ended When He Failed To Surrender To The DEA By May 2019. "But when Saab failed to surrender to the DEA by May 30, 2019, his cooperation deal as a federal informant ended. The prosecution's document, dated Feb. 23, 2021, had been under seal at the request of prosecutors in the U.S. Attorney's Office, who at the time were negotiating to extradite Saab from the Cape Verde Island off the west coast of Africa, where he was arrested in 2020 to face a money-laundering indictment in Miami. While detained there, Saab was challenging his federal indictment and status as a fugitive." [Miami Herald, [2/16/22](#)]

Saab's Attorney Abelardo De La Espriella

Attorney Abelardo de la Espriella and his wife Ana Aruachan Pineda contributed \$48,200 to Salazar's campaign and leadership PAC.

2021: De La Espriella And Ana Aruachan Pineda Gave \$20,000 To Salazar's Leadership PAC.

Committee	Contributor	Date	Amount
Freedom Force PAC	Aruachan Pineda, Ana	3/31/2021	\$5,000
Freedom Force PAC	Espriella Otero, Abelardo	3/31/2021	\$5,000
Freedom Force PAC	Aruachan Pineda, Ana	3/31/2021	\$5,000
Freedom Force PAC	Espriella Otero, Abelardo	3/31/2021	\$5,000
		Total:	\$20,000

[FEC.gov, accessed [7/10/21](#)]

2018-2021: De La Espriella And Ana Aruachan Pineda Gave \$28,200 To Salazar's Campaign Committee.

Committee	Contributor	Election	Date	Amount
Salazar For Congress	Aruachan Pineda, Ana Lucia Mrs.	G2022	3/31/2021	\$2,900
Salazar For Congress	Aruachan Pineda, Ana Lucia Mrs.	P2022	3/31/2021	\$2,900
Salazar For Congress	Espriella Otero, Abelardo G De Mr.	G2022	3/31/2021	\$2,900
Salazar For Congress	Espriella Otero, Abelardo G De Mr.	P2022	3/31/2021	\$2,900
Salazar For Congress	Espriella Otero, Abelardo G De Mr.	P2020	9/21/2019	\$2,800
Salazar For Congress	Espriella Otero, Abelardo G De Mr.	G2020	9/21/2019	\$2,800
Salazar For Congress	Aruachan Pineda, Ana Lucia Mrs.	P2020	9/21/2019	\$2,800
Salazar For Congress	Aruachan Pineda, Ana Lucia Mrs.	G2020	9/21/2019	\$2,800
Maria Elvira Salazar For Congress	Pineda Aruachan, Ana L	G2018	10/29/2018	\$2,700
Maria Elvira Salazar For Congress	De La Espriella, Abelardo G	G2018	10/29/2018	\$2,700
			Total:	\$28,200

[FEC.gov, accessed [10/28/21](#)]

De la Espriella and his wife Aruachan Pineda made \$5,600 in excess contributions to Salazar for Congress that the campaign was forced to return.

De La Espriella Was Married To Ana Lucia Pineda Aruachan. [La Ola Caribe, [2/4/21](#)]

Salazar Received A Request For Additional Information From The FEC Noting That De La Espriella And Aruachan Pineda Made Excessive Contributions. [FEC.gov, RFAI, [6/30/21](#)]

Individuals Were Only Permitted To Contribute \$2,900 Per Election. “An individual or a political committee other than an authorized committee or qualified multi-candidate committee may not make a contribution(s) to a candidate for federal office in excess of \$2,900 per election.” [FEC.gov, RFAI, [6/30/21](#)]

Salazar’s Campaign Was Forced To Return \$5,800 In The Over-The-Limit Contributions Made By De La Espriella And Aruachan Pineda. “Salazar also returned several prior contributions, including over-the-limit donations the FEC flagged in July, and an excessive donation from Colombian lawyer and permanent U.S. resident Abelardo de la Espriella, whose prior ties to socialist Venezuelan President Nicolás Maduro drew accusations of hypocrisy from critics.” [Florida Politics, [10/21/21](#); FEC, accessed [10/28/21](#)]

No Two Donors Have Given More To Salazar’s Campaign Committees And Leadership PAC Than De La Espriella And Aruachan Pineda. [FEC.gov, accessed [10/28/21](#)]

Abelardo de la Espriella represented Maduro “financier” and “front man” Alex Saab from 2013 until 2019 when Saab was sanctioned by the United States.

CNN: Saab Was Said To Be A “Financier” And “Front Man” For Maduro. “He claims he was tortured by the authorities in Cape Verde and that even worse punishments await him if he is extradited to the United States. Alex Saab, the Colombian businessman who's also said to be a 'financier' and 'front man' of embattled Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro, told CNN in an exclusive interview from his detention site in Cape Verde that he has no doubts about what will happen to him if sent to America.” [CNN, [6/18/21](#)]

Alex Saab Called Abelardo De La Espriella A Great Lawyer And Friend. “Alex Saab afirmó que Abelardo de La Espriella ‘es un gran abogado y amigo’ y que ‘sus credenciales profesionales son bien conocidas por todos’. Ante la pregunta de si el abogado conocía de su cercanía con el gobierno venezolano y que era tratado casi como un diplomático, Saab respondió: ‘Simplemente ejerció como mi abogado durante unos años y dejó de serlo hace un par de años. Sigue siendo mi amigo y las diferencias políticas no tienen nada que ver con el ejercicio de su profesión’.” [El Espectador, [4/4/21](#)]

De La Espriella Represented Saab For Six Years And Defended Him Against Money Laundering Charges. “In that same statement, De la Espriella reported that, for six years, Saab had been a client of his firm and that he was his attorney in the criminal investigation being carried out against him in Colombia for alleged money laundering. El Espectador had already revealed that the Prosecutor's Office was investigating Saab for allegedly resorting to multiple maneuvers to evade tax and customs

responsibilities, and giving the appearance of legality to an irregular export and import scheme, especially through its company Shatex SA, which for years was dedicated to the export of textiles and construction materials.” [El Espectador, [4/4/21](#)] (Google Translate)

2021: Saab Said De La Espriella Stopped Representing Him “A Couple Of Years Ago” And Added The Split Had Nothing To Do With Political Differences. “Alex Saab affirmed that Abelardo de La Espriella ‘is a great lawyer and friend’ and that ‘his professional credentials are well known to all.’ When asked if the lawyer knew of his closeness to the Venezuelan government and that he was treated almost like a diplomat, Saab replied: ‘He simply practiced as my lawyer for a few years and stopped being one a couple of years ago. He is still my friend and the political differences have nothing to do with the exercise of his profession.’” [El Espectador, [4/4/21](#)] (Google Translate)

De La Espriella Said He Was Paid By Both Saab And Alvaro Pulido. “De la Espriella acknowledged that he received fees from Saab and his partner Álvaro Pulido which were duly reported to the authorities. ‘This is how I always proceed ... I have not committed crimes,’ he added. But De la Espriella did not explain what kind of contracts he signed with Saab and Pulido.” [Univision, [6/24/20](#)]

Pulido Was Charged With Money Laundering Along With Saab. “Alex Nain Saab Moran (Saab), 47, and Alvaro Pulido Vargas (Pulido) 55, both citizens of Colombia, were each charged in an eight-count indictment returned in the Southern District of Florida with one count of conspiracy to commit money laundering and seven counts of money laundering. The indictment also alleges and seeks forfeiture in excess of \$350 million representing the amount of funds involved in the violation.” [U.S. Department of Treasury Press Release, [7/25/19](#)]

De La Espriella Is A Harsh Maduro Critic

De la Espriella was criticized for representing Saab while Saab contracted with the Maduro government despite de la Espriella being a harsh Maduro critic.

De La Espriella Faced Criticism For Denouncing Maduro While Representing Saab. “For six years, the law firm of the criminalist Abelardo de la Espriella has represented the entrepreneur Alex Saab in Colombia. This contractual relationship has been criticized by some sectors, for while the lawyer lashes out against the government of Nicolás Maduro, his client is one of the largest contractors of the State of Venezuela.” [CE Noticias Financieras English, 7/27/19]

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De La Espriella Has Opposed Maduro Publicly. “De la Espriella has claimed to be an enemy of the government of Nicolás Maduro and even suggested, in an opinion column, that the Venezuelan president should die. That is why it was such a surprise when it became publicly known that he was Saab's lawyer.” [El Espectador, [4/4/21](#)] (Google Translate)

2018: De La Espriella Called For The Assassination Of Nicolas Maduro. “The gloomy character Álvaro Uribe hinted at an assassination request against Hugo Chávez and publicly stated that ‘he lacked time for military action against Venezuela,’ and his acolyte Abelardo de la Espriella wrote on Sunday, July 9, 2017 in El Heraldo de Colombia: ‘The good Venezuelans and the entire international community must understand that the death of Nicolás Maduro is necessary to guarantee the survival of the Republic. It would not be a common murder, but a patriotic act that is protected by the Venezuelan Constitution and that is, moreover, morally irreproachable.’ That is to say, in Colombia there is open talk of assassination as a ‘remedy’ for Venezuela. What generous brothers!” [CE Noticias Financieras English, 8/11/18]

De la Espriella defended representing Saab and said his firm did not take ideology into account when deciding to take on clients.

Asked About Representing Saab, De La Espriella Said His Firm Did Not Take Ideology Into Account When Taking On Clients. “On July 25, 2019, De la Espriella issued a statement in which he clarified that his firm serves natural and legal persons, ‘without ideological distinction’ and that ‘the assessments prior to the acceptance of a case are purely technical and, therefore, in them, there is no place for subjective reasoning of a political nature.’” [El Espectador, [4/4/21](#)] (Google Translate)

Asked If De La Espriella Knew Of Saab’s Relationship With Maduro, Saab Said De La Espriella Stopped Representing Him “A Couple Of Years Ago” And Added The Split Had Nothing To Do With Political Differences. “Alex Saab affirmed that Abelardo de La Espriella ‘is a great lawyer and friend’ and that ‘his professional credentials are well known to all.’ When asked if the lawyer knew of his closeness to the Venezuelan government and that he was treated almost like a diplomat, Saab replied: ‘He simply practiced as my lawyer for a few years and stopped being one a couple of years ago. He is still my friend and the political differences have nothing to do with the exercise of his profession.’” [El Espectador, [4/4/21](#)] (Google Translate)

Saab Added To Office Of Foreign Asset Control List

De la Espriella claimed he stopped representing Saab after he was added to the OFAC list in 2019.

2019: De La Espriella Said He Resigned As Saab’s Attorney After Saab Was Included On The OFAC Sanction List. “‘I announce that I will take this case to the last consequences and I will demonstrate how the name of Mr. Alex Saab has been unfairly trampled,’ de la Espriella said in October 2018. However, months later, in mid-2019, the lawyer said he had resigned to Saab as its client, after it was included on the OFAC list, also known as the Clinton List. However, journalist Daniel Coronell has said that De la Espriella ‘has not been able to show Alex Saab’s resignation from power.’” [El Espectador, [4/4/21](#)] (Google Translate)

De La Espriella Has Never Provided Documentation Proving He Stopped Representing Saab. “First, Abelardo de la Espriella has been Alex Saab’s lawyer and has never publicly presented a document proving the termination of his relationship with him. What’s more, a lawyer named Jonatan Peláez Sáenz, who operates out of De La Espriella’s Barranquilla office, has continued to represent Saab interests. When, a few hours ago, I called Dr. Peláez to ask him if he was still a lawyer for Saab, he

replied: 'These are personal matters and I would prefer not to answer.' Afterwards, I asked him if he continued to dispatch from De la Espriella's headquarters in Barranquilla. He replied: 'This could represent problems for me. I prefer not to answer.'" [Los Danieles, Daniel Coronell Column, [4/25/21](#)] (Google Translate)

Columnist Daniel Coronell Claimed Attorney Jonatan Peláez Sáenz Was Representing Saab And Working Out Of De La Espriella's Law Office. "What's more, a lawyer named Jonatan Peláez Sáenz, who operates out of De La Espriella's Barranquilla office, has continued to represent Saab interests. When, a few hours ago, I called Dr. Peláez to ask him if he was still a lawyer for Saab, he replied: 'These are personal matters and I would prefer not to answer.' Afterwards, I asked him if he continued to dispatch from De la Espriella's headquarters in Barranquilla. He replied: 'This could represent problems for me. I prefer not to answer.'" [Los Danieles, Daniel Coronell Column, [4/25/21](#)] (Google Translate)

De La Espriella Said He Would Have Continued Defending Saab If Saab Were Not Added To The Sanctions List. "For 2 years, the lawyer De La Espriella defended Alex Saab, with the money from the corruption of Venezuela, this businessman from Barranquilla paid the Colombian lawyer. 'Alex Saab, for whom I was a lawyer in Colombia, I have never denied it until almost 2 years, I had to resign because my status as a permanent resident here in the United States did not allow me, Saab being included in the OFAC list to assist him,' adds De La Espriella. The lawyer emphasizes that unfortunately he could not continue assisting him due to United States rules, 'if it had not been for that, he would continue to be his lawyer.'" [PluralidadZ, [10/21/21](#); YouTube, Kienyke, [10/20/21](#)] (Google Translate)

EsPriella Said He Was Forced To Stop Representing Saab Because He Was Permanent Resident In The United States And Was Not Allowed To Represent Someone On The OFAC List. "For 2 years, the lawyer De La Espriella defended Alex Saab, with the money from the corruption of Venezuela, this businessman from Barranquilla paid the Colombian lawyer. 'Alex Saab, for whom I was a lawyer in Colombia, I have never denied it until almost 2 years, I had to resign because my status as a permanent resident here in the United States did not allow me, Saab being included in the OFAC list to assist him,' adds De La Espriella. The lawyer emphasizes that unfortunately he could not continue assisting him due to United States rules, 'if it had not been for that, he would continue to be his lawyer.'" [PluralidadZ, [10/21/21](#); YouTube, Kienyke, [10/20/21](#)] (Google Translate)

Saab Sanction For Money Laundering

Saab was sanctioned by the U.S. Treasury along with three of Maduro's stepsons for laundering hundreds of millions of dollars in exchange for Venezuelan government contracts.

Saab Was Sanctioned For Running A Corruption Network The Treasury Said Allowed Maduro And His Regime "To Significantly Profit From Food Imports And Distribution." "Today, the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) sanctioned Colombian national Alex Nain Saab Moran (Saab), a profiteer orchestrating a vast corruption network that has enabled former President Nicolás Maduro (Maduro) and his regime to significantly profit from food imports and distribution in Venezuela. Saab has personally profited from overvalued contracts, including the Government's food subsidy program titled the Local Committees for Supply and Production, or Los

Comités Locales de Abastecimiento y Producción, commonly known as CLAP.” [U.S. Department of Treasury Press Release, [7/25/19](#)]

Saab Laundered Hundreds Of Millions of Dollars In Corruption Proceeds And Funneled Money To Maduro’s Stepsons In Exchange For Venezuela Government Contracts. “Through a sophisticated network of shell companies, business partners, and family members, Saab laundered hundreds of millions of dollars in corruption proceeds around the world. Also targeted today are Maduro’s three stepsons, Walter, Yosser, and Yoswal, to whom Saab funneled money in exchange for access to contracts with the Government of Venezuela, including its food subsidy program.” [U.S. Department of Treasury Press Release, [7/25/19](#)]

Alex Saab Was Being Held In Cape Verde And Faced Extradition To The U.S. On Charges Of Money Laundering. “The Barranquillero, detained in Cape Verde and who would be extradited to the United States accused of alleged money laundering and being the front man of Nicolás Maduro, spoke with El Espectador about his relationship with lawyer Abelardo de la Espriella. Almost a year after being captured in Cape Verde, the Colombian Alex Saab Morán remains in that country while the legal battle with which his lawyers intend to stop his extradition to the United States is resolved, where the justice accuses him of laundering money and being the figurehead of the president of Venezuela, Nicolás Maduro.” [El Espectador, [4/4/21](#)] (Google Translate)

2016-2019: Saab made hundreds of millions of dollars running a corruption scheme through a program intended to provide food rations to poor Venezuelans.

Saab “Reaped Substantial Profits And Imported Only A Fraction Of The Food Needed” Under The CLAP Program Designed To Provide Food Rations To Poor Venezuelans. “The former Maduro regime created the CLAP program in 2016 for the stated purpose of providing subsidized food ration boxes to poor Venezuelans. Rather than ensure that this vulnerable population receives the food it desperately needs, the regime uses the CLAP program as a political tool to reward support and punish political criticism. By offering food through this program, the former regime is able to maintain its influence because many Venezuelan citizens do not have enough money to buy food and therefore depend on the rations CLAP provides to survive. Saab’s involvement with the CLAP program started in 2016 when he and Pulido devised a corporate structure to acquire the food from a foreign distributor, assemble it in a foreign country, and ship it to Venezuela, all at the most profitable rate for themselves. Under Maduro’s watch, Saab reaped substantial profits and imported only a fraction of the food needed for the CLAP program.” [U.S. Department of Treasury Press Release, [7/25/19](#)]

Saab Used Shell Companies To Profit From CLAP Contracts And Used The Profits To Bribe Venezuela Government Officials To Gain More Contracts. “Alex Nain Saab Moran (Saab) is a Colombian national who, along with his business partner, Pulido, oversees a sophisticated network of front and shell companies used to acquire, assemble, and ship food to Venezuela in support of CLAP contracts, all at the most profitable rate for themselves. Saab used the profits generated from CLAP food boxes to bribe government officials to maintain his access to government contracts. Saab bribed several individuals, including Vielma Mora and Marco Torres. Saab also provided kickbacks to Maduro’s stepsons, Walter, Yosser, and Yoswal (“Los Chamos”).” [U.S. Department of Treasury Press Release, [7/25/19](#)]

Saab Made Hundreds Of Millions Of Dollars From The CLAP Scheme Since 2016. “Several companies Saab and Pulido own or control were used in Saab and Pulido’s food corruption scheme, including Asasi Food FZE, Mulberry Proje Yatirim Anonim Sirketi (Mulberry), and the Group Grand Limited companies. Since 2016, when Saab met with Los Chamos and Maduro to discuss importing food on behalf of the Government of Venezuela, Saab and Pulido have made hundreds of millions of dollars from the profits of this corrupt scheme.” [U.S. Department of Treasury Press Release, [7/25/19](#)]

[2011-2015: Saab and Alvaro Pulido Vargas allegedly laundered \\$350 million after receiving a Venezuela government housing contract.](#)

Saab And Alvaro Pulido Vargas Were Indicted By The Department Of Justice On Money Laundering Charges And For The Forfeit Of \$350 Million In Laundered Money. “Two Colombian businessmen were charged in an indictment returned today for their alleged roles in laundering the proceeds of violations of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA) in connection with a scheme to pay bribes to take advantage of Venezuela’s government-controlled exchange rate. Assistant Attorney General Brian A. Benczkowski of the Justice Department’s Criminal Division, U.S. Attorney Ariana Fajardo Orshan of the Southern District of Florida and Special Agent in Charge Adolphus P. Wright of the Drug Enforcement Administration’s (DEA) Miami Field Division made the announcement. Alex Nain Saab Moran (Saab), 47, and Alvaro Pulido Vargas (Pulido) 55, both citizens of Colombia, were each charged in an eight-count indictment returned in the Southern District of Florida with one count of conspiracy to commit money laundering and seven counts of money laundering. The indictment also alleges and seeks forfeiture in excess of \$350 million representing the amount of funds involved in the violation.” [Department Of Justice Press Release, [7/25/19](#)]

2011-2015: Saab And Pulido Laundered Proceeds From A Bribery Scheme By Obtaining A Venezuela Government Housing Contract And Submitting False Import Documents For Goods That Were Never Purchased. “The indictment alleges that beginning in or around November 2011 and continuing until at least September 2015, Saab and Pulido conspired with others to launder the proceeds of an illegal bribery scheme from bank accounts located in Venezuela to and through bank accounts located in the United States. According to the indictment, Saab and Pulido obtained a contract with the Venezuelan government in November 2011 to build low-income housing units. The defendants and their co-conspirators then allegedly took advantage of Venezuela’s government-controlled exchange rate, under which U.S. dollars could be obtained at a favorable rate, by submitting false and fraudulent import documents for goods and materials that were never imported into Venezuela and bribing Venezuelan government officials to approve those documents. The indictment alleges that the unlawful activity was a bribery scheme that violated the FCPA and involved bribery offenses against Venezuela. It also alleges that meetings in furtherance of the bribe payments occurred in Miami and that Saab and Pulido wired money related to the scheme to bank accounts in the Southern District of Florida. As a result of the scheme, Saab and Pulido transferred approximately \$350 million out of Venezuela, through the United States, to overseas accounts they owned or controlled, the indictment alleges.” [Department Of Justice Press Release, [7/25/19](#)]

Saab Was Paying Bribes And Kickbacks To Venezuela Officials To Win Overvalued Contracts Since As Early As 2009. “Since as early as 2009, Saab exploited his corrupt ties to Maduro regime insiders,

frequently paying bribes and kickbacks to Government of Venezuela officials, to win overvalued government contracts. Saab and his business partner, Alvaro Enrique Pulido Vargas (Pulido), created a company in 2009 to bid on a Government of Venezuela housing contract. After a year of lobbying, the Government of Venezuela awarded a housing contract to Saab and Pulido's company to build 25,000 homes in Venezuela; the contract paid Saab and Pulido three to four times the actual cost of building each low-income home, which were intended for Venezuela's more vulnerable populations." [U.S. Department of Treasury Press Release, [7/25/19](#)]

De La Espriella Helps Saab Escape Extradition

2018: de la Espriella allegedly helped Saab escape extradition after being tipped off by a police officer.

2018: Saab Was Able To Avoid Arrest In Colombia After A Police Officer Tipped Off Maria Paula Escorcía, A Lawyer Who Worked For De La Espriella's Law Firm. "Alex Saab, the businessman who the U.S. government is seeking to have extradited from Cape Verde for his alleged role in an international money laundering scheme, might have been arrested two years ago in Colombia. But Saab and several of his relatives managed to avoid their capture after a corrupt police officer passed information on the raid to the law firm of Abelardo de la Espriella, Saab's lawyer in Colombia, and to a legal advisor of Saab, according court documents obtained by Univision Investiga. María Paula Escorcía, a lawyer for the De la Espriella office, stated in a judicial complaint in Colombia that the policeman informed her of the operation to capture Saab. The information was passed to her 23 days before the raid, according the dates provided by her to the investigators." [Univision, [7/6/18](#)]

Escorcía "Followed Instructions From Her Bosses To Work With The Police Informant." "María Paula Escorcía, a lawyer for the De la Espriella office, stated in a judicial complaint in Colombia that the policeman informed her of the operation to capture Saab. The information was passed to her 23 days before the raid, according the dates provided by her to the investigators. 'Then he [the policeman] told me not to say anything on the phone since they listen to everything and that I better send the Saab family on vacation, so they don't capture them,' said Escorcía. The 28-year-old lawyer said she followed instructions from her bosses to work with the police informant, Eddie Andrés Pinto Rúa. She was also authorized to give him an iPhone to communicate exclusively with her. Pinto Rúa was convicted of bribery for accepting the cellphone from Escorcía, according to his three-year prison sentence." [Univision, [7/6/18](#)]

Escorcía Said De La Espriella Only Told Her To Report The Policeman To Authorities After The Arrest Failed. "On Sept 26, Escorcía appeared before a judicial police station in Barranquilla and denounced Pinto, saying her bosses instructed her to 'go along with it.' It was only amidst the scandal of the failed operation, and after his firm had already received a fair amount of confidential information from the DIJIN investigation, that De la Espriella instructed Escorcía to report the patrolman for extortion, according to the timeline described by Escorcía." [Univision, [7/6/18](#)]

Timeline of Saab's escape from arrest

9/2/2018: Escorcía Was Tipped Off That Saab Would Be Arrested. "But Saab and several of his relatives managed to avoid their capture after a corrupt police officer passed information on the raid to

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9/23/2018-9/24/2018: Police Say Saab Flew On A Chartered Jet For Caracas. "De la Espriella told Univision that neither Saab nor his family learned of the arrest operation through him or his office. He explained that when the arrest warrant was issued against Saab, 'had been out of the country for more than eight months, well before the tip was received, and could not have 'escaped' the country, 'because he was simply not in Colombia' at the time."

9/25/2018: Police Failed To Arrest Saab Because He Was Apparently Tipped Off. "On Sept 26, 2018, when De la Espriella's law firm had already received copious information about the confidential investigation and the possible arrest of Saab and her relatives, she filed a complaint against the policeman for extortion. By then, the police raid had already failed. Agents did not find any of the main suspects they planned to arrest in Barranquilla on Sept 25, including Saab or his relatives. The failure of the operation made headlines in the Colombian media, causing frustration among Colombian officials and US federal agents who had supported the investigation, said Gen. Luis Vargas, then head of the Police Criminal Investigation Directorate (DIJIN). 'It was devastating for all of us,' Vargas told Univision. 'It was a very serious investigation with the Money Laundering Unit, working closely with the DEA and the FBI,' he added." [Univision, [7/6/18](#)]

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9/27/2018: A Lawyer From De La Espriella's Firm Met With DIJIN Director Vargas To Report That A Police Officer Tipped Off Saab And The Law Firm. "Univision asked De la Espriella why he had taken so long to report the policeman's criminal behavior that ended up ruining a crucial police operation. The lawyer offered two conflicting explanations: He said the reason for the delay was because Pinto

'seemed evasive until the end.' But he also said that 'from the first moment' when he was informed by the firm's lawyer about the approach of the police detective, he gave 'precise instructions so that situation would be brought to the attention of the then director of DIJIN, General Vargas.' To ensure this, he added, he sent a lawyer whose name he didn't reveal, to meet with the general. De la Espriella invited Univision to verify the information with Vargas. Univision contacted the general and found that the dates cited by De la Espriella do not match. Vargas explained to Univision that in fact he met with a lawyer sent by de la Espriella but the meeting took place two days after the operation, on Sept 27. De la Espriella maintained that he had sent his lawyer 'as soon as' he was informed by the firm's lawyer, which was on Sept 2." [Univision, [7/6/18](#)]

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Other Individuals Involved In Saab's Corruption Ring

De la Espriella had a relationship with two more individuals involved in Saab's corruption ring.

Former University Of Miami Professor Bruce Bagley Pleaded Guilty To Helping Saab Launder \$3 Million. "It took seven months for the United States government to get former University of Miami professor Bruce Bagley to plead guilty to charges of money laundering from a corruption scheme in Venezuela. On June 1st Bagley admitted in federal court in New York that he had received commissions for laundering \$3 million from Alex Saab, a Colombian businessman arrested in Cape Verde more than a week ago accused of an international corruption scheme in a Miami court. However, the New York case left a question hanging over the fate of the bulk of the money sent by Saab from overseas accounts between 2017 and 2019." [Univision, [6/24/20](#)]

De La Espriella Said He Met Bagley At The University Of Miami. "It took seven months for the United States government to get former University of Miami professor Bruce Bagley to plead guilty to charges of money laundering from a corruption scheme in Venezuela [...] De la Espriella said that he met Jorge Luis Hernández, the informant of the operation, 'in the presence of two agents from a federal agency,' in Miami. 'I have no business with Mr. Hernández,' he said. He also explained that he met Bagley at the university." [Univision, [6/24/20](#)]

De La Espriella Used Bagley As An Expert Witness In Legal Cases, Including One Seeking To Stop The Extradition Of A Former Panamanian President. "Second, Abelardo de la Espriella has used Professor Bagley as a witness in cases of interest to him. One of them sought to prevent the extradition

of former Panamanian President Ricardo Martinelli to his country, an extradition that he was ultimately unable to prevent.” [Los Danieles, Daniel Coronell Column, [4/25/21](#)] (Google Translate)

A columnist and unnamed sources speculated that de la Espriella received a payout after U.S. authorities only seized \$300,000 out of \$3 million in funds laundered by Bagley.

The U.S. Government Seized \$300,000 Bagley Took As Commission, But Not The Remaining \$2.7 Million In Laundered Funds. “On June 1st Bagley admitted in federal court in New York that he had received commissions for laundering \$3 million from Alex Saab, a Colombian businessman arrested in Cape Verde more than a week ago accused of an international corruption scheme in a Miami court. However, the New York case left a question hanging over the fate of the bulk of the money sent by Saab from overseas accounts between 2017 and 2019. The government confiscated a total of \$300,000 allegedly taken by the professor as commissions for facilitating the laundering in Miami of multiple transfers from Saab. But there is no document that reflects what happened to the remaining \$2.7 million. The sum doesn’t appear to have been seized by the federal government even though it came from the same source: Saab accounts in the United Arab Emirates and Switzerland.” [Univision, [6/24/20](#)]

Two Lawyers With Expertise In Money Laundering Cases Said The Entire Amount of Laundered Money Should Have Been Seized. “Two lawyers who are experts in money laundering cases told Univision that it is common for some undercover operations to inject federal money into bank transfers and cash deliveries to simulate illegal activities. In those cases, they added, there is no confiscation at the end of the operation. In the case against Bagley, the entire funds were supposed to have been seized, the experts added, because they were the product of corrupt transactions, according to the accusation . Bagley confessed that he knew of the illegal origin of the funds at the time that he helped Saab in the laundering scheme. Bagley testified at the hearing that one person (Hernández) told him that ‘they represented the product of international bribes and embezzlement [of money] stolen from the Venezuelan people.’ [...] Prosecutors in the Bagley case noted in the indictment that the money Saab sent to the United States between November 2017 and April 2019 was entirely the product of corruption, but never explained why it was not seized.” [Univision, [6/24/20](#)]

Univision Reported Sources Speculated The Remaining Funds Could Have Been Used To Pay Lawyers To Arrange A Meeting Between Saab And The U.S. Government. “Two people familiar with Professor Bagley's case, and who asked not to be identified, hinted the purpose of the funds: fees paid to lawyers who promised Saab to approach the United States government on his behalf before he was indicted. Saab asked Bagley to help him discreetly process the payments to prevent the Venezuelan regime of Nicolás Maduro from finding out, the sources added. If that was the case, the tactic didn’t work. Saab was accused in July 2019 of money laundering from alleged corrupt operations in Venezuela. In a memorandum from the Treasury Department, the businessman was described as an international operator for the Maduro government. Saab is awaiting a U.S. extradition request to Cape Verde where he was arrested on June 12.” [Univision, [6/24/20](#)]

Journalist Gerardo Reyes Speculated Saab Was Sending Bagley Funds To Pay Lawyers To Broker A Meeting With U.S. Authorities Before Saab Was Charged. “Gerardo Reyes, author of the book that I recommend you read, asked James Margolin, spokesman for the New York Southern District attorney's office, about this strange circumstance. He replied that the Prosecutor's Office has no comment. Why

did the United States justice decide to pursue only the beneficiary of 10 percent of the Saab drafts and apparently has done nothing to recover 90 percent of the funds? Whose hands did the \$ 2,700,000 get? Gerardo Reyes writes: 'Two people familiar with the case offered a clue: the \$ 2.7 million that Bagley laundered came into the hands of lawyers who promised Saab a rapprochement with the United States government before he was charged. According to this hypothesis, Saab would have asked his professor friend to help him process the payments to the lawyers as discreetly as possible to prevent the Nicolás Maduro regime from finding out that he was flirting with the DEA and the FBI.' If the extradition of Alex Saab from Cape Verde finally takes place, many things will be clear about the allies he had to operate both in Venezuela and in Colombia and the United States." [Los Danieles, Daniel Coronell Column, [4/25/21](#)] (Google Translate)

de la Espriella met with a co-conspirator in the Saab corruption ring on more than one occasion.

Jorge Luis Hernandez (Boliche) Was A Former Colombian Drug Trafficker Who Introduced Bagley To Alex Saab. "About a decade ago Jorge Luis Hernandez – aka 'Boliche' – a Colombian drug trafficker who'd fled to the U.S., asked Bagley to testify on his behalf. Bagley helped persuade a U.S. judge not to deport Hernandez back to Colombia, where Boliche feared he'd be killed. A grateful Hernandez later introduced Bagley to Alex Saab." [WLRN, [6/22/20](#)]

Bagley Transferred Funds To Jorge Luis Hernandez AKA "Boliche" Who Was An Informant For U.S. Law Enforcement Agencies. "All that emerges from court documents regarding the funds sent by Saab to Florida is that they were transferred to a co-conspirator, also identified by the prosecution as 'Individual 1'. Bagley identified 'Individual 1' as Jorge Luis Hernández, aka 'Boliche' during the plea hearing. Hernández is an informant for U.S. counter narcotics agencies, according to Univision sources. The prosecution did not explain what happened to the money after the informant received it." [Univision, [6/24/20](#)]

De La Espriella Said He Met With Boliche And Two U.S. Federal Agents In Miami. "De la Espriella said that he met Jorge Luis Hernández, the informant of the operation, 'in the presence of two agents from a federal agency,' in Miami. I have no business with Mr. Hernández,' he said." [Univision, [6/24/20](#)]

De La Espriella Was Photographed In His Law Office With Boliche. "Famed Montería jurist Abelardo de la Espriella (standing) in one of his several elegant offices, convicted drug trafficker Jorge Luis Hernández Villazón, alias "Boliche" (pink shirt and first cousin of Ñeñe Hernández). In black, the footballer José Luis Chilaverte" [Twitter, @HELIODOPTERO, [7/5/20](#)] (Google Translate)

NOTABLE ENDORSEMENTS

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2020: Uribe Said We “Need” Salazar In Congress. “A video published by Miami Dade 27 Miami congressional candidate Maria Elvira Salazar showed the appreciation and admiration that former President Alvaro Uribe and she have with each other. The Colombian politician said that "we want to see her at the congress, we need her," and the candidate thanked her for telling her that he is her "example for me to keep fighting that same fight you had." [CE Noticias Financieras English, 10/28/20]

- **Uribe: “We Want To See Her In Congress, We Need Her.”** “Republican Congresswoman María Elvira Salazar, of whom former Colombian President Álvaro Uribe said: ‘We want to see her in Congress, we need her’,’ in an intervention she made on Tuesday in the US legislature made harsh remarks against Senator and presidential candidate Gustavo Francisco Petro Urrego.” [Infobae, 11/17/21] *Translation*
 - **Spanish Version:** “La congresista republicana María Elvira Salazar, de la que dijo el expresidente colombiano Álvaro Uribe: ‘La queremos ver en el congreso, la necesitamos,’ en una intervención que realizó el martes en el legislativo estadounidense hizo duros señalamientos contra el senador y candidato presidencial Gustavo Francisco Petro Urrego.”
- **2020: Uribe’s Support Of Salazar Came Under Scrutiny By His Columbian Opposition.** “However, Salazar and Uribe's conversation generated controversy in the Colombian opposition and even in American politicians, who believe that the former president's support for the Republican implies an interference of the Colombian politician in the elections that will take place on November 3. Senator Iván Cepeda shared Maria Elvira Salazar's video and said that "the Democratic Center's intervention in the U.S. election continues: former senator Alvaro Uribe invites us to vote for Republican candidate Maria Elvira Salazar." [CE Noticias Financieras English, 10/28/20]

[VIDEO] October 2020: Salazar “Mr. President, You Are One Of The Great Ones Of Latin America.” In a video posted to her Facebook account, Salazar touted former Colombian President Alvaro Uribe’s endorsement, stating in Spanish “Mr. President, you are one of the great ones of Latin America, and you are my example to keep fighting the same fights you had.” [Facebook, Maria Elvira Salazar, [10/25/21](#), 1:10/1:26]

- **Spanish version:** “Gracias a usted Presidente, me llena de orgullo escuchar esas palabras de usted, usted es uno de los grandes de la América Latina, y usted es mi ejemplo para yo seguir peleando esa misma pelea que tuvo usted.”

- **[VIDEO] Salazar Called Uribe “One Of The Great Heroes Of Latin America” And There Are Many Countries That Would Like To Have An “Uribe.”** Salazar said, "It is always a pleasure to greet you, you are one of the great heroes of Latin America and it shows now more than ever. [...] We know that in those demonstrations that were not always peaceful, there is the hand of the left, organized, that what it wants is to destroy the democratic and capitalist system. And you, President Uribe, showed that in your homeland, Colombia, you were able to maintain the system safely and with guaranteed social and civil liberties. [...] That is why it is a great pleasure for me to be able to greet you and tell you that you are not alone, that there are many in the hemisphere, in the United States, who respect you and who above all, they respect your management for what you represented, for what you did for the country. There are many Latin American countries that would like to have an Uribe. To have a person who defends democracy, freedom and, above all, the security of citizens." [Facebook, Carlos Felipe Mejia, [11/21/21](#)] Translation

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December 2018: Former Colombian President Alvaro Uribe Pushed Back After Salazar Used Uribe’s Comments From A Video Praising Salazar’s Career In A Campaign Ad. “Former Colombian President Alvaro Uribe is pushing back against the Maria Elvira Salazar campaign over a radio ad that appeared to imply Uribe had endorsed her campaign. Uribe offered words of support for Salazar, who is now the Republican candidate in the race for Florida’s 27th Congressional District, in a video that has since been uploaded to her YouTube channel. According to a report from El Nuevo Herald, the video was recorded by Abelardo De La Espriella, a Colombian lawyer. In it, Uribe offers praise for Salazar’s long career. Salazar then used portions of that video in a radio ad which aired on Radio Caracol 1260 in Miami. But according to Uribe, his comments were not meant to take sides in the race between Salazar and Democratic nominee Donna Shalala.” [Florida Politics, [12/11/18](#)]

Salazar Used The Video For Political Purposes, Which Resulted In Uribe Saying His Message Did Not “Represent Political Support.” “Former Colombian President Álvaro Uribe Vélez clarified this Wednesday in a statement released by the campaign team of the Democratic candidate for the 27th district, Donna Shalala, that a recently published video of him with a message to the Republican María Elvira Salazar does not represent support political. Salazar's campaign had presented the video as a show of support from the former Colombian president for the Republican's candidacy, but he clarified that it is a recognition of his career. Shalala's campaign team disclosed that the former president issued the following statement from Bogotá: ‘In recent days I sent a message of recognition for her career and thanks for her solidarity, to the journalist María Elvira Salazar. The intention was to highlight my friendship and admiration for the journalist and praise her success and professional rigor.’ ‘We have been warned that the message has been used for political purposes, in the campaign that advances to the United States Congress,’ said the statement from the former president and current Colombian senator. ‘I reiterate that the messages sent by me to people in the exercise of their functions do not represent political support but rather a strengthening of fraternal relations.’ Uribe also expressed that he and his Democratic Center party reiterate their commitment to maintain ‘respectful and bipartisan’ diplomatic relations with congressmen and candidates in the United States, without any preference in the electoral contest.” [El Nuevo Herald, 10/03/18] Translation

- Spanish Version:** “El ex presidente colombiano Álvaro Uribe Vélez aclaró este miércoles en un comunicado divulgado por el equipo de campaña de la candidata demócrata por el distrito 27, Donna Shalala, que un video suyo publicado recientemente con un mensaje a la republicana María Elvira Salazar no representa un apoyo político. La campaña de Salazar había presentado el video como una muestra de apoyo del ex presidente colombiano a la candidatura de la republicana, pero este aclaró que se trata de un reconocimiento a su trayectoria. El equipo de campaña de Shalala divulgó que el ex mandatario emitió desde Bogotá el siguiente comunicado: ‘En días pasados envié un mensaje de reconocimiento por su trayectoria y de agradecimiento por su solidaridad, a la periodista María Elvira Salazar. La intención era resaltar mi amistad y admiración por la periodista y enaltecer su éxito y rigor profesional.’ ‘Hemos sido advertidos que el mensaje ha sido utilizado con fines políticos, en la campaña que adelanta al Congreso de los Estados Unidos,’ precisó el comunicado del ex presidente y actualmente senador colombiano. ‘Reitero que los mensajes enviados por mí a personas en ejercicio de sus funciones no representan un apoyo político sino estrechamiento de relaciones fraternas.’ Uribe expresó además que él y su partido Centro Democrático reiteran su compromiso de mantener relaciones diplomáticas ‘respetuosas y bipartidistas, con los congresistas y candidatos en los Estados Unidos, sin preferencia alguna en la contienda electoral.’”

Salazar Went On Spanish Radio And Said It Was True That Uribe Was Supporting Her Campaign Because There Was Video. “Uribe also expressed that he and his Democratic Center party reiterate their commitment to maintain ‘respectful and bipartisan’ diplomatic relations with congressmen and candidates in the United States, without any preference in the electoral contest.’ Shalala’s campaign accused Salazar of trying to ‘deceive the voters of the 27th district by using a video that the former Colombian president recorded for non-political purposes,’ and said that Salazar even distributed publicity material in various media outlets as proof that the senator Uribe supported his candidacy. ‘María Elvira Salazar could be lying or manipulating information in relation to any other matter related to her campaign, her political positions or her intentions. The voters of the 27th district of Florida deserve transparency and to be able to trust the actions of their future representatives in Washington D.C.’ Shalala’s campaign said in a statement. El Nuevo Herald tried unsuccessfully on Wednesday to contact Uribe and Salazar. Salazar said Wednesday in an interview with Miami’s Actualidad Radio 1020 station that ‘nothing is happening. They call me about rumors that the announcement or the support that President Uribe gives me for my campaign is not true. I don’t know about where does that come from because there is the video.’” [El Nuevo Herald, 10/03/18] Translation

- Spanish Version:** “Uribe expresó además que él y su partido Centro Democrático reiteran su compromiso de mantener relaciones diplomáticas ‘respetuosas y bipartidistas, con los congresistas y candidatos en los Estados Unidos, sin preferencia alguna en la contienda electoral.’ La campaña de Shalala acusó a Salazar de tratar de “engañar a los votantes del distrito 27 al utilizar un video que el ex presidente colombiano grabó sin fines políticos”, y dijo que Salazar incluso distribuyó material publicitario en diversos medios como prueba de que el senador Uribe apoyaba su candidatura. ‘María Elvira Salazar podría estar mintiendo o manipulando información en relación a cualquier otro asunto relacionado a su campaña, sus posiciones políticas o sus intenciones. Los votantes del distrito 27 de la Florida merecen transparencia y poder confiar en las acciones de sus futuros representantes en Washington D.C.,’ indicó la campaña de Shalala en un comunicado. El Nuevo Herald trató el miércoles sin

éxito de contactar a Uribe y a Salazar. Salazar dijo el miércoles en una entrevista con la emisora Actualidad Radio 1020 de Miami que ‘no está pasando nada. Me llaman sobre que se rumoraba que el anuncio o el apoyo que me da el presidente Uribe a mi campaña no es cierto. No sé de dónde viene eso porque ahí está el video.’”

Uribe: “The Messages Sent By Me [...] Do Not Represent Political Support.” “In recent days, I sent a message of appreciation to the journalist, Maria Elvira Salazar, for her career and gratitude for her solidarity,’ read a letter from Uribe obtained by the Shalala campaign. ‘We have been alerted that the message has been used for political purposes in the campaign to benefit her advancement for Congress of the United States. I reiterate that the messages sent by me, to people in their official capacity, do not represent political support, but rather a tightening of fraternal relationships.’ Uribe went on to say the he and his political party ‘reiterate our commitment to maintain respectful and bipartisan diplomatic relations, with the congressman and candidates in the United States, without any preference in elections.’” [Florida Politics, [12/11/18](#)]

Ironically, in 2007, Salazar appeared to connect Uribe to organized drug trafficking.

[VIDEO] November 2007: Salazar “If That’s Not Called Working For Organized Drug Trafficking, I Don’t Know What It’s called.” During a televised interview with Colombian author Virginia Vallejo, who admitted to having insider knowledge of President Alvaro Uribe helping major drug traffickers obtain plane and helicopter licenses, Salazar responded in Spanish “if that’s not called working for organized drug trafficking, I don’t know what it’s called.” [YouTube, [11/2007](#), 3:40/10:17]

- **Spanish version:** “Suficiente, si no es trabajar para el narcotráfico, no se como se llama.”

Trump & Pence

2020: Salazar Was Endorsed by Trump On October 28, 2020. “In the evening, the President traveled to the Trump National Doral Miami Golf Resort, where he remained overnight. He also announced on his personal Twitter feed his endorsement of Florida Republican congressional candidate Maria Elvira Salazar.” [Digest of Other White House Announcements, Daily Compilation of Presidential Documents, 11/6/2020]

October 2020: Pence Urged People To Vote For Salazar. “The vice president urged the renewal of Congress in Washington, for which he called for a vote for journalist Maria Salazar, Carlos Giménez, current mayor of Miami-Dade County, and Mario Díaz-Balart, all candidates for South Florida constituencies.” [CE Noticias Financieras English, 10/15/20]

Florida Republicans

Rep. Diaz-Balart

2018: Rep. Diaz-Balart endorsed Salazar in the primary.

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Rep. Ros-Lehtinen

2018: Ros-Lehtinen encouraged Salazar to run for her old Congressional seat, but did not endorse her during her primary race; Ros-Lehtinen praised Salazar after her primary victory.

January 2018: Ros-Lehtinen Met With Salazar About Her Old Seat. “Ros-Lehtinen is talking to any Republican who might be willing to step up. She personally met with Spanish-language TV journalist Maria Elvira Salazar at a Cuban restaurant in South Miami in an effort to drum up more competition in the primary. ‘The district is totally winnable for the right candidate,’ Ros-Lehtinen said. ‘She could be the right candi-date.’ But Salazar, like many other names bandied about in Miami Republican circles, demurred when asked if she’ll run. ‘I am a news reporter, not a news maker,’ Salazar said in an email. ‘It’s an honor that over the years both parties have approached me to consider running for office. My plans are to continue being a TV journalist -- until God and the audience give me that opportunity.’” [Miami Herald, 1/2/18]

Ros-Lehtinen Encouraged Salazar To Run For Her Old Seat. “Ros-Lehtinen encouraged Salazar to run, though she’s said she’ll support whomever emerges from the primary.” [Miami Herald, 5/23/18]

2018: Ros-Lehtinen, Diaz-Balart, And Curbelo’s Parents Joined Salazar On Stage At Her Republican Primary Election Night Party. “‘Tomorrow we begin anew the next phase of this campaign,’ Salazar said in a victory speech. ‘I am very aware of the responsibility that it entails to be the Republican nominee for District 27, held with such distinction by this lady standing here next to me, Ileana Ros-Lehtinen.’ She was also joined by former Rep. Lincoln Diaz-Balart. Even the parents of current Rep. Carlos Curbelo (FL-26) came on stage in celebration.” [WLRN, [8/29/18](#)]

2018: Ros-Lehtinen On Salazar: “Someone Who Understands About Limited Government, About Less Bureaucratic Regulations, About More Freedom, Help For The Oppressed People Throughout The World.” “Ros-Lehtinen is a popular figure even among Democrats in the district, and her endorsement was coveted to try to keep the seat in Republican hands. The district voted for Hillary Clinton over President Donald Trump by a wide margin in the 2016 election. ‘Let’s come together and let’s make sure that we do not flip this district,’ Ros-Lehtinen said in a speech. ‘It’s got to stay in the hands of someone who understands about limited government, about less bureaucratic regulations, about more freedom, help for the oppressed people throughout the world, whether it’s Cuba, Nicaragua, Venezuela, wherever it is. And that voice of freedom is going to be the voice of Maria Elvira Salazar.’” [WLRN, [8/29/18](#)]

Headline: WLRN: “Maria Elvira Salazar Wins Republican Nomination; Ros-Lehtinen Passes The Torch.” [WLRN, [8/29/18](#)]

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Other Endorsements

2022: Salazar Was Endorsed By Maggie's List. "Maggie's List, a PAC formed to promote conservative women to federal office, held a reception in Washington last month along with partners eager for Republicans to retake both chambers of Commerce. Scott, head of the National Republican Senatorial Committee, gave a speech at the event promoting Missouri Republican Vicky Hartzler's candidacy for Senate. Former Florida Secretary of State Sandra Mortham currently chairs Maggie's List, and the cast of prominent Washington leaders at the reception shows the growing influence of the group under her leadership. Tom Emmer, Scott's counterpart at the National Republican Congressional Committee, also attended and promoted House candidates. Congressman Mike Kelly, Christine Torreti, and Sandra Mortham are eager for Republicans to take back the House. Several other Florida personalities could be seen at the reception as well. Carole Jean Jordan, Indian River County Tax Collector and Florida chair for Maggie's List, was spotted, as was Mortham, Florida advocacy director for Excel in Ed. Amanda Makki, a Maggie's List-endorsed candidate in an open race for Florida's 13th Congressional District, also shared photos on her own social media from the evening. Jackie Toledo, a candidate in Florida's 15th Congressional District, was also endorsed and invited to attend. Of note, out of the 50 sitting members of Congress listed on an invitation as congressional partners to Maggie's list, nine represent Florida. The list includes Scott and Rubio. The organization listed endorsed Reps. Cammack and Maria Elvira Salazar, as well as supportive Reps. Mario Daz-Balart, Bilirakis, Bill Posey, John Rutherford and Dan Webster." [Florida Politics, 5/3/2022]

2021: Salazar Was Endorsed By Sen. Tim Scott. Sen. Tim Scott (R-SC) announced endorsements in nine competitive House races. He backed eight Republican incumbents: Reps. David Valadao (CA-21), Young Kim (CA-39), Michelle Steel (CA-48), María Elvira Salazar (FL-27)... [The Hotline, 11/17/21]

2020: Salazar Was Endorsed By The US Chamber of Commerce. Today, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce announced its endorsement of Maria Elvira Salazar to represent Florida's Twenty-Seventh Congressional District. The U.S. Chamber is proud to endorse Salazar, in efforts to promote free enterprise and job-creating policies for businesses across all regions and sectors. [State News Services, 9/23/2020, Accessed 8/8/2022]

Miami Herald

2018

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2018: The Miami Herald Editorial Board Said Salazar Was “Not Ready For Such A Big Job” And In 2020 They Said, “She Still Isn’t.” “Salazar, a well-known Spanish-language television personality, told the Editorial Board that she took to heart our comment two years ago that she was not ready for such a big job. Up against a powerhouse such as Shalala, she still isn't. But we give Salazar credit for boning up on issues.” [Miami Herald, Editorial Board, 10/31/20]

APPENDIX

APPENDIX I: NOTABLE VIDEOS

Abortion

[VIDEO] September 2018: Salazar: “It’s Settled Law. [Kavanaugh] Said It. [...] I Don’t Think He’s A Radical. I Don’t Think He’s An Extremist.” A Florida anchor asked Salazar, “Where do you stand on abortion? Salazar said, “But he said it. It’s settled law. He said it the other day. It’s settled law. And I believe that he is a person that will follow and interpret the constitution the way it needs to be. I don’t think he is a radical. I don’t think he’s an extremist.” [YouTube, CBS Miami, [9/11/18](#) (2:15)]

[VIDEO] September 2018: Salazar: “I Don’t Like To Take Rights From People.” Salazar said, “I don’t like to take rights away from people. I want to give them rights. [YouTube, Miami Herald, [9/26/18](#) (28:00)]

[VIDEO] September 2021: Salazar Was Asked Why She Voted Against The Women’s Health Protection Act, And Salazar Said, “Who Says I Didn’t.” [DCCC, [9/29/21](#)]

American Rescue Plan

[VIDEO] March 2021: Salazar: “Those Who Are Happy About A \$1,400 Stimulus Will Later Pay Thousands And Thousands More In Taxes.” In a video posted to her Facebook, Salazar claimed in Spanish “those who are very happy because they will receive \$1,400 per person, or for couples earning less than \$150K receiving \$2,800 - I want to tell you that this is a fallacy, because it will later cost you thousands and thousands of dollars in taxes, I don’t know if it could be \$24K or \$14K, but it’s a bad deal.” [Facebook, Maria Elvira Salazar, [03/08/21](#) , 00:00/3:59]

[VIDEO] June 2022: Salazar: “Democrats Threw Away \$1.9T At The Beginning Of My Term.” In a video interview with Alex Otaola, Salazar attacked the American Rescue Plan, stating in Spanish “At the beginning of my term, Democrats threw away \$1.9T alleging they would help the COVID situation, but what they did was help millions and millions of lazy people stay at home.” [YouTube, Maria Elvira Salazar, [06/16/22](#), 7:33/23:30]

Cano Health

[VIDEO] In March 2020, Salazar “Interviewed” Cano Health Founder Dr. Marlow Hernandez About Cano’s COVID-19-Related Telemedicine Service. “I had a very good conversation a few days ago with Dr. Marlow Hernandez, who is the principal doctor at Cano Health. And he asked me to use my social media platforms to inform the public that his doctors are now available to anyone who has the coronavirus symptoms to do a teleconference, via internet, with one of his doctors and determine if that needs medicine or not.” [Facebook, Maria Elvira Salazar, [3/23/20](#)]

[VIDEO] Dr. Hernandez Told Viewers That If They Called His Service They Could Be Prescribed Whichever Medicine They Thought They Needed, And Made Special Mention Of The Discredited Treatment Hydroxychloroquine. [1:40] “So, what we want to do is be able to put you in touch with one of our doctors, and then be able to make it convenient for you [Cano’s 1-800 number pops up on screen] to get whatever medicine you need [turns to Salazar] whether it’s this chloroquine [Salazar nods and repeats “chloroquine”] or hydroxychloroquine ummm if you have the symptoms - consists of, again, fever, cough, shortness of breath, even now maybe some abdominal symptoms may be part of it, or of course the much more common diabetes, hypertension, CSS [sp?], COPD, all of those conditions need to be treated. So stay home, stay safe, and count on telehealth.” [Facebook, Maria Elvira Salazar, [3/23/20](#)]

[VIDEO] Salazar Told Viewers Cano Would “Keep You Home With A Medicine – The Only Medicine That We Have Available.” [2:15] “The most important thing, doc, that I just learned out of this crisis, is that if you can stay home and you can take care of the symptoms at home, then you don’t wind up in the hospital where you can get sicker. And that’s why I think Cano is doing this - trying to keep you home with a medicine – the only medicine that we have available.” [Facebook, Maria Elvira Salazar, [3/23/20](#)]

- **[VIDEO] Salazar Told Viewers “The Most Important Thing” She Has “Learned” Is “That If You Can Stay Home” Then “You Don’t Wind Up In The Hospital Where You Can Get Sicker.”** [2:15] “The most important thing, doc, that I just learned out of this crisis, is that if you can stay home and you can take care of the symptoms at home, then you don’t wind up in the hospital where you can get sicker. And that’s why I think Cano is doing this - trying to keep you home with a medicine – the only medicine that we have available.” [Facebook, Maria Elvira Salazar, [3/23/20](#)]

[VIDEO] Salazar’s Video Does Not Include A Disclosure That She Is A Paid Spokesperson For Cano, And Omits The Fact That She Owns An Equity Stake In The Business. The video’s description reads: “Interview with Cano Health. This past weekend I had the pleasure of interviewing Dr. Marlow Hernandez from Cano Health. He informed me that as a public service his facilities are offering free televisit screenings for the COVID-19. Not only is the service free, but you do not have to be a patient of Cano Health to receive the screening. If you qualify for medication, they are also offering free home delivery. Since it is very important for all of us to remain home and prevent spreading the virus I urge everyone in the community that if they feel sick to first use a televisit. If not with Cano Health, I urge you to take advantage of technology and schedule a virtual visit first. You can contact Cano Health at 1-800-201-6595. Thank you Dr. Hernandez for your service.” [Facebook, Maria Elvira Salazar, [3/23/20](#)]

[VIDEO] March 2020: Salazar Said If We Could Get Chloroquine And/Or Hydroxychloroquine To The “Most Houses” It Would Make It “So People Don’t End Up In The Hospital.” Dr. Hernandez said, “The idea is that the more people who receive this medicine, the more people we can save. Salazar said, “What medicine is this? The chloroquine? Hernandez said, “The medicine is chloroquine ... and the hydroxychloroquine.” [...] Salazar then said what Cano is doing is “commendable.” Salazar added, “If you can make that medicine [chloroquine, hydroxychloroquine], approved by the federal government, gets to the most houses, it makes it so people don’t end up in the hospital.” In the video, Salazar told

people to use Cano's health services and told the doctor, "God will reward you." [YouTube, Cano Health, [3/26/20](#)] Translation

- **[VIDEO] March 2020: Salazar Appeared On Screen With A Doctor Who Said, "The Idea Is That The More People Who Receive [Chloroquine, Hydroxychloroquine], The More People We Can Save."** Dr. Hernandez said, "The idea is that the more people who receive this medicine, the more people we can save. Salazar said, "What medicine is this? The chloroquine? Hernandez said, "The medicine is chloroquine ... and the hydroxychloroquine." [...] Salazar then said what Cano is doing is "commendable." Salazar added, "If you can make that medicine [chloroquine, hydroxychloroquine], approved by the federal government, gets to the most houses, it makes it so people don't end up in the hospital." In the video, Salazar told people to use Cano's health services and told the doctor, "God will reward you." [YouTube, Cano Health, [3/26/20](#)] Translation

Carbon Tax

[VIDEO] September 2018: Asked If She Would Vote For Curbelo's Carbon Tax, Salazar Said "Sure." "[REPORTER:] Carlos Curbelo has a carbon tax bill filed. Would you vote for that? [SALAZAR:] Sure, I'll talk to him. I haven't spoken with him about that. Listen, whatever makes sense. I want to step into the center and whatever makes sense for the community for the whole country, is what we need to do. [Miami Herald Editorial Board, 36:12-36:28, [9/26/18](#)]

Censorship

[VIDEO] January 2021: Salazar: "Censorship Is Infiltrating The US." In a video posted to her Facebook account 15 days after the J6 riots, Salazar claimed in Spanish "I'm highly worried about the censorship infiltrating this country, censorship that I haven't lived through before, where we have the first amendment that gives you the freedom to say what you believe independent of whether we agree or not, and we've seen President Trump's Twitter account be shut down, the New York Post's account shut down for reporting a story on Hunter Biden." [Facebook, Maria Elvira Salazar, [01/26/21](#), 00:20/2:09]

Childhood

[VIDEO] September 2020: Salazar: "My American Journey Started Here" In Little Havana "With \$5 In My Pocket." "[SALAZAR:] My American journey started here, with \$5 in my pocket. [SUPER:] Maria Elvira Salazar Childhood Home Little Havana." [YouTube, Maria Elvira Salazar, [9/22/20](#)]

[VIDEO] September 2020: Salazar Was Accused Of Misrepresenting Her Background Since She Was Born In Miami And Did Not Start With \$5 In Her Pocket. This Week in South Florida host Michael Putney interviewed Salazar and said, "In the ad you said my American journey started here with \$5 in my pocket. [...] You were born in Miami and you didn't really start here with \$5 in your pocket. [...] So is this a misrepresentation." [Local 10, [9/27/20](#) (1:20)]

[VIDEO] September 2020: Salazar: “We Were Poor. [...] We Were Very Pretty Poor Cuban Refugees.” Salazar said, “No it’s not. We were poor. We lived in Little Havana in the apartment complex that you just showed in the commercial. And we were very pretty poor Cuban refugees and my childhood was not of abundance so that’s why I’m trying to say to the public that I want to serve the public because I know what they are feeling at this hour.” [Local 10, [9/27/20](#) (1:45)]

[VIDEO] April 2021: Salazar Said, “As A Hispanic, Latina, Brown Girl From The Hood.” [YouTube, Donna Democrats, [4/26/21](#)]

[VIDEO] June 2022: Salazar: “A Brown Girl From The Hood.” “I have presented and I’ve said it to you, a law, an immigration reform law where you seal the border, seal the border, if I catch you coming back, once you were deported, you’re going to go to jail for a long time. Very strong border security measures [...] my bill, a brown girl from the hood, presented by the GOP, pay attention to it, seal the border, and then take care of those who are here, who are contributing to the American economy. It’s simple.” [Fox Business News Maria Bartiromo with Congresswoman Maria Salazar, [6/09/22](#) (4:51)]

Colombia

[VIDEO] October 2020: Salazar “Mr. President, You Are One Of The Great Ones Of Latin America.” In a video posted to her Facebook account, Salazar touted former Colombian President Alvaro Uribe’s endorsement, stating in Spanish “Mr. President, you are one of the great ones of Latin America, and you are my example to keep fighting the same fights you had.” [Facebook, Maria Elvira Salazar, [10/25/21](#), 1:10/1:26]

- **[VIDEO] Salazar Called Uribe “One Of The Great Heroes Of Latin America” And There Are Many Countries That Would Like To Have An “Uribe.”** Salazar said, “It is always a pleasure to greet you, you are one of the great heroes of Latin America and it shows now more than ever. [...] We know that in those demonstrations that were not always peaceful, there is the hand of the left, organized, that what it wants is to destroy the democratic and capitalist system. And you, President Uribe, showed that in your homeland, Colombia, you were able to maintain the system safely and with guaranteed social and civil liberties. [...] That is why it is a great pleasure for me to be able to greet you and tell you that you are not alone, that there are many in the hemisphere, in the United States, who respect you and who above all, they respect your management for what you represented, for what you did for the country. There are many Latin American countries that would like to have an Uribe. To have a person who defends democracy, freedom and, above all, the security of citizens.” [Facebook, Carlos Felipe Mejia, [11/21/21](#)] Translation

Cuba

[VIDEO] 1995: Salazar Repeatedly Called Castro “Commandante.” Salazar Said, “Usted no le molesta comandante [It doesn’t bother you commander].” Salazar said, “No le molesta usted comandante [It doesn’t bother you commander].” Salazar said, “Que es lo que le mas Commandante.” Salazar said, “Muchísimas gracias comandante por haber hablado con la tele hispano por primero vez [Thank you

very much commander for having spoken with the Hispanic TV for the first time].” [YouTube, Maria Elvira Salazar, [11/10/20](#)]

[VIDEO] 1995: Salazar Described Castro As A “Revolutionary For Excellence.” Salazar said, “You, commander, the man who captured the social imagination in the 60s in the whole world, you who were, a revolutionary for excellence.” [YouTube, Maria Elvira Salazar, [11/28/16](#) (35:10)]

[VIDEO] March 2016: Salazar: President Obama’s Visit To Cuba Is Historic In Demonstrating To The Cuban People That They Are Not Alone.” In a Spanish-language Facebook live video on her account, Salazar stated President Obama’s Cuba visit “showed to the Cuban people that on this visit, this visit by President Obama, that they are not alone, not alone in the way they have felt in the last 56 years.” [Facebook, Maria Elvira Salazar, [06/20/16](#), 1:31/13:29]

FBI

[VIDEO] August 2022: Salazar: “Government Institutions, In This Case The FBI And DOJ, Are Being Weaponized As Political Threats.” In August 2022, during a televised interview, Salazar stated in Spanish “this type of situation, in which government institutions like the FBI and DOJ, are being weaponized to threaten political opponents, this happens in Nicaragua, where [Daniel] Ortega jailed 7 presidential candidates.” [Twitter, Maria Elvira Salazar, [08/10/22](#), 0:05/0:41]

[VIDEO] August 2022: Salazar: “They’re Using Government Institutions To Politically Assault The Opposition.” In a Spanish-language video interview shared to her Twitter account, Salazar said of the FBI’s search of Trump’s home “the great evil in all of this is that they are using government instruments and institutions to politically assault the opposition.” [Twitter, Maria Elvira Salazar, [08/13/22](#), 0:30/1:09]

[VIDEO] August 2022: Salazar Falsely Claimed That There Was Empirical Evidence Of Backdoor Deals Between Hunter Biden And China Has Not Been Investigated. In a televised interview segment about the FBI’s search of Trump’s home on America TeVe, Salazar stated in Spanish “How can it be that we know there’s empirical evidence against President Biden’s son, including a computer that might detail business wrongdoings with the Chinese? Why has that not been investigated?” [YouTube, Maria Elvira Salazar via AmericaTeVe, [08/09/22](#), 5:08/16:46]

Handouts

[VIDEO] February 2019: Salazar: “The More You Give Handouts, The More You Make Them Parasites Of Society.” “[SALAZAR:] The more you give handouts, the more you make them parasites of society then the less they do and the less they come out of that state, which is really bad for the human soul.” [Daily Beast, [2/7/19](#)]

Health Care

[VIDEO] 2018: Salazar: “We Need To Find Another Way” Because Obamacare “Was No Good.” A Florida anchor asked Salazar, “Obamacare. Would you like to see Obamacare replaced? Salazar said, “What we had before was no good. Obamacare. What we have now is no good either. We need to find another way.” [YouTube, CBS Miami, [9/11/18](#) (3:15)]

[VIDEO] 2018: Salazar: “I Think That We Should Allow The Forces Of Capital To Go Into The Health Care Industry.” Salazar said, “I think that we should allow the forces of capital to go into the health care industry.” [YouTube, CBS Miami, [9/11/18](#) (3:15)]

Immigration

[VIDEO] February 2018: Salazar: “I Will Help The Republican Party Understand That The Reality Of Immigration Is Not As They See It.” During a televised interview on Al Punto - Florida, Salazar responded in Spanish that her top priority would be to “help factions of the Republican Party understand that immigration is not as they present it and not as they see it... if you know what I mean,” promising a softer tone on GOP immigration policy. [YouTube, Maria Elvira Salazar, [02/11/18](#), 4:15/11:40]

[VIDEO] June 2017: Salazar: “Sanctuary Cities Are Making Hispanics Look Like A Bunch Of Imbeciles!” On June 2, 2017, Salazar posted on Twitter: “#SanctuaryCities are making #Hispanics look like a bunch of imbeciles! My conversation w/ @TeamCavuto @FoxBusiness | #Immigration.” [Maria Elvira Salazar, [6/2/17](#)]

[VIDEO] March 2021: Salazar: Republicans Have Never Promised Anything On Immigration. In a televised interview segment on DirectoUSA, Salazar pushed back in Spanish to the interviewer stating Republicans promised to deliver on immigration by saying “Republicans have never promised anything.” [YouTube, Maria Elvira Salazar via DirectoUSA, [03/17/21](#), 5:47/9:09]

[VIDEO] March 2021: Salazar: “Let’s Give Dignity To Those 11 Million People That Includes The Ags, And Include The DACA And Their Parents, And Everyone Else Who Has Not Committed A Crime.” In March 2021, Salazar said, “Let’s give dignity to those 11 million people that includes the ags, and include the DACA and their parents, and everyone else who has not committed a crime, who has been here for at least 5 years, who has paid taxes, and who is working and helping our economy.” [YouTube, ABC News, [3/17/21](#) (3:30)]

[VIDEO] 2022: Salazar: “I Have An Immigration Reform Law Where You Seal The Border [...] If I Catch You Coming Back, Once You Were Deported, You’re Going To Jail For A Long Time.” “I have presented and I’ve said it to you, a law, an immigration reform law where you seal the border, seal the border, if I catch you coming back, once you were deported, you’re going to go to jail for a long time. Very strong border security measures [...] my bill, a brown girl from the hood, presented by the GOP, pay attention to it, seal the border, and then take care of those who are here, who are contributing to the American economy. It’s simple.” [Fox Business News Maria Bartiromo with Congresswoman Maria Salazar, [6/09/22](#) (4:51)]

- **[VIDEO] Salazar Says Her Plan Has The Technology To Seal The Border With “Towers” And “Drones.”** “So, it depends on us, the United States government, our administration to say no more and seal that border. You know why, because we do have that technology. How do I know we have the technology because it's in my law? You put a lot of towers, a lot of drones, a lot of people, you put everything you need to, we have the technology to seal the border, and let in whomever we deem necessary for the benefit of the economy of this country.” [Fox Business News Maria Bartiromo with Congresswoman Maria Salazar, [6/09/2022](#) (7:13)]

Inflation & Taxes

[VIDEO] July 2022: Salazar Said “For 19 Months, I Haven’t Seen Any Laws That Take Care Of Your Pocket Or Of Your Economy.” “For 19 months, this Congress has been in the hands of the Democrats, specifically Madam Speaker Nancy Pelosi. And for 19 months, I haven’t seen any laws that take care of your pocket or of your economy. And right now, we are in a major disaster of affordability. I am sure you feel it in your daily lives. For instance, one out of four people that go to the supermarket cannot buy everything they need. They need to leave things on the shelves because they just do not have enough money to buy everything. And one out of two people that go to the gas pump cannot fill their tank because they just do not have the money to do that. That is unacceptable in the United States. It is unacceptable that the Democrats, during the last 19 months, have been trying to do two things: spend more, and tax you more. That is what they have been trying to do. And you know what is the most ironic thing of it all, is that all this disaster could have been avoided because this has been made by the Biden Administration with bad economic policies, That’s reality, 19 months where they haven’t done anything.” [Facebook, Maria Elvira Salazar, [7/30/22](#)]

[VIDEO] July 2022: Salazar Said Democrats In Congress “Want To Spend More Money And Tax Corporations.” “It doesn’t matter the political party; Democrat, Republican, Independent. Right now if you got the super market one out of four Americans cannot buy everything they need because they don’t have the money. One out of two cannot fill the gas tank because it’s too much money per gallon, so that is miserable. Four years ago we were in a much better position. The reason why I came to Congress was to help not only the Americans but District 27. We haven’t done it. Why? Because Nancy Pelosi is in charge of the House of Representatives and they have not brought one bill that will lower, forget about inflation, affordability. You cannot afford what you need. Gas, eggs, buying uniforms for your children, finding people to work in your shop. And what have we done? Well the Democrats want to spend more money and tax corporations.” [YouTube, Maria Elvira Salazar, Brian Mudd Interview, [8/2/22](#)]

[VIDEO] August 2022: Salazar Said “I Haven’t Done Anything To Help The Average American” After Being In Congress For 18 Months. “HOST: Maria, it is just so frustrating isn’t it when politics trumps the well being of I don’t know us? SALAZAR: Of course, I agree with you. I’m here in Congress right now outside the floor we have a lot of votes today and I thank you very much for the opportunity. I’ve been here for eighteen months and I haven’t done anything to help the average American.” [YouTube, Maria Elvira Salazar, Brian Mudd Interview, [8/2/22](#)]

[VIDEO] August 2022: Salazar Claimed Nancy Pelosi And Democrats In Congress “Have Not Brought One Bill” That Would Deal With Inflation Or Lower Consumer Costs. “It doesn’t matter the political party; Democrat, Republican, Independent. Right now if you got the super market one out of four Americans can not buy everything they need because they don’t have the money. One out of two can not fill the gas tank because it’s too much money per gallon, so that is miserable. Four years ago we were in a much better position. The reason why I came to Congress was to help not only the Americans but District 27. We haven’t done it. Why? Because Nancy Pelosi is in charge of the House of Representatives and they have not brought one bill that will lower, forget about inflation, affordability. You can not afford what you need. Gas, eggs, buying uniforms for your children, finding people to work in your shop. And what have we done? Well the Democrats want to spend more money and tax corporations.” [YouTube, Maria Elvira Salazar, Brian Mudd Interview, [8/2/22](#)]

[VIDEO] August 2022: Salazar: “Democrats Think The Everyday Man In This Country Is Stupid.” In a Spanish-language video posted to her Twitter account, Salazar attacked the Inflation Reduction Act, stating “Democrats truly think the common man is stupid with the Inflation Reduction law, which does nothing but raise inflation.” [Facebook, [08/13/22](#), 0:00/1:49]

[RADIO] August 2022: Salazar: “This Inflation Reduction Act Is A Lie And Does The Opposite.” In a Spanish-language interview on Radio Mambi, Salazar stated “This Inflation Reduction Act is a lie, it does the opposite, and what they’re doing is terrible, starting with the 87,000 new IRS agents. Imagine, they can’t send border patrol agents, but they can send 87,000 newly hired agents to go after people listening.” [Radio Mambi, Maria Elvira Salazar, [08/12/22](#), 1:33/13:12]

[VIDEO] August 2022: Salazar: “Democrats Want People To Lose The Incentive Of Going To Work And Making Their Own Money.” During a Spanish-language interview on Al Punto Florida, Salazar attacked the Inflation Reduction Act and the American Rescue Plan by stating “Democrats want people to lose the incentive of going to work and making their own money.” [Instagram, [08/08/22](#), 1:16/1:22]

Islam

[VIDEO] March 2016: Salazar: “The Political Ideology Of ISIS Is Based On The Quran.” In a televised segment during her journalistic career, Salazar equated ISIS to all Islam, and hosted a preacher to teach the ways of Christianity, stating in Spanish that ISIS based its political ideologies on the Quran, the sacred book of Muslims, and the teachings of the Prophet Muhammad, then introduced guest Father Alberto, “to remind us that in this time, Christian teachings are the only ones that matter.” [Facebook, Maria Elvira Salazar, [12/30/14](#), 0:22/13:40]

Israel & Anti-Semitism

[VIDEO] 2021: Salazar: “Everyone That Is A Socialist Or A Communist Is Anti-Jew.” “Domenech then interviewed Rep. Maria Salazar (R-FL), who proceeded to make the strange claim that upswing in anti-Semitic incidents is happening because of socialism and communism. 'Vox may not know what is,' she said, 'But I have the answer. The answer is socialism.' She continued, We have an immense problem in

this country with this democratic socialism that some people within the Democratic Party are peddling to our youth. When you say 'socialism,' you're talking about anti-Semitism in the same phrase, even though it may not be mentioned. If you see Cuba, if you see Iran, if you see Venezuela, if you see North Korea, everybody that is a socialist or a communist is anti-Jew. Beauchamp, who is Jewish, tore into Domenech and Salazar as 'two non-Jews in this segment attacking my work,' and accused them of not actually reading the article. He also said 'virtually my entire family was wiped out in the Holocaust,' and added, 'I've been harassed in real life for being Jewish.'" [Mediaite, [6/04/21](#) (1:25)]

[VIDEO] 2021: Salazar Said “Socialism” Was The Reason For The Upswing In Anti-Semitic Incidents, Adding, “When You Say Socialism, You’re Talking About Anti-Semitism In The Same Phrase.”

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[VIDEO] June 2021: Salazar: “We Are Talking About 350 Million Arabs That Most Of Them Are Not Very Friendly With Israel.” [Mediaite, [6/04/21](#) (2:55)]

[VIDEO] June 2021: Salazar: “The Average Palestinian Doesn’t Really Understand That They Are Being Used On Behalf Of This Terrorist Organization.” [Mediaite, [6/04/21](#) (3:25)]

[VIDEO] June 2022: Salazar: “Let’s Talk About Radio Mambi’s Sale To A Soros Group.” In a Spanish video on her Instagram, Salazar stated “Let’s talk about the sale of Radio Mambi to the [George] Soros group, because it is extremely dangerous and questionable.” [Instagram, Maria Elvira Salazar, [06/12/22](#), 0:02/1:29]

Medicare & Social Security

[VIDEO] September 2018: Salazar: “I Believe That We Cannot Touch Medicare Or Social Security.” “[REPORTER:] As it relates to the federal budget, two of the big issues the federal government faces, Social Security and Medicare. Where do you stand on those are there? Are there holes in Medicare that need to be fixed? How do you paid for that? [SALAZAR:] Entitlements is a big problem. There was Paul Ryan, that was his project, that by 2026, or 2032, we may not have enough money in order to pay for all the entitlement programs that we have a commitment with. We need to look at the expenses. But I believe that we cannot touch Medicare, or Social Security. Those people worked for that money. Those people deserve to have those services [...] But we got to find other areas, but not Medicare or Social Security. It's just not fair.” [Miami Herald Editorial Board, 31:00-32:22, [9/26/18](#)]

Oil & Gas

[VIDEO] March 2022: Salazar Criticized The Biden Administration For Stopping The “Drilling Or Fracking On Government Land.” Salazar said, “They know very well that when [Biden] got into his administration, he canceled the pipeline that was coming from Canada that was [...] [going to bring] 800,000 barrels of oil a day. He cancelled the possibility that they continue to drill or frack on government land.” [YouTube, Cubanos por el Mundo – Live, [3/27/22](#) (7:20)]

[VIDEO] April 2022: Salazar: “Biden Should Not Use The Strategic Federal Oil Reserves To Bring Energy Prices Down.” In a video on her Instagram, Salazar stated in Spanish that the Biden Administration was getting desperate over the rising costs of energy, and that they had permitted the release of 1M oil barrels per day from the strategic federal oil reserve, to which she was opposed. [Instagram, Maria Elvira Salazar, [04/03/22](#), 0:05/2:05]

Recruitment

[VIDEO] February 2018: Salazar: “One Of The Largest GOP Donors Recruited Me To Run For Congress During A Fox News Meeting.” In a televised interview on Al Punto Florida - Univision, Salazar revealed she was recruited to run for Congress by a GOP Mega donor, stating in Spanish that during a meeting at Fox News, one of the most important donors, one of the best donors that the Republican party has - labeling him as “people that none of us know,” - asked if she’d consider the possibility of running in the 27th district. [YouTube, Maria Elvira Salazar, [02/11/18](#), 2:10/11:40]

Socialism, Communism and Marxism

[VIDEO] 2018: Salazar: The Democratic Party Has Been “Hijacked By The Extreme Left.” Salazar said, “Or vote for the Democrat, but unfortunately that party has been hijacked by the extreme left. The extreme left of socialist Bernie Sanders. The extreme left of Ocasio-Cortez.” [YouTube, CBS Miami, [9/11/18](#) (4:55)]

[VIDEO] 2018: Salazar: “Capitalism Doesn’t Solve Everything, But It’s A Lot Better Than Socialism.” Salazar said, “Capitalism doesn’t solve everything, but it’s a lot better than socialism.” [YouTube, CBS Miami, [9/11/18](#) (3:55)]

[VIDEO] 2020: Salazar Called Bernie Sanders A “Danger.” In February 2020, Salazar said Bernie Sanders was a “danger to this country.” [YouTube, Cubanos por el Mundo, [2/26/20](#)]

[VIDEO] April 2022: Salazar Said “Neo-Marxists Have Kidnapped The Democratic Party.” Salazar said, Biden is “weak mentally and physically. The people around him are neo-Marxists. [...] Neo-Marxists have kidnapped the Democratic Party.” [YouTube, America TeVe Canal 41, [4/19/22](#) (4:30)]

[VIDEO] April 2022: The Biden Administration Is Surrounded By “Neo-Marxists.” Salazar said, “We know that we are have an administration that has neo-Marxists around them.” [YouTube, America TeVe Canal 41, [4/19/22](#) (1:20)]

STOCK Act

[VIDEO] 2020: Salazar: ““There Is A Law In Congress That If You Are Sitting In Congress You Have To Report Every Single Transaction That You Make In The Stock Market Within 45 Days.” Salazar said, “Donna Shalala is our representative and she is corrupt. She is very corrupt.” This Week in South Florida host Michael Putney said, “How did Donna Shalala enrich herself of coronavirus.” Salazar said, “There is a law in Congress that if you are sitting in Congress you have to report every single transaction that you make in the stock market within 45 days. Donna Shalala took 17 months to report her first transaction. We are talking about more than 500 transactions that includes Chinese companies that provide help to the repressive apparatus for the Chinese government. That is among those transactions. She said that there were only 5 or 6. We are talking more than 500 worth up to \$6 million.” [Local 10, [9/27/20](#) (2:10)]

[VIDEO] 2020: Salazar: “We Do Not Know What [Shalala] Has Made During 2020 While She Is Sitting On That Oversight Committee Because She Has Not Reported Anything, Number One.” Salazar said, “I’m going to give you what the facts are. We do not know what she has made during 2020 while she is sitting on that oversight committee because she has not reported anything, number one. Number two, she said that she was setting up a blind trust. The blind trust had not been set up by April of this year. [...] You know very well about a blind trust. You don’t trade, you don’t buy and sell while you are trying to set up a blind trust.” [Local 10, [9/27/20](#) (4:35)]

[VIDEO] 2020: Salazar: This Is Despicable. It’s Lamentable.” Salazar said, “All these are excuses because we caught her. I think this is...this is despicable. It’s lamentable that we have Donna Shalala sitting in Congress being a day trader and profiting from her position while she has been absent and silent here in the district.” [Local 10, [9/27/20](#) (5:15)]

[VIDEO] 2020: Salazar said, “Donna Shalala She Broke The Law To Enrich Herself Off Coronavirus.” [YouTube, Maria Elvira Salazar, [9/22/20](#)]

Term Limits

[VIDEO] September 2020: Salazar Promised To Fight For Term Limits. “[SALAZAR:] I’m Maria Elvira Salazar and I approve this message because I’ll fight for term limits and get rid of the corrupt politicians in both parties. [SUPER: Maria Elvira Salazar Deliver Term Limits].” [YouTube, Maria Elvira Salazar, [9/22/20](#)]

- **Salazar Said She Supports Term Limits.** “Salazar said former lawmakers should never become lobbyists. ‘I would denounce that forever. If you are part of the government, you should never be

a lobbyist, period,' Salazar said, adding that she also favors term limits. 'If you choose to [serve in Congress], it's a very big sacrifice.'" [Miami Herald, 2/4/20]

[VIDEO] June 2021: Salazar Said She Would “Die Doing This” If The Voters Allowed Her. “This is one of the, probably the toughest job I’ve done, running for Congress [...] But it’s the most gratifying because you’re doing it for the common good. You’re doing it for what you believe in. Now I would say that I am at that point where I will never give up. And hopefully the voters want me to, I will die doing this.” [YouTube, ForbesWomen, 0:22-1:05, [6/2/21](#)]

Trump

[VIDEO] 2017: Salazar Claimed That Trump “Violently Lashed Out Against The KKK, Neo-Nazis And White Supremacists” After Charlottesville. “In sharp contrast to Estrella's blatant anti-Trump manipulation of the horrific news from Charlottesville, and in setting up the same video from President Trump, Miami-based Mega TV anchor Elvira Salazar told her viewers on August 14 that in his condemnation of the attack the President ‘violently lashed out against the Ku Klux Klan, Neo-Nazis and white supremacists.’ Salazar said, “Today President Trump violently lashed out against the Ku Klux Klan, Neo-Nazis and white supremacists. And he condemned this weekend's terrorist attack in Charlottesville, Virginia against an anti-fascist protest that took the life of one woman, and left 19 wounded.” [Newsbusters.org, [8/16/17](#)]

[VIDEO] 2017: Salazar After Charlottesville: “The Violence Doesn’t Just Come From The White Supremacists. [...] There Are Reports Of Tough Protests By Activists Opposed To These Groups.” In response to Charlottesville, Salazar said, “But the violence doesn't just come from the white supremacists. In the last few hours there are reports of tough protests by activists opposed to these groups.” [Newsbusters.org, [8/16/17](#)]

[VIDEO] 2018: Salazar: “Trump Is A Special Person.” Salazar said, “The problem we have with the president is you have to see what he does, not what he says. Trump is a special person. We know that he is completely unconventional.” [YouTube, CBS Miami, [9/11/18](#) (4:15)]

Venezuela

[VIDEO] September 2018: Salazar Suggested The United States Should “Topple Venezuela.” Salazar said, “I think that we have to use the nuclear option in Venezuela. We need to stop buying and selling oil. Period. [...] If you topple Venezuela they will not be able to give any more oil, the hundred thousand barrels a day to Cuba.” [Facebook, Miami Herald, [9/26/18](#) (21:00-22:50)]

[VIDEO] September 2018: A Few Seconds Later Salazar Said The “United States Should Not Be Promoting Coups Anywhere.” Salazar said, The United State should not be promoting coups anywhere.” [Facebook, Miami Herald, [9/26/18](#) (23:10)]

[VIDEO] October 2021: Salazar Called Saab “A Thug For The Venezuelan Regime” And A “Drug Trafficker Who Is Responsible For Flooding American Streets With Cocaine.” “For those who enable murderous dictators the United States system will find you in this life or next and this is a perfect example. Alex Saab, the plunderer of Venezuela. Justice for his crimes against humanity will be swift and without mercy. Why? Because over the weekend we learned that Saab will finally be extradited to the United States. He tried to claim diplomatic immunity but he is not a diplomat, he is not a politician, he is just another thug for the Venezuelan regime. Saab was Maduro’s leading front man and his number one money launderer. He is a drug trafficker who is responsible for flooding American streets with cocaine. He helped finance the worst crimes and the most appalling human rights abuses committed by the Maduro regime in Venezuela in the last 15 years. So it is no surprise that Maduro, the dictator, has pulled out all the stops to try to prevent his extradition to the United States but he could not. In the meantime earlier this week six American executives in Venezuela known as the Citgo six were sent back to a cruel political prison for no reason. The regime arrested these men on bogus charges in 2020 with no justification and now with no explanation Maduro has condemned these innocent American executives to rot in a Venezuelan prison. Why? Just one reason, retaliation, because Maduro doesn’t like this picture This is a classic tactic of tyrants. If Maduro thinks he can make a prisoner exchange he needs to wake up and realize that the United States does not deal with dictators. So the Citgo six executives need to be released now unconditionally. Unfortunately right now Maduro is panicking because his top confidant will soon be facing trial in an American court of law and he will say many things that Maduro doesn’t want us to hear.”

Xenophobic

[VIDEO] November 2019: Salazar: “Imagine The Chinese Stealing Your Book And Publishing It Under The Author Name ‘Ching-Chang-Chong’.” In a televised interview segment on MegaTV with Jaime Bayly, Salazar accused the Chinese of “stealing everything,” and asked Bayly to “imagine the Chinese stealing your book and publishing it under the author name ‘Ching-Chang-Chong’.” [MegaTV on YouTube, Maria Elvira Salazar, [11/04/19](#), 9:54/10:50]

APPENDIX II: NOTABLE HEADLINES

Anti-Semitism

[HEADLINE] June 2021: Daily Beast: “GOP Congresswoman Redefines Antisemitism: All Socialists Are ‘Anti-Jew.’” [Daily Beast, [6/03/21](#)]

Castro

[HEADLINE] August 2018: Miami Herald: “Old Fidel Castro Interview Haunts Cuban-American Journalist’s Congressional Campaign.” [Miami Herald, 8/1/18]

[HEADLINE] August 2018: News-Journal: “Old Castro Interview Haunts Journalist’s Congressional Bid.” [News-Journal, 8/6/18]

[HEADLINE] October 2018: El Nuevo Herald: “María Elvira Salazar Wants Trump To Talk To Castro, But She Doesn’t Want You To Know.” [El Nuevo Herald, 10/22/18] Translation

[HEADLINE] August 2018: Miami Herald: “GOP Candidate Salazar Says Attacks Of Her Interview With Fidel Castro Aren’t Sticking.” [Miami Herald, 8/25/18]

Finance

[HEADLINE] Miami Herald: “Ex-Husband’s Financial Woes Create House Of Horrors For Miami Congressional Candidate.” [Miami Herald, [9/28/18](#)]

Husband

[HEADLINE] August 2022: El Nuevo Herald: “María Elvira Salazar Married A Wealthy Businessman From Alabama And Agreed To Separate Property.” [El Nuevo Herald, [8/19/22](#)] Translate

Immigration

[HEADLINE] October 2017: Newsmax Salazar Op-Ed: “Is the New California Sanctuary Law as Bad as It Sounds?” [Newsmax, Salazar Op-Ed, [10/06/17](#)]

[HEADLINE] October 2018: Miami Herald: “GOP Leader Who Wants To Build Trump’s Wall Is Raising Cash For Maria Elvira Salazar.” [Miami Herald, 10/23/2018]

STOCK Act

[HEADLINE] June 2022: Business Insider: “GOP Rep. Maria Elvira Salazar Of Florida Appears To Violate Same Federal Conflicts-Of-Interest Law That She Slammed Her Democratic Predecessor For Violating.” [Business Insider, [6/17/22](#)]

Ukraine

[HEADLINE] The Independent: 2022: Florida Republican Ridiculed For Saying She Supports Ukraine 'No Fly Zone' Even Though She 'Doesn't Know What It'll Mean.'" [The Independent, 3/10/22]

[HEADLINE] Miami Herald Editorial: “Salazar Was Ill Prepared To Talk About Ukraine. Tucker Carlson Went For The Jugular.” [Miami Herald, [3/17/22](#)]

APPENDIX III: SPONSORSHIPS

The following are all of Maria Elvira Salazar's bill sponsorships categorized alphabetically by issue (as of August 25, 2022).

Note: Any notable sponsorships will be repeated in the Congressional Career section of the research book.

Economy and Jobs

February 2022: Salazar Introduced Legislation To Direct The Small Business Administration To Study How It Might Use Blockchain Technology To Make Loans To Qualified Small Businesses. In February 2022, Salazar sponsored H.R. 6597, the Blockchain Solutions for Small Businesses Act. The bill would require “the Small Business Administration to study the current and potential uses of blockchain technology (i.e., the technology that supports digital currencies such as Bitcoin) in making loans to qualified small businesses.” The bill is cosponsored by 18 Republicans and 3 Democrats. The bill was referred to the Committee on Small Business, but as of August 8, 2022, the bill has not received any action. [H.R. 6597, Co-Sponsors, accessed [8/08/22](#); Rep. Salazar, Press Release, [2/03/22](#)]

- **The Blockchain Solutions For Small Businesses Act Is Cosponsored By Rep. Ro Khanna And Supported By Major Blockchain Advocacy Organizations.** “Today, Representative Maria Elvira Salazar (R-FL-27) was joined by Representatives Ro Khanna (D-CA-17) and Young Kim (R-CA-39) to introduce the bipartisan Blockchain Solutions for Small Businesses Act, a bill to improve the Small Business Administration's (SBA) operational efficiency using blockchain technology. At the time of its introduction, Rep. Salazar's bill is the most widely cosponsored legislation supporting blockchain technologies ever introduced in the U.S. Congress... Utilizing blockchain technology would help the SBA: increase access to capital; improve agency efficiency by using secure automation; decrease fraud; and improve agency transparency... The Blockchain Solutions for Small Businesses Act has also received support from multiple organizations [including the Blockchain Association, The Chamber of Digital Commerce, and the Information Technology and Innovation Foundation.” [Rep. Salazar, Press Release, [2/03/22](#)]

June 2021: Salazar Introduced Legislation To Direct The Small Business Administration (SBA) To Increase The Loan Limits For The Disaster Loan Program. In June 2021, Salazar sponsored H.R. 4215, the Rebuilding Communities After Disasters Act. The bill would “require the Small Business Administration (SBA) to increase the loan limits for the disaster loan program and to communicate certain information about the program following disasters.” The bill is cosponsored by 30 Republicans and 9 Democrats. The bill was referred to the House Committee on Small Business, but as of August 8, 2022, the bill has not received any action. [H.R. 4215, Co-Sponsors, accessed [8/08/22](#); Rep. Salazar, Press Release, [7/02/21](#)]

- **The Bill Would Double The Maximum Loan Amounts For SBA Physical Damage Disaster Loans To Bring Limits More In Line With Current Home Prices.** “The Rebuilding Communities After Disasters Act ensures homeowners have adequate resources to recover from natural

disasters. Specifically, it increases the maximum loan amount for SBA physical damage disaster loans from \$200,000 to \$400,000 for home repair, and from \$40,000 to \$75,000 to replace household and personal belongings, bringing the loans limits in line with today's home prices to help homeowners fully recover from unavoidable disasters. The limits on these loans have not been increased since 1994 - over 25 years - when the average home price in the United States was \$106,000. The bill would also require the SBA to market these loans to homeowners in a declared disaster area through all media platforms and to provide a yearly report to Congress on the progress of the loan program." [Rep. Salazar, Press Release, [7/02/21](#)]

May 2021: Salazar Introduced Legislation To Raise The Allowable Award Amount For Federal Contracts With Small Businesses. In May 2021, Salazar sponsored H.R. 3065, the Expanding Contracting Opportunities for Small Businesses Act of 2021. The bill would "increase the allowable award price for federal government contracts with certain small businesses, including socially and economically disadvantaged small businesses, small businesses owned and controlled by women, and small businesses owned and controlled by service-disabled veterans." The bill is cosponsored by 8 Republicans and 7 Democrats. The bill was referred to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, but as of August 8, 2022, the bill has not received any action. [H.R. 3065, Co-Sponsors, accessed [8/08/22](#); Rep. Salazar, Press Release, [5/07/21](#)]

- **The Act Would Raise Caps On Sole-Source Contracting For Small Businesses Through The Small Business Administration (SBA) From \$5 Million To \$8 Million For General Contracts And From \$7 Million To \$10 Million For Manufacturing Contracts. This Contracting Program Directly Benefits Veteran-Owned, Women-Owned, And Minority-Owned Businesses, As Well As Those Operating In Economically Disadvantaged Areas.** "This is a critical measure that will help our small businesses, particularly disadvantaged contractors who have been devastated by the COVID-19 pandemic. These changes will level the playing field and encourage more small contractors to participate in government programs leading to a quicker rebuilding of the US economy... Specifically, this bill raises caps on sole-source contracting for small businesses through the Small Business Administration (SBA) from \$5 million to \$8 million for general contracts and from \$7 million to \$10 million for manufacturing contracts. This contracting program directly benefits veteran-owned, women-owned, and minority-owned businesses, as well as those operating in economically disadvantaged areas. It will also help boost U.S. small manufacturing capabilities. Prior to COVID-19, SBA's caps for sole source contracting have been stagnant for decades." [Rep. Salazar, Press Release, [5/07/21](#)]

April 2021: Salazar Introduced Legislation To End The COVID-19 Closures Of Cruise Ships. In April 2021, Salazar sponsored H.R. 2554, the Careful Resumption Under Improved Safety Enhancements Act (CRUISE Act). The bill would "establish a working group comprised of specified federal departments and industry stakeholders to develop recommendations for resuming cruise ship operations." The bill is cosponsored by 14 Republicans. The bill was referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Health, but as of August 8, 2022, the bill has not received any action. [H.R. 2554, Co-Sponsors, accessed [8/08/22](#); Rep. Salazar, Press Release, [4/16/21](#)]

- **The Bill Would Revoke The CDC's Current No Sail Order On Cruises And Require The CDC To Provide COVID-19 Mitigation Guidance For Cruise Lines To Resume Safe Domestic**

Operations. “Today Congresswoman María Elvira Salazar (FL-27), the Dean of the U.S. House of Representatives, Congressman Don Young (AK-AL), and a number of their House colleagues, introduced the Careful Resumption Under Improved Safety Enhancements (CRUISE) Act, which would revoke the CDC’s current No Sail Order on cruises and require the CDC to provide COVID-19 mitigation guidance for cruise lines to resume safe domestic operations... It has been almost 400 days since a passenger stepped foot on a cruise ship from U.S. soil. Ships have been anchored at port for over a year. The suspension in U.S. cruise departures has resulted in the loss of \$5.64 billion to the State of Florida’s economy, the loss of 91,450 jobs, and the loss of \$4.44 billion in wages. The ripple effects of these devastating losses are being felt across the nation.” [Rep. Salazar, Press Release, [4/16/21](#)]

March 2021: Salazar Introduced Legislation To Extend The Time To Repay Economic Injury Disaster Loans. In March 2021, Salazar sponsored H.R. 1533, the COVID Economic Injury Disaster Loan Relief Act. The bill would “extend the deferment of a borrower's payments on an economic injury disaster loan taken in response to COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) from one year to two years from the date on which the loan is made.” The bill is cosponsored by 9 Democrats and 4 Republicans. The bill was referred to the House Committee on Small Business, but as of August 8, 2022, the bill has not received any action. [H.R. 1533, Co-Sponsors, accessed [8/08/22](#); Rep. Salazar, Press Release, [3/03/21](#)]

- **This Legislation Did Not Pass, But Its Intent Has Been Implemented. In September 2021, The Deferment Period Was Extended To Two Years.** “As of September 8, 2021, new COVID EIDL policy changes took effect as follows: ...Extend the deferment period to 24 months from origination for all loans (existing loans with a less than 24-month deferment will be adjusted)” [Small Business Administration, COVID-19 Economic Injury Disaster Loan, About COVID-19 EIDL, accessed [8/08/22](#)]

Education

December 2021: Salazar Introduced Legislation To Produce Anti-Communist Education Programs For High School Students. In December 2021, Salazar sponsored H.R. 6123, the Crucial Communism Teaching Act. The bill would “direct the Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation to develop a civic education curriculum and oral history resources for high school students to promote understanding of certain political ideologies (e.g., communism and totalitarianism) that conflict with principles of U.S. democracy.” The bill is cosponsored by 68 Republicans. The bill was referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor, but as of August 8, 2022, the bill has not received any action. [H.R. 6123, Co-Sponsors, accessed [8/08/22](#); Rep. Salazar, Press Release, [12/02/21](#)]

- **The Act Is Inspired By The Never Again Education Act, Which Created An Analogous Program To Educate American Students About The Holocaust Through The U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum.** “The CCT Act would make educational materials available through the Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation to help educate high school students about the dangers of communism and totalitarianism, and how they are contrary to the founding principles of freedom and democracy in the United States. The CCT Act framework is inspired by the Never Again Education Act, passed by the 116th Congress, which created an analogous program to educate American students about the Holocaust through the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum.

The bill also continues similar efforts by Florida Governor Ron DeSantis to educate American students on the failed experiment of communism throughout history.” [Rep. Salazar, Press Release, [12/02/21](#)]

Energy & Environment

September 2021: Salazar Introduced Legislation To Promote The Use Of Decommissioned US Navy Vessels As Artificial Reef Starters. In September 2021, Salazar sponsored H.R. 5306, the Re-using Equipment for Environmental Fortification Act (REEF Act). The bill would “require the Department of the Navy to notify Congress of the pending retirement of vessels that are viable candidates for artificial reefing (intentionally sinking a vessel to promote marine life). Specifically, the Navy must provide such notice not later than 90 days before the viable candidate's retirement from the Naval Vessel Register.” The bill is cosponsored by 16 Republicans and 6 Democrats. The bill was referred to the House Committee on Armed Services, but as of August 8, 2022, the bill has not received any action. [H.R. 5306, Co-Sponsors, accessed [8/08/22](#); Rep. Salazar, Press Release, [9/22/21](#)]

- **The Act Incentivizes Retired Navy Ships To Be Repurposed Into Artificial Reefs, Boosting Marine Environments And Creating Recreational And Economic Opportunities In The Process.** “A strong bipartisan group of their colleagues introduced the Reusing Equipment for Environmental Fortification (REEF) Act. The REEF Act incentivizes retired Navy ships to be repurposed into artificial reefs, boosting marine environments and creating recreational and economic opportunities in the process... A number of notable fishing and boating associations, including the American Sportfishing Association and the International Game Fish Association, penned a letter of support for the REEF Act as well.” [Rep. Salazar, Press Release, [9/22/21](#)]

Foreign Policy

April 2022: Salazar, With Rep. Stephanie Murphy (D-FL-07), Introduced Legislation To Require The White House To Produce A Report On Any Possible Benefits To The Nicolas Maduro Administration In Venezuela That Might Arise From An American Agreement With Iran Related To Their Nuclear Program. In April 2022 Salazar sponsored H.R. 7635, the Iranian Nuclear and Venezuelan Energy, Sanctions and Terrorism Investigation Government Accountability Report (INVESTIGAR) Act. The bill would “direct the President to submit to Congress a report on possible benefits accruing to the regime of Nicolás Maduro as a result of an agreement with Iran relating to the nuclear program of Iran.” The bill is cosponsored by 15 Republicans and 1 Democrat. The bill was referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, but as of August 8, 2022, the bill has not received any action. [H.R. 7635, Cosponsors, accessed [8/08/22](#); Rep. Salazar, Press Release, [5/20/22](#)]

- **The INVESTIGAR Act Would Require The Biden Administration To Produce A Report Detailing How Venezuela Could Benefit From A New Iran Nuclear Deal.** “The INVESTIGAR Act would require the Biden Administration to produce a report detailing how Venezuela could benefit from a new Iran Nuclear Deal. Specifically, it requires the White House to report on possible benefits to Nicolás Maduro's oil industry, how it might help Venezuela avoid American sanctions, and how it would boost Hezbollah and other terrorist organizations. Under the

legislation, the report must be delivered to the Armed Services and Foreign Affairs Committees within 14 days of reaching a nuclear agreement with Iran. [Rep. Salazar, Press Release, [4/28/22](#)]

March 2022: Salazar Introduced A House Resolution Calling For Argentina To Prosecute Hezbollah For The Bombing Of The Embassy Of Israel In Buenos Aires In 1992. In March 2022, Salazar sponsored H.Res. 988, Calling for justice and accountability for the perpetrators of the bombing of the Embassy of Israel in Buenos Aires on March 17, 1992. The resolution “urges the government of Argentina to bring the perpetrators of the March 17, 1992, terrorist attack on the Embassy of Israel in Buenos Aires to justice (in 1999 the Supreme Court of Argentina found that the transnational terrorist organization Hezbollah was responsible for the attack). The resolution commends the Argentinian government for designating Hezbollah as a terrorist organization and urges other U.S. allies and partners in Latin America and the Caribbean to do the same. The resolution urges these allies and partners to condemn and counter regional governments in the hemisphere that aid and abet Iran and Hezbollah.” The resolution is cosponsored by 72 Republicans and 33 Democrats. The bill was referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs. As of August 8, 2022, the Resolution has been Agreed to in the House. [H.Res 988, Co-Sponsors, accessed [8/08/22](#); Rep. Salazar, Press Release, [3/17/22](#)]

- **More Than 100 Members Of Congress Introduce H.Res. 988 Which Marks The 30th Anniversary Of The March 17th, 1992 Terrorist Bombing Of The Israeli Embassy In Buenos Aires, Argentina.** “Representative María Elvira Salazar led more than 100 Members of Congress to introduce H.Res. 988 which marks the 30th anniversary of the March 17th, 1992 terrorist bombing of the Israeli embassy in Buenos Aires, Argentina. The horrific event injured 242 and claimed the lives of 29 innocent Israelis and Argentinians, including school-aged children. The resolution calls for justice for the victims; accountability for the perpetrators; urges the US government to continue working with allies in the Western Hemisphere to isolate governments who support Hezbollah and Iran’s anti-Semitic attacks; and also commends the Organization of American States (OAS) for appointing a commissioner to monitor and combat anti-Semitism... The resolution is supported by the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC), the American Jewish Committee (AJC), the Republican Jewish Coalition (RJC), and the Foundation for Defense of Democracies (FDD).” [Rep. Salazar, Press Release, [3/17/22](#)]

December 2021: Salazar Introduced Legislation To Ban From Entry Into The United States Any Current Or Former Members Of The Revolutionary Armed Forces Of Colombia (FARC). In December 2021, Salazar sponsored the No Foreign Adversaries Residing in our Communities Act (the No FARC Act). The bill would “bars any alien who is a present or former member of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (also known as FARC) from being admitted into the United States or receiving a visa.” The bill is cosponsored by 14 Republicans. The bill was referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary, but as of August 8, 2022, the bill has not received any action. [H.R. 6237, Cosponsors, accessed [8/08/22](#); Rep. Salazar, Press Release, [12/09/21](#)]

- **Salazar Said That The Biden Administration’s Decision To Remove FARC From The List Of Foreign Terrorist Organizations Was An Affront To Colombians.** “The No FARC Act denies visas to current and former members of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC). This bill comes a direct response to President Biden's reckless and unilateral decision to remove the FARC from the State Department’s list of Foreign Terrorist Organizations. The Biden

Administration made the decision without properly consulting Congress, the Colombian Government, or the Colombian-American community in the United States.” [Rep. Salazar, Press Release, [12/09/21](#)]

December 2021: Salazar Introduced Legislation To Extend Beneficial Trade Provisions From The Haitian Economic Lift Program (HELP) For An Additional 10 Years. In December 2021, Salazar sponsored the Haiti Economic Lift Program Extension Act of 2021 (the HELP Act of 2021). The bill would “extend through FY2035 the special duty-free rules for Haiti. It also extends through December 19, 2035, the duty-free treatment provided for apparel articles assembled in Haiti and imported from Haiti or the Dominican Republic.” The bill is cosponsored by 7 Republicans and 5 Democrats. The bill was referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means, but as of August 8, 2022, the bill has not received any action. [H.R. 6136, Cosponsors, accessed [8/08/22](#); Rep. Salazar, Press Release, [12/03/21](#)]

- **The Haitian Economic Lift Program Removes Barriers To The Import Of Manufactured Apparel From Haiti.** “The HELP Extension Act extends several beneficial U.S.-Haiti trade provisions from the Haitian Economic Lift Program (HELP) for an additional 10 years, providing a critical source of formal employment for Haiti through the textile industry... The HELP Extension Act will allow the Haitian people to improve their livelihoods and rebuild their country by ensuring the 60,000+ Haitians in the textile industry continue to enjoy the benefits of unfettered trade with the United States.” [Rep. Salazar, Press Release, [12/03/21](#)]

June 2021: Salazar Introduced Legislation To Determine The Extent To Which Nicaragua Is In Compliance With The Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement. In June 2021, Salazar sponsored H.R. 3964, the Nicaragua Free Trade Review Act of 2021. The bill would “require the U.S. Trade Representative to submit a report on the manner and extent to which Nicaragua is in compliance with the Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement.” The bill is cosponsored by 16 Republicans and 5 Democrats. The bill was referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on Trade, but as of August 8, 2022, the bill has not received any action. [H.R. 3964, Cosponsors, accessed [8/08/22](#); Rep. Salazar, Press Release, [6/17/21](#)]

- **The Dominican Republic-Central America Fta (Cafta-Dr) Is A Free Trade Agreement Between The United States And Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, As Well As The Dominican Republic. Collectively, The Countries That Comprise This Agreement Are The United States' 18th Largest Trading Partner.** “On November 7, 2021, Nicaragua is scheduled to have its presidential election. Yet, Daniel Ortega has embarked on a violent crackdown on democracy and jailed the opposition candidates running for President. Ortega is dismantling Nicaragua's democratic institutions, actively undermining US interests, and violating the rights of the Nicaragua people. Reviewing Nicaragua’s compliance with the CAFTA-DR Free Trade Agreement is not only necessary, but urgent... First signed by President Bush in 2005, the Dominican Republic-Central America FTA (CAFTA-DR) is a free trade agreement between the United States and Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, as well as the Dominican Republic. Collectively, the countries that comprise this agreement are the United States' 18th largest trading partner.” [Rep. Salazar, Press Release, [6/17/21](#)]

May 2021: Salazar Introduced Legislation To Distribute Excess COVID-19 Vaccines To Western Hemisphere Allies As A Diplomatic Move. In May 2021, Salazar sponsored H.R. 3236, the American Medical Investment Generating Overseas Security Act (AMIGOS Act). The bill would “prohibit the President from taking action to support the waiver of certain intellectual property obligations” related to COVID-19 vaccines, and “establish prioritization for allocating excess COVID-19 vaccines to other countries” and “require that such vaccines be marked as assistance from the American people or the United States.” The bill is cosponsored by 6 Republicans. The bill was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Committee on Ways and Means, but as of August 8, 2022, the bill has not received any action. [H.R. 3236, Cosponsors, accessed [8/08/22](#); Rep. Salazar, Press Release, [5/14/21](#)]

- **The Bill Would Use Covid-19 Vaccines As A Diplomatic Tool To Promote American Interests In The Western Hemisphere And Counteract Moves By Russia And China.** “The United States is leading the world’s COVID-19 response - we developed the most effective vaccines and have made the largest contributions to global health organizations like COVAX and GAVI to deliver vaccines directly to vulnerable communities. However, the United States has no strategic surplus vaccine diplomacy strategy. “Rather than crushing free market innovation, the U.S. should be proposing bold surplus vaccine donation plans, increase awareness of current U.S. efforts, and ramp up vaccine manufacturing,” said Congresswoman Salazar. “Our most vulnerable allies and neighbors, especially in Latin America and the Caribbean are counting on us to get this right and slow viral spread and COVID-19 mutations. I’ve introduced the AMIGOS Act to develop a strategy for effective U.S. vaccine diplomacy and counter Communist China’s and Putin’s Russia’s growing influence in our hemisphere.” This strategy only takes effect once every eligible American has had the chance to receive the vaccine. Specifically, the AMIGOS Act implements a strategy to prioritize surplus vaccine distribution to our neighbors in the Western Hemisphere as well as key U.S. allies and partners across the globe, requiring USA branding so that an American flag is emblazoned on every surplus vaccine we provide to other countries. It also prevents the Administration from signing over American Intellectual Property (IP) through the World Trade Organization without Congressional approval.” [Rep. Salazar, Press Release, [5/14/21](#)]

January 2021: Salazar Introduced Legislation To Prohibit The Removal Of Cuba From The List Of State Sponsors Of Terrorism. In January 2021, Salazar sponsored H.R. 287, the Fighting Oppression until the Reign of Castro Ends Act (FORCE Act). The bill would “prohibits removing Cuba from the list of state sponsors of terrorism until the President makes the determination that a transition government in Cuba is in power.” The bill is cosponsored by 21 Republicans. The bill was referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs, but as of August 8, 2022, the bill has not received any action. [H.R. 287, Cosponsors, accessed [8/08/22](#); Rep. Salazar, Press Release, [1/13/21](#)]

- **The Bill Would Prohibit The United States From Removing Cuba From The List Of State Sponsors Of Terror Until The Country Frees All Political Prisoners And Transitions Away From The Castro Regime.** “The State Department recently redesignated the Castro regime in Cuba as a State Sponsor of Terrorism for granting safe harbor to terrorist fugitives and engaging in international terrorism. To ensure compliance and stop Cuba from sponsoring terrorism, this bill prevents the brutal Castro dictatorship from being removed from the State Sponsor of Terrorism List until they meet the requirements of Section 205 of the LIBERTAD Act (P.L. 104-

114). Section 205 of the LIBERTAD Act requires Cuba to comply with the following conditions: Release all its political prisoners and allow for investigations of Cuban prisons by appropriate international human rights organizations; Transition away from the Castro regime to a system that guarantees the rights of the Cuban people to express themselves freely; Commit to holding free and fair elections. These are the very same requirements that must be met to lift the embargo and accompanying sanctions towards the regime. In other words, this bill forces the regime to comply with existing U.S. law.” [Rep. Salazar, Press Release, [1/13/21](#)]

Health Care

March 2022: Salazar Introduced Legislation To Provide Medicare Coverage Of Treatment For Alpha-1 Antitrypsin (AAT) Deficiency. In March 2022, Salazar sponsored H.R. 7346, the John W. Walsh Alpha-1 Home Infusion Act of 2022. The bill would “provides for Medicare coverage of treatment for alpha-1 antitrypsin (AAT) deficiency (a protein deficiency that raises the risk of lung and other diseases). Specifically, the bill provides for coverage of at-home augmentation therapy for beneficiaries with emphysema as a result of severe hereditary AAT deficiency. Treatment must be provided through qualified home infusion therapy suppliers; beneficiaries must be under the care of a physician, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant.” The bill is cosponsored by 5 Democrats. The bill was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Health, but as of August 8, 2022, the bill has not received any action. [H.R. 7346, Cosponsors, accessed [8/08/22](#); . Rep. Salazar, Press Release, [4/01/22](#)]

- **The John W. Walsh Alpha-1 Home Infusion Act Which Would Allow Medicare Beneficiaries Struggling With The Hereditary Alpha-1 Antitrypsin Deficiency Condition, Or Alpha-1 Patients, To Receive Essential Augmentation Infusions At Home.** “Today, Congresswomen María Elvira Salazar (FL-27) and Chellie Pingree (ME-1) introduced the John W. Walsh Alpha-1 Home Infusion Act which would allow Medicare beneficiaries struggling with the hereditary alpha-1 antitrypsin deficiency condition, or alpha-1 patients, to receive essential augmentation infusions at home. Alpha-1 patients struggle with a hereditary condition that, without treatment by FDA approved augmentation therapies, may result in serious lung disease in adults and/or liver disease in infants, children, and adults. Therapy slows but not reverses the progression of the lung destruction associated with this disorder. [Rep. Salazar, Press Release, [4/28/22](#)]

Immigration and Border

February 2022: Salazar Introduced Legislation To Overhaul The Immigration System By Heightening Border Security, Renewable Legal Status For Undocumented Immigrants, And Establishing An “American Worker Fund” Financed By “Restitution” From Immigrants To Promote Employment Of American Citizens. In February 2022, Salazar sponsored H.R. 6637, the DIGNIDAD (Dignity) Act. The bill would be a “complete immigration reform bill consisting of 3 core principles: stopping illegal immigration, providing a dignified solution for immigrants living in America, and strengthening the American workforce and economy... The Dignity Act is the only realistic solution proposed in Congress that fully secures the border, reestablishes law and order in our immigration system, enacts a 10-year Dignity Program providing renewable legal status, and offers an additional optional redemption path to

permanent legalization. This reasonable and compassionate approach will finally fix an immigration system that has been broken for decades. The Dignity Act was written in consultation with American businesses leaders, agriculture and farming industries, the faith-based community, immigration reform groups, and border security experts.” The bill is cosponsored by 7 Republicans. The bill was referred to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure; Homeland Security; the Judiciary; Ways and Means; Agriculture; Natural Resources; the Budget; Education and Labor; Foreign Affairs; Oversight and Reform; Intelligence (Permanent Select); Armed Services; and Financial Services, but as of August 8, 2022, the bill has not received any action. [H.R. 6637, Cosponsors, accessed [8/08/22](#); Rep. Salazar, Press Release, [2/08/22](#)]

- **The Dignity Act Is A Complete Immigration Reform Bill Consisting Of 3 Core Principles: Stopping Illegal Immigration, Providing A Dignified Solution For Immigrants Living In America, And Strengthening The American Workforce And Economy.** “Today, Congresswoman Maria Elvira Salazar (FL-27) and group of her Republican House colleagues introduced the long-awaited Dignity Act, a complete immigration reform bill consisting of 3 core principles: stopping illegal immigration, providing a dignified solution for immigrants living in America, and strengthening the American workforce and economy. Original cosponsors are Representatives Dan Newhouse (WA-04), John Curtis (UT-03), Pete Sessions (TX-17), Jenniffer Gonzalez-Colon (PR), Tom Reed (NY-23), and Peter Meijer (MI-03)... Authorizes funding to fully secure America’s border at no cost to American taxpayers... Creates immediate legal status and streamlined path for Dreamers. Dignity Program (10 Years): Through the 10-year Dignity Program, undocumented immigrants will be provided a chance to work, earn legal status, pay restitution, and get right with the law... Creates an American Worker Fund, using restitution payments from the Dignity and Redemption programs, at no-cost to taxpayers. This provides grants to American citizens for workforce education initiatives, apprenticeship programs, and Career and Technical Education to give opportunities for Americans to enter new careers.” [Rep. Salazar, Press Release, [2/08/22](#)]

Natural Resources

May 2022: Salazar Introduced Legislation To Repair A Damaged Stiltsville Structure In Biscayne Bay National Park. In May 2022 Salazar sponsored H.R. 7833, the Stiltsville Restoration Act. The bill would “authorize repairs to a damaged Stiltsville structure in Biscayne Bay National Park. Specifically, the bill requires the Secretary of the Interior to allow repairs on the house damaged by a fire in 2021..” The bill is cosponsored by 3 Republicans and 1 Democrat. The bill was referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources, but as of August 8, 2022, the bill has not received any action. [H.R. 7833, Cosponsors, accessed [8/08/22](#); Rep. Salazar, Press Release, [5/20/22](#)]

- **Stiltsville Is A “Historical Landmark” And “Tourist Destination” That Was Damaged By A Fire In January 2021.** “Stiltsville's unique history dates back to the 1930s when ‘Crawfish’ Eddie Walker built a house on stilts in Biscayne Bay. Its history as an outlaw's paradise during the prohibition era led to its protection as a historical landmark in 2003 when the Stiltsville Trust was established. Today, Stiltsville's six remaining houses remain a major tourist destination and a very important landmark to the history of Miami. In January 2021, a fire damaged one of the remaining six houses. The Stiltsville Trust, in cooperative agreement with the U.S. Department of

Interior (DOI), would like to repair the structure. However, DOI bureaucrats in Washington have refused to enter arbitration for consideration of repairs. Stiltsville's designation within a U.S. National Park requires Congress to get involved to break the gridlock. If repairs are authorized, they would be executed through private funds via the Stiltsville Trust, at no cost to American taxpayers." [Rep. Salazar, Press Release, [5/20/22](#)]

Socialism

July 2021: Salazar Introduced A Resolution To Denounce The Evils Of Socialism. In July 2021, Salazar sponsored H.Res. 548, Denouncing the horrors of socialism. The resolution would “denounce socialism in all its forms, and oppose the implementation of socialist policies in the United States of America.” The resolution was cosponsored by 205 Republicans. The resolution was referred to to the House Committee on Financial Services, but as of August 8, 2022, the bill has not received any action. [H.Res. 548, Co-Sponsors, accessed [8/08/22](#); Rep. Salazar, Press Release, [7/21/21](#)]

- **The Resolution Outlines Historical Examples Of The Great Crimes And Tragedies Of Socialism.** “This resolution outlines several historical examples of the greatest crimes and tragedies of socialism, and why such a system goes against the founding principles of our great nation. It specifically highlights examples in: USSR, China, Cambodia, North Korea, Cuba, and Venezuela. Through this resolution, the House of Representatives denounces socialism in all its forms and opposes the implementation of socialist policies in the United States of America... Socialism is responsible for hundreds of millions of deaths across the globe. The United States must unequivocally denounce this cynical and cruel ideology that has harmed millions of Americans who have fled from socialist regimes.” [Rep. Salazar, Press Release, [7/21/21](#)]

Technology

August 2021: Salazar Introduced Legislation Directing The US Air Force To Deploy Technology Capable Of Delivering Wireless Internet Anywhere On The Planet From The Stratosphere Or Higher. In August 2021, Salazar sponsored H.R. 5123, the American Freedom and Internet Access Act of 2021. The bill would the US Air Force to “develop and begin implementation of “Operation Starfall”, a strategic plan to deploy stratospheric balloons, aerostats, or satellite technology capable of rapidly delivering wireless internet anywhere on the planet from the stratosphere or higher.” The bill is cosponsored by 16 Republicans. The bill was referred to the House Committee on Armed Services, but as of August 8, 2022, the bill has not received any action. [H.R. 5123, Cosponsors, accessed [8/08/22](#); Rep. Salazar, Press Release, [8/31/21](#)]

- **The Bill Implements “Operation Starfall” – A Strategic Plan To Provide Access To Wireless Communications Abroad And Ensure We Are Ready When Blackouts Occur, Disaster Strikes, Or When Rogue Regimes Shut Down Internet Access.** “Today, Congresswoman María Elvira Salazar (FL-2 7), Michael Waltz (FL-06), Claudia Tenney (NY-22), and a dozen Republican lawmakers introduced the American Freedom and Internet Access Act (HR 5123). This bill implements “Operation Starfall” – a strategic plan to provide access to wireless communications abroad and ensure we are ready when blackouts occur, disaster strikes, or when rogue regimes shut down internet access. This is critical to protecting the safety and wellbeing of American

citizens at home and abroad... Operation Starfall is a strategic plan to deploy stratospheric balloons, aerostats, or satellite technology capable of rapidly delivering wireless internet anywhere on the planet from high altitudes. With the use of emerging technologies that already exist in the private sector, it can be employed to create wireless internet networks covering a target geographic territory. At home, Operation Starfall would be deployable across the United States in the wake of floods, hurricanes, or wildfire devastation when local communications infrastructure is disabled.” [Rep. Salazar, Press Release, [8/31/21](#)]

Veterans & Military Family

October 2021: Salazar Introduced Legislation To Create Grants To Support The Creation Of Specialized Law Enforcement Units Comprised Veterans Intended To Safety Respond To Veterans In Crises. In October 2021, Salazar sponsored H.R. 5788, the Supporting Every at-Risk Veteran In Critical Emergencies Act of 2021 (SERVICE Act of 2021). The bill would “authorize the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services within the Department of Justice to make grants to support the creation and operation of veterans' response teams in state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies.” The bill is cosponsored by 34 Republicans and 14 Democrats. The bill was referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary, but as of August 8, 2022, the bill has not received any action. [H.R. 5788, Co-Sponsors, accessed [8/08/22](#); Rep. Salazar, Press Release, [10/28/21](#)]

- **The Act Would Create A Pilot Program To Create “Veteran Response Teams” Who Could Deescalate Emergencies Involving Veterans And Connect Them With Social Services.** “The SERVICE Act creates a pilot program through the U.S. Department of Justice that would provide grants to law enforcement agencies to create local veteran response teams — teams of military veteran law enforcement officers that respond to other veterans in crisis or emergency. Once the emergency is under control, the response team can work further with the veteran to connect them with public and private partner resources to create long-term solutions and care.” [Rep. Salazar, Press Release, [10/28/21](#)]

APPENDIX IV: CO-SPONSORSHIPS

The following are all of Maria Elvira Salazar's bill co-sponsorships (as of August 25, 2022).

Note: Any notable co-sponsorships will be repeated in the Congressional Career section of the research book.

Bill Number	Title	Date of Introduction	Sponsor	Number of Cosponsor (s)	Latest Action
H.R. 8695	To amend the Bottles and Breastfeeding Equipment Screening Act to require hygienic handling of breast milk and baby formula by security screening personnel of the Transportation Security Administration and personnel of private security companies providing security screening, and for other purposes.	8/9/2022	Rep. Porter, Katie [D-CA-45]	2	Referred to the House Committee on Homeland Security.
H.R. 8654	To prevent, treat, and cure tuberculosis globally.	8/5/2022	Rep. Bera, Ami [D-CA-7]	1	Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.
H.R. 8653	To authorize appropriations to carry out payments with respect to qualified losses of covered crops occurring in calendar year 2022, and for other purposes.	8/2/2022	Rep. Thompson, Mike [D-CA-5]	21	Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.
H.R. 8644	To establish Joint Operations Centers along the southern border of the United States, and for other purposes.	8/2/2022	Rep. Joyce, David P. [R-OH-14]	5	Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means,

					and Homeland Security.
H.R. 8446	Global Food Security Reauthorization Act of 2022	7/20/2022	Rep. McCollum, Betty [D-MN-4]	9	Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.
H.R. 8443	Making the CFPB Accountable to Small Businesses Act of 2022	7/20/2022	Rep. Fitzgerald, Scott [R-WI-5]	5	Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Small Business, and Financial Services.
H.R. 8393	Puerto Rico Status Act	7/15/2022	Rep. Grijalva, Raul M. [D-AZ-3]	25	Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 25 - 20.
H.R. 8384	Standing with Moms Act	7/14/2022	Rep. Mace, Nancy [R-SC-1]	9	Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.
H.R. 8381	Preserving Options for Everglades Restoration and National Defense in the Straits of Florida Act	7/14/2022	Rep. Gimenez, Carlos A. [R-FL-26]	3	Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.
H.R. 8281	Military Housing Affordability Act of 2022	7/1/2022	Rep. Williams, Nikema [D-GA-5]	5	Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.
H.R. 8185	Screening for Communities to Receive Early and Equitable Needed Services for Cancer Act	6/22/2022	Rep. Morelle, Joseph D. [D-NY-25]	9	Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.
H.R. 8061	Eliminating Limits to Justice for Child Sex	6/14/2022	Rep. Ross, Deborah K. [D-NC-2]	5	Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.

	Abuse Victims Act of 2022				
H.R. 8057	Reach Every Mother and Child Act of 2022	6/14/2022	Rep. Jacobs, Sara [D-CA-53]	5	Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.
H.R. 8054	Defending Domestic Orange Juice Production Act	6/14/2022	Rep. Diaz-Balart, Mario [R-FL-25]	19	Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.
H.R. 8050	Fallen Heroes Flag Reauthorization Act of 2022	6/14/2022	Rep. Pappas, Chris [D-NH-1]	45	Referred to the House Committee on House Administration.
H.R. 8011	Dignity for People with Disabilities in the Foreign Service Act	6/9/2022	Rep. Khanna, Ro [D-CA-17]	7	Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.
H.R. 7997	Achieving Equity in the Treatment of Dual Eligible Beneficiaries Act	6/9/2022	Resident Commissioner González Colón, Jenniffer [R-PR-At Large]	10	Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means.
H.R. 7991	KREMLIN Act	6/8/2022	Rep. Waltz, Michael [R-FL-6]	16	Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Reform.
H.R. 7970	Ocean Regional Opportunity and Innovation Act of 2022	6/7/2022	Rep. Pingree, Chellie [D-ME-1]	3	Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management.
H.R. 7966	STOP II Act	6/7/2022	Rep. Hudson, Richard [R-NC-8]	79	Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Education and Labor, and

					Oversight and Reform.
H.R. 7942	Securing Our Students Act	6/3/2022	Rep. Owens, Burgess [R-UT-4]	28	Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.
H.R. 7935	Opportunities in the Americas Act	6/3/2022	Rep. Espaillat, Adriano [D-NY-13]	5	Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means.
H.R. 7892	Prohibition of Agricultural Land for the People's Republic of China Act	5/27/2022	Rep. Newhouse, Dan [R-WA-4]	21	Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.
H.R. 7887	School Resource Officer Assessment Act of 2022	5/27/2022	Rep. Higgins, Clay [R-LA-3]	10	Referred to the Committee on Education and Labor, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary.
H.R. 7886	School Watch and Tactics Act of 2022	5/27/2022	Rep. Higgins, Clay [R-LA-3]	7	Referred to the Committee on Education and Labor, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary.
H.R. 7830	Babies Need More Formula Now Act of 2022	5/18/2022	Rep. Stefanik, Elise M. [R-NY-21]	49	Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.
H.R. 7826	Pathways to Policing Act	5/18/2022	Rep. Phillips, Dean [D-MN-3]	16	Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H5196)

H.R. 7821	DHS Transnational Criminal Investigative Units Supplemental Pay Act	5/18/2022	Rep. Garbarino, Andrew R. [R-NY-2]	8	Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
H.R. 7820	Travel and Tourism Act	5/18/2022	Rep. Dunn, Neal P. [R-FL-2]	4	Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.
H.R. 7801	To amend the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 to allow the Secretary of Commerce to establish a Coastal and Estuarine Resilience and Restoration Program, and for other purposes.	5/17/2022	Rep. Levin, Mike [D-CA-49]	9	Subcommittee Hearings Held.
H.R. 7787	HENRY Act	5/16/2022	Rep. Phillips, Dean [D-MN-3]	17	Referred to the Subcommittee on Aviation.
H.R. 7781	Urgently Feeding America's Babies Act of 2022	5/16/2022	Rep. Buchanan, Vern [R-FL-16]	9	Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Financial Services.
H.R. 7775	NAPA Reauthorization Act	5/13/2022	Rep. Tonko, Paul [D-NY-20]	34	Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.
H.R. 7773	Alzheimer's Accountability and Investment Act	5/13/2022	Rep. Smith, Christopher H. [R-NJ-4]	28	Referred to the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.
H.R. 7758	Geospatial Support for Atrocity Accountability Act	5/12/2022	Rep. Stefanik, Elise M. [R-NY-21]	10	Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.
H.R. 7693	National Park Foundation	5/10/2022	Rep. Westerman,	52	Received in the Senate.

	Reauthorization Act of 2022		Bruce [R-AR-4]		
H.R. 7678	American Small Business Competition Act of 2022	5/6/2022	Rep. Fitzgerald, Scott [R-WI-5]	3	Referred to the House Committee on Small Business.
H.R. 7641	Protecting Free Speech Act	5/3/2022	Rep. Boebert, Lauren [R-CO-3]	76	Referred to the Subcommittee on Oversight, Management, and Accountability.
H.R. 7638	To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6000 South Florida Avenue in Lakeland, Florida, as the "U.S. Marine Corporal Ronald R. Payne Jr. Post Office".	4/29/2022	Rep. Franklin, C. Scott [R-FL-15]	20	Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Reform.
H.R. 7631	Veterans for Mustangs Act	4/28/2022	Rep. McClain, Lisa C. [R-MI-10]	4	Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.
H.R. 7628	IMPROVE the SBA Act	4/28/2022	Rep. Luetkemeyer, Blaine [R-MO-3]	11	Referred to the House Committee on Small Business.
H.R. 7579	Western Hemisphere Nearshoring Act	4/26/2022	Rep. Green, Mark E. [R-TN-7]	11	Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.
H.R. 7499	Improving Federal Investigations of Organized Retail Crime Act of 2022	4/14/2022	Rep. Kim, Young [R-CA-39]	6	Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
H.R. 7490	IRAN Negotiations Act	4/11/2022	Rep. Chabot, Steve [R-OH-1]	7	Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.

H.R. 7458	Public Health and Border Security Act of 2022	4/7/2022	Rep. Golden, Jared F. [D-ME-2]	29	Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
H.R. 7442	H—4 Work Authorization Act	4/7/2022	Rep. Bourdeaux, Carolyn [D-GA-7]	2	Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
H.R. 7431	Don Young Veterans Advancing Conservation Act	4/6/2022	Rep. Soto, Darren [D-FL-9]	18	Referred to the Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity.
H.R. 7423	America Reopens Act	4/6/2022	Rep. Gimenez, Carlos A. [R-FL-26]	5	Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
H.R. 7330	Keeping Israel Safe from Iranian Proxies Act	3/31/2022	Rep. Jackson, Ronny [R-TX-13]	24	Referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.
H.R. 7311	Countering Malign Russian Activities in Africa Act	3/31/2022	Rep. Meeks, Gregory W. [D-NY-5]	16	Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
H.R. 7307	Small Business Regulatory Reduction Act	3/31/2022	Rep. Van Duyne, Beth [R-TX-24]	11	Referred to the House Committee on Small Business.
H.R. 7287	Anti-Border Corruption Improvement Act	3/30/2022	Rep. Crenshaw, Dan [R-TX-2]	9	Referred to the Subcommittee on Border Security, Facilitation, and Operations.
H.R. 7276	Ukraine Invasion War Crimes Deterrence and Accountability Act	3/29/2022	Rep. McCaul, Michael T. [R-TX-10]	25	Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 417.

H.R. 7250	Retain COPS Act of 2022	3/28/2022	Rep. McKinley, David B. [R-WV-1]	6	Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
H.R. 7249	Anna Westin Legacy Act of 2022	3/28/2022	Rep. Matsui, Doris O. [D-CA-6]	22	Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
H.R. 7240	READ Act Reauthorization Act of 2022	3/28/2022	Rep. Bass, Karen [D-CA-37]	48	Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
H.R. 7236	Strengthen Kidsâ€™ Mental Health Now Act of 2022	3/28/2022	Rep. Eshoo, Anna G. [D-CA-18]	52	Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
H.R. 7234	Summer Barrow Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery Act	3/28/2022	Rep. Spanberger, Abigail Davis [D-VA-7]	3	Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
H.R. 7223	COI Elimination Act	3/24/2022	Rep. Steube, W. Gregory [R-FL-17]	104	Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.
H.R. 7203	HELPS Retirees Improvement Act of 2022	3/24/2022	Rep. Chabot, Steve [R-OH-1]	8	Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.
H.R. 7186	Emergency Community Care Notification Time Adjustment Act of 2022	3/21/2022	Rep. Mast, Brian J. [R-FL-18]	8	Referred to the Subcommittee on Technology Modernization.
H.R. 7115	Small Scale LNG Access Act of 2022	3/17/2022	Rep. Cammack, Kat [R-FL-3]	33	Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy.
H.R. 7088	Defenders of Ukraine Congressional Gold Medal Act	3/15/2022	Rep. Johnson, Dusty [R-SD-At Large]	20	Referred to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on House Administration.

H.R. 7086	Oligarch Asset Forfeiture Act	3/15/2022	Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	3	Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.
H.R. 7075	Ukrainian Independence Park Act of 2022	3/15/2022	Rep. Spartz, Victoria [R-IN-5]	118	Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Unanimous Consent.
H.R. 7023	Prohibiting Oil Trade with Venezuelaâ€™s Tyrant Act	3/9/2022	Rep. Franklin, C. Scott [R-FL-15]	25	Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.
H.R. 6940	Israel Anti-Boycott Act	3/3/2022	Rep. Zeldin, Lee M. [R-NY-1]	59	Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.
H.R. 6930	Asset Seizure for Ukraine Reconstruction Act	3/3/2022	Rep. Malinowski, Tom [D-NJ-7]	18	Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
H.R. 6913	SNOOP Act of 2022	3/3/2022	Rep. Steel, Michelle [R-CA-48]	27	Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.
H.R. 6867	To designate the area between the intersections of 16th Street, Northwest and Fuller Street, Northwest and 16th Street, Northwest and Euclid Street, Northwest in Washington, District of Columbia, as "Oswaldo PayÃ¡j Way".	2/28/2022	Rep. Diaz-Balart, Mario [R-FL-25]	6	Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Reform.

H.R. 6846	Corruption, Overthrowing Rule of Law, and Ruining Ukraine: Putin's Tripartite Act	2/25/2022	Rep. Malinowski, Tom [D-NJ-7]	16	Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.
H.R. 6825	Nonprofit Security Grant Program Improvement Act of 2022	2/25/2022	Rep. Thompson, Bennie G. [D-MS-2]	62	Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
H.R. 6771	South Florida Ecosystem Enhancement Act of 2022	2/18/2022	Rep. Gimenez, Carlos A. [R-FL-26]	7	Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.
H.R. 6715	Bridging the Gap for New Americans Act	2/11/2022	Rep. Katko, John [R-NY-24]	8	Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.
H.R. 6658	Protecting Family and Small Business Tax Cuts Act of 2022	2/9/2022	Rep. Davis, Rodney [R-IL-13]	110	Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.
H.R. 6542	To require the Director of National Intelligence to submit an annual report on investment by any Chinese entity in port infrastructure in the Western Hemisphere, and for other purposes.	2/1/2022	Rep. Fallon, Pat [R-TX-4]	1	Referred to the House Committee on Intelligence (Permanent Select).
H.R. 6539	PANA Act	2/1/2022	Rep. Crist, Charlie [D-FL-13]	1	Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.
H.R. 6518	To establish an office to combat the global rise of authoritarian socialism and communism at the	1/28/2022	Rep. Gimenez, Carlos A. [R-FL-26]	3	Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.

	Department of State, and for other purposes.				
H.R. 6505	Child Tax Credit for Pregnant Moms Act of 2022	1/25/2022	Rep. Smith, Jason [R-MO-8]	32	Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
H.R. 6480	Human Trafficking Awareness Training Act	1/25/2022	Rep. Cammack, Kat [R-FL-3]	24	Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
H.R. 6467	To amend title 46, United States Code, to make certain improvements to the project selection criteria for grants under the port and intermodal improvement program, and for other purposes.	1/21/2022	Rep. Gimenez, Carlos A. [R-FL-26]	6	Referred to the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation.
H.R. 6461	National Climate Adaptation and Resilience Strategy Act	1/20/2022	Rep. Peters, Scott H. [D-CA-52]	17	Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment and Climate Change.
H.R. 6450	SCORE for Small Business Act of 2022	1/20/2022	Rep. Kim, Young [R-CA-39]	6	Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.
H.R. 6448	Invest to Protect Act of 2022	1/20/2022	Rep. Gottheimer, Josh [D-NJ-5]	84	Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
H.R. 6441	Women's Business Centers Improvement Act of 2022	1/20/2022	Rep. Davids, Sharice [D-KS-3]	13	Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

H.R. 6433	IOC Act	1/19/2022	Rep. Waltz, Michael [R-FL-6]	12	Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.
H.R. 6408	AGRITOURISM Act	1/13/2022	Rep. Wexton, Jennifer [D-VA-10]	18	Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.
H.R. 6375	COPS on the Beat Grant Program Reauthorization and Parity Act of 2022	1/12/2022	Rep. Rice, Tom [R-SC-7]	55	Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
H.R. 6354	Fix the United Nations Human Rights Council Act	1/3/2022	Rep. Malliotakis, Nicole [R-NY-11]	5	Referred to the Subcommittee on International Development, International Organizations and Global Corporate Social Impact.
H.R. 6319	Falun Gong Protection Act	12/16/2021	Rep. Perry, Scott [R-PA-10]	16	Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary. concerned.
H.R. 6264	POLICE Act of 2021	12/14/2021	Rep. Garbarino, Andrew R. [R-NY-2]	23	Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
H.R. 6251	Food Donation Improvement Act of 2021	12/13/2021	Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-2]	42	Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.
H.R. 6229	Land and Water Conservation Fund Water Amendments Act of 2021	12/9/2021	Rep. Mast, Brian J. [R-FL-18]	6	Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.
H.R. 6207	Humane Cosmetics Act of 2021	12/9/2021	Rep. Beyer, Donald S., Jr. [D-VA-8]	171	Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

H.R. 6201	National Liberty Memorial Preservation Act	12/8/2021	Rep. Watson Coleman, Bonnie [D-NJ-12]	37	Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. Ordered to be reported without amendment favorably.
H.R. 6186	PAAW Act of 2021	12/8/2021	Rep. Mace, Nancy [R-SC-1]	16	Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
H.R. 6161	Employee Retention Tax Credit Reinstatement Act	12/7/2021	Rep. Miller, Carol D. [R-WV-3]	108	Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.
H.R. 6152	Critical Infrastructure Manufacturing Feasibility Act	12/7/2021	Rep. Davis, Rodney [R-IL-13]	39	Referred to the Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Commerce.
H.R. 6132	Public Safety Enhancement Act of 2021	12/2/2021	Rep. Nehls, Troy E. [R-TX-22]	79	Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
H.R. 6128	Protect American IPR Act	12/2/2021	Rep. Gohmert, Louie [R-TX-1]	4	Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.
H.R. 6089	Stop Iranian Drones Act	11/30/2021	Rep. McCaul, Michael T. [R-TX-10]	77	Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 400.
H.R. 6082	PRICE Act of 2021	11/26/2021	Rep. Neguse, Joe [D-CO-2]	1	Referred to the Subcommittee on Oversight, Management, and Accountability.
H.R. 6069	Promoting Ties with Taiwan Act	11/23/2021	Rep. Fischbach, Michelle [R-MN-7]	29	Referred to the Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific, Central Asia and Nonproliferation.

H.R. 6057	Tax Simplification for Americans Abroad Act	11/19/2021	Rep. Beyer, Donald S., Jr. [D-VA-8]	9	Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.
H.R. 6037	To prohibit the Administrator of the Small Business Administration from directly making loans under the 7(a) loan program, and for other purposes.	11/18/2021	Rep. Luetkemeyer, Blaine [R-MO-3]	35	Referred to the House Committee on Small Business.
H.R. 6015	Benjamin Berell Ferencz Congressional Gold Medal Act	11/18/2021	Rep. Frankel, Lois [D-FL-21]	296	Received in the Senate.
H.R. 6004	Upholding the 1995 Jerusalem Embassy Law Act of 2021	11/17/2021	Rep. Kustoff, David [R-TN-8]	124	Referred to the Subcommittee on Middle East, North Africa and Global Counterterrorism.
H.R. 5995	Pregnancy Loss Mental Health Research Act of 2021	11/17/2021	Rep. Emmer, Tom [R-MN-6]	25	Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
H.R. 5928	VA Canine Reporting Act of 2021	11/9/2021	Rep. Herrell, Yvette [R-NM-2]	10	Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
H.R. 5925	Supply Chain Emergency Response Act	11/9/2021	Rep. Gimenez, Carlos A. [R-FL-26]	11	Referred to the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation.
H.R. 5887	Keep Food Local and Affordable Act of 2021	11/4/2021	Rep. Steube, W. Gregory [R-FL-17]	19	Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
H.R. 5879	Hubzone Price Evaluation Preference Clarification Act of 2021	11/4/2021	Rep. Newman, Marie [D-IL-3]	1	Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

H.R. 5852	Extending Limits of U.S. Customs Waters Act	11/3/2021	Rep. Waltz, Michael [R-FL-6]	11	Referred to the Subcommittee on Trade.
H.R. 5843	To require the Secretary of the Treasury to consider certain transactions related to precious metals for purposes of identifying jurisdictions of primary money laundering concern, and for other purposes.	11/3/2021	Rep. Issa, Darrell E. [R-CA-50]	2	Referred to the House Committee on Financial Services.
H.R. 5819	Autonomy for Disabled Veterans Act	11/2/2021	Rep. Lawson, Al, Jr. [D-FL-5]	89	Subcommittee Hearings Held.
H.R. 5800	Commission on Americans Living Abroad Act of 2021	11/1/2021	Rep. Maloney, Carolyn B. [D-NY-12]	11	Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
H.R. 5799	Overseas Americans Financial Access Act	11/1/2021	Rep. Maloney, Carolyn B. [D-NY-12]	11	Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.
H.R. 5761	Pay Our Correctional Officers Fairly Act	10/27/2021	Rep. Weber, Randy K., Sr. [R-TX-14]	19	Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Reform.
H.R. 5759	BE GONE Act	10/27/2021	Rep. Stefanik, Elise M. [R-NY-21]	72	Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
H.R. 5707	PROTECT Florida Act	10/25/2021	Rep. Rutherford, John H. [R-FL-4]	14	Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources.
H.R. 5703	Post-Disaster Mental Health Response Act	10/22/2021	Rep. Pressley, Ayanna [D-MA-7]	13	Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
H.R. 5684	BARK Act of 2021	10/22/2021	Rep. Raskin, Jamie [D-MD-8]	41	Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.

H.R. 5656	Simon Crosier Act	10/21/2021	Rep. LaTurner, Jake [R-KS-2]	39	Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
H.R. 5653	Clean Water Allotment Modernization Act of 2021	10/20/2021	Rep. Waltz, Michael [R-FL-6]	17	Referred to the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment.
H.R. 5644	Mobile Mammography Promotion Act of 2021	10/20/2021	Rep. Luetkemeyer, Blaine [R-MO-3]	7	Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.
H.R. 5586	Prohibiting IRS Financial Surveillance Act	10/15/2021	Rep. Ferguson, A. Drew, IV [R-GA-3]	181	Referred to the House Committee on Financial Services.
H.R. 5577	To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3900 Crown Road Southwest in Atlanta, Georgia, as the John R. Lewis Post Office Building.	10/12/2021	Rep. Williams, Nikema [D-GA-5]	364	Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 335.
H.R. 5557	DEMOCRACIA Act	10/12/2021	Rep. Donalds, Byron [R-FL-19]	8	Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, and Rules.
H.R. 5556	Flood Risk Transparency for Homebuyers Act	10/12/2021	Rep. Diaz-Balart, Mario [R-FL-25]	12	Referred to the House Committee on Financial Services.
H.R. 5543	Vet CENTERS for Mental Health Act of 2021	10/8/2021	Rep. Sherrill, Mikie [D-NJ-11]	69	Subcommittee Hearings Held.
H.R. 5529	Veterans Justice Outreach Improvement Act	10/8/2021	Rep. Miller-Meeks, Mariannette [R-IA-2]	5	Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.

H.R. 5527	Accountability in Foreign Animal Research Act	10/8/2021	Rep. McClain, Lisa C. [R-MI-10]	26	Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
H.R. 5525	ENABLERS Act	10/8/2021	Rep. Malinowski, Tom [D-NJ-7]	5	Referred to the House Committee on Financial Services.
H.R. 5498	Preserving Employment Visas Act	10/5/2021	Rep. Miller-Meeks, Mariannette [R-IA-2]	6	Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
H.R. 5497	BURMA Act of 2021	10/5/2021	Rep. Meeks, Gregory W. [D-NY-5]	84	Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
H.R. 5490	FARM Act	10/5/2021	Rep. Jackson, Ronny [R-TX-13]	13	Referred to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture concerned.
H.R. 5453	Fishery Resource Disasters Improvement Act	9/30/2021	Rep. Huffman, Jared [D-CA-2]	7	Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife.
H.R. 5451	Protecting Financial Privacy Act of 2021	9/30/2021	Rep. Hinson, Ashley [R-IA-1]	65	Referred to the House Committee on Financial Services.
H.R. 5441	PAST Act of 2021	9/30/2021	Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	258	Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 22 - 0 .
H.R. 5421	Coffee Plant Health Initiative Amendments Act	9/29/2021	Rep. Kahele, Kaiali'i [D-HI-2]	14	Referred to the Subcommittee on Biotechnology,

					Horticulture, and Research.
H.R. 5392	To amend the Military Selective Service Act to allow women to elect to register for the draft.	9/28/2021	Rep. Owens, Burgess [R-UT-4]	11	Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.
H.R. 5297	National POW/MIA Memorial and Museum Act	9/20/2021	Rep. Lawson, Al, Jr. [D-FL-5]	26	Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.
H.R. 5232	Working Dog Commemorative Coin Act	9/10/2021	Rep. McHenry, Patrick T. [R-NC-10]	109	Referred to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget
H.R. 5209	Counter-Kleptocracy Act	9/10/2021	Rep. Cohen, Steve [D-TN-9]	19	Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.
H.R. 5163	Care for Her Act	9/3/2021	Rep. Fortenberry, Jeff [R-NE-1]	13	Referred to the Subcommittee on Nutrition, Oversight, and Department Operations.
H.R. 5162	CRT Transparency Act	9/3/2021	Rep. Fitzgerald, Scott [R-WI-5]	57	Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.
H.R. 5150	Frederick Douglass Trafficking Victims Prevention and Protection Reauthorization Act of 2021	9/3/2021	Rep. Smith, Christopher H. [R-NJ-4]	29	Referred to the Subcommittee on Aviation.

H.R. 5142	To award posthumously a Congressional Gold Medal, in commemoration to the servicemembers who perished in Afghanistan on August 26, 2021, during the evacuation of citizens of the United States and Afghan allies at Hamid Karzai International Airport, and for other purposes.	8/31/2021	Rep. McClain, Lisa C. [R-MI-10]	326	Became Public Law No: 117-72.
H.R. 5116	To recognize the Memorial, Memorial Garden, and K9 Memorial of the National Navy UDT-SEAL Museum in Fort Pierce, Florida, as the official national memorial, memorial garden, and K9 memorial, respectively, of Navy SEALs and their predecessors.	8/27/2021	Rep. Mast, Brian J. [R-FL-18]	10	Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.
H.R. 5071	To direct the Secretary of Defense to submit to Congress daily reports on the evacuation of citizens and permanent residents of the United States from Afghanistan, and for other purposes.	8/23/2021	Rep. Gallagher, Mike [R-WI-8]	36	Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.
H.R. 5069	CUBA Act of 2021	8/20/2021	Rep. Tenney, Claudia [R-NY-22]	5	Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.
H.R. 5064	BEACH Act of 2021	8/20/2021	Rep. Joyce, David P. [R-OH-14]	13	Referred to the Subcommittee on

					Water Resources and Environment.
H.R. 5060	To direct the Inspector General of the Department of Defense to conduct an investigation into the withdrawal of the United States armed forces from Afghanistan, and for other purposes.	8/20/2021	Rep. Gimenez, Carlos A. [R-FL-26]	13	Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.
H.R. 5041	GREATER Revitalization of Shopping Centers Act of 2021	8/17/2021	Rep. Bourdeaux, Carolyn [D-GA-7]	11	Referred to the House Committee on Financial Services.
H.R. 5039	Hizballah in Latin America Accountability Act of 2021	8/13/2021	Rep. Wilson, Joe [R-SC-2]	2	Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committees on Financial Services, and the Judiciary.
H.R. 5030	DIVERSE Trials Act	8/13/2021	Rep. Ruiz, Raul [D-CA-36]	21	Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
H.R. 5026	Panama Canal Zone Veterans Act of 2021	8/13/2021	Rep. Newman, Marie [D-IL-3]	13	Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.
H.R. 4977	Better Cybercrime Metrics Act	8/6/2021	Rep. Spanberger, Abigail Davis [D-VA-7]	18	Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
H.R. 4946	Manatee Protection Act of 2021	8/6/2021	Rep. Buchanan, Vern [R-FL-16]	29	Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife.
H.R. 4914	Havana Syndrome Attacks Response Act	8/3/2021	Rep. McCaul, Michael T. [R-TX-10]	23	Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a

					Substitute (Amended) by Voice Vote.
H.R. 4873	FADS Act	7/30/2021	Rep. Cawthorn, Madison [R-NC-11]	4	Referred to the Subcommittee on Europe, Energy, the Environment and Cyber.
H.R. 4860	Statutes of Limitation for Child Sexual Abuse Reform Act	7/29/2021	Rep. Wexton, Jennifer [D-VA-10]	2	Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.
H.R. 4833	Migratory Bird Protection Act of 2021	7/29/2021	Rep. Lowenthal, Alan S. [D-CA-47]	85	Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife.
H.R. 4821	Combating the Persecution of Christians in China Act	7/29/2021	Rep. Hartzler, Vicky [R-MO-4]	39	Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
H.R. 4785	Uyghur Policy Act of 2021	7/29/2021	Rep. Kim, Young [R-CA-39]	75	Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute (Amended) by Voice Vote.
H.R. 4771	To designate the Federal Building and United States Courthouse located at 111 North Adams Street in Tallahassee, Florida, as the "Joseph Woodrow Hatchett United States Courthouse and Federal Building".	7/28/2021	Rep. Lawson, Al, Jr. [D-FL-5]	25	Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
H.R. 4769	Onward to Opportunity Act	7/28/2021	Rep. Katko, John [R-NY-24]	24	Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.

H.R. 4737	Foreign Extortion Prevention Act	7/28/2021	Rep. Jackson Lee, Sheila [D-TX-18]	10	Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
H.R. 4702	Military Spouse Tax Act	7/27/2021	Rep. Cawthorn, Madison [R-NC-11]	31	Subcommittee Hearings Held.
H.R. 4696	American Shores Protection Act	7/26/2021	Rep. Waltz, Michael [R-FL-6]	16	Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.
H.R. 4693	Global Malnutrition Prevention and Treatment Act of 2021	7/26/2021	Rep. McCaul, Michael T. [R-TX-10]	102	Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 453.
H.R. 4689	Robert Cleckler Bowden Congressional Gold Medal Act	7/26/2021	Rep. Dunn, Neal P. [R-FL-2]	15	Referred to the House Committee on Financial Services.
H.R. 4624	Guaranteeing Healthcare Access to Personnel Who Served Act	7/22/2021	Rep. Bergman, Jack [R-MI-1]	25	Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
H.R. 4614	Resilient Federal Forests Act	7/22/2021	Rep. Westerman, Bruce [R-AR-4]	75	Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry.
H.R. 4608	Growth and Opportunities Act of 2021	7/21/2021	Rep. Steel, Michelle [R-CA-48]	4	Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.
H.R. 4594	Restoring Brand USA Act	7/21/2021	Rep. Bilirakis, Gus M. [R-FL-12]	32	Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
H.R. 4568	ENTRÃ‰ Act	7/20/2021	Rep. Luetkemeyer, Blaine [R-MO-3]	105	Referred to the Committee on Small Business, and in addition to the Committee on

					Oversight and Reform.
H.R. 4558	Tax Fairness for the Self-Employed Act of 2021	7/20/2021	Rep. Delgado, Antonio [D-NY-19]	8	Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.
H.R. 4498	To make emergency appropriations to the National Guard.	7/16/2021	Rep. Womack, Steve [R-AR-3]	42	Referred to the Committee on Appropriations, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget.
H.R. 4481	Small Business 7(a) Loan Agent Transparency Act	7/16/2021	Rep. Phillips, Dean [D-MN-3]	6	Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.
H.R. 4471	Improving Veterans Access to Congressional Services Act of 2021	7/16/2021	Rep. Mast, Brian J. [R-FL-18]	21	Referred to the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations.
H.R. 4445	Ending Forced Arbitration of Sexual Assault and Sexual Harassment Act of 2021	7/16/2021	Rep. Bustos, Cheri [D-IL-17]	25	Became Public Law No: 117-90.
H.R. 4429	Semiquincentennial Commemorative Coin Act	7/13/2021	Rep. Watson Coleman, Bonnie [D-NJ-12]	58	Referred to the House Committee on Financial Services.
H.R. 4424	DEFEND Act	7/13/2021	Rep. Murphy, Stephanie N. [D-FL-7]	1	Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.
H.R. 4412	To amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize Johanna's Law, and for other purposes.	7/13/2021	Rep. DeLauro, Rosa L. [D-CT-3]	19	Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

H.R. 4408	Carbon Capture Improvement Act of 2021	7/13/2021	Rep. Burchett, Tim [R-TN-2]	8	Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.
H.R. 4362	Curbing China's Vaccine Diplomacy Act	7/6/2021	Rep. Gimenez, Carlos A. [R-FL-26]	3	Referred to the Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific, Central Asia and Nonproliferation.
H.R. 4331	America's Cultivation of Hope and Inclusion for Long-term Dependents Raised and Educated Natively Act of 2021	7/1/2021	Rep. Ross, Deborah K. [D-NC-2]	42	Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
H.R. 4322	Combating Global Corruption Act of 2021	7/1/2021	Rep. Malinowski, Tom [D-NJ-7]	5	Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary.
H.R. 4300	Alexander Lofgren Veterans in Parks (VIP) Act	7/1/2021	Rep. Miller-Meeks, Mariannette [R-IA-2]	151	Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
H.R. 4214	Tax Deadline Simplification Act	6/29/2021	Rep. Lesko, Debbie [R-AZ-8]	5	Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.
H.R. 4181	Stop Inflationary Spending Act	6/25/2021	Rep. Meuser, Daniel [R-PA-9]	19	Referred to the Committee on Rules, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget.
H.R. 4142	Golden Visa Accountability Act	6/24/2021	Rep. Kinzinger, Adam [R-IL-16]	10	Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to

					the Committee on the Judiciary.
H.R. 4134	Keeping Girls in School Act	6/24/2021	Rep. Frankel, Lois [D-FL-21]	92	Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute (Amended) by Voice Vote.
H.R. 4133	Caribbean Basin Security Initiative Authorization Act	6/24/2021	Rep. Espaillat, Adriano [D-NY-13]	26	Star Print ordered on the bill.
H.R. 4117	To establish the National Commission on Domestic Terrorist Attacks on the United States by Antifa, and for other purposes.	6/24/2021	Rep. Bacon, Don [R-NE-2]	7	Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
H.R. 4085	Unclaimed Savings Bond Act of 2021	6/23/2021	Rep. Estes, Ron [R-KS-4]	35	Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.
H.R. 4047	Cutting Unnecessary Regulatory Burdens Act	6/22/2021	Rep. Franklin, C. Scott [R-FL-15]	12	Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
H.R. 4044	VOTE Act	6/22/2021	Rep. Donalds, Byron [R-FL-19]	10	Referred to the House Committee on House Administration.
H.R. 4042	Aviation Funding Stability Act of 2021	6/22/2021	Rep. DeFazio, Peter A. [D-OR-4]	89	Ordered to be Reported by the Yeas and Nays: 58 - 5.
H.R. 4017	Central American Women and Children Protection Act of 2021	6/17/2021	Rep. Torres, Norma J. [D-CA-35]	21	Referred to the Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Civilian Security, Migration and International Economic Policy.

H.R. 4004	No Student Exchanges with North Korean Schools Act	6/17/2021	Rep. Lesko, Debbie [R-AZ-8]	5	Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Education and Labor.
H.R. 3996	Empowering Law Enforcement To Fight Sex Trafficking Demand Act of 2021	6/17/2021	Rep. Hartzler, Vicky [R-MO-4]	17	Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
H.R. 3982	Traditional Cigar Manufacturing and Small Business Jobs Preservation Act of 2021	6/17/2021	Rep. Castor, Kathy [D-FL-14]	59	Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
H.R. 3966	To prohibit the United States from rejoining the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA) until the President makes certain certifications, and for other purposes.	6/17/2021	Rep. Clyde, Andrew S. [R-GA-9]	14	Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.
H.R. 3932	PASTEUR Act of 2021	6/16/2021	Rep. Doyle, Michael F. [D-PA-18]	62	Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
H.R. 3928	Informed Electorate Act	6/16/2021	Rep. Cawthorn, Madison [R-NC-11]	3	Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.
H.R. 3926	Defending Domestic Produce Protection Act	6/16/2021	Rep. Buchanan, Vern [R-FL-16]	35	Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.
H.R. 3897	Hâ€“2B Returning Worker Exception Act of 2021	6/15/2021	Rep. Cuellar, Henry [D-TX-28]	89	Referred to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Education and Labor.

H.R. 3887	Foreign Corruption Accountability Act	6/15/2021	Rep. Curtis, John R. [R-UT-3]	9	Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
H.R. 3875	Interagency Committee on Women's Business Enterprise Act of 2021	6/14/2021	Rep. Meng, Grace [D-NY-6]	3	Referred to the House Committee on Small Business.
H.R. 3872	To apologize for the treatment of Italian Americans during World War II.	6/14/2021	Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-19]	17	Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
H.R. 3871	To authorize the Secretary of Education to provide grants for education programs on the history of the treatment of Italian Americans during World War II.	6/14/2021	Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-19]	17	Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.
H.R. 3835	PRIME Act	6/11/2021	Rep. Massie, Thomas [R-KY-4]	48	Referred to the Subcommittee on Livestock and Foreign Agriculture.
H.R. 3811	TRIPP Act	6/11/2021	Rep. Burchett, Tim [R-TN-2]	28	Referred to the Subcommittee on Trade.
H.R. 3807	Restaurant Revitalization Fund Replenishment Act of 2021	6/11/2021	Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]	229	Read the second time. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 387.
H.R. 3781	Justice for Victims of Kleptocracy Act of 2021	6/8/2021	Rep. Malinowski, Tom [D-NJ-7]	11	Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
H.R. 3733	Essential Caregivers Act of 2021	6/4/2021	Rep. Tenney, Claudia [R-NY-22]	54	Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H3301-3304)

H.R. 3630	Lymphedema Treatment Act	5/28/2021	Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]	356	Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 336.
H.R. 3586	Veteran Education Empowerment Act	5/28/2021	Rep. Frankel, Lois [D-FL-21]	109	Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.
H.R. 3577	United States Army Rangers Veterans of World War II Congressional Gold Medal Act	5/28/2021	Rep. Crow, Jason [D-CO-6]	319	Referred to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on House Administration.
H.R. 3537	Accelerating Access to Critical Therapies for ALS Act	5/25/2021	Rep. Quigley, Mike [D-IL-5]	331	Became Public Law No: 117-79.
H.R. 3515	Preventing Anti-Semitic Hate Crimes Act	5/25/2021	Rep. Kustoff, David [R-TN-8]	73	Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
H.R. 3492	Gold Star Families Benefits Protection Act	5/25/2021	Rep. Espaillat, Adriano [D-NY-13]	11	Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.
H.R. 3482	National Center for the Advancement of Aviation Act of 2021	5/25/2021	Rep. Carson, Andre [D-IN-7]	64	Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
H.R. 3455	No Stolen Trademarks Honored in America Act	5/20/2021	Rep. Wasserman Schultz, Debbie [D-FL-23]	20	Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
H.R. 3440	Sustainable Skies Act	5/20/2021	Rep. Schneider, Bradley Scott [D-IL-10]	71	Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR H2877)

H.R. 3403	See the Crisis Act	5/20/2021	Rep. Hinson, Ashley [R-IA-1]	20	Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Reform.
H.R. 3355	SAFE Act of 2021	5/19/2021	Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]	218	Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee (Amended) by Voice Vote .
H.R. 3354	CHANGE Act of 2021	5/19/2021	Rep. Sánchez, Linda T. [D-CA-38]	41	Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
H.R. 3350	Small-business Procurement Utilization Reform Act	5/19/2021	Rep. Neguse, Joe [D-CO-2]	4	Referred to the House Committee on Small Business.
H.R. 3335	Greyhound Protection Act of 2021	5/19/2021	Rep. Cárdenas, Tony [D-CA-29]	99	Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
H.R. 3321	Credit for Caring Act of 2021	5/18/2021	Rep. Sánchez, Linda T. [D-CA-38]	70	Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.
H.R. 3306	Uyghur SOS Act	5/18/2021	Rep. Hartzler, Vicky [R-MO-4]	29	Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
H.R. 3281	RPM Act of 2019	5/17/2021	Rep. McHenry, Patrick T. [R-NC-10]	129	Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment and Climate Change.
H.R. 3259	NOPAIN Act	5/14/2021	Rep. Sewell, Terri A. [D-AL-7]	112	Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
H.R. 3215	Temporary Family Visitation Act	5/13/2021	Rep. Peters, Scott H. [D-CA-52]	41	Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.

H.R. 3207	PREPARE Act	5/13/2021	Rep. Morelle, Joseph D. [D-NY-25]	17	Referred to the House Committee on Small Business.
H.R. 3202	EIDL Oversight Act of 2021	5/13/2021	Rep. Luetkemeyer, Blaine [R-MO-3]	13	Referred to the House Committee on Small Business.
H.R. 3198	Yes In My Backyard Act	5/13/2021	Rep. Kilmer, Derek [D-WA-6]	22	Referred to the House Committee on Financial Services.
H.R. 3183	Metastatic Breast Cancer Access to Care Act	5/13/2021	Rep. Castor, Kathy [D-FL-14]	220	Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.
H.R. 3173	Improving Seniors'™ Timely Access to Care Act of 2021	5/13/2021	Rep. DelBene, Suzan K. [D-WA-1]	309	Motion to place bill on Consensus Calendar filed by Ms. DelBene.
H.R. 3172	HELPER Act of 2021	5/13/2021	Rep. Rutherford, John H. [R-FL-4]	77	Referred to the House Committee on Financial Services.
H.R. 3155	Small Business Child Care Investment Act	5/12/2021	Rep. Lee, Susie [D-NV-3]	13	Referred to the House Committee on Small Business.
H.R. 3114	Longshore and Harbor Workers'™ COVID'™19 Compensation Act of 2021	5/11/2021	Rep. Mrvan, Frank J. [D-IN-1]	35	Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute by the Yeas and Nays: 27 - 21.
H.R. 3085	ENACT Act of 2021	5/11/2021	Rep. Blunt Rochester, Lisa [D-DE-At Large]	85	Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
H.R. 3072	COACH Act	5/7/2021	Rep. Williams, Nikema [D-GA-5]	24	Referred to the House Committee on Small Business.

H.R. 3041	To modify the prohibition on participation of the People's Republic of China in Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) naval exercises to include cessation of genocide by China.	5/7/2021	Rep. Franklin, C. Scott [R-FL-15]	12	Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Armed Services.
H.R. 3035	Preventing Foreign Attempts to Erode Healthcare Innovation Act	5/7/2021	Rep. Donalds, Byron [R-FL-19]	22	Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.
H.R. 2974	Military Spouse Hiring Act	5/4/2021	Rep. Delgado, Antonio [D-NY-19]	202	Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.
H.R. 2954	Securing a Strong Retirement Act of 2021	5/4/2021	Rep. Neal, Richard E. [D-MA-1]	103	Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Finance.
H.R. 2946	RENACER Act	4/30/2021	Rep. Sires, Albio [D-NJ-8]	19	Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
H.R. 2938	Putting Americans First Act	4/30/2021	Rep. Perry, Scott [R-PA-10]	14	Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.
H.R. 2920	American Families United Act	4/30/2021	Rep. Escobar, Veronica [D-TX-16]	75	Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by the Yeas and Nays: 23 - 16.
H.R. 2918	Continuous Improvement and Accountability in Organic Standards Act	4/30/2021	Rep. DeFazio, Peter A. [D-OR-4]	24	Referred to the Subcommittee on Biotechnology, Horticulture, and Research.
H.R. 2910	Veterans Health Care Freedom Act	4/30/2021	Rep. Biggs, Andy [R-AZ-5]	11	Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

H.R. 2900	REEF Act	4/28/2021	Rep. Schakowsky, Janice D. [D-IL-9]	29	Referred to the House Committee on the Budget.
H.R. 2840	Puppy Protection Act of 2021	4/26/2021	Rep. Fitzpatrick, Brian K. [R-PA-1]	212	Referred to the Subcommittee on Livestock and Foreign Agriculture.
H.R. 2839	Bipartisan Border Solutions Act of 2021	4/26/2021	Rep. Cuellar, Henry [D-TX-28]	10	Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
H.R. 2836	Florida Coastal Protection Act	4/26/2021	Rep. Castor, Kathy [D-FL-14]	21	Subcommittee Hearings Held.
H.R. 2820	Growing Climate Solutions Act of 2021	4/22/2021	Rep. Spanberger, Abigail Davis [D-VA-7]	89	Referred to the House Committee on Agriculture.
H.R. 2811	Shark Fin Sales Elimination Act of 2021	4/22/2021	Del. Sablan, Gregorio Kilili Camacho [D-MP-At Large]	243	Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife.
H.R. 2773	Recovering America's Wildlife Act of 2021	4/22/2021	Rep. Dingell, Debbie [D-MI-12]	194	Received in the Senate. Read twice. Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 424.
H.R. 2748	Israel Relations Normalization Act of 2021	4/21/2021	Rep. Schneider, Bradley Scott [D-IL-10]	332	Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
H.R. 2718	Maximum Pressure Act	4/21/2021	Rep. Banks, Jim [R-IN-3]	131	Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
H.R. 2686	To designate the facility of the United	4/20/2021	Rep. Gaetz, Matt [R-FL-1]	10	Referred to the House Committee

	States Postal Service located at 90 Palm Boulevard North in Niceville, Florida, as the "Doolittle Raiders Post Office Building".				on Oversight and Reform.
H.R. 2684	CFRM Act of 2021	4/20/2021	Rep. Diaz-Balart, Mario [R-FL-25]	4	Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
H.R. 2653	MMEDS Act of 2021	4/19/2021	Resident Commissioner González Colón, Jenniffer [R-PR-At Large]	4	Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
H.R. 2639	Trillion Trees Act	4/19/2021	Rep. Westerman, Bruce [R-AR-4]	104	Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry.
H.R. 2600	Drug Cartel Terrorist Designation Act	4/15/2021	Rep. Roy, Chip [R-TX-21]	46	Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
H.R. 2586	Fire Fighters and EMS Employer-Employee Cooperation Act	4/15/2021	Rep. Kildee, Daniel T. [D-MI-5]	205	Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.
H.R. 2565	FDA Modernization Act of 2021	4/15/2021	Rep. Buchanan, Vern [R-FL-16]	89	Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
H.R. 2558	Accelerate Long-term Investment Growth Now Act	4/15/2021	Rep. Arrington, Jodey C. [R-TX-19]	119	Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.
H.R. 2517	Comprehensive Care for Alzheimer's Act	4/14/2021	Rep. Higgins, Brian [D-NY-26]	124	Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

H.R. 2499	Federal Firefighters Fairness Act of 2022	4/14/2021	Rep. Carbajal, Salud O. [D-CA-24]	203	Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.
H.R. 2479	Assessing China's Presence and Influence in Latin America and the Caribbean Act of 2021	4/13/2021	Rep. Murphy, Stephanie N. [D-FL-7]	4	Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.
H.R. 2477	Urban Forests Act of 2021	4/13/2021	Rep. Malliotakis, Nicole [R-NY-11]	9	Referred to the Subcommittee on Conservation and Forestry.
H.R. 2424	Agricultural Fairs Rescue Act	4/8/2021	Rep. Panetta, Jimmy [D-CA-20]	32	Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 93.
H.R. 2409	U.S.-Israel Cooperation Expansion Act	4/8/2021	Rep. Keller, Fred [R-PA-12]	18	Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.
H.R. 2399	Community Navigator Reporting Act of 2021	4/8/2021	Rep. Delgado, Antonio [D-NY-19]	13	Referred to the House Committee on Small Business.
H.R. 2374	Peace and Tolerance in Palestinian Education Act	4/5/2021	Rep. Sherman, Brad [D-CA-30]	45	Referred to the Subcommittee on Middle East, North Africa and Global Counterterrorism.
H.R. 2324	To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2800 South Adams Street in Tallahassee, Florida, as the D. Edwina Stephens Post Office.	4/1/2021	Rep. Lawson, Al, Jr. [D-FL-5]	26	Became Public Law No: 117-153.
H.R. 2290	Stop the Shutdowns Act	3/29/2021	Rep. Stauber, Pete [R-MN-8]	11	Referred to the House Committee on Small Business.

H.R. 2269	To modify the presumption of service connection for veterans who were exposed to herbicide agents while serving in the Armed Forces in Thailand during the Vietnam era, and for other purposes.	3/26/2021	Rep. Westerman, Bruce [R-AR-4]	65	Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.
H.R. 2256	Resident Physician Shortage Reduction Act of 2021	3/26/2021	Rep. Sewell, Terri A. [D-AL-7]	212	Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
H.R. 2255	Healthcare Workforce Resilience Act	3/26/2021	Rep. Schneider, Bradley Scott [D-IL-10]	70	Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
H.R. 2252	Emmett Till and Mamie Till-Mobley Congressional Gold Medal Act of 2021	3/26/2021	Rep. Rush, Bobby L. [D-IL-1]	121	Referred to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on House Administration.
H.R. 2249	Willie Oâ€™Ree Congressional Gold Medal Act	3/26/2021	Rep. Quigley, Mike [D-IL-5]	294	Referred to the House Committee on Financial Services.
H.R. 2163	Safe Step Act	3/23/2021	Rep. Ruiz, Raul [D-CA-36]	163	Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.
H.R. 2143	Neighborhood Homes Investment Act	3/23/2021	Rep. Higgins, Brian [D-NY-26]	85	Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.
H.R. 2127	TEAM Act	3/23/2021	Rep. Bost, Mike [R-IL-12]	64	Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.

H.R. 2120	SAVE Act	3/23/2021	Rep. Amodei, Mark E. [R-NV-2]	36	Referred to the House Committee on Small Business.
H.R. 2107	Nation's Oldest Port National Heritage Area Act	3/19/2021	Rep. Rutherford, John H. [R-FL-4]	17	Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 317.
H.R. 2085	HEART Act of 2021	3/19/2021	Rep. Chu, Judy [D-CA-27]	63	Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
H.R. 2062	Protecting Older Workers Against Discrimination Act of 2021	3/18/2021	Rep. Scott, Robert C. "Bobby" [D-VA-3]	112	Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
H.R. 2050	Huntington's Disease Disability Insurance Access Act of 2021	3/18/2021	Rep. Pascrell, Bill, Jr. [D-NJ-9]	124	Referred to the Subcommittee on Social Security.
H.R. 1960	To name the Department of Veterans Affairs community-based outpatient clinic, located at 400 College Drive, Middleburg, Florida, the "A.K. Baker VA Clinic".	3/17/2021	Rep. Cammack, Kat [R-FL-3]	26	Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
H.R. 1946	Medicare Multi-Cancer Early Detection Screening Coverage Act of 2021	3/16/2021	Rep. Sewell, Terri A. [D-AL-7]	233	Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
H.R. 1916	Ensuring Lasting Smiles Act	3/16/2021	Rep. Eshoo, Anna G. [D-CA-18]	317	Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R. 1905	Alternatives to Animals for Regulatory Fairness Act of 2021	3/16/2021	Rep. Boyle, Brendan F. [D-PA-2]	25	Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
H.R. 1842	Harriet Tubman Bicentennial Commemorative Coin Act	3/11/2021	Rep. Meeks, Gregory W. [D-NY-5]	299	Became Public Law No: 117-163.
H.R. 1799	PPP Extension Act of 2021	3/11/2021	Rep. Bourdeaux, Carolyn [D-GA-7]	101	Became Public Law No: 117-6.
H.R. 1745	Developing Responsible Individuals for a Vibrant Economy Act	3/10/2021	Rep. Hollingsworth, Trey [R-IN-9]	134	Referred to the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit.
H.R. 1718	Ensuring Economic Recovery Act	3/9/2021	Rep. Van Duyne, Beth [R-TX-24]	15	Referred to the House Committee on Small Business.
H.R. 1699	Iran Sanctions Relief Review Act of 2021	3/9/2021	Rep. McCaul, Michael T. [R-TX-10]	50	Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
H.R. 1693	EQUAL Act of 2021	3/9/2021	Rep. Jeffries, Hakeem S. [D-NY-8]	56	Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.
H.R. 1676	Jack Reynolds Memory Medigap Expansion Act	3/9/2021	Rep. Axne, Cynthia [D-IA-3]	45	Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
H.R. 1661	Girls LEAD Act	3/8/2021	Rep. Trone, David J. [D-MD-6]	62	Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.
H.R. 1593	Adoptee Citizenship Act of 2021	3/3/2021	Rep. Smith, Adam [D-WA-9]	63	Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.

H.R. 1592	Stop Forced Organ Harvesting Act of 2021	3/3/2021	Rep. Smith, Christopher H. [R-NJ-4]	35	Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
H.R. 1522	Puerto Rico Statehood Admission Act	3/2/2021	Rep. Soto, Darren [D-FL-9]	81	Committee Hearings Held.
H.R. 1496	Sarah's Law	3/2/2021	Rep. Feenstra, Randy [R-IA-4]	50	Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
H.R. 1474	Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Act	3/1/2021	Rep. Waters, Maxine [D-CA-43]	177	Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
H.R. 1465	Right to Remain Safe Act of 2021	3/1/2021	Rep. Malliotakis, Nicole [R-NY-11]	4	Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
H.R. 1448	PAWS for Veterans Therapy Act	3/1/2021	Rep. Stivers, Steve [R-OH-15]	317	Became Public Law No: 117-37.
H.R. 1442	PREPARED Act	2/26/2021	Rep. Titus, Dina [D-NV-1]	157	Referred to the Subcommittee on Livestock and Foreign Agriculture.
H.R. 1440	Fairness for All Act	2/26/2021	Rep. Stewart, Chris [R-UT-2]	18	Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.
H.R. 1387	Sergeant First Class Javier J. Gutierrez Purple Heart Survivor Naturalization Fee Relief Act of 2021	2/25/2021	Rep. Waltz, Michael [R-FL-6]	8	Referred to the Subcommittee on Immigration and Citizenship.
H.R. 1384	Mainstreaming Addiction Treatment Act of 2021	2/25/2021	Rep. Tonko, Paul [D-NY-20]	248	Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism,

					and Homeland Security.
H.R. 1369	American Space Commerce Act of 2021	2/25/2021	Rep. Posey, Bill [R-FL-8]	7	Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.
H.R. 1348	To award a Congressional Gold Medal to the Freedom Riders, collectively, in recognition of their unique contribution to Civil Rights, which inspired a revolutionary movement for equality in interstate travel.	2/25/2021	Rep. Johnson, Henry C. "Hank," Jr. [D-GA-4]	198	Referred to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on House Administration.
H.R. 1346	Hospitality and Commerce Job Recovery Act of 2021	2/25/2021	Rep. Horsford, Steven [D-NV-4]	112	Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.
H.R. 1332	Telehealth Modernization Act	2/25/2021	Rep. Carter, Earl L. "Buddy" [R-GA-1]	128	Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
H.R. 1321	New Markets Tax Credit Extension Act of 2021	2/25/2021	Rep. Sewell, Terri A. [D-AL-7]	117	Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.
H.R. 1297	Air America Act of 2021	2/24/2021	Rep. Grothman, Glenn [R-WI-6]	230	Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute (Amended) by Voice Vote.
H.R. 1282	Major Richard Star Act	2/24/2021	Rep. Bilirakis, Gus M. [R-FL-12]	290	Referred to the Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs.
H.R. 1229	EAGLES Act of 2021	2/23/2021	Rep. Deutch, Theodore E. [D-FL-22]	20	Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism,

					and Homeland Security.
H.R. 1193	Cardiovascular Advances in Research and Opportunities Legacy Act	2/22/2021	Rep. Barr, Andy [R-KY-6]	183	Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 443.
H.R. 1179	Iran Hostages Congressional Gold Medal Act	2/18/2021	Rep. Suozzi, Thomas R. [D-NY-3]	298	Referred to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committees on House Administration, and the Budget.
H.R. 1155	Uyghur Forced Labor Prevention Act	2/18/2021	Rep. McGovern, James P. [D-MA-2]	114	Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
H.R. 1115	Global War on Terrorism Memorial Location Act	2/18/2021	Rep. Crow, Jason [D-CO-6]	200	Referred to the Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests, and Public Lands.
H.R. 1057	Greatest Generation Commemorative Coin Act	2/15/2021	Rep. Kaptur, Marcy [D-OH-9]	302	Became Public Law No: 117-162.
H.R. 1035	Fairness for Craft Beverage Producers Act	2/11/2021	Rep. Wexton, Jennifer [D-VA-10]	47	Referred to the House Committee on Small Business.
H.R. 1029	Free Veterans from Fees Act	2/11/2021	Rep. Steube, W. Gregory [R-FL-17]	22	Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.
H.R. 1022	PAWS Act of 2021	2/11/2021	Rep. Rutherford, John H. [R-FL-4]	43	Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

H.R. 1016	Animal Cruelty Enforcement Act of 2021	2/11/2021	Rep. Neguse, Joe [D-CO-2]	60	Referred to the Subcommittee on Antitrust, Commercial, and Administrative Law.
H.R. 1012	“Six Triple Eight” Congressional Gold Medal Act of 2021	2/11/2021	Rep. Moore, Gwen [D-WI-4]	295	Referred to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on House Administration.
H.R. 890	GYMS Act of 2021	2/5/2021	Rep. Quigley, Mike [D-IL-5]	164	Referred to the House Committee on Small Business.
H.R. 889	Education Freedom Scholarships and Opportunity Act	2/5/2021	Rep. Owens, Burgess [R-UT-4]	51	Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Education and Labor.
H.R. 869	RISE Act of 2021	2/5/2021	Rep. DeGette, Diana [D-CO-1]	178	Referred to the Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the United States.
H.R. 793	RESTAURANTS Act of 2021	2/4/2021	Rep. Blumenauer, Earl [D-OR-3]	153	Referred to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, and the Budget.
H.R. 750	Luke and Alex School Safety Act of 2021	2/3/2021	Rep. Diaz-Balart, Mario [R-FL-25]	30	Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
H.R. 695	USPS Fairness Act	2/2/2021	Rep. DeFazio, Peter A. [D-OR-4]	277	Referred to the House Committee

					on Oversight and Reform.
H.R. 682	Reopen Schools Act	2/2/2021	Rep. Hinson, Ashley [R-IA-1]	87	Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.
H.R. 623	Gabriella Miller Kids First Research Act 2.0	1/28/2021	Rep. Wexton, Jennifer [D-VA-10]	110	Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.
H.R. 621	BOLIVAR Act	1/28/2021	Rep. Waltz, Michael [R-FL-6]	18	Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Reform.
H.R. 619	Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act	1/28/2021	Rep. Wagner, Ann [R-MO-2]	203	Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
H.R. 567	Trans-Sahara Counterterrorism Partnership Program Act of 2021	1/28/2021	Rep. McCaul, Michael T. [R-TX-10]	12	Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.
H.R. 565	South Florida Clean Coastal Waters Act of 2021	1/28/2021	Rep. Mast, Brian J. [R-FL-18]	11	Referred to the Subcommittee on Water, Oceans, and Wildlife.
H.R. 475	Health Care Fairness for Military Families Act of 2021	1/25/2021	Rep. Luria, Elaine G. [D-VA-2]	165	Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.
H.R. 431	Access Technology Affordability Act of 2021	1/21/2021	Rep. Thompson, Mike [D-CA-5]	160	Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.

H.R. 402	CROOK Act	1/21/2021	Rep. Keating, William R. [D-MA-9]	21	Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
H.R. 310	To posthumously award the Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to Glen Doherty, Tyrone Woods, J. Christopher Stevens, and Sean Smith, in recognition of their contributions to the Nation.	1/13/2021	Rep. Lynch, Stephen F. [D-MA-8]	295	Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.
H.R. 267	2020 WHIP+ Reauthorization Act	1/11/2021	Rep. Thompson, Mike [D-CA-5]	61	Placed on the Union Calendar, Calendar No. 89.
H.R. 263	Big Cat Public Safety Act	1/11/2021	Rep. Quigley, Mike [D-IL-5]	258	Received in the Senate.
H.R. 261	Palestinian International Terrorism Support Prevention Act of 2021	1/11/2021	Rep. Mast, Brian J. [R-FL-18]	57	Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Financial Services.
H.R. 160	Restoring Resilient Reefs Act of 2021	1/4/2021	Rep. Soto, Darren [D-FL-9]	34	Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
H.R. 151	Preventing Future Pandemics Act of 2021	1/4/2021	Rep. Quigley, Mike [D-IL-5]	179	Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
H.R. 82	Social Security Fairness Act of 2021	1/4/2021	Rep. Davis, Rodney [R-IL-13]	295	Motion to place bill on Consensus Calendar filed by Mr. Davis, Rodney.
H.R. 69	Sunshine Protection Act of 2021	1/4/2021	Rep. Buchanan, Vern [R-FL-16]	46	Referred to the Subcommittee on Consumer Protection and Commerce.

H.J.Res. 81	Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Health and Human Services relating to "Vaccine and Mask Requirements To Mitigate the Spread of COVID-19 in Head Start Programs".	4/21/2022	Rep. Joyce, David P. [R-OH-14]	28	Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.
H.J.Res. 72	Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention relating to "Requirement for Persons To Wear Masks While on Conveyances and at Transportation Hubs".	2/18/2022	Rep. Bishop, Dan [R-NC-9]	135	Motion to Discharge Committee filed by Mr. Mast. Petition No: 117-14.
H.J.Res. 65	Providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Labor relating to "COVID-19 Vaccination and Testing; Emergency Temporary Standard".	11/17/2021	Rep. Keller, Fred [R-PA-12]	212	Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.
H.J.Res. 11	Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to require that the Supreme Court of the	1/4/2021	Rep. Johnson, Dusty [R-SD-At Large]	179	Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.

	United States be composed of nine justices.				
H.Con.Res. 100	Expressing the sense of Congress in opposition to the establishment of a new United States consulate or diplomatic mission in Jerusalem for outreach to Palestinians.	7/14/2022	Rep. Zeldin, Lee M. [R-NY-1]	24	Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.
H.Con.Res. 90	Expressing the sense of Congress that the President should invoke the authorities provided under the Defense Production Act of 1950 to increase the production of baby formula and provide for the equitable distribution of baby formula through Federally qualified health centers.	5/17/2022	Rep. Gottheimer, Josh [D-NJ-5]	20	Referred to the House Committee on Financial Services.
H.Con.Res. 77	Supporting United States bids to host the Men's and Women's Rugby World Cup tournaments.	3/3/2022	Rep. Mooney, Alexander X. [R-WV-2]	6	Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.
H.Con.Res. 61	Establishing deadlines for the Joint Committee of Congress on the Library to approve or deny the statue of the Reverend William Franklin "Billy" Graham, Jr., for placement in the National Statuary Hall.	11/12/2021	Rep. Budd, Ted [R-NC-13]	17	Referred to the House Committee on House Administration.

H.Con.Res. 7	Authorizing the use of the rotunda of the Capitol to honor the last surviving Medal of Honor recipient of the Second World War upon death.	1/21/2021	Rep. Miller, Carol D. [R-WV-3]	43	Referred to the House Committee on House Administration.
H.Res. 1304	Commending the bravery, courage, and resolve of the human rights and pro-democracy activists in Cuba one year after the historic march led by such activists through the streets of Cuba to exercise the fundamental right to peacefully assemble and speak out against the human rights atrocities committed by the brutal, totalitarian, and illegitimate Communist regime in Cuba.	7/29/2022	Rep. Diaz-Balart, Mario [R-FL-25]	4	Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.
H.Res. 1292	Expressing support for the International Olympic Committee to recognize with a minute of silence at every future Olympics Opening Ceremony those who lost their lives at the 1972 Munich Olympics, and for other purposes.	7/28/2022	Rep. Owens, Burgess [R-UT-4]	15	Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.
H.Res. 1240	Requesting the President, and directing the Secretary of State, to transmit to the House of Representatives copies of all documents in their	7/20/2022	Rep. McCaul, Michael T. [R-TX-10]	13	Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.

	possession referring or relating to certain aspects of the United States withdrawal from Afghanistan.				
H.Res. 1231	Condemning the attack on the Argentine Jewish Mutual Association Jewish Community Center in Buenos Aires, Argentina, in July 1994 and expressing the concern of the United States regarding the continuing, 28-year-long delay in the resolution of this case and encouraging accountability for the attack.	7/18/2022	Rep. Wasserman Schultz, Debbie [D-FL-23]	6	Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.
H.Res. 1207	Expressing the profound sorrow of the House of Representatives for the victims of the collapse of the Champlain Towers South condominium building in Surfside, Florida.	6/24/2022	Rep. Wasserman Schultz, Debbie [D-FL-23]	23	Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Reform.
H.Res. 1194	Commending the Florida Everblades hockey team for winning the 2022 East Coast Hockey League's Patrick J. Kelly Cup.	6/21/2022	Rep. Donalds, Byron [R-FL-19]	2	Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Reform.
H.Res. 1121	Calling for the immediate release of Russian opposition leader Vladimir Kara-Murza, who was	5/16/2022	Rep. Keating, William R. [D-MA-9]	18	Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.

	unjustly detained on April 11, 2022.				
H.Res. 1114	Expressing support for recognizing "National Police Week".	5/13/2022	Rep. Guest, Michael [R-MS-3]	92	Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
H.Res. 1105	Expressing support for increasing the number of Latino students and young professionals entering careers in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics fields.	5/11/2022	Rep. Cárdenas, Tony [D-CA-29]	3	Referred to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, and in addition to the Committee on Education and Labor.
H.Res. 1094	Expressing support for the designation of May 5, 2022, as the "National Day of Awareness for Missing and Murdered Native Women and Girls".	5/6/2022	Rep. Newhouse, Dan [R-WA-4]	19	Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.
H.Res. 1076	Expressing support for the designation of the week of May 2, 2022, through May 5, 2022, as "National Small Business Week" to celebrate the contributions of small businesses and entrepreneurs in every community in the United States.	4/28/2022	Rep. Velazquez, Nydia M. [D-NY-7]	62	Referred to the House Committee on Small Business.
H.Res. 1071	Recognizing the roles and contributions of the teachers of the United States in building and enhancing the civic, cultural, and economic well-being of the United States.	4/28/2022	Rep. Graves, Sam [R-MO-6]	63	Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.
H.Res. 1070	Expressing the profound sorrow of the House of	4/28/2022	Rep. Gonzales, Tony [R-TX-23]	35	Referred to the House Committee

	Representatives on the death of Texas Army National Guard Specialist Bishop E. Evans.				on Armed Services.
H.Res. 1041	Supporting the designation of July 20, 2022, as "Glioblastoma Awareness Day".	4/6/2022	Rep. Mast, Brian J. [R-FL-18]	13	Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
H.Res. 1005	Honoring the life and legacy of the late Congressman Don Young of Alaska.	3/28/2022	Rep. Higgins, Clay [R-LA-3]	133	Referred to the House Committee on House Administration.
H.Res. 998	Celebrating 200 years of United States diplomatic relations with Colombia.	3/18/2022	Rep. Sires, Albio [D-NJ-8]	35	Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.
H.Res. 993	Recognizing the value of the Older Americans Act of 1965 nutrition program in addressing hunger, malnutrition, and isolation, and improving the health and quality of life for millions of our Nation's seniors each year.	3/18/2022	Rep. Bonamici, Suzanne [D-OR-1]	63	Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.
H.Res. 991	Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the President of the United States should take immediate steps to support the transfer of requested fighter aircraft to the Government of Ukraine for self-defense against invasion of their sovereign state.	3/17/2022	Rep. Cole, Tom [R-OK-4]	20	Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.

H.Res. 987	Expressing gratitude on behalf of the people of the United States to the journalists and news staff who are risking injury and death, are subject to grave threat, and have sacrificed their lives, to chronicle and report on the ongoing war in Ukraine resulting from Putin's invasion.	3/16/2022	Rep. Hinson, Ashley [R-IA-1]	150	Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.
H.Res. 963	Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives condemning the Russian Federation, President Vladimir Putin, members of the Russian Security Council, the Russian Armed Forces, and Russian military commanders for committing flagrant acts of aggression and other atrocities rising to the level of crimes against humanity and war crimes against the people of Ukraine and others.	3/7/2022	Rep. Spartz, Victoria [R-IN-5]	78	Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.
H.Res. 928	Requesting the President, and directing the Secretary of Homeland Security, to transmit to the House of Representatives copies of all documents in their possession referring or relating to certain aspects of border	2/15/2022	Rep. Meijer, Peter [R-MI-3]	39	Referred to the House Committee on Homeland Security.

	policies of the United States.				
H.Res. 924	Expressing support for designation of the month of February 2022 as "National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month".	2/9/2022	Rep. Wexton, Jennifer [D-VA-10]	18	Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
H.Res. 922	Condemning the use of hunger as a weapon of war and recognizing the effect of conflict on global food security and famine.	2/9/2022	Rep. Jacobs, Sara [D-CA-53]	32	Ordered to be Reported in the Nature of a Substitute (Amended) by Voice Vote.
H.Res. 881	Condemning the heinous terrorist attack on Congregation Beth Israel in Colleyville, Texas, on January 15, 2022.	1/20/2022	Rep. Van Duyne, Beth [R-TX-24]	367	Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
H.Res. 878	Recognizing the seriousness of polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS) and expressing support for the designation of the month of September 2022 as "PCOS Awareness Month".	1/19/2022	Rep. Scott, David [D-GA-13]	115	Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
H.Res. 867	Commending the actions of Cuban human rights and democracy activist JosÃ© Daniel Ferrer Garcia, and all pro-democracy and human rights activists, in demanding fundamental civil liberties in Cuba and speaking out against	1/12/2022	Rep. Diaz-Balart, Mario [R-FL-25]	2	Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.

	Cuba's brutal, totalitarian Communist regime.				
H.Res. 834	Honoring the life and legacy of Congresswoman Carrie Pittman Meek and commending her for her devotion to the Nation and its ideals.	12/2/2021	Rep. Wilson, Frederica S. [D-FL-24]	45	Referred to the House Committee on House Administration.
H.Res. 827	Recognizing the contributions made by the 305-meter radio telescope at the Arecibo Observatory.	12/1/2021	Resident Commissioner González Colón, Jenniffer [R-PR-At Large]	7	Referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.
H.Res. 813	Supporting the goals of World AIDS Day.	11/18/2021	Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-13]	44	Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
H.Res. 800	Recognizing the two-year anniversary of the November 2019 massacre by the Islamic Republic of Iran and condemning the human rights violations by the Islamic Republic of Iran.	11/17/2021	Rep. Hagedorn, Jim [R-MN-1]	41	Referred to the Subcommittee on Middle East, North Africa and Global Counterterrorism.
H.Res. 777	Supporting the goals and ideals of "National Veterans Small Business Week".	11/5/2021	Rep. Crow, Jason [D-CO-6]	21	Referred to the House Committee on Small Business.
H.Res. 710	Urging the people of the United States to observe the month of October 2021 as Italian and Italian-American Heritage Month.	10/8/2021	Rep. Pascrell, Bill, Jr. [D-NJ-9]	15	Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Reform.
H.Res. 703	Supporting the designation of October 16, 2021, and October	10/5/2021	Rep. Pingree, Chellie [D-ME-1]	9	Referred to the House Committee

	16, 2022, as "World Food Day".				on Oversight and Reform.
H.Res. 701	Requesting the President, and directing the Secretary of State, to transmit to the House of Representatives copies of all documents in their possession referring or relating to certain aspects of the United States withdrawal from Afghanistan.	10/5/2021	Rep. McCaul, Michael T. [R-TX-10]	41	Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.
H.Res. 678	Commemorating the 25th anniversary of the 1996 Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games in Atlanta, Georgia.	9/23/2021	Rep. Williams, Nikema [D-GA-5]	5	Referred to the Subcommittee on International Development, International Organizations and Global Corporate Social Impact.
H.Res. 668	Supporting the designation of the week of September 20 through September 24, 2021, as "National Clean Energy Week".	9/21/2021	Rep. Curtis, John R. [R-UT-3]	81	Referred to the Subcommittee on Energy.
H.Res. 649	Supporting the goals and ideals of National HIV/AIDS and Aging Awareness Day.	9/17/2021	Rep. Lee, Barbara [D-CA-13]	23	Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
H.Res. 642	Expressing support for recognition of September 14, 2021, as the "National Latino Small Business Day".	9/14/2021	Rep. Newman, Marie [D-IL-3]	12	Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Reform.
H.Res. 634	Expressing support for the designation of the week of September 13, 2021, through September 17, 2021, as "National Small	9/10/2021	Rep. Velazquez, Nydia M. [D-NY-7]	63	Referred to the House Committee on Small Business.

	Business Week" to celebrate the contributions of small businesses and entrepreneurs in every community in the United States.				
H.Res. 607	Condemns President Biden's failure to heed the advice of military and intelligence advisors about the speed and nature of the Taliban offensive, leading to a disorganized, chaotic, and abrupt evacuation of United States personnel and Afghan allies.	8/24/2021	Rep. Waltz, Michael [R-FL-6]	157	Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.
H.Res. 599	Expressing the need to safely evacuate United States citizens and allies from Afghanistan.	8/23/2021	Rep. Jacobs, Chris [R-NY-27]	11	Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.
H.Res. 569	Expressing continued solidarity with the Lebanese people after the devastating explosions at the Port of Beirut on August 4, 2020, and the continued efforts to form a secure, independent, and democratic Lebanon.	7/28/2021	Rep. LaHood, Darin [R-IL-18]	30	Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
H.Res. 566	Commemorating the 80th anniversary of the Civil Air Patrol.	7/27/2021	Rep. Tenney, Claudia [R-NY-22]	36	Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.
H.Res. 559	Expressing the Nation's sincerest appreciation for the service of the World War II Filipino	7/26/2021	Rep. Issa, Darrell E. [R-CA-50]	18	Referred to the Subcommittee on Asia, the Pacific, Central Asia and Nonproliferation.

	veterans who fought in the Armed Forces on the 80th anniversary of President Franklin D. Roosevelt's military order.				
H.Res. 558	Urging the European Union to designate Hizballah in its entirety as a terrorist organization.	7/26/2021	Rep. Deutch, Theodore E. [D-FL-22]	55	Committee Consideration and Mark-up Session Held.
H.Res. 551	Expressing support for the designation of August 1, 2021, as "Gold Star Children's Day".	7/22/2021	Rep. Phillips, Dean [D-MN-3]	22	Referred to the House Committee on Armed Services.
H.Res. 547	Calling for the continued support of Afghan women and girls after the drawdown of American troops.	7/21/2021	Rep. Manning, Kathy E. [D-NC-6]	42	Ordered to be Reported (Amended) by Voice Vote.
H.Res. 530	Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the Department of Homeland Security and all its law enforcement agencies conduct critical operations to keep the United States safe and secure.	7/13/2021	Rep. McClain, Lisa C. [R-MI-10]	82	Referred to the House Committee on Homeland Security.
H.Res. 529	Standing with the Cuban people and their struggle for freedom, democracy, and human rights.	7/13/2021	Rep. Malliotakis, Nicole [R-NY-11]	94	Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.
H.Res. 527	Expressing solidarity with the Cuban people in their demands for freedom and respect for basic human rights.	7/13/2021	Rep. Diaz-Balart, Mario [R-FL-25]	49	Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.

H.Res. 515	Honoring NASA suppliers for the work they are doing on the Artemis missions.	6/30/2021	Rep. Lesko, Debbie [R-AZ-8]	63	Referred to the House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.
H.Res. 514	Expressing deep regret of the announcement of the death of the distinguished Frederick Stephen Humphries, former president of Florida A&M University and Tennessee State University.	6/30/2021	Rep. Lawson, Al, Jr. [D-FL-5]	13	Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.
H.Res. 512	Expressing support for the designation of November 21, 2021, as the "National Warrior Call Day" and recognizing the importance of connecting our warriors to support structures necessary to transitioning from the battlefield.	6/30/2021	Rep. Cheney, Liz [R-WY-At Large]	18	Referred to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.
H.Res. 509	KIDS Resolution	6/29/2021	Rep. Posey, Bill [R-FL-8]	3	Referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.
H.Res. 497	Condemning the murder of Alireza Fazeli Monfared and the practice of so-called "honor killings" in Iran, and for other purposes.	6/24/2021	Rep. Cicilline, David N. [D-RI-1]	31	Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.
H.Res. 492	Amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to require inflationary impact statements in committee reports.	6/23/2021	Rep. Banks, Jim [R-IN-3]	31	Referred to the House Committee on Rules.

H.Res. 488	Supporting a stable Colombia and opposing any threat to democracy in Colombia.	6/22/2021	Rep. Diaz-Balart, Mario [R-FL-25]	4	Referred to the Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Civilian Security, Migration and International Economic Policy.
H.Res. 471	Recognizing the seriousness of polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS) and expressing support for the designation of the month of September 2021 as "PCOS Awareness Month".	6/11/2021	Rep. Scott, David [D-GA-13]	106	Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
H.Res. 468	Amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to require inflationary impact statements in committee reports.	6/11/2021	Rep. Banks, Jim [R-IN-3]	28	Referred to the House Committee on Rules.
H.Res. 450	Calling upon all Americans on this Memorial Day, 2021, to honor the men and women of the Armed Forces who have died in the pursuit of freedom and peace.	5/28/2021	Rep. Guest, Michael [R-MS-3]	98	Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Reform.
H.Res. 440	Commending Lithuania for refusing to ratify the European Union's Political Dialogue and Cooperation Agreement with Cuba.	5/25/2021	Rep. Malliotakis, Nicole [R-NY-11]	4	Referred to the Subcommittee on Europe, Energy, the Environment and Cyber.
H.Res. 436	Supporting State, local, and community initiatives to encourage parents, teachers, camp counselors, and	5/25/2021	Rep. Joyce, David P. [R-OH-14]	18	Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

	childcare professionals to take measures to prevent sunburns in the minors they care for, and expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that State, local, and community entities should continue to support efforts to curb the incidences of skin cancer beginning with childhood skin protection.				
H.Res. 404	Expressing support for the designation of the 17th day in May as "DIPG Awareness Day" to raise awareness and encourage research into cures for diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma (DIPG) and pediatric cancers in general.	5/17/2021	Rep. Dingell, Debbie [D-MI-12]	198	Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
H.Res. 396	Condemning the deadly and indiscriminate rocket attacks perpetrated against Israel by Hamas beginning the week of May 9, 2021, and expressing that the United States must continue to invest in and support Israel's security and sovereignty.	5/13/2021	Rep. Van Drew, Jefferson [R-NJ-2]	121	Referred to the Subcommittee on Middle East, North Africa and Global Counterterrorism.
H.Res. 394	Condemning the acts of terrorism committed by Hamas against the people of the State of Israel.	5/13/2021	Rep. Gimenez, Carlos A. [R-FL-26]	88	Referred to the Subcommittee on Middle East, North Africa and Global Counterterrorism.

H.Res. 386	Expressing support for recognizing "National Police Week".	5/12/2021	Rep. Guest, Michael [R-MS-3]	94	Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
H.Res. 377	Condemning Nicolás Maduro's regime for its ongoing human rights abuses and crimes against humanity in Venezuela.	5/7/2021	Rep. Malliotakis, Nicole [R-NY-11]	2	Referred to the Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Civilian Security, Migration and International Economic Policy.
H.Res. 371	Reaffirming the commitment of the United States to Taiwan's continued peace and autonomy and to the beneficial partnership and mutual strategic interests of the United States and Taiwan.	5/7/2021	Rep. Buck, Ken [R-CO-4]	4	Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.
H.Res. 352	Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the dedication and devotion of law enforcement personnel should be recognized and that calls to "defund", "disband", "dismantle", or "abolish" the police should be condemned.	4/26/2021	Rep. Malliotakis, Nicole [R-NY-11]	79	Referred to the Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security.
H.Res. 343	Recognizing the 500th anniversary of the founding of the city of San Juan, Puerto Rico.	4/22/2021	Resident Commissioner González Colón, Jenniffer [R-PR-At Large]	7	Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Reform.

H.Res. 317	Condemning the ongoing genocide and crimes against humanity being committed against Uyghurs and members of other religious and ethnic minority groups by the People's Republic of China.	4/14/2021	Rep. McCaul, Michael T. [R-TX-10]	44	Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.
H.Res. 289	Urging the United States Secretary of State to take action regarding unpaid Peruvian agrarian reform bonds.	4/1/2021	Rep. Norcross, Donald [D-NJ-1]	119	Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.
H.Res. 280	Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that decades of policies rooted in socialism have stifled United States domestic pharmaceutical drug manufacturing and left the United States exposed to the hostile actions and unfair trade practices of the People's Republic of China.	3/26/2021	Rep. Jackson, Ronny [R-TX-13]	14	Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.
H.Res. 278	Commemorating the 60th anniversary of the Bay of Pigs operation and remembering the members of Brigada de Asalto 2506 (Assault Brigade 2506).	3/26/2021	Rep. Diaz-Balart, Mario [R-FL-25]	17	Referred to the Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Civilian Security, Migration and International Economic Policy.
H.Res. 277	Reaffirming the commitment to media diversity and pledging to work with media entities and diverse	3/26/2021	Rep. Demings, Val Butler [D-FL-10]	72	Pursuant to section 7 of H. Res. 535, and the motion offered by Mr. Hoyer, this bill

	stakeholders to develop common ground solutions to eliminate barriers to media diversity.				and a number of others passed under suspension of the rules.
H.Res. 237	Recognizing the cultural and historical significance of Nowruz.	3/16/2021	Rep. Lofgren, Zoe [D-CA-19]	29	Referred to the Subcommittee on Middle East, North Africa and Global Counterterrorism.
H.Res. 162	Urging that the International Olympic Committee rebid the 2022 Olympic Winter Games, and expressing the sense of Congress that the United States Olympic & Paralympic Committee should not participate if the Games are held in the People's Republic of China and that the United States Government should lead an international boycott if the Games are held in the People's Republic of China, and for other purposes.	2/24/2021	Rep. Waltz, Michael [R-FL-6]	18	Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.
H.Res. 160	Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the International Olympic Committee should rebid the 2022 Winter Olympic Games to be hosted by a country that recognizes and respects human rights.	2/24/2021	Rep. Perry, Scott [R-PA-10]	29	Motion to Discharge Committee filed by Mr. Perry. Petition No: 117-4. (Discharge petition text with signatures.)

H.Res. 156	Congratulating the Tampa Bay Buccaneers for winning Super Bowl LV.	2/24/2021	Rep. Castor, Kathy [D-FL-14]	19	Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Reform.
H.Res. 153	Condemning recent hate crimes committed against Asian-American and Pacific Islanders.	2/23/2021	Rep. Steel, Michelle [R-CA-48]	20	Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties.
H.Res. 118	Expressing support for the Iranian people's desire for a democratic, secular, and nonnuclear Republic of Iran and condemning violations of human rights and state-sponsored terrorism by the Iranian Government.	2/11/2021	Rep. McClintock, Tom [R-CA-4]	257	Referred to the Subcommittee on Middle East, North Africa and Global Counterterrorism.
H.Res. 117	Supporting Coptic Christians in Egypt.	2/11/2021	Rep. Hill, J. French [R-AR-2]	38	Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.
H.Res. 114	Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the United States Postal Service should take all appropriate measures to ensure the continuation of its 6-day mail delivery service.	2/11/2021	Rep. Connolly, Gerald E. [D-VA-11]	158	Referred to the House Committee on Oversight and Reform.
H.Res. 81	Expressing the opposition of the House of Representatives of providing the vaccination for COVID-19 for detainees at the detention facility at United States Naval	2/1/2021	Rep. Stefanik, Elise M. [R-NY-21]	62	Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.

	Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, before American citizens receive such vaccination.				
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APPENDIX V: KEY VOTES

The following are key votes taken by Maria Elvira Salazar's categorized alphabetically by issue (as of July 19, 2022).

Note: Any notable votes will be repeated in the Congressional Career section of the research book.

Abortion and Women's Health

Salazar Voted Against Considering The Respect For Marriage Act, A Six-Bill Appropriations Minibus Package, And The Right To Contraception Act. In July 2022 Salazar voted against: "Adoption of the rule (H Res 1232) that would provide for one hour of general debate on each bill, provide for automatic adoption of a manager's amendment to HR 8373 and make 190 amendments in order to HR 8294. The rule would provide for automatic adoption of the Pallone, D-N.J., manager's amendment to HR 8373 that would, among other provisions, specify that the bill's definition of "contraceptive" includes biological products and is limited to products legally marketed under existing Food and Drug Administration regulations; clarify the bill's definition of "health care provider" to state that providers must be authorized by the state to provide health care services; specify that the bill may not be construed to sanction sterilization procedures without a patient's informed consent; and make technical changes. The rule would also provide for automatic agreement, upon adoption of the rule, to a resolution (H Res 1230) that would modify standing House rules for the 117th Congress to allow a rule to be called up for floor consideration when the text has been made available to members prior to the convening of the legislative day; allow motions to suspend the rules to be considered on any day of the week; and allow for proxy voting in the Committee of the Whole House, thus allowing delegates and the resident commissioner of Puerto Rico to vote by proxy on amendments. Finally, the rule would authorize, through the legislative day of Thursday, July 21, 2022, non-debatable motions by the majority leader or a designee to suspend the rules and consider, en bloc, measures considered under suspension of the rules on Monday, July 18, 2022." The rule was adopted by a vote of 219-200. [H.Res. 1232, [Vote #Vote #366](#), 7/19/22; CQ, [7/19/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Blocking Consideration Of A Resolution To Affirm The Importance Of Pro-Life Crisis Pregnancy Centers And Call For The Protection Of Pro-Life Facilities, Groups, And Churches. In July 2022 Salazar voted against: "Scanlon, D-Pa., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment)." According to the Congressional Record, Rep. Reschenthaler said, "That is why if we defeat the previous question, I will personally offer an amendment to the rule to immediately consider H. Res. 1233, a resolution affirming the importance of pro-life crisis pregnancy centers, condemning the violent attacks by far-left extremist groups, and calling upon the Biden administration to use all law enforcement authorities to uphold public safety and protect the rights of pro-life facilities, groups, and churches." **A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the resolution.** The motion was agreed to by a vote of 219-199. [H.Res. 1232, [Vote #Vote #365](#), 7/19/22; CQ, [7/19/22](#); Congressional Record, [7/19/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against The Ensuring Access To Abortion Act To Prohibit Individuals From Interfering With A Patient's Ability To Cross State Lines To Obtain An Abortion In A State Where It Is Legal. In

July 2022 Salazar voted against: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would prohibit individuals from interfering with patients’ ability to access to abortion services in another state where the services are legal. Specifically, it would prohibit any person acting under color of state law from preventing, restricting or retaliating against health care providers’ ability to provide abortion services that are legal in the provider’s state to patients who do not reside in that state; a person’s ability to assist in providing such services; or a person’s ability to travel or assist another person traveling across state lines to obtain an abortion. It would also prohibit individuals from preventing, restricting or retaliating against the interstate movement of any drug approved by the Food and Drug Administration for the termination of a pregnancy. It would allow the U.S. attorney general or a harmed individual to bring a civil action in U.S. district court for declaratory and injunctive relief against an individual who violates the prohibitions.” The bill passed by a vote of 223-205. [H.R. 8297, [Vote #Vote #362](#), 7/15/22; CQ, [7/15/22](#)]

- **The Ensuring Access To Abortion Act Protected People Who Assist Others In Receiving Out Of State Abortions And Shielded Transportation Of Abortion Drugs Between States.** “The legislation protects women who travel to another state to receive an abortion if their home state prohibits the medical procedure. And in states where abortion is lawful, the bill seeks to make it illegal for facilities to limit access to the medical procedure for individuals who arrived from out of state. Additionally, the measure includes a provision to protect people who assist others in receiving an abortion in a state where they do not reside. It also shields the state-to-state transportation of abortion drugs that have received approval from the Food and Drug Administration.” [The Hill, [7/15/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For A Motion To Recommit The Ensuring Access To Abortion Act To Committee. In July 2022 Salazar voted for: “Johnson, R-La., motion to recommit the bill to the House Energy and Commerce Committee.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 209-219. [H.R. 8297, [Vote #Vote #361](#), 7/15/22; CQ, [7/15/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against The Women’s Health Protection Act To Establish The Statutory Right For Patients To Receive And For Providers To Provide Abortions And To Prohibit Certain State Restrictions On Abortion. In July 2022 Salazar voted against: “Passage of the bill that would statutorily establish that health care providers have a right to provide and patients have a right to receive abortion services, and it would prohibit certain restrictions related to abortion services. The bill would specify that rights established by the bill may not be restricted by certain requirements or limitations related to abortion services, including prohibitions on abortion prior to fetal viability, or after fetal viability if a provider determines that continuation of a pregnancy would pose a risk to a patient’s life or health; requirements that patients disclose reasons for seeking an abortion or make medically unnecessary in-person appointments; requirements that providers provide medically inaccurate information or perform specific medical tests or procedures in connection with the provision of abortion services; limitations on providers’ ability to prescribe drugs based on good-faith medical judgment, provide services via telemedicine or provide immediate services when a delay would pose a risk to a patient’s health; and requirements for facilities and personnel that would not apply to facilities providing medically comparable procedures. It would also prohibit requirements or limitations that are similar to those established by the bill or that impede access to abortion services and expressly or implicitly single out abortion services, providers or facilities. It would specify factors that courts may consider to determine whether a requirement or limitation impedes access to abortion services, including whether it interferes

with providers' ability to provide services; poses a risk to patients' health; is likely to delay or deter patients in accessing services or necessitate in-person visits that would not otherwise be required; is likely to result in a decreased availability of services in a state or region; is likely to result in increased costs of providing or obtaining services; or imposes penalties that are not imposed on other health care providers for comparable conduct. It would require a party defending a requirement or limitation to establish that it significantly advances the safety of abortion services or patient health and that such goals cannot be advanced by a less restrictive alternative measure. It would authorize the Justice Department, health care providers and private individuals and entities to bring a civil action in U.S. district court for injunctive relief against any state or government official charged with implementing or enforcing a requirement or limitation challenged as a violation of rights established by the bill. It would authorize district courts to award appropriate equitable relief, including temporary, preliminary or permanent injunctive relief, and to award costs of litigation to a prevailing plaintiff. It would require courts to 'liberally construe' provisions of the bill to effectuate its purposes. The bill is substantively identical to HR 3755, which the House passed in September 2021, but adds findings related to the June 2022 Supreme Court decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*." The bill passed by a vote of 219-210. [H.R. 8296, [Vote #Vote #360](#), 7/15/22; CQ, [7/15/22](#)]

- **The Women's Health Protection Act "Enshrine[d] The Protections Of Roe V. Wade Into Law."** "The House on Friday passed legislation that would protect access to reproductive health care, including the ability to travel across state lines for an abortion, as part of Democrats' efforts to minimize the consequences of the Supreme Court overturning *Roe v. Wade* last month. One bill, the Women's Health Protection Act, would enshrine the protections of *Roe v. Wade* into law. The House already passed the bill last year, but it did not advance in a Senate vote in May. The House passed the bill, 219-210, prompting applause from Democrats in the chamber." [Washington Post, [7/15/22](#)]
- **The Women's Health Protection Act Prevented States From Prohibiting Abortions Before Fetal Viability Or After Fetal Viability When The Patient's Life Or Health Is At Risk.** "The bill would prevent state governments from limiting a health care provider's ability to prescribe certain drugs, offer abortion services via telemedicine, or immediately provide abortion services when the provider determines a delay risks the patient's health, according to CRS. It also prevents states from requiring patients to make medically unnecessary in-person visits before receiving abortion services or forcing women to disclose their reasons for obtaining abortions and related services. WHPA would ban states from prohibiting abortion services before or after fetal viability when a provider determines the pregnancy risks the patient's life or health." [ABC News, [3/7/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For A Motion To Recommit The Women's Health Protection Act To Committee. In July 2022 Salazar voted for: "Fischbach, R-Minn., motion to recommit the bill to the House Energy and Commerce Committee." The motion was rejected by a vote of 209-218. [H.R. 8296, [Vote #Vote #359](#), 7/15/22; CQ, [7/15/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Considering The Active Shooter Alert Act, A Bill To Expand Veterans' Toxic Exposure Health Care Benefits, The National Defense Authorization Act For FY 2023, The Women's Health Protection Act, And The Ensuring Access To Abortion Act. In July 2022 Salazar voted against:

“Adoption of the rule (H Res 1224) that would provide for House consideration of the Active Shooter Alert Act (HR 6538), the veterans’ toxic exposure benefits bill (S 3373), the fiscal 2023 defense authorization bill (HR 7900), the Women’s Health Protection Act (HR 8296), and the Ensuring Women’s Right to Reproductive Freedom Act (HR 8297). The rule would provide for up to one hour of general debate on each bill and floor consideration of 650 amendments to HR 7900. It would provide for automatic adoption of a Pallone, D-N.J., manager’s amendment to HR 8297 that would change the title of the bill from the ‘Ensuring Access to Abortion Act of 2022’ to the ‘Ensuring Women’s Right to Reproductive Freedom Act.’ The rule would authorize, through the legislative day of July 15, 2022, non-debatable motions by the majority leader or a designee to suspend the rules and consider, en bloc, measures that were previously considered under suspension of the rules on June 21 through July 12. Finally, it would authorize through July 19, 2022, certain routine authorities for House proceedings, including for consideration of motions to suspend the rules and same-day consideration of Rules Committee resolutions.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 217-204. [H. Res. 1224, [Vote #Vote #304](#), 7/13/22; CQ, [7/13/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against The Women’s Health Protection Act. In September 2021, Salazar voted against: “Passage of the bill that would statutorily establish that health care providers have a right to provide and patients have a right to receive abortion services, and it would prohibit certain restrictions related to abortion services. The bill would specify that rights established by the bill may not be restricted by certain requirements or limitations related to abortion services, including prohibitions on abortion prior to fetal viability, or after fetal viability if a provider determines that continuation of a pregnancy would pose a risk to a patient's life or health; requirements that patients disclose reasons for seeking an abortion or make medically unnecessary in-person appointments; requirements that providers provide medically inaccurate information or perform specific medical tests or procedures in connection with the provision of abortion services; limitations on providers' ability to prescribe drugs based on good-faith medical judgment, provide services via telemedicine or provide immediate services when a delay would pose a risk to a patient's health; and requirements for facilities and personnel that would not apply to facilities providing medically comparable procedures. It would also prohibit requirements or limitations that are similar to those established by the bill or that impede access to abortion services and expressly or implicitly single out abortion services, providers or facilities. It would specify factors that courts may consider to determine whether a requirement or limitation impedes access to abortion services, including whether it interferes with providers' ability to provide services; poses a risk to patients' health; is likely to delay or deter patients in accessing services or necessitate in-person visits that would not otherwise be required; is likely to result in a decreased availability of services in a state or region; is likely to result in increased costs of providing or obtaining services; or imposes penalties that are not imposed on other health care providers for comparable conduct. It would require a party defending a requirement or limitation to establish that it significantly advances the safety of abortion services or patient health and that such goals cannot be advanced by a less restrictive alternative measure. It would authorize the Justice Department, health care providers and private individuals and entities to bring a civil action in U.S. district court for injunctive relief against any state or government official charged with implementing or enforcing a requirement or limitation challenged as a violation of rights established by the bill. It would authorize district courts to award appropriate equitable relief, including temporary, preliminary or permanent injunctive relief, and to award costs of litigation to a prevailing plaintiff. It would require courts to "liberally construe" provisions of the bill to

effectuate its purposes.” The bill passed by a vote of 218-211. [HR 3655, [Vote #Vote #295](#), 9/24/21; CQ, [9/24/21](#)]

- **Passage Of The WHPA Was In Response To A Restrictive Texas Abortion Law.** “Passage of the Women's Health Protection Act is a response to a Texas law that essentially bans abortion after six weeks, before most people realize they are pregnant. The U.S. Supreme Court refused to block the law from taking effect, although the decision leaves the door open for future challenges.” [NPR, [9/24/21](#)]
- **Pelosi: “This Ban Necessitates Codifying Roe V. Wade.”** “In a statement, Pelosi said the Texas statute is ‘the most extreme, dangerous abortion ban in half a century, and its purpose is to destroy Roe v. Wade, and even refuses to make exceptions for cases of rape and incest. This ban necessitates codifying Roe v. Wade.’” [NPR, [9/24/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For A Motion To Recommit The Women’s Health Protection Act. In September 2021 Salazar voted for: “Letlow, R-La., motion to recommit the bill to the House Energy and Commerce Committee.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 210-219. [HR 3755 [Vote #Vote #294](#), 9/24/21; CQ, [9/24/21](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Blocking Consideration Of The No Taxpayer Funding For Abortion And Abortion Insurance Full Disclosure Act Of 2021. In June 2021, Salazar Voted Against: “Agreeing to the Morelle, D-N.Y., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Congressional Record, Rep. Burgess said, “If we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to immediately consider H.R. 18, the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion and Abortion Insurance Full Disclosure Act of 2021.” **A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the bill.** The motion was agreed to, 218-209. [H Res 486, [Vote #Vote #175](#), 6/23/21; CQ, [6/23/21](#); Congressional Record, [6/23/21](#)]

- **The No Taxpayer Funding For Abortion And Abortion Insurance Full Disclosure Act Of 2021 Would Have Made The Hyde Amendment Permanent.** “H.R. 18 — the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion and Abortion Insurance Full Disclosure Act of 2021 — would make the long-standing Hyde Amendment permanent and keep in place similar provisions to ensure no federal dollars are used to pay for abortion and health plans that include abortion.” [Catholic News Service, [2/10/21](#)]
- **The Hyde Amendment Ensured That No Federal Dollars Were Used To Pay For Abortion And Health Plans That Include Abortion.** “H.R. 18 — the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion and Abortion Insurance Full Disclosure Act of 2021 — would make the long-standing Hyde Amendment permanent and keep in place similar provisions to ensure no federal dollars are used to pay for abortion and health plans that include abortion.” [Catholic News Service, [2/10/21](#)]

Agriculture, Animal and Food Access

Salazar Voted For The Formula Act To Suspend Tariffs On Infant Formula Through The End Of 2022. In July 2022 Salazar voted for: “Blumenauer, D-Ore., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that

would suspend tariffs on infant formula from countries with which the United States has normal trade relations through Dec. 31, 2022. It would also specify that the formula would not be subject to any additional safeguard duties, import or tariff-rate quotas, or any other duties or fees that would otherwise apply upon importation.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 421-2. [H.R. 8351, [Vote #Vote #363](#), 7/15/22; CQ, [7/15/22](#)]

- **2022: U.S. Tariffs On Infant Formula Were Up To 17.5%.** “The most-favored-nation (MFN) tariff rate for infant formula ranges from 14.9% to 17.5% depending on the content. Once a certain threshold of imports is reached, the duties on most common infant formulas increase to \$1.035 per kilogram + 14.9%. In addition, once another threshold is reached, certain lowpriced formulas may be subject to additional tariffs. Certain infant formulas enter duty free from some free trade agreement (FTA) partners.” [Congressional Research Service, Report, [5/23/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against The Lower Food And Fuel Costs Act To Make Fertilizer More Affordable And Boost Meatpacking Competition. In June 2022 Salazar voted against: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would provide \$700 million in supplemental fiscal 2023 appropriations and authorize or require various Agriculture Department activities to reduce food production costs; support biofuel infrastructure upgrades to reduce fuel costs; expand livestock and poultry processing capacities; and address supply chain resilience in the food and agriculture sectors. Within supplemental appropriations, it would provide \$500 million for additional payments to producers under the Environmental Quality Incentives Program to implement crop nutrient management practices or precision agriculture practices, which use new technologies to increase crop yields or decrease needed inputs such as land, fertilizer and herbicides. It would also modify existing USDA conservation programs to provide additional support, including loans and loan guarantees, for farmers and ranchers to adopt precision agriculture practices and acquire related technology. Within supplemental appropriations, it would provide \$200 million for grants to transportation fueling and distribution facilities, fuel terminal operations and heating oil distribution facilities to install or upgrade fuel infrastructure to ensure the environmentally safe availability of fuel containing ethanol blends at levels greater than 10 percent or biodiesel blends at levels greater than five percent, or to build and retrofit existing systems to blend biodiesel and carry ethanol and biodiesel. It would also authorize the EPA to extend a waiver to allow the sale of gasoline blended with more than 10 percent ethanol. The bill would also authorize \$120 million annually through fiscal 2025 for USDA loans, loan guarantees and grants for public and private entities to expand and diversify livestock or poultry processing capabilities and promote local and interstate sales by meeting relevant regulatory standards. It would establish a USDA special investigator’s office to investigate and prosecute violations of competition and trade practices by packers and live poultry dealers and consult with the Homeland Security Department on security issues in the food and agriculture sector. To address supply chain issues, it would authorize \$100 million for grants, loans and other assistance to address fertilizer shortages, including by reducing dependence on foreign sources and supporting efficient and sustainable fertilizer use; direct the USDA to establish at least six Supply Chain Regional Resource Centers to provide grants and assistance to small- and medium-sized agricultural producers and businesses to address supply chain challenges; and require the USDA to establish a temporary food system supply chain resilience and crisis response task force.” The bill passed by a vote of 221-204. [H.R. 7606, [Vote #Vote #277](#), 6/16/22; CQ, [6/16/22](#)]

- **The Lower Food And Fuel Costs Act Created A Task Force To Prevent Bottlenecks In Agriculture And Food Supply Chains And Lower Food Costs.** “In action June 16, the U.S. House of Representatives passed by a vote of 221-204 H.R. 7606, the Lower Food and Fuel Costs Act, which lead Democrat authors say will help address supply chain risks, lower the cost of food and gas prices, strengthen the food supply chain and ensure robust competition in the meat and poultry sector. [...] The package also includes the Strengthening the Agriculture and Food Supply Chain Act which would create a task force dedicated to shoring up the agriculture and food supply chains in order to prevent bottlenecks and lower food costs.” [Farm Progress, [6/16/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For A Motion To Recommit The Lower Food And Fuel Costs Act To Committee. In June 2022 Salazar voted for: “Cammack, R-Fla., motion to recommit the bill to the House Agriculture Committee.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 206-218. [H.R. 7607, [Vote #Vote #276](#), 6/16/22; CQ, [6/16/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Food Allergy Safety, Treatment, Education, and Research Act. In April 2021, Salazar voted for: “Pallone, D-N.J., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would expand the definition of "major food allergen" to specifically include sesame for any food introduced into interstate commerce on or after Jan. 1, 2023. It would also require the Health and Human Services Department, within 18 months of enactment, to submit a report to Congress including information on data collection, diagnosis, prevention and treatments related to food allergies; recommendations to improve such activities; and recommendations to develop a regulatory framework to designate other food ingredients as major food allergens.” The motion passed 415-11. [S 578, [Vote #Vote #100](#), 4/14/21; CQ, [4/14/21](#)]

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Salazar Voted Against Holding Former Trump Advisors Peter Navarro And Daniel Scavino In Contempt Of Congress For Refusal To Comply With Subpoenas From The January 6th Select Committee. In April 2022 Salazar voted against: “Agreement to the resolution that would find two advisers to former President Donald Trump -- Peter K. Navarro, former White House director of trade and manufacturing policy, and Daniel Scavino, Jr., former White House deputy chief of staff -- in contempt of Congress for refusing to comply with subpoenas issued by the Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol. It would direct the speaker of the House to ‘take all appropriate action to enforce the subpoenas’ and certify the committee report (H Rept 117-284) accompanying the contempt resolution to the U.S. attorney for the District of Columbia for judicial action.” The bill passed by a vote of 220-203. [H. Res. 1037, [Vote #Vote #118](#), 4/6/22; CQ, [4/6/22](#)]

- **Republican Reps. Cheney And Kinzinger Were The Only Votes To Break The Party-Line On Holding Navarro And Scavino In Contempt.** “The mostly party-line vote of 220 to 203 referred contempt charges to the Justice Department, calling for prosecutions of Mr. Navarro, a former top White House adviser, and Mr. Scavino Jr., a former deputy chief of staff. [...] Only two Republicans, Representatives Liz Cheney of Wyoming and Adam Kinzinger of Illinois, both members of the investigative committee, voted for the charges. The rest of their party refused to support the move.” [New York Times, [4/6/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Considering Holding Peter Navarro And Daniel Scavino In Contempt Of Congress. In April 2022 Salazar voted against: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 1023) that would provide for floor consideration of the resolution (H Res 1037) accompanying the report (H Rept 117-284) that would find Peter K. Navarro and Daniel Scavino, Jr., advisers to former President Donald Trump, in contempt of Congress. It would provide for up to one hour of debate on the resolution.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 221-200. [H. Res. 1023, [Vote #Vote #117](#), 4/6/22; CQ, [4/6/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Referring Former Trump Chief Of Staff Mark Meadows To The Justice Department In Contempt Of Congress For Refusal To Comply With A Subpoena From The Select Committee Investigating The January 6th Attack On The U.S. Capitol. In December 2021 Salazar voted against: “Agreeing to the resolution, that would find Mark Meadows, former White House chief of staff to President Donald Trump, in contempt of Congress for refusal to comply with a subpoena issued by the Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol. It would direct the speaker of the House to “take all appropriate action to enforce the subpoena” and certify the committee report (H Rept 117-216) accompanying the contempt resolution to the U.S. attorney for the District of Columbia for judicial action.” The motion passed by a vote of 222-208. [H. Res. 851, [Vote #Vote #447](#), 12/14/21; CQ, [12/14/21](#)]

- **Mark Meadows Provided Thousands Of Documents To The January 6th Committee But Claimed Executive Privilege And Refused To Appear Before The Panel.** “Sweeping claims of executive privilege by Meadows and Trump to shield their activities on and before Jan. 6 from congressional scrutiny have been challenged in the court and by constitutional experts. Last week, Meadows backed away from cooperating with the panel just days after saying he would. He argued that the panel was pressuring him to discuss issues that the former president said are protected by executive privilege. However, Meadows had already produced thousands of documents for the panel, including text messages and emails related to the events of the day.” [Washington Post, [12/15/21](#)]
- **January 6th Committee Chairman Bennie Thompson: The Report Referring Meadows For Criminal Contempt Was “Clear And Compelling.”** “‘The select committee’s report referring Mr. Meadows for criminal contempt charges is clear and compelling,’ Committee Chairman Bennie Thompson, a Democrat from Mississippi, said on Tuesday. ‘As White House chief of staff, Mr. Meadows played a role in or was witness to key events leading up to and including the January 6th assault on the United States Capitol.’ [...] Republican Rep. Liz Cheney of Wyoming, the vice chair of the select committee, said Tuesday that Meadows had received numerous text messages urging Trump to take action to stop the riot that he has produced without any privilege claim.” [CNN, [12/14/21](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Finding Steve Bannon In Contempt Of Congress For Not Complying With A Subpoena From The Committee Investigating The January 6th Insurrection. In October 2021 Salazar voted against: “Agreeing to the resolution that would find Stephen Bannon, adviser to former President Donald Trump, in contempt of Congress for refusal to comply with a subpoena issued by the Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol. It would direct the speaker of the House to ‘take all appropriate action to enforce the subpoena’ and certify the committee report (H Rept 117-152) accompanying the contempt resolution to the U.S. attorney for the District of

Columbia for judicial action.” The bill passed by a vote of 229-202. [H.Res. 730, [Vote #Vote #329](#), 10/21/21; CQ, [10/21/21](#)]

Salazar Voted Against A Motion To Table A Privileged Resolution To Condemn The Refusal Of Speaker Pelosi To Seat All Five Republican Members Nominated By Minority Leader McCarthy To The Jan. 6 Select Committee. In February 2015, Salazar voted against: “Hoyer, D-Md., motion to table (kill) the privileged resolution that would condemn the refusal of Speaker Pelosi, D-Calif., to seat all five Republican members nominated by Minority Leader McCarthy, R-Calif., to the Jan. 6 select committee and urge Pelosi to appoint the following members: Reps. Banks, R-Ind., Jordan, R-Ohio., Davis, R-Ill., Armstrong, R-N.D., and Nehls, R-Texas.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 218-197. [H Res 554, [Vote #Vote #219](#), 7/26/21; CQ, [7/26/21](#)]

Salazar Voted Against The Establishment Of The Select Committee To Investigate The January 6 Attack On The US Capitol. In June 2021, Salazar voted against: “Agreeing to the resolution that would establish a special committee in the House of Representatives to investigate facts and causes related to the Jan. 6, 2021, ‘domestic terrorist attack’ on the U.S. Capitol; examine and evaluate evidence developed by relevant federal, state and local governmental agencies; and build upon the investigations of other entities. It would require the committee to investigate facts and circumstances of the attack related to intelligence and law enforcement agency activities and factors contributing to the attack, including online platforms and foreign influence operations; identify and analyze the causes of and lessons learned from the attack with regard to law enforcement operations and security protocol at the Capitol; and submit to Congress reports including findings and conclusions of its investigations, legislative recommendations, and recommendations for corrective measures. The resolution would authorize the speaker of the House to appoint 13 members to the committee, including five members after consultation with the minority leader. Among other provisions, it would authorize the committee chair to issue subpoenas, authorize such sums as may be necessary for committee expenses, and specify that the committee would terminate 30 days after filing its final report to Congress.” The bill passed 222 to 190. [H. Res. 503, [Vote #Vote #197](#), 6/30/21; CQ, [6/30/21](#)]

- **The Select Committee Was Established After Senate Republicans Blocked A Vote On Creating A Bipartisan Outside Commission To Investigate The January 6th Insurrection.** “In a largely party-line vote, the Democratic-controlled House of Representatives approved legislation on Wednesday to create a select committee to launch a new inquiry into the Jan. 6 attack on the U.S. Capitol. With a larger share of Republicans voting against the plan, it marks the latest turn in a partisan fight to investigate the riot [...] Last month, Senate Republicans blocked a move to vote on an outside commission, leaving Democratic leaders with plans to move forward with a House select committee instead. But some Republicans who supported the independent commission voted against the select committee.” [NPR,[6/30/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For Awarding Four Congressional Gold Medals To The US Capitol Police Who Protected The Capitol On January 6, 2021. In June 2021, Salazar voted for: “Waters, D-Calif., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would provide for the presentation of four congressional gold medals to the U.S. Capitol Police and those who protected the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021. It would require the presentation of one medal each for display at the U.S. Capitol Police

headquarters, D.C. Metropolitan Police Department headquarters, Smithsonian Institution and U.S. Capitol." The motion passed 406 to 21. [H R 3325, [Vote #Vote #161](#), 6/15/21; CQ, [6/15/21](#)]

Salazar Voted Against A Bill Funding Emergency And Security Activities In Response To Jan. 6 Attack On U.S. Capitol And Security Upgrades For Future Prevention Of Similar Incidents. In May 2021, Salazar voted against: "Passage of the bill that would provide approximately \$1.9 billion in emergency supplemental fiscal 2021 appropriations to legislative branch and other federal entities for security activities in response to the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol, including approximately \$753 million to reimburse costs associated with responding to the attack and approximately \$990 million for legislative and judicial branch security upgrades. Within the total, it would also provide approximately \$170 million for legislative branch costs associated with the COVID-19 public health emergency. For expenses related to the Jan. 6 attack and to prevent similar incidents, it would provide \$520.9 million for the National Guard and funding for several law enforcement agencies, including the FBI and National Park Service. It would provide \$66.8 million to the District of Columbia for public safety expenses related to terrorist threats and federal presence in the district. It would provide \$79.3 million for the Capitol Police, including specified funding for employee hazard pay and retention bonuses, the employee wellness program, agreements with state and local law enforcement agencies, protective details for members of Congress, and physical protection barriers." The bill passed 213 to 212. [H R 3237, [Vote #Vote #156](#), 5/20/21; CQ, [5/20/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For A Bill Establishing A Bipartisan Commission To Investigate The January 6, 2021 Attack On The U.S. Capitol. In May 2021, Salazar voted for: "Passage of the bill that would establish a national commission to investigate facts and causes related to the Jan. 6, 2021, "domestic terrorist attack" on the U.S. Capitol; examine and evaluate evidence developed by relevant federal, state and local governmental agencies; and build upon the investigations of other entities. It would require the commission to investigate facts and circumstances of the attack related to intelligence and law enforcement agency activities and factors contributing to the attack, including online platforms and foreign influence operations; identify and analyze the causes of and lessons learned from the attack with regard to law enforcement operations and security protocol at the Capitol; and submit to the president and Congress reports containing findings and recommendations for corrective measures that are agreed to by a majority of the commission. The commission would be composed of ten members, evenly chosen by the majority and minority parties, who have national recognition and significant experience in at least two subject areas related to the attack, such as law enforcement, intelligence, law, civil rights and counterterrorism. Among other provisions, the bill would authorize the commission to issue subpoenas and hold hearings and specify that the commission would submit its final report by the end of 2021 and terminate 60 days after submitting the report." The bill passed 252-175. [H R 3233, [Vote #Vote #154](#), 5/19/21; CQ, [5/19/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For Awarding Three Congressional Gold Medals To The United States Capitol Police And Those Who Protected The U.S. Capitol On January 6, 2021. In March 2021, Salazar voted for: "Waters, D-Calif., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would award three congressional gold medals to the U.S. Capitol Police and those who protected the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021. It would require the presentation of one medal each to the U.S. Capitol Police and the Metropolitan Police Department of the District of Columbia for display at their headquarters, and one medal to the Smithsonian Institution for display and research, along with a plaque listing the other law

enforcement agencies that participated in protecting the Capitol.” The motion passed 413-12. [H Res 1085, [Vote #Vote #87](#), 3/17/21; CQ, [3/17/21](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Blocking A Resolution Establishing A Bipartisan 9/11-Style Commission To Investigate The January 6th Attack On The U.S. Capitol. In January 2021, Salazar voted against “Agreeing to the Scanlon, D-Pa., motion to order the previous question (thus ending the debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Congressional Record, Rep. Cole stated: “Mr. Speaker, if we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to immediately bring up a resolution establishing a bipartisan national commission on the domestic terrorist attack on the United States Capitol. This commission, modeled on the 9/11 Commission, will be charged with examining and reporting upon the facts and causes relating to the attack that occurred on January 6 of 2021 and with providing appropriate findings, conclusions, and recommendations for corrective measures. I can think of no more appropriate path for Congress to follow, Mr. Speaker, than to ensure that a bipartisan commission reviews all evidence and reports back to us on this horrific event.” **A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the resolution.** The motion was agreed to, 219-206. [H. Res. 21, [Vote #Vote #12](#), 1/12/21; CQ, [1/12/21](#)]

- **Republicans Proposed The Commission In Effort To “Deflect The Anger Directed At Trump” Amid Democratic Calls For Vice President Pence To Invoke The 25th Amendment And Remove Trump From The Presidency.** “The House passed on Tuesday evening a searing resolution urging Vice President Mike Pence to invoke the 25th Amendment to expel President Donald Trump for inciting the violent mob that stormed the Capitol last week [...] Republicans sought to deflect the anger directed at Trump by proposing a commission to investigate the forces and causes behind the insurrection. Rep. Tom Cole, an Oklahoma Republican, called the effort to prod Pence ‘misguided and inappropriate,’ noting that the 25th Amendment gives Congress no explicit role in suggesting a vice president to declare a president unfit.” [Dallas Morning News, [1/12/21](#)]

Salazar Voted Against The Resolution Calling On Vice President Pence To Invoke The 25th Amendment And Remove President Trump From Office. In January 2021, Salazar voted against “Agreeing to the resolution that would state that the House of Representatives calls on Vice President Mike Pence to use his powers under section 4 of the 25th Amendment to convene and mobilize members of the president's cabinet to declare that President Donald Trump is unable to successfully discharge the duties and powers of his office, and to transmit notice to Congress that Pence will immediately assume the powers and duties of the office as acting president. The resolution would state among its findings that Trump ‘widely advertised and broadly encouraged’ participation in the march on the U.S. Capitol on Wednesday, Jan. 6, which turned into a violent insurrectionary mob that resulted in 5 deaths following the storming of the Capitol building; did not appeal to his followers to exit the Capitol during the insurrection; refused to accept the results of the 2020 presidential election as legitimate; and made at least three attempts to intervene in the vote counting and certification process in the state of Georgia and to ‘coerce’ its state officials to declare him the winner of the state's electoral votes.” The resolution passed, 223-205. [H. Res. 21, [Vote #Vote #14](#), 1/12/21; CQ, [1/12/21](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Blocking A Resolution Establishing A Bipartisan 9/11-Style Commission To Investigate The January 6th Attack On The U.S. Capitol. In January 2021, Salazar voted against a

“McGovern, D-Mass., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 41).” According to the Congressional Record, Rep. Cole stated: “Mr. Speaker, if we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to immediately bring up a resolution establishing a bipartisan national commission on the domestic terrorist attack on the United States Capitol. This proposed bipartisan commission will be tasked with examining and reporting upon the terror attack upon our Capitol that occurred last Wednesday. The commission will be bipartisan in nature, modeled after the 9/11 Commission, and will fully be empowered to undertake a full investigation and make recommendations to the President and to Congress. I can think of no more appropriate path for Congress to follow than by ensuring a bipartisan commission reviews all evidence and reports back to us on this horrific event.” **A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the resolution.** The motion was agreed to, 221-205. [H. Res. 41, [Vote #Vote #15](#), 1/13/21; CQ, [1/13/21](#)]

- **Republicans Proposed The Commission As An Alternative To Impeaching Trump For His Role In The January 6th Capitol Insurrection.** “House Republicans argued Wednesday that instead of impeaching President Donald Trump, Congress should create a commission to study what happened last week. Modeled after the bipartisan commission that analyzed the 9/11 terrorism attacks, the body would recommend how to prevent attacks on the Capitol in the future. ‘I can think of no more appropriate path for Congress to follow,’ said Oklahoma Rep. Tom Cole, the top Republican on the House Rules Committee.” [USA Today, [1/13/21](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Impeaching President Trump For Incitement Of Insurrection. In January 2021, Salazar voted against “Adoption of the article of impeachment that would impeach President Donald Trump for incitement of insurrection by ‘inciting violence against the government of the United States.’ Specifically, it would state that Trump ‘repeatedly issued false statements’ asserting that the results of the 2020 presidential election were the product of widespread fraud and should not be accepted or certified. It would state that Trump made statements at a rally on Jan. 6, 2020, that ‘encouraged -- and foreseeably resulted in -- lawless action’ at the Capitol building during the certification of electoral college votes, during which protesters entered the Capitol, attacked law enforcement personnel, ‘menaced’ members of Congress and the vice president, and engaged in other ‘violent, deadly, destructive, and seditious acts.’ It would state that Trump’s conduct on Jan. 6 followed prior efforts ‘to subvert and obstruct’ the certification of 2020 presidential election results, including during a Jan. 2 phone call during which he urged Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger to ‘find’ enough votes to overturn the state’s presidential election results and ‘threatened Secretary Raffensperger if he failed to do so.’ It would state President Trump’s ‘endangered the security of the United States and its institutions of government’ and that he ‘threatened the integrity of the democratic system, interfered with the peaceful transition of power, and imperiled a coordinate branch of government.’ Pursuant to the rule (H Res 41), upon adoption of the article of impeachment, the House agreed to the resolution (H Res 40) that would appoint and authorize the following impeachment trial managers to conduct the impeachment trial against President Donald Trump in the Senate: Reps. Raskin, D-Md., DeGette, D-Colo., Cicilline, D-R.I., Castro, D-Texas, Swalwell, D-Calif., Lieu, D-Calif., Plaskett, D-V.I., Neguse, D-Colo., and Dean, D-Pa.” The article of impeachment was adopted, 232-197. [H. Res. 24, [Vote #Vote #17](#), 1/13/21; CQ, [1/13/21](#)]

Salazar Voted Against En Bloc Amendments No. 6 The Appropriations Minibus Package For FY 2023. In July 2022 Salazar voted against: “DeLauro, D-Conn., en bloc amendments no. 6, including 30 amendments to the bill that would, among other provisions, increase funding for Special Emphasis Programs by \$20 million, intended to support more robust funding for the General Services Administration to reduce energy and water consumption and to enhance the resilience of federal facilities, with offsets; increase and decrease funding for the Federal Trade Commission by \$5 million, intended to encourage the FTC to continue using its existing authority to protect consumers' right to repair and hold accountable companies who engage in anti-competitive conduct limiting repairs by consumers; reallocate \$1 million to the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, intended for the Office of Renewable Energy Programs to support wind energy development; and increase and decrease funding by \$1 million for the Veterans Benefits Administration, intended to provide support to law school clinical programs that assist veterans.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 224-204. [H.R. 8294, [Vote #Vote #372](#), 7/19/22; CQ, [7/19/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against En Bloc Amendments No. 5 The Appropriations Minibus Package For FY 2023. In July 2022 Salazar voted against: “DeLauro, D-Conn., en bloc amendments no. 5, including 36 amendments to the bill that would, among other provisions, decrease funding for the Community Development Block Grant by \$300 million; strike \$100,000 in funding for electric vehicle procurement; and reduce funding for EPA environmental programs and management by \$294.9 million, intended to reduce funding for environmental justice implementation and training grants.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 197-230. [H.R. 8294, [Vote #Vote #371](#), 7/19/22; CQ, [7/19/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against En Bloc Amendments No. 4 The Appropriations Minibus Package For FY 2023. In July 2022 Salazar voted against: “DeLauro, D-Conn., en bloc amendments no. 4, including two amendments to the bill that would prohibit the use of funds made available in the Transportation and Housing and Urban Development departments and related agencies division of the bill to implement, administer or enforce Davis-Bacon prevailing wage requirements.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 165-264. [H.R. 8294, [Vote #Vote #370](#), 7/19/22; CQ, [7/19/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against En Bloc Amendments No. 3 The Appropriations Minibus Package For FY 2023. In July 2022 Salazar voted against: “DeLauro, D-Conn., en bloc amendments no. 3, including 46 amendments to the bill that would, among other provisions, increase funding for the Nutrition Assistance Program in Puerto Rico by \$1 billion; increase and decrease by \$1 million funding for Federal Aviation Administration operations, intended to express that there be a moratorium on the further shrinkage of airline seat sizes and passenger space until the FAA publishes a final rule for minimum seat size standards; increase and decrease funding by \$1 million for Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grants, intended to emphasize the prioritization of grant funding toward green infrastructure projects that will decarbonize and electrify the U.S. ground transportation sector; and increase and decrease Agriculture Research Service funding by \$1.5 million intended to increase funding for alternative protein research.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 225-201. [H.R. 8294, [Vote #Vote #369](#), 7/19/22; CQ, [7/19/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against En Bloc Amendments No. 2 The Appropriations Minibus Package For FY 2023. In July 2022 Salazar voted against: “DeLauro, D-Conn., en bloc amendments no. 2, including 31 amendments to the bill that would, among other provisions, reallocate \$3 million for the national school

lunch program for the purpose of supporting equipment grants to help schools serve healthier meals; reallocate \$5 million intended to combat the illicit importation of opioids, including fentanyl, through international mail facilities and land ports-of entry; and reallocate \$2 million to the Natural Resources Conservation Service for conservation operations and technical assistance for farmers.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 336-90. [H.R. 8294, [Vote #Vote #368](#), 7/19/22; CQ, [7/19/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For En Bloc Amendments No. 1 To The Appropriations Minibus Package For FY 2023. In July 2022 Salazar voted for: “DeLauro, D-Conn., en bloc amendments no. 1, including 13 amendments to the bill that would reduce overall funding levels authorized throughout the bill.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 199-229. [H.R. 8294, [Vote #Vote #367](#), 7/19/22; CQ, [7/19/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Considering The Respect For Marriage Act, A Six-Bill Appropriations Minibus Package, And The Right To Contraception Act. In July 2022 Salazar voted against: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 1232) that would provide for one hour of general debate on each bill, provide for automatic adoption of a manager's amendment to HR 8373 and make 190 amendments in order to HR 8294. The rule would provide for automatic adoption of the Pallone, D-N.J., manager's amendment to HR 8373 that would, among other provisions, specify that the bill's definition of "contraceptive" includes biological products and is limited to products legally marketed under existing Food and Drug Administration regulations; clarify the bill's definition of "health care provider" to state that providers must be authorized by the state to provide health care services; specify that the bill may not be construed to sanction sterilization procedures without a patient's informed consent; and make technical changes. The rule would also provide for automatic agreement, upon adoption of the rule, to a resolution (H Res 1230) that would modify standing House rules for the 117th Congress to allow a rule to be called up for floor consideration when the text has been made available to members prior to the convening of the legislative day; allow motions to suspend the rules to be considered on any day of the week; and allow for proxy voting in the Committee of the Whole House, thus allowing delegates and the resident commissioner of Puerto Rico to vote by proxy on amendments. Finally, the rule would authorize, through the legislative day of Thursday, July 21, 2022, non-debatable motions by the majority leader or a designee to suspend the rules and consider, en bloc, measures considered under suspension of the rules on Monday, July 18, 2022.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 219-200. [H.Res. 1232, [Vote #Vote #366](#), 7/19/22; CQ, [7/19/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Authorizing \$28 Million To The Food And Drug Administration In Emergency Funding To Address The Baby Formula Shortage. In May 2022 Salazar voted against: “Passage of the bill that would provide \$28 million in emergency appropriations for the Food and Drug Administration to address the current shortage and prevent future shortages of FDA-regulated infant formula and certain medical foods, including to prevent fraudulent products from entering the U.S. market. It would require the FDA to report to Congress weekly on obligations of funding provided by the bill.” The bill passed by a vote of 231-192. [H.R. 7790, [Vote #Vote #220](#), 5/18/22; CQ, [5/18/22](#)]

- **Food And Drug Administration Funding Provided For Increased Staff To Inspect Baby Formula And The Prevention Of Future Baby Formula Shortages.** “The House voted 231-192 on Wednesday to pass an emergency spending bill aimed at addressing the baby formula shortage. [...] The bill gives the Food and Drug Administration \$28 million to increase its staff to help inspect baby formula before it arrives on grocery store shelves. • It will also look to prevent

future shortages, including such steps as may be necessary to prevent fraudulent products from entering the United States market.” [Axios, [3/18/22](#)]

- **May 2022: More Than 40 Percent Of Baby Formulas Were Out Of Stock In Stores Across The U.S.** “Datassembly’s real-time hyper-local data analysis shows that baby formula stock was relatively stable for the first half of 2021, with out-of-stock (OOS) fluctuation between 2-8%. The OOS detail shows that in April 2022 baby formula shortages hit 30% and jumped to 40% at the end of month. For the first week of May the nationwide OOS situation for baby formula continues to climb. The nation-wide OOS percentage is now at 43% for the week ending May 8th.” [Datassembly, [5/10/22](#)]
- **May 2022: 26 States Had Baby Formula Out-Of-Stock Rates At 40-50%.** “The states seeing the worst shortages include Texas, Tennessee, Missouri, Iowa, North Dakota and South Dakota — all with out-of-stock rates of about 50 percent. A total of 26 states have out of stock rates of 40 to 50 percent. Among metro areas, San Antonio’s out-of-stock rate has climbed to 57 percent, with Memphis and Nashville at 52 percent and Houston and Des Moines at 50 percent.” [NBC News, [5/9/22](#)]
- **Center For Disease Control And Prevention: Non-Hispanic Black Infants, Infants Eligible For WIC, And Infants Born To Mothers Aged 20-29 Were Less Likely To Breastfeed.** “Breastfeeding Disparities Exist. • Fewer non-Hispanic Black infants (75.5%) are ever breastfed compared with Asian infants (92.4%), non-Hispanic White infants (85.3%) and Hispanic infants (85.0%).³ • Infants eligible for and receiving the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) are less likely to ever be breastfed (76.9%) than infants eligible, but not receiving WIC (83.3%), and infants ineligible for WIC (91.6%).³ • Younger mothers aged 20 to 29 years are less likely to ever breastfeed (81.2%) than mothers aged 30 years or older (85.9%).³” [CDC.gov, Accessed [5/19/22](#)]
- **HEADLINE: “Baby Formula Shortage Has Anxious Parents Stalking Shelves Nationwide.”** [NBC News, [5/12/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For A Motion To Recommit The Emergency Funding For The Baby Formula Shortage To Committee. In May 2022 Salazar voted for: “Hinson, R-Iowa, motion to recommit the Infant Formula Supplemental Appropriations Act to the House Appropriations Committee.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 202-218. [H.R. 7790, [Vote #Vote #219](#), 5/18/22; CQ, [5/18/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For The Targeting Resources To Communities In Need Act To Provide Persistent Poverty Communities With A More Equitable Share Of Federal Investments. In May 2022 Salazar voted for: “Passage of the bill that would require the Office of Management and Budget, within one year of enactment, to implement guidance to increase the share of federal investments targeted to areas of high and persistent poverty. It would specify that the guidance must include a minimum goal that such investments be in an amount greater than such areas would otherwise receive based on their portion of the U.S. population. It would also require the Census Bureau to publish a list of all areas of persistent poverty and update it annually; require OMB to submit an annual report to Congress on the programs under which federal funds were increased under the bill’s provisions and the economic impact on the

areas served; require the Government Accountability Office, within two years of enactment, to report to Congress on the effectiveness of the bill's provisions; and authorize \$5 million in fiscal 2023 for salaries and expenses to carry out the bill's provisions." The bill passed by a vote of 258-165. [H.R. 6531, [Vote #Vote #211](#), 5/18/22; CQ, [5/18/22](#)]

- **Census Bureau: The 2020 Poverty Rate Increased To 11.4%, The First Increase Following “Five Consecutive Annual Declines.”** “The official poverty rate in 2020 was 11.4 percent with 37.2 million people in poverty (Figure 8 and Table B-1). This was a 1.0 percentage-point increase from 10.5 percent in 2019, which was the lowest rate observed since estimates were initially published in 1959. It was also the first annual increase in the poverty rate following five consecutive annual declines (Figure 8 and Table B-4).” [United States Census Bureau, Report, [9/14/21](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Tabling A Motion To Reconsider The Second Part Of The 2022 Omnibus Package, Primarily Related To Domestic Spending And Assistance To Ukraine. In March 2022 Salazar voted against: “Gomez, D-Calif., motion to table the Aguilar, D-Calif., motion to reconsider the vote by which the House passed a second portion of the fiscal 2022 omnibus appropriations package (HR 2471) by roll call vote, 260-171, via motion to concur, under a divided question.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 249-180. [H.R. 2471, [Vote #Vote #68](#), 3/9/22; CQ [3/9/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Tabling A Motion To Reconsider First Part Of The 2022 Omnibus Package, Primarily Related To Defense Spending. In March 2022 Salazar voted against: “Beyer, D-Va., motion to table the Pallone, D-N.J., motion to reconsider the vote by which the House passed a first portion of the fiscal 2022 omnibus appropriations package (HR 2471) by roll call vote, 361-69, via motion to concur, under a divided question.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 270-157. [H.R. 2471, [Vote #Vote #67](#), 3/9/22; CQ [3/9/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Part 2 Of The 2022 Omnibus Package, Primarily Related To Domestic Spending And Assistance To Ukraine. In March 2022 Salazar voted for: “Motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the bill with a further House amendment, under a divided question. The second portion would include mostly non-defense portions of the bill, including the remaining nine fiscal 2022 appropriations bills; funding for assistance to Ukraine; and a number of miscellaneous policy provisions. For annual appropriations, the bill would provide \$1.5 trillion in discretionary spending for fiscal 2022. In this section, it would provide approximately \$25.1 billion for the Agriculture Department and related agencies; \$55 billion for the Energy Department and federal water projects; \$25.5 billion for the Treasury Department, federal judiciary and a number of executive agencies; \$38 billion for the Interior Department, Environmental Protection Agency and related agencies; \$213.6 billion for the Labor, Health and Human Services and Education departments, and related agencies; \$5.93 billion for legislative branch entities; \$127.6 billion for the Veterans Affairs Department, military construction and related agencies; \$56.1 billion for the State Department, foreign operations and related agencies; and \$81 billion for the Transportation and Housing and Urban Development departments and related agencies. It would provide \$108.3 billion for HHS, including \$45 billion for the National Institutes of Health, \$6.5 billion for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and \$8.5 billion for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; \$76.4 billion for the Education Department, including \$24.6 billion for federal student aid programs; \$9.8 billion for the Labor Department Employment and Training

Administration; and \$1.8 billion for worker protection agencies. It would provide \$140.4 billion in mandatory spending for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program; \$97.5 billion for VA medical care, including \$13.2 billion for mental health care; \$20.7 billion for the National Nuclear Security Administration; \$14.9 billion for military construction, including over \$600 million intended to support facilities in Europe and NATO infrastructure projects; and \$8.3 billion for the Army Corps of Engineers. It would provide a total of \$102.9 billion for the Transportation Department -- including funding from transportation trust funds -- containing \$57.5 billion for Federal Highway Administration formula programs and \$16.3 billion for the Federal Transit Administration. It would provide approximately \$13.6 billion to assist Ukraine against Russian aggression. In this section, it would provide \$4 billion for the State Department and \$2.8 billion for the U.S. Agency for International Development. Within total funding, it would provide approximately \$1.4 billion for migration assistance to Ukrainian refugees; \$1.1 billion for foreign assistance programs for Ukraine and neighboring countries, including to address economic needs and government continuity; and \$650 million for the State Department Foreign Military Financing program. It would provide \$100 million for Agriculture Department foreign agricultural assistance to Ukraine and \$25 million for the U.S. Agency for Global Media to support media capacity and address disinformation in Ukraine. It also would authorize \$3 billion in presidential drawdown authority to provide emergency foreign military assistance in fiscal 2022. It would expand and reauthorize through fiscal 2027 programs enacted under the Violence Against Women Act, including authorizing \$222 million annually for Justice Department STOP grants to support state and local law enforcement response and victim services related to violent crimes against women and \$100 million for Health and Human Services Department rape prevention and education grants. It would bolster cyber incident reporting requirements and require the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency to establish an interagency ransomware task force. It would incorporate the provisions of several other bills." The motion was agreed to by a vote of 260-171. [H.R. 2471, [Vote #Vote #66](#), 3/9/22; CQ, [3/9/22](#)]

- **The 2022 Omnibus Bill Included Increases To Congressional Offices, Staff, And Capitol Police.** "The bill calls for an increase in funding for congressional offices by 21%, to \$774.4 million, so they can recruit and retain a diverse workforce. It would be the largest boost in the Members Representational Allowance appropriation since its authorization in 1996. The package would also provide \$18.2 million to pay interns. It would provide \$602.5 million for the Capitol Police, an increase of \$87 million. This will allow for the hiring of up to 2,112 sworn officers and 450 civilian members of the Capitol Police." [CNN, [3/9/22](#)]
- **The 2022 Omnibus Bill Invested \$12.6 Billion In The IRS For Improved Customer Service, Increased Enforcement, And Technological Modernization.** "The spending bill would provide \$12.6 billion for the Internal Revenue Service, an increase of \$675 million, the largest since 2001. The funding boost is intended to help the IRS improve its customer service, increase enforcement, modernize its technology and improve its web applications. It also would provide special funding transfer authority and direct hire authority to help the agency deal with a massive backlog of returns and correspondence." [CNN, [3/9/22](#)]
- **The 2022 Omnibus Bill Renewed The Violence Against Women Act, Which Expired In 2018.** "The bill renews the Violence Against Women Act, which expired in 2018, by increasing funding for its prevention and prosecution programs, as well as efforts to reduce the backlog of unprocessed rape kits, according to a fact sheet." [CNN, [3/9/22](#)]

- **The 2022 Omnibus Bill Provided \$26.9 Billion In Funding For Child Nutrition Programs, A \$1.77 Billion Increase From 2021.** “The bill would provide \$26.9 billion in funding for child nutrition programs, an increase of \$1.77 billion above what was approved for fiscal year 2021.” [CNN, [3/9/22](#)]
- **The 2022 Omnibus Bill Increased The Maximum Pell Grant By \$400, The Largest Increase In More Than A Decade.** “The maximum Pell Grant would increase by \$400, to \$6,895 a year. Pell Grants are generally awarded to undergraduate students with exceptional financial needs, and the amounts are based on their costs to attend school, family sizes and incomes. The increase would be the largest to the maximum Pell Grant in more than a decade, according to a summary of the bill.” [CNN, [3/9/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Part 1 Of The 2022 Omnibus Package, Primarily Related To Defense Spending. In March 2022 Salazar voted for: “Motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the bill with a further House amendment, under a divided question. The first portion of the bill would include the Defense, Homeland Security and Commerce-Justice-Science fiscal 2022 appropriations bills; funding for defense assistance to Ukraine; the fiscal 2022 intelligence authorization; and provisions related to normalizing relations between Israel and its neighbors. For annual appropriations, the bill would provide \$1.5 trillion in discretionary spending for fiscal 2022. In this section, it would provide approximately \$728.5 billion for the Defense Department; \$81.1 billion for the Homeland Security Department; and \$75.8 billion for the Commerce and Justice departments and science and related agencies. Within total Defense funding, it would provide a 2.7 percent military pay increase; \$600 million for security cooperation with Ukraine and Eastern European allies; \$144.9 billion for military procurement; \$37.4 billion for Defense health programs; \$1.5 billion for environmental restoration activities; and over \$1 billion for Israel's Iron Dome missile defense system. It would provide \$23.9 billion for the Federal Emergency Management Agency, mostly for disaster response and recovery activities; \$14.8 billion for Customs and Border Protection; \$11.5 billion for the Coast Guard; \$8.3 billion for Immigration and Customs Enforcement; \$2.6 billion for the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency; and \$409.5 million for Citizenship and Immigration Services. It would provide \$9.9 billion for the Commerce Department, including \$570 million for the International Trade Administration and \$373.5 million for the Economic Development Administration; \$35.2 billion for the Justice Department, including \$10.8 billion for the FBI and \$3.9 billion for state and local law enforcement grants; \$24 billion for NASA; and \$8.8 billion for the National Science Foundation. The bill would provide approximately \$13.6 billion to assist Ukraine against Russian aggression. In this section, it would provide \$6.5 billion for the Defense Department, including \$3.5 billion to replenish U.S. defense articles provided to Ukraine and \$3 billion for personnel, operations, procurement and other expenses related to responding to the situation in Ukraine. Among other provisions, it would provide \$59.4 million for the Justice Department, intended for investigating and responding to cyber threats and Russian sanctions violations, including \$43.6 million for the FBI. Among other provisions, it would also authorize a classified amount of funding for fiscal 2022 for intelligence-related activities by 17 federal intelligence agencies, including foreign intelligence activities of the FBI and the Defense, State and Homeland Security departments; reauthorize and expand the National Counterproliferation Center to include jurisdiction over intelligence activities related to biosecurity, redesignating it as the National Counterproliferation and Biosecurity Center; and require the State Department to develop a strategy and regularly report to Congress on its efforts to strengthen

normalization agreements and promote normalization of relations between Israel and its neighboring states.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 361-69. [H.R. 2471, [Vote #Vote #65](#), 3/9/22; CQ, [3/9/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Considering The 2022 Omnibus Package, The 2022 4-Day Continuing Resolution, Suspending Energy Imports From Russia, And \$15.6 Billion In Coronavirus Relief. In March 2022 Salazar voted against: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 973) that would that would provide for House floor consideration of the legislative vehicle (HR 2471) for the fiscal 2022 omnibus appropriations package, the fiscal 2022 four-day continuing resolution extension (H J Res 75), the Suspending Energy Imports from Russia Act (HR 6968) and the \$15.6 billion coronavirus relief bill (HR 7007). The rule would provide for up to one hour of general debate on each measure. For consideration of HR 2471, the rule would specifically provide for a motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the bill, with a further House amendment, debatable for up to one hour, and provide for a division of the question on passage of the bill. Under the divided question, one vote would be on divisions B, C, F, X, Z and titles two and three of division N, consisting of defense-related provisions including three of the 12 fiscal 2022 annual appropriations bills. The other vote would be on the remainder of the bill. It would also provide for automatic adoption of the DeLauro, D-Conn., manager’s amendment to HR 2471 that would strike a section providing coronavirus relief funding from the bill; modify a section related to expulsion of federal credit union members, including to specify that they may only be expelled for cause with a two-thirds vote and extend from 15 to 60 days the time an expelled member has to request a hearing; and make technical corrections to account for the provisions of the continuing resolution extension (H J Res 75).” The rule was adopted by a vote of 218-204. [H. Res. 973, [Vote #Vote #64](#), 3/9/22; CQ, [3/9/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For A Continuing Resolution Funding The Government Through March 11th, 2022. In February 2022 Salazar voted for: “Passage of the bill that would provide funding for federal government operations and services through Mar. 11, 2022, at fiscal 2021 levels. It would extend for the duration of the continuing resolution a number of expiring programs and authorities extended by prior continuing resolutions (PL 117-43 and PL 117-70), including the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program and the National Flood Insurance Program; the Health and Human Services Department’s authority to appoint personnel to National Disaster Medical System positions to respond to public health emergencies; increased trafficking and sexual abuse fines; a waiver making supportive living facility residents eligible for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits; the emergency classification of fentanyl-related substances as schedule I controlled substances; and the increased federal medical assistance percentage for U.S. territories, offset by a reduction of \$2 million for the Medicare Improvement Fund. Among other provisions, it would provide \$350 million for Defense Department activities to address water contamination issues near the Red Hill Bulk Fuel Storage Facility in Oahu, Hawaii, and increase from \$200 million to \$300 million annual funding the president may direct for immediate foreign military assistance to respond to an unforeseen emergency.” Passed by a vote of 272-162. [HR 6617, [Vote #Vote #39](#), 2/8/22; CQ, [2/8/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Raising The Debt Limit By \$2.5 Trillion To Fund The Government Through 2022. In December 2021 Salazar voted against: “Passage of the resolution that would increase the statutory limit on federal debt by \$2.5 trillion.” The bill passed by a vote of 221-209. [S. J. Res. 33, [Vote #Vote #449](#), 12/15/21; CQ, [12/15/21](#)]

- **HEADLINE: “House Passes Debt Ceiling Increase, Sending It To Biden To Avoid Default Hours Before Deadline.”** [CNBC, [12/15/21](#)]
- **Congress Passed A Debt Limit Increase Early The Day The Debt Limit Would Have Been Reached.** “Congress early Wednesday voted to raise the nation's debt limit by \$2.5 trillion, officially staving off default and the economic peril that would come if the U.S. were unable to pay its bills. [...] Lawmakers managed to get the measure passed just in time to avoid an economic scare. Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen told lawmakers she estimated the United States would reach its debt ceiling by Wednesday. If lawmakers didn't address the debt limit by then, the U.S. would have defaulted on its debts for the first time, which could lead to a global recession, Treasury Department officials and experts said.” [USA Today, [12/15/21](#)]
- **Salazar Voted Against Considering Raising The Debt Limit By \$2.5 Trillion.** In December 2021 Salazar voted against: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 852) that would provide for House floor consideration of the resolution to increase the debt limit (S J Res 33). The rule would provide for up to one hour of debate on the bill.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 220-212. [H. Res. 852, [Vote #Vote #446](#), 12/14/21; CQ, [12/14/21](#)]
- **Salazar Voted Against Blocking Consideration Of Replacing Democrats' FY 2022 Spending Plan With Deficit Reduction Legislation.** In December 2021 Salazar voted against: “Morelle, D-N.Y., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Congressional Record, Rep. Burgess said, “Mr. Speaker, if we defeat the previous question, Republicans will amend the rule to immediately consider an amendment to the Democrats' fiscal year 2022 budget resolution to replace the socialist \$5 trillion tax-and-spend reconciliation instructions with new instructions for authorizing committees to produce legislation to reduce the deficit to combat runaway inflation currently fueling the highest price spike in 40 years and to get Americans back to work.” **A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the bill.** The motion was agreed to by a vote of 220-212. [H. Res. 852, [Vote #Vote #445](#), 12/14/21; CQ, [12/14/21](#); Congressional Record, [12/14/21](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Short-Term Continued Government Funding Through February 18, 2022. In December 2021 Salazar voted against: “Passage of the the fiscal 2022 further continuing resolution that would provide funding for federal government operations and services through Feb. 18, 2022, at fiscal 2021 levels and provide \$7 billion in emergency funding for Afghan evacuee assistance, as well as \$1.6 billion for the Health and Human Services Department to provide shelter and services to unaccompanied minors who have crossed the U.S. border. Within funding to support Afghan evacuees, it would provide \$4.3 billion for Defense Department assistance to refugees on U.S. military installations; \$1.3 billion for Health and Human Services Department resettlement and support services for Afghan arrivals and refugees; and \$1.3 billion for the State Department, including \$1.2 billion for resettlement and support services for Afghans in the United States and \$80.3 million for related diplomatic activities and additional evacuations. It would require the Office of Management and Budget to submit a report on the strategy and transition plan for concluding Afghan resettlement initiatives. It would extend for the duration of the continuing resolution a number of expiring programs and authorities previously extended by a prior continuing resolution (PL 117-43 / HR 4350), including the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program and the National Flood Insurance Program; HHS authority to appoint personnel to

National Disaster Medical System positions to respond to public health emergencies; the emergency classification of fentanyl-related substances as schedule I controlled substances; and the increased federal medical assistance percentage for U.S. territories, offset by a reduction of \$13 million for the Medicare Improvement Fund. Among other provisions, it would extend through Dec. 31, 2021, a waiver making supportive living facility residents eligible for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits and increase from \$100 million to \$200 million annual funding the president may direct for immediate foreign military assistance to respond to an unforeseen emergency.” The bill passed by a vote of 221-212. [H. R. 6119, [Vote #Vote #399](#), 12/2/21; CQ, [12/2/21](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Considering Short-Term Continued Government Funding Through February 18, 2022. In December 2021 Salazar voted against: “Adoption of the rule ((H Res 829) that would provide for House floor consideration of the fiscal 2022 further continuing resolution (HR 6119). The rule would provide for up to one hour of debate on the bill. The rule would allow proceedings on motions offered on Nov. 30 or Dec. 1, 2021, to suspend the rules and consider certain measures to be postponed through Dec. 10. It also would authorize through Jan. 21, 2022, certain routine authorities for House proceedings, including for consideration of motions to suspend the rules and same-day consideration of Rules Committee resolutions. Finally, the rule would provide for the House to convene the second session of the 117th Congress on Jan. 10, 2022, by authorizing the speaker to dispense with organizational and legislative business on any legislative day of the second session prior to that date.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 219-208. [H. Res. 829, [Vote #Vote #396](#), 12/2/21; CQ, [12/2/21](#)]

Salazar Voted Against The Build Back Better Act. In November 2021, Salazar voted against: “Passage of the fiscal 2022 budget reconciliation bill, as amended, that would provide approximately \$2 trillion in investments and tax cuts to address climate change and child care, health care, education, housing and other social policies intended to support families. It would establish a child care and early learning entitlement program, providing approximately \$100 billion for the program through fiscal 2024. It would provide \$18 billion through fiscal 2024 for a free universal preschool program. It would extend through 2022 the expanded child tax credit provided by prior coronavirus relief law (PL 117-2) and provide \$5 billion to administer the credit. It would establish a paid family and medical leave benefit for up to four weeks per year, beginning in 2024. It would require the Health and Human Services Department to negotiate a "maximum fair price" for insulin and select Medicare-eligible, brand-name drugs that do not have generic competition. It would require manufacturers to provide rebates for single-source drugs under Medicare Parts B and D for which prices increase faster than inflation. For Medicare Part D, it would cap annual out-of-pocket limit at \$2,000 beginning in 2024. It would establish or extend expanded eligibility for certain tax credits toward Affordable Care Act marketplace insurance premiums through 2025. It would establish or expand a number of tax credits to incentivize actions by businesses and individuals to mitigate climate change, including to expand credits for renewable energy production and facilities, carbon capture facilities, use of alternative fuels and energy efficiency improvements at residential properties; and to establish individual credits for the purchase of electric vehicles. It would raise royalty rates and fees for oil and gas drilling leases and cancel or ban certain offshore leases. It would provide \$29 billion to support the deployment of low- and zero-emission technologies, more than \$20 billion for federal climate resiliency and environmental conservation activities and \$9 billion for federal procurement of electric vehicles and related infrastructure. It would provide \$65 billion for public housing improvements, \$24 billion for rental assistance housing vouchers and \$15 billion for down payment assistance and loan programs for first-generation homebuyers. It would provide \$9.8 billion for

local transit projects to support mobility and affordable housing access disadvantaged communities and \$9 billion for lead remediation and water line replacement projects. It would forgive all debt owed by the National Flood Insurance Program's debt, for a total of \$20.5 billion. It would provide such sums as necessary for the USDA to forgive farm loan debt for economically distressed farmers and ranchers. It would provide \$6.6 billion to the Small Business Administration and Minority Business Development Agency to help underrepresented individuals with business development. It would provide \$20 billion for Labor and Education department workforce development programs and \$1.9 billion for Labor Department worker protection agencies. It would allow individuals who entered the United States prior to Jan. 1, 2011, to receive a grant of parole allowing them to remain temporarily in the country for a period of five years, but no later than Sept. 30, 2021. It would temporarily increase from \$10,000 to \$80,000 the annual cap on the deduction for state and local taxes for tax years 2021 through 2030. To offset costs, it would establish or modify various taxes on corporations and high-income individuals, including to establish a 15 percent alternative minimum tax for corporations with an annual income exceeding \$1 billion; a one percent tax on stock buybacks by public companies; and an additional five percent tax on individual income over \$10 million and further three percent tax on income over \$25 million. It would provide \$78.9 billion to improve IRS operations and tax enforcement." The bill passed by a vote of 220-213. [HR 5376, [Vote #Vote #385](#), 11/19/21; CQ, [11/19/21](#)]

- **Roosevelt Institute: Build Back Better Act Would Invest In Child Care, Creating Jobs And Allowing Parents To Get Back To Work.** "Convenient, affordable childcare is a major obstacle for working parents, illuminated even more so by school and daycare closures during the COVID-19 pandemic, which has disproportionately impacted women's labor force participation. Increasing the capacity of industries in order to curb inflation of specific prices requires increasing the supply of labor. The Build Back Better Act invests in existing and new childcare facilities in underserved areas and provides subsidies to make childcare more affordable for qualifying households. Together, these investments would increase the supply of childcare, create new jobs, and allow parents to get back to work. [Roosevelt Institute, Fact Sheet, [9/28/21](#)]
- **Center For American Progress: Build Back Better Act Would Invest In Clean Electricity And Energy Efficiency, Reducing Energy Costs By \$500 Per Year For The Average Household.** "Build Back Better helps break the United States' dependence on fossil fuels—an industry that's particularly vulnerable to extreme weather, which has and will continue to be exacerbated by climate change—consumer energy costs will be reduced. Specifically, proposed investments in clean electricity and energy efficiency will make energy costs more affordable, saving the average household approximately \$500 a year in reduced energy costs. This much-needed investment in clean energy would come at a time when energy prices have pushed up inflation for consecutive months." [Center for American Progress, [11/16/21](#)]
 - **E&E News: The Budget Resolution Set "The Stage For Unprecedented Investments To Tackle Climate Change And Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions."** "Senate Democrats unveiled a \$3.5 trillion budget resolution this morning, setting the stage for unprecedented investments to tackle climate change and reduce greenhouse gas emissions." [E&E News, [8/9/21](#)]

- **The Build Back Better Deal Lowered Drug Prices For Seniors By Reducing Co-Pays And Establishing A \$2,000 Out-Of-Pocket Limit in Medicare Part D.** “Pelosi celebrated the drug-pricing agreement: ‘For a generation, House Democrats have been fighting to deliver real drug price negotiations that will lower costs. With today’s agreement on strong lower drug price provisions for the Build Back Better Act, Democrats have a path forward to make good on this transformational agenda for our seniors.’ She said the deal will lower drug prices for seniors, reduce their out-of-pocket co-pays and establish a \$2,000 out-of-pocket limit for seniors’ expenses in Medicare Part D. The bill would also halt price hikes above inflation, which would affect all Americans, she said.” [NBC News, [11/2/21](#)]
- **FactCheck.Org: “In The First Year Of Biden’s Proposed Budget, 2022, Nearly Nine Out Of 10 Households Would See A Tax Cut.”** “In the first year of Biden’s proposed budget, 2022, nearly nine out of 10 households would see a tax cut, according to the Tax Policy Center.” [FactCheck.org, [9/24/21](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Adopting A Manager's Amendment To The Reconciliation Bill, Striking \$2 Billion In Social Security Administration Expenses And Making Technical And Conforming Changes.

In November 2021, Salazar voted against: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 803) that would provide for automatic adoption of a second Yarmuth D-Ky., manager's amendment during further consideration of the fiscal 2022 budget reconciliation bill (HR 5376). The manager's amendment would strike language providing \$2 billion for Social Security Administration administrative expenses; modify requirements for distribution of funding provided for critical infrastructure activities in U.S. territories and U.S. Geological Survey climate adaptation centers; and make a number of technical and conforming changes.” Adopted by a vote of 220-211. [HR 5376, [Vote #Vote #383](#), 11/18/21; CQ, [11/18/21](#)]

Salazar Voted Against The Rule For Considering The Build Back Better Act For The 2022 Budget. In November 2021 Salazar voted against: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 774), as amended, that would provide for House floor consideration of the fiscal 2022 budget reconciliation bill (HR 5376) containing a package of social safety net and climate policy provisions. The rule would provide for up to two hours of debate on the bill. It would provide for automatic adoption of a Yarmuth, D-Ky., manager's amendment to HR 5376 that would increase from \$72,500 to \$80,000 the raised annual cap on the deduction for state and local taxes for tax years 2021 through 2030, but reinstate the original cap of \$10,000 in 2031; modify provisions related to maximum fair prices negotiations for prescription drugs, including to clarify that negotiated prices would apply nine years after a drug's approval, or 13 years after approval for biologics, and specify that average price calculations would be based on 2021 prices; provide \$250 for the General Services Administration's technology modernization fund, \$200 million for the GSA's citizen services fund, and \$50 million for Office of Management and Budget's information technology oversight and reform fund; and make various technical corrections. The rule would also authorize through Dec. 3, 2021, certain routine authorities for House proceedings, including for consideration of motions to suspend the rules and same-day consideration of Rules Committee resolutions.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 221-213. [H. Res. 774, [Vote #Vote #372](#), 11/6/21; CQ, [11/6/21](#)]

- **Salazar Voted Against Considering The Rule For Considering The Build Back Better Act For The 2022 Budget.** In November 2021 Salazar voted against: “On the question of consideration of the resolution (H Res 774) that would provide for floor consideration of the fiscal 2022 budget

reconciliation bill (HR 5376) containing a package of social safety net and climate policy provisions.” The question was agreed to by a vote of 215-212. [H. Res. 774, [Vote #Vote #368](#), 11/5/21; CQ, [11/5/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For Extending Funding For Federal Highways And Other Surface Transportation Through October 31, 2021.

In October 2021 Salazar voted for: “Passage of the bill that would extend through Oct. 31, 2021, funding and authorities for federal surface transportation programs, including highway, public transit, rail and safety and research programs that expire after Sept. 30. For the extension period, it would authorize appropriations for programs funded by the highway and mass transit accounts of the Highway Trust Fund in amounts proportional to amounts authorized for such programs in fiscal 2021. It would extend expenditure authority for the fund through Nov. 1, 2021. It would require federal employees furloughed as a result of the trust fund expenditure lapse to be paid for the period of the lapse, and it would require employees required to work during the lapse to be paid at their standard rate of pay. It would increase funding levels during the extension period for nationally significant freight and highway projects grants and in-vehicle alcohol detection device research. It would also extend for approximately one month expiring authorities for Sport Fish Restoration and Boating and Leaking Underground Storage Tank trust fund expenditures and funding for the Appalachian Regional Commission and sport fishing activities. Upon enactment of the bipartisan infrastructure package (HR 3684), it would rescind any duplicate contract authority provided by the bill.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 365-51. [H.R. 5434, [Vote #Vote #313](#), 10/1/21; CQ, [10/1/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For Extending Government Funding Through December 3, 2021. In September 2021 Salazar voted for: “DeLauro, D-Conn., motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the bill that would provide funding for federal government operations and services through Dec. 3, 2021, at fiscal 2021 levels and provide emergency funding for natural disaster relief and Afghan evacuee assistance.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 254-175. [H.R. 5305, [Vote #Vote #311](#), 9/30/21; CQ, [9/30/21](#)]

- **Short-Term Government Funding Extension Included \$28.6 Billion For Natural Disaster Relief.** “It would provide \$28.6 billion in supplemental appropriations for natural disaster relief, including \$10 billion for the Agriculture Department to cover agricultural losses; \$5.7 billion for Army Corps of Engineers flood and storm damage response; \$5 billion for disaster-related community development block grants; \$2.6 billion to reimburse states and territories for damage to roads and bridges; \$1.36 billion for the Forest Service and \$636 million for the Interior Department, including for wildfire response; \$1.2 billion for Small Business Administration disaster loans; \$895 million for Navy and Air Force facility repairs; \$345 million for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, including \$200 million for fishery disaster response; and \$22 million for the National Institute of Standards and Technology to investigate building collapses.” [CQ, [9/30/21](#)]
- **Short-Term Government Funding Extension Included \$6.3 Billion For Afghan Refugees.** “It would provide \$6.3 billion in supplemental appropriations to support Afghan evacuees, including \$2.2 billion for Defense Department assistance to Afghans under the special immigrant visa program and on U.S. military installations; \$1.7 billion for Health and Human Services Department resettlement and support services for Afghan arrivals and refugees; and \$1.8 billion for the State Department, including \$277 million for evacuation and related services, \$1.1 billion

for resettlement and support services for Afghans in the United States, and \$415 million for migration and refugee assistance. The bill would also provide additional appropriations or higher spending rates for certain programs, including \$2.5 billion for Health and Human Services Department refugee assistance to support services for unaccompanied minors who have crossed the U.S. border; \$250 million for U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services for application processing and refugee program support; increased amounts for cash-value vouchers under the supplemental nutrition program for women, infants and children (WIC); and increased spending for White House COVID-19 activities and the national suicide hotline.” [CQ, [9/30/21](#)]

- **Short-Term Government Funding Extension Allowed Expiring Programs And Authorities To Continue.** “It would extend for the duration of the continuing resolution a number of expiring programs and authorities, including the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program and the National Flood Insurance Program; the increased federal medical assistance percentage for U.S. territories, offset by a reduction of \$96 million for the Medicare Improvement Fund; and HHS authority to appoint personnel to National Disaster Medical System positions to respond to public health emergencies. It also would extend through Jan. 28, 2022, the emergency classification of fentanyl-related substances as schedule I controlled substances and extend through June 30, 2022, Agriculture Department authority to provide child nutrition waivers as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.” [CQ, [9/30/21](#)]
- **Government Funding Through December 3, 2021 Was Agreed To By Senate Republicans After Removal Of The Provision To Raise The Debt Ceiling.** “Lawmakers reached a deal on the spending legislation after Democrats agreed to strip out a provision that would have raised the federal government’s ability to continue borrowing funds through the end of 2022. Senate Republicans blocked an initial funding package on Monday over its inclusion, refusing to give the majority party any of the votes needed to move ahead on a bill to avert a first-ever federal default in the coming weeks. The legislation keeps the government fully funded through Dec. 3, giving lawmakers additional time to reach consensus over the dozen annual bills that dictate federal spending.” [New York Times, [9/30/21](#)]
- **Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen Warned The United States Could Default On Its Debt If The Debt Ceiling Is Not Raised By October 18, 2021.** “Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen warned lawmakers that the federal government will likely run out of cash and extraordinary measures by October 18 unless Congress raises the debt ceiling. The new estimate from Yellen raises the risk that the United States could default on its debt in a matter of weeks if Washington fails to act. A default would likely be catastrophic, tanking markets and the economy, and delaying payments to millions of Americans. ‘It is uncertain whether we could continue to meet all the nation’s commitments after that date,’ Yellen wrote in a letter, adding the projection is based on estimated tax payments.” [CNN, [9/28/21](#)]

Salazar Voted Against The Extension Of The Debt Ceiling Through December 16, 2022. In September 2021 Salazar voted against: “Passage of the bill, as amended by a House substitute, that would suspend the statutory limit on federal debt through Dec. 16, 2022.” The bill passed by a vote of 219-212. [S. 1301, [Vote #Vote #310](#), 9/29/21; CQ, [9/29/21](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Raising The Debt Limit, Providing Funding For Afghan Refugee Resettlement, And \$28.6 Billion For Natural Disaster Relief. In September 2021 Salazar voted against: “Passage of the bill that would provide funding for federal government operations and services through Dec. 3, 2021, at fiscal 2021 levels; provide emergency funding for natural disaster relief and Afghan evacuee assistance; and suspend the statutory limit on federal debt through Dec. 16, 2022. It would provide \$28.6 billion in supplemental appropriations for natural disaster relief, including \$10 billion for the Agriculture Department to cover agricultural losses; \$5.7 billion for Army Corps of Engineers flood and storm damage response; \$5 billion for disaster-related community development block grants; \$2.6 billion to reimburse states and territories for damage to roads and bridges; \$1.36 billion for the Forest Service and \$636 million for the Interior Department, including for wildfire response; \$1.2 billion for Small Business Administration disaster loans; \$895 million for Navy and Air Force facility repairs; \$345 million for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, including \$200 million for fishery disaster response; and \$22 million for the National Institute of Standards and Technology to investigate building collapses. It would provide \$6.3 billion in supplemental appropriations to support Afghan evacuees, including \$2.2 billion for Defense Department assistance to Afghans under the special immigrant visa program and on U.S. military installations; \$1.7 billion for Health and Human Services Department resettlement and support services for Afghan arrivals and refugees; and \$1.8 billion for the State Department, including \$277 million for evacuation and related services, \$1.1 billion for resettlement and support services for Afghans in the United States, and \$415 million for migration and refugee assistance. The bill would also provide additional appropriations or higher spending rates for certain programs, including \$2.5 billion for Health and Human Services Department refugee assistance to support services for unaccompanied minors who have crossed the U.S. border; \$250 million for U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services for application processing and refugee program support; increased amounts for cash-value vouchers under the supplemental nutrition program for women, infants and children (WIC); and increased spending for White House COVID-19 activities and the national suicide hotline. It would extend for the duration of the continuing resolution a number of expiring programs and authorities, including the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program and the National Flood Insurance Program; the increased federal medical assistance percentage for U.S. territories, offset by a reduction of \$96 million for the Medicare Improvement Fund; and HHS authority to appoint personnel to National Disaster Medical System positions to respond to public health emergencies. It also would extend through Jan. 28, 2022, the emergency classification of fentanyl-related substances as schedule I controlled substances and extend through June 30, 2022, Agriculture Department authority to provide child nutrition waivers as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.” The resolution passed by a vote of 220 - 211. [HR. 5305, [Vote #Vote #267](#); CQ, [9/21/21](#)]

- **Moody’s Analytics: If Congress Failed To Raise The Debt Limit, The U.S. Economy Would Lose 6 Million Jobs And \$15 Trillion In Household Wealth And The Unemployment Rate Would Surge To 9 Percent.** “The United States could plunge into an immediate recession if Congress fails to raise the debt ceiling and the country defaults on its payment obligations this fall, according to one analysis released Tuesday. Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody’s Analytics, found that a prolonged impasse over the debt ceiling would cost the U.S. economy up to 6 million jobs, wipe out as much as \$15 trillion in household wealth, and send the unemployment rate surging to roughly 9 percent from around 5 percent.” [Washington Post, [9/21/21](#)]

- **Moody's Analytics: "This Economic Scenario Is Cataclysmic. ... The Downturn Would Be Comparable To That Suffered During The Financial Crisis" Of 2008.** "This economic scenario is cataclysmic. ... The downturn would be comparable to that suffered during the financial crisis' of 2008, said the report, written by Zandi and Bernard Yaros, assistant director and economist at Moody's Analytics." [Washington Post, [9/21/21](#)]
- **Washington Post: Failing To Raise The Debt Limit Threatened \$20 Billion In Social Security Payments For Seniors.** "If Congress fails to increase the debt limit, Treasury would be unable to pay debts as they come due. Treasury Secretary Janet L. Yellen said earlier this week that such a default would be unprecedented in U.S. history. Moody's 'best estimate' is that this date is Oct. 20, although Treasury has not given a more precise day. At that point, Treasury officials would face excruciating choices, such as whether to fail to pay \$20 billion owed to seniors on Social Security, or to fail to pay bondholders of U.S. debt — a decision that could undermine faith in U.S. credit and permanently drive federal borrowing costs higher." [Washington Post, [9/21/21](#)]
- **Washington Post: Failing To Raise The Debt Limit Would Raise Consumer Costs And Interest Rates And Lead To A Long-Term Decline In The U.S. Dollar.** "Failure to raise the debt limit would have catastrophic impacts on global financial markets. Interest rates would spike as investors demand a higher rate of return for the risk of taking on U.S. debt given uncertainty about repayment. An increase in interest rates would ripple through the economy, raising costs not only for taxpayers but also for consumers and other borrowers. The value of the U.S. dollar would also decline long term as investors questioned the security of purchasing U.S. treasuries. The cost of auto and home loans would rise." [Washington Post, [9/21/21](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Making Appropriations For The Department Of Labor, Health And Human Services, And Education, And Related Agencies Through September 30th, 2022. In July 2021, Salazar voted against: "Passage of the bill, as amended, that would provide roughly \$602.9 billion in scored discretionary funding for seven of the twelve fiscal 2022 appropriations bills, including \$239.6 billion for the Labor, Health and Human Services and Education departments and related agencies; \$26.6 billion for the Agriculture Department and related agencies; \$53.2 billion for the the Energy Department and federal water projects; \$29.1 billion for the Treasury Department, federal judiciary and executive agencies; \$45.9 billion for the Interior Department, Environmental Protection Agency, and related agencies; \$124.5 billion for the Veterans Affairs Department, military construction, and related agencies; and \$84.1 billion for the Transportation and Housing and Urban Development departments and related agencies. Among other provisions, the bill would provide \$119.8 billion for HHS, including \$10.6 billion for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; \$102.8 billion for the Education Department, including \$36.8 billion for Title I and other grants to schools serving low-income students; and \$14.7 billion for the Labor Department, including \$11.6 billion for employment and training programs and approximately \$2 billion for worker protection agencies. The bill would provide nearly \$140 billion for domestic food programs, including \$105.8 billion in mandatory spending for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program; \$4.7 billion for rural development and infrastructure programs, including programs to support broadband access and provide housing loans and guarantees; and \$38.5 billion for agriculture, farm production and conservation programs. It would provide \$45.1 billion for the Energy Department, including \$20.2 billion for nuclear security activities and \$3.8 billion for energy efficiency and renewable energy activities. It would provide \$15.4 billion for the Treasury Department, including

\$13.6 for the Internal Revenue Service, \$330 million for community development financial institutions and \$190.5 million for the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network; \$500 million for Election Assistance Commission election security grants to improve the administration of federal elections; and \$300 million for General Services Administration procurement of zero-emission and electric vehicles and charging infrastructure. It would provide \$11.3 billion for the Environmental Protection Agency, including \$3.2 billion for state revolving funds for drinking water and wastewater infrastructure grants; \$15.6 billion for the Interior Department; and \$5.7 billion for wildfire management. It would provide \$268.6 billion in mandatory and discretionary funding for the VA, including \$97.6 billion for the Veterans Health Administration, with increases for mental health and opioid abuse prevention programs; and \$10.9 billion for military construction activities. It would provide \$105.7 billion in mandatory and discretionary funding for the Transportation Department, including \$2.7 billion for Amtrak and \$248 million for payments to air carriers providing essential air service; and \$56.5 for HUD, including \$39.4 billion for public and Indian housing programs. Across various titles, the bill would provide over \$1.9 billion for cybersecurity activities.” The bill passed, 219-208. [HR 4502, [Vote #Vote #247](#), 7/29/21; CQ, [7/29/21](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Providing for Consideration Of A Seven Bill Appropriations Package For Fiscal Year 2022. In July 2021, voted against: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 555) that would provide for House floor consideration of the seven-bill Labor-HHS-Education, Agriculture, Energy-Water, Financial Services, Interior-Environment, Military Construction-VA, Transportation-HUD minibuss appropriations package (HR 4502). The rule would provide for up to one hour of general debate and floor consideration of 229 amendments to HR 4502. It would provide for automatic adoption of a DeLauro, D-Conn., manager’s amendment that would require the Agriculture Department to prohibit the purchase of agricultural land in the U.S. by companies owned in part or in full by China, Russia, Iran or North Korea; provide \$5 million, to remain available until expended, for the Railroad Rehabilitation and Improvement Financing Program to fund financing agreements executed in 2010 and require the Transportation Department to repay credit risk premiums with interest for direct loans executed in 2010, within 60 days of enactment for loans under which all obligations are met, or within 60 days after loan obligations are satisfied for loans with outstanding obligations; and rescind \$5 million from unobligated, non-emergency funding from the Maritime Security Program. It would authorize through Sept. 22 certain routine authorities for House proceedings, including for consideration of motions to suspend the rules and same-day consideration of Rules Committee resolutions. Finally, the rule would authorize, through the legislative day of July 30, 2021, non-debatable motions by the majority leader or a designee to suspend the rules and consider, en bloc, measures that were previously considered under suspension of the rules on July 26 or 27. It would also allow proceedings on such measures to be postponed through Sept. 22.” The resolution was passed 218 to 207. [HR 555, [Vote #Vote #223](#), 7/27/21; CQ, [7/27/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For Authorizing \$77.9 Billion Through Fiscal Year 2026 For Existing And New National Science Foundation Activities. In June 2021, Salazar Voted For: “Johnson, D-Texas, motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would authorize \$77.9 billion through fiscal 2026 for existing and new National Science Foundation activities and require a number of NSF actions related to research integrity and STEM workforce development. It would establish a new NSF Directorate for Science and Engineering Solutions to support research and development that addresses societal challenges such as climate change; global competitiveness in critical technologies; cybersecurity; national security; social and economic inequality; and education and workforce development in science, technology, engineering and math. Among other provisions, it would require the NSF to award grants to

higher education institutions or nonprofit organizations to establish national and regional clearinghouses to coordinate STEM research; develop resources to connect new scientific discoveries to practical uses; align STEM education and workforce needs and conduct research on graduate education programs; and improve participation of historically underrepresented groups in STEM. It would require the NSF to maintain an office to coordinate research security and policy across the agency; facilitate public access to NSF-supported projects, including data, software and code; require any grant applicants to submit an ethics statement that specifies any foreseeable or quantifiable risks to society as a result of the proposed research; and appoint a chief diversity officer to establish diversity goals for the agency and advise on issues of diversity in STEM fields. It would authorize \$38 million for a pilot program to award grants to help research institutions secure federally funded research data.” The motion passed, 345-67. [HR 2225, [Vote #Vote #186](#), 6/28/21; CQ, [6/28/21](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Establishing The Congressional Budget For The United States Government For Fiscal Year 2021 And The Appropriate Budgetary Levels For Fiscal Years 2022 Through 2030. In February 2021, Salazar voted against: “Agreeing to the concurrent resolution, as amended, that would set annual budgetary levels for federal revenues, new budget authority, outlays, deficits and public debt for fiscal years 2021 through 2030, including to outline annual levels of new budget authority and outlays for each of the 20 major budget function categories. The concurrent resolution would direct 12 House committees to make recommendations within their respective jurisdictions for budget reconciliation legislation that combined could increase the deficit by up to \$1.9 trillion through fiscal 2030, intended to be used as a vehicle for further COVID-19 relief. It would require the committees to report their recommendations to the House Budget Committee by Feb. 16, 2021, and specify amounts by which each committee's recommendations could increase the total deficit, including \$940.72 billion for the Ways and Means Committee, \$357.08 billion for the Education and Labor Committee, \$350.7 billion for the Oversight and Reform Committee and \$188.5 billion for the Energy and Commerce Committee. The concurrent resolution would include two reserve funds for the House Budget Committee to revise committee allocations and other budgetary levels for budget reconciliation legislation within the deficit limits established by the concurrent resolution, and for any other legislation that would not increase the deficit for a five-year time period through fiscal 2025 or a ten-year time period through fiscal 2030. Among other provisions, it would authorize the House and Senate Appropriations committees to receive a separate discretionary budget allocation for administrative expenses related to the Social Security Administration and the United States Postal Service, and it would continue for fiscal 2021 certain existing limitations on advance appropriations.” The resolution passed 218 to 212. [H Con Res 11, [Vote #Vote #21](#), 2/3/21; CQ, [2/3/21](#)]

Consumer Protection and Regulation

Salazar Voted Against The Consumer Protection And Recovery Act, Authorizing The Federal Trade Commission To Take Legal Action Against Any Person, Partnership Or Corporation That Violated Consumer Protection Law In The Preceding 10 Years. In July 2021, Salazar voted against: “Passage of the bill that would authorize certain legal action by the Federal Trade Commission for legal violations under its jurisdiction and redress for such violations. Specifically, it would authorize the agency to take legal action in federal court against a person, partnership or corporation that has violated consumer protection law in the preceding 10 years. It would allow the FTC to seek in such cases restitution for losses, contract rescission or reform, money refund or property return, and disgorgement, or legally

mandated repayment, of unjust enrichment that a person, partnership or corporation obtained from such a violation.” The bill passed 221 to 205. [HR 2668, [Vote #Vote #214](#), 7/20/21; CQ, [7/20/21](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Congressional Disapproval Of The Trump Administration’s Third-Party Lending Rule. In June 2021, Salazar Voted Against: “Passage of the joint resolution that would provide for congressional disapproval of an October 2020 Office of the Comptroller of the Currency rule stating that national banks are considered the ‘true lender’ of a loan if, at the date of the loan's origination, the bank funds the loan or is named as lender in the loan agreement, including in the case of loans issued in partnerships between banks and third parties, such as online financial firms. The rule went into effect on Dec. 29, 2020, and effectively allows nonbank lenders to offer loans not subject to higher state interest rate caps by originating loans in partnership with a national bank in another state. Under the provisions of the joint resolution, the October 2020 rule would have no force or effect.” The resolution passed, 218-208. [SJ Res 15, [Vote #Vote #181](#), 6/24/21; CQ, [6/24/21](#)]

- **Opponents Of The Rule Argued That It Left Consumers Vulnerable To Predatory “Rent-A-Bank” Schemes.** “But Democrats — along with a coalition of consumer protection and faith groups — have fiercely opposed the rule, claiming it leaves customers vulnerable to predatory ‘rent-a-bank’ schemes. ‘States are taking measures to protect their constituents their consumers against these end-runs around their laws designed to prohibit these predatory practices. But last October, in the middle of the pandemic, when many working families were plunged into economic uncertainty and turmoil, the Trump administration gave these rent-a-bank schemes a free pass to exploit these loopholes,’ said Sen. Chris Van Hollen (D-Md.), sponsor of the resolution to repeal the rule.” [The Hill, [5/11/21](#)]
- **“Rent-A-Bank” Schemes Were When “A Lender Temporarily Partners With A Bank To Evade Interest Rate Caps And Then Severs The Partnership After Taking Ownership Of The Loan.”** “The OCC clamped down during the 2000s on rent-a-bank schemes, in which a lender temporarily partners with a bank to evade interest rate caps and then severs the partnership after taking ownership of the loan. Critics of the true lender rule say it will allow such schemes to flourish, particularly as nonbank online lenders make up a larger portion of the financial system.” [The Hill, [5/11/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For An Amendment Requiring The SEC To Study Disclosure Frameworks Related To Climate Or Environmental, Social And Governance Metrics Before Requiring Public Companies To Make Such Disclosures. In June 2021, Salazar voted for: “Hill, R-Ark., amendment no. 4 that would replace the text of the bill with a requirement that the Securities and Exchange Commission conduct a study of all disclosure frameworks related to the climate or environmental, social and governance metrics that any publicly traded company could use when making disclosures to investors voluntarily or by law. It would require the SEC to report to Congress on the study's findings and any inconsistencies between such disclosure frameworks, before it could require any new ESG or climate disclosures.” The amendment was rejected 204 to 225. [H R 1187, [Vote #Vote #166](#), 6/16/21; CQ, [6/16/21](#)]

Salazar Voted Against A Bill That Established New Disclosure Standards For Publicly Traded Companies Related To Their Environmental, Social, And Governance Metrics. In June 2021, Salazar voted against: “Passage of the bill that would establish new disclosure requirements for publicly traded

companies related to environmental, social, and governance (ESG) metrics; climate-related risks; political expenditures; executive pay; and tax information regarding overseas subsidiaries. It would direct the Securities and Exchange Commission to require publicly traded companies to disclose and define their ESG metrics as part of any filing that requires audited financial statements; require companies to disclose in any proxy or consent solicitation material for annual shareholder meetings a clear description of the link between ESG metrics and the company's long-term business strategy and processes used to determine the impact of such metrics on the business strategy; and require the SEC to establish a sustainable finance advisory committee to identify investment challenges and opportunities associated with sustainable finance and recommend policies to facilitate sustainable investments. It would require publicly traded companies to include in annual reports to the SEC information related to risks posed to the company by climate change, including a description of actions taken to identify and mitigate such risks and an evaluation of potential financial impacts of risk-management strategies” The bill passed by vote of 215 to 214. [H R 1187, [Vote #Vote #169](#), 6/16/21; CQ, [6/16/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For Establishing A Grant Program To Assist States And Tribal Organizations In Preventing Carbon Monoxide Poisoning. In April 2021, Salazar voted for: “Pallone, D-N.J., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would require the Consumer Product Safety Commission to establish a grant program to assist states and tribal organizations with carbon monoxide poisoning prevention activities, including for public education activities and to purchase and install alarms in public housing and facilities that serve children and the elderly.” The motion was agreed to 362-49. [H R 1460, [Vote #Vote #105](#), 4/15/21; CQ, [4/15/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For Establishing A Senior Scams Prevention Advisory Group And Creating An Office At The Bureau Of Consumer Protection To Monitor The Market For Fraud Targeting Seniors. In April 2021, Salazar voted for: “Pallone, D-N.J., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would establish a senior scams prevention advisory group to create model educational materials and make recommendations for retail, financial services and wire-transfer company employees to identify and prevent scams affecting seniors. It would also require the Federal Trade Commission to establish a senior fraud advisory office within the Bureau of Consumer Protection to monitor the market for fraud targeting seniors, disseminate related information to seniors and their caregivers, and process complaints of fraud.” The motion was agreed to 396-13. [H R 1215, [Vote #Vote #104](#), 4/15/21; CQ, [4/15/21](#)]

COVID-19 & Pandemic Relief

Salazar Did Not Vote On Blocking Consideration Of The PAUSE Act Of 2021 To Prevent President Biden From Lifting Title 42. In April 2022 Salazar did not vote on: “Raskin, D-Md., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Congressional Record, Rep. Reschenthaler said, “[T]he Democrats and the left still want to do away with title 42 and lift it. That is why, Mr. Speaker, if we defeat the previous question, I will personally offer an amendment to the rule to immediately consider H.R. 471, the PAUSE Act of to 2021.” **A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the bill.** The motion was agreed to by a vote of 218-204. [H. Res. 1065, [Vote #Vote #139](#), 4/28/22; CQ, [4/28/22](#); Congressional Record, [4/28/22](#)]

- **Title 42 Was A Public Health Order Aimed To Stop The Spread Of COVID-19 That Allowed The Expulsion Of Migrants.** “In the early days of the coronavirus pandemic, the CDC issued a public health order on March 20, 2020, that officials said aimed to stop the spread of Covid-19. The order allowed authorities to swiftly expel migrants at US land borders, and it's been extended multiple times. The policy is widely known as Title 42, for the portion of US code that allowed the CDC director to issue it. On April 1 of this year, the CDC announced plans to terminate the order, stating that it's no longer necessary given current public health conditions and the increased availability of vaccines and treatments for Covid-19. The policy is scheduled to end on May 23.” [CNN, [4/27/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against The Restaurant Revitalization Fund Replenishment Act To Provide \$55 Billion In COVID-19 Aid For Restaurants And Small Businesses. In April 2022 Salazar voted against: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would provide \$55 billion for Small Business Administration financial assistance to restaurants and small businesses that lost revenue due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Specifically, it would increase from \$28.6 billion to \$70.6 billion funding provided for the Restaurant Revitalization Fund established by previous coronavirus relief law (PL 117-2). It would provide \$13 billion for a new Hard Hit Industries Award Program to provide financial assistance payments to small businesses that experienced at least a 40 percent revenue loss due to the pandemic. It would specify that funds for the new program would be awarded in amounts equal to such losses, up to \$1 million, and may be used for business expenses including payroll costs, certain payments to contractors, rent, mortgages, maintenance costs, pandemic-related health measures and paid sick leave. Among other provisions, it would require the SBA to prioritize applicants that have experienced revenue losses of at least 80 percent, followed by those with revenue losses of at least 60 percent. As an offset, the bill would provide for the recapture of unobligated funds provided by previous coronavirus relief laws and administered by the SBA, including funds rescinded or otherwise returned from the Paycheck Protection Program and Economic Injury Disaster Loan program. It would also extend, through at least March 11, 2023, the time period within which expenses may be covered under the SBA grant program for operators of live-performance venues closed due to the pandemic.” The bill passed by a vote of 223-203. [H.R. 3807, [Vote #Vote #123](#), 4/7/22; CQ, [4/7/22](#)]

- **The COVID-19 Aid Package Included \$42 Billion For Restaurants And \$13 Billion For Small Businesses.** “The COVID-19 aid package signed into law by President Biden last year included \$28.6 billion for the Restaurant Revitalization Fund, which provided funding for more than 100,000 restaurants. But the program received more than 278,000 applications requesting a total of more than \$72.2 billion. [...] Aside from the new \$42 billion infusion for the Restaurant Revitalization Fund, the legislation would also provide \$13 billion for a new Hard Hit Industries Award Program for small businesses that weren't eligible for other pandemic aid programs. In order to qualify, businesses with up to 200 employees would have to show that they've experienced at least a 40 percent loss in revenue in 2020 and 2021 compared to 2019.” [The Hill, [4/7/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For A Motion To Recommit The Restaurant Revitalization Fund Replenishment Act. In April 2022 Salazar voted for: “Van Duyne, R-Texas, motion to recommit the bill to the House Small Business Committee.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 205-219. [H.R. 3807, [Vote #Vote #122](#), 4/7/22; CQ, [4/7/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Considering An Amendment To The American Rescue Plan To Increase COVID-19 Aid For Restaurants And Small Businesses. In April 2022 Salazar voted against: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 1033) that would provide for floor consideration of the Relief for Restaurants and other Hard Hit Small Businesses Act (HR 3807). It would provide for up to one hour of debate on the bill. It would also provide for automatic adoption of a Velazquez, D-N.Y., manager’s amendment to the bill that would make technical corrections and make minor changes to a program that would be established by the bill to provide assistance to small businesses that have lost significant revenue due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Among other provisions, it would make businesses with a wage violation at the time of application ineligible; extend from 60 to 120 days the date by which the Small Business Administration must begin accepting program applications; clarify the definition of small businesses with respect to the program to include those that are owned by tribal governments, Native Hawaiian Organizations and Alaska Native Corporations; and strike a section that would allow the Treasury Department to share data with the SBA to help confirm applicant identity and eligibility.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 218-206. [H. Res. 1033, [Vote #Vote #120](#), 4/6/22; CQ, [4/6/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Requiring Grant Applicants For Public Works And Economic Adjustment Assistance Grants To Include Plans To Increase Access To Affordable Care Services. In March 2022 Salazar voted for: “Williams, D-Ga., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would require a grant applicant for Commerce Department public works assistance or economic adjustment assistance, to include in its application a comprehensive economic development strategy to directly or indirectly increase the accessibility of affordable, quality care-based services, including child care, early childhood education, disability and long-term care, and elder care. It would require the department to issue guidance within one year of enactment on how to implement the bill's provisions. It would also require the department's inspector general, within 180 days of enactment, to submit a report to Congress on the activities and outcomes of economic adjustment assistance funding provided by the March 2020 coronavirus relief law (HR 748 / PL 116-136).” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 304-122. [H.R. 5547, [Vote #Vote #94](#), 3/30/22; CQ, [3/30/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Requiring The Library Of Congress To Establish A “COVID-19 American History Project.” In March 2022 Salazar voted for: “Scanlon, D-Pa., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would require the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress to establish a "COVID-19 American History Project" to collect video and audio recordings, written materials and photographs related to the personal testimonies of individuals affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. It would authorize \$250,000 for the project for fiscal 2022 and such sums as necessary for any fiscal year beginning in the three-year period following the expiration of the COVID-19 public health emergency, and it would authorize the library to accept private donations to fund the project.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 376-47. [H.R. 4738, [Vote #Vote #89](#), 3/29/22; CQ, [3/29/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For \$400 Million For Activities And Grants To Improve Immunization Information Systems. In November 2021 Salazar voted for: “Pallone, D-N.J., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would authorize \$400 million for the Health and Human Services Department to conduct activities and award grants to expand and improve immunization information systems administered by state and local governments and used by health care providers and public health departments, including for grants to improve the quality and security of immunization-related data

collection; train health care providers in settings where immunizations are provided; support the standardization of immunization information systems and their interoperability with health information technology; and support rapid identification of immunization coverage gaps. It would require the department to designate data and technology standards for grant recipients; submit to Congress a plan to carry out activities required by the bill; and submit to Congress a report describing barriers to implementing interoperable immunization information systems and assessing immunization coverage gaps in medically underserved areas.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 294-130. [H.R. 550, [Vote #Vote #388](#), 11/30/21; CQ, [11/30/21](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Blocking Consideration Of The COVID-19 Origin Act. In July 2021, Salazar voted against: “Ross, D-N.C., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment)” According to the Congressional Record, Rep. Burgess said, “Mr. BURGESS. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume. Mr. Speaker, if we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to immediately consider S. 1867, the COVID-19 Origin Act, introduced by Senator Hawley. It has been 55 days since the Senate passed this critical bill without a single dissenting vote. Declassifying intelligence surrounding the origin of COVID-19 is imperative and key to the House Republican plan to hold China accountable for the pandemic.” **A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the bill.** The motion was agreed to by a vote of 216-207. [H Res 535, [Vote #Vote #210](#), 7/20/21; CQ, [7/20/21](#); Congressional Record, [7/20/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For The Global Health Security Act. In June 2021, Salazar voted for a bill that “directs the President to create the Global Health Security Agenda Interagency Review Council to implement the Global Health Security Agenda, an initiative launched by nearly 30 nations to address global infectious disease threats. The council's responsibilities include (1) providing policy recommendations on agenda-related goals, objectives, and implementation; (2) helping federal agencies with implementation; and (3) reviewing the progress and challenges in achieving U.S. commitments, including assistance to help other countries meet agenda targets. The bill also directs the federal agencies involved with the agenda to prioritize its implementation and to take certain steps to achieve that goal. The President shall also appoint a U.S. Coordinator for Global Health Security to coordinate and report on the interagency process for responding to global health security emergencies.” The bill passed 307 to 112. [HR 391, [Vote #Vote #188](#), 6/28/21; CQ, [6/28/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For Extending COVID-19 Bankruptcy Relief For Small Businesses. In March 2021, Salazar voted for: “Nadler, D-N.Y., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would extend through March 27, 2022, certain bankruptcy relief provisions for small businesses established by the fiscal 2021 omnibus appropriations and coronavirus relief package (HR 133 / PL 116-260), including to extend protections that exclude pandemic relief payments from monthly income with respect to bankruptcy proceedings and extend a provision raising to \$7.5 million the maximum debt a business may have to be eligible for Subchapter V bankruptcy proceedings allowing a small business to restructure to pay down its debt.” The motion passed 399-14. [H Res 1651, [Vote #Vote #88](#), 3/17/21; CQ, [3/17/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For Extending The Authorization For The Small Business Administration’s PPP Loan Program Through June 2021. In March 2021, Salazar voted for: “Velazquez, D-N.Y., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would extend the authorization for the Small Business Administration's

Paycheck Protection Program from March 31 to June 30, 2021. It would prohibit the SBA from accepting new PPP loan applications after May 31, 2021.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 415-3. [HR 1799, [Vote #Vote #80](#), 3/16/21; CQ, [3/16/21](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Concurring In The Senate Amendment To The American Rescue Plan Act. In March 2021, Salazar voted against: “Yarmuth, D-Ky., motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the bill comprising a \$1.9 trillion coronavirus relief package to further address the health and economic effects of COVID-19, including approximately \$362 billion in direct aid to state and local governments; \$47.8 billion for testing and contact tracing; \$168 billion to assist educational institutions; and \$53.6 billion to assist small businesses. It would extend federal unemployment compensation benefits through Sept. 6, 2021; provide tax rebates of \$1,400 for individuals with incomes of \$75,000 or less; and extend or expand a number of employer and individual tax credits, including credits to subsidize health insurance premiums. The bill would provide direct assistance of \$195.3 billion for states and \$130.2 billion for local governments, as well as \$10 billion for grants to states to support capital projects, such as broadband access. It would provide \$122.8 billion for an Education Department elementary and secondary school emergency relief fund; \$39.6 billion for grants to higher education institutions; \$3 billion for education programs for individuals with disabilities and \$2.75 billion for non-public schools. It would provide \$39 billion for child care block grants to states. It would provide \$27.8 billion for emergency rental assistance and housing vouchers, \$10 billion for homeownership assistance and \$5 billion for assistance to individuals experiencing homelessness. It would continue the 15% increase in Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits through September 2021. It would provide over \$92 billion for the Health and Human Services Department, including \$47.8 billion for COVID-19 testing and contact tracing; \$7.5 billion for vaccine administration and distribution; \$6.1 billion for vaccine and therapeutic development, manufacturing and procurement; \$7.6 billion to expand the public health workforce; \$7.6 billion for community health centers; \$6.1 billion for Native American health programs; and \$3 billion for substance abuse and mental health block grant programs. It would provide \$50 billion for the Federal Emergency Management Agency disaster relief fund; \$14.5 billion for veterans' health care services; \$10 billion for emergency medical supply production under the Defense Production Act; \$8.7 billion for COVID-19 health response efforts overseas; and \$200 million for Labor Department worker protection activities, including at least half for the Occupational Safety and Health Administration. It would extend federal unemployment compensation benefits of \$300 per week through Sep. 6, 2021. It would provide an additional tax rebate of \$1,400 for individuals with incomes of \$75,000 or less, increased by \$1,400 for each dependent. It would expand eligibility and increase the maximum earned income tax credit for childless adults and increase the child tax credit to \$3,000 per child. It would expand and extend through September 2021 paid sick and family leave tax credits for employers. It would require Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program to fully cover the cost of COVID-19 vaccines. It would provide for full federal subsidies of individual COBRA premiums and require the VA to waive health treatment copayments through September 2021. It would expand eligibility in 2021 and 2022 for federal tax subsidies toward Affordable Care Act marketplace insurance premiums, including to fully cover premium costs for individuals earning up to 150% of the federal poverty level and cap premiums at 8.5% of household income. It would provide for temporary increases in federal medical assistance percentages for certain services and eliminate the Medicaid drug rebate cap beginning in 2023. It would provide \$50 billion for small business assistance, including \$28.6 billion for restaurants and \$7.25 billion for the Paycheck Protection Program. It would provide \$4 billion for

Agriculture Department pandemic-related assistance.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 220-211. [HR 1319, [Vote #Vote #72](#), 3/10/21; CQ, [3/10/21](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Passage Of The American Rescue Plan Act. In February 2021, Salazar voted against: “Passage of the fiscal 2021 budget reconciliation bill, as amended, comprising a coronavirus relief package that would provide roughly \$1.9 trillion in funding to further address the health and economic effects of COVID-19, including approximately \$350 billion in direct aid to state and local governments; \$47.8 billion for testing and contact tracing; \$168 billion to assist educational institutions; and \$50 billion to assist small businesses. It would extend and increase federal unemployment compensation benefits for 24 weeks and increase the weekly amount to \$400; provide tax rebates of \$1,400 for individuals with incomes of \$75,000 or less; extend or expand a number of employer and individual tax credits, including credits to subsidize health insurance premiums; and gradually increase the federal minimum wage to \$15 per hour. Among other provisions, the bill would provide \$195.3 billion for direct assistance to states and \$130.2 billion for local governments; \$128.6 billion through fiscal 2023 for an Education Department elementary and secondary school emergency relief fund and \$39.6 billion for grants to higher education institutions, including to provide emergency financial aid; and continue the 15% increase in Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits through September 2021. It would provide \$47.8 billion for COVID-19 testing and contact tracing; \$7.5 billion for vaccine administration and distribution; and \$6.1 billion for vaccine and therapeutic development, manufacturing and procurement. It would require Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program to fully cover the cost of COVID-19 vaccines. It would expand eligibility in 2021 and 2022 for federal tax subsidies toward Affordable Care Act marketplace insurance premiums, including to fully cover premium costs for individuals earning up to 150% of the federal poverty level and cap premiums at 8.5% of household income. It would provide \$50 billion for small business assistance, including \$25 billion for restaurants. It would provide \$30.5 billion for transit, \$18 billion for airline and aviation manufacturing industry payroll support; and \$4 billion for Agriculture Department pandemic-related assistance. It would incrementally increase the federal minimum wage annually to reach \$15 per hour in 2025, including for tipped workers, teens and workers with disabilities. It would create a program to provide financial assistance to multiemployer pension plans.” The bill passed by a vote of 219-212. [HR 1319, [Vote #Vote #49](#), 2/27/21; CQ, [2/27/21](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Blocking Consideration Of HR 1371, The Crush The Virus Act. In February 2021, Salazar voted against: “McGovern, D-Mass., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 166) that would provide for House floor consideration of the fiscal 2021 budget reconciliation bill (HR 1319).” According to the Congressional Record, Rep. Burgess said, “Madam Speaker, if we defeat the previous question, Republicans will amend the rule to strike the consideration of the Pelosi payoff bill, and instead, consider H.R.1371, the Crush the Virus Act, introduced by Representative Tom Reed, which is attached, and will provide over \$160 billion to expand the administration of vaccines and provide direct relief for the coronavirus.” **A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the bill.** The Motion was agreed to by a vote of 217-205. [H Res 166, [Vote #Vote #46](#), 2/26/21; CQ, [2/26/21](#); Congressional Record, [2/26/21](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Blocking Consideration Of The Reopen Schools Act. In February 2021, Salazar voted against: “Scanlon, D-Pa., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Congressional Record, Rep. Reschenthaler said, “Mr. Speaker, if we

defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to immediately consider H.R. 682, the Reopen Schools Act.” **A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the Reopen Schools Act.** The motion was agreed to by vote of 219 to 211. [H. Res. 147, [Vote #Vote #34](#), 2/24/21; CQ, [2/24/21](#); Congressional Record [2/24/21](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Blocking Consideration Of The Reopen Schools Act. In February 2021, Salazar voted against: “Morelle, D-N.Y., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Congressional Record, Rep. Burgess said, “If we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to immediately consider H.R. 682, the Reopen Schools Act, to encourage local educational agencies to resume in-person instruction at elementary and secondary schools.” **A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the Reopen Schools Act.** The motion was agreed to by vote of 220 to 210. [H. Res. 101, [Vote #Vote #26](#), 2/5/21; CQ, [2/5/21](#); Congressional Record [2/5/21](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Blocking Consideration Of The Reopen Schools Act. In February 2021, Salazar voted against: “Morelle, D-N.Y., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Congressional Record, Rep. Burgess said, “Mr. Speaker, if we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to immediately consider H.R. 682, the Reopen Schools Act, to encourage local educational agencies to resume in-person instruction in elementary and secondary schools.” **A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the Reopen Schools Act.** The motion was agreed to by vote of 219 to 207. [H Res 85, [Vote #Vote #19](#), 2/2/21; CQ, [2/2/21](#); Congressional Record, [2/2/21](#)]

Crime, Policing and Public Safety

Salazar Voted Against The Active Shooter Alert Act To Establish The Active Shooter Alert Communications Network To Inform Communities During Emergencies. In July 2022 Salazar voted against: “Passage of the bill that would require the Justice Department to appoint a national coordinator for a new Active Shooter Alert Communications Network. It would require the coordinator to work with state and local government agencies to establish procedures for response to and public alerts regarding active shooter threats; coordinate with the Federal Emergency Management Agency and Federal Communications Commission regarding the use of the Integrated Public Alert and Warning System for active shooter alerts; establish and regularly update best practices for the issuance of alerts through the network; and report to Congress biennially on the status and effectiveness of each state and local alert procedure that has been implemented. It would authorize \$2 million in fiscal 2023 for the Justice Department to carry out the bill’s provisions. It would also require the Government Accountability Office to report to Congress, within two years of enactment, on state and local responses to active shooters, including the timing and effectiveness of public alerts.” The bill passed by a vote of 260-169. [H.R. 6538, [Vote #Vote #307](#), 7/13/22; CQ, [7/13/22](#)]

- **The Active Shooter Alert Communications Network Utilized Alerts Similar To AMBER Alerts.** “The House approved legislation on Wednesday to create an active shooter alert network. Driving the news: The bill would create the Active Shooter Alert Communications Network to issue AMBER-style alerts to make people aware of active shooter situations in their area.” [Axios, [7/13/22](#)]

- **The Fraternal Order Of Police Supported The Active Shooter Alert Act To “Improve The Ways Officers And Agencies Communicate With The Public About Active Threats.”** “I am writing on behalf of the members of the Fraternal Order of Police to advise you of our support for H.R. 6538, the ‘Active Shooter Alert Act.’ Responding to an active shooter event is chaotic and can be fraught with peril, especially when the incident is not confined to one location. Law enforcement officers must prioritize preserving lives and ending the threat. Simultaneously, they need a way to notify the public about the incident, whether that is to avoid a certain area, shelter in place, or announce when the area is once again safe. The bill you have introduced is designed to improve the ways officers and agencies communicate with the public about active threats. [...] We believe as you do—having a network for informing the public during these critical incidents will save lives. On behalf of the more than 364,000 members of the Fraternal Order of Police, I thank you for your efforts on this legislation and look forward to working with you to get it passed. If I can provide any additional assistance about this issue, please do not hesitate to contact me or Executive Director Jim Pasco in our Washington, D.C. office.” [Fraternal Order of Police, Letter, [1/28/22](#)]
- **The National Sheriffs’ Association Supported The Active Shooter Alert Act.** “The US House passed bipartisan legislation on Wednesday night that would help state and local governments set up a warning system for active shooter situations, and enhance law enforcement’s communication with the public in such emergencies. It would be similar in operation to the Amber Alert system that’s deployed whenever a child is abducted. [...] The bill was endorsed by numerous law enforcement organizations, including the Fraternal Order of Police and National Sheriffs’ Association.” [Bloomberg, [7/13/22](#)]
- **The National Education Association Supported The Active Shooter Alert Act To “Reduce Harm During A Shooting.”** “On behalf of the 3 million members of the National Education Association, who educate and support 50 million students in 14,000 communities across America, we urge you to vote YES on the Active Shooter Alert Act of 2022 (H.R. 6538). Votes on this legislation may be included in the NEA Report Card for the 117th Congress. [...] The Active Shooter Alert Act is a pragmatic response to our epidemic of gun violence. The legislation would create a national system for sending AMBER-style alerts during an active-shooter emergency. This would be crucial in disseminating accurate information quickly, warning people in the vicinity who are vulnerable. [...] The members of NEA know that our nation’s students will not truly be safe until we address the root of our crisis: There are far too many guns on our streets, from small towns to major cities. We support the Active Shooter Alert Act because it attempts to reduce harm during a shooting, and we continue to ask members of Congress to work toward passing the commonsense gun reforms, such as raising the minimum age for purchasing semiautomatic weapons from 18 to 21 and requiring universal background checks, that Americans are demanding. We ask that you vote YES on the Active Shooter Alert Act.” [National Education Association, Letter, [7/13/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Considering The Active Shooter Alert Act, A Bill To Expand Veterans’ Toxic Exposure Health Care Benefits, The National Defense Authorization Act For FY 2023, The Women’s Health Protection Act, And The Ensuring Access To Abortion Act. In July 2022 Salazar voted against:

“Adoption of the rule (H Res 1224) that would provide for House consideration of the Active Shooter Alert Act (HR 6538), the veterans’ toxic exposure benefits bill (S 3373), the fiscal 2023 defense authorization bill (HR 7900), the Women’s Health Protection Act (HR 8296), and the Ensuring Women’s Right to Reproductive Freedom Act (HR 8297). The rule would provide for up to one hour of general debate on each bill and floor consideration of 650 amendments to HR 7900. It would provide for automatic adoption of a Pallone, D-N.J., manager’s amendment to HR 8297 that would change the title of the bill from the ‘Ensuring Access to Abortion Act of 2022’ to the ‘Ensuring Women’s Right to Reproductive Freedom Act.’ The rule would authorize, through the legislative day of July 15, 2022, non-debatable motions by the majority leader or a designee to suspend the rules and consider, en bloc, measures that were previously considered under suspension of the rules on June 21 through July 12. Finally, it would authorize through July 19, 2022, certain routine authorities for House proceedings, including for consideration of motions to suspend the rules and same-day consideration of Rules Committee resolutions.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 217-204. [H. Res. 1224, [Vote #Vote #304](#), 7/13/22; CQ, [7/13/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Expanding Eligibility For Federal First Responder Retirement Benefits To Disabled Federal First Responders Who Transition To Other Civil Service. In July 2022 Salazar voted for: “Maloney, D-N.Y., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would authorize federal first responders who become disabled due to a work-related illness or injury and transition to another civil service position to remain in the accelerated retirement system to receive federal retirement benefits in the manner prescribed for first responders. The bill’s provisions would specifically apply to federal law enforcement officers, U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers, firefighters, air traffic controllers, nuclear materials couriers, certain Central Intelligence Agency employees and State Department diplomatic security special agents.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 417-0. [H.R. 521, [Vote #Vote #301](#), 7/12/22; CQ, [7/12/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For The Bipartisan Gun Violence Package. In June 2022 Salazar voted for: “Nadler, D-N.Y., motion to concur in the Senate amendments to the House amendment to the bipartisan gun violence package that would provide over \$4.6 billion in emergency funding through fiscal 2026 to address gun violence and mental health, and tighten restrictions on firearm purchases. Within total appropriations, the bill would provide \$2.1 billion for Education Department support for school-based mental health services and student engagement activities and \$990 million for Health and Human Service Department mental health programs, including \$50 million for grants to states to implement or expand school-based health programs under Medicaid and the Children’s Health Insurance Program. It would require the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to provide guidance to states on increasing access to telehealth care, including mental health services, under Medicare and CHIP. It would expand a Medicaid community behavioral health clinic demonstration program, allowing up to 10 new states to opt into the program every two years. It would reauthorize the Pediatric Mental Health Care Access grant program for five years and authorize teleconsults for emergency departments and schools under the program. It would require the Homeland Security Department, in consultation with the Education, Justice and Health and Human Services departments, to establish and publish online a federal clearinghouse for evidence-based practices and recommendations to improve school safety. It would prohibit the use of certain existing Education Department school grants to provide or train staff in the use of dangerous weapons. Within total appropriations, the bill would provide \$1.6 billion for Justice Department activities to support school security, community violence intervention, community-oriented

policing and background check system improvements, including \$750 million for new grants under the Byrne JAG program to implement state crisis intervention programs, including mental health, drug and veterans courts, as well as extreme risk protection order or 'red flag' programs, provided they include certain due process protections. It would expand background check requirements by requiring the National Instant Criminal Background Check System to check juvenile criminal and mental health adjudication records for gun purchasers under 21 years of age and apply the existing criteria for disqualification based on crimes committed as a juvenile or adjudication of mental illness at 16 years or older. It would narrow the definition of a federally licensed firearm dealer to require registration by all individuals who sell firearms to predominately earn a profit to register. It would close the 'boyfriend loophole' by applying restrictions on gun ownership for individuals convicted of domestic violence to include violence against a current or former dating partner. It would prohibit firearm trafficking and 'straw purchases,' or the knowing acquisition of firearms on behalf of another individual who is prohibited from owning a firearm or intends to use the firearm to commit a felony. As an offset, the bill would extend for one year, until Jan. 1, 2027, a moratorium delaying implementation of a rule eliminating anti-kickback statute safe harbor protection for prescription drug rebates. It would increase funding available for the Medicare Improvement Fund from \$5 million to \$7.5 billion." The motion was agreed to, (thus cleared for the president), by a vote of 234-193. [S. 2938, [Vote #Vote #299](#), 6/24/22; CQ, [6/24/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Considering Several Bills Including Senate Amendments On School Meals, The Bipartisan School Safety Package, And Calling For The Release Of Brittney Griner From Russia.

In June 2022 Salazar voted against: "Adoption of the rule (H Res 1204) that would provide for House floor consideration of the Senate amendment to the House amendment to the school meal waiver bill (S 2089) and the Senate amendments to the House amendment to the bipartisan gun violence package (S 2938). The rule would provide for 10 minutes of debate on S 2089 and one hour of debate on S 2938. The rule would provide for automatic passage, upon adoption of the rule, of a bill (HR 4346) that would add COVID-19 vaccines to a list of vaccines subject to a tax of 75 cents per dose, from which proceeds fund compensation for vaccine-related injury or death through the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program. The rule would provide for automatic agreement, upon adoption of the rule, to a resolution (H Res 1132) that would state that the House of Representatives calls on the Russian government to immediately release Brittney Griner, a WNBA player and U.S. citizen detained in February 2022." The rule was adopted by a vote of 217-203. [H. Res. 1204, [Vote #Vote #298](#), 6/24/22; CQ, [6/24/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Requiring The Justice Department To Appoint A National Coordinator For A New Active Shooter Alert Communication Network.

In June 2022 Salazar voted against: "Cicilline, D-R.I., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would require the Justice Department to appoint a national coordinator for a new Active Shooter Alert Communications Network. It would require the coordinator to work with state and local government agencies to establish procedures for response to and public alerts regarding active shooter threats; coordinate with the Federal Emergency Management Agency and Federal Communications Commission regarding the use of the Integrated Public Alert and Warning System for active shooter alerts; establish and regularly update best practices for the issuance of alerts through the network; and report to Congress biennially on the status and effectiveness of each state and local alert procedure that has been implemented. It would authorize \$2 million in fiscal 2023 for the Justice Department to carry out the bill's provisions. It would also require the Government Accountability Office to report to Congress, within two years of

enactment, on state and local responses to active shooters, including the timing and effectiveness of public alerts.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 259-162. [H.R. 6538, [Vote #Vote #289](#), 6/22/22; CQ, [6/22/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Expanding Supreme Court Police Protection To Immediate Family Members Of The Justices And Officers Of The Court, As Necessary. In June 2022 Salazar voted for: “Lieu, D-Calif., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would allow the Supreme Court Police to protect the immediate family members of Supreme Court justices or any officers of the court if the court's marshal deems such protection necessary.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 396-27. [S. 4160, [Vote #Vote #261](#), 6/14/22; CQ, [6/14/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Blocking Consideration Of The Prosecutors Need To Prosecute Act. In June 2022 Salazar voted against: “McGovern, D-Mass., motion to order the previous question.” According to the Congressional Record, Rep. Fischbach said, “Madam Speaker, if we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to immediately consider the Prosecutors Need to Prosecute Act, legislation authored by Representatives MALLIOTAKIS and TIFFANY that ensures accountability for those charged with keeping our streets, our schools, and our communities safe.” **A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the bill.** The motion was agreed to by a vote of 217-205. [H. Res. 1153, [Vote #Vote #235](#), 6/8/22; CQ, [6/8/22](#); Congressional Record, [6/8/22](#)]

- **Republican Leader McCarthy Described The Prosecutors Need To Prosecute Act As To “Hold Liberal Prosecutors Accountable.”** “Today we introduced the ‘Prosecutors Need to Prosecute Act,’ offered by Representatives Malliotakis (NY-11) and Tiffany (WI-07). This bill would hold liberal prosecutors accountable to their federal taxpayer constituents when their office accepts federal taxpayer money by making the prosecution process more transparent by requiring prosecutors to report: • When they fail to prosecute serious crimes; • Plead down serious crimes to lesser offenses; and • Inform citizens on the amount of reoffenders committing crimes in their communities.” [KevinMcCarthy.House.gov, Press Release, [6/8/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For A Two Year Raise For The Maximum Liabilities Individuals And Businesses May Owe And Still Qualify For Bankruptcy. In June 2022 Salazar voted for: “Neguse, D-Colo., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would temporarily raise the maximum liabilities an individual may owe and still qualify for Chapter 13 bankruptcy to \$2,750,000, a change from the current maximum of \$1.4 million for secured debts and \$419,275 for unsecured debts. The provision would sunset two years after the bill's enactment. The bill would temporarily raise from \$3 million to \$7.5 million the maximum aggregate liabilities a business may have to apply for Subchapter V bankruptcy procedures, which are aimed at streamlining Chapter 11 procedures and costs for small businesses. The increased liability threshold would apply to pending bankruptcy cases initiated since March 27, 2020, and sunset two years after enactment. It would also make technical corrections to provisions regarding bankruptcy administration.” The motion was agreed to, (thus cleared for the president), by a vote of 392-21. [S. 3823, [Vote #Vote #234](#), 6/7/22; CQ, [6/7/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Blocking Consideration Of The Communities Deserve Cops Act. In May 2022 Salazar voted against: “Morelle, D-N.Y., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Congressional Record, Rep. Reschenthaler said, “if we

defeat this previous question, I will personally offer an amendment to the rule to immediately consider the Communities Deserve Cops Act.” **A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the bill.** The motion was agreed to by a vote of 217-201. [H. Res. 1124, [Vote #Vote #208](#), 5/18/22; CQ, [5/18/22](#); Congressional Record, [5/18/22](#)]

- **The Communities Deserve Cops Act Provided Law Enforcement Officer Hiring And Retention Bonuses Up To \$5,000 Under Existing COPS Grants.** REP. RUTHERFORD: “Madam Speaker, I rise to oppose the previous question so that we can immediately consider H.R. 7809, the Communities Deserve Cops Act. My bill will make retention and hiring bonuses allowable for COPS grants. [...] My legislation makes a very small but necessary change to how COPS grants are utilized. In addition to using COPS funding to hire, train, and equip officers, agencies will be able to use Federal dollars to offer financial bonuses up to \$5,000 to keep officers on the force and to attract and hire new officers.” [Congressional Record, [5/18/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Modification Of Marijuana Research Requirements To Allow Scientists To Access Cannabis From Legal Cannabis States. In April 2022 Salazar voted for: “Pallone, D-N.J., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would modify marijuana research requirements and require federal actions to ensure the supply of marijuana for research purposes. Among other provisions, it would relax marijuana research registration requirements, including to require the Justice Department to register a research applicant that is already authorized to dispense or research other controlled substances; is compliant with state law; and, in the case of clinical research, has had research protocols authorized by the Health and Human Services Department -- unless approval of the application would be ‘inconsistent with the public interest.’ It would establish a process for the Justice Department to register applicants to manufacture and distribute marijuana intended for exclusive use by registered researchers. It would require HHS to continue producing marijuana through the National Institute on Drug Abuse Drug Supply Program until there is a sufficient supply for qualified researchers and to implement, along with the Justice Department, a specialized process for manufacturers and distributors to supply researchers with marijuana products.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 343-75. [H.R. 5657, [Vote #Vote #108](#), 4/4/22; CQ, [4/4/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against The Marijuana Opportunity Reinvestment and Expungement (MORE) Act. In April 2022 Salazar voted against: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would decriminalize the use and possession of marijuana at the federal level. It would remove marijuana from the federal controlled substances list, eliminate federal criminal penalties for cannabis offenses and provide for the expungement of all previous arrests and convictions for nonviolent federal cannabis offenses. It would create a federal excise tax on cannabis products manufactured in or imported into the United States, set at 5 percent for two years and gradually increasing to 8 percent. It would also create an annual "occupational tax" of \$1,000 for each cannabis production or export warehouse facility. It would establish a Treasury Department trust fund from tax proceeds, from which 40 percent of funding would be available for Small Business Administration loan and licensing programs for the cannabis industry, focused on socially and economically disadvantaged business owners and individuals adversely impacted by the war on drugs, and 60 percent of funding would be available for programs of a new Cannabis Justice Office within the Justice Department, which would administer a community reinvestment grant program for nonprofits to administer services for individuals adversely impacted by the war on drugs, including job training, reentry services, literacy programs, legal aid and substance use

disorder services. Among other provisions, it would establish federal bonding, permitting and operational requirements for cannabis businesses. It would prohibit SBA programs from declining services to a business solely because it is a cannabis-related business and prohibit the denial of any federal public benefits to an individual on the basis of cannabis use or possession. It would require the Bureau of Labor Statistics to compile and publish demographic data on cannabis industry business owners and employees. It would require the Government Accountability Office to conduct a study on the societal impacts of recreational cannabis legalization by states. It would strike references of "marihuana" and "marijuana" in existing law and replace them with "cannabis." The bill passed by a vote of 220-204. [H.R. 3617, [Vote #Vote #107](#), 4/1/22; CQ, [4/1/22](#)]

- **The MORE Act Would Remove Marijuana From The Federal Government List Of Controlled Substances, Impose An 8% Tax On Cannabis Products, And Expunge Some Cannabis Convictions.** “The Democrats’ bill would remove marijuana from the federal government’s list of controlled substances, impose an 8 percent tax on cannabis products, allow some convictions on cannabis charges to be expunged and press for sentencing reviews at the federal and state levels. It would also make Small Business Administration loans and services available to cannabis businesses while setting standards for them.” [New York Times, [4/1/22](#)]
- **47 States And The District Of Columbia Have Already Relaxed Marijuana Laws In Some Way.** “With 47 states and the District of Columbia having relaxed marijuana laws in some way, the federal government is far behind. Thirty-seven states have legalized cannabis for medical use, and 15 have granted adults legal access for purely recreational purposes.” [New York Times, [4/1/22](#)]
- **The MORE Act Would Allow The Veterans Administration To Recommend Medical Marijuana For Veterans Living With Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.** The bill, sponsored by Democratic Rep. Jerry Nadler of New York, will prevent federal agencies from denying federal workers security clearances for cannabis use, and will allow the Veterans' Administration to recommend medical marijuana to veterans living with posttraumatic stress disorder, plus gains revenue by authorizing a sales tax on marijuana sales. [CNN, [4/1/22](#)]
- **The MORE Act Would Expunge The Record Of People Convicted Of Non-Violent Cannabis Offenses.** “The bill also expunges the record of people convicted of non-violent cannabis offenses, which House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer said, ‘can haunt people of color and impact the trajectory of their lives and career indefinitely.’” [CNN, [4/1/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against An Amendment Requiring Federal Agencies To Conduct Studies On The Impacts Of Marijuana Legalization On Workplaces And Schools. In April 2022 Salazar voted against: “Lamb, D-Pa., amendment no. 2 to that would require the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health to conduct a study on the impacts of the legalization of recreational cannabis by states on the workplace and develop best practices for employers that are transitioning their policies related to the use of recreational cannabis, prioritizing employers engaged in federal infrastructure projects, transportation, public safety and national security. It would also require the Education Department to conduct a study on the impact of the legalization of recreational cannabis by states on schools and school-aged children and develop best practices for educators and administrators to protect school-

aged children from any negative impacts of such legalization.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 234-189. [H.R. 3617, [Vote #Vote #104](#), 4/1/22; CQ, [4/1/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For An Amendment Authorizing \$10 Million To Study Driver Impairment Related To Marijuana. In April 2022 Salazar voted for: “Gottheimer, D-N.J., amendment no. 1 that would authorize \$10 million for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, within one year of enactment, to conduct a study on technologies and methods that law enforcement may use to determine whether a driver is impaired by marijuana.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 243-172. [H.R. 3617, [Vote #Vote #103](#), 4/1/22; CQ, [4/1/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Requiring Passenger Transportation Carriers To Develop Policies For Addressing And Reporting Sexual Assault Or Harassment Incidents On Their Vehicles. In March 2022 Salazar voted for: “DeFazio, D-Ore., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill require passenger transportation carriers, within 180 days of enactment, to develop policies and procedures for addressing and reporting sexual assault or harassment incidents that occur on their vehicles. Among other provisions, it would make the assault of or threat to assault a transportation employee while the employee is working punishable by a fine of up to \$35,000. It would require the Transportation Department to establish a program to collect data on sexual assault or harassment incidents on transportation carrier vehicles and coordinate with the Justice Department to develop a streamlined reporting process for individuals involved in such incidents.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 339-85. [H.R. 5706, [Vote #Vote #90](#), 3/30/22; CQ, [3/30/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Establishing A Process For Family Members Of Victims To Request Federal Review Of ‘Cold Case’ Murders. In March 2022 Salazar voted for: “Jackson Lee, D-Texas, motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would establish a process for immediate family members of victims to request federal review and potential reinvestigation of cold case murders, or murders committed more than three years earlier for which all probative investigative leads have been exhausted without the identification of a likely perpetrator. Specifically, it would require the federal law enforcement agency with jurisdiction over a cold case to review the case file within six months of receiving a written application from a family member and conduct a full reinvestigation of the case if the review concludes that the investigation would result in probative investigative leads. Among other provisions, it would also require the National Institute of Justice to publish annual statistics on the number of cold case murders.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 406-20. [H.R. 3359, [Vote #Vote #88](#), 3/29/22; CQ, [3/29/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Developing A Taxonomy System To Categorize Cybercrimes. In March 2022 Salazar voted for: “Jackson Lee, D-Texas, motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would require the Justice Department, within 90 days of enactment, to enter into an agreement with the National Academy of Sciences to develop a taxonomy system to categorize cybercrimes and cyber-enabled crimes. It would also require the department to establish a category within the National Incident-Based Reporting System to collect reports for such crimes and include questions relating to cybercrime victimization in its annual National Crime Victimization Survey. It would require the Government Accountability Office to report to Congress on cybercrime reporting mechanisms.” The motion was agreed to, (thus cleared for the president), by a vote of 377-48. [S. 2629, [Vote #Vote #87](#), 3/29/22; CQ [3/29/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Prohibiting The Consideration Of Acquitted Conduct In Federal Courts. In March 2022 Salazar voted for: “Jackson Lee, D-Texas, motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would prohibit federal courts from considering ‘acquitted conduct’ when sentencing an individual, except to mitigate a sentence. It would define acquitted conduct as an act for which an individual was criminally charged and found not guilty, the charge was dismissed, or any other favorable disposition to the individual was made.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 405-12. [H.R. 1621, [Vote #Vote #83](#), 3/28/22; CQ, [3/28/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Condemning Violence And Threats Of Violence Against Historically Black Colleges And Universities. In March 2022 Salazar voted for: “Scott, D-Va., motion to suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, as amended, that would state that the House of Representatives condemns violence and threats of violence against historically Black colleges and universities, including the bomb threats made against several HBCUs in January and February 2022. It would also reaffirm the federal government's commitment to combat violence against HBCU students, faculty and staff.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 418-0. [H. Con. Res. 70, [Vote #Vote #61](#), 3/8/22; CQ, [3/8/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Criminalization Of Lynching As A Hate Crime Under Federal Law. In February 2022 Salazar voted for: “Nadler, D-N.Y., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would criminalize lynching under federal hate crime law. Specifically, the bill would subject any individual who conspires with another person to violate existing federal hate crime law to a maximum prison term of 30 years, a criminal fine, or both, if the crime results in death or serious bodily injury to the victim, or if it includes attempted killing, kidnapping, attempted kidnapping, aggravated sexual abuse or attempted aggravated sexual abuse. The provision would apply to hate crimes defined in existing law, including those based on an individual's actual or perceived race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, disability or national origin.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 422-3. [H.R. 55, [Vote #Vote #47](#), 2/28/22; CQ, [2/28/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For The Ending Forced Arbitration of Sexual Assault and Sexual Harassment Act. In February 2022 Salazar voted for: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would make predispute arbitration agreements, which are common in workplace and consumer contracts, invalid and unenforceable at the election of an individual alleging sexual assault or harassment, thus allowing the allegations to be heard in court. It would apply the same requirements to class action suits alleging such conduct. It would specify that the applicability of the bill's provisions to a dispute would be determined by the court, not an arbitrator.” Passed by a vote of 335-97. [HR 4445, [Vote #Vote #33](#), 2/7/22; CQ, [2/7/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Blocking Consideration Of Permanently Classifying Fentanyl As A Schedule I Controlled Substance. In February 2022 Salazar voted against: “Ross, D-N.C., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Congressional Record, Rep. Fiscbach said, “Madam Speaker, if we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule allowing for the immediate consideration of H.R. 6184, the HALT Fentanyl Act.” **A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the bill.** The motion was agreed to by a vote of 219-205. [H. Res. 900, [Vote #Vote #16](#), 2/2/22; CQ, [2/2/22](#); Congressional Record, [2/2/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against The Family Violence Prevention Act. In October 2021, Salazar voted against: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would reauthorize and modify programs to address domestic, dating and family violence under the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act. It would authorize \$328 million annually through fiscal 2026 for new and existing programs, including \$26 million for grants to state coalitions to support local and culturally specific violence prevention efforts; \$14 million for the National Domestic Violence Hotline and \$4 million for a new National Native American Domestic Violence Hotline; \$10 million for new grants to organizations serving underserved populations; and \$3.5 million for research and evaluation activities. Among other provisions, it would prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity in programs funded by state formula grants. It would require the Government Accountability Office to conduct a study and issue a report, within two years of enactment, on federal programs for violence survivors, including to analyze gaps in such programs and steps taken to ensure survivors have access to programs that support their financial stability.” The bill passed by a vote of 228 to 200. [HR 1219, [Vote #Vote #336](#), 10/26/21; CQ, [10/26/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For The Elimination Of The Federal Sentencing Disparity Between Crack And Powder Cocaine. In September 2021 Salazar voted for: “Nadler, D-N.Y., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would eliminate the federal sentencing disparity between crack cocaine and powder cocaine by repealing a law that authorizes higher penalties for crack cocaine offenses compared to powder cocaine offenses, with the repeal effective retroactively. It would authorize sentencing courts to impose reduced sentences under the new guidelines for individuals convicted prior to the bill's enactment.” The motion passed by a vote of 361-66. [H.R. 1693, [Vote #Vote #297](#), 9/28/21; CQ, [9/28/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For An Extension Of The Final Report Deadline For The Commission On Combating Synthetic Opioid Trafficking. In September 2021 Salazar voted for: “Wild, D-Pa., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would extend by 120 days, to October 2021, the deadline for the Commission on Combating Synthetic Opioid Trafficking, which was established by the fiscal 2020 defense authorization bill (PL 116-92), to submit a final report to Congress on its activities and recommendations.” The motion passed by a vote of 410-14. [H.R. 4981, [Vote #Vote #298](#), 9/28/21; CQ, [9/28/21](#)]

Salazar Voted Against An Amendment To Limit The Transfer Of Certain Military Equipment To Local Law Enforcement. In September 2021, Salazar voted against: “Johnson, D-Ga., amendment no. 36 that would restrict the Defense Department from transferring certain surplus military equipment, including controlled firearms, ammunition, grenade launchers, explosives, certain vehicles, weaponized drones and long-range acoustic devices, to federal, state or local law enforcement agencies.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 198 to 231. [HR 4350, [Vote #Vote #281](#), 9/23/21; CQ, [9/24/21](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Blocking Consideration Of House Resolution 153 Condemning The Recent Hate Crimes Committed Against Asian Americans And Pacific Islanders. In May 2021, Salazar voted against: “Agreeing to the McGovern, D-Mass., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Congressional Record, Rep. Cole said, “Madam Speaker, if we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to bring up House Resolution 153, a resolution condemning the recent hate crimes committed against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.” **A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the bill.** The motion

was agreed to by a vote of 217 to 209. [H Res 409, [Vote #Vote #151](#), 5/19/21; CQ, [5/19/21](#); Congressional Record, [5/19/21](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Condemning The “Heinous And Inexcusable Acts Of Gun Violence” That Killed Eight People In Georgia On March 16, 2021. In May 2021, Salazar voted against: “Agreeing to the resolution that would state that the House of Representatives condemns the ‘heinous and inexcusable acts of gun violence’ that killed eight people in Georgia on March 16, 2021, and any racism or sexism in the choice of the shooter to target Asian-owned businesses and kill seven women, six of whom were of Asian descent. It would also state that the House honors the memory of the victims, recognizes the ‘long and difficult’ healing process for affected communities, and reaffirms the commitment of the U.S. government to combat hate, bigotry, and violence against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders and to prevent similar acts in the future.” The resolution was passed 245 to 180. [H Res 275, [Vote #Vote #149](#), 5/19/21; CQ, [5/19/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For Requiring The DOJ To Designate An Employee Solely Responsible For Facilitating The Expedited Review Of Hate Crimes During And Up To One Year After The End Of The COVID-19 Public Health Emergency. In May 2021, Salazar voted for: “Nadler, D-N.Y., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would require the Justice Department to designate an employee solely responsible for facilitating the expedited review of hate crimes during and up to one year after the end of the COVID-19 public health emergency. It would require the DOJ to issue guidance for state and local law enforcement agencies on how to establish online hate crime and incident reporting; collect data disaggregated by protected characteristics; and expand public education campaigns to raise awareness and reach victims of hate crimes. It would authorize new Justice Department grants to support activities by state and local law enforcement related to hate crime reporting, prevention, and response, including to implement the National Incident-Based Reporting system and to update policies and systems, train personnel, and engage in community outreach to address hate crimes. It would require state and local governments receiving funds to report certain information to the DOJ regarding hate crimes committed and related law enforcement activities. It would also require the DOJ to make grants to states to create state-run hate crime reporting hotlines that would direct individuals to local support services and law enforcement, if appropriate. Finally, it would allow courts to require that an individual convicted in relation to a hate crime and placed on supervised release undertake educational classes or community service related to the community harmed by the offense.” The motion was agreed to 364 to 62. [S 937, [Vote #Vote #145](#), 5/18/21; CQ, [5/18/21](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Blocking Consideration Of The Back The Blue Act, Which Would Make Killing, Attempting To Kill, Or Assaulting A Law Enforcement Officer A Federal Crime. In May 2021, Salazar voted against: “Perlmutter, D-Colo., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Congressional Record, Rep. Bacon said, “I rise to urge defeat of the previous question so that we can immediately consider my bill to ensure that those who risk their lives to protect all of us are afforded greater protections as well. I introduced the Back the Blue Act of 2021 with Senator Cornyn in the Senate and my two original cosponsors in the House, Representatives Stivers and Johnson, during Police Week because this bill is needed now more than ever. [...] The Back the Blue Act creates a new Federal crime for killing, attempting to kill, or conspiring to kill a Federal judge, Federal law enforcement officer or a federally funded public safety officer. The offender would be subject to the death penalty and a mandatory minimum sentence of 30 years if death

results. The offender would otherwise face a minimum sentence of 10 years. The bill creates a new Federal crime for assaulting a federally funded law enforcement officer with escalating penalties, including mandatory minimums based on the extent of any injury and the use of a dangerous weapon. However, no prosecution can be commenced absent certification by the Attorney General that prosecution is appropriate.” **A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the bill.** The motion was agreed to by a vote of 212- 206. [HR 2547, [Vote #Vote #135](#), 5/12/21; CQ, [5/12/21](#); Congressional Record, [5/12/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For Expanding Funding Sources For The Justice Department Crime Victims Fund. In March 2021, Salazar voted for: “Nadler, D-N.Y., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would expand funding sources for the Justice Department Crime Victims Fund to include funds from deferred prosecution agreements and non-prosecution agreements. It would increase from 60% to 75% the amount of grant funding provided to states for victim compensation programs and prohibit the department from requiring such programs to deduct recovery costs or restitution collections when calculating funds awarded. It would also authorize states to waive a fund matching requirement for grant recipients during and for one year after the end of a pandemic-related national emergency, or if the state establishes a policy for programs to request and receive a waiver.” The motion passed 384-38. [H Res 1652, [Vote #Vote #89](#), 3/17/21; CQ, [3/17/21](#)]

Salazar Did Not Vote On Reauthorizing The Violence Against Women Act. In March 2021, Salazar did not vote on: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would reauthorize programs enacted under the Violence Against Women Act through fiscal 2026. It would also expand a number of these programs and other programs and policies aimed at addressing and assisting victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual violence, stalking and sex trafficking.” The bill passed 244 to 172. [HR 1620, [Vote #Vote #86](#), 3/17/21; CQ, [3/17/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For An Amendment Reducing The Length Of The Reauthorization Of The Violence Against Women Act. In March 2021, Salazar voted for: “Stefanik, R-N.Y., amendment no. 36 that would replace the bill's provisions with language to reauthorize funding for programs and activities under the Violence Against Women Act through fiscal 2022.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 177-249. [HR 1620, [Vote #Vote #85](#), 3/17/21; CQ, [3/17/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For Extending Funding For Child Abuse Prevention Programs Through 2027. In March 2021, Salazar voted for: “Scott, D-Va., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would extend through fiscal 2027 the programs and authorities under the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act. For fiscal 2022, it would authorize \$270 million for Health and Human Services Department grants to states for development and operations of certain child protective service programs and \$270 million for HHS grants for community-based programs to prevent child abuse and neglect. It would authorize such sums as may be necessary through fiscal 2027 for both grant programs and make a number of modifications to grant program requirements and administration. It would also authorize \$40 million for fiscal 2022 and such sums as may be necessary through fiscal 2027 for HHS activities to support adoption and foster care programs.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 345-73. [HR 485, [Vote #Vote #81](#), 3/16/21; CQ, [3/16/21](#)]

Salazar Voted Against The George Floyd Justice In Policing Act, Overhauling Policing Laws. In March 2021, Salazar voted against: “Passage of the bill that would establish reporting and oversight requirements related to policing data and restrict the use of certain policing practices by federal law enforcement agencies and state and local agencies receiving certain federal policing grants. It would restrict a number of policing practices by federal law enforcement agencies and state and local agencies that receive federal funding, including to prohibit the use of "no-knock warrants" to execute searches in drug cases; the use of deadly force, including chokeholds, except as a "last resort" to prevent imminent injury to an officer or another person; and the use of deadly or "less lethal" force before exhausting reasonable alternatives, including deescalation tactics. It would prohibit racial profiling by law enforcement, authorize lawsuits regarding violations of the prohibition, and require agencies to implement racial profiling training and oversight procedures. It would eliminate "qualified immunity" protections for law enforcement officers by prohibiting legal defenses based on an officer acting "in good faith" or the purported absence of "clearly established" law. It would require federal law enforcement officers to use body cameras and dashboard cameras and require state and local agencies to use certain grant funding to purchase body cameras and develop protocols for their use. It would make it a crime for an officer to engage in a sexual act with an individual under custody. It would require the Justice Department to establish a national police misconduct registry, and it would establish a number of reporting requirements for law enforcement agencies, including on use of force, racial profiling, officer misconduct records and routine policing practices -- with data disaggregated by demographics of officers and civilians involved. Among other provisions, it would require the Justice Department to analyze and recommend updates to law enforcement agency accreditation standards. It would authorize \$750 million annually through fiscal 2024 for grants to support independent investigations into police use of deadly force, including to create civilian review boards. It would authorize subpoenas by the Justice Department or state attorneys general for evidence related to potential violations of constitutional rights by law enforcement and authorize grants to states to support such investigations. It would authorize grant funding for activities related to community-based policing practices and non-police public safety initiatives. It would limit the transfer of military equipment from the Defense Department to state and local law enforcement agencies.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 220 - 212. [HR 1280, [Vote #Vote #60](#), 3/3/21; CQ, [3/3/21](#)]

- **The Bill Banned Chokeholds, Ended Qualified Immunity For Law Enforcement, Banned No-Knock Warrants In Federal Drug Cases, Mandated Data Collection On Police Encounters, And Created A Nationwide Police Misconduct Registry.** “The [George Floyd Justice in Policing Act] would ban chokeholds and end qualified immunity for law enforcement — the legal protection for police officers that limits victims' ability to sue for misconduct. It would ban no-knock warrants in federal drug cases, mandate data collection on police encounters and create a nationwide police misconduct registry to help hold problematic officers accountable. The bill would also prohibit racial and religious profiling and redirect funding to community-based policing programs.” [NPR, [4/21/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For Passage Of Protections For Privileged Legal Communications In Prisons. In February 2021, Salazar voted for: “Jackson Lee, D-Texas, motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would require the Bureau of Prisons to create a program or system to exempt privileged electronic communications between a federally incarcerated individual and their attorney or legal representative from monitoring and state that attorney-client privilege applies to such communications. It would allow

the department to retain an incarcerated individual's electronic communications until their release, accessible only under a warrant approved by a U.S. attorney to ensure that privileged communications are not accessible. It would authorize courts to suppress evidence obtained or derived from such privileged communications." The motion was agreed to by a vote of 414-11. [HR 546, [Vote #Vote #36](#), 2/24/21; CQ, [2/24/21](#)]

Defense and National Security

Salazar Voted For The National Defense Authorization Act For FY 2023. In July 2022 Salazar voted for: "Passage of the bill, as amended, that would authorize \$839.3 billion in national defense spending, including \$808.4 billion for the Defense Department and \$30.5 billion for national security programs within the Energy Department. The bill would authorize approximately \$160.2 billion for weapons and other procurement and \$138.6 billion for military research and development. Within these totals, it would authorize \$32.7 billion for shipbuilding; funding for the procurement of 64 new F-35 series tactical force aircraft; \$3.6 billion for the new Ground Based Strategic Deterrent missile system; and approximately \$21 billion for missile defense programs, including \$543 million for a hypersonic missile defense system, \$398 million for Guam missile defense systems and \$180 million for Israeli missile defense systems. Within Energy Department funding, it would authorize \$22.1 billion for the National Nuclear Security Administration, primarily for the maintenance of a nuclear weapons stockpile. It would authorize \$37.1 billion for the Defense Health Program and \$16.5 billion for military construction. It would authorize more than \$6 billion for the Pacific Deterrence Initiative and \$4 billion for the European Deterrence Initiative, primarily intended to counter aggression by China and Russia, respectively. For international assistance and cooperation, it would authorize \$1 billion in security assistance to Ukraine; \$544 million for the U.S. Africa Command; \$542 million for forces in Syria and Iraq combating the Islamic State; \$342 million for a cooperative threat reduction program assisting former Soviet Union countries; \$300 million for cooperative research and development programs with Israel; and \$225 million for the Baltic Security Initiative. It would express U.S. support for membership for Finland and Sweden in NATO. The bill would authorize a 4.6 percent military pay increase. It would move military sexual harassment prosecutions outside the chain of command, similar to the treatment of sexual assault cases. It would authorize \$1.9 billion for the Defense Department environmental restoration fund and require the department to undertake various environmental cleanup activities. It would establish a commission and Defense Department center to study and address civilian harm resulting from or incidental to the use of force by U.S. armed forces. It would include various provisions to support cybersecurity and artificial intelligence initiatives at the Defense Department. Among foreign policy provisions, it would extend the Afghan special immigrant visa program by one year, extending the application deadline through 2024; repeal the 1991 and 2002 authorizations for the use of military force against Iraq; and authorize the use of proceeds from assets forfeited by entities associated with Russian President Vladimir Putin to help rebuild Ukraine. It would require the department to make plans to increase the energy resiliency of each main operating base in the U.S. European Command zone, with a goal of eliminating the use of Russian energy within five years. Among non-Defense policy provisions, it would eliminate the federal sentencing disparity between drug offenses involving crack cocaine and powder cocaine; allow state-legal cannabis businesses to access the banking system; and require the EPA to develop water quality criteria and effluent limitation standards for all measurable PFAS, or per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, within two years and four years of enactment, respectively." The bill passed by a vote of 329-101. [H.R. 7900, [Vote #Vote #350](#), 7/14/22; CQ, [7/14/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against An Amendment To Require The Department Of Defense To Update Congress On Screening Individuals Entering The Military And Implement The Countering Extremist Activity Working Group's Recommendations. In July 2022 Salazar voted against: "Aguilar, D-Calif., amendment no. 33 that would require the Defense Department to update Congress on the status of implementing the recommendations from the October 2021 report on screening individuals entering the military. It would require the department to implement recommendations from the department's Countering Extremist Activity Working Group report published in December 2021." The amendment was adopted by a vote of 217-206. [H.R. 7900, [Vote #Vote #327](#), 7/14/22; CQ, [7/14/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against An Amendment To Require A Gender Analysis Of Institute Of Marine And Environmental Technology Programs And Offer Training On Gender Analysis To Partner Military Members In IMET Programs. In July 2022 Salazar voted against: "Speier, D-Calif., amendment no. 49 that would require the Defense Department to conduct a gender analysis of Institute of Marine and Environmental Technology programs and to offer training on gender analysis to partner military personnel participating in IMET programs." The amendment was adopted by a vote of 216-211. [H.R. 7900, [Vote #Vote #329](#), 7/14/22; CQ, [7/14/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against An Amendment To Require A Report To Congress On The Defense Department's Implementation Of PFAS Destruction Technologies. In July 2022 Salazar voted against: "Levin, D-Mich., amendment no. 79 that would require the undersecretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment to submit a report to Congress on the progress of the Defense Department's implementation of on-site PFAS destruction technologies not requiring incineration and extend the moratorium on PFAS incineration enacted in the fiscal 2022 NDAA." The amendment was adopted by a vote of 233-196. [H.R. 7900, [Vote #Vote #330](#), 7/14/22; CQ, [7/14/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against An Amendment To Establish A Voluntary, Opt-In Pilot Program For Military Suicide Prevention. In July 2022 Salazar voted against: "Speier, D-Calif., amendment no. 81 that would establish a voluntary pilot program to furnish to members of the Armed Forces secure gun storage or safety devices for the purpose of securing personally owned firearms when not in use to determine the impact on suicide prevention." The amendment was adopted by a vote of 226-203. [H.R. 7900, [Vote #Vote #331](#), 7/14/22; CQ, [7/14/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For En Bloc Amendments No. 2 To The National Defense Authorization Act. In July 2022 Salazar voted for: "Smith, D-Wash., en bloc amendments no. 2, including 122 amendments to the bill that would, among other provisions, prohibit new, extended or renewed federal contracts with contractors conducting business operations in Russia during its war against Ukraine; authorize \$20 million in funding for the continued research and development of advanced naval nuclear fuel systems based on low-enriched uranium, with offsets; and direct the Defense Department to complete a risk assessment on the likelihood of the use of a nuclear weapon as a result of Russia's invasion of Ukraine and whether such risk increases as the war continues." The amendment was adopted by a vote of 330-99. [H.R. 7900, [Vote #Vote #332](#), 7/14/22; CQ, [7/14/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For En Bloc Amendments No. 3 To The National Defense Authorization Act. In July 2022 Salazar voted for: "Smith, D-Wash., en bloc amendments no. 3, including 104 amendments to the

bill that would, among other provisions, establish a standard record of military service for all members of the armed forces; prohibit the disposal of Littoral Combat Ships unless they are transferred to the military forces of a nation that is a U.S. ally or partner; require the screening and registry of servicemembers with health conditions resulting from unsafe housing units; and prohibit the Defense Department and defense contractors from using LOGINK, a Chinese public information platform for supply chain data.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 362-64. [H.R. 7900, [Vote #Vote #333](#), 7/14/22; CQ, [7/14/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For En Bloc Amendments No. 4 To The National Defense Authorization Act. In July 2022 Salazar voted for: “Smith, D-Wash., en bloc amendments no. 4, including 137 amendments to the bill that would, among other provisions, repeal the 1991 and 2002 authorizations for the use of military force against Iraq; would allow state-legal cannabis businesses to access the banking system; and impose temporary limits on arms sales to Saudi Arabia and require various reports and actions related to the death of Saudi Arabian journalist Jamal Khashoggi.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 277-150. [H.R. 7900, [Vote #Vote #334](#), 7/14/22; CQ, [7/14/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against An Amendment To Incentivize States To Enact Sexual Assault Victims Rights Under The Survivors Bill Of Rights Act. In July 2022 Salazar voted against: “Speier, D-Calif., amendment no. 395 that would incentivize states to enact, at a minimum, the rights afforded to victims of sexual assault under the Survivors Bill of Rights Act.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 222-195. [H.R. 7900, [Vote #Vote #338](#), 7/14/22; CQ, [7/14/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For An Amendment To Prohibit The President From Selling Or Exporting F-16s Or F-16 Modernization Kits To Turkey Without Certification That Turkey Has Not Violated Greece’s Sovereignty. In July 2022 Salazar voted for: “Pallone, D-N.J., for Pappas, D-N.H., amendment no. 399 that would prohibit the president from selling or transferring F-16s or F-16 modernization kits to Turkey unless the president certifies to Congress that, during the preceding 120-day period, Turkey has not violated the sovereignty of Greece, including through territorial overflights, or violated the International Civil Aviation Organization's Athens Flight Information Region.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 244-179. [H.R. 7900, [Vote #Vote #339](#), 7/14/22; CQ, [7/14/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against An Amendment To Allow Admission Of Essential Scientists And Technical Experts To Promote And Protect The National Security Innovation Base. In July 2022 Salazar voted against: “Langevin, D-R.I., amendment no. 426 that would allow for admission of essential scientists and technical experts to promote and protect the national security innovation base.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 226-201. [H.R. 7900, [Vote #Vote #341](#), 7/14/22; CQ, [7/14/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against An Amendment To Prohibit The Use Of Evidence Obtained By Or With The Assistance Of A Military Member In Violation Of The Posse Comitatus Act In Court. In July 2022 Salazar voted against: “Schiff, D-Calif., amendment no. 447 that would prohibit the use of evidence obtained by or with the assistance of a member of the armed forces in violation of the Posse Comitatus Act in a court or other legal proceeding.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 215-213. [H.R. 7900, [Vote #Vote #342](#), 7/14/22; CQ, [7/14/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against An Amendment To Provide Statutory Authority For Certain Procedures Related To The Community Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery Program And Add New Program Requirements. In July 2022 Salazar voted against: “Green, D-Texas, amendment no. 448 that would provide statutory authority for certain procedures related to the Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery Program and add new program requirements.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 216-208. [H.R. 7900, [Vote #Vote #343](#), 7/14/22; CQ, [7/14/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against An Amendment To Prevent Positions In The Competitive Service From Reclassification To An Excepted Service Schedule Created After September 2020 And Limit Federal Employee Reclassification To Five Schedules Used Before FY 2021. In July 2022 Salazar voted against: “Connolly, D-Va., amendment no. 454 that would prevent any position in the competitive service from being reclassified to an excepted service schedule that was created after September 30, 2020, and limit federal employee reclassifications to the five excepted service schedules in use prior to fiscal year 2021.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 215-201. [H.R. 7900, [Vote #Vote #344](#), 7/14/22; CQ, [7/14/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against An Amendment To Add The Colorado Outdoor Recreation And Economy Act And Grand Canyon Protection Act To The National Defense Authorization Act. In July 2022 Salazar voted against: “Neguse, D-Colo., amendment no. 455 that would add the text of the Colorado Outdoor Recreation and Economy Act and the Grand Canyon Protection Act to the bill.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 214-201. [H.R. 7900, [Vote #Vote #345](#), 7/14/22; CQ, [7/14/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against An Amendment To Add Titles I-VI Of The Protecting America’s Wilderness And Public Lands Act And The Cerro De La Olla Wilderness Establishment Act To The National Defense Authorization Act. In July 2022 Salazar voted against: “DeGette, D-Colo., amendment no. 456 that would add the text of Titles I - VI of the Protecting America's Wilderness and Public Lands Act, and add the text of the Cerro de la Olla Wilderness Establishment Act.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 219-207. [H.R. 7900, [Vote #Vote #346](#), 7/14/22; CQ, [7/14/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against An Amendment To Reauthorize The Delaware River Basin Restoration Program Through FY 2030 And Increase The Federal Cost Share For Grant Projects That Serve Small, Rural, And Disadvantaged Communities To 90%. In July 2022 Salazar voted against: “Evans, D-Pa., amendment no. 461 that would reauthorize the Delaware River Basin Restoration Program through fiscal 2030 and increase the federal cost share for grant projects under the program that serve a small, rural or disadvantaged community to 90 percent of the total project cost.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 220-206. [H.R. 7900, [Vote #Vote #347](#), 7/14/22; CQ, [7/14/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For An Amendment To Direct The Veterans Affairs Department To Conduct An Awareness Campaign For Available Fertility Treatments And Procedures. In July 2022 Salazar voted for: “Meng, D-N.Y., amendment no. 587 that would direct the Veterans Affairs Department to conduct an awareness campaign regarding the types of fertility treatments, procedures and services available to veterans experiencing issues with fertility, covered under the VA medical benefits package.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 243-187. [H.R. 7900, [Vote #Vote #349](#), 7/14/22; CQ, [7/14/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against An Amendment To Require Proceedings For Military Commissions To Be Publicly Available On The Internet. In July 2022 Salazar voted against: “Schiff, D-Calif., amendment no. 1 that would require proceedings for military commissions to be publicly available on the internet.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 218-207. [H.R. 7900, [Vote #Vote #310](#), 7/13/22; CQ, [7/13/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against An Amendment To Prohibit The Department Of Defense From Contracting With An Employer Who Engaged In Unfair Labor Practice In The Three Years Preceding The Contract Award Date. In July 2022 Salazar voted against: “Jones, D-N.Y., amendment no. 2 that would prohibit the Defense Department from contracting with any employer found to have engaged in an unfair labor practice, defined by Section 8(a) of the National Labor Relations Act, in the three years preceding a contract award date. It would include an exception for employers who have remedied unfair labor practice violations.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 221-207. [H.R. 7900, [Vote #Vote #311](#), 7/13/22; CQ, [7/13/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against An Amendment To Establish A Preference To Department Of Defense Offerors That Meet Certain Labor Relations Requirements. In July 2022 Salazar voted against: “Schakowsky, D-Ill., amendment no. 3 that would establish a preference for Defense Department offerors that meet certain requirements pertaining to labor relations.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 220-209. [H.R. 7900, [Vote #Vote #312](#), 7/13/22; CQ, [7/13/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against An Amendment To Require The Department Of Defense To Give Preference To Construction Contractors Who Hire Mostly In State Or Local Employees For Projects. In July 2022 Salazar voted against: “Kim, D-N.J., amendment no. 4 that would add provisions of the Put Our Neighbors to Work Act to require the Defense Department, to the extent practicable, to give preference for military construction contracts to firms that certify that at least 51 percent of employees hired to perform the work shall reside in the same state or within a 60-mile radius, and to require contractors and subcontractors for military construction projects to be licensed in the state where the work is to be performed.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 220-207. [H.R. 7900, [Vote #Vote #313](#), 7/13/22; CQ, [7/13/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against An Amendment To Require Harassment And Discrimination Complaints From Military Members Be Completed In 180 Days And To Allow Members To Seek Review Or Appeal In A U.S. Court. In July 2022 Salazar voted against: “Escobar, D-Texas, amendment no. 8 that would require that complaints from a member of the Armed Forces of harassment or prohibited discrimination be completed within 180 days, and allows for members to seek review or appeal in a U.S. court if they wished to after the 180 days are exhausted.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 219-209. [H.R. 7900, [Vote #Vote #314](#), 7/13/22; CQ, [7/13/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against An Amendment To Authorize Up To \$5 Million Per Year Through FY 2025 For Implementation Of Requirements Relating To Civilian Harm Mitigation Under The 2019 National Defense Authorization Act. In July 2022 Salazar voted against: “Khanna, D-Calif., amendment no. 12 that would authorize up to \$5 million annually through fiscal 2025 for the Defense Department for resources to implement the requirements in section 936 of the fiscal 2019 defense authorization bill relating to civilian harm mitigation, including staffing, training, and information technology equipment

and data storage.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 215-212. [H.R. 7900, [Vote #Vote #315](#), 7/13/22; CQ, [7/13/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against An Amendment To Repeal The Funding Restriction For The Preparatory Commission For The Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization. In July 2022 Salazar voted against: “Foster, D-Ill., amendment no. 18 that would repeal the restriction on funding for the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 216-209. [H.R. 7900, [Vote #Vote #320](#), 7/13/22; CQ, [7/13/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against An Amendment To Give The Mayor Of The District Of Columbia The Same Authority Over The D.C. National Guard That State Governors Have Over Their National Guards. In July 2022 Salazar voted against: “Norton, D-D.C., amendment no. 25 that would give the mayor of the District of Columbia the same authority over the D.C. National Guard that the governors of states and territories have over their National Guards.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 218-209. [H.R. 7900, [Vote #Vote #323](#), 7/13/22; CQ, [7/13/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against An Amendment To Require An Interdepartmental Report To Analyze And Set Strategies To Combat White Supremacist And Neo-Nazi Activity In The Military And Federal Law Enforcement. In July 2022 Salazar voted against: “Schneider, D-Ill., amendment no. 31 that would direct the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Homeland Security Department, and Defense Department to publish a report that analyzes and sets out strategies to combat white supremacist and neo-Nazi activity in the uniformed services and federal law enforcement agencies not later than 180 days after enactment and every 6 months thereafter.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 218-208. [H.R. 7900, [Vote #Vote #325](#), 7/13/22; CQ, [7/13/22](#)]

- **The Report Called For The Number People Discharged Due To Situations Involving White Supremacy And Neo-Nazi Activity And How Agency Leaders Responded To Such “Planned Or Effectuated Incidents.”** “The House approved an amendment for the yearly defense spending bill on Wednesday that compels government officials to prepare a report on instances of white supremacy and neo-Nazi activity in uniformed services and federal law enforcement. [...] The measure would require that FBI director, secretary of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the secretary of Defense secretary publish a report analyzing White supremacist and neo-Nazi activity within their ranks, and presenting ways to thwart it. It specifically calls for figures on the number of people who were discharged from uniformed services or law enforcement because of situations involving White supremacy and neo-Nazi activity. Additionally, the amendment mandates that the report includes information on how the agency leaders responded to ‘planned or effectuated incidents’ connected to White supremacist and neo-Nazi ideology.” [The Hill, [7/13/22](#)]
- **HEADLINE: “House Republicans All Vote Against Neo-Nazi Probe Of Military, Police.”** [Newsweek, [7/14/22](#)]
- **HEADLINE: “House Republicans Vote Against Fighting Nazis In US Military And Law Enforcement.”** [Washington Informer, [7/14/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against An Amendment To Require The FBI And Homeland Security Department To Report The Processes Needed To Regularly Report On Domestic Terrorism Threats Under The 2020 National Defense Authorization Act. In July 2022 Salazar voted against: “Rice, D-N.Y., amendment no. 32 that would require a report to Congress by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Homeland Security Department on the processes needed to regularly report to Congress on domestic terrorism threats pursuant to Section 5602 of the fiscal 2020 NDAA; and require a Government Accountability Office review of FBI, DHS, and Director of National Intelligence compliance with domestic terrorism transparency mechanisms required by federal law.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 220-205. [H.R. 7900, [Vote #Vote #326](#), 7/13/22; CQ, [7/13/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against An Amendment To Require Additional Notifications And Oversight Of Section 333 Funding For Northern Triangle Governments. In July 2022 Salazar voted against: “Torres, D-Calif., amendment no. 48 that would require additional notifications and oversight of Section 333 funding for the governments of the Northern Triangle.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 209-217. [H.R. 7900, [Vote #Vote #328](#), 7/14/22; CQ, [7/14/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against An Amendment To Prohibit U.S. Military Presence In Syria Without Congressional Approval. In July 2022 Salazar voted against: “Bowman, D-N.Y., amendment no. 384 that would prohibit U.S. military presence in Syria without Congressional approval, beginning one year after enactment.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 155-273. [H.R. 7900, [Vote #Vote #335](#), 7/14/22; CQ, [7/14/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against An Amendment To Establish Climate Change Officer Positions At U.S. Embassies, Consulates, And Diplomatic Missions. In July 2022 Salazar voted against: “Keating, D-Mass., amendment no. 391 that would require the State Department to establish and staff climate change officer positions at each U.S. embassy, consulate and diplomatic mission to provide climate change mitigation expertise, engage with international entities on climate change, and facilitate bilateral and multilateral cooperation on climate change. It would require the department to establish a curriculum at the Foreign Service Institute to provide employees with specialized climate change training.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 208-217. [H.R. 7900, [Vote #Vote #336](#), 7/14/22; CQ, [7/14/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against An Amendment To Establish A White House Office Of Climate Resilience. In July 2022 Salazar voted against: “Jayapal, D-Wash., amendment no. 392 that would establish a White House Office of Climate Resilience.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 207-219. [H.R. 7900, [Vote #Vote #337](#), 7/14/22; CQ, [7/14/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against An Amendment To Waive The Requirement That FEMA And Federal Land Management Agencies Reimburse The Defense Department For The Cost Of Military Support In Disaster Response. In July 2022 Salazar voted against: “Garamendi, D-Calif., amendment no. 410 that would waive current law's requirement that FEMA or federal land management agencies reimburse DOD (with civilian funds) for cost of military support for disaster response to major wildfires or federally declared disasters/emergencies.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 195-232. [H.R. 7900, [Vote #Vote #340](#), 7/14/22; CQ, [7/14/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce The Sunset Provision For Section 5112(c) Of The Department Of State Authorization Act Of 2021 From 2 Years To 1 Year. In July 2022 Salazar voted against: “Connolly, D-Va., amendment no. 495 that would reduce the sunset provision for Section 5112(c) of the Department of State Authorization Act of 2021 (Division E of Public Law 117-81) from 2 years to 1 year.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 170-257. [H.R. 7900, [Vote #Vote #348](#), 7/14/22; CQ, [7/14/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce The FY 2023 National Defense Authorization Act Topline By \$100 Billion, While Maintaining Personnel, Civilian Pay And Benefits, And The Defense Health Program At 2022 Amounts. In July 2022 Salazar voted against: “Lee, D-Calif., amendment no. 13 that would reduce the bill’s topline authorization to be the aggregate amount provided in the fiscal 2022 defense authorization bill reduced by \$100 billion, while specifying that funding for military personnel, civilian pay and benefits, and the Defense Health Program would remain at fiscal 2022 amounts.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 78-350. [H.R. 7900, [Vote #Vote #316](#), 7/13/22; CQ, [7/13/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against An Amendment To Reverse The House Armed Services Committee’s \$36.987 Billion Defense Spending Increase Above The President’s Request. In July 2022 Salazar voted against: “Lee, D-Calif., amendment no. 14 that would reduce the bill’s authorization by \$36.987 billion to reverse increases made at the House Armed Services Committee markup above the president’s fiscal 2023 request and restoring the fiscal 2023 topline to the amount requested by the president.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 151-277. [H.R. 7900, [Vote #Vote #317](#), 7/13/22; CQ, [7/13/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against An Amendment To Repeal The Defense Department’s Requirement To Submit Unfunded Priorities To Congress. In July 2022 Salazar voted against: “Jayapal, D-Wash., amendment no. 15 that would repeal the statutory requirement for the Defense Department to submit unfunded priorities lists to Congress.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 155-272. [H.R. 7900, [Vote #Vote #318](#), 7/13/22; CQ, [7/13/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against An Amendment To Allow The Navy To Retire Nine Littoral Combat Ships. In July 2022 Salazar voted against: “Smith, D-Wash., amendment no. 16 that would allow the Navy to retire nine Littoral Combat Ships.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 208-221. [H.R. 7900, [Vote #Vote #319](#), 7/13/22; CQ, [7/13/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against An Amendment To Prevent The Development And Testing Of The Sentinel Nuclear Missile And Instead Extend Existing Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles. In July 2022 Salazar voted against: “Garamendi, D-Calif., amendment no. 19 that would prevent testing and development of the new Sentinel (GBSD) nuclear missile and instead extend the existing Minuteman III Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles through at least 2040.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 118-309. [H.R. 7900, [Vote #Vote #321](#), 7/13/22; CQ, [7/13/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against An Amendment To Strike The Prohibition On Reducing The Number Of Deployed Nuclear-Armed Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles. In July 2022 Salazar voted against: “Tlaib, D-Mich., amendment no. 20 that would strike the prohibition on the reduction of the total number of

nuclear armed Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles deployed in the United States.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 156-270. [H.R. 7900, [Vote #Vote #322](#), 7/13/22; CQ, [7/13/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against An Amendment To Request A Department Of Defense Report On The Spread Of Malign Disinformation Within The Ranks. In July 2022 Salazar voted against: “Sanchez, D-Calif., amendment no. 29 that would request that the Defense Department produce a report on the spread of malign disinformation within the ranks and ways in which the department is currently working to mitigate the spread and impact of malign disinformation.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 207-219. [H.R. 7900, [Vote #Vote #324](#), 7/13/22; CQ, [7/13/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Considering The Active Shooter Alert Act, A Bill To Expand Veterans’ Toxic Exposure Health Care Benefits, The National Defense Authorization Act For FY 2023, The Women’s Health Protection Act, And The Ensuring Access To Abortion Act. In July 2022 Salazar voted against: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 1224) that would provide for House consideration of the Active Shooter Alert Act (HR 6538), the veterans’ toxic exposure benefits bill (S 3373), the fiscal 2023 defense authorization bill (HR 7900), the Women’s Health Protection Act (HR 8296), and the Ensuring Women’s Right to Reproductive Freedom Act (HR 8297). The rule would provide for up to one hour of general debate on each bill and floor consideration of 650 amendments to HR 7900. It would provide for automatic adoption of a Pallone, D-N.J., manager’s amendment to HR 8297 that would change the title of the bill from the ‘Ensuring Access to Abortion Act of 2022’ to the ‘Ensuring Women’s Right to Reproductive Freedom Act.’ The rule would authorize, through the legislative day of July 15, 2022, non-debatable motions by the majority leader or a designee to suspend the rules and consider, en bloc, measures that were previously considered under suspension of the rules on June 21 through July 12. Finally, it would authorize through July 19, 2022, certain routine authorities for House proceedings, including for consideration of motions to suspend the rules and same-day consideration of Rules Committee resolutions.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 217-204. [H. Res. 1224, [Vote #Vote #304](#), 7/13/22; CQ, [7/13/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Authorization To Lend Or Lease Military Equipment To Ukraine And Other Eastern European Countries Impacted By Russia’s Invasion Of Ukraine. In April 2022 Salazar voted for: “Passage of the bill that would authorize the president, in fiscal years 2022 and 2023, to lend or lease defense articles to Ukraine and Eastern European countries impacted by Russia’s invasion of Ukraine to bolster those countries’ defense capabilities and protect civilians from potential invasion or ongoing military aggression by Russia. It would waive certain statutory requirements for such lend-lease agreements, including requirements that limit loans to a maximum period of five years and hold recipients liable for all costs incurred by the lease, including costs for damaged or destroyed weapons. It would require the president, within 60 days of enactment, to establish expedited procedures for the delivery of any defense article loaned or leased under the bill’s provisions. It would allow the president to delegate authority under the bill’s provisions only to an official appointed with the advice and consent of the Senate.” The bill passed by a vote of 417-10. [S. 3522, [Vote #Vote #141](#), 4/28/22; CQ, [4/28/22](#)]

- **10 House Republicans Voted Against The Bipartisan Bill To Make It Easier For The U.S. To Send Military Aid To Ukraine.** “The House passed legislation on Thursday establishing a lend-lease program to make it easier for the U.S. to send military aid to Ukraine, with the measure now headed to President Biden for his signature. The Ukrainian Democracy Defense Lend-Lease Act

would make it easier to provide support to Ukraine as it defends itself against Russia's invasion, which has entered its third month. The bill passed by a vote of 417-10, with all 10 no votes coming from Republicans." [The Hill, [4/28/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Considering The Ukraine Democracy Defense Lend-Lease Act. In April 2022 Salazar voted against: "Adoption of the rule (H Res 1065) that would provide for House consideration of the Ukraine Democracy Defense Lend-Lease Act (S 3522). The rule would provide for up to one hour of general debate on the bill. It would provide for automatic agreement, upon adoption of the rule, to a resolution (H Res 1035) that would increase available funding amounts for the expenses of certain House committees for the 117th Congress, including staff salaries. The rule would also authorize through May 13 certain routine authorities for House proceedings, including for consideration of motions to suspend the rules and same-day consideration of Rules Committee resolutions." The rule was adopted by a vote of 220-205. [H. Res. 1065, [Vote #Vote #140](#), 4/28/22; CQ, [4/28/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Documenting And Examining Evidence Of Russian War Crimes Related To The Invasion Of Ukraine. In April 2022 Salazar voted for: "Meeks, D-N.Y., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would express the sense of Congress that Russia has committed war crimes in its invasion of Ukraine beginning in February 2022; that the Russian use of chemical weapons would be a war crime; and that Russian President Vladimir Putin has 'a long record' of committing war crimes and human rights abuses in Russia and abroad. It would state that it is U.S. policy to collect information on war crimes during the 2022 Russian invasion and to make efforts to identify, deter and hold perpetrators accountable for war crimes. It would require the president to submit a report to Congress on U.S. efforts to collect, analyze and preserve evidence and information related to war crimes and other atrocities committed during Russia's 2022 invasion of Ukraine, for use in prosecuting such crimes, and on media and information operations that inform Russian officials and citizens of efforts to identify and prosecute war crimes." The motion was agreed to by a vote of 418-7. [H.R. 7276, [Vote #Vote #121](#), 4/6/22; CQ, [4/6/22](#)]

- **Six House Republicans Opposed The Bill To Document Russian War Crimes.** "Six Republican lawmakers in the House opposed a bill passed Wednesday seeking to encourage efforts to document and preserve evidence of Russian war crimes during the war in Ukraine. [...] Seven Republicans — Reps. Tom Massie of Kentucky, Scott Perry of Pennsylvania, Marjorie Taylor Greene of Georgia, Warren Davidson of Ohio, Liz Cheney of Wyoming, and Andy Biggs and Paul Gosar of Arizona — voted against the bill." [Insider, [4/6/22](#)]
- **Rep. Cheney Mistakenly Voted Against The Bill And Intended To Amend Her Vote.** "The House passed bipartisan legislation on Wednesday that would require the Biden administration to detail its efforts to collect evidence of war crimes committed by Russian forces in Ukraine. The bill passed handily by a vote of 418-7. All seven votes in opposition were from Republicans. A spokesman for Rep. Liz Cheney (R-Wyo.) confirmed that she mistakenly voted against the bill and will inform the House clerk that she meant to vote for it." [The Hill, [4/6/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Reaffirming Support For NATO's Democratic Principles Against Threats From Authoritarian Regimes. In April 2022 Salazar voted for: "Connolly, D-Va., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would state that the House of Representatives reaffirms its

unequivocal support for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization as an alliance founded on democratic principles and urges NATO to continue to support the people of Ukraine as they fight for their sovereignty, territorial integrity and a democratic future. It would call on the president to use the voice and vote of the United States to adopt a new strategic concept for NATO that is clear about its support for shared democratic values and committed to enhancing NATO's capacity to strengthen democratic institutions within member, partner and aspirant countries. It would also call on the president to support the establishment of a Center for Democratic Resilience within NATO headquarters." The motion was agreed to by a vote of 362-63. [H. Res. 831, [Vote #Vote #115](#), 4/5/22; CQ, [4/5/22](#)]

- **HEADLINE: "63 Republicans Vote Against Resolution Expressing Support For NATO."**
[Insider, [4/5/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against An Amendment Prohibiting The Denial Or Revocation Of A Security Clearance Based On Past Or Present Marijuana Use. In April 2022 Salazar voted against: "Raskin, D-Md., amendment no. 3 to that would prohibit the denial or revocation of a security clearance based on past or present marijuana use. It would require each federal agency, within one year of enactment, to review and reassess each decision made on or after May 1, 1971, to deny or rescind an individual's security clearance based on past or present marijuana use." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 209-214. [H.R. 3617, [Vote #Vote #105](#), 4/1/22; CQ, [4/1/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Reauthorizing The U.S. Coast Guard And Federal Maritime Commission Through Fiscal Year 2023. In March 2022 Salazar voted for: "DeFazio, D-Ore., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would reauthorize the U.S. Coast Guard and Federal Maritime Commission through fiscal 2023, authorizing approximately \$26.7 billion for the Coast Guard and \$68.5 million for the FMC for fiscal years 2022 and 2023. Within Coast Guard funding over the two years, it would authorize \$19.5 billion for operations and maintenance, including environmental compliance and restoration; \$6.8 billion for infrastructure projects; \$29 billion for research and development; and \$431 million for contributions to the Defense Department health care fund for Medicare-eligible retirees. Among other provisions, it would update various requirements and shipping service standards for ocean common carriers and marine terminal operators and require the FMC to initiate related rulemakings, provisions intended to address the effects of supply chain shortages on shipping services. It would expand requirements related to preventing and responding to sexual assault and sexual harassment on non-passenger commercial vessels and authorize the Coast Guard to deny or revoke a license, certificate of registry or merchant mariner's document for an individual who has been convicted of sexual harassment or assault. It would require the Coast Guard to conduct a pilot project to enhance cutter readiness and reduce lost patrol days by deploying commercially developed condition-based maintenance standards. It would require the Coast Guard to develop and implement recommendations to improve the representation of women and racial and ethnic minorities in the Coast Guard." The motion was agreed to by a vote of 378-46. [H.R. 6865, [Vote #Vote #85](#), 3/29/22; CQ, [3/29/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For The 2022 National Defense Authorization Act. In December 2021 Salazar voted for: "Passage of the bill, as amended, that would authorize \$768.1 billion in national defense spending, including \$740 billion for the Defense Department and \$28.2 billion for national security programs within the Energy Department. The bill would authorize approximately \$146.9 billion for weapons and other procurement; \$27.3 billion for shipbuilding; and funding to support the procurement of 85 F-35

series tactical force aircraft. It would authorize \$310 million for a hypersonic defense system and \$75 million for the development of a new homeland defense radar in Hawaii. Within Energy Department funding, it would authorize \$20.3 billion for the National Nuclear Security Administration, primarily for the maintenance of a nuclear weapons stockpile. It would authorize \$35.5 billion for the Defense Health Program. It would authorize \$13.3 billion for military construction. It would authorize a 2.7 percent military pay increase and increase parental leave for service members to 12 weeks. It would make numerous reforms to the Uniform Code of Military Justice to address sexual assault and harrassment and require independent military prosecutors, not unit commanders, to decide whether prosecution is warranted for most felonies within the military justice system, including sexual assault. It would authorize \$7.1 billion for the Pacific Deterrence Initiative and \$4 billion for the European Deterrence Initiative, primarily intended to counter aggression by China and Russia, respectively. It would establish a commission to examine the war in Afghanistan and 2021 withdrawal and require the department to submit a security assessment and a number of reports related to Afghanistan. For international assistance and cooperation, it would authorize \$300 million for cooperative programs with Israel; \$345 million for a cooperative threat reduction program assisting former Soviet Union countries; and \$300 million in security assistance to Ukraine. Among other provisions, the bill would over \$1.2 billion to support defense-wide cybersecurity efforts and over \$285 million for artificial intelligence-related initiatives; authorize the establishment of a national network for microelectronics research and development to support domestic microelectronics manufacturing capability and an Arctic Security Initiative; and extend prohibitions on the use of Defense Department funds to close or transfer detainees from the U.S. naval station in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba." Passed by a vote of 363-70. [S 1605, [Vote #Vote #405](#), 12/07/21; CQ, [12/07/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For The National Defense Authorization Act Of 2022. In September 2021, Salazar voted for: "Passage of the bill, as amended, that would authorize \$768.1 billion in national defense spending, including \$739.8 billion for the Defense Department and \$28.2 billion for national security programs within the Energy Department. The bill would authorize approximately \$147.1 billion for weapons and other procurement, \$11.7 billion for F-35 series tactical force aircraft procurement and maintenance and \$28.4 billion for shipbuilding. It would authorize \$310 million for a hypersonic defense system and \$75 million for the development of a new homeland defense radar in Hawaii. Within Energy Department funding, it would authorize \$20.3 billion for the National Nuclear Security Administration, primarily for the maintenance of a nuclear weapons stockpile. It would authorize \$36.8 billion for the Defense Health Program, including \$10 million for a global emerging infectious surveillance program. It would authorize \$13.4 billion for military construction. It would authorize a 2.7 percent military pay increase; remove military commanders from decisions related to the prosecution of sexual assault and other special victim crimes; establish a Countering Extremism Office within the Defense Department tasked with countering extremism in the armed forces; and establish a \$15 minimum wage for certain department contractors. It would give the mayor of the District of Columbia authority over its National Guard and establish a Space National Guard. It would authorize the president's requests of \$5.1 billion for the Pacific Deterrence Initiative and \$3.7 billion for the European Deterrence Initiative, primarily intended to counter aggression by China and Russia, respectively. It would codify the position of assistant secretary of Defense for Indo-Pacific Security Affairs. It would establish a commission to examine the war in Afghanistan and 2021 withdrawal; authorize \$500 million for Defense Department relocation assistance for Afghan evacuees; and require the department to submit a security assessment and a number of reports related to Afghanistan. For international assistance and cooperation, the bill

would authorize \$470 million for cooperative programs with Israel; \$345 million for a cooperative threat reduction program assisting former Soviet Union countries; \$325 million for the Afghan security forces; and \$300 million in security assistance to Ukraine. Among other provisions, the bill would authorize over \$1 billion in cybersecurity investments and over \$1 billion for artificial intelligence-related initiatives, and require the Homeland Security Department to establish an information collaboration environment to share intelligence and data on cybersecurity risks and threats. It would authorize \$9 million for applied research on neuroprotection from brain injury; eliminate restrictions on transferring detainees from Guantanamo Bay; and prohibit federal banking regulators from penalizing financial service institutions for serving state-legal marijuana-related businesses.” The bill passed by a vote of 316-113. [HR 4350, [Vote #Vote #293](#), 9/23/21; CQ, [9/24/21](#)]

Salazar Voted Against An Amendment To Prohibit The Export Of Certain Weapons Without Notifying Congress. In September 2021, Salazar voted against: “Torres, D-Calif., amendment no. 435 that would prohibit the export of certain weapons to foreign countries unless the Commerce Department notifies the chair and ranking members of the congressional foreign issues committees before granting the export license.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 215 to 213. [HR. 4350, [Vote #Vote #292](#), 9/23/21; CQ, [9/24/21](#)]

Salazar Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce And Transfer Defense Funding. In September 2021, Salazar voted against: “Jacobs, D-Calif., for Lee, D-Calif., amendment no. 41 that would reduce amounts authorized for defense spending in fiscal 2022 by \$23.96 billion and require the Defense Department to transfer, from amounts made available for fiscal 2022, no less than \$1.6 billion to the general fund of the Treasury.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 142 to 286. [HR 4350, [Vote #Vote #285](#), 9/23/21; CQ, [9/24/21](#)]

Salazar Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce Overall Defense Authorization Funding By 10%. In September 2021, Salazar voted against: “Ocasio-Cortez, D-N.Y., for Pocan, D-Wis., amendment no. 40 that would reduce the overall funding authorization level by 10 percent, other than funding for military personnel, the Defense Department federal civilian workforce, and defense health program accounts.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 86 to 332. [HR 4350, [Vote #Vote #284](#), 9/23/21; CQ, [9/24/21](#)]

Salazar Voted Against An Amendment To Prohibit Funding For Ground Based Strategic Deterrent Program. In September 2021, Salazar voted against: “Garamendi, D-Calif., amendment no. 38 that would prohibit funding for the Ground Based Strategic Deterrent program and W87-1.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 118 to 299. [HR 4350, [Vote #Vote #282](#), 9/23/21; CQ, [9/24/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For Supplemental Appropriations For Capitol Security And Afghan Refugees. In July 2021, Salazar voted for: “DeLauro, D-Conn., motion to suspend the rules and concur in the Senate amendment to the bill that would provide approximately \$2.1 billion in emergency supplemental fiscal 2021 appropriations, including \$1 billion to legislative branch and other federal entities for security activities in response to the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol as well as the COVID-19 public health emergency and \$1.1 billion for Afghan humanitarian support and refugee assistance. For expenses related to the Jan. 6 attack and to prevent similar incidents, it would provide \$520.9 million for the National Guard. It would provide \$70.7 million for the Capitol Police including specified funding for

employee hazard pay and retention bonuses, the employee wellness program, agreements with state and local law enforcement agencies, protective details for members of Congress, and physical protection barriers. It would provide \$35.4 million for mutual aid and related training reimbursements between Capitol Police and local law enforcement partners. It would provide \$300 million for the Architect of the Capitol to upgrade windows and doors on the Capitol complex, enhance physical security structures and install security cameras in House and Senate office buildings. It would provide approximately \$42 million for legislative branch costs associated with the COVID-19 public health emergency, including \$21.9 million for the Architect of the Capitol; \$11.7 for the House of Representatives; \$7.8 million for the Senate sergeant-at-arms and \$800,000 for the Capitol Police. It would provide approximately \$1.1 billion for Afghan humanitarian support and refugee assistance, including \$500 million for Defense Department overseas aid; \$600 million for State Department emergency refugee transportation, housing and basic services; and \$25 million for Health and Human Services Department financial, medical and social services. It would increase from 26,500 to 34,500 the number of available special immigrant visas for Afghan nationals employed by the U.S. government and modify program eligibility requirements, including to decrease the required length of service to one year. It would include provisions of a House-passed bill (HR 3385) that would authorize the State and Homeland Security departments to jointly waive, for up to one year, a medical examination requirement for immigrants under the program.” The motion was passed 416 to 11. [HR 3237, [Vote #Vote #250](#), 7/29/21; CQ, [7/29/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For Providing For An Exception To A Limitation Against Appointment Of Gen. Lloyd J. Austin III As Secretary Of Defense. In January 2021, Salazar voted for: “Passage of the bill that would waive a statutory requirement related to date of retirement from military service for the first individual nominated by the president and confirmed by the Senate as Defense secretary on or after Jan. 20, 2021. Specifically, it would make eligible such an individual who retired from active duty in the armed forces within seven years of their appointment, but not within four years. It would thus allow for the confirmation of President Joe Biden's Defense secretary nominee, retired Army Gen. Lloyd J. Austin III.” The bill passed 326 to 78. [H Res 335, [Vote #Vote #18](#), 1/21/21; CQ, [1/21/21](#)]

- **Gen Lloyd J. Austin III Needed The Waiver Because He Retired From Active Duty In The Armed Forces Less Than Seven Years Before His Appointment As Secretary Of Defense.** “The House of Representatives and Senate approved a waiver Thursday for retired Army Gen. Lloyd Austin to serve as President Biden's defense secretary. Both votes were overwhelming and bipartisan. Normally the House has no role in confirming Cabinet secretaries. But Austin retired from the military four years ago, short of the seven years required by law to take the civilian job without a waiver from both houses of Congress.” [NPR, [1/21/21](#)]

Economy and Jobs

Salazar Voted Against Passing The Inflation Reduction Act Through Reconciliation. In July 2022 Salazar voted against: “Yarmuth, D-Ky., motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the bill comprising a package of climate, tax and health care provisions. Among drug pricing provisions, the bill would require the Health and Human Services Department to negotiate a "maximum fair price" with drug manufacturers for certain Medicare-eligible, brand-name drugs that do not have generic competition; cap cost-sharing for insulin products covered under Medicare at \$35 a month; and require single-source drug manufacturers to provide rebates to HHS for the price of drugs under Medicare Parts

B and D for which price increases outpace inflation. For Medicare Part D, it would cap the annual out-of-pocket limit at \$2,000. It would extend through 2025 tax subsidies toward Affordable Care Act marketplace insurance premiums for individuals under a certain income level. The bill would provide for approximately \$270 billion in new or expanded tax credits to incentivize actions by businesses and individuals to mitigate climate change, including production credits for electricity produced by renewable and nuclear facilities; investment tax credits for certain renewable energy equipment and facilities; and credits for advanced energy manufacturing projects, including in areas where a coal mine or power plant has closed. To incentivize emission reduction and clean fuel production, it would create or extend tax credits for carbon oxide sequestration facilities; biodiesel, renewable diesel and alternative fuels; and clean hydrogen facilities. For most of its corporate tax credits, it would add prevailing wage and apprenticeship requirements and establish bonus credits for using domestic materials in facility construction. It would also expand individual tax credits for residential energy efficiency improvements and renewable energy expenses; increase credits for new energy efficient homes; and create credits for the purchase of used electric vehicles by individuals under a certain income level. It would reinstate the Superfund tax on crude oil at a rate of 16.4 cents per barrel. Among other tax provisions, the bill would establish a 15 percent alternative minimum tax for corporations with a book income of at least \$1 million annually and institute a 1 percent excise tax on corporate stock buybacks. It would authorize \$79.3 billion for IRS operations, including enforcement activities and systems modernization. The bill would provide funding for various activities to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, promote energy-efficient technologies and mitigate the impacts of climate change, including \$27 billion for grants to state, local and nonprofit entities for greenhouse gas emission reduction activities; \$9.7 billion for zero-emission or carbon capture rural electric systems; \$5 billion for loan guarantees to replace or reduce emissions of energy infrastructure; \$3 billion for zero-emission vehicles for the Postal Service; and \$1.6 billion for methane emissions reduction and mitigation. It would provide \$9 billion for residential energy efficiency improvement rebates; \$3 billion for new EPA environmental and climate justice block grants for community-led activities to address pollution, emission reduction, climate resiliency and public engagement; and \$3 billion for Federal Highway Administration grants for projects that address surface transportation facilities that disconnect or negatively impact communities. It would provide \$4 billion for drought mitigation in Western states; \$2.15 billion for hazardous fuel reduction and restoration projects; and \$1 billion to improve energy and water efficiency or climate resilience of affordable housing. It would require the Interior Department to accept bids for certain canceled oil and gas leases on the outer continental shelf. It would authorize wind lease sales adjacent to U.S. territories but prohibit new wind or solar development rights on federal lands for 10 years unless the department completes certain oil or gas lease sales." The bill passed by a vote of 220-207. [H.R. 5376, [Vote #420](#), 8/12/22; CQ, [8/12/22](#)]

- **The Inflation Reduction Act Capped Out-Of-Pocket Costs At \$2,000 For People Who Participated In Medicare Part D, “The Prescription Drug Plan For Seniors.”** “Medicare is poised to renegotiate the prices of some of its most expensive drugs through a historic expansion of its power, which could reduce costs for many seniors as well as federal spending on its prescription drug plan. The changes are tucked inside a massive spending-and-tax bill in Congress that includes \$433 billion in investments in health-care and clean energy. House Democrats passed the Inflation Reduction Act on Friday in a 220 to 207 vote along party lines, ending a tortured legislative process that took more than a year. The bill empowers the Health and Human Services Secretary to negotiate prices for certain drugs covered under two different parts of Medicare and punish pharmaceutical companies that don’t play by the rules. The legislation also

caps out-of-pocket costs at \$2,000 starting in 2025 for people who participate in Medicare Part D, the prescription drug plan for seniors.” [CNBC, [8/12/22](#)]

- **AARP CEO Jo Ann Jenkins On The Inflation Reduction Act: “Millions Of Older Adults Are Now ‘One Step Closer To Real Relief From Out-Of-Control Prescription Drug Prices.’”** “Medicare is poised to renegotiate the prices of some of its most expensive drugs through a historic expansion of its power, which could reduce costs for many seniors as well as federal spending on its prescription drug plan. The changes are tucked inside a massive spending-and-tax bill in Congress that includes \$433 billion in investments in health-care and clean energy. House Democrats passed the Inflation Reduction Act on Friday in a 220 to 207 vote along party lines, ending a tortured legislative process that took more than a year. [...] The American Association of Retired Persons, which represents 38 million people, described the legislation as a historic victory for older adults. AARP CEO Jo Ann Jenkins said the group has fought for nearly two decades to allow Medicare to negotiate drug prices. Millions of older adults are now “one step closer to real relief from out-of-control prescription drug prices,” Jenkins said earlier this week.” [CNBC, [8/12/22](#)]
- **NBC: The Inflation Reduction Act “Is Set To Lower The Cost Of Prescription Drugs.”** “The Inflation Reduction Act, signed into law by President Joe Biden, is set to lower the cost of prescription drugs — including cancer medications, blood thinners and insulin — for millions of Americans, experts say. Exorbitant drug prices in the United States are a key reason many people in the U.S. are forced to skip or delay filling their needed prescriptions. A Kaiser Family Foundation poll published last month found that nearly 1 in 2 adults report difficulty affording their health care expenses, including their prescribed medications.” [NBC, [8/16/22](#)]
- **The Inflation Reduction Act Extended Subsidies Through 2025 For 13 Million People Who Buy Individual Coverage Through The ACA.** “The law immediately extends subsidies through 2025 for the roughly 13 million people who buy individual coverage through the ACA. The subsidies were set to expire this year.” [NBC, [8/16/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against The Workforce Innovation And Opportunity Act To Invest \$74 Billion In Workforce Development Through 2028. In May 2022 Salazar voted against: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would The House passed, by roll call vote, 220-196, the bill (HR 7309), as amended, that would authorize more than \$74 billion through fiscal 2028 to reauthorize workforce development programs under the 2014 Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act at significantly higher funding levels, expand program activities and eligibility, and codify or establish several other Labor Department programs. Within total funding for formula grants to state workforce development systems, it would authorize \$19.2 billion for dislocated-worker employment and training; \$12 billion for adult workforce development; \$7.9 billion for youth workforce development; and \$7.1 billion for a new summer and year-round youth employment program to provide employment opportunities, work-readiness training, mentoring services and career counseling for youth. It would require at least 75 percent of funding authorized for local adult employment and training activities to be used to provide services to public assistance recipients and other low-income individuals, individuals who have foundational skill needs and individuals with other barriers to employment. It would add various program requirements to emphasize education and training related to digital literacy and financial literacy. It would authorize

\$11.9 billion for the Job Corps program, which provides academic and employment support for disadvantaged youth; \$7.7 billion for a new sector-based career training program to help states develop or expand industry or sector partnerships to expand workforce development and employment opportunities for high-skill, high-wage or in-demand industry sectors and occupations; and \$5.3 billion for adult education and family literacy programs. It would authorize \$2.25 billion for a reentry employment opportunity program, \$772 million for a community college training grant program and \$165 million for workforce data quality initiative grants, all of which would be codified by the bill. It would authorize such sums as necessary through fiscal 2028 for state activities to provide vocational services to individuals with disabilities. As amended, it would authorize an additional \$40 million annually through fiscal 2027 for national training programs for dislocated workers, including individuals who are likely to become dislocated workers as a result of automation. It would require the Labor and Education departments to issue final regulations to implement the bill's provisions within 24 months of enactment." The bill passed by a vote of 220-196. [H.R. 7309, [Vote #Vote #193](#), 5/17/22; CQ, [5/17/22](#)]

- **The Workforce Innovation And Opportunity Act Doubled The Number Of People Who Would Receive Trainings Through 2023 And Allowed For Training A Million Workers Per Year By 2028.** REP. SCOTT: "The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2022 addresses this chronic underinvestment so that we can finally meet the needs of workers and businesses, fill job openings with qualified workers, reduce supply chain shortage, and lower costs for families. By investing approximately \$80 billion over six years, this legislation would more than double the number of people receiving training services in Fiscal Year 2023, and allow us to train one million workers per year by 2028. The legislation modernizes WIOA to help expand work opportunities for disconnected youth. It makes critical reforms to improve Job Corps. It expands sector-based training so that we can train for entire sectors, such as electric cars, trucking, and nursing. It strengthens community colleges' capacity to help workers succeed in in-demand industries. And it helps justice-involved individuals reenter the labor force and obtain sustainable career paths." [House Committee on Education and Labor, Press Release, [5/17/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For A Motion To Recommit The Workforce Innovation And Opportunity Act To Committee. In May 2022 Salazar voted for: "Rutherford, R-Fla., motion to recommit the bill to the House Education and Labor Committee." The motion was rejected by a vote of 193-223. [H.R. 7309, [Vote #Vote #192](#), 5/17/22; CQ, [5/17/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For An Amendment To Replace Language In The Workforce Innovation And Opportunity Act With Funding Reduction To Programs Under The 2014 Workforce Law. In May 2022 Salazar voted for: "Miller-Meeks, R-Iowa, amendment no. 28 that would replace the bill's provisions with language to reduce the funding authorization programs under the 2014 workforce law. It would reauthorize funding for the programs through fiscal 2028, including approximately \$1.1 billion annually for youth workforce investment activities; \$900 million annually for adult employment and training activities; approximately \$1.5 billion annually for dislocated worker employment and training activities; approximately \$704 million annually for adult literacy programs; and funding for Job Corps at the fiscal 2020 funding level. Among other provisions, it would double the maximum amount governors can reserve for statewide workforce investment activities from funding for worker training programs to 30 percent and require such activities to include the development of assessments to award credentials or determine individual employment plans. It would allow one-stop centers for workforce development

to make their services accessible in-person and virtually; create employer-directed skills accounts for those not employed by a specific employer to provide on-the-job training to individuals, followed by full employment with the employer sponsor; establish new standards of conduct for Job Corps Centers; and require directors of Job Corps campuses to report on violence and criminal activity on their campus.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 174-241. [H.R. 7309, [Vote #Vote #191](#), 5/17/22; CQ, [5/17/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Republican En Bloc Amendments To The Workforce Innovation And Opportunity Act. In May 2022 Salazar voted for: “Scott, D-Va., en bloc amendments no. 3 that would strike language to require apprenticeship programs to be registered under the National Apprenticeship Act in order to be eligible for funding; require grants and contracts for adult education activities to be distributed in a timely manner and require unified state plans submitted to the Labor Department to include a plan for such activities; and prohibit the use of any funds made available through the bill to provide direct payment or reimbursement for any health care services.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 194-219. [H.R. 7309, [Vote #Vote #190](#), 5/17/22; CQ, [5/17/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Democratic En Bloc Amendments To The Workforce Innovation And Opportunity Act. In May 2022 Salazar voted against: “Scott, D-Va., en bloc amendments no. 2 that would, among other provisions, authorize such sums as may be necessary annually through fiscal 2028 for the Labor Department to award competitive four-year grants to local boards for summer or year-round programs for youth in communities disproportionately affected by gun violence to connect them to in-demand industry sectors or occupations; require state workforce development boards to include a youth representative; authorize \$40 million annually for fiscal years 2023 through 2027 for national dislocated worker grants, including individuals who are likely to become dislocated workers as a result of automation; require state plans to describe how their strategies will ensure public access to data on the recognized postsecondary credentials earned by program participants; and require the Labor Department, in carrying out the bill’s provisions, to encourage and prioritize applications from minority-serving institutions for assistance to provide job skills training and educational services.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 222-196. [H.R. 7309, [Vote #Vote #189](#), 5/17/22; CQ, [5/17/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Bipartisan En Bloc Amendments To The Workforce Innovation And Opportunity Act. In May 2022 Salazar voted for: “Scott, D-Va., en bloc amendments no. 1 that would, among other provisions, require the Government Accountability Office to report to Congress, within 180 days of the bill’s enactment, on challenges that unemployed and low-income Native Americans, Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiians face in the labor market and to provide recommendations for improving their access to federal employment and training services; add language to include veterans among those local areas are required to prioritize when allocating funds for local employment and training activities; add language focused on youth workforce readiness programs, including to require local needs assessments related to youth workforce investment activities to include a description of how activities offered in the area provide workforce readiness opportunities, support services, adult mentoring, financial literacy, activities to develop soft skills or career exposure activities; allow the Labor Department, in coordination with the Education Department, to conduct a study on the current and anticipated availability of STEM jobs and public secondary school courses as well as how to expand access to the STEM and computer science fields; and require the Labor Department to support assistance and training for programs, employers and staff that mentor youth.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 313-107. [H.R. 7309, [Vote #Vote #188](#), 5/17/22; CQ, [5/17/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Considering The Workforce Innovation And Opportunity Act, The Targeting Resources To Communities In Need Act, Designation Of A California Post Office, And Health Professional Trainings For Nutrition-Related Disease. In May 2022 Salazar voted against: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 1119) that would provide for House floor consideration for the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (HR 7309); the Targeting Resources to Communities in Need Act (HR 6531); a bill (S 2938) designating the Joseph Hatchett Courthouse in Florida and Lynn Woolsey Post Office in California; and a resolution (H Res 1118) supporting health professional training related to nutrition-related disease. The rule would provide for one hour of debate on each bill; automatic adoption of managers’ amendments to HR 7309 and HR 6531; and automatic agreement to H Res 1118. It would make in order floor consideration of 39 amendments to HR 7309. The rule would provide for automatic adoption of a Robert C. Scott, D-Va., manager’s amendment to HR 7309 that would, among other provisions, extend from 18 to 24 months the deadline by which the Labor and Education departments must issue final regulations to implement the bill’s provisions; extend from one to four years the availability period for grant funding to support workforce investment activities for migrant and seasonal farmworkers; specify that the Labor Department must reserve a portion of Job Corps funding for campus construction and acquisition, instead of specifically reserving \$107.8 million annually for such purposes; require the Labor Department to use at least 25 percent and no more than 40 percent of reentry employment grant program funding for reentry projects by national or regional intermediary entities; require the Labor Department, to the extent practicable, to provide basic health services to Job Corps enrollees; and require employment services authorized under the 1933 Wagner-Peyser employment law to be performed by public employees under a merit system. The rule would provide for automatic adoption of a Carolyn B. Maloney, D-N.Y., manager’s amendment to HR 6531 that would define a ‘high-poverty census tract’ as a census tract with a poverty rate of at least 20 percent in the most recent decennial census in the case of areas where poverty rate data is not collected by the American Community Survey. The rule would provide for automatic agreement, upon adoption of the rule, to a resolution (H Res 1118) that would express the sense of Congress that the United States should urge medical schools and other health professional training programs to incorporate nutrition education that demonstrates the connection between nutrition and disease and training related to nutrition interventions and referrals; support research on nutrition education and the dissemination of related curricular resources for health professional training programs; and raise awareness of the role of nutrition in health and the responsibility of health professionals to provide patient education and counseling about nutrition.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 220-199. [H. Res. 1119, [Vote #Vote #187](#), 5/17/22; CQ, [5/17/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For The Community Services Block Grant Modernization Act. In May 2022 Salazar voted for: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would reauthorize the Health and Human Services Department's Community Services Block Grant program through fiscal 2032 and make a number of modifications to the program, which supports activities by local agencies and organizations to address poverty at a community level. It would modify or expand various requirements related to state plans for the use and oversight of program funds, including to require that state plans be primarily based on community action plans developed by local agencies receiving program subgrants, as well as the operations of and program reporting requirements for such agencies. It would expand requirements and procedures for program audits, including to require the department to audit at least 20 percent of states annually and specify procedures for state response to proposed corrective action in the case of non-

compliance and for the direct provision of funding to subgrantees if state funding is reduced or eliminated. Among other program modifications, the bill would establish an eligibility threshold for program participation at 200 percent of the federal poverty level, as opposed to the existing guideline of 185 percent; remove existing language allowing states to drug test program participants and requiring states to consider religious organizations for grants on the same basis as other organizations; explicitly prohibit discrimination based on race, color, national origin or sex in funded programs; and allow the use of funding for material improvements to improve building accessibility. The bill would authorize \$1 billion annually for the program through fiscal 2027 and such sums as necessary thereafter through fiscal 2032. It would require the department to reserve one percent of program funding for a new Community Action Innovations Program for projects to replicate, expand and test innovative and evidence-based practices to reduce poverty; two percent of funding for training and technical assistance to grantees; 0.5 percent of funding for grants to U.S. territories; and up to \$5 million annually through fiscal 2025 to develop and maintain an electronic data system for program reports. It would also authorize such sums as necessary through fiscal 2032 for discretionary community development programs previously funded under the CSBG program, as well as a new discretionary program to expand broadband access and digital literacy.” The bill passed by a vote of 246-169. [H.R. 5129, [Vote #Vote #182](#), 5/13/22; CQ, [5/13/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against En Bloc Amendment No. 2 For The Community Services Block Grant

Modernization Act. In May 2022, Salazar voted against: “Bonamici, D-Ore., en bloc amendments no. 2 that would prohibit the use of funds under the bill to provide direct payment or reimbursement for any health care services, remove language increasing the eligibility threshold for program participation to 200 percent of the federal poverty level. It would also remove language allowing a state or tribal grantee to establish procedures to allow participants to remain eligible, regardless of their income eligibility, if they are progressing toward the program's goals. It would add language allowing states to raise the eligibility threshold to 125 percent of the poverty level when it serves the objectives of the program, prohibit voter registration activities under a program, project or service funded under the bill's provisions. It also would prohibit the use of funds under the bill for lobbying, except in the case that a representative from a funded entity is requested to testify by a legislative body.” The amendment bloc was rejected by a vote of 198-219. [HR 5129, [Vote #Vote #179](#), 5/13/22; CQ, [5/13/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against En Bloc Amendment No. 1 For The Community Services Block Grant

Modernization Act. In May 2022, Salazar voted against: “Bonamici, D-Ore., en bloc amendments no. 1 that would, among other provisions, specify that recipients of subgrants under the bill's provisions could use funding for activities that develop and maintain partnerships with higher education institutions, including historically Black colleges and universities, tribal colleges and universities and minority-serving institutions; specify that recipients of subgrants under the bill's provisions could use grant funding for activities that address behavioral health needs; allow states to grant excess funds under the bill's provisions to support entities in responding to food insecurity by providing nutritious foods and supporting practices that promote healthy living; and require the Health and Human Services Department to include an analysis of best practices in poverty reduction in disseminating results of a grant program established by the bill to support innovation and the use of evidence-based practices in reducing poverty conditions.” The amendment bloc was adopted by a vote of 219-201. [HR 5129, [Vote #Vote #178](#), 5/13/22; CQ, [5/13/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Requiring The Implementation Of Guidance To Increase The Share Of Federal Investments Targeted To Areas Of High And Persistent Poverty. In May 2022 Salazar voted for: “Connolly, D-Va., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would require the Office of Management and Budget, within one year of enactment, to implement guidance to increase the share of federal investments targeted to areas of high and persistent poverty. It would specify that the guidance must include a minimum goal that such investments be in an amount greater than such areas would otherwise receive based on their portion of the U.S. population. It would also require the Census Bureau to publish a list of all areas of persistent poverty and update it annually; require OMB to submit an annual report to Congress on the programs under which federal funds were increased under the bill's provisions and the economic impact on the areas served; require the Government Accountability Office, within two years of enactment, to report to Congress on the effectiveness of the bill's provisions; and authorize \$5 million in fiscal 2023 for salaries and expenses to carry out the bill's provisions.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 262-156. [H.R. 6531, [Vote #Vote #163](#), 5/11/22; CQ, [5/11/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against An Amendment To Increase Small Business Participation In Government Contracts. In September 2021, Salazar voted against: “Mfume, D-Md., amendment no. 26 that would increase government-wide goals for small business participation in federal contracts.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 219 to 202. [HR 4350, [Vote #Vote #277](#), 9/23/21; CQ, [9/24/21](#)]

Education

Salazar Voted Against Considering Several Bills Including Senate Amendments On School Meals, The Bipartisan School Safety Package, And Calling For The Release Of Brittney Griner From Russia. In June 2022 Salazar voted against: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 1204) that would provide for House floor consideration of the Senate amendment to the House amendment to the school meal waiver bill (S 2089) and the Senate amendments to the House amendment to the bipartisan gun violence package (S 2938). The rule would provide for 10 minutes of debate on S 2089 and one hour of debate on S 2938. The rule would provide for automatic passage, upon adoption of the rule, of a bill (HR 4346) that would add COVID-19 vaccines to a list of vaccines subject to a tax of 75 cents per dose, from which proceeds fund compensation for vaccine-related injury or death through the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program. The rule would provide for automatic agreement, upon adoption of the rule, to a resolution (H Res 1132) that would state that the House of Representatives calls on the Russian government to immediately release Brittney Griner, a WNBA player and U.S. citizen detained in February 2022.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 217-203. [H. Res. 1204, [Vote #Vote #298](#), 6/24/22; CQ, [6/24/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against The LGBTQ+ Data Inclusion Act. In June 2022 Salazar voted against: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would require federal agencies that conduct demographic and population surveys to include in their surveys, within three years of enactment, voluntary questions on sexual orientation, gender identity and variations in sex characteristics. It would require the agencies, within 360 days of enactment, to establish data standards to require a review of existing data sets to determine which do not include this information, identify appropriate methods to include questions to collect the information, and implement a process to routinely assess needed changes in survey methods. It would allow for waivers of the information collection requirement if confidentiality standards cannot

be met or if adding the information would impact the utility or accuracy of the survey.” The bill passed by a vote of 220-201. [H.R. 4176, [Vote #Vote #296](#), 6/23/22; CQ, [6/23/22](#)]

- **The LGBTQI+ Data Inclusion Act Standardized The Inclusion Of Questions Related To Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity And Variations In Sex Characteristics On Government Survey Collection Data.** “The Human Rights Campaign (HRC) — the nation’s largest lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer (LGBTQ+) civil rights organization — praised the passage in the U.S. House of Representatives today of the LGBTQI+ Data Inclusion Act. This legislation, which will now go to the Senate, would direct the 107 federal agencies engaged in survey data collection to standardize the inclusion of questions related to sexual orientation, gender identity and variations in sex characteristics.” [Human Rights Campaign, [6/23/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Recommitting The LGBTQI+ Data Inclusion Act To The House Oversight And Reform Committee. In June 2022, Salazar voted for: “Biggs, R-Ariz., motion to recommit the bill to the House Oversight and Reform Committee.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 202-218. [H.R. 4176, [Vote #Vote #295](#), 6/23/22; CQ, [6/23/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against An Amendment To The LGBTQI+ Data Inclusion Act Allowing Knowledgeable Proxies To Provide Information About A Deceased Individual In Surveys. In June 2022, Salazar voted against: “Carolyn B. Maloney, D-N.Y., for Sean Maloney, D-N.Y., amendment no. 2 to the bill that would amend the bill’s definition of ‘covered survey’ to include surveys in which a knowledgeable proxy provides information about a deceased individual.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 213-201. [H.R. 4176, [Vote #Vote #294](#), 6/23/22; CQ, [6/23/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against An Amendment To The LGBTQI+ Data Inclusion Act Requiring The Government Accountability Office To Report To Congress On The Bill’s Implementation. In June 2022, Salazar voted against: “Jackson Lee, D-Texas, amendment no. 1 to the bill that would require the Government Accountability Office, within two years of enactment, to report to Congress on the bill’s implementation, including how it affected agency services to individuals based on gender identity, sexual orientation and variations in sex characteristics.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 216-200. [H.R. 4176, [Vote #Vote #293](#), 6/23/22; CQ, [6/23/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Requiring The Department Of Education And The Department Of Health And Human Services To Develop And Disseminate Materials To Assist Higher Education Institutions To Combat Alcohol And Substance Abuse. In June 2022 Salazar voted for: “Scott, D-Va., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would require the Education Department and Health and Human Services departments, within 180 days of enactment, to enter into an interagency agreement to develop and disseminate criteria and best practices for institutions of higher education to implement evidence-based programs to prevent and provide support for alcohol and substance misuse, and to promote coordination and collaboration between institutions of higher education and state agencies administering substance abuse prevention and treatment block grants. It would authorize \$15 million annually through fiscal 2028 for alcohol and drug misuse prevention grants to institutions of higher education and expand eligible uses of grant funds, including to support recovery and peer-to-peer support services and counseling; integrated primary care, substance use disorder and mental health services; re-entry assistance for students on academic probation due to a substance use disorder;

and student and faculty education on recognizing substance use disorders and de-escalating crisis situations involving individuals with a substance use disorder.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 371-49. [H.R. 6493, [Vote #Vote #292](#), 6/23/22; CQ, [6/23/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Requiring The Department Of Education To Encourage Higher Education Institutions To Implement Comprehensive Mental Health And Suicide Prevention Plans. In June 2022 Salazar voted for: “Scott, D-Va., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would require the Education Department, in coordination with the Health and Human Services Department, to encourage higher education institutions to develop and implement comprehensive campus mental health and suicide prevention plans that align with approaches recommended by the Suicide Prevention Resource Center and other established programs and take into consideration existing federal and state efforts.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 405-16. [H.R. 5407, [Vote #Vote #291](#), 6/23/22; CQ, [6/23/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Extending The National School Lunch Program Waiver Authority Through The 2022-2023 School Year. In June 2022 Salazar voted for: “Scott, D-Va., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would extend Agriculture Department National School Lunch Program waiver authority to allow schools flexibility in providing free school meals. It would extend waiver authority for school district summer meal programs through September 2022; provide new waiver authority for the 2022-2023 school year; and extend ‘meal pattern’ waiver authority to exempt certain school districts from food nutrition requirements through June 2023. For the 2022-2023 school year, it would increase federal reimbursement rates, providing an additional 40 cents for school lunches and 15 cents for school breakfasts, and it would expand eligibility for free school lunches to all students from families with incomes at or below 185 percent of the federal poverty line. It would also increase federal reimbursement rates to provide an additional 10 cents for meals provided under the Child and Adult Care Food Program for day care centers. It would provide such sums as necessary for the costs of waivers and increased reimbursements and require the USDA to provide technical assistance to states and school food authorities to assist with transitioning school meal program operations after waivers expire. As an offset, it would permanently rescind \$3.9 billion in unobligated COVID-19 relief funding.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 376-42. [S. 2089, [Vote #Vote #290](#), 6/23/22; CQ, [6/23/22](#)]

- **The School Lunch Waivers Allowed The Agriculture Department To Waive Various Requirements That Govern School Lunches And Increased Reimbursement Rates For School Food Programs.** “The waivers were originally created as a part of pandemic relief at the start of 2020. They allow the Agriculture Department to waive various requirements that govern how schools can serve meals and who can get them. The waivers also increased the reimbursement rates for school food programs.” [NPR, [6/21/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Blocking Consideration Of The Unmask Our Kids Act, Which Would Block Federal Funds From Schools That Engage In Remote Learning And Maintain Student Mask Mandates. In February 2022, Salazar voted against: “Raskin, D-Md., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Congressional Record, Rep. Fischbach said, “That is why if we defeat the previous question, I will personally offer an amendment to the rule to immediately consider H.R. 6619, the Unmask Our Kids Act. This legislation would block education agencies from receiving Federal funding unless schools are open for in-person

learning and school mask mandates allow parents to opt out on behalf of their children.” **A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the bill.** Motion agreed to by a vote of 221-205. [H. Res. 912, [Vote #Vote #35](#), 2/8/22; CQ, [2/8/22](#); Congressional Record, [2/8/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Blocking Consideration Of A Bill That Would Require Schools To Resume In-Person Instruction In Order To Receive Certain Federal Funds. In January 2022, Salazar voted against: “Perlmutter D-Colo. motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Congressional Record, Rep. Reschenthaler said, “Madam Speaker, that is why if we defeat the previous question, I will personally offer an amendment to the rule to immediately consider H.R. 682, the Reopen Schools Act.” **A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the bill.** Motion agreed to by a vote of 219-203. [H Res. 860, [Vote #Vote #2](#), 1/11/22; CQ, [1/11/22](#); Congressional Record, [1/11/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Blocking Consideration Of The Parents Bill Of Rights Act To Increase Transparency And Parental Involvement In Education. In December 2021 Salazar voted against: “Agreeing to the Torres, D-Calif., motion to order the previous question (thus limiting debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Congressional Record, Rep. Cole said, “If we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment on the rule to immediately bring up H.R. 6056, the Parents Bill of Rights Act.” **A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the bill.** The motion was agreed to by a vote of 218-209. [H. Res. 829, [Vote #Vote #395](#), 12/2/21; CQ, [12/2/21](#); Congressional Record, [12/2/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For The Expansion Of Eligibility And Revision Of Verification Requirements For A Higher Education Teacher Assistance Grant Program. In September 2021 Salazar voted for: “Scott, D-Va., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would expand eligibility and modify service verification requirements for the Education Department's Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education grant program, which provides grants to undergraduate and graduate students who agree to teach for four years following graduation as full-time teachers in a high-need field serving low-income students. Among other provisions, it would allow grant recipients to serve in high-need geographic areas, in addition to high-need subject areas. It would permit recipients whose grants have been converted into loans due to failure to meet program requirements to request that they be reverted to grants, with an extended service obligation window, under certain conditions. It would extend the service obligation window up to three years for grant recipients whose service was impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.” The motion passed by a vote of 406-16. [S. 848, [Vote #Vote #302](#), 9/28/21; CQ, [9/28/21](#)]

Salazar Voted Against An Amendment To Direct The Holder Of A Private Education Loan To Discharge Loan In The Event Of Borrowers Death Or Disability. In September 2021, Salazar voted against: “Dean, D-Pa., amendment no. 5 that would direct the holder of a private education loan to discharge the loan in the event of the borrower's death or total and permanent disability.” The amendment was adopted 219 to 204. [HR 4350, [Vote #Vote #269](#), 9/22/21; CQ, [9/23/21](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Blocking Consideration Of A Bill Aimed At Curtailing The Teaching Of Critical Race Theory In Schools. In July 2021, voted against: “McGovern, D-Mass., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment). According to the Congressional Record,

Rep. Cole said, “if we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to bring up H.R. 4698 for immediate consideration. This bill addresses the growing problem in American schools of educators pushing their own ideology onto students by forcing them to use the pedagogy of critical race theory.” **A vote for the motion was a block consideration of the bill.** The motion was agreed to 217 to 201. [HR 555, [Vote #Vote #222](#), 7/27/21; CQ, [7/27/21](#); Congressional Record, [7/27/21](#)]

Election Law, Voting Rights and Campaign Finance

Salazar Voted Against The Freedom To Vote: John R. Lewis Act. In January 2022 Salazar voted against: “Butterfield, D-N.C., motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the bill (HR 5746) with a further House amendment containing an election integrity and voting rights package. Among other provisions related to voter access and election security, the bill would require states to allow online and same-day registration, automatically register eligible voters, allow early voting at least 15 days before election day, carry out a program to track and confirm receipt of all absentee ballots, require voting via paper ballots, and accept certain alternate forms of voter identification. It would establish uniform criteria for states' congressional redistricting plans to prevent partisan gerrymandering and protect political participation of minority groups. It would prohibit any attempt to prevent an individual from registering to vote, prohibit certain practices related to voter intimidation and harassment of election workers, and prohibit states from restricting the provision of food and nonalcoholic beverages at polling locations. It would make Election Day a federal holiday and include provisions to improve voter access for individuals with disabilities. Among other provisions related to campaign finance, the bill would modify or establish public financing mechanisms for presidential and congressional election campaigns that would match 600% of each contribution of up to \$200 for candidates whose campaigns do not accept contributions of more than \$1,000 per individual donor and do not use more than \$50,000 of the candidate's personal funds. It would create a public financing voucher pilot program in three states, under which each eligible voter could donate \$25 in public funding credit to House candidates. It would expand disclosure requirements for large campaign contributions, require candidates and political committees to report foreign contacts to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and prohibit the creation of corporations to conceal foreign election contributions. Among other provisions to strengthen anti-discrimination enforcement authorities in relation to voting practices, the bill would effectively restore preclearance requirements under the Voting Rights Act for any changes to voting practices in states and localities with a history of voting rights violations in the previous 25 years. It would establish formulas to identify such jurisdictions, which would be required to submit proposed changes to the Justice Department for preclearance before implementation. It would require states and localities to review election practices to identify any practices that could impact the ability to vote based on race, color or language minority group and subject any such practices to federal preclearance. It would expand Justice Department authority to assign federal election observers to ensure compliance with federal voting rights protections. It would require states and localities to provide public notice regarding any changes to voting procedures made within 180 days of a federal election, and regarding updated demographic data following any electoral district boundary changes.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 220-203. [HR 5746, [Vote #Vote #9](#), 1/13/22; CQ, [1/13/22](#)]

- **The Bill Was A Combination Of The Freedom To Vote Act, A Slimmed Down Version Of The For The People Act, And The John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act.** “The Senate on Wednesday voted against the Freedom to Vote Act and The John Lewis Voting Rights

Advancement Act, striking the fatal blow into Senate Democrats' effort to pass major voting rights legislation. On January 13, the House passed the two bills, now combined into one, titled 'Freedom to Vote: John R. Lewis Act.' Democrats used an unrelated NASA bill as a legislative vehicle to fast-track consideration of the measure in the Senate [...] If the bills had passed, they would have massively reshaped the landscape of voting and election administration in the United States. The Freedom to Vote Act would standardize voting election laws across the country and would significantly expand voting access, including reversing the effects of dozens of new state-level voting restrictions passed this year. The John Lewis bill would restore key provisions of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 that have been struck down or weakened by the Supreme Court, and change the way federal courts handle election cases." [Business Insider, [1/20/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Considering The Freedom To Vote: John R. Lewis Act. In January 2022 Salazar voted against: "Adoption of the rule (H Res 868) that would provide for floor consideration of the House amendment to the Senate amendment to the legislative vehicle (HR 5746) for voting rights legislation. It would provide for up to one hour of debate on a motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the bill, with a further House amendment." The rule was adopted by a vote of 220-202. [H. Res. 868, [Vote #Vote #8](#), 1/12/22; CQ, [1/12/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Blocking Consideration Of A Resolution Recognizing That Allowing Illegal Immigrants The Right To Vote Devalues The Franchise And Diminishes The Voting Power Of United States Citizens. In January 2022, Salazar voted against: "McGovern D-Mass. motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment)." According to the Congressional Record, Rep. Fischbach said, "Madam Speaker, if we defeat the previous question, Republicans will offer an amendment to the rule allowing for the immediate consideration of H. Res. 866." **A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the bill.** Motion agreed to by a vote of 220-201. [H. Res. 868, [Vote #Vote #7](#), 1/12/22; CQ, [1/12/22](#); Congressional Record, [1/12/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against An Amendment Granting The Government Accountability Office Access To Information In The Possession Of The Intelligence Community. In December 2021, Salazar voted against: "Ocasio-Cortez, D-N.Y. amendment no. 25 that would require the national intelligence director to ensure that Government Accountability Office personnel are provided with access to all information in the possession of the intelligence community that the GAO determines is necessary to conduct an analysis, evaluation or investigation of a program or activity of an element of the intelligence community that is requested by Congress. It would require the GAO to establish procedures to protect the confidentiality of such information." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 196-233. [HR 5314, [Vote #Vote #438](#), 12/09/21; CQ, [12/09/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For En Bloc Amendment No. 2, Striking Most Of The Protecting Our Democracy Act's Provisions, And Requiring The President To Notify Congress And Provide Rationale Before Removing An Inspector General. In December 2021, Salazar voted for: "Carolyn B. Maloney, D-N.Y., en bloc amendments no. 2 that would strike a section to specify that time during a president's or vice president's tenure would not be included in the statute of limitations for any federal criminal offense committed by that person; and would strike the most of the bill's provisions, except two sections related to protecting the independence of inspectors general. It also would modify the inspectors general language to require the president to notify Congress and provide a detailed rationale prior to removing

an inspector general.” The amendment bloc was rejected by a vote of 211-218. [HR 5314, [Vote #Vote #437](#), 12/09/21; CQ, [12/09/21](#)]

Salazar Voted Against En Bloc Amendment No. 1, Including 31 Amendments Protecting Election Officials, Increasing Accountability In The Executive Branch, Combating Digital Misinformation, And Protecting Whistleblowers. In December 2021, Salazar voted against: “Carolyn B. Maloney, D-N.Y., en bloc amendments no. 1 that would include 31 amendments to the bill that would, among other provisions, establish protections for personally identifiable information of election officials who they have received threats related to their service; prohibit the president, vice president and cabinet members from contracting with the federal government; direct the Federal Election Commission to issue guidance for political committees on cybersecurity risks; establish an inspector general for the Office of Management and Budget; establish disclosure requirements for internet and digital political advertising; prohibit the use of deepfakes, or materially deceptive audio or visual media, of a federal election candidate; impose various limitations on national emergency powers; extend whistleblower protections to fellows or interns at federal agencies; and codify an executive order requiring all executive branch personnel to sign an ethics pledge.” The amendment bloc was adopted by a vote of 218-211. [HR 5314, [Vote #Vote #436](#), 12/09/21; CQ, [12/09/21](#)]

Salazar Voted Against The John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act. In August 2021 Salazar voted against: “Passage of the bill that would include a number of provisions to strengthen anti-discrimination enforcement authorities in relation to voting practices. The bill would effectively restore preclearance requirements under the Voting Rights Act for any changes to voting practices in states and localities with a history of voting rights violations within the previous 25 years. It would establish formulas to identify such jurisdictions, which would be required to submit proposed changes to the Justice Department for review and approval before they may be implemented. It would establish an "administrative bailout" provision allowing jurisdictions to apply for exemptions to preclearance requirements if they meet eligibility standards related to not implementing discriminatory practices in the previous 10 years. It would also require states and localities to review any newly enacted or adopted election practices to identify whether they include certain practices that could impact the ability to vote based on race, color or language minority group, such as changes to impose stricter voter identification requirements; changes to jurisdictional boundaries or voting locations in jurisdictions with large minority populations; and changes that prohibit the provision of food or drinks to individuals waiting to vote. It would require jurisdictions that adopt such practices to submit them for federal preclearance. It would codify or expand various requirements for court evaluation of "vote denial" and "vote dilution" discrimination claims and other voting rights violations, including to provide for violations in the case of voting practices that have the purpose or will have the effect of denying or abridging the right to vote on account of race or color, including rules that have not yet been implemented. It would expand certain voting rights enforcement authorities, including to allow courts to grant injunctions or require judicial preclearance for changes to voting practices in response to any federal voting rights law prohibiting racial or language discrimination. Among other provisions, it would expand Justice Department authority to assign federal election observers to ensure compliance with federal voting rights protections, including bilingual election requirements. It would require states and localities to provide public notice of any changes to voting procedures made within 180 days of a federal election and to provide public notice of updated demographic data within ten days of any change to electoral district boundaries. It would require the department to make grants to small jurisdictions with a population of 10,000 or less

to help them comply with public notice requirements related to voting practices.” The motion was agreed to 219-212. [H Res 4, [Vote #Vote #260](#), 8/24/21; CQ, [8/24/21](#)]

- **Roll Call: “The Chief Aim” Of The John Lewis VRAA Was To Restore DOJ’s “Ability To Preclear [...] Election Law Changes In Jurisdictions That Have A History Of Discriminatory Voting Practices.”** “The chief aim of the bill is to bring back and update the Justice Department’s ability to preclear, or give the OK to, election law changes in jurisdictions that have a history of discriminatory voting practices against minority voters. Congress is responding to the Supreme Court’s 2013 Shelby County v. Holder decision, which invalidated the mechanism the Justice Department had previously used, which was a provision of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.” [Roll Call, [8/31/21](#)]
- **Roll Call: The Bill Would Subject Voter ID And Voter Purge Laws To Preclearance In A Wider Range Of Jurisdictions.** “The bill would also subject certain proposed laws to preclearance, even potentially in jurisdictions that would not otherwise fall under the 25-year lookback criteria. The bill’s Section 6 would set out several practices, including changes to voter identification needed to vote and maintenance of voter rolls, that could be subject to preclearance. ‘All those that have been shown to be discriminatory would need to be precleared,’ Spaulding said.” [Roll Call, [8/31/21](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Considering 3 Resolutions, The 2022 Budget Resolution, The John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act, And The Bipartisan Infrastructure Package. In August 2021 Salazar voted against: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 601) that would provide for House floor consideration of the fiscal 2022 budget resolution (S Con Res 14), the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act (HR 4) and the bipartisan infrastructure package (HR 3684). The rule would provide for automatic agreement, upon adoption of the rule, to the fiscal 2022 budget resolution (S Con Res 14). It would provide for up to one hour of general debate each on HR 4 and on a motion to concur in the Senate amendment to HR 3684. It would require the House to consider the motion to concur in the Senate amendment to HR 3684 on Sept. 27, 2021, if the motion is not offered prior to that date. It would also provide for automatic adoption of a Nadler, D-N.Y., manager’s amendment to HR 4 that would, among other provisions, clarify and expand considerations related to court evaluation of voting rights violations, including to require that courts consider whether a voting practice was designed to and does advance a “valid and substantiated” state interest. The manager’s amendment would specify that a provision related to violations in the case of voting practices that have not yet been implemented would apply to practices enacted on or after Jan. 1, 2021, and it would add an “administrative bailout” provision allowing political subdivisions to apply for exemptions to the bill’s preclearance requirements for changes to voting practices if they meet certain eligibility standards related to not implementing discriminatory practices in the previous 10 years.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 220-212. [H Res 601, [Vote #Vote #258](#), 8/24/21; CQ, [8/24/21](#)]

Salazar Voted Against The For the People Act, Expanding Access To Voting And Overhauling Campaign Finance And Ethics Laws. In March 2021, Salazar voted against The For The People Act. NPR described the bill: “The [For The People Act] seeks ‘to expand Americans’ access to the ballot box, reduce the influence of big money in politics, strengthen ethics rules for public servants, and implement other anti-corruption measures for the purpose of fortifying our democracy, and for other purposes.’ The bill’s language calls for a complete overhaul of the current system, which varies widely by state and which critics say promotes unfair barriers to voting. Included in the act is mandatory

automatic voter registration, restoring voting rights to people with completed felony sentences and a reversal of state voter ID laws that would allow citizens to make a sworn statement affirming their identity if they were unable to produce an ID. [...] in politics by requiring organizations to disclose large donors, and it creates a matching system for small donations.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 220 - 210. [HR 1, [Vote #Vote #62](#), 3/3/21; CQ, [3/3/21](#); NPR, [3/3/21](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Lowering The Voter Age To 16. In March 2021, Salazar voted against: “Pressley, D-Mass., amendment no. 37 that would lower the minimum voting age to 16 years, beginning with elections held in 2022, by prohibiting states from refusing to permit an individual to register to vote or vote in a federal election on the basis of age, if the individual will be at least 16 years old on the election date.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 125 - 302. [HR 1, [Vote #Vote #57](#), 3/3/21; CQ, [3/3/21](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Requiring Disclaimers On Online Material Distributed On Behalf Of A Foreign Entity And Requiring Polling Locations To Operate For Four Hours Outside Of Business Hours. In March 2021, Salazar voted against: “Lofgren, D-Calif., en bloc amendments no. 4 that would, among other provisions, require conspicuous disclaimers when any informational material on an online platform is distributed on behalf of a foreign entity; require online platforms to generate a public record of political advertisements; require states to run polling locations that are open for at least four hours outside of the period between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.; and require the Government Accountability Office's to assess the extent to which the small-contribution public financing program established by the bill increases opportunities for candidates of diverse racial, gender and socioeconomic backgrounds.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 223 - 208. [HR 1, [Vote #Vote #58](#), 3/3/21; CQ, [3/3/21](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Requiring Early Voting Locations On College Campuses And Reserving Voter Registration Grants For HBCUs. In March 2021, Salazar voted against: “Lofgren, D-Calif., en bloc amendments no. 1 that would, among other provisions, require states to ensure that polling places that allow early voting be located on campuses of higher education institutions; require the Education Department to ensure that 25 percent of funds for certain student voter registration grants to higher education institutions be reserved for historically Black colleges and universities and other minority-serving institutions; require states to ensure that in counties with at least 20,000 registered voters at least one drop box is open to accept ballots for 24 hours a day; and require the Election Assistance Commission to conduct a study on the 2020 elections and compile a list of recommendations to help states transition to or improve their current vote-by-mail system.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 218 – 210. [HR 1, [Vote #Vote #52](#), 3/2/21; CQ, [3/2/21](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Granting Voting Rights To Individuals Serving Felony Sentences. In March 2021, Salazar voted against: “Bush, D-Mo., amendment no. 14 [that would] strike language that would allow the denial of voting rights to individuals serving felony sentences in correctional institutions at the time of an election.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 97 – 328. [HR 1, [Vote #Vote #53](#), 3/2/21; CQ, [3/2/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For Removing A Provision To Create National Strategy To Protect Democratic Institutions From Cyber Attacks And Disinformation Campaigns. In March 2021, Salazar voted for: “Davis, R-Ill., amendment no. 19 that would strike from the bill a section that would require the creation

of a national strategy to protect against cyber attacks, influence operations, disinformation campaigns and other activities that could undermine the security and integrity of U.S. democratic institutions, and that would establish a commission to counter efforts to undermine democratic institutions within the United States.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 207 – 218. [HR 1, [Vote #Vote #54](#), 3/2/21; CQ, [3/2/21](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Adapting Elections Materials To Local Language Preferences And Blocking Changes To USPS That Would Restrict Delivery Of Voting Materials. In March 2021, Salazar voted against: “Lofgren, D-Calif., en bloc amendments no. 3 that would, among other provisions, bar the U.S. Postal Service from carrying out any new operational change within 120 days before a federal election that would restrict the delivery of voting materials; direct the Election Assistance Commission to appoint a senior cyber policy advisor to be the primary policy advisor to the commission on cybersecurity matters for federal elections; require election officials to take the linguistic preferences of voters in the jurisdiction into account when posting required notices at polling locations; prohibit taxpayer funds from being deposited into a public campaign fund created by the bill; apply a number of laws related to voter registration and protections to U.S. territories; and permit the placement of statues honoring citizens of each U.S. territory in Statuary Hall.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 221 - 207. [HR 1, [Vote #Vote #55](#), 3/2/21; CQ, [3/2/21](#)]

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Salazar Voted For Reauthorization Of The National Park Foundation At \$15 Million Annually Through FY 2030. In July 2022 Salazar voted for: “Huffman, D-Calif., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would reauthorize the National Park Foundation for seven years and triple the annual authorization amount, authorizing \$15 million annually through fiscal 2030.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 397-22. [H.R. 7693, [Vote #Vote #378](#), 7/19/22; CQ, [7/19/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Prohibiting The U.S. Fish And Wildlife Service From Providing Financial Assistance Or Support To A Foreign Security Force With A Gross Human Rights Violation. In July 2022 Salazar voted for: “Huffman, D-Calif., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would prohibit the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service from providing financial assistance or support to any unit of a foreign security force if the agency or the State Department has credible information that the unit has committed a gross human rights violation, unless the recipient is taking steps to address and prevent future violations. It would require a number of administrative procedures to prevent funding for entities disqualified for funding, including to require the service to establish and periodically update procedures to identify human rights violators; incorporate into the terms of agreement for conservation grants that the recipient will not commit, fund or support human rights violations; and perform regular audits of funding recipients. It would require recipients to refer all credible information of human rights violations in connection with the financial award to the service.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 379-43. [H.R. 7025, [Vote #Vote #377](#), 7/19/22; CQ, [7/19/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For A Study Of A Segment Of The Kissimmee River In Central Florida For Potential Inclusion In The National Wild And Scenic Rivers System. In July 2022 Salazar voted for: “Huffman, D-Calif., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would designate a restored segment of the Kissimmee River in central Florida for study for potential inclusion in the National Wild

and Scenic Rivers System. It would specify that the designation would not interfere with the current management of the area and could not be used to justify more restrictive management until Congress acts on the study recommendations.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 377-45. [H.R. 4404, [Vote #Vote #376](#), 7/19/22; CQ, [7/19/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For A Group Of Bills To Establish National Heritage Areas And Long-Distance Bike Trails And To Authorize The St. Louis Missouri Gateway Arch To Be Lit In Support Of Ukraine. In July 2022 Salazar voted for: “DeLauro, D-Conn., motion to suspend the rules and pass five bills, en bloc.” “A bill to establish in the States of North Carolina and South Carolina the Southern Campaign of the Revolution National Heritage Corridor, and for other purposes.” “A bill to establish the Southern Maryland National Heritage Area, and for other purposes.” “A bill to establish the Alabama Black Belt National Heritage Area, and for other purposes.” “A bill to require the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to develop long-distance bike trails on Federal land, and for other purposes.” “A bill to authorize the Gateway Arch in St. Louis, Missouri, to be illuminated by blue and yellow lights in support of Ukraine.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 365-57. [H.R. 1286, H.R. 2024, H.R. 3222, H.R. 6337, H.R. 7002, [Vote #Vote #374](#), 7/19/22; CQ, [7/19/22](#); CQ, Accessed [7/20/22](#); CQ, Accessed [7/20/22](#); CQ, Accessed [7/20/22](#); CQ, Accessed [7/20/22](#); CQ, Accessed [7/20/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against The Lower Food And Fuel Costs Act To Increase Biofuel Adoption And Investment And Expand Fuel Choices For Consumers. In June 2022 Salazar voted against: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would provide \$700 million in supplemental fiscal 2023 appropriations and authorize or require various Agriculture Department activities to reduce food production costs; support biofuel infrastructure upgrades to reduce fuel costs; expand livestock and poultry processing capacities; and address supply chain resilience in the food and agriculture sectors. Within supplemental appropriations, it would provide \$500 million for additional payments to producers under the Environmental Quality Incentives Program to implement crop nutrient management practices or precision agriculture practices, which use new technologies to increase crop yields or decrease needed inputs such as land, fertilizer and herbicides. It would also modify existing USDA conservation programs to provide additional support, including loans and loan guarantees, for farmers and ranchers to adopt precision agriculture practices and acquire related technology. Within supplemental appropriations, it would provide \$200 million for grants to transportation fueling and distribution facilities, fuel terminal operations and heating oil distribution facilities to install or upgrade fuel infrastructure to ensure the environmentally safe availability of fuel containing ethanol blends at levels greater than 10 percent or biodiesel blends at levels greater than five percent, or to build and retrofit existing systems to blend biodiesel and carry ethanol and biodiesel. It would also authorize the EPA to extend a waiver to allow the sale of gasoline blended with more than 10 percent ethanol. The bill would also authorize \$120 million annually through fiscal 2025 for USDA loans, loan guarantees and grants for public and private entities to expand and diversify livestock or poultry processing capabilities and promote local and interstate sales by meeting relevant regulatory standards. It would establish a USDA special investigator’s office to investigate and prosecute violations of competition and trade practices by packers and live poultry dealers and consult with the Homeland Security Department on security issues in the food and agriculture sector. To address supply chain issues, it would authorize \$100 million for grants, loans and other assistance to address fertilizer shortages, including by reducing dependence on foreign sources and supporting efficient and sustainable fertilizer use; direct the USDA to establish at least six Supply Chain Regional Resource Centers to provide grants and assistance to small- and

medium-sized agricultural producers and businesses to address supply chain challenges; and require the USDA to establish a temporary food system supply chain resilience and crisis response task force.” The bill passed by a vote of 221-204. [H.R. 7606, [Vote #Vote #277](#), 6/16/22; CQ, [6/16/22](#)]

- **The Lower Food And Fuel Costs Act Lifted Summer Restrictions On E15 Gas, Which Was Cheaper Than Regular E10 Gas.** “The Lower Food and Fuel Costs Act contains a number of separate agriculture provisions aimed at addressing food costs and supply chain issues. On the energy side, it would remove summertime restrictions on the sale of a 15 percent ethanol blend, a policy similar to provisions included in an executive order signed by President Biden earlier this month. [...] The Renewable Fuels Association, the primary lobbying group for biofuels, hailed the passage in a statement Thursday. ‘E15 typically sells for 10 to 40 cents per gallon less than regular E10 gasoline today, meaning consumers are saving several dollars each time they fill up their vehicle’s tank with E15 instead of E10,’ RFA President and CEO Geoff Cooper said in a statement.” [The Hill, [6/16/22](#)]
- **Renewable Fuels Association: Households Could Save Over \$300 A Year By Switching To E15 Gas.** “The Renewable Fuels Association welcomed passage of the bill. ‘By expanding the availability of cleaner, more-affordable ethanol blends, this legislation will help deliver immediate economic relief to American families who are feeling unprecedented pain at the pump,’ said Geoff Cooper, president and CEO of the RFA. ‘E15 typically sells for 10 to 40 cents per gallon less than regular E10 gasoline today, meaning consumers are saving several dollars each time they fill up their vehicle’s tank with E15 instead of E10. That means the typical household can save more than \$300 on fuel expenses over the course of a year simply by choosing lower-carbon E15. RFA thanks Speaker Pelosi, Majority Leader Hoyer, and renewable fuel supporters from both parties for pushing this legislation over the goal line and delivering a win to hard-pressed American families dealing with inflationary pressures.’” [Biodiesel Magazine, [6/16/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For A Motion To Recommit The Lower Food And Fuel Costs Act To Committee. In June 2022 Salazar voted for: “Cammack, R-Fla., motion to recommit the bill to the House Agriculture Committee.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 206-218. [H.R. 7607, [Vote #Vote #276](#), 6/16/22; CQ, [6/16/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For The Recovering America’s Wildlife Act To Direct \$3.2 Billion Through FY 2025 Then \$1.3 Billion Annually To Support Wildlife Conservation And Restoration And Endangered Species Protection. In June 2022 Salazar voted for: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would establish two permanent mandatory spending programs and one four-year mandatory spending program to support wildlife conservation and restoration and endangered species protection. It would direct the Treasury Department to transfer a total of \$3.2 billion through fiscal 2025, and \$1.3 billion annually thereafter, for state wildlife and habitat conservation and restoration activities. It would allocate 90 percent of such funding for activities to implement and enhance state wildlife conservation strategies; endangered and threatened species recovery; wildlife conservation education and wildlife-associated recreation projects, especially in historically underserved communities; managing invasive species, diseases and other risks to species of greatest conservation need; and law enforcement related to species and habitat protection. It would allocate 10 percent of such funding for grants to state and regional fish and wildlife departments to support innovative techniques, tools and partnerships to

advance endangered species and habitat recovery. The bill would direct the department to transfer \$97.5 million annually beginning in fiscal 2023 to support tribal conservation activities, with at least 15 percent of funds reserved for threatened and endangered species recovery activities. Finally, it would direct the department to transfer a total of \$750 million through fiscal 2026 for endangered species recovery and habitat conservation activities, including for grants to states and tribes to implement the backlog of activities identified in existing recovery plans, and for U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service activities to address interagency consultation responsibilities; work with nonfederal entities; and the permitting of voluntary conservation agreements.” The bill passed by a vote of 231-190. [H.R. 2773, [Vote #Vote #267](#), 6/14/22; CQ, [6/14/22](#)]

- **State Fish And Wildlife Agencies Identified “Over 12,000 Species In Greatest Conservation Need.”** “State Wildlife Action Plans serve as the blueprints for conserving our nation's fish and wildlife and preventing endangered species. In 2005, each state, territory and the District Columbia submitted their plan for approval to the US Fish and Wildlife Service as a condition for receiving funding through the State and Tribal Wildlife Grants program. The plans were recently updated with the latest science and information to guide conservation of over 12,000 species in greatest conservation need. Each plan addressed 8 required elements laid out by the US Congress. The plans were developed in collaboration with leading scientists, conservationists, private landowners and other citizens. Although progress is being made, many species of fish and wildlife continue to decline because funding is inadequate.” [Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, Accessed [6/15/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For A Motion To Recommit The Recovering America’s Wildlife Act To Committee. In June 2022 Salazar voted for: “Fulcher, R-Idaho, motion to recommit the bill to the House Natural Resources Committee.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 202-220. [H.R. 2773, [Vote #Vote #266](#), 6/14/22; CQ, [6/14/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against An Amendment To Expand Wildlife Conservation And Restoration Grant Eligibility To Non-Profit Organizations . In June 2022 Salazar voted against: “Butterfield, D-N.C., for Kirkpatrick, D-Ariz., amendment no. 5 that would make nonprofit organizations eligible to receive wildlife conservation and restoration grants focused on innovative techniques and activities.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 216-206. [H.R. 2773, [Vote #Vote #265](#), 6/14/22; CQ, [6/14/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For An Amendment To Expand Funding Eligibility For Fish And Wildlife Endangered Species Conservation Activities To Include Efforts To Control And Prevent Invasive Species And Disease. In June 2022 Salazar voted for: “Kildee, D-Mich., amendment no.4 to that would specify that funds made available by the bill for U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service endangered species conservation activities with nonfederal entities may be used to control and prevent invasive species, disease and other risks to such species.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 231-189. [H.R. 2773, [Vote #Vote #264](#), 6/14/22; CQ, [6/14/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For En Bloc Amendments #2 To Establish A 1.85% Administrative Cost Limit For The Endangered Species Recovery And Conservation Grant Funds And Reserve 0.5% For Oversight Costs. In June 2022 Salazar voted for: “Dingell, D-Mich., en bloc amendments no. 2 that would prohibit the use of more than 1.85 percent of the endangered species recovery and conservation grant funds

made available by the bill for administrative costs; and reserve one half of 1 percent of the amount made available by the bill for an endangered species recovery and habitat conservation legacy fund for the Interior Department inspector general for oversight and accountability activities with respect to expenditure of funds.” The amendment was adopted/ by a vote of 412-8. [H.R. 2773, [Vote #Vote #263](#), 6/14/22; CQ, [6/14/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For En Bloc Amendments #1 To The Recovering America’s Wildlife Act. In June 2022 Salazar voted for: “Dingell, D-Mich., en bloc amendments no. 1 that would specify that wildlife conservation and restoration grant funds made available by the bill may be used to expand the use of innovative technologies or strategies that accelerate, expand or replicate effective and measurable recovery efforts for species of greatest conservation need, threatened or endangered species, and their habitats; require the Interior Department to submit to Congress a report providing information on the dollar amount of grants and contracts under the bill, as well as the percentage of total awards and grants made to historically Black colleges and universities, Hispanic-serving educational institutions, tribally-controlled colleges and universities, minority-serving educational institutions, women- or minority-owned businesses, and community organizations that serve minority communities; specify that wildlife conservation and restoration grant funds made available by the bill may be used for infrastructure projects related to the protection and conservation of a species of greatest conservation need and its habitat; and specify that wildlife conservation and restoration grant funds made available by the bill may be used to conserve and restore a native pollinator species that is a species of greatest conservation need.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 276-147. [H.R. 2773, [Vote #Vote #262](#), 6/14/22; CQ, [6/14/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Considering The Recovering America’s Wildlife Act, The Financial Services Racial Equity, Inclusion, And Economic Justice Act, And The Lower Food And Fuel Costs Act. In June 2022 Salazar voted against: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 1170) for the Recovering America's Wildlife Act (HR 2773), the Financial Services Racial Equity, Inclusion, and Economic Justice Act (HR 2543) and the Lower Food and Fuel Costs Act (HR 7606). The rule would provide for up to one hour of debate on each bill; automatic adoption of manager's amendments to each bill; and floor consideration of eight amendments to HR 2773, 27 amendments to HR 2543 and two amendments to HR 7606. It would provide for automatic adoption of a Grijalva, D-Ariz., manager's amendment to HR 2773 that would make technical changes and strike provisions that would provide for any unappropriated amounts from fines and other revenues resulting from natural resource or environmental-related violations or enforcement actions by a federal agency to be made available for transfer to the tribal wildlife conservation and restoration fund established by the bill. It would provide for automatic adoption of a Waters, D-Calif., manager's amendment to HR 2543 that would make technical and clarifying changes to the bill. Among other provisions, it would require the Federal Housing Finance Agency and the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau to publish translated versions of all mortgage documents in the language most commonly spoken by individuals with limited English proficiency; require CFPB to issue a final rule to implement language access requirements required by the bill; require the Treasury Department to allocate at least \$1 billion within the Emergency Capital Investment Fund for financial and technical assistance grants to community development financial institutions; and authorize CDFIs to collect demographic data from borrowers and applicants for the exclusive purpose of ensuring that targeted populations and low-income residents of investment areas are adequately served. It would provide for automatic adoption of a Scott, D-Ga., manager's amendment to HR 7606 that would modify

language that would authorize the Agriculture Department to make payments to producers to assist in reducing costs associated with the utilization of crop nutrients or to adopt precision agriculture practices and specify that the amounts of such payments must not exceed 100 percent of the activity costs in combination with any other federal funds for such activities; modify a provision that would authorize USDA grants for fuel infrastructure upgrades to ensure the environmentally safe availability of fuel containing biodiesel blends at levels greater than 5 percent, as opposed to 20 percent; and make technical changes. Finally, the rule would authorize through June 22, 2022, certain routine authorities for House proceedings, including for consideration of motions to suspend the rules and same-day consideration of Rules Committee resolutions.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 218-204. [H. Res. 1170, [Vote #Vote #260](#), 6/14/22; CQ, [6/14/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Blocking Consideration Of The American Energy Independence From Russia Act. In June 2022 Salazar voted against: “DeSaulnier, D-Calif., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Congressional Record, Rep. Reschenthaler said, “That is why if we defeat the previous question, I will personally offer an amendment to the rule to immediately consider H.R. 6858, the American Energy Independence from Russia Act.” **A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the bill.** The motion was agreed to by a vote of 216-199. [H. Res. 1170, [Vote #Vote #259](#), 6/14/22; CQ, [6/14/22](#); Congressional Record, [6/14/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Authorizing New Army Corp Of Engineers Water Resource Development Projects. In June 2022 Salazar voted for: “DeFazio, D-Ore., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would authorize a wide range of Army Corps of Engineers projects and programs related to water resource development. It would authorize 18 new navigation, flood control, ecosystem restoration and natural disaster risk management construction projects totaling approximately \$23.2 billion in federal funding, including \$19.2 billion for coastal protection and restoration in Texas. It would authorize 119 new environmental infrastructure projects totaling over \$3.8 billion in federal funding. It would authorize 72 new feasibility studies for possible projects and require the corps to expedite feasibility studies for 14 previously authorized projects. It would remove a requirement that a list of corps projects for potential deauthorization must include projects with an aggregate federal cost of at least \$10 billion. Among other provisions, it would authorize \$40 million for shoreline and riverine protection and restoration, \$25 million for a coastal mapping study and demonstration project, and \$10 million to assess opportunities to include solar energy panels in corps properties or water resources projects. It would double to \$30 million annually the amount authorized for technical assistance to states in developing water resource plans; reauthorize the Tribal Partnership Program and the Levee Safety Initiative through fiscal 2026; and include a number of policy provisions related to dredging, coordination with tribal governments and climate change resiliency.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 384-37. [H.R. 7776, [Vote #Vote #253](#), 6/8/22; CQ, [6/8/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against The Consumer Fuel Price Gouging Prevention Act To Bar Excessive Or Exploitative Fuel Prices. In May 2022 Salazar voted against: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would prohibit the sale of consumer fuel at excessive costs during a presidentially declared energy emergency. Specifically, the bill would allow the president to issue an energy emergency proclamation for any U.S. area for a renewable period of up to 30 days. During an energy emergency period, it would prohibit the sale of consumer fuel at a price that is ‘unconscionably excessive’ and indicates that the

seller is 'exploiting' the circumstances of the emergency to unreasonably increase prices. It would direct the Federal Trade Commission to enforce such violations under existing law related to unfair or deceptive practices. It would establish an affirmative defense for civil and administrative action brought to enforce the violation that an increase in price 'reasonably reflects' additional costs or risks taken to produce, distribute, obtain or sell fuel. It would specify aggravating and mitigating factors in determining violations including whether the price grossly exceeds the average price of fuel offered in the 30 days before the emergency proclamation or during a benchmark period established by the FTC; whether the price grossly exceeds the average price offered during the emergency period by other sellers in the same area; and whether the quantity of fuel produced, distributed or sold increased in an area during the emergency period, accounting for usual seasonal variation. Among other provisions related to enforcement, it would require the FTC to prioritize enforcement against companies with sales over \$500 million annually; allow state attorneys general to enforce the prohibition through civil action and allow the FTC to intervene in such cases; and establish the Consumer Relief Trust Fund for funds collected from penalties, to be used to provide energy assistance to low-income households. It would also increase from \$1 million to \$2 million the maximum penalty under existing law and expand FTC enforcement authority for market manipulation and sharing false information with respect to transportation fuel pricing. It would require the Energy Department's Energy Information Administration to conduct surveys of energy companies to collect information on U.S. crude oil and transportation fuel markets and share survey results and related analyses with the public and the FTC. It would require the FTC to investigate and create a strategy to address price manipulation and price gouging practices for gasoline during national or international emergencies." The bill passed by a vote of 217-207. [H.R. 7688, [Vote #Vote #232](#), 5/19/22; CQ, [5/19/22](#)]

- **The Price Gouging Prevention Bill “Prohibit[ed] Price Increases During National Emergencies” And Authorized The Federal Trade Commission “To Issue Penalties For Price Gouging.”** “The measure, which is unlikely to garner the Republican support needed to become law, would prohibit price increases during national energy emergencies declared by the president. [...] The bill, called the Consumer Fuel Price Gouging Prevention Act, would also give the Federal Trade Commission the power to issue penalties for price gouging, according to a summary of the legislation. It would prioritize penalizing larger companies, while protecting independently owned gas stations.” [Bloomberg, [5/12/22](#)]
- **March 2022: 87% Of Voters Supported “A Crackdown On Price Gouging By Oil Companies, Including 63% Who Strongly Favor It.”** “Of all the actions the President and Congress might take to address the problem of rising gasoline prices and long-term energy costs, the one voters support most strongly and most broadly is cracking down on price gouging and excessive price increases by oil companies. Eighty-seven percent (87%) of voters favor a crackdown on price gouging by oil companies, including 63% who strongly favor it. One reason voters are so emphatic about cracking down on price gouging is that they believe oil company CEOs are “profiteering” off of the war between Russia and Ukraine and are using the war as an opportunity to raise gas prices just to increase their profits. [...] 49% say the prices at the pump are a reflection of oil companies wanting to increase their profits as much as possible.” [Hart Research Associates, [3/15/22](#)]

May 2022: The Average Gas Price Hit A Record High Of \$4.59 Per Gallon And Was Expected To Remain High Through The Summer. “Gas prices continued to rise across the U.S. this week, and pressure on the pump is unlikely to decrease as the summer travel season begins. The average price for a gallon of regular unleaded gasoline in the U.S. hit a record of \$4.59 on Thursday, according to AAA. It is the highest national average recorded by AAA since they began tracking fuel costs in 2000. On average, prices are about 50 cents more a gallon than they were a month ago. A year ago, the average cost of a gallon of gas was \$3.04, according to the group. [...] Prices are expected to remain high throughout the summer. Mr. Gladden of AAA said prices typically decline by the end of summer, but what happens this year remains unclear.” [Wall Street Journal, [5/19/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For A Motion To Recommit The Consumer Fuel Price Gouging Prevention Act. In May 2022 Salazar voted for: “Westerman, R-Ark., motion to recommit the bill to the House Energy and Commerce Committee.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 201-220. [H.R. 7688, [Vote #Vote #231](#), 5/19/22; CQ, [5/19/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against An Amendment To Establish A Federal Trade Commission Unit To Monitor Transportation Fuel Markets And Enforce Penalties For Related Violations. In May 2022 Salazar voted against: “Pappas, D-N.H., amendment no. 2 to HR 7688 that would require the Federal Trade Commission to establish a transportation fuel monitoring and enforcement unit tasked with collecting and analyzing crude oil and transportation fuel market data to support transparent market prices; identify market manipulation and false information reporting; and facilitate penalty enforcement for violations of relevant statutory prohibitions. It would authorize such sums as necessary through fiscal 2027 for such activities.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 214-207. [H.R. 7688, [Vote #Vote #230](#), 5/19/22; CQ, [5/19/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against An Amendment To Authorize \$1 Million For The Federal Trade Commission To Investigate Gas Price Manipulation Through Refining Capacity Reduction Or Other Market Manipulation. In May 2022 Salazar voted against: “Demings, D-Fla., amendment no. 1 to HR 7688 that would authorize \$1 million for fiscal 2023 for the Federal Trade Commission to conduct an investigation to determine if the price of gasoline is being manipulated by reducing refinery capacity or any other form of market manipulation or being artificially increased by price gouging practices, including to consider the impact of mergers and acquisitions in the oil and gas industry. It would require the FTC to report to Congress on the investigation within 270 days of enactment and provide a long-term strategy to address oil and gas market manipulation during times of national or international crisis or emergency.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 217-205. [H.R. 7688, [Vote #Vote #229](#), 5/19/22; CQ, [5/19/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Blocking Consideration Of The American Energy Independence From Russia Act. In May 2022 Salazar voted against: “Scanlon, D-Pa., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Congressional Record, Rep. Burgess said, “Mr. Speaker, if we defeat the previous question, Republicans will amend the rule to consider H.R. 6858, the American Energy Independence from Russia Act, introduced by Ranking Members MCMORRIS RODGERS and WESTERMAN.” **A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the bill.** The motion was agreed to by a vote of 221-195. [H. Res. 1119, [Vote #Vote #186](#), 5/17/22; CQ, [5/17/22](#); Congressional Record, [5/17/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Authorizing \$1.5 Million For The National Oceanic And Atmospheric Administration Conduct A Study On The Research Needs For Precipitation Estimation. In May 2022 Salazar voted for: “Stevens, D-Mich., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would authorize \$1.5 million for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to enter into an agreement with the National Academies to conduct a study and report to Congress within two years of enactment on the research needs for precipitation estimation, which informs local governments and emergency management agencies with respect to flood risk and infrastructure planning. It would authorize \$47 million through fiscal 2027 for NOAA to develop a plan to update probable maximum precipitation estimates for the U.S. at least once every 10 years; conduct research on extreme precipitation estimation; improve access to and preservation of all relevant data and studies; and establish and publish best practices for probable maximum precipitation studies.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 333-81. [H.R. 1437, [Vote #Vote #154](#), 5/11/22; CQ, [5/11/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Creating A Federal Interagency Task Force To Create A Plan To Mitigate Harmful Algal Blooms And Hypoxia In South Florida. In May 2022 Salazar voted for: “Stevens, D-Mich., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would require the federal interagency task force on harmful algal blooms and hypoxia to develop and submit to Congress within three and a half years of enactment an action plan to reduce, mitigate and control harmful algal blooms and hypoxia in South Florida, based on an integrated assessment regarding the causes, consequences and potential approaches to reduce these threats.” The motion was agreed to, (thus cleared for the president), by a vote of 412-7. [S. 66, [Vote #Vote #152](#), 5/11/22; CQ, [5/11/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Blocking Consideration Of The American Energy Independence From Russia Act. In April 2022 Salazar voted against: “Morelle, D-N.Y., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Congressional Record, Rep. Fischbach said, “If we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to provide for consideration of Congresswoman MCMORRIS RODGERS and Congressman WESTERMAN’s American Energy Independence from Russia Act.” **A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the bill.** The motion was agreed to by a vote of 221-206. [H. Res. 1033, [Vote #Vote #119](#), 4/6/22; CQ, [4/6/22](#); Congressional Record, [4/6/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Blocking Consideration Of The American Energy Independence From Russia Act. In February 2022, Salazar voted against: “Perlmutter, D-Colo., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment). According to the Congressional Record, Rep. Fischbach said: ‘Mr. Speaker, if we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to provide for consideration of Congresswoman MCMORRIS RODGERS and Congressman WESTERMAN’s American Energy Independence from Russia Act.’” **A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the bill.** The motion was agreed to by a vote of 219-202. [H.Res. 1017, [Vote #Vote #98](#), 3/31/22; CQ, [3/31/22](#); Congressional Record, [3/31/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Blocking Consideration Of The American Energy Independence From Russia Act. In March 2022 Salazar voted against: “McGovern D-Mass., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Congressional Record, Rep. Cole said, “If we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to bring up H.R. 6858, the American Energy Independence from Russia Act for immediate consideration.” **A vote for the motion**

was a vote to block consideration of the bill. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 219-199. [H. Res. 973, [Vote #Vote #63](#), 3/9/22; CQ, [3/9/22](#); Congressional Record, [3/9/22](#)]

- **The American Energy Independence From Russia Act Sought To Undo President Biden's Climate Policies And Approve The Keystone XL Pipeline.** “The response from Republican candidates was evolving every day, though nothing united the party like the argument that a hot war with a petrostate was a reason to finally deregulate energy exploration on the terms they'd wanted for years. After the invasion, Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-Wash.) introduced the American Energy Independence from Russia Act, which would undo the Biden administration's climate policies and clear a new path for the on-again, off-again, on-again, off-again Keystone XL pipeline.” [Washington Post, [3/1/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Reauthorization Of River Basin Endangered Fish Recovery Programs For FY 2024.

In March 2022 Salazar voted for: “Grijalva, D-Ariz., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would reauthorize for one year Bureau of Reclamation endangered fish recovery programs in the Upper Colorado River and San Juan River basins, authorizing \$10 million for the program in fiscal 2024. It would increase by \$5 million maximum project funding for the Upper Colorado River Basin program and decrease by \$5 million maximum project funding for the San Juan River Basin program.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 397-27. [H.R. 5001, [Vote #Vote #72](#), 3/15/22; CQ, [3/15/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Digitized And Published Public Lands Mapping Data. In March 2022 Salazar voted for: “Grijalva, D-Ariz., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would require the Forest Service, Interior Department, and Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works to, within 30 months of enactment, develop and adopt interagency standards to ensure compatibility among federal databases related to outdoor recreational use of federal land, including public availability. It would require each of the departments, within five years of enactment, to digitize and publish geographic information system mapping data for all federal interests in private land. It would also require the departments, within five years of enactment, to publish and regularly update status information related to public use of roads and trails on federal land. It would authorize \$6.5 million in fiscal 2022 and \$13.5 million annually for fiscal years 2023 through 2025 to carry out these requirements.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 414-9. [H.R. 3113, [Vote #Vote #71](#), 3/15/22; CQ, [3/15/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Blocking Consideration Of The American Energy Independence From Russia Act. In March 2022 Salazar voted against: “McGovern, D-Mass., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Congressional Record, Rep. Reschenthaler said, “Mr. Speaker, if we defeat the previous question, I will personally offer an amendment to the rule to immediately consider the American Energy Independence from Russia Act.” **A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the bill.** The motion was agreed to by a vote of 221-202. [H. Res. 950, [Vote #Vote #49](#), 3/1/22; CQ, [3/1/22](#); Congressional Record, [3/1/22](#)]

- **The American Energy Independence From Russia Act Sought To Undo President Biden's Climate Policies And Approve The Keystone XL Pipeline.** “The response from Republican candidates was evolving every day, though nothing united the party like the argument that a hot

war with a petrostate was a reason to finally deregulate energy exploration on the terms they'd wanted for years. After the invasion, Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-Wash.) introduced the American Energy Independence from Russia Act, which would undo the Biden administration's climate policies and clear a new path for the on-again, off-again, on-again, off-again Keystone XL pipeline." [Washington Post, [3/1/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Blocking Consideration Of A Bill Increasing Oil And Gas Production On Federal Lands If The Strategic Petroleum Reserve Is Used For A Non-Emergency. In December 2021 Salazar voted against: "McGovern, D-Mass., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment)." According to the Congressional Record, Rep. Reschenthaler said, "Mr. Speaker, if we defeat the previous question, I will personally offer an amendment to the rule to immediately consider H.R. 6235, the Strategic Production Response Act. This legislation would require the Secretary of Energy to develop a plan to increase oil and gas production on Federal lands if the President uses the Strategic Petroleum Reserve for non-emergency reasons." **A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the bill.** The motion was agreed to by a vote of 220-210. [H. Res. 849, [Vote #Vote #443](#), 12/14/21; CQ, [12/14/21](#); Congressional Record, [12/14/21](#)]

- **Energy And Commerce Committee Republicans Introduced A Bill In Reaction To Use Of The Strategic Petroleum Reserve "As A Bailout For The President's Anti-Fossil Fuel Agenda."** "Energy and Commerce Committee Republicans, [...] are introducing a new bill today to protect the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR) and strengthen our nation's energy security. [...] 'The Strategic Petroleum Reserve was created by Congress to respond to oil supply disruptions that may arise after a natural disaster or war. The SPR is not supposed to be tapped as a bailout for the President's anti-fossil fuel agenda, which has led to the highest gas prices in seven years.' Leader Rodgers said." [republicans-energycommerce.house.gov, Press Release, [12/9/21](#)]
- **President Biden Announced Release Of Strategic Petroleum Reserve To Lower Oil And Gas Prices And Address Post-Pandemic Supply Issues.** "Today, the President is announcing that the Department of Energy will make available releases of 50 million barrels of oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve to lower prices for Americans and address the mismatch between demand exiting the pandemic and supply." [White House, Release, [11/23/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For Using Funds Collected From Damages To U.S. Forest Service Property To Help Restore And Rehabilitate Affected Lands. In December 2021, Salazar voted for: "Scott, D-Ga., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would require the Treasury Department to invest any funds collected in a forfeiture, judgment or settlement related to damage to U.S. Forest Service property -- including funds collected prior to enactment -- in interest-bearing accounts, with any interest earned available to the Forest Service to cover assessment, improvement, protection, restoration and rehabilitation activities on affected lands." Motion agreed to by a vote of 385-42. [HR 4498, [Vote #Vote #410](#), 12/08/21; CQ, [12/08/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For A Study To Assess Designating Areas Along The Utah-Idaho Border As The Bear River National Heritage Area. In November 2021 Salazar voted for: "Leger Fernandez, D-N.M., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would require the Interior Department to conduct a study to assess the suitability and feasibility of designating certain areas along the Utah-Idaho border as the

Bear River National Heritage Area.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 399-23. [H.R. 3616, [Vote #Vote #344](#), 11/2/21; CQ, [11/2/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For An Amendment To Provide An Apology On Behalf Of Congress To Those Exposed To Radiation From Nuclear Testing. In September 2021, Salazar voted for: “Leger Fernandez, D-N.M., amendment no. 241 that would provide an apology on behalf of Congress to individuals in New Mexico, Utah, Idaho and other specified states and territories who were exposed to radiation from nuclear testing.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 240 to 185. [HR 4350, [Vote #Vote #291](#), 9/23/21; CQ, [9/24/21](#)]

Salazar Voted Against An Amendment To Designate Or Expand New Wilderness Areas On Federal Land. In September 2021, Salazar voted against: “DeGette, D-Colo., amendment no. 16 that would insert certain provisions from a bill (HR 803) related to designating certain federal lands in California, Colorado and Washington as new, expanded or potential wilderness areas.” The amendment was adopted 222 to 200. [HR 4350, [Vote #Vote #273](#), 9/22/21; CQ, [9/23/21](#)]

Salazar Voted Against An Amendment To Modify Land Use Authorities To Preserve Federal Land In Colorado And The Grand Canyon Region. In September 2021, Salazar voted against: “Neguse, D-Colo., amendment no. 17 that would insert the provisions of bills (HR 577 and HR 1052) that would modify land use authorities for certain federal lands in Colorado and the Grand Canyon region of Arizona.” The amendment was adopted 222 to 204. [HR 4350, [Vote #Vote #274](#), 9/22/21; CQ, [9/23/21](#)]

Salazar Voted Against An Amendment To Require The Defense Department To Provide Training To Medical Providers On PFAS. In September 2021, Salazar voted against: “Slotkin, D-Mich., amendment no. 15 that would require the Defense Department to provide department medical providers with mandatory training with respect to the potential health effects of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances.” The amendment was adopted 236 to 186. [HR 4350, [Vote #Vote #272](#), 9/22/21; CQ, [9/23/21](#)]

Salazar Voted Against The PFAS Action Act, Authorizing The EPA To Address The Impacts Of Per-And Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) On Drinking Water. In February 2015, Salazar voted against: “Passage of the bill that would require the Environmental Protection Agency to take a number of regulatory actions and establish grant programs to address the impacts of per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, or PFAS. Specifically, it would require the EPA to designate certain PFAS -- perfluorooctanoic acid and its salts, as well as perfluorooctane sulfonic acid and its salts -- as hazardous chemicals under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act and determine whether all PFAS should be designated as such within five years of enactment. It would require the EPA to issue a national primary drinking water regulation for maximum contaminant levels of certain PFAS, within two years of enactment, and issue health advisories for PFAS not subject to the regulation. It would authorize \$500 million annually through fiscal 2026 for an EPA infrastructure assistance grant program for community water systems affected by PFAS to implement water treatment technologies that can remove all detectable amounts of PFAS from drinking water. It would require the EPA to establish effluent limits and pretreatment standards for PFAS in wastewater and authorize \$200 million annually through fiscal 2026 for an EPA grant program to help publicly owned treatment works implement such standards. It would authorize \$100 million annually through 2026 for an EPA grant program to test for and install and maintain water filtration systems to address PFAS in

school drinking water. Among other provisions, it would require the EPA to add certain PFAS to lists of hazardous air pollutants under the Clean Air Act; issue rules to require toxicity testing on all PFAS by manufacturers; create a public risk-communication strategy regarding PFAS hazards; update voluntary labeling requirements for certain consumer products, including cooking implements, carpets and clothing, to certify that they do not contain any PFAS; and issue guidance on reducing the use of firefighting foam and related products that contain PFAS by first responders.” The bill passed 241 to 183. [HR 2467, [Vote #Vote #217](#), 7/21/21; CQ, [7/21/21](#)]

- **Scientists Found Links Between PFASs And Kidney And Testicular Cancer, Thyroid Disease, Liver Damage, High Cholesterol, And Other Diseases.** “Because of their widespread use, release and disposal over the decades, PFASs show up virtually everywhere: in soil, surface water, the atmosphere, the deep ocean—and even the human body. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s Web site says that the agency has found PFASs in the blood of nearly everyone it has tested for them, ‘indicating widespread exposure to these PFAS in the U.S. population.’ Scientists have found links between a number of the chemicals and many health concerns—including kidney and testicular cancer, thyroid disease, liver damage, developmental toxicity, ulcerative colitis, high cholesterol, pregnancy-induced preeclampsia and hypertension, and immune dysfunction.” [Scientific American, [1/22/21](#)]

Salazar Voted Against An Amendment To Require The EPA To Issue Regulations Requiring Wastewater Infrastructure Fund Applicants To Assess The Impact Of Climate Change On Their Projects. In July 2021, Salazar voted against: “Lee, D-Nev., amendment no. 132 that would require the EPA, within 18 months of the bill's enactment, to issue regulations requiring wastewater infrastructure fund applicants to assess the potential impact of climate change on the proposed project and incorporate measures to mitigate such impacts into the project design. It would require the EPA, in issuing the regulations, to consult with government agencies and stakeholders with experience in addressing climate change impacts on wastewater infrastructure projects and to identify entities to provide technical assistance to applicants to incorporate climate resilience measures.” The motion was agreed to, 220-200. [HR 3684, [Vote #Vote #206](#), 7/1/21; CQ, [7/1/21](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Blocking Consideration Of The Protecting American Energy Production Act, Which Would Prohibit The President From Declaring A Moratorium On Fracking Without Congressional Authorization. In June 2021, Salazar voted against: “DeSaulnier D-Calif., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 508) that would provide for floor consideration of a total of 149 amendments to a five-year surface transportation and ten-year water infrastructure authorization bill (HR 3684).” According to the Congressional Record, Rep. Jeff Duncan stated: “Madam Speaker, I rise in opposition to the previous question, so that we can amend the rule to immediately consider H.R. 751, the Protecting American Energy Production Act. Now, my bill is straightforward. It prohibits the President from declaring a moratorium on the use of hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, unless Congress authorizes the moratorium. It further expresses the sense of Congress that States should maintain authority for the regulation of oil and natural gas production on State and private lands.” **A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the bill.** The motion was agreed to by a vote of 219 to 188. [H. Res. 508, [Vote #Vote #198](#), 6/30/21; CQ, [6/30/21](#); Congressional Record, [6/30/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For Authorizing \$50.6 Billion Through Fiscal 2026 For Programs And Activities Of The Energy Department's Office Of Science. In June 2021, Salazar Voted For: "Johnson, D-Texas, motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would codify, expand and authorize \$50.3 billion through fiscal 2026 for programs and activities of the Energy Department's Office of Science. Within the total, it would authorize the following amounts for each of the office's six main research programs: \$15 billion for basic energy sciences; \$8 billion for high energy physics; \$6.5 billion for advanced scientific computing research; \$5.4 billion for fusion energy; \$5 billion for nuclear physics; and \$4.8 billion for biological and environmental research. It would also authorize specific funding for research and development related to advanced particle accelerator science, isotope production, and infectious disease response. It would expand the office's responsibilities to include construction, operation and maintenance of facilities to support its mission, improve U.S. competitiveness, protect public health and safety and address other national priorities. Among other provisions, it would authorize \$500 million annually through fiscal 2026 for a DOE science laboratories infrastructure improvement program; \$40 million annually through fiscal 2026 for department education and collaborative research programs; and \$2 million annually in perpetuity for department activities to increase diversity, equity and inclusion in fields related to its mission areas." The motion passed, 351-68. [HR 3593, [Vote #Vote #187](#), 6/28/21; CQ, [6/28/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For Congressional Disapproval Of The Trump Administration's Methane Rule And Reinstating The Obama Administration's Methane Emission Standards. In June 2021, Salazar Voted For: "Passage of the joint resolution that would provide for congressional disapproval of a September 2020 Environmental Protection Agency rule that reversed 2012 and 2016 rules establishing emission standards -- or new source performance standards -- to limit the amount of methane and volatile organic compounds that can be released in the production, processing, transportation and storage of oil and natural gas. Specifically, the 2020 rule rescinded the methane-specific standards and rescinded the applicability of all standards to transportation and storage activities. The rule also required the EPA, before promulgating new air pollutant standards, to determine that the pollutant causes or contributes significantly to dangerous air pollution. The rule took effect on September 14, 2020. Under the provisions of the joint resolution, the 2020 rule would have no force or effect, and the Obama-era emission standards would be effectively reinstated." The resolution passed, 229-191. [SJ Res 14, [Vote #Vote #185](#), 6/25/21; CQ, [6/25/21](#)]

- **In 2016, The EPA Adopted A Rule That Required Oil And Gas Companies To Limit Methane Leaks And Emissions Which Was Later Reversed By The Trump Administration.** "This is a really encouraging step because methane is such an important greenhouse gas to reduce,' Drew Shindell, an earth science professor at Duke University, said of Wednesday's vote. 'It sends a signal that the administration is serious about this.' In 2016, the Environmental Protection Agency adopted a rule requiring oil and gas companies to curb methane leaks and emissions from their operations. Late last summer, the Trump administration undid it." [Washington Post, [4/28/21](#)]
- **The Measure Restored Requirements On Companies To Check Every Six Months For Methane Leaks From Equipment Installed After 2015—And Must Ensure Leaks Are Fixed Within 30 Days Of Being Detected.** "If enacted, the measure would restore requirements on companies to check every six months for methane leaks from pipelines, storage tanks and other equipment

installed after 2015 — and plug any leak within 30 days after it is detected.” [Washington Post, [4/28/21](#)]

Salazar Did Not Vote On Reauthorizing The Energy Department’s State Energy Program. In June 2021, Salazar Did Not Vote On: “Pallone, D-N.J., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would reauthorize the Energy Department state energy program, which provides funding and assistance to states for energy conservation and security activities. It would authorize \$90 million annually through fiscal 2026 for the program and allow funds to be used to help states implement, review, or revise their energy security plans, including to outline plans to address physical or cybersecurity threats, in coordination with public and private energy providers.” The motion was agreed to, 398-21. [HR 1374, [Vote #Vote #173](#), 6/22/21; CQ, [6/22/21](#)]

Salazar Voted Against An Amendment To Manage National Heritage Areas, Reauthorize The Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Committee, And Designate Or Require Studies On Additional Lands In Several States. In February 2021, Salazar voted against: “Neguse, D-Colo., en bloc amendments no. 1 that would, among other provisions, establish a formal system for designation and management of National Heritage Areas; reauthorize the Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Commission for 10 years; and designate or require studies on additional lands in several states, including to expand two national monuments in Arizona, establish the island of St. Croix in the Virgin Islands as a National Heritage Area, designate approximately 30.8 miles of the York River in Maine as a recreational river, and add approximately 1,000 acres to the Rough Mountain Wilderness Area in Virginia.” The Amendment was adopted by a vote of 229-198. [HR 803, [Vote #Vote #41](#), 2/26/21; CQ, [2/26/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For An Amendment For The Interior Department To Study If Lands To Be Withdrawn From Mineral Leasing Eligibility Contain Geothermal Resources Or Minerals Needed For Battery Storage. In February 2021, Salazar voted for: “Curtis, R-Utah, amendment no. 3 that would require the Interior Department, in consultation with the Energy and Commerce departments, to conduct a study to determine whether lands that would be withdrawn from mineral leasing eligibility under the bill contain geothermal resources or minerals needed for battery storage, renewable energy technology or electric vehicles.” The Amendment was adopted by a vote of 221-205. [HR 803, [Vote #Vote #42](#), 2/26/21; CQ, [2/26/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For An Amendment That Would Remove Designation Of Potential Wilderness Areas, Block The Bill From Taking Effect Until Certification That No Renewable Energy Jobs Would Be Lost, And Exempt Lands From The Bills Provisions. In February 2021, Salazar voted for: “Neguse, D-Colo., en bloc amendments no. 2 that would, among other provisions, strike from the bill all provisions that would designate "potential wilderness" areas; prohibit the bill's provisions from taking effect until the Interior Department certifies that no renewable energy jobs would be lost as a result of the bill's enactment; require local counties to approve any mineral leasing withdrawals in the bill; postpone the bill's withdrawal of lands from eligibility for mining and mineral leasing until the Interior Department determines that there are no mineral or geothermal resources present in the lands to be withdrawn, other than uranium; and exempt lands in a number of congressional districts from the bill's provisions.” The Amendment was rejected by a vote of 197-226. [HR 803, [Vote #Vote #43](#), 2/26/21; CQ, [2/26/21](#)]

Salazar Voted Against On Passage Of The Protecting America's Wilderness And Public Lands Act, Which Designated Nearly 1.5 Million Acres Of Federal Lands As New, Expanded Or Potential Wilderness Areas. In February 2021, Salazar voted against: "Passage of the bill, as amended, that would designate nearly 1.5 million acres of federal lands in California, Colorado, and Washington as new, expanded, or potential wilderness areas -- including approximately 626,000 acres in California, approximately 733,000 acres in Colorado and approximately 132,000 acres in Washington -- and designate more than 1,200 river miles in Northern California and the Washington Olympic Peninsula as wild, scenic or recreational rivers. It would designate over 1.2 million acres of additional federal lands in California as restoration, recreation, and other protected areas; expand or establish a number of National Park System monuments, recreation areas and other lands in California and Colorado; and effectively prohibit new mining or mineral production activities by withdrawing mineral and geothermal leasing rights for a number of federal lands, including approximately 1 million acres in the Grand Canyon region of Arizona and approximately 200,000 acres within the Thompson Divide in Colorado. Among other provisions, the bill would establish a public-private partnership -- made up of federal, state, and local government officials, and private stakeholders -- to facilitate environmental remediation of federal lands and waters in California damaged by illegal marijuana operations. It would preserve a number of existing rights and usages on designated lands, such as low-level helicopter operations and high altitude training by the military. As amended, it would establish a formal system for designation and management of National Heritage Areas; reauthorize the Cape Cod National Seashore Advisory Commission for 10 years; and designate or require studies on additional lands in several other states, including to expand two national monuments in Arizona and establish the island of St. Croix in the Virgin Islands as a National Heritage Area." The bill passed by a vote of 227 – 200. [HR 803, [Vote #Vote #45](#), 2/26/21; CQ, [2/26/21](#)]

Equal Rights & Workplace Fairness

Salazar Voted For The Rights For The Transportation Security Administration Workforce Act. In May 2022 Salazar voted for: "Passage of the bill, as amended, that would repeal the Transportation Security Administration's special employment authority and require the agency, within 180 days of enactment, to convert its employee personnel management system to the Title 5 system used for most federal civil service employees. It would specify that non-supervisory TSA screening personnel would remain eligible for collective bargaining until the conversion; require the TSA screeners' labor union to be considered their exclusive representative after the conversion; and require the Homeland Security Department to consult with the union within seven days of enactment on its plans and deadlines to carry out the conversion. Among other provisions, it would prohibit the TSA from reducing pay or benefits for employees during the conversion, including with respect to determining their years of service; specify that TSA workers would continue to have the right to strike; require the TSA to provide a one-time hazard duty bonus payment of \$3,000 to each employee who had substantial contact with the public during the COVID-19 national emergency; require the TSA to provide guidance and resources to employees regarding COVID-19 prevention and protections; and authorize the TSA to communicate with organizations representing federal air marshals to address concerns related to health, morale and working conditions, including mandated periods of rest." The bill passed by a vote of 220-201. [H.R. 903, [Vote #Vote #172](#), 5/12/22; CQ, [5/12/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For An Amendment That Would Sunset All Provisions Of The Bill After Fiscal Year 2022 If Funds Have Not Been Specifically Appropriated. In May 2022 Salazar voted for: “Guest, R-Miss., amendment no. 5 that would sunset all provisions of the bill after fiscal 2022 if sufficient funds have not been specifically appropriated to carry out the provisions.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 200-221. [H.R. 903, [Vote #Vote #170](#), 5/12/22; CQ, [5/12/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For An Amendment Authorizing The TSA To Make Changes To Its Screening Process Without Regard To Collective Bargaining. In May 2022 Salazar voted for: “Cammack, R-Fla., amendment no. 3 that would specify that nothing in the bill could be construed to limit the Transportation Security Administration's authority to impose without delay new security screening procedures or requirements, or change, alter or modify existing security screening procedures or requirements, to address a national security or public safety threat, without regard to collective bargaining.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 204-216. [H.R. 903, [Vote #Vote #169](#), 5/12/22; CQ, [5/12/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against En Bloc Amendment No. 1 For The Rights For TSA Workforce Act. In May 2022, Salazar voted against: “Scott, D-Va., en bloc amendments no 1 that would require the Government Accountability Office, within one year of the bill's enactment, to submit to Congress a report on the Transportation Security Administration's efforts to ensure that recruitment, hiring, promotion and advancement opportunities are equitable and provide for demographics among senior leadership that are reflective of the U.S. workforce demographics; require the GAO, within one year of the bill's enactment, to report to Congress on the TSA's policies and procedures to ensure staff safety in relation to workplace harassment and assault, including incidents of sexual harassment; incidents motivated by an individual's ethnicity, religion, gender identity or sexuality; and incidents in which the alleged perpetrator is a member of the general public; require the TSA to submit to Congress, within 270 days of the bill's enactment, a study on the feasibility of allowing certain employees who carry out screening functions to count toward their employment hours the time they spend regularly traveling between airport parking lots, bus and transit stops and screening checkpoints before and after their regular work day; require the TSA to brief Congress, within 90 days of the bill's enactment, on reports of instances of physical or verbal assault or threat made by a member of the general public against a TSA employee; procedures for reporting assaults and threats; steps taken by the TSA to prevent and respond to assaults and threats; related civil actions and criminal referrals made annually since Jan. 1, 2019; and additional authorities needed to better prevent or respond to assaults and threats; require the TSA, within one year of the bill's enactment and annually thereafter, to submit a report to Congress containing an analysis of the Office of Personnel Management's Federal Employee Viewpoint Survey to determine job satisfaction rates of TSA employees; information relating to retention rates of employees at each airport; and information relating to actions taken by TSA to improve workforce morale and retention; and authorize the TSA to communicate with organizations representing federal air marshals to address concerns related to equipment and training and work schedules and shifts, including mandated periods of rest.” The amendment bloc was adopted by a vote of 215-198. [HR 903, [Vote #Vote #168](#), 5/12/22; CQ, [5/12/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Reforming Banking Regulatory Law To Allow The Hiring Of Individuals Convicted Of Certain Minor Criminal Offenses Without Approval From A Federal Regulator. In May 2022 Salazar voted for: “Garcia, D-Ill., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would

modify banking regulatory law to allow insured depository institutions to hire individuals convicted for certain minor criminal offenses without approval from a federal regulator. Specifically, it would create exemptions from existing prohibitions on the hiring of individuals convicted of a criminal offense involving dishonesty, breach of trust or money laundering if they committed the offense at least seven years prior; were released from incarceration for the offense for at least five years prior; or committed the offense at age 21 or younger and were sentenced more than 30 months prior. It would also create exemptions for offenses that were expunged, sealed or dismissed, as well as de minimis offenses and "low-risk" offenses such as the use of a fake ID, shoplifting, trespassing and fare evasion if at least one year has passed since conviction or entry into a pretrial diversion program. Among other provisions, it would require the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and the National Credit Union Administration to establish an application process for individuals and financial institutions to submit consent applications for offenses not covered by exemptions established by the bill and to consider an individual's criminal history, evidence of rehabilitation and scope of potential employment in reviewing such applications." The motion was agreed to by a vote of 329-88. [H.R. 5911, [Vote #Vote #156](#), 5/11/22; CQ, [5/11/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For The Federal Firefighters Fairness Act. In May 2022 Salazar voted for: "Passage of the bill, as amended, that would establish a presumption of employment as a proximate cause for certain diseases contracted by federal fire protection employees, with respect to their eligibility for federal workers' compensation benefits. Specifically, it would establish the presumption with respect to chronic obstructive pulmonary disease; a sudden cardiac event or stroke within 24 hours of being engaged in fire protection or emergency response duties; and 14 specified types of cancer, including brain cancer, lung cancer, leukemia and mesothelioma. It would require the Labor Department, in consultation with the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, to periodically review the list of diseases and add a disease to the list by rule upon a petition or determination by the department that there is "significant risk" to firefighters of developing the disease based on the best available scientific evidence. It would establish a process for individuals to petition for the addition of a disease and require the department to substantively evaluate and either grant or deny such petitions within 18 months of receipt. It would require the department, within three years, to evaluate and determine whether to add breast cancer, gynecologic cancer or rhabdomyolysis to the list. It would also require the Labor Department to establish a process by which firefighters filing a claim related to a disease on the bill's list may voluntarily enroll in the National Firefighter Registry or a similar research or public health initiative conducted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention." The bill passed by a vote of 288-131. [H.R. 2499, [Vote #Vote #149](#), 5/11/22; CQ, [5/11/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For An Amendment Replacing The Provisions Of The Federal Firefighters Fairness Act. In May 2022 Salazar voted for: "Keller, R-Pa., amendment no. 4 that would replace the bill's provisions with language to establish within the Labor Department Office of Workers' Compensation Programs a firefighter special claims unit. It would require the Government Accountability Office to report to Congress on the health care benefits and treatment provided to federal firefighters with certain cancers and other medical conditions, including a description of barriers to the delivery of health care; an evaluation of approved and denied claims; and a description of the standard used to determine causation of condition with respect to claims." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 180-242. [H.R. 2499, [Vote #Vote #148](#), 5/11/22; CQ, [5/11/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For An Amendment Extending The Evidence Filing Period For Federal Employees Compensation Filings. In May 2022 Salazar voted for: “Joyce, R-Ohio, amendment no. 3 that would insert provisions of a bill (HR 3050) that would require the Labor Department to increase from 30 to 60 days the time period for individuals filing claims under the Federal Employees Compensation Act to supply additional evidence supporting their claim to the Office of Workers' Compensation.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 419-0:. [H.R. 2499, [Vote #Vote #147](#), 5/11/22; CQ, [5/11/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against En Bloc Amendment No. 1 For Federal Firefighters Workers' Compensation, Including 6 Amendments. In May 2022, Salazar voted against: “Scott, D-Va., en bloc amendments number 1, including six amendments to the bill that would require the Labor Department, within three years of the bill's enactment, to evaluate the best available scientific evidence of the risk to fire protection employees of developing gynecological cancer; require the Government Accountability Office, within one year of the bill's enactment, to submit a report to Congress that evaluates the health and safety impacts on fire protection employees of exposure to toxic chemicals and other contaminants that could cause human health problems; require the Labor Department to notify Congress within 30 days of making any decision to approve or deny a petition to add a disease to the list of diseases for which there is a presumption of proximate cause from employment in fire protection, with respect to workers' compensation; require the Labor Department to include, in its annual report to Congress on implementation of the federal employee compensation program, the total number and demographics of employees with diseases and conditions described by the bill, including any recommendations for additional actions to minimize health risks for federal fire protection employees; require the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health to conduct a study on long-term health effects experienced by federal wildland firefighters who are eligible to receive workers' compensation experience after being exposed to fire, smoke and toxic fumes when in service. It would require the study to include the race, ethnicity, age, gender and time of service of firefighters in the study and recommendations to Congress on legislative actions needed to support firefighters in preventing health issues from toxic exposure; and require the Labor Department, within three years of the bill's enactment, to evaluate the best available scientific evidence of the risk to fire protection employees of developing rhabdomyolysis.” The amendment bloc was adopted by a vote of 224-195. [HR 2499, [Vote #Vote #146](#), 5/11/22; CQ, [5/11/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Considering Several Bills Including The Rights For The TSA Workforce Act, The Federal Firefighters Fairness Act, The Community Services Block Grant Modernization Act, And Supplemental Funding For Ukraine. In May 2022 Salazar voted against: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 1097) that would provide for floor consideration of the Rights for the TSA Workforce Act (HR 903), the Federal Firefighters Fairness Act (HR 2499), the Community Services Block Grant Modernization Act (HR 5129) and legislation to provide supplemental funding for Ukraine (HR 7691) and provide for automatic agreement to a resolution recognizing the right of House employees to unionize (H Res 1096). The rule would provide for one hour of debate on each measure; automatic adoption of managers' amendments to each of the first three bills; and automatic agreement to H Res 1096. It would provide for a structured rule on HR 903, HR 2499, and HR 5129. The rule would also provide for automatic adoption of the Thompson, D-Miss., manager's amendment to HR 903 that would, among other provisions, add language to specify that federal air marshals who are Transportation Security Administration employees are eligible for "availability pay," which is premium pay for federal criminal investigators, as well as overtime pay at rates no lower than they would receive if they were subject to Fair Labor Standards Act overtime pay provisions; require the TSA to provide a one-time \$3,000 bonus

payment to each employee whose duties require substantial contact with the public during the COVID-19 national emergency; and require the Homeland Security Department to ensure that TSA employees are provided appropriate leave during national emergencies. The rule would provide for automatic adoption of the Scott, D-Va., manager's amendment to HR 2499 that would designate continuation of pay as a payment type subject to federal workers' compensation subrogation policies related to adjustments to compensation paid by the United States in cases where legal liability for damages as a result of an injury or death falls on a third party. The rule would provide for automatic adoption of the Scott, D-Va., manager's amendment to HR 5129 that would add requirements related to conflict of interest policies of organizations eligible for funding under the bill's provisions, including to specify that such policies must require members to recuse themselves from proceedings relating to any contract or transaction from which they or an immediate family member would receive a direct financial benefit and that members do not receive compensation beyond "reasonable expenses" for serving on the board. The rule would provide for the automatic adoption of the DeLauro, D-Conn., manager's amendment to HR 7691 that would increase from approximately \$8.75 billion to \$9.05 billion funding provided by the bill that may be used to replenish defense article stocks and reimburse defense services and training provided by the Defense Department to Ukraine and other countries in support of Ukraine. The rule would provide for automatic agreement, upon adoption of the rule, to a resolution (H Res 1096) that would approve the August 1996 regulations issued by the Office of Compliance, now the Office of Congressional Workplace Rights, with respect to House of Representatives employees. The regulations would allow employees of member, committee, leadership, caucus and certain other congressional offices to form labor unions. Finally, the rule would authorize through June 10, 2022, certain routine authorities for House proceedings, including for consideration of motions to suspend the rules and same-day consideration of Rules Committee resolutions. It would also allow proceedings on measures considered under suspension of the rules on May 10 or May 11 to be postponed through May 18." The rule was adopted by a vote of 217-202. [H. Res. 1097, [Vote #Vote #44](#), 5/10/22; CQ, [5/10/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against The CROWN Act To Prohibit Race-Based Hair Discrimination. In March 2022 Salazar voted against: "This bill prohibits discrimination based on a person's hair texture or hairstyle if that style or texture is commonly associated with a particular race or national origin. Specifically, the bill prohibits this type of discrimination against those participating in federally assisted programs, housing programs, public accommodations, and employment. Persons shall not be deprived of equal rights under the law and shall not be subjected to prohibited practices based on their hair texture or style. The bill provides for enforcement procedures under the applicable laws." The bill passed by a vote of 235-189. [H.R. 2116, [Vote #Vote #82](#), 3/18/22; CQ, [3/24/22](#)]

- **Race-Based Hair Discrimination Was Covered Under Existing Law, But Courts Had Narrowly Interpreted "Race" To Allow Discrimination.** "Democrats acknowledged that such discrimination is prohibited under existing federal law, such as the 1964 Civil Rights Act but said courts have misinterpreted the law by narrowly interpreting the meaning of race, thus allowing discrimination against people who wear natural or protective hairstyles." [CNN, [3/18/22](#)]
- **JOY Collective: Black Women Were 80% More Likely To Feel Pressure "To Change Their Hair From Its Natural State To Fit In At The Office."** "Black women in particular are more likely to report feeling discriminated against because of their hairstyles. A 2019 study conducted by the

JOY Collective found that Black women were 80 percent more likely to feel that they had to change their hair from its natural state to fit in at the office.” [The Hill, [3/18/22](#)]

- **Joy Collective: 66% Of Black Girls In Majority-White Schools Reported Experiencing Hair Discrimination, 87% Of Which By The Age Of 12.** “66% of Black girls in majority-white schools report experiencing hair discrimination with 87% of those girls facing the discrimination by the age of 12.” [Joy Collective, Dove CROWN Research Study For Girls, [2021](#)]

Salazar Voted Against The FAIR Act To Prohibit Forced Arbitration Agreements And Class Action Waivers. In March 2022 Salazar voted against: “Passage of the bill that would prohibit the enforcement of predispute arbitration agreements that would require a future employment, consumer, antitrust or civil rights dispute to be resolved through arbitration. It would also prohibit the enforcement of predispute joint-action waivers that would interfere with an individual's right to participate in a collective action with respect to such disputes. It would permit the voluntary use of arbitration after a dispute arises; require federal courts, not arbitrators, to determine the applicability of the bill's provisions to a contract; and specify that the bill's provisions would not apply to arbitration provisions in collective bargaining agreements between an employer and a labor organization or between labor organizations, as long as such agreements do not effectively waive an employee's right to seek judicial enforcement of a right arising under existing federal or state law.” The bill passed by a vote of 222-209. [H.R. 963, [Vote #Vote #81](#), 3/17/22; CQ, [3/17/22](#)]

- **Forced Arbitration Agreements And Class Action Waivers Took Away Worker And Consumer Due Process Rights, Made It Difficult To Address “Systemic Discrimination Or Widespread Violations Of Law,” And Allowed Corporations To Escape Accountability.** “The FAIR Act would prohibit corporations from forcing working people and consumers into pre-dispute forced arbitration agreements and class action waivers, which are hidden in many non-negotiable employment and consumer contracts. [...] Pre-dispute forced arbitration agreements and class action waivers harm working people and consumers while allowing corporations to escape accountability for wrongdoing. Forced arbitration clauses are written to benefit corporations: they select the arbitrators, pick the rules, choose the state in which the proceeding will occur, and decide the payment terms. Private arbitration lacks guaranteed due process protections and proceedings are secret. [...] In addition to making people more vulnerable to abuse by bad corporate actors, forced arbitration agreements and class action waivers are an impediment to the enjoyment of basic civil and human rights. [...] Additionally, the use of class action waivers also substantially diminishes access to justice. Of employees subject to forced arbitration, nearly half are also subject to a class action waiver, making it nearly impossible to address systemic discrimination or widespread violations of law.” [Leadership Conference On Civil And Human Rights, [3/17/22](#)]
- **2017: 60.1 Million American Workers Lacked Access To Protect Their Employment Rights Due To Forced Arbitration, Which Reduced Employers’ Liability For Employment Law Violations.** “Extrapolating to the overall private-sector nonunion workforce, this corresponds to 60.1 million American workers who are now subject to mandatory employment arbitration procedures and no longer have the right to go to court to challenge violations of their

employment rights. [...] Given the finding that 60.1 million American workers are now subject to these procedures, this means that only 1 in 32,000 employees subject to these procedures actually files a claim under them each year. These findings indicate that employers adopting mandatory employment arbitration have been successful in coming up with a mechanism that effectively reduces their chance of being subject to any liability for employment law violations to very low levels.” [Economic Policy Institute, [9/27/17](#)]

- **The FAIR Act Was Step Toward Expanding A Law To Prevent Enforcement Of Agreements For Workers Alleging Sexual Harassment Or Assault.** “The U.S. House passed a bill that would void all pre-dispute mandatory arbitration agreements in employment, antitrust, consumer, and other matters, following on the heels of a new law that specifically banned the agreements for #MeToo allegations. The House voted 222-209 to advance the FAIR Act (H.R. 963), moving closer to expanding a bill President Joe Biden signed into law that bars the enforcement of the agreements for workers alleging sexual harassment or assault. The #MeToo law (P.L. 117-90) had bipartisan backing from its introduction, as compared to the FAIR Act which only has one Republican sponsor, Rep. Matt Gaetz (R-Fla.).” [Bloomberg Law, [3/17/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For A Motion To Recommit The FAIR Act To Committee. In March 2022 Salazar voted for: “Bentz, R-Ore., motion to recommit the bill to the House Judiciary Committee.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 208-222. [H.R. 963, [Vote #Vote #80](#), 3/17/22; CQ, [3/17/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against An Amendment To Strike Collective Bargaining Exemptions From The FAIR Act. In March 2022 Salazar voted against: “Fitzgerald, R-Wis., amendment no. 1 that would strike from the bill a section that would specify that the bill's provisions would not apply to arbitration provisions in collective bargaining agreements between an employer and a labor organization or between labor organizations, as long as such agreements do not effectively waive an employee's right to seek judicial enforcement of a right arising under existing federal or state law.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 184-246. [H.R. 963, [Vote #Vote #79](#), 3/17/22; CQ, [3/17/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Prohibition Of Denial Of Benefits Under Federal Financial Assistance Programs Based On Hair Texture Or Style Related To Race Or National Origin. In February 2022 Salazar voted against: “Nadler, D-N.Y., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would prohibit the exclusion of or denial of benefits to an individual under any program receiving federal financial assistance -- including housing programs, public accommodations and employment -- based on that individual's hair texture or hairstyle, if it is commonly associated with a particular race or national origin.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 235-188. [H.R. 2116, [Vote #Vote #48](#), 2/28/22; CQ, [2/28/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Protections Against Age Discrimination For Job Applicants. In November 2021 Salazar voted for: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would prohibit an employer from discriminating against a job applicant in a way that would deprive the job applicant of employment opportunities or otherwise adversely affect the applicant's status based on the applicant's age.” The bill passed by a vote of 224-200. [H.R. 3992, [Vote #Vote #358](#), 11/4/21; CQ, [11/4/21](#)]

- **Salazar Voted For An Amendment To Conduct A Disparate Impact Claims Study On Job Applicants, Delaying The Effective Date For Age Discrimination Protections.** In November

2021 Salazar voted for: “Keller, R-Pa., amendment no. 2 that would delay the bill's effective date until the Government Accountability Office conducts a study and reports to Congress on whether not allowing job applicants to file disparate impact claims has a negative impact on such applicants. It would stipulate that the bill's provisions would not take effect if the study shows there is not a significant negative impact on such applicants.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 197-228. [H.R. 3992, [Vote #Vote #357](#), 11/4/21; CQ, [11/4/21](#)]

- **Salazar Voted Against An Amendment To Conduct A Study On Job Applicants' Age Discrimination Claims.** In November 2021 Salazar voted against: “Pappas, D-N.H., amendment no. 1 that would require the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission to conduct a study, within one enactment, to determine the number of pending or filed claims, including claims in closed cases, by individuals who may have been adversely impacted by age discrimination in the job application process. It would require the commission to submit to Congress and make publicly available a report on study results including recommendations for best practices to address age discrimination in the hiring process.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 225-201. [H.R. 3992, [Vote #Vote #356](#), 11/4/21; CQ, [11/4/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For Expanded Employer Requirements To Provide Reasonable Breaks And A Non-Bathroom Private Place For Breastfeeding. In October 2021 Salazar voted for: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would expand requirements for employers to provide breaks for employees to pump breast milk and allow employees to seek restitution for violations of such requirements. Specifically, the bill would require all employers to provide reasonable breaks as needed and a private place other than a bathroom for employees to express breast milk for a period of two years after such need arises. It would specify that employers would not be required to compensate employees for break time provided unless otherwise required by federal, state or local law. It would specify that break time would be considered hours worked if the employee is not completely relieved from duty during the entirety of the break. It would establish an effective date of 120 days after enactment and require the Labor Department, within 60 days of enactment, to issue guidance with respect to employer compliance. In seeking legal remedy against an employer that does not comply with the bill's requirements, it would generally require the employee to inform the employer and give them 10 days to provide accommodations prior to commencing legal action. It would provide an undue hardship exemption for employers of fewer than 50 employees. For air carriers, it would establish a separate effective date of one year after enactment; specify that accommodations would not have to completely relieve crewmembers from duty during in-flight breaks or provide breaks during critical phases of flight; and require the Federal Aviation Administration to propose regulations identifying appropriate means for air carrier compliance and updating federal law to ensure that expressing breast milk is considered a ‘physiological need.’” The bill passed by a vote of 276-149. [H.R. 3110, [Vote #Vote #331](#), 10/22/21; CQ, [10/22/21](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Reversing A Trump Administration Rule That Changed What Information The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission Would Share With Companies Accused Of Discrimination. In June 2021, Salazar Voted Against: “Passage of the joint resolution that would provide for congressional disapproval of a January 2021 rule modifying requirements for the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission conciliation process, by which the agency is required to attempt to settle unfair employment practice claims with an employer prior to taking legal action against the employer, including through an agreement that the employer will eliminate the practice and provide affirmative relief. The

rule went into effect on Feb. 16, 2021, and requires the EEOC to present employers with certain information related to a claim, including to provide a written summary of the legal basis for its determination that there is reasonable cause to believe an unlawful practice occurred; identify individuals who filed the claim unless they requested anonymity; and explain its decision-making related to the basis for affirmative relief and the legal designation for the case. Under the provisions of the joint resolution, the January 2021 rule would have no force or effect." The resolution passed, 219-210. [SJ Res 13, [Vote #Vote #183](#), 6/24/21; CQ, [6/24/21](#)]

- **The Trump Administration Rule Required The EEOC To Provide Information To Employers When Initiating A Settlement Process Including A Summary Of The Case Facts, Identities Of Witnesses And Victims, And The Legal Basis For Discrimination Findings.** "The January rule would have required the EEOC to provide information to employers upon initiating the settlement, or "conciliation," process, including a summary of the facts of a case, the identities of witnesses and alleged victims, and the legal basis for a finding that discrimination has occurred. The Republican-led commission said the changes would encourage settlements by allowing employers to weigh the merits of bias complaints early on in the process." [Reuters, [7/1/21](#)]
- **Opponents Of The January Rule Argued That It Diverted Limited EEOC Resources Away From Combating Discrimination And Delayed Cases.** "But many Democrats and worker advocates said it would divert the EEOC's limited resources away from combating discrimination and delay cases, including by creating a new avenue for time-consuming appeals. In a statement issued last month, the White House criticized the rule's 'onerous and rigid new procedures,' and said it would increase the risk of retaliation against workers who file complaints or participate in discrimination investigations." [Reuters, [7/1/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For An Amendment To Require The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission To Submit Annual Reports To Congress Detailing Employment Claims Brought Under The Commission.

In June 2021, Salazar Voted For: "Adoption of the Scott, D-Va., en bloc amendments no. 1 that would require the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission to submit an annual report to Congress on the number of age discrimination in employment claims brought with the commission under the bill's provisions. It would require the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission to submit to Congress a report, within two years of the bill's enactment, that contains analysis of any disparities faced by individuals with characteristics protected under existing anti-discrimination law in pursuing employment discrimination relief under the mixed-motive evidentiary standard." The amendment was adopted, 231-192. [HR 2062, [Vote #Vote #178](#), 6/23/21; CQ, [6/23/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For An Amendment To Delay Implementation Of The Protecting Older Workers Against Discrimination Act Until A GAO Study Determined If SCOTUS Rulings Discouraged Individuals From Filing Age Discrimination Or Employment Retaliation Charges.

In June 2021, Salazar Voted For: "Adoption of the Scott, D-Va., en bloc amendments no. 2 that would postpone the bill's effective date until the Government Accountability Office reports to Congress the results of a study determining whether Supreme Court decisions in 2009 and 2013 employment discrimination lawsuits have discouraged individuals from filing age discrimination or employment discrimination retaliation charges and cases with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, and whether the success rate for such cases has decreased. It would prohibit the bill's provisions from taking effect if the study shows

that such filings and success rates have not decreased. It would strike language that would allow mixed-motive retaliatory claims in which a complainant demonstrates that a protected characteristic under existing law was a motivating factor for any employment practice, even if other factors also motivated the practice.” The amendment was rejected, 182-243. [HR 2062, [Vote #Vote #179](#), 6/23/21; CQ, [6/23/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For Protecting Older Workers Against Discrimination Act Of 2021. In June 2021, Salazar Voted For: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would specify a that adverse actions by an employer in which age was a motivating factor shall be considered unlawful under federal employment law regarding age discrimination. It would specify that a complaining party under such law would not be required to demonstrate that age was the sole motivating factor of an adverse action, thus effectively reversing the 2009 Supreme Court decision in Gross v. FBL Financial Services, Inc. It would establish the same standard of proof in the case of employment discrimination based on disability or retaliation against an employee who opposes unlawful employment practices or participates in investigations or litigations related to such practices. In age-based employment discrimination cases where a court determines that an adverse action would have been taken in the absence of age-based motivation, the bill would allow courts to grant declaratory or injunctive relief and attorneys fees, but prohibit courts from awarding damages or ordering reparative actions by the respondent. As amended, it would require the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission to submit reports to Congress on the number of age discrimination in employment claims brought under the bill's provisions; disparities faced by individuals with characteristics protected under existing anti-discrimination law in pursuing employment discrimination relief under the mixed-motive evidentiary standard; and the number of pending or filed claims by women impacted by age-based employment discrimination.” The bill passed, 247-178. [HR 2062, [Vote #Vote #180](#), 6/23/21; CQ, [6/23/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For A Bill That Designates Juneteenth To Be Celebrated On June 19 As A National Holiday. In June 2021, Salazar voted for: “Passage of the bill that would designate Juneteenth National Independence Day, celebrated on June 19, as the eleventh national federal holiday.” The bill passed by vote of 415 to 14. [S 475, [Vote #Vote #170](#), 6/16/21; CQ, [6/16/21](#)]

- **Salazar Voted Against Consideration Of Bill To Designate Juneteenth National Independence Day A Legal Public Holiday.** In June 2021, Salazar voted against: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 479) that would provide for floor consideration of the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act (S 475).” The bill passed 214 to 208. [H RES 479, [Vote #Vote #163](#), 6/16/21; CQ, [6/16/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For Passage Of The Pregnant Workers Fairness Act, Requiring Public Employers And Private Employers With At Least 15 Employees “To Make Reasonable Accommodations To Employees For Known Limitations Related To Pregnancy.” In May 2021, Salazar voted for: “Passage of the bill that would require public employers and private employers with at least 15 employees to make reasonable accommodations to employees for known limitations related to pregnancy, childbirth or related medical conditions, unless the employer demonstrates that such accommodations would impose an undue hardship on their operations. It would prohibit employers from denying employment opportunities to or retaliating against such employees based on the need to provide accommodations. It would prohibit employers from requiring such employees to take paid or unpaid leave if reasonable accommodations can be provided or to accept any accommodation other than a reasonable accommodation arrived at through an interactive process between the employer and employee. It would

also provide legal remedies for employees denied reasonable accommodations, including rights to compensatory damages, lost pay and reasonable attorney fees, and it would require the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, within two years of enactment, to issue regulations to carry out the bill's provisions, including to provide examples of reasonable accommodations for pregnant workers." The bill passed 315 to 101. [H R 1065, [Vote #Vote #143](#), 5/14/21; CQ, [5/14/21](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Establishing The District Of Columbia As The 51st State In The Union. In April 2021, Salazar voted against: "Passage of the bill that would provide for the establishment of most of the current District of Columbia as the 51st state in the Union, to be known as Washington, Douglass Commonwealth. It would require, within 30 days of enactment, an election for two senators and one representative for the state in Congress. It would then require the president to issue a proclamation announcing the election results, at which point the state would be admitted into the Union. The bill would define the territory and boundaries of a revised District of Columbia, which would remain under federal control -- including the White House, Capitol building, Supreme Court, and federal office buildings located adjacent to the National Mall and Capitol. All other territory of the current district would be part of the new state. It would provide that district executive, legislative and judicial officers at the time of admission would serve in the respective offices of the state; the state would be considered the legal successor to the district in continued judicial proceedings; and the federal government would retain control of lands currently held for defense or Coast Guard purposes. It would prohibit federal law enforcement agencies from enforcing state laws without state authorization. It would also allow residents of the new federal district to vote in federal elections by absentee ballot in their last state of residence and provide for the repeal of the 23rd amendment to the Constitution, which granted District of Columbia residents the right to vote in presidential elections." The bill passed 216 to 208. [HR 51, [Vote #Vote #132](#), 4/22/21; CQ, [4/22/21](#)]

Salazar Voted Against The Paycheck Fairness Act. In April 2021, Salazar voted against: "Passage of the bill that would narrow the legal defense an employer may use in a lawsuit alleging pay discrimination on the basis of sex. Specifically, it would require employers to demonstrate that a difference in pay between employees is based on a business-related 'bona fide factor other than sex, such as education, training, or experience' as opposed to being based on 'any factor other than sex.' It would prohibit employers from retaliating against employees involved in lawsuits under fair labor standards law; prohibit employers from relying on a prospective employee's wage history for hiring or wage determinations; increase employers' liability for compensatory or punitive damages related to pay discrimination violations; and provide for automatic inclusion of all affected individuals in class action lawsuits related to pay discrimination. Among other provisions, the bill would authorize a new Labor Department grant program for public and private entities to carry out negotiation skills training programs to address pay disparities. It would establish an annual national award for an employer that made a 'substantial effort to eliminate pay disparities between men and women.' It would require the Labor Department to conduct a number of studies on sex-based pay disparities and require the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission to collect compensation data disaggregated by employees' sex, race and national origin. It would require the Labor Department and EEOC to provide technical assistance for small businesses to comply with the bill's provisions. It would add a definition of 'sex' with respect to federal fair labor standards law, which would include sexual orientation or gender identity." According to CNBC, the Paycheck Fairness Act "aims to eliminate the gender pay gap and

strengthen workplace protections for women.” The bill passed 217 to 210. [HR 7, [Vote #Vote #108](#), 4/15/21; CQ, [4/15/21](#); CNBC, [4/16/21](#)]

- **The Paycheck Fairness Act Aimed “To Eliminate The Gender Pay Gap And Strengthen Workplace Protections For Women.”** “The Paycheck Fairness Act, which aims to eliminate the gender pay gap and strengthen workplace protections for women, passed the House of Representatives on Thursday in a 217-210 vote [...] Biden added that a full passage of the Paycheck Fairness Act by Congress would address the wage gap by ‘closing loopholes that have allowed employers to justify gender pay disparities, strengthening provisions for holding employers accountable for systemic pay discrimination, and helping level the playing field for women and people of color by making it easier for workers to challenge pay disparities as a group. Additionally, he said the Paycheck Fairness Act would make it illegal for employers to ask employees about their salary history in the hiring process and promote pay transparency by requiring more employers to report pay data to the government. Right now, at least 18 states already have laws in place that ban employers from asking about salary history.” [CNBC, [4/16/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For An Amendment Granting A “Safe Harbor” For Employers Facing Legal Action For Pay Discrimination If They Took “Reasonable Steps” To Correct The Disparities. In April 2021, Salazar voted for: “Miller-Meeks, R-Iowa, for Stefanik, R-N.Y., substitute amendment no. 4 that would, among other provisions, provide a safe harbor such that employers would not be liable in legal action related to pay discrimination if the employer conducted a voluntary audit of its pay practices within the previous three years and took ‘reasonable steps’ to correct any compensation disparities found by the audit that may have violated fair labor law. It would prohibit employers from requesting or relying on the wage history of a prospective employee for consideration of employment, unless a prospective employee voluntarily discloses such information. It would make it unlawful for employers to prohibit employees from inquiring about, discussing or disclosing wages but allow employers to limit the time, place and circumstances during which employees may do so.” The amendment was rejected 183 to 244. [HR 7, [Vote #Vote #107](#), 4/15/21; CQ, [4/15/21](#)]

Salazar Voted Against An Amendment To Direct The Labor Secretary To Study The Gender Wage Gap Among Young Workers And Establish A Task Force To Coordinate Efforts To Enforce Equal Pay Laws. In April 2021, Salazar voted against: “Scott, D-Va., en bloc amendments no. 1 that would modify a requirement for the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission to provide for annual collection of disaggregated compensation data from employers to make collection of additional employment data optional; require employers to inform employees of their rights under the bill's provisions through physical and electronic postings; direct the Labor secretary to establish a program to award contracts and grants for the purpose of training employers about the role that salary negotiation and other wage-setting practices can have on bias in compensation; require the Labor secretary to undertake research and commission additional studies on the gender wage gap among younger workers; and establish the National Equal Pay Enforcement Task Force to coordinate interagency efforts in enforcing equal pay laws.” The amendment was adopted 216 to 207. [HR 7, [Vote #Vote #106](#), 4/15/21; CQ, [4/15/21](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Removing The Deadline For Ratification Of The Equal Rights Amendment. In March 2021, Salazar voted against: “Passage of the joint resolution that would remove the deadline for ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment to the Constitution, which would state that “equality of

rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex." The ERA was proposed to the states in 1972, with a seven-year deadline for ratification, which was subsequently extended through June 1982. The joint resolution would make the proposed constitutional amendment valid as part of the Constitution whenever ratified by three-fourths of the states." The resolution passed by a vote of 222-204. [H J Res 17, [Vote #Vote #82](#), 3/17/21; CQ, [3/17/21](#)]

Ethics and Investigations

Salazar Voted Against The Protecting Our Democracy Act, Which Included Provisions To Strengthen Checks On Presidential Powers And Executive Branch Oversight. In December 2021 Salazar voted against: "Passage of the bill, as amended, that would include a number of provisions to strengthen checks on presidential powers and the executive branch and prohibit foreign influence. Among provisions related to presidential and executive branch accountability and oversight, the bill would void any pardon the president issues to himself or herself. If the president grants a pardon for offenses arising from investigations involving the president or their family members, administration members or campaign employees, it would require the Justice Department to share all materials related to the investigation with Congress. It would exempt the duration of a president or vice president's tenure from the statute of limitations for any federal offense committed by that person prior to or during their tenure. It would include various provisions to limit national emergency powers, including to automatically terminate emergency declarations after 20 congressional session days unless Congress passes a joint resolution of approval and to specify that the president's national emergency powers may not be used to authorize or fund any activity not authorized or funded by Congress. It would require the Justice Department to maintain a log of communications between DOJ and White House officials relating to civil or criminal investigations and require the department's inspector general to review the log for any improper communications. It would specify a list of causes for which the president or an agency head may remove an inspector general. It would strengthen enforcement and penalties under the Hatch Act, which prohibits federal employees from engaging in partisan political activities, including to authorize the Office of Special Counsel to investigate potential violations without first receiving an allegation and clarify that White House senior officials are subject to the Hatch Act. It would expand federal whistleblower protections, including to prohibit retaliation against federal employees who disclose waste, fraud and abuse. Among provisions relating to spending and other Congressional powers, the bill would require appropriated funding to be made available for obligation no later than 90 days before its availability would expire, and prohibit the rescission or deferral of funds in such 90-day period. It would require executive agencies to make public documents used in apportioning appropriations and add congressional notification and reporting requirements related to spending activity. It would statutorily require witnesses subpoenaed by Congress to testify and provide the requested information unless prohibited by federal law or the Constitution. It would affirm Congress' ability to enforce subpoenas through civil lawsuits and require courts to expedite such lawsuits. Among provisions related to elections and foreign influence, it would require major-party candidates for president and vice president to submit their tax returns from the past 10 years to the Federal Election Commission, require the FEC to make such returns public and require the same disclosures annually for the sitting president and vice president. It would require political committees to notify the FBI within one week of any foreign contact by a candidate, or a candidate's family members or employees. It would prohibit political campaigns from accepting opposition research, polling or other non-public information relating to a candidate from a foreign entity. It would expressly prohibit federal officers, including the president and vice president,

from accepting gifts from foreign entities without Congressional authorization. It establish disclosure requirements for internet and digital political advertising and prohibit the use of deepfakes, or materially deceptive audio or visual media, of a federal election candidate.” Passed by a vote of 220-208. [HR 5314, [Vote #Vote #440](#), 12/09/21; CQ, [12/09/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For Financial Disclosure Requirements For Judicial Officers. In December 2021 Salazar voted for: “Nadler, D-N.Y., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would add judicial officers to a list of public officials who are required to complete financial disclosure reporting. It would require the Administrative Office of the Courts to establish a searchable public internet database of all such reports filed by judicial officers.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 422-4. [H.R. 5720, [Vote #Vote #392](#), 12/1/21; CQ, [12/1/21](#)]

Salazar Voted Against The IG Independence And Empowerment Act. In June 2021, Salazar voted against: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would include a number of provisions related to the appointment, authorities, and conduct of federal inspectors general. It would limit the president's authority to remove an inspector general without cause, specifying certain grounds for removal including documented abuse of authority, neglect of duty, knowing violation of a law or regulation, gross mismanagement, inefficiency, and permanent incapacity. It would require the president, not later than 30 days before placing an IG on nonduty status, to notify Congress and provide reasons for the change in status. It would establish a similar congressional notification requirement for federal agencies to place an IG on nonduty status. It would establish guidelines for filling any vacant Senate-confirmed IG position and require the president to submit a report to Congress if a position is vacant for 210 days, including the reasons why the president has not made a formal nomination and a target date for doing so. The bill would expand an integrity committee tasked with investigating IG and employee conduct to include a former IG and expand requirements for committee reports to Congress, including to require semiannual instead of annual reports on committee activities and immediate reports on any ‘particularly serious or flagrant problems, abuses, or deficiencies’ at an IG office. It would also authorize such sums as necessary for operations of the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency, which includes the integrity committee. Among other provisions, it would expand IG subpoena power to include individuals who are not federal employees, with approval from a panel of three IGs; require IGs to notify Congress if an agency refuses to provide information or assistance requested by the IG; require IG staff to complete whistleblower training; and allow the Justice Department IG to investigate certain allegations of misconduct involving department attorneys by repealing a provision requiring the IG to report such allegations to the DOJ Office of Professional Responsibility.” The bill passed 221 to 182. [HR 2662, [Vote #Vote #195](#), 6/29/21; CQ, [6/29/21](#)]

Salazar Voted Against A Motion To Table HR 243, Removing Rep. Swalwell From Intelligence Committee. In March 2021, Salazar voted against: “Hoyer, D-Md., motion to table (kill) the privileged resolution that would remove Rep. Swalwell, D-Calif., from the House Intelligence Committee. The resolution would include findings that Swalwell “has not denied public reporting” that a suspected Chinese intelligence operative helped raise money for his political campaigns and facilitated the potential assignment of interns in his offices.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 218-200. [HR 243, [Vote #Vote #94](#), 3/18/21; CQ, [3/18/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For Removing Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene From Her Committee Assignments. In February 2021, Salazar voted for: “Agreeing to the resolution that would remove Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene, R-Ga., from the House Budget and Education and Labor committees. It would state that, under the rules of the House, members and employees must ‘behave at all times in a manner that shall reflect creditably on the House’ and that Rep. Greene should be removed ‘in light of conduct she has exhibited.’” The resolution passed 230 to 199. [H Res 72, [Vote #Vote #25](#), 2/4/21; CQ, [2/4/21](#)]

FEMA and Disaster Relief

Salazar Voted For Requiring FEMA’s Small State And Rural Advocate To Assist States In Demonstrating Local Disaster Impacts. In June 2022 Salazar voted for: “DeFazio, D-Ore., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would require the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Small State and Rural Advocate to assist states in collecting and presenting material in a disaster or emergency declaration request relevant to demonstrating severe localized impacts for a specific incident, including per capita personal income broken down by local area, a disaster-impacted population profile as reported by the Census Bureau and the impact to community infrastructure. It would also require the Government Accountability Office to review and report to Congress on implementation of a March 2019 FEMA rule revising factors the agency considers when evaluating state requests for a major disaster declaration authorizing individual assistance.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 396-14. [H.R. 7211, [Vote #Vote #269](#), 6/14/22; CQ, [6/14/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For A Centralized Online Database For Federal Agencies To Quarterly Disclose Disaster Assistance Spending Information. In June 2022 Salazar voted for: “DeFazio, D-Ore., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would require each federal agency that provided disaster assistance during a quarter to publish information regarding the amounts provided and expended, including a description of each funded project or activity and its completion status, within 30 days of the end of the quarter. It would require the Office of Management and Budget to create a subpage on an existing federal expenditure disclosure website where such information would be published.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 412-2. [H.R. 2020, [Vote #Vote #258](#), 6/13/22; CQ, [6/13/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Authorizing The U.S. Fire Administration To Investigate Major Fires. In May 2022 Salazar voted for: “Stevens, D-Mich., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would authorize the U.S. Fire Administration to send incident investigators, such as safety specialists, fire protection engineers, codes and standards experts, researchers and fire training specialists, to the site of a major fire to investigate the fire in coordination with other federal, state and local authorities. It would require such investigations to examine the determined cause and origin of the fire and assess systemic matters such as the use of codes and standards, demographics, structural characteristics, smoke and fire dynamics during the event and costs of associated injuries and deaths. It would require the administration, upon concluding a fire investigation, to issue or collaborate with another federal agency on a public report on its findings, including recommendations on any buildings with similar characteristics and fire risks and on improving tactical response, safety practices and mitigation of causes for similar fires.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 379-37. [H.R. 7077, [Vote #Vote #153](#), 5/11/22; CQ, [5/11/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Authorizing \$60 Million To Modernize The National Oceanic And Atmospheric Administration's Weather Radio System. In May 2022 Salazar voted for: "Stevens, D-Mich., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would authorize \$60 million for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to improve and modernize the NOAA Weather Radio system. Within the total, it would authorize \$40 million for system modernization, including to upgrade telecommunications infrastructure; accelerate software upgrades; improve accessibility of radio data and feeds; and develop options for radio continuity in the event of Weather Forecast Office outages. It would authorize \$20 million for NOAA to expand the system's coverage and ensure its reliability, including to maintain service in areas with poor-quality or no cellular service; ensure consistent and timely operations monitoring and equipment maintenance; enhance the ability to amplify non-weather emergency messages; and acquire additional transmitters to expand coverage to rural and underserved communities, national parks and recreation areas." The motion was agreed to by a vote of 397-20. [H.R. 5324, [Vote #Vote #151](#), 5/11/22; CQ, [5/11/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Increasing The FEMA Small Project Qualification Threshold From \$35,000 To \$1 Million. In April 2022 Salazar voted for: "DeFazio, D-Ore., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would raise, from \$35,000 to \$1 million, the threshold under which disaster relief activities may qualify as 'small projects' with respect to Federal Emergency Management Agency assistance. It would also require FEMA to report to Congress on its periodic reviews of the eligibility threshold required under current law." The motion was agreed to by a vote of 414-11. [H.R. 5641, [Vote #Vote #114](#), 4/5/22; CQ, [4/5/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For The Modification Of FEMA Disaster Mitigation Program Requirements To Increase Disaster Resilience And Expand Coverage For Hazard Mitigation. In April 2022 Salazar voted for: "DeFazio, D-Ore., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would modify and expand requirements related to Federal Emergency Management Agency disaster mitigation programs. Specifically, it would increase the amount the president may set aside from the Disaster Relief Fund for national public infrastructure pre-disaster mitigation assistance from 6 percent to not more than 15 percent of the funds spent in the previous year on major disaster declarations. It would authorize private nonprofit facilities to receive pre-disaster hazard mitigation funds and require FEMA to use at least 10 percent of funds available for activities to implement the latest published editions of building codes and hazard-resistant designs. Among other provisions, it would require FEMA to carry out a residential resilience pilot program to provide grants to individuals for projects that increase the resiliency of an existing home against natural disaster hazards and risks; specify that FEMA must require construction projects with a cost of at least \$1 million that receive nonemergency financial assistance to use only U.S.-produced steel and iron; and require the Government Accountability Office to conduct a study on the challenges faced by states and territories in obtaining assistance under prior law." The motion was agreed to by a vote of 383-41. [H.R. 5689, [Vote #Vote #113](#), 4/5/22; CQ, [4/5/22](#)]

Financial Protection And Wall Street

Salazar Voted Against The Financial Services Racial Equity, Inclusion, and Economic Justice Act To Invest In Underserved Communities And Increase Access To Fair Housing And Lending. In June 2022 Salazar voted against: "Passage of the bill, as amended, that would include a number of provisions intended to increase access to and promote racial equity with respect to financial services. Among

provisions related to increasing access to financial services, it would require federal banking regulators to develop a plan to promote the creation of new depository institutions, particularly in underserved geographic areas; require the Federal Reserve to carry out its duties and functions in a manner that fosters the elimination of racial and ethnic disparities in employment, income, wealth and credit access and include related demographic information in its semiannual report to Congress; establish a process for federal credit unions to add underserved areas to their membership; and require the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, Federal Housing Finance Agency and mortgage lenders to take various actions to provide translated documents and oral translation services with respect to residential mortgage loan transactions. Among provisions to support community development financial institutions, minority depository institutions and other local financial services, it would require federal agencies to prioritize the use of MDIs for their deposits; require the Treasury Department to maintain a public list of MDIs; require the Fed to establish a process for CDFIs and MDIs to access the discount window, which provides short-term loans to support bank liquidity; reserve 40 percent of CDFI funding for minority-lending institutions; reauthorize the CDFI Bond Guarantee Program for four years; allow depository institutions that have less than \$10 billion in assets and make loans to low-income borrowers equal to at least half their assets to apply to be designated as 'impact banks' eligible for certain federal support; and authorize \$4 billion for the Emergency Capital Investment Fund to assist CDFIs and MDIs in low-income areas. Among provisions related to federal fair lending protections under the 1974 Equal Credit Opportunity Act, it would prohibit discrimination in any aspect of a credit transaction based on zip code, census tract, sexual orientation, gender identity or disability status; establish a CFPB office to test ECOA compliance through the use of undercover credit applicants; establish criminal penalties for ECOA violations, with a maximum penalty of a \$50,000 fine, one-year imprisonment or both, and increased penalties for repeat violations; and require financial institutions to collect and maintain information on loan applications from LGBTQ-owned businesses to help facilitate fair lending enforcement and opportunities. Among provisions to promote personnel diversity in the finance sector, the bill would require federal banking regulators to consider diversity and inclusion when rating depository institutions under the Uniform Financial Institutions Rating System; establish personnel diversity reporting requirements for publicly traded companies, financial institutions and financial regulatory agencies; and require the Securities and Exchange Commission to report on and recommend strategies to increase diversity on boards of public companies. As amended, it would require retailers accepting in-person payments to accept cash for transactions up to \$2,000 and prohibit them from charging more for items paid for in cash." The bill passed by a vote of 215-207. [H.R. 2543, [Vote #Vote #275](#), 6/15/22; CQ, [6/15/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For A Motion To Recommit The Financial Services Racial Equity, Inclusion, And Economic Justice Act To Committee. In June 2022 Salazar voted for: "Hill, R-Ark., motion to recommit the bill to the House Financial Services Committee." The motion was rejected by a vote of 202-219. [H.R. 2543, [Vote #Vote #274](#), 6/15/22; CQ, [6/15/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against An Amendment To Require Retailers That Take In-Person Payments To Accept Cash For Transactions Under \$2,000. In June 2022 Salazar voted against: "Payne, D-N.J., amendment no. 19 that would require retailers accepting in-person payments to accept cash as a form of payment for transactions up to \$2,000. It also would prohibit vendors from charging more for goods or services paid for in cash." The amendment was adopted by a vote of 224-198. [H.R. 2543, [Vote #Vote #273](#), 6/15/22; CQ, [6/15/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against An Amendment To Ensure Community Banks Can Open Branches In

Underserved Areas. In June 2022 Salazar voted against: “Gonzalez, D-Texas, amendment no.10 that would add language to ensure that nothing in the bill is used to impede the ability of insured depository institutions to provide services in underbanked areas.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 297-123. [H.R. 2543, [Vote #Vote #272](#), 6/15/22; CQ, [6/15/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For En Bloc Amendments #2 To The Financial Services Racial Equity, Inclusion, And Economic Justice Act. In June 2022 Salazar voted for: “Green, D-Texas, en bloc amendments no. 2 that would strike language to require financial institutions to inquire and record whether businesses applying for credit are LGBTQ-owned, replacing it with language to strike current law that requires such institutions to inquire and record whether such businesses are women-owned, minority-owned or a small business; and strike from the bill provisions related to equity in monetary policy, diversity data collection and reporting, diversity and inclusion in banking and expanding financial access for underserved communities.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 202-217. [H.R. 2543, [Vote #Vote #271](#), 6/15/22; CQ, [6/15/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against En Bloc Amendments #1 To The Financial Services Racial Equity, Inclusion, And Economic Justice Act. In June 2022 Salazar voted against: “Green, D-Texas, en bloc amendments no. 1 that would, among other provisions, require federal reserve banks, in appointing a president, to interview at least one person reflective of gender diversity and one person reflective of racial diversity, and to report to Congress on applicant pool demographics for any such positions; add demographic comparisons by age and regarding individuals with dependent minor children to a requirement for reporting on labor trends in a semiannual Federal Reserve Board report to Congress; require depository institutions to also group mortgage loan data by disability and veteran status; add require the Young Entrepreneurs Program authorized by the bill to focus on supporting young entrepreneurs from historically underrepresented groups; require securities issuers to include disability status, based on voluntary self-identification, of the board of directors and any executive officer in their disclosures related to diversity; and prohibit creditors from discriminating against any individual, with respect to any aspect of a credit transaction, on the basis of disability.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 217-192. [H.R. 2543, [Vote #Vote #270](#), 6/15/22; CQ, [6/15/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Exempting Some Merger And Acquisition Brokers From Having To Register With The Securities And Exchange Commission. In May 2022 Salazar voted for: “Garcia, D-Ill., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would exempt merger and acquisition brokers from having to register as brokers with the Securities and Exchange Commission unless they conduct specified activities, including if they receive, hold or transmit funds or securities as part of a transaction; provide or assist with obtaining financing related to the transfer of ownership of a private company; engage with an SEC-registered issuer of securities; or engage in certain transactions involving a shell company or a transfer of ownership to a "passive buyer." It would also disqualify brokers from the exemption if they have been barred or suspended from association with a broker or dealer.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 419-0. [H.R. 935, [Vote #Vote #158](#), 5/11/22; CQ, [5/11/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Requiring The Government Accountability Office To Submit A Report On The Turnover Rate Of FEMA Case Management Personnel. In March 2022 Salazar voted for: “Williams, D-

Ga., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would require the Government Accountability Office, within 90 days of enactment, to submit a report to Congress on the turnover rate for case management personnel of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, including average and median lengths of employment, steps that FEMA is taking to lower turnover rates, and details about rotations of personnel temporarily detailed to work in disaster recovery positions.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 409-17. [H.R. 5343, [Vote #Vote #93](#), 3/30/22; CQ, [3/30/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Making Modifications To The FEMA Hazard Mitigation Loan Program. In March 2022 Salazar voted for: “Williams, D-Ga., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill make technical corrections to the Federal Emergency Management Agency hazard mitigation revolving loan fund program. Specifically, it would clarify the definition of an eligible state or tribal government that may apply for program funding and specify that program recipients may use grant funding to carry out the two most recent published editions of relevant building codes, specifications and standards related to disaster and natural hazard resilience.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 402-24. [H.R. 5673, [Vote #Vote #92](#), 3/30/22; CQ, [3/30/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Blocking Consideration Of A Ban On New Bank Reporting Requirements To The Internal Revenue Service. In October 2021 Salazar voted against: “McGovern, D-Mass., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Congressional Record, Rep. Fischbach said, “Mr. Speaker, if we defeat the previous question, Republicans will offer an amendment to the rule to provide for the additional consideration of H.R. 5586, the Prohibiting IRS Financial Surveillance Act, authored by Representative Ferguson.” **A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the bill.** The motion was agreed to by a vote of 221-206. [H.Res. 727, [Vote #Vote #327](#), 10/21/21; CQ, [10/21/21](#); Congressional Record, [10/21/21](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Passage Of The Comprehensive Debt Collection Improvement Act. In May 2021, Salazar voted against: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would make numerous modifications to existing law related to consumer protections against debt collection practices, including to extend protections related to electronic communications by debt collectors, student loan and medical debt, debt collection from servicemembers and debt collection by government contractors. The bill would prohibit debt collectors from contacting consumers by email, text message or social media without the consumer's consent. It would authorize the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau to issue rules requiring debt collectors to allow consumers to opt out of any method of communication and prohibit the agency from issuing rules allowing debt collectors to send unlimited electronic communications to consumers. It would require lenders to discharge private education loans when a student borrower dies or is permanently disabled, including for any cosigners of the loan. It would prohibit attempts to collect debt arising from medical services until two years after the date the first payment is due and prohibit the inclusion of debt arising from a medically necessary procedure on a credit report. It would prohibit debt collectors from using certain aggressive debt collection tactics against active-duty or recently discharged servicemembers, including threatening a servicemember with a reduction in rank, having their security clearance revoked or prosecuting them under the military justice system. It would extend existing prohibitions on unfair or excessive debt collection tactics to apply to debt collectors hired as contractors by federal, state or local governments; require federal agencies to wait at least 90 days after a debt becomes delinquent and notify consumers at least three times before transferring or selling such debt to a debt collector; and prohibit the Treasury Department from contracting debt collectors to recoup

Federal Emergency Management Agency aid overpayments, unless they occurred because of fraud or deceit of the recipient. It would increase civil penalties and authorize courts to award injunctive relief for violations of debt collection practices law; specify that such law applies to entities engaging in non-judicial foreclosures; and restrict the use of written agreements in connection with commercial loans or other credits that include a confession of judgment or other waiver of rights in relation to a legal suit. Among other provisions, it would require numerous Government Accountability Office studies and reports to Congress, including on debt collection practices experienced by servicemembers and debt collection practices during the COVID-19 pandemic. The bill would take effect 180 days after its enactment.” The bill passed 215 to 207. [H R 2547, [Vote #Vote #141](#), 5/13/21; CQ, [5/13/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For Prohibiting Federal Banking Regulators From Penalizing Financial Service Institutions For Providing Services To Marijuana- Related Businesses. In April 2021, Salazar voted for: “Passage of the bill that would prohibit federal banking regulators from penalizing financial service institutions for providing services to marijuana-related businesses operating in accordance with state law. It would protect financial service institutions from criminal and civil penalties for providing such services or for engaging in transactions involving proceeds from a marijuana-related business. Among other provisions, it would require the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network and other federal regulators to update certain guidances related to such businesses; extend similar protections for hemp-related businesses; and require reports on diversity and inclusion in access to financial services for minority- and women-owned marijuana-related businesses.” The bill passed 321 to 101. [HR 1996, [Vote #Vote #120](#), 4/19/21; CQ, [4/19/21](#)]

Foreign Policy

Salazar Voted For Expressing Support For Finland And Sweden To Join The North Atlantic Treaty Organization. In July 2022 Salazar voted for: “Costa, D-Calif., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would state that the House of Representatives expresses support for Finland and Sweden's applications to NATO, opposes any attempt by Russia to act in an adverse way to their applications, calls on NATO member states to formally support their accession, and urges all NATO members to meet the 2 percent defense spending pledge agreed to at the 2014 Wales summit.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 394-18. [H.Res. 1130, [Vote #Vote #364](#), 7/18/22; CQ, [7/18/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Calling On The Rwandan Government To Release Paul Rusesabagina On Humanitarian Grounds. In July 2022 Salazar voted for: “Manning, D-N.C., motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, as amended, that would call on the Rwandan government to release Paul Rusesabagina on humanitarian grounds, allow him to return to the United States and allow him access to appropriate medical care. It would also urge the U.S. government to raise the issue of Rusesabagina's detention and advocate for his immediate release in all interactions with the Rwandan government. Rusesabagina is a Rwandan human rights advocate who was the manager of the Hotel des Mille Collines, which housed refugees during the 1994 Rwandan genocide and inspired the movie Hotel Rwanda. Later a United States resident, he was detained and convicted of terrorism-related offenses in Rwanda in September 2021.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 413-8. [H.Res. 892, [Vote #Vote #355](#), 7/14/22; CQ, [7/14/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Expressing That Those Responsible For The July 1999 Murders Of U.S. Citizens Ylli, Agron, and Mehmet Bytyqi In Serbia Should Be Brought To Justice. In July 2022 Salazar voted for: “Manning, D-N.C., motion to suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution that would express the sense of Congress that those responsible for the July 1999 killings in Serbia of Ylli Bytyqi, Agron Bytyqi and Mehmet Bytyqi, American citizens who joined the Kosovo Liberation Army, should be brought to justice and that the Serbian government should prioritize the investigation and prosecution of the killings. It would also express the sense of Congress that progress in resolving the case, or lack thereof, should be a significant factor in relations between the United States and Serbia.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 423-1. [H.Con.Res. 45, [Vote #Vote #354](#), 7/14/22; CQ, [7/14/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Calling For Stability And The Cessation Of Violence And Condemning ISIS-Affiliated Terrorism In Northern Mozambique. In July 2022 Salazar voted for: “Manning, D-N.C., motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution that would state that the House of Representatives condemns the violence, targeting of civilians and terrorist attacks carried out by ISIS-Mozambique in the Cabo Delgado Province. It would state that the House urges the Mozambican government to work with international partners to counter violent extremism in the province; take steps to protect children from abduction, forced conscription and other forms of exploitation; ensure humanitarian workers have access to vulnerable populations in the province; and develop national strategies to address underlying social, political and economic grievances of local populations. It would also state that the House calls on the U.S. government, donor governments and the international donor community to coordinate diplomatic, defense and development resources for the Mozambican government and to support continued humanitarian assistance.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 409-18. [H.Res. 720, [Vote #Vote #353](#), 7/14/22; CQ, [7/14/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Condemning The October 25, 2021 Military Coup In Sudan And Standing With The People Of Sudan. In July 2022 Salazar voted for: “Manning, D-N.C., motion to suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution that would state that the House of Representatives condemns the Oct. 25, 2021, military coup in Sudan, stands with the people of Sudan in their democratic aspirations and recognizes the prime minister and his cabinet as the constitutional leaders of Sudan’s transitional government. It would state that the House calls for Sudan’s military junta to immediately release all individuals detained in connection with the coup; return to constitutional rule under the transitional constitution as the starting point for negotiations with civilians toward full civilian rule; ensure security forces respect the right to peaceful protest; and transfer leadership of the Sovereign Council to a civilian member of the council. It would also call on the secretary of State to identify coup leaders for consideration for targeted sanctions; monitor efforts by external parties to support the coup and military junta; and call on international partners to join U.S. efforts to suspend Sudan’s participation in all regional multilateral organizations until Sudan is returned to constitutional rule under the transitional constitution.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 417-7. [H.Con.Res. 59, [Vote #Vote #352](#), 7/14/22; CQ, [7/14/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For The Establishment Of An Interagency Working Group To Coordinate With International Partners On Communications Networks, Security, And 5G. In July 2022 Salazar voted for: “Manning, D-N.C., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would direct the president to establish an interagency working group to coordinate with international partners regarding engagement at international organizations that address communications networks, security and

standards, including 5G and future generations of mobile telecommunications systems and infrastructure. It would require the secretary of State to coordinate with the working group to develop and implement a strategy for diplomatic engagement with allies, including to share security risk information and coordinate to mitigate risks related to 5G and future generations of mobile telecommunications systems, and to monitor engagement by the Chinese government and related entities at international organizations. It would require the working group to brief Congress within 180 of enactment regarding both the strategy and Chinese engagement.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 405-20. [H.R. 1934, [Vote #Vote #351](#), 7/14/22; CQ, [7/14/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Considering Several Bills Including Senate Amendments On School Meals, The Bipartisan School Safety Package, And Calling For The Release Of Brittney Griner From Russia.

In June 2022 Salazar voted against: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 1204) that would provide for House floor consideration of the Senate amendment to the House amendment to the school meal waiver bill (S 2089) and the Senate amendments to the House amendment to the bipartisan gun violence package (S 2938). The rule would provide for 10 minutes of debate on S 2089 and one hour of debate on S 2938. The rule would provide for automatic passage, upon adoption of the rule, of a bill (HR 4346) that would add COVID-19 vaccines to a list of vaccines subject to a tax of 75 cents per dose, from which proceeds fund compensation for vaccine-related injury or death through the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program. The rule would provide for automatic agreement, upon adoption of the rule, to a resolution (H Res 1132) that would state that the House of Representatives calls on the Russian government to immediately release Brittney Griner, a WNBA player and U.S. citizen detained in February 2022.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 217-203. [H. Res. 1204, [Vote #Vote #298](#), 6/24/22; CQ, [6/24/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Prohibiting The Treasury Department From Engaging In Transactions Involving IMF Special Drawing Rights Held By Russia Or Belarus. In May 2022 Salazar voted for: “Garcia, D-III., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would prohibit the Treasury Department from engaging in any transaction involving the exchange of Special Drawing Rights issued by the International Monetary Fund that are held by Russia or Belarus. It would require the department to “vigorously advocate” that IMF member countries also prohibit such transactions and direct the U.S. executive director at each international financial institution to “use the voice and vote” of the United States to oppose the provision of financial assistance to Russia and Belarus except to address basic human needs of the civilian population. It would provide for a national interest waiver by the president and specify that the bill's provisions would terminate on the earlier date of five years after enactment or 30 days after the president reports to Congress that Russia has ceased destabilizing activities with respect to the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 417-2. [H.R. 6899, [Vote #Vote #162](#), 5/11/22; CQ, [5/11/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Establishing That It Is U.S. Policy To Exclude Russia From Activities Of The G20 And Other International Organizations. In May 2022 Salazar voted for: “Garcia, D-III., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would state that it is U.S. policy to exclude Russian government officials from participation in all meetings and activities of the Group of 20, the Bank for International Settlements, the Basel Committee for Banking Standards, the Financial Stability Board, the International Association of Insurance Supervisors and the International Organization of Securities Commissions. It would require the Treasury Department, the Federal Reserve and the Securities and

Exchange Commission to take "all necessary steps" to advance the policy. It would provide for a national interest waiver by the president and specify that the bill's provisions would terminate on the earlier date of five years after enactment or 30 days after the president reports to Congress that Russia has ceased destabilizing activities with respect to the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine." The motion was agreed to by a vote of 416-2. [H.R. 6891, [Vote #Vote #161](#), 5/11/22; CQ, [5/11/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Requiring U.S. Officials In International Financial Institutions To Urge The Suspension Of Debt Payments Owed By Ukraine. In May 2022 Salazar voted for: "Garcia, D-Ill., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would require the Treasury Department to instruct the U.S. executive director at every international financial institution to use the influence and vote of the U.S. to advocate that the institution suspend all debt payments owed by Ukraine and provide financial assistance to Ukraine, as well as Ukrainian refugees and the countries they enter. It would also require the Treasury and State departments to coordinate with other governments and commercial creditor groups to pursue debt payment relief for Ukraine. It would require the president to submit an annual report to Congress on activities undertaken under the bill's provisions. It would provide for a national interest waiver by the president and sunset the bill's provisions seven years after enactment." The motion was agreed to by a vote of 362-56. [H.R. 7081, [Vote #Vote #160](#), 5/11/22; CQ, [5/11/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Requiring U.S. Financial Institutions To Take All Actions Necessary And Available To Ensure They And Their Subsidiaries Were Complying With Sanctions Against Russia And Belarus. In May 2022 Salazar voted for: "Garcia, D-Ill., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would require U.S. financial institutions to 'take all actions necessary and available' to ensure that their subsidiaries, including foreign subsidiaries, comply with financial sanctions against Russia and Belarus." The motion was agreed to by a vote of 418-2. [H.R. 7066, [Vote #Vote #159](#), 5/11/22; CQ, [5/11/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Providing \$40.1 Billion In Emergency Funding For Ukraine To Assist Against The Russian Invasion. In April 2022 Salazar voted for: "Passage of the bill, as amended, that would provide approximately \$40.1 billion in emergency funding to support the Ukrainian resistance against the Russian invasion, including approximately \$20.1 billion for the Defense Department, \$13.9 billion for the State Department and \$4.4 billion for the U.S. Agency for International Development. It would also authorize \$11 billion in presidential drawdown authority to provide emergency foreign military assistance in fiscal 2022. Within Defense funding, it would provide \$17.9 billion for military operations, including \$6 billion for the Ukraine Security Assistance Initiative and \$9.1 billion to replenish defense article stocks and reimburse defense services and training provided by the Defense Department to assist Ukraine; \$1.2 billion for weapon procurement, including \$500 million for critical munitions; and \$600 million for purchases under the Defense Production Act. It would increase from \$450 million to \$950 million the cap on assistance the U.S. can provide to support friendly foreign countries in fiscal 2022. Within State Department funding, it would provide \$8.8 billion for the Economic Support Fund; \$4 billion for the Foreign Military Financing program; and \$350 million for migration and refugee assistance. Among other provisions, it would authorize \$900 million for the Administration for Children and Families to provide refugee assistance; \$54 million for Centers for Disease Control and Prevention public health activities and medical support for displaced populations from Ukraine; and \$67 million for Justice Department activities related to seizing forfeited property related to Russian aggression." The bill passed by a vote of 368-57. [H.R. 7691, [Vote #Vote #145](#), 5/10/22; CQ, [5/10/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For The State Department To Report On Changes And Improvements To The United States' Endorsement Of Taiwan's WHO Health Assembly Observer Status As They Relate To The Status. In April 2022 Salazar voted for: "Connolly, D-Va., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would require the State Department, in its annual report to Congress on the U.S. plan to endorse and obtain observer status for Taiwan at the World Health Organization's annual World Health Assembly, to describe the changes and improvements the department has made to the plan following any annual assembly meeting at which Taiwan did not obtain observer status." The motion was agreed to by a vote of 425-0. [S. 812, [Vote #Vote #138](#), 4/27/22; CQ, [4/27/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Authorization For The U.S. Agency For International Development To Support Efforts To Address Global Malnutrition. In April 2022 Salazar voted for: "Connolly, D-Va., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would authorize the U.S. Agency for International Development to support efforts to prevent and treat malnutrition globally, including to target resources toward particularly vulnerable populations and address country-specific nutrition needs, in coordination with other federal agencies, governments of partner countries, nongovernmental organizations, private companies and donors and other stakeholders. Among other provisions, it would authorize the agency to establish a nutrition leadership council to coordinate its programs to address malnutrition globally and require the agency to submit to Congress an implementation plan and progress reports related to such programs." The motion was agreed to by a vote of 384-44. [H.R. 4693, [Vote #Vote #137](#), 4/27/22; CQ, [4/27/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Prohibition On The Supply, Sale, And Transfer Of Unmanned Combat Aerial Vehicles To Or From Iran. In April 2022 Salazar voted for: "Connolly, D-Va., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would clarify that unmanned combat aerial vehicles are a weapon subject to prior law that requires the president to impose sanctions against any person that knowingly contributes to the supply, sale or transfer of certain weapons to or from Iran. It also would state that it is U.S. policy to prevent Iran and Iranian-aligned terrorist and militia groups from acquiring unmanned aerial vehicles, including commercially available component parts, that can be used in attacks against U.S. persons or allies." The motion was agreed to by a vote of 424-2. [H.R. 6089, [Vote #Vote #136](#), 4/27/22; CQ, [4/27/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Authorization Of \$75 Million For The Caribbean Basin Security Initiative Program Through 2026. In April 2022 Salazar voted for: "Connolly, D-Va., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would authorize \$75 million annually through 2026 for the Caribbean Basin Security Initiative program to assist governments and law enforcement in promoting safety, security and rule of law in Caribbean Basin countries. It would also require the State Department to submit a CBSI implementation plan to Congress and prioritize efforts to improve disaster response and resilience in the region by encouraging coordination and information sharing between Caribbean Basin countries and U.S. agencies, and by improving rapid-response mechanisms for natural disasters." The motion was agreed to by a vote of 340-86. [H.R. 4133, [Vote #Vote #135](#), 4/27/22; CQ, [4/27/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For A State Department Strategy For Countering Russian Influence In Africa. In April 2022 Salazar voted for: "Connolly, D-Va., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would require the State Department to develop and submit to Congress a strategy and

implementation plan for U.S. efforts to counter the malign influence and activities of Russian and its proxies in Africa, including initiatives to strengthen democratic institutions; improve human rights standards; monitor natural resources and extractive industries; and monitor Russian political influence and the activities of Russian or Russian-affiliated private military contractors. It would require the department, annually for five years, to submit a report to Congress on the plan, including an assessment of the scope of Russian influence in Africa; details on efforts undertaken and policy and resources needed to effectively counter such influence; and an identification of foreign entities that have provided transportation or money transfer services to Russian mercenaries in Libya, with an analysis of whether such entities are subject to sanctions.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 415-9. [H.R. 7311, [Vote #Vote #134](#), 4/27/22; CQ, [4/27/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Expedited State Department Support For Improved Central And Eastern European Telecommunications Security. In April 2022 Salazar voted for: “Connolly, D-Va., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would require the State Department to expedite its efforts to support the European Union and the Central and Eastern European governments in improving the security of their telecommunication networks, including by providing diplomatic and political support for telecommunications infrastructure projects that would advance U.S. national security, encouraging international financial institutions to invest in such projects, removing telecommunications equipment provided by Chinese and Russian companies, and facilitating international coordination on cross-border telecommunications. Among other provisions, the bill would direct the department to appoint a security campaign director to lead efforts to promote candidates for elections at the International Telecommunication Union who will defend democratic values, internet freedom and telecommunication security. It would also require the director to report to the department on progress in supporting cross-border connectivity of telecommunication infrastructure in Ukraine, Moldova, Georgia and the Western Balkan countries.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 366-60. [H.R. 3344, [Vote #Vote #133](#), 4/27/22; CQ, [4/27/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Urging The United States, European Union, And Other Transatlantic Partners To Increase Support For Moldova’s Democratic Development. In April 2022 Salazar voted for: “Connolly, D-Va., motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, as amended, that would state that the House of Representatives urges the U.S. government, European Union and other transatlantic partners to increase support for Moldova's democratic development, economic and energy independence and efforts to root out corruption; affirms Moldova's sovereign right to determine its own partnerships free of external coercion and pressure, including to associate with the E.U. and other regional organizations; and supports the Joint Commercial Commission and other activities to strengthen the bilateral trade, investments and relations between the United States and Moldova. Among other provisions, it would state that the House commends Moldova's efforts to take in Ukrainian refugees and urges increased international assistance for such efforts; reaffirms the importance of free and fair elections in Moldova; and calls on the Russian government to fulfill its commitments made at the 1999 summit for Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe and withdraw its military forces and munitions from Moldovan territory, including the separatist region of Transnistria.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 409-17. [H. Res. 833, [Vote #Vote #132](#), 4/27/22; CQ, [4/27/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For The State Department To Bolster U.S. Assistance To Georgia Against Russian Aggression. In April 2022 Salazar voted for: “Connolly, D-Va., motion to suspend the rules and pass the

bill, as amended, that would require the State Department to take a number of actions to review and bolster U.S. assistance to Georgia. Specifically, it would require the State Department to review existing U.S. security assistance and assess the assistance needed to improve Georgia's capacity to defend its sovereignty and territorial integrity from further Russian aggression or territorial encroachment; develop a strategy to enhance Georgia's capacity to combat Russian disinformation and propaganda; and submit reports to congress assessing U.S. democracy and governance assistance to Georgia and cybersecurity cooperation with Georgia. The bill would also require the president to impose visa and property-blocking sanctions against foreign persons responsible for or complicit in committing human rights abuses in the Russian-occupied Georgian regions of Abkhazia and South Ossetia, and against entities that have materially assisted or are controlled by such persons." The motion was agreed to by a vote of 406-20. [H.R. 923, [Vote #Vote #131](#), 4/27/22; CQ, [4/27/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For A State Department Led Interagency Working Group To Determine Mechanisms To Seize Assets From Russian-Affiliated Entities. In April 2022 Salazar voted for: "Phillips, D-Minn., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would require the president to establish an interagency working group, led by the State Department, to determine the constitutional mechanisms through which the president can seize and confiscate assets under U.S. jurisdiction from foreign persons whose wealth is derived through ties to Russian President Vladimir Putin. It would specify that the president should seize and confiscate assets valued over \$2 million belonging to Russian energy companies or foreign persons whose wealth is derived in part through corruption linked to or political support for Putin and with respect to which the president has imposed sanctions. It also would specify that the president should use all liquidated funds for the benefit of the people of Ukraine. It would require the working group, within 60 days of enactment, to submit a report to Congress on actions taken and any additional authorities needed for the president to make such seizures. It would also require the president to impose sanctions on 328 members of the Russian State Duma and determine whether the remaining members of the Duma and the Russian Federation Council should be subject to existing sanctions." The motion was agreed to by a vote of 417-8. [H.R. 6930, [Vote #Vote #130](#), 4/27/22; CQ, [4/27/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Consideration Of Religious Freedom Violations In Russian Occupied Areas Of Ukraine. In April 2022 Salazar voted for: "Phillips, D-Minn., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would require the president to consider any "particularly severe" violation of religious freedom in areas of Ukraine occupied or controlled by Russia or Russian-backed forces when determining whether to designate Russia as a "country of particular concern for religious freedom." It would state that it is U.S. policy to deny visas for U.S. entry to Russian government officials responsible for such violations and to never recognize the illegal, attempted annexation of Crimea by Russia or the separation through the use of military force or recognition of independence of any portion of Ukrainian territory." The motion was agreed to by a vote of 421-4. [H.R. 496, [Vote #Vote #129](#), 4/27/22; CQ, [4/27/22](#)]

Salazar Did Not Vote On A State Department Report On Chinese Support To Russia In Its Invasion Of Ukraine. In April 2022 Salazar did not vote on: "Phillips, D-Minn., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would require the State Department, within 30 days of enactment and every 90 days thereafter, to submit a report to Congress on whether and how Chinese entities have provided support to Russia with respect to its invasion of and war against Ukraine, including helping

Russia evade U.S. sanctions and export controls, providing semiconductors or other military support technology, or furthering Russian disinformation and propaganda. It would express the sense of Congress that China's disinformation efforts relating to Russia's war against Ukraine make it "culpable in whitewashing Russia's war crimes," and that China should face "swift and stringent consequences" if it is found to be materially supporting Russia in the war." The motion was agreed to by a vote of 394-3. [H.R. 7314, [Vote #Vote #127](#), 4/27/22; CQ, [4/27/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Agreeing To A Senate Amendment To The COMPETES Act That Would Prohibit "Chinese Military Companies" From Receiving Funds From The Bill. In March 2022 Salazar voted for: "Lucas, R-Okla., motion to instruct conferees on the part of the House to agree to section 2502 of the Senate amendment to the bill that would prohibit entities identified as a "Chinese military company" from receiving funds or participating in certain activities and programs created or modified by the bill." The motion was agreed to by a vote of 351-74. [H.R. 4521, [Vote #Vote #100](#), 3/31/22; CQ, [3/31/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Suspending Normal Trade Relations With Russia And Belarus To Increase Tariffs On The Countries Until January 2024. In March 2022 Salazar voted for: "Neal, D-Mass., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would remove the normal trade relations status of Russia and Belarus with the United States, effective the day after the bill's enactment. It would authorize the president, until January 1, 2024, to increase tariffs on goods from Russia and Belarus following consultation with Congress. It would authorize the president to restore the trade status of either country after certifying to Congress that the country's president has reached an agreement with the independent government of Ukraine to withdraw Russian or Belarusian forces and cease military hostilities; poses no immediate military threat of aggression to any NATO member; and recognizes the right of the people of Ukraine to independently and freely choose their own government. It also would establish congressional procedures for consideration of a joint resolution of disapproval for such a certification. It would also expand and indefinitely reauthorize the Global Magnitsky Human Rights Accountability Act, allowing the president to impose visa- and property-blocking sanctions against foreign persons with respect to human rights violations, including to authorize sanctions against any foreign person the president determines has directly or indirectly engaged in "serious human rights abuse;" is a current or former government official, or is acting on the behalf of such an official, who has directly or indirectly engaged in corruption or in the transfer of proceeds of corruption; has led an entity engaged in such activities; has materially assisted or supported such activities; or is controlled by or has acted on behalf of a person subject to the sanctions. Finally, it would direct the U.S. trade representative to use the voice and influence of the United States at the World Trade Organization to condemn the recent aggression in Ukraine; encourage other WTO members to suspend trade concessions to Russia; consider further steps to suspend Russia's participation in the WTO; and seek to halt processes related to the accession of Belarus to the WTO." The motion was agreed to by a vote of 424-8. [H.R. 7108, [Vote #Vote #78](#), 3/17/22; CQ, [3/17/22](#)]

- **The House Voted To Pressure Other Countries To Suspend Trade Privileges And Participation In The World Trade Organization For Russia And Block Belarus' Membership To The World Trade Organization.** "The Suspending Normal Trade Relations with Russia and Belarus Act, approved 424-8, will give the president authority to increase tariffs on the two nations until January 1, 2024. The legislation also directs the U.S. Trade Representative to pressure other nations to revoke trade privileges for Russia and Belarus push to suspend Russia's participation

at the World Trade Organization and block Belarus, which has supported Russia's invasion of Ukraine, from becoming a full member of the global trade body." [POLITICO, [3/17/22](#)]

- **The Bill To Suspend Normal Trade With Russia And Belarus Authorized Additional Sanctions Under The Global Magnitsky Human Rights Accountability Act.** "The measure also requires the U.S. Trade Representative to try to suspend Russia's participation in the World Trade Organization and stop Belarus' accession to the WTO and re-authorizes sanctions under the Global Magnitsky Human Rights Accountability Act, which will allow the U.S. to impose additional individual sanctions." [CBS News, [3/17/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Banning The Import Russian Oil And Energy Products Into The United States. In March 2022 Salazar voted for: "Passage of the bill that would statutorily prohibit the import of Russian oil and energy products into the United States, beginning 45 days after enactment. It would authorize the president to issue a national interest waiver for the prohibition and establish congressional procedures for consideration of a joint resolution of disapproval for such a waiver. The bill would expand and indefinitely reauthorize the Global Magnitsky Human Rights Accountability Act, allowing the president to impose visa- and property-blocking sanctions against foreign persons with respect to human rights violations, including to authorize sanctions against any foreign person the president determines has directly or indirectly engaged in 'serious human rights abuse;' is a current or former government official, or is acting on the behalf of such an official, who has directly or indirectly engaged in corruption or in the transfer of proceeds of corruption; has led an entity engaged in such activities; has materially assisted or supported such activities; or is controlled by or has acted on behalf of a person subject to the sanctions. It also would require the president's annual report to Congress on such sanctions to describe additional steps taken by the president to address persistent underlying causes of serious human rights abuse and corruption in each country where a foreign person is subject to the sanctions, as well as steps taken to ensure the pursuit of judicial accountability with respect to foreign persons sanctioned for serious human rights abuse and corruption. Finally, it would direct the U.S. trade representative to use the voice and influence of the United States at the World Trade Organization to condemn the recent aggression in Ukraine, encourage other WTO members to suspend trade concessions to Russia and consider further steps to suspend Russia's participation in the WTO." The bill passed by a vote of 414-17. [H.R. 6968, [Vote #Vote #70](#), 3/9/22; CQ, [3/9/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Expressing Support For Ukraine's Sovereignty And Territory Against Russian Invasion. In March 2022 Salazar voted for: "Meeks, D-N.Y., motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution that would express the House of Representatives' commitment to supporting Ukraine against Russian military aggression. Specifically, it would state that the House supports Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity; demands an immediate ceasefire and the full withdrawal of Russian forces from Ukrainian territory; commits to providing defense and humanitarian assistance to Ukraine; backs the continued use of sanctions in coordination with U.S. allies to economically isolate Russia in response to its aggression against Ukraine; and reaffirms its 'ironclad commitment' to the NATO principle of collective defense. Among other provisions, it also would state that the House will never recognize or support any Russian-controlled government installed through the use of force; reiterates that Crimea and the territories controlled by Russian-controlled governments in Donetsk and Luhansk are sovereign Ukrainian territory; pledges to support U.S. and European energy independence from Russian energy imports; demands the immediate release of individuals detained in Russia for protesting Russian

aggression against Ukraine; and commits to ensuring Belarus President Alexander Lukashenko is held accountable for permitting the use of Belarusian territory for Russia's invasion of Ukraine.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 426-3. [H. Res. 956, [Vote #Vote #51](#), 3/2/22; CQ, [3/2/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against The Establishment Of A State Department Office To Monitor And Combat International Islamophobia. In December 2021 Salazar voted against: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would create an Office to Monitor and Combat Islamophobia within the State Department, headed by a presidentially-appointed special envoy, to monitor and combat ‘acts of Islamophobia and Islamophobic incitement’ in foreign countries and coordinate related reporting activities. It would expand requirements for annual department reports related to human rights and religious freedom to include information regarding Islamophobia, including to describe the nature and extent of instances of physical violence and harassment against Muslims; instances of propaganda promoting or justifying ‘racial hatred’ or violence against Muslims; government actions to protect religious freedoms and promote tolerance of Muslims; and instances of forced labor, reeducation or concentration camps such as those targeting Uyghurs in the Xinjiang Autonomous Region of China. It would also prohibit funds made available pursuant to the bill from being used to promote or endorse the ideology of the Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions movement against Israel or to promote or endorse a ‘Muslim ban,’ such as former President Trump's order restricting travel from certain Muslim-majority countries.” The bill passed by a vote of 219-212. [H.R. 5665, [Vote #Vote #448](#), 12/14/21; CQ, [12/14/21](#)]

- **Office To Monitor And Combat Islamophobia Was Modeled After A Similar Office To Combat Anti-Semitism.** “The Omar-led bill would establish an office within the State Department, led by a presidential appointee, to monitor and report Islamophobia worldwide — modeled on a similar State Department office that combats anti-Semitism globally.” [POLITICO, [12/14/21](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Considering The Establishment Of The Office To Monitor And Combat Islamophobia In The State Department. In December 2021 Salazar voted against: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 849) that would that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill that would create a State Department office to monitor and combat international Islamophobia (HR 5665). The rule would provide for up to one hour of debate on the bill. It would also provide for automatic adoption of the Meeks, D-N.Y., manager's amendment to the bill that would make technical corrections to accurately refer to the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region of China.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 219-213. [H. Res. 849, [Vote #Vote #444](#), 12/14/21; CQ, [12/14/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For Condemning Genocide Against The Uyghurs. In December 2021, Salazar voted for: “Meeks, D-N.Y., motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, as amended, that would state that the House of Representatives condemns the ongoing abuses, genocide and crimes against humanity against Uyghurs and members of other ethnic and religious minority groups in the China, under the direction of the Chinese Communist Party. It would call on the president to direct the U.S. representative to the U.N. to take actions to refer the Chinese government to the U.N. for investigation, lead efforts to invoke multilateral sanctions against China and take all possible actions to end these human rights abuses and hold perpetrators accountable under international law.” Motion agreed to by a vote of 427-1. [H Res 317, [Vote #Vote #414](#), 12/08/21; CQ, [12/08/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For Raising Concerns With China And The International Olympic Committee Over Their Actions Surrounding The Disappearance Of Peng Shuai And Calling For Independent Information On Her Whereabouts. In December 2021, Salazar voted for: “Meeks, D-N.Y., motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, as amended, that would express the sense of the House of Representatives that the actions of China and the International Olympic Committee in relation to the disappearance of Peng Shuai raise concerns regarding freedom of speech and the safety of athletes participating in the 2022 Olympic and Paralympic games in Beijing and the IOC's ability and willingness to protect these athletes. Peng is a Chinese tennis player and three-time Olympian who is missing after accusing a Chinese government official of sexual assault. It would call on China to provide independent information on Peng's whereabouts, investigate her allegations fairly and transparently and publicly commit to holding perpetrators accountable for sexual violence. It would urge the IOC to also publicly call on China to undertake these actions.” Motion agreed to by a vote of 428-0. [H Res. 837, [Vote #Vote #413](#), 12/08/21; CQ, [12/08/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For Banning Importation Of Goods Made By Forced Labor In The Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region Of China And Directing The State Department To Determine If Treatment Of The Uyghurs Constitutes Crimes Against Humanity Or Genocide. In December 2021, Salazar voted for: “Meeks, D-N.Y., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would prohibit the importation of all goods manufactured in the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region of China or by persons working with the XUAR government under certain manufacturing programs, unless U.S. Customs and Border Protection certifies that the goods were not made by forced labor. It would require the president to identify and impose asset blocking and visa sanctions on all foreign persons that have knowingly engaged in or facilitated forced labor of Muslim minority groups in the region or contributed to efforts to contravene U.S. law prohibiting importation from the region. It would require the interagency Forced Labor Enforcement Task Force to develop an enforcement strategy to address forced labor in the Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region and forced labor of Uyghurs or members of other persecuted groups in any part of China. It would require the State Department to make a determination of whether treatment of ethnic minorities in the XUAR constitute crimes against humanity or genocide and develop a diplomatic strategy to address forced labor in the region. It would also require U.S. traded companies to make financial disclosures regarding their known engagement with any entity that has been sanctioned for or engaged in activities related to mass surveillance, detention facilities or forced labor in the region.” Motion agreed to by a vote of 428-1. [HR 1155, [Vote #Vote #412](#), 12/08/21; CQ, [12/08/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For Condemning The Cuban Government’s “Violent Repression” Of Cubans Who Peacefully Protested For Democracy In July 2021. In November 2021 Salazar voted for: “Deutch, D-Fla., motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution that would express solidarity with Cubans who peacefully protested on July 11, 2021, or plan to on Nov. 15 to ‘express their desire to live in a free country with self-determination.’ It would condemn the Cuban government's ‘violent repression’ of peaceful protestors and journalists and call on Cuba to end internet restrictions and release political prisoners. It would urge the Biden administration to take certain actions in support of democracy and human rights in Cuba, including to assess possible methods to provide humanitarian assistance to the Cuban people without benefiting the Cuban military.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 382-40. [H. Res. 760, [Vote #Vote #355](#), 11/3/21; CQ, [11/3/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For Supporting Democracy And Protecting Human Rights In Nicaragua. In November 2021 Salazar voted for: “Deutch, D-Fla., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would express the sense of Congress and require the U.S. government to take certain actions related to supporting free, fair and transparent elections and protecting human rights in Nicaragua. It would require the State and Treasury departments to take actions to align diplomatic engagement efforts with the implementation of targeted sanctions, including through international coordination, to support efforts to facilitate the necessary conditions for democratic elections in Nicaragua. Among other provisions, it would require U.S. directors at international financial institutions to increase oversight of any loans or assistance provided for projects in Nicaragua and require the president to impose visa sanctions on individuals who have committed acts of corruption in Nicaragua. It would also require the State Department to submit a number of reports to Congress regarding Nicaragua, including reports on corruption involving Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega, his family and senior officials in his government; Russian activities, including military- or intelligence-related sales to the Nicaraguan government; human rights abuses by the Ortega government; and strategies to strengthen free press and expression. The measure is now cleared for the president.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 387-35. [S. 1064, [Vote #Vote #354](#), 11/3/21; CQ, [11/3/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For Sanctions On Cambodian Officials Responsible For Undermining Democracy In Cambodia. In September 2021 Salazar voted for: “Wild, D-Pa., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would require the president to create a list of Cambodian government, military and security officials who have committed human rights violations associated with undermining democracy in Cambodia, as well entities owned by such officials, and to impose visa and economic sanctions on such individuals and entities.” The motion passed by a vote of 403-17. [H.R. 4686, [Vote #Vote #301](#), 9/28/21; CQ, [9/28/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For Imposing Sanctions And Providing Aid Regarding The Conflict In Libya. In September 2021 Salazar voted for: “Wild, D-Pa., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would state U.S. policy and require a number of actions with regard to ongoing civil conflict in Libya. Among other provisions, it would require the president to impose sanctions, including travel bans and asset freezes, against foreign individuals who support Russian military intervention in Libya or are engaged in destabilizing activities or gross human rights violations in Libya. It would require the U.S. Agency for International Development to develop a strategy for continued humanitarian aid in Libya and authorize \$30 million in fiscal 2022 for the State Department to support efforts to resolve and respond to the current civil conflict, such as activities to promote democratic governance, combat corruption and human rights violations, and support independent media. It would require the State Department to submit reports to Congress describing Russian activities and objectives and the involvement of other foreign governments in Libya.” The motion passed by a vote of 386-35. [H.R. 1228, [Vote #Vote #300](#), 9/28/21; CQ, [9/28/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For The Authorization of Rewards For Providing Information That Leads To War Crimes Arrests Or Convictions. In September 2021 Salazar voted for: “Wild, D-Pa., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would expand the State Department's War Crimes Rewards Program by authorizing rewards to individuals who provide information that leads to the arrest or conviction of foreign nationals who have committed genocide or war crimes as defined by U.S. law or the laws of

another nation, in addition to those indicted by an international criminal tribunal.” The motion passed by a vote of 412-9. [H.R. 4250, [Vote #Vote #299](#), 9/28/21; CQ, [9/28/21](#)]

Salazar Voted Against An Amendment To Suspend Saudi Air Force Support. In September 2021, Salazar voted against: “Meeks, D-N.Y., amendment no. 30 that would suspend U.S. maintenance support for Saudi air force units determined to be responsible for airstrikes resulting in civilian casualties in Yemen.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 223 to 204. [HR 4350, [Vote #Vote #279](#), 9/23/21; CQ, [9/24/21](#)]

Salazar Voted Against An Amendment To End Military Support For Saudi Involvement In Yemen. In September 2021, Salazar voted against: “Khanna, D-Calif., amendment no. 28 that would terminate U.S. military logistical support and transfer of spare parts to Saudi warplanes conducting aerial strikes against the Houthis in Yemen. It would also permanently end intelligence sharing that enables offensive strikes and any U.S. effort to command, coordinate, participate in the movement of, or accompany Saudi-led coalition forces in the war in Yemen.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 219 to 207. [HR 4350, [Vote #Vote #278](#), 9/23/21; CQ, [9/24/21](#)]

Salazar Voted Against An Amendment To Prohibit U.S. Military Presence In Syria. In September 2021, Salazar voted against: “Bowman, D-N.Y., amendment no. 25 that would prohibit U.S. military presence in Syria without congressional approval, beginning one year after the bill's enactment.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 141 to 286. [HR 4350, [Vote #Vote #276](#), 9/23/21; CQ, [9/24/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For Providing \$1 Billion In Funding For Israel's Iron Dome. In September 2021, Salazar voted for: “DeLauro, D-Conn., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would provide \$1 billion in emergency funding for the Defense Department to provide assistance to the government of Israel for the procurement of the Iron Dome defense system to counter short-range rocket threats. The funding would remain available through Sept. 30, 2024.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 420-9. [HR 5323, [Vote #Vote #275](#), 9/23/21; CQ, [9/24/21](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Blocking A Bill Prohibiting The President From Withdrawing US Forces From Afghanistan Until All Americans Were Evacuated Out Of The Country. In August 2021, Salazar voted against: “Neguse, D-Colo., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Congressional Record, Rep. Gallagher said: “I rise today to urge defeat of the previous question so that we can consider my bill, H.R. 5071 [...] requiring daily reporting to Congress on the number of Americans left in the country and the number of Afghan allies that are seeking refuge. The bill also critically prohibits the President from withdrawing our forces until all Americans, who want out, are safely out of the country.” **A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the bill.** The motion was agreed to by a vote of 220-212. [H Res. 601, [Vote #Vote #257](#), 8/24/21; CQ, [8/24/21](#); Congressional Record, [8/24/21](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Funding State Department's International Security, Military, Diplomatic, And Peacekeeping Programs. In July 2021, Salazar voted against: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would provide \$62.2 billion in discretionary funding for the State Department and related agencies. Among other provisions, it would provide over \$9 billion for international security assistance, including \$3.3 billion in military assistance for Israel. It would provide \$1.9 billion for international peacekeeping

activities; over \$1.6 billion for implementation of U.S. diplomatic and defense strategy in the Indo-Pacific region, including activities to counter Chinese influence in developing countries; and \$1.8 billion for the U.S. Agency for International Development. It would provide \$4.6 billion for global health programs, including \$760 million for family planning and reproductive health programs. It would provide over \$3 billion to address climate change and other environmental issues, including \$1.6 billion for a multilateral Green Climate Fund to help developing countries address climate change, \$269 million for renewable energy programs, and \$125 million to combat wildlife trafficking.” The bill passed 217-212. [H R 4373, [Vote #Vote #243](#), 7/28/21; CQ, [7/28/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For Authorizing An Additional 8,000 Special Immigrant Visas For Afghan Interpreters, Contractors, And Others Employed By The U.S. Government Who Faced Dangers As A Consequence Of Such Employment. In February 2015, Salazar voted for: “Passage of the bill that would authorize an additional 8,000 special immigrant visas for Afghan interpreters, contractors, and others employed by the U.S. government who face ongoing serious threats as a consequence of such employment. It would also modify the program to remove a requirement that applicants provide a ‘credible sworn statement’ regarding dangerous country conditions as evidence of an ongoing serious threat, instead requiring them to have “asserted a credible basis for concern about the possibility of an ongoing serious threat” as a result of their employment; remove a requirement that applicants must have performed ‘sensitive and trusted’ activities for the U.S. military personnel; and clarify that Afghan nationals who worked under U.S.-funded cooperative agreements or grants are eligible for the program.” The bill passed 407 to 16. [HR 3985, [Vote #Vote #218](#), 7/22/21; CQ, [7/22/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For To Require The State Department To Consult With South Korean Officials And Korean Americans On Opportunities To Reunited Korean Americans With Family Members In North Korea. In July 2021, Salazar voted for: “Houlahan, D-Pa., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would require the State Department to consult with South Korean officials and Korean Americans on potential opportunities to reunite Korean Americans, including through video reunions, with family members in North Korea from whom they were separated after the Korean War armistice agreement. It would also require the department to submit annual reports to Congress on efforts related to Korean family reunification.” The motion was agreed to 415-0. [HR 826, [Vote #Vote #209](#), 7/19/21; CQ, [7/19/21](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Repealing The Authorization For Use Of Military Force Against Iraq Resolution Of 2002. In June 2021, Salazar Voted Against: “Passage of the bill that would repeal the 2002 Authorization for Use of Military Force Against Iraq, which authorizes the use of force to defend U.S. national security against ‘the continuing threat posed by Iraq” and enforce relevant U.N. Security Council resolutions.” The bill passed, 268-161. [HR 256, [Vote #Vote #172](#), 6/17/21; CQ, [6/17/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For Prohibiting For 120 Days, Any Arms Sale Or Transfer From The U.S. To The Government Of Saudi Arabia. In April 2021, Salazar voted for: “Meeks, D-N.Y., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would prohibit, for 120 days, the sale, licensing or transfer of any defense article or services from the U.S. to an intelligence, security or law enforcement agency of the government of Saudi Arabia. It would permit such activities to resume if the president certifies to Congress that Saudi Arabia, in the previous 120 days, has not forced the repatriation, intimidation or murder of dissidents in other countries; unjustly imprisoned U.S. citizens or permanent residents in Saudi Arabia; or tortured detainees in its custody. It would provide exceptions to the prohibition related to the

defense of Saudi Arabia from external threats and the defense of U.S. personnel and facilities in Saudi Arabia. The bill would also require multiple reports to Congress related to intimidation or harassment of Saudi nationals in the United States, including on whether Saudi diplomatic officials in the U.S. used diplomatic credentials or facilities to facilitate harm to or monitoring, surveillance, or harassment of other Saudi nationals in the country; whether any Saudi official engaged in a consistent pattern of intimidation or harassment against journalist Jamal Khashoggi or other individuals in the U.S.; and whether and how the U.S. intelligence community fulfilled its duty to warn Khashoggi of threats against him." The motion was agreed to 350-71. [HR 1392, [Vote #Vote #130](#), 4/21/21; CQ, [4/21/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For A Resolution Condemning Human Rights Violations In Hong Kong. In April 2021, Salazar voted for: "Passage of the resolution that would state that the House of Representatives condemns certain actions taken by the Chinese and Hong Kong governments, including the adoption and implementation of national security legislation through "irregular procedures," and reaffirms its support for the people of Hong Kong, who "face grave threats to their inviolable rights and freedoms." Among other provisions, it would encourage the president and the State and Treasury departments to implement certain policies with regard to developments in Hong Kong, including to provide protection for Hong Kong residents fearing persecution, support individuals seeking to file a case against China before the International Court of Justice, encourage the appointment of a United Nations special mandate holder to monitor human rights developments in Hong Kong, and continue implementing sanctions." The bill passed 418 to 1. [H Res 130, [Vote #Vote #121](#), 4/19/21; CQ, [4/19/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For Condemning The Myanmar Military Coup. In March 2021, Salazar voted for: "Meeks, D-N.Y., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would express that the House of Representatives condemns the Feb. 1, 2021, military coup in Myanmar. It would condemn any attacks on civilians and call on the Myanmar armed forces to release individuals detained as a result of the coup; return to power all members of the civilian government; and remove impediments on communications, expression and travel. It would call on the president and the State Department to encourage the return to power of civilian government and constitutional reforms to address disenfranchisement of ethnic minorities; impose various restrictions aimed at the Myanmar armed forces and those responsible for the coup, including targeted sanctions allowing exemptions for the delivery of humanitarian assistance; and ensure platforms provided by U.S.-based social media companies like Facebook cannot be used for disinformation campaigns or for advocating violence against the people in Myanmar." The motion passed 398-14. [HR 134, [Vote #Vote #97](#), 3/19/21; CQ, [3/19/21](#)]

Gun

Salazar Voted Against A Family Or Household Member Or Law Enforcement Initiated Red Flag Law Authorizing Judges To Prohibit The Purchase And Possession Of Firearms By People Who Pose An Imminent Danger. In June 2022 Salazar voted against: "Passage of the bill, as amended, that would allow a family or household member of an individual, or a law enforcement officer, to petition a federal district court to issue an extreme risk protection order to prohibit an individual from purchasing or possessing a firearm or ammunition, if the court finds that such purchase or possession poses a risk of imminent personal injury to the individual or others. It would require courts to grant or deny a petition for a temporary order, valid for 14 days, on its date of submission. It would require courts to hold a hearing on a petition for a long-term order, valid for a renewable period of 180 days, within 72 hours of issuing a

temporary order or 14 days after submission of the petition. In evaluating a petition, it would require courts to consider recent threats or acts of violence by the respondent, recent acts of cruelty to animals and evidence of ongoing substance abuse. It would also allow courts to consider a respondent's reckless use or display of a firearm or history of violence or attempted violence. It would establish procedures for the surrender and removal of firearms pursuant to an extreme risk protection order and prohibit the possession of firearms by individuals subject to an order under federal firearm law. It would also specify that there would be no costs for filing a petition and establish a penalty of up to \$5,000 or five years imprisonment for making false or frivolous petitions. The bill would also require the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services within the Justice Department to establish a grant program to assist state, tribal and local governments in implementing legislation allowing individuals to petition state or tribal courts to issue extreme risk protection orders, including to enhance the capacity and training of law enforcement agencies and courts to carry out the legislation." The bill passed by a vote of 224-202. [H.R. 2377, [Vote #Vote #255](#), 6/9/22; CQ, [6/9/22](#)]

- **2022: 74% Of Voters Supported A National Red Flag Law Allowing “Police Or Family Members To Request That A Judge Temporarily Removes Guns From A Person Who May Be A Danger To Others Or Themselves.”**

VTSRFL1. NPR/PBS NewsHour/Marist Poll National Tables May 31st through June 6th, 2022				
National Adults				
Would you definitely vote for or definitely vote against a candidate for Congress who supports a national red flag law, that is, a gun control law that allows police or family members to request that a judge temporarily removes guns from a person who may be a danger to others or themselves?				
		Definitely vote for	Definitely vote against	Vol: Unsure
		Row %	Row %	Row %
National Adults		73%	16%	10%
National Registered Voters		74%	16%	10%
Party Identification	Democrat	91%	4%	5%
	Republican	60%	26%	14%
	Independent	69%	21%	10%
Gun Owners		61%	24%	15%
Region	Northeast	79%	12%	9%
	Midwest	72%	17%	11%
	South	72%	20%	9%
	West	74%	14%	12%

[NPR, PBS NewsHour, and Marist Poll; [6/9/22](#)]

- **U.S. Secret Service: In 41 School Violence Incidents Between 2008-2017, “All Attackers Exhibited Concerning Behaviors” “Often Observed By Peers, School Staff, Family Members, Or Others.”** “To aid in these efforts, the U.S. Secret Service National Threat Assessment Center (NTAC) studied 41 incidents of targeted school violence that occurred at K-12 schools in the United States from 2008 to 2017. [...] The analysis suggests that many of these tragedies could have been prevented [...] All attackers exhibited concerning behaviors. Most elicited concern from others, and most communicated their intent to attack. The initial indicators of a student who was in distress or exhibiting concerning behavior were often observed by peers, school staff, family members, or others in their immediate community systems. The behaviors that elicited concern

ranged from a constellation of lower-level concerns to objectively concerning or prohibited behaviors. Most of the attackers communicated a prior threat to their target or communicated their intentions to carry out an attack. In many of these cases, someone observed a threatening communication or behavior but did not act, either out of fear, not believing the attacker, misjudging the immediacy or location, or believing they had dissuaded the attacker. These findings continue to highlight the importance of encouraging students, school personnel, and family members to report troubling or concerning behaviors, in order to ensure that those in positions of authority can intervene. These same community members need to be trained on identifying risk factors for student violence and students in crisis.” [United States Secret Service National Threat Assessment Center, Report, [11/7/19](#)]

- **Journal of Contemporary Criminal Justice: A Study Of 15 Of The Worst Mass Shootings Showed Most “Were Indeed Preventable” And “The Deadliest Mass Shooters Exhibited More Warning Signs” Compared To Other Active Shooters.** “This study examined the 15 deadliest public mass shootings in the United States from March 1998 to February 2018 to assess (a) leakage of violent thoughts/intent, (b) leakage of specific interest in mass killing, (c) concerning behaviors reported to law enforcement, (d) concerning interest in homicide reported to law enforcement, and (e) firearms acquisition. We then compared our findings on the deadliest public mass shooters with the Federal Bureau of Investigation’s (FBI) findings on active shooters in general. Overall, the results suggest that most incidents were indeed preventable based on information known about offenders in advance, and that the deadliest mass shooters exhibited more warning signs and were more often reported to law enforcement than other active shooters. Future prevention efforts should aim to educate, encourage, and pressure the public to report warning signs to law enforcement, educate and train law enforcement so that they can more effectively investigate potential threats, and limit firearms access for people who have admitted having homicidal or suicidal thoughts or being interested in committing a mass shooting. These relatively straightforward steps could significantly reduce the prevalence of future attacks.” [Journal of Contemporary Criminal Justice, Research Article, [4/2/19](#)]
- **Federal Bureau Of Investigation: A Study Of 63 Active Shooters Found Each Displayed An Average Of 4 to 5 Concerning Behaviors Observable By Others.** “The 63 active shooters examined in this study did not appear to be uniform in any way such that they could be readily identified prior to attacked based on demographics alone. [...] On average, each active shooter displayed 4 to 5 concerning behaviors over time that were observable to others around the shooter. The most frequently occurring concerning behaviors were related to the active shooter’s mental health, problematic interpersonal interactions, and leakage of violent intent.” [U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Report, [6/20/18](#)]

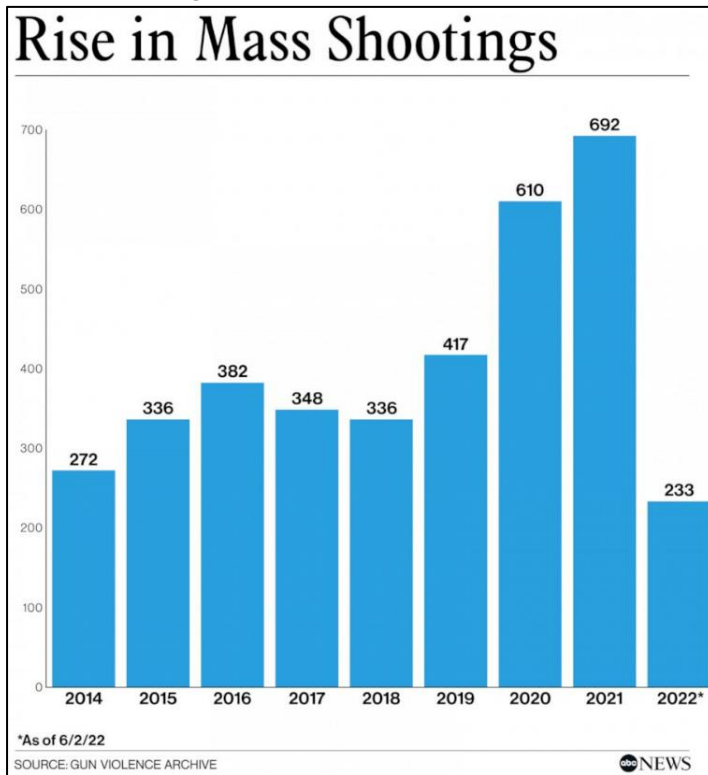
Salazar Voted Against The Protecting Our Kids Act To Increase Gun Safety. In June 2022 Salazar voted against: “Passage of the bill that would contain several provisions related to limiting gun access. Specifically, it would increase from 18 to 21 years the age at which an individual can legally purchase a semiautomatic weapon; prohibit ‘straw purchases,’ or the acquisition of firearms for sale to another individual other than in the case of gifts between family members or purchases for lawful use in a business; and prohibit individuals from selling or transferring a firearm or ammunition if they have reason to believe the recipient intends to use them in violation of federal law or sell or dispose of them in

another state in violation of that state's law. It would prohibit the import, sale, manufacture, transfer or possession of large capacity ammunition feeding devices, other than for certain law enforcement or testing purposes; prohibit the manufacture, sale or transfer of 'ghost guns,' or firearms that lack a serial number issued by a licensed manufacturer, and make such weapons and the assembly of such weapons subject to federal firearm regulations; and authorize the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives to regulate bump stocks, which are devices intended to increase the rate of fire of a semiautomatic weapon in the same manner as a machine gun. It would prohibit the storage of a firearm in a private residence where a minor is likely to access it without permission or where a resident of the household is ineligible to possess a firearm, unless the weapon is secured with a gun storage or safety device, in a reasonably secure location or on the person of the owner. It would authorize \$10 million annually through fiscal 2033 for Justice Department grants for state and tribal programs to distribute safe firearm storage devices to the public, and it would require the department to publish best practices for safe firearm storage and gun manufacturers to include such information on weapon packaging. Among other provisions, it would authorize the use of federal law enforcement grants for state and tribal buy-back programs for large capacity ammunition feeding devices; require the FBI to submit to Congress a report regarding the operation of its public access tip line; and require the Justice Department to submit to Congress an annual report including the demographic data of individuals who were determined to be ineligible to purchase a firearm based on a background check performed by the National Instant Criminal Background Check System during the previous year." The bill passed by a vote of 223-204. [H.R. 7910, [Vote #Vote #245](#), 6/8/22; CQ, [6/8/22](#)]

- **House Republican Leadership Urged Members To Vote Against The Protecting Our Kids Act, Citing Opposition From The National Rifle Association And Gun Owners Of America.** "In a 'whip notice' sent to rank-and-file members on Tuesday afternoon, House GOP leadership urged a 'no' vote on all eight bills, referring to the seven-bill package as the 'Unconstitutional Gun Restrictions Act.' They wrote that House Democrats had 'thrown together this reactionary package comprised of legislation that egregiously violates law-abiding citizens' 2nd Amendment rights and hinders Americans' ability to defend and protect themselves and their families.' The email also noted the opposition of the National Rifle Association and Gun Owners of America, including links to talking points from the NRA about both the gun package and the red flag law." [Business Insider, [6/8/22](#)]
- **House Republican Leadership Noted The National Rifle Association Would Consider Votes On The Protecting Our Kids Act In Future Candidate Ratings And Endorsements.** "'Due to the importance of this issue, votes on this legislation will be considered in future candidate ratings and endorsements by the NRA Political Victory Fund,' declares one of the memos shared by party leaders. [...] But the two gun groups' inclusion — and the NRA's threat to downgrade candidate ratings or withhold endorsements should any Republicans back the measures — underscores the enduring influence of pro-second amendment groups on the right, despite the NRA's recent financial troubles and shrinking membership." [Business Insider, [6/8/22](#)]
- **Center For Disease Control: Guns Were The Leading Cause Of Death Among Children, Above Car Accidents And Cancer.** "The CDC publishes data on the leading causes of death among different demographic groups, providing the most reliable data. In 2020, the leading cause of

death among children ages one through 18 involved a firearm. There were 3,219 such deaths in 2020, followed by motor vehicle traffic deaths, of which there were 2,882.” [PolitFact, [6/4/22](#)]

- **Mass Shootings Rose 46% Between 2019 And 2020 And Increased Another 13% By 2021.**



[ABC News, [6/7/22](#)]

- **Center For American Progress: “Rising Crime Rates [Were] Almost Entirely Driven By An Increase In Gun-Related Homicides.”** “Rising crime rates are almost entirely driven by an increase in gun-related homicides • From 2019 to 2020, homicides increased a staggering 28 percent.¹ This sharp increase was driven by a dramatic rise in gun-related homicides: ° While nonfirearm homicides increased less than 10 percent from 2019 to 2020, gun homicides rose by 35 percent, the largest annual increase ever recorded.² ° In 2020, 8 out of every 10 homicides were perpetrated with a gun, the highest proportion in recent years.³ • Unfortunately, the rise in gun homicides continued through 2021: Preliminary data suggest an additional 7 percent increase in gun homicides from 2020 to 2021.” [Center for American Progress, Fact Sheet, [6/3/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For A Motion To Recommit The Protecting Our Kids Act To Committee. In June 2022 Salazar voted for: “Hudson, R-N.C., motion to recommit the bill to the House Judiciary Committee.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 198-228. [H.R. 7910, [Vote #Vote #244](#), 6/8/22; CQ, [6/8/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Retaining Title I Of The Protecting Our Kids Act To Raise The Age To Purchase A Semiautomatic Firearm From 18 To 21. In June 2022 Salazar voted for: “Retain Title I of the bill, which incorporates provisions of the Raise the Age Act (HR 3015). Title I would increase from 18 to 21 years the age at which an individual can legally purchase a semiautomatic gun. Specifically, it would prohibit licensed gun dealers from selling a semiautomatic centerfire weapon that has an ammunition feeding

device with a capacity exceeding five rounds to an individual the dealer has reasonable cause to believe is under the age of 21, unless the individual is an active duty servicemember or authorized government employee. It would also require the FBI to submit to Congress a report regarding the operation of its public access tip line, including a description of and recommendations to improve protocols and procedures for information sharing between the public access line and FBI field offices.” The title was retained by a vote of 228-199. [H.R. 7910, [Vote #Vote #237](#), 6/8/22; CQ, [6/8/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Retaining Title II Of The Protecting Our Kids Act To Prohibit Firearms Trafficking Through Criminalizing The Straw Purchase Of Firearms. In June 2022 Salazar voted for: “Retain Title II of the bill, which incorporates provisions of the Prevent Gun Trafficking Act (HR 2280). Title II would prohibit the trafficking of firearms or acquisition of firearms for sale to another individual, also known as a ‘straw purchase.’ Specifically, it would make it a federal criminal offense for an individual to knowingly purchase or attempt to purchase a firearm for the possession of a third party or to hire, solicit or otherwise endeavor to persuade another individual to do so. It would specify that the prohibition does not apply to bona fide gifts between family members or purchases by the agent of a lawful business, for lawful use in the business. It would require the Justice Department to ensure that its firearm transaction record forms include a statement outlining penalties that may be imposed for violating the prohibition. It would also make it a federal criminal offense for an individual to sell or dispose of a firearm or ammunition to a recipient they have reason to believe intends to use them in violation of federal law or sell or dispose of them in another state in violation of that state’s law.” The title was retained by a vote of 226-197. [H.R. 7910, [Vote #Vote #238](#), 6/8/22; CQ, [6/8/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Retaining Title III Of The Protecting Our Kids Act To Include Untraceable Firearms, Such As Ghost Guns Without A Unique Serial Number, Under Firearm Regulations. In June 2022 Salazar voted against: “Retain Title III of the bill, which incorporates provisions of the Untraceable Firearms Act (HR 3088). Title III would make firearms that lack a unique serial number engraved or cast by a licensed manufacturer, also known as ‘ghost guns,’ and the 3D printing or other self-assembly of such weapons subject to federal firearm regulations. It would make it a federal criminal offense to manufacture, sell, offer to sell, purchase, transfer or receive a ghost gun; to engrave or cast a serial number on a firearm unless specifically authorized by the Justice Department; or to sell, offer to sell or transfer a machine with the sole or primary function of manufacturing firearms to any person other than a licensed manufacturer. Beginning 30 months after enactment, it would prohibit the possession of ghost guns by any person other than a licensed importer or manufacturer. It would also update language related to federal prohibitions on firearms or their components that are undetectable by metal detectors and x-ray machines.” The title was retained by a vote of 226-194. [H.R. 7910, [Vote #Vote #239](#), 6/8/22; CQ, [6/8/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Retaining Title IV Of The Protecting Our Kids Act To Criminalize Improper At-Home Firearm Storage And Security In A Household With A Minor Or Resident Ineligible To Possess A Firearm. In June 2022 Salazar voted against: “Retain Title IV of the bill, which incorporates provisions of Ethan’s Law (HR 748), the Safe Guns, Safe Kids Act (HR 6370) and the Kimberly Vaughan Firearm Safe Storage Act (HR 130). Title IV would make it a federal criminal offense to store a firearm in a private residence where a minor is likely to access it without permission or where a resident of the household is ineligible to possess a firearm, unless the weapon is secured with a gun storage or safety device, in a reasonably secure location or on the person of the owner. It would establish a \$500 fine for

violations of the prohibition, with an additional penalty of up to five years in prison if a minor or ineligible person obtains the weapon and injures themselves or others. It would also establish a Justice Department grant program to assist states and tribes in implementing legislation similar to the new federal requirement. It would also require licensed dealers to provide a secure gun storage or safety device with all rifle and shotgun sales, expanding an existing requirement for handgun sales. It would authorize \$10 million annually through fiscal 2033 for Justice Department grants for states and tribes to develop and implement programs to distribute safe firearm storage devices to the public. It would require the Justice Department to develop and publish best practices for safe firearm storage and, beginning in 2025, require licensed manufacturers and importers that serialize at least 250 firearms annually to include a link to the best practices on the packaging of each weapon.” The title was retained by a vote of 220-205. [H.R. 7910, [Vote #Vote #240](#), 6/8/22; CQ, [6/8/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Retaining Title V Of The Protecting Our Kids Act To Regulate Bump Stocks Used To Increase The Rate Of Fire Of A Semiautomatic Weapon. In June 2022 Salazar voted for: “Retain Title V of the bill, which incorporates provisions of the Closing the Bump Stock Loophole Act (HR 5427). Title V would authorize the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives to regulate bump stocks, defined as any device, part or modification designed to increase the rate of fire of a semiautomatic weapon in the same manner as a machine gun.” The title was retained by a vote of 233-194. [H.R. 7910, [Vote #Vote #241](#), 6/8/22; CQ, [6/8/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Retaining Title VI Of The Protecting Our Kids Act To Prohibit The Import, Sale, Manufacture, Transfer, Or Possession Of Large Capacity Ammunition Feeding Devices. In June 2022 Salazar voted against: “Retain Title VI of the bill, which incorporates provisions of the Keep Americans Safe Act (HR 2510). Title VI would prohibit the import, sale, manufacture, transfer or possession of large capacity ammunition feeding devices, other than for certain law enforcement or testing purposes. It would require any such devices manufactured after the bill’s enactment to be engraved or cast with a serial number and date of manufacture. It would specify that the prohibition would not apply to the possession of devices owned before the bill’s enactment. It also would authorize the use of federal grants to state and local law enforcement agencies for compensation for devices surrendered under buy-back programs for large capacity ammunition feeding devices.” The title was retained by a vote of 220-207. [H.R. 7910, [Vote #Vote #242](#), 6/8/22; CQ, [6/8/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Retaining Title VII Of The Protecting Our Kids Act To Require An Annual Department Of Justice Report On The Demographics Of Firearm Purchase Background Check Failure. In June 2022 Salazar voted for: “Retain Title VII of the bill. Title VII would require the Justice Department to submit to Congress an annual report including the demographic data of individuals who were determined to be ineligible to purchase a firearm based on a background check performed by the National Instant Criminal Background Check System during the previous year, including race, ethnicity, national origin, sex, gender, age, disability, average annual income and English language proficiency, if available.” The title was retained by a vote of 380-47. [H.R. 7910, [Vote #Vote #243](#), 6/8/22; CQ, [6/8/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Considering Red Flag Laws, The Protecting Our Kids Act, Budget Enforcement Authority, And Condemning The Great Replacement Theory. In June 2022 Salazar voted against: “Agreeing to the McGovern, D-Mass., motion to order the previous question on the rule (H Res 1153) that would provide for House floor consideration of two bills (HR 7910 and HR 2377) related to

restricting access to firearms, automatic agreement to a resolution (H Res 1151) providing budget enforcement authority for fiscal 2023, and automatic agreement to a resolution (H Res 1152) condemning the 'great replacement' theory. The rule would provide for up to two hours of debate on HR 7910; seven individual roll call votes on the question of retaining each title of the bill; and a final roll call vote on passage of the portions of the bill retained in the previous votes. The rule would provide for up to one hour of debate on HR 2377 and automatic adoption of the Nadler, D-N.Y., manager's amendment to the bill that would require training for law enforcement officers regarding the safe and equitable use of extreme risk protection orders to address bias based on mental health condition and disability and make technical changes to the bill. The rule would provide for automatic agreement to a resolution (H Res 1151) that would provide budget enforcement authority for fiscal 2023, setting a total discretionary spending limit of \$1.603 trillion, applicable until a fiscal 2023 budget resolution is agreed to in both chambers. It would authorize spending cap adjustments of up to \$2.6 billion for wildfire suppression activities; up to \$1.5 billion for continuing disability reviews with respect to social security benefit eligibility; up to \$576 million for the Health and Human Services Department health care fraud and abuse control program; and up to \$258 million for Labor Department reemployment services and eligibility assessments. It would also authorize spending cap adjustments for disaster relief, not to exceed certain amounts based on formulas related to spending in the previous 10 fiscal years, and it would prohibit any fiscal 2023 appropriations measures from providing advance appropriations, with the exception of funding for certain veterans' services for fiscal 2024 and up to \$28.9 billion in new budget authority for other specified programs funded by advance appropriations for fiscal years 2024 and 2025. The rule would provide for automatic agreement to a resolution (H Res 1152) that would express that the House of Representatives condemns the 'great replacement' theory, which is a conspiracy theory advocated by white supremacists suggesting that nonwhite individuals are being brought into Western countries to 'replace' white voters and achieve a political agenda. It would state that the House honors the memory and legacy of the victims of the May 14, 2022, mass shooting in Buffalo, N.Y., referring to the shooting as a 'white supremacist act of violent extremism,' and reaffirms the federal government's commitment to combatting white supremacy by developing a whole-of-government approach to address white supremacist violence. Finally, the rule would authorize through June 17, 2022, certain routine authorities for House proceedings, including for consideration of motions to suspend the rules and same-day consideration of Rules Committee resolutions." The rule was adopted by a vote of 218-205. [H. Res. 1153, [Vote #Vote #236](#), 6/8/22; CQ, [6/8/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Extending The Timeframe For FBI Notification On Background Checks To 20 Days, From Three Days Under Current Law. In March 2021, Salazar voted against: "Passage of the bill, as amended, that would require a licensed gun dealer to wait up to 20 business days, as opposed to three under current law, for notification from the FBI regarding an individual's background check before completing the sale or transfer of a firearm. Specifically, it would allow a prospective gun purchaser to petition the Justice Department to complete the sale after 10 days if no determination on their eligibility has been made through the National Instant Criminal Background Check System and allow the dealer to complete the transaction an additional 10 days after the petition is submitted. It would also require the Government Accountability Office, FBI and Justice Department to submit a number of reports regarding the bill's effectiveness and implementation, including on the number of petitions not adjudicated within the second 10-day period and the bill's effect on the safety of victims of domestic violence and sexual assault." The bill passed by a vote of 219-210. [HR 1446, [Vote #Vote #77](#), 3/11/21; CQ, [3/11/21](#)]

- **HR 1446 Would Extend The Period For Gun Background Checks From 3 Days Under Current Law To Close The “Charleston Loophole,” Named For The 2015 Mass Shooting There.** “The House passed two bills Thursday that would tighten gun sales regulations, sending the measures to a divided Senate. H.R. 8 would expand background checks on individuals seeking to purchase or transfer firearms, and the Enhanced Background Checks Act of 2021 would close the ‘Charleston loophole,’ a gap in federal law that lets gun sales proceed without a completed background check if three business days have passed [...] The other bill passed Thursday, H.R. 1446, is linked to a shooting in 2015 in Charleston, South Carolina, where a white supremacist used the loophole to obtain firearms he used to kill nine Black people during a Bible study at Mother Emanuel AME Church.” [USA Today, [3/11/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For Requiring Background Checks On Most Gun Sales, Including Those Between Private Parties. In March 2021, Salazar voted for: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would require most purchasers of firearms to undergo a background check through the FBI National Instant Criminal Background Check System. Specifically, beginning 180 days after enactment, it would require any individual seeking to transfer a firearm to first bring the firearm to a licensed dealer. It would require the dealer to take possession of the firearm, complete a background check on the transferee, and return the firearm to its original owner if the transaction is denied. The bill would make a number of exceptions to the requirement, including for loans or gifts between family members; temporary transfers for hunting, use on a shooting range, or pest control by farmers; temporary transfers to prevent imminent death or bodily harm, including self-harm; and transfers to law enforcement personnel, private security professionals, or members of the armed forces, if associated with official duties.” The bill passed by a vote of 227-203. [HR 8, [Vote #Vote #75](#), 3/11/21; CQ, [3/11/21](#)]

- **HR 8 Would Expand The Cases Where A Background Check Is Required For Gun Sales, Closing The “Gun Show Loophole.”** “H.R. 8, a background checks package meant to enhance reviews of those seeking firearms, would not create a registry or other federal mechanisms for review. Instead, the legislation would expand the cases in which a background check is required for the sale or transfer of a firearm, including for private individuals and groups, closing the ‘Gun Show Loophole.’ The requirements would apply to online sales. The bill would make it illegal for anyone who is not a licensed firearm importer, manufacturer or dealer to trade or sell firearms to another person; current federal law requires background checks only for licensed gun dealers.” [USA Today, [3/11/21](#)]

Health Care

Salazar Voted For Establishing The Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health As An Independent Division Within The Health And Human Services Department. In June 2022 Salazar voted for: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would establish the Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health, which currently operates within the National Institutes of Health, as an independent division within the Health and Human Services Department and authorize \$500 million annually through fiscal 2027 for its activities. The bill would codify ARPA-H's goals of fostering the development of new health technologies, capabilities and systems, including by translating scientific discoveries into health technologies, providing resources for platform capabilities and research drawing on multiple disciplines and delivering proofs of concept for medical advances. It would allow ARPA-H to cooperate with the

Food and Drug Administration to expedite the development of drugs, devices and biological products; share information with the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to expedite coverage determinations for new health technologies; and award grants and other contracts to carry out its goals, prioritizing funding for domestic recipients conducting transformative health technology research. It would require the president to appoint an ARPA-H director for a maximum of two five-year terms. Among other provisions, it would establish an interagency research council to advise the division on research prioritization and coordination with other federal agencies; require ARPA-H to annually report to Congress on its actions undertaken and results generated; and establish personnel and leasing authorities for the division.” The bill passed by a vote of 336-85. [H.R. 5585, [Vote #Vote #288](#), 6/22/22; CQ, [6/22/22](#)]

- **National Institutes Of Health: The Advanced Research Projects Agency For Health Will Improve The U.S. Government’s Ability To Speed Biomedical And Health Research.** “President Biden proposed the creation of the Advanced Research Projects Agency for Health (ARPA-H) to improve the U.S. government’s ability to speed biomedical and health research. Public Law 117-103 was enacted on March 15, 2022, authorizing the establishment of ARPA-H within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.” [National Institutes Of Health, Advanced Research Projects Agency For Health, Accessed [6/23/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For An Amendment To The Advanced Research Project Agency-Health Act That Would Make Some Technical Changes Including Defining The Scope Of The Agency And Prohibiting The ARPA-H From Awarding Grants To Recipients In Certain Countries. In June 2022, Salazar voted for: “Eshoo, D-Calif., amendment no. 1 to the bill that would specify that there would be no more than six program offices within the Advanced Research Projects Agency-Health authorized by the bill, at least two-thirds of which must be exclusively dedicated to research and development; strike language that would require Senate confirmation of the ARPA-H director; prohibit ARPA-H from awarding any grants and agreements to recipients from Russia, Iran, North Korea, China or certain other countries designated with respect to foreign malign influence; specify that no more than 15 percent of funds made available to carry out the bill could be used for administrative expenses; and specify uses for lease funds received by ARPA-H.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 381-40. [HR 5585, [Vote #Vote #287](#), 6/22/22; CQ, [6/22/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For The Restoring Hope For Mental Health And Well Being Act. In June 2022 Salazar voted for: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would reauthorize over 30 Health and Human Services Department mental health and substance use disorder programs through fiscal 2027, authorize funding for several new HHS mental health programs and include various provisions to expand access to such services. The bill would reauthorize existing HHS grant programs for five years, through fiscal 2027, including to authorize a total of \$9.5 billion for substance use prevention, treatment and recovery block grants; \$4.3 billion for community mental health services block grants; \$625 million for community mental health services for children with serious emotional disturbances; \$300 million to support integrated physical and behavioral health services; \$250 million for mental and behavioral health professional education and training; \$207 million for nonprofits providing mental health and substance use disorder services for homeless individuals; \$150 million for adult suicide prevention and intervention programs, and \$125 million for activities to treat heroin and other opioid addiction. Also over five years, it would authorize funding for new HHS mental health programs, including a total of \$65 million for

grants to expand access to peer-delivered mental health services; \$50 million for grants for states, localities and tribes to establish or enhance mobile crisis response teams that divert mental health and substance use crisis response from law enforcement; and \$5 million for a center of excellence to support eating disorder identification and treatment. It would require HHS to establish a maternal mental health task force and authorize \$50 million through fiscal 2027 for a national hotline for pregnant and postpartum women affected by maternal mental health and substance use disorders. Among other provisions, it would require the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration to develop and periodically update guidance for states to operate and promote the availability of recovery housing and to convene an interagency working group with the Housing and Urban Development Department to support recovery housing for individuals experiencing homelessness, mental illness or substance use disorders. It would require HHS to eliminate a requirement that an individual must have been experiencing opioid addiction for at least one year before admittance into an opioid treatment program. It would remove certain waiver requirements for medical practitioners dispensing Schedule III, IV and V narcotic drugs, including buprenorphine, for maintenance or detoxification treatment. It would increase funding available for the Medicare Improvement Fund from \$5 million to \$1 billion.” The bill passed by a vote of 402-20. [H.R. 7666, [Vote #Vote #286](#), 6/22/22; CQ, [6/22/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For An Amendment To The Restoring Hope For Mental Health And Well Being Act That Would Postpone Certain Provisions Easing Restrictions On Dispensing Certain Narcotic Drugs For Maintenance Or Detoxification Treatment Until January 2024. In June 2022, Salazar voted for: “Griffith, R-Va., amendment no. 8 to the bill that would postpone the effective date of provisions regarding the elimination of certain requirements for dispensing Schedule III, IV, and V narcotic drugs for maintenance or detoxification treatment to Jan. 1, 2024.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 180-239. [H.R. 7666, [Vote #Vote #285](#), 6/22/22; CQ, [6/22/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For An Amendment To The Restoring Hope For Mental Health And Well Being Act That Would Require The HHS To Assist And Advise Schools In Establishing Behavioral Intervention Teams. In June 2022, Salazar voted for: “Rodgers, R-Wash., for Ferguson, R-Ga., amendment no. 6 to the bill that would require the Health and Human Services Department, within two years of enactment, to develop best practices for and provide technical assistance to elementary schools, secondary schools and institutions of higher education in establishing and using behavioral intervention teams, including how such teams can mitigate inappropriate uses of mental health assessments, inappropriate involvement of law enforcement and violations of individual privacy.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 320-103. [H.R. 7666, [Vote #Vote #284](#), 6/22/22; CQ, [6/22/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For An Amendment To The Restoring Hope For Mental Health And Well Being Act That Would Require The Justice Department To Submit A Report On The Mental Health Of Law Enforcement And Availability Of Services To Congress. In June 2022, Salazar voted for: “Demings, D-Fla., amendment no. 4 to the bill that would require the Justice Department, in consultation with the FBI, National Institute for Justice and Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, to submit to Congress, within 270 days of enactment, a report on mental health and stress-related responses of law enforcement to traumatic incidents and the availability and utilization of mental health and wellness programming for law enforcement officers.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 411-10. [H.R. 7666, [Vote #Vote #283](#), 6/22/22; CQ, [6/22/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For En Bloc Amendment No. 2 For The Restoring Hope For Mental Health And Well Being Act. In June 2022, Salazar voted for: “Pallone, D-N.J., en bloc amendments no. 2 to the bill, consisting of six amendments that would insert the text of a bill (HR 2355) that would require the Health and Human Services Department to periodically update materials on when pharmacists may refuse to fill prescriptions and require such materials to include information for pharmacists on verifying patient identity; extend from 14 to 60 days the time limit by which certain controlled substances must be administered to a patient after a practitioner receives the substance; require the best practices for crisis response continuum of care published by HHS to include recommendations on the capacity to meet the needs of veteran patients; insert the text of a bill (HR 2364) that would require HHS to develop and implement an education campaign to raise public awareness of the dangers and use of synthetic opioids, as well as HHS services available to address the misuse of such drugs; require manufacturers and distributors of controlled substances to exercise and maintain a record of due diligence upon discovering a suspicious order and decline to fill the order unless the reasons for suspicion are resolved; and modify and reauthorize for five years an HHS grant program to help states and tribes address opioid and stimulant use and misuse.” The amendment bloc was adopted by a vote of 366-51. [H.R. 7666, [Vote #Vote #282](#), 6/22/22; CQ, [6/22/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For En Bloc Amendment No. 1 For The Restoring Hope For Mental Health And Well Being Act. In June 2022, Salazar voted for: “Pallone, D-N.J., en bloc amendments no. 1 to the bill, consisting of eight amendments that would, insert the text of a bill (HR 1480) that would authorize the Health and Human Services Department to award grants to nonprofits to establish and implement peer-support behavioral health and wellness programs for fire departments, emergency medical services and health care providers; require the Behavioral Health Crisis Coordinating Office established by the bill to support technical assistance, data analysis and evaluation functions for care provided by the Veterans Crisis Line; require the Defense Department to carry out a two-year pilot program to pre-program behavioral health and suicide prevention resources into smart devices issued to members of the armed forces; authorize \$101.6 million annually through fiscal 2027 for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline program, with at least 80 percent of the funding allocated for local crisis centers; require HHS to consult with state, local and tribal public health officials in maintaining the Maternal Mental Health Hotline established by the bill; authorize \$130 million annually through fiscal 2027 for HHS, in consultation with the Education Department, to make grants and contracts to entities that provide school-based mental health services and support for children dealing with trauma, grief, suicide risk and violence; require HHS to study the rates of suicidal behaviors among children and adolescents with chronic illnesses, including substance use disorders, autoimmune disorders and heritable blood disorders; and require HHS, in consultation with the Justice, Labor and Housing and Urban Development departments, to conduct a study on the direct and indirect costs of serious mental illness on nongovernmental entities and federal, state, local and tribal agencies.” The amendment bloc was adopted by a vote of 387-32. [H.R. 7666, [Vote #Vote #281](#), 6/22/22; CQ, [6/22/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Considering Several Bills Including The LGBTQI+ Data Inclusion Act, The Advanced Research Project Agency-Health Act, And The Restoring Hope For Mental Health And Well-Being Act. In June 2022 Salazar voted against: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 1191) that would provide for House floor consideration of the LGBTQI+ Data Inclusion Act (HR 4176), the Advanced Research Project Agency-Health Act (HR 5585) and the Restoring Hope for Mental Health and Well-Being Act (HR 7666). The rule would provide for up to one hour of debate on each bill; automatic

adoption of manager's amendments to HR 4176 and HR 7666; and floor consideration of three amendments to HR 4176, one amendment to HR 5585 and 17 amendments to HR 7666. It would provide for automatic adoption of a Carolyn B. Maloney, D-N.Y., manager's amendment that would add a congressional finding stating that the integrity of the federal statistical system relies on the ability of agencies to determine the content of their surveys; allow agency statistical officials to waive the bill's requirements if adding the required data would impair the utility, accuracy or objectivity of the surveys; permit an agency head to make waivers if the agency does not have a statistical official; and make technical changes. It would provide for automatic adoption of a Pallone, D-N.J., manager's amendment that would authorize \$25 million annually through fiscal 2027 for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's Minority Fellowship Program. It would increase funding available for the Medicare Improvement Fund from \$5 million to \$1 billion. It would add various requirements related to Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program services, including to require the provision of physical and mental health screenings for eligible youth released from incarceration, allow eligible youth who are incarcerated pending disposition of charges to receive medical services, and require HHS to issue guidances to improve access to school-based medical assistance, behavioral health services for children and telehealth services. Beginning in 2024, it would add reporting requirements for health insurance issuers providing pharmacy benefit management regarding drugs covered, amounts of copayment assistance paid and total gross and net spending for prescription drugs under the plan. It would require HHS to conduct and support research on the health effects of smartphone and social media use by adolescents and on the health and developmental effects of media on infants, children and adolescents. Finally, the rule would authorize through July 13, 2022, certain routine authorities for House proceedings, including for consideration of motions to suspend the rules and same-day consideration of Rules Committee resolutions. It would also allow proceedings on measures considered under suspension of the rules on June 21 through June 24 to be postponed through July 15." The rule was adopted by a vote of 214-202. [H. Res. 1191, [Vote #Vote #280](#), 6/22/22; CQ, [6/22/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Reauthorizing The Food And Drug Administration's User Fee Programs For Prescription And Generic Drugs And Medical Devices Through FY 2027. In June 2022 Salazar voted for: "Pallone, D-N.J., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would reauthorize through fiscal 2027 the Food and Drug Administration's user fee programs for prescription drugs, medical devices, generic drugs and biosimilar biological products, and revise certain aspects of the fee programs. It would also include a number of provisions aimed at improving pharmaceutical research, development and supply chains. The bill would authorize \$20 million annually for fiscal years 2023 through 2027 for the Health and Human Services Department to establish an emerging technologies grant program to support innovative approaches to drug product design and manufacturing; require HHS to establish an FDA pilot program to designate advanced drug manufacturing technology; and authorize HHS to designate certain higher education institutions as national centers of excellence in advanced and continuous pharmaceutical manufacturing. It would modify the FDA's Accelerated Approval Program, including to codify labeling requirements for drugs approved under the program and require HHS to specify the conditions for post-approval studies on such drugs. It would include several provisions to increase diversity in clinical drug studies, including to require the sponsors of clinical investigations for new drugs to submit to HHS a diversity action plan; require HHS to evaluate the need for regulatory authorities to ensure post-approval studies for FDA-approved drugs in the case of insufficient demographic subgroup data in premarket studies; and require HHS to convene public workshops on increasing the enrollment of historically underrepresented populations in clinical studies.

Among other provisions, it would reauthorize through fiscal 2027 reporting requirements for pending generic drug applications and modify procedures for HHS evaluation of abbreviated new drug applications for generic drugs. It would modify and reauthorize through fiscal 2027 the FDA's drug manufacturing facility inspection program, including to require HHS to establish a pilot program to increase unannounced surveillance inspections of foreign facilities; ensure internal coordination among field inspectors and staff on inspection and compliance activities; and post facility inspection information on the FDA's website annually after the end of each fiscal year. It would reauthorize through fiscal 2027 various pharmaceutical research and development programs and provisions, including the pediatric pharmaceutical studies program, the orphan drug grants program, the humanitarian device exemptions, the pediatric device consortia, the exclusivity of certain drugs containing single enantiomers and the critical path public-private partnership program." The motion was agreed to by a vote of 392-28. [H.R. 7667, [Vote #Vote #254](#), 6/8/22; CQ, [6/8/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For The Incorporation Of Maternal Morbidity Data Mapping Into An Interactive Public Tool. In April 2022 Salazar voted for: "Pallone, D-N.J., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would require the Federal Communications Commission, in consultation with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and within 180 days of enactment, to incorporate publicly available maternal mortality and severe maternal morbidity data into its Mapping Broadband Health in America platform, an interactive public mapping tool for visualizing and analyzing broadband and health data." The motion was agreed to by a vote of 409-11. [H.R. 1218, [Vote #Vote #110](#), 4/5/22; CQ, [4/5/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Insurance Coverage For Services Related To Birth Defects, Including Dental Or Orthodontic Care. In April 2022 Salazar voted for: "Eshoo, D-Calif., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would require health insurers to provide coverage for services related to the diagnosis and treatment of congenital anomalies or birth defects, including dental or orthodontic care. It would specify that coverage must include any medically necessary service that functionally improves, repairs or restores normal bodily function or appearance, and may not have coverage limits or cost-sharing requirements more restrictive than the predominant requirements under the plan. It would not require coverage of cosmetic surgery to improve appearance or self-esteem." The motion was agreed to by a vote of 310-110. [H.R. 1916, [Vote #Vote #109](#), 4/4/22; CQ, [4/4/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Capping The Price Of Insulin At \$35. In March 2022 Salazar voted against: "Passage of the bill, as amended, that would require private health insurance and Medicare to cover certain insulin products and limit cost-sharing requirements for such products for plans beginning in 2023. Specifically, it would require private insurance plans to cover at least one of each dosage form of each type of insulin, such as short-acting, long-acting and premixed insulin; prohibit the plans from applying a deductible for the insulin products; and cap cost-sharing for the insulin products at the lesser of \$35 or 25 percent of the plan's negotiated price for the product per 30-day supply. For Medicare plans, it would similarly prohibit the application of a deductible for covered insulin products and cap copayments at \$35 per 30-day supply. The bill would also increase funding available for the Medicare Improvement Fund from \$5 million to approximately \$9 billion. As an offset, it would delay for an additional year, through Jan. 1, 2027, implementation of a November 2020 rule ending a safe harbor provision that protects pharmacy benefit managers from federal anti-kickback laws for prescription drug rebates provided to health insurers under Medicare Part D." Passed by a vote of 232-193. [H.R. 6833, [Vote #Vote #102](#), 3/31/22, CQ, [3/31/22](#)]

- **The Affordable Insulin Now Act Capped The Price Of Insulin At \$35 Or 25% Of An Insurance Plan's Negotiated Price, Whichever Was Lower.** “The House of Representatives voted Thursday to approve legislation that would limit cost-sharing for insulin under private health insurance and Medicare. The vote was 232-193, with 12 Republican members joining their Democratic colleagues to pass the measure. The Affordable Insulin Now Act would cap insulin prices at either \$35 a month or 25% of an insurance plan's negotiated price — whichever is lower. The legislation aims to take effect in 2023 but its fate in the Senate remains unclear.” [NPR, [3/31/22](#)]
- **Insulin Prices Doubled Between 2012 And 2016.** “Advocates of the legislation point to data from the Health Care Cost Institute, an independent nonprofit that studies health care prices, which shows prices for insulin doubled between 2012 and 2016. ‘No one should have to choose between taking their medication as prescribed and putting food on the table or a roof over their head,’ said Rep. Dan Kildee, one of three Democratic lawmakers who sponsored the legislation.” [NPR, [3/31/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Considering The Marijuana Opportunity And Expungement Act And The Affordable Insulin Now Act. In March 2022 Salazar voted against: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 1017) that would provide for House floor consideration of the Marijuana Opportunity Reinvestment and Expungement (MORE) Act (HR 3617) and the Affordable Insulin Now Act (HR 6833). The rule would provide for up to one hour of general debate on each bill. It would provide for floor consideration of three amendments to HR 3617. It would provide for automatic adoption of a Nadler, D-N.Y., manager's amendment to HR 3617 that would clarify language prohibiting the denial of benefits to an individual under immigration law based on any actions relating to marijuana use or possession that would no longer be prohibited under the bill's provisions. It would provide for automatic adoption of a DeLauro, D-Conn., manager's amendment to HR 6833 that would strike from the bill a provision that would provide \$1.5 million for fiscal 2022 for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to cover costs associated with the bill's provisions to limit cost-sharing and prohibit deductibles for insulin products covered under Medicare prescription drug plans. The rule would also authorize through April 29 certain routine authorities for House proceedings, including for consideration of motions to suspend the rules and same-day consideration of Rules Committee resolutions.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 219-202. [H. Res. 1017, [Vote #Vote #99](#), 3/31/22; CQ, [3/31/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Requiring The Health And Human Services Department To Periodically Update Its Guidance On The Social Determinants Of Health. In December 2021, Salazar voted for: “Pallone, D-N.J., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would require the Health and Human Services Department, at least once every three years, to update its Jan. 2021 guidance regarding strategies for state Medicaid and CHIP programs to address social determinants of health. It would require the updates to include guidance on strategies states can implement under existing program authorities, updated examples of strategies implemented by states, and guidance for states to incentivize managed care entities to address social determinants of health.” Motion agreed to by a vote of 378-48. [HR 3894, [Vote #Vote #425](#), 12/08/21; CQ, [12/08/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For Increasing Funding For The Non-Profit Foundations That Support The Food And Drug Administration And The National Institutes Of Health. In December 2021, Salazar voted for: “Pallone, D-N.J., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would increase funding authorized annually for the independent nonprofit foundations that support the Food and Drug Administration and National Institutes of Health. Specifically, it would require each agency to transfer at least \$1.25 million and not more than \$5 million annually to its respective foundation.” Motion agreed to by a vote of 374-52. [HR 3743, [Vote #Vote #424](#), 12/08/21; CQ, [12/08/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For Requiring The Health And Human Services Department To Implement A Educational Campaign To Raise The Awareness Of The Dangers Of Synthetic Opioids. In December 2021, Salazar voted for: “Pallone, D-N.J., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would require the Health and Human Services Department to develop and implement an education campaign to raise public awareness of the dangers and use of synthetic opioids, as well as HHS services available to address the misuse of such drugs. It would establish biennial reporting and independent evaluation requirements regarding the campaign's effectiveness. It would also require the department to publish a training guide and webinar for first responders and other individuals at high risk of exposure to synthetic opioids on measures to prevent such exposure.” Motion agreed to by a vote of 411-14. [HR 2364, [Vote #Vote #423](#), 12/08/21; CQ, [12/08/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For The Opioid Prescription Verification Act. In December 2021, Salazar voted for: “Pallone, D-N.J., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would require the Health and Human Services Department to periodically update materials on when pharmacists may refuse to fill prescriptions and add a requirement that such materials include information for pharmacists on verifying patient identity. It would also allow the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, in awarding grant funding for activities to prevent controlled substance overdoses, to give preference to states that have enacted certain requirements related to monitoring prescription drugs.” Motion agreed to by a vote of 410-15. [HR 2355, [Vote #Vote #422](#), 12/08/21; CQ, [12/08/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For Providing Funding And Programming To Prevent Suicide And Improve Mental Health. In December 2021, Salazar voted for: “Pallone, D-N.J., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would require the Health and Human Services Department, within two years of the enactment, to disseminate evidence-based best practices for preventing suicide and improving mental health among health care professionals. It would authorize \$35 million annually through fiscal 2024 for the department to award grants or contracts for health care entities to establish or enhance programs to address mental health and substance use disorders among health care professionals, including training for health professions students. It would authorize \$10 million annually through fiscal 2024 for the department to establish a national education and awareness initiative to encourage health care providers to seek support for mental health and substance use concerns and address the stigma of doing so. It would also require an HHS review of the outcomes of programs authorized by the bill and a Government Accountability Office report on the extent to which the federal substance use disorder and mental health grant programs address the mental health needs of health care professionals.” Motion agreed to by a vote of 392-36. [HR 1667, [Vote #Vote #419](#), 12/08/21; CQ, [12/08/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For The Improving Health Of Children Act. In December 2021, Salazar voted for: “Pallone, D-N.J., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would authorize \$186 million annually through fiscal 2026 for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities and expand a list of conditions for which the center must conduct research and programming, including to specify early identification of developmental delay and disability, neuromuscular diseases, congenital heart defects, ADHD, stillbirth and Tourette syndrome. It would also indefinitely reauthorize CDC programs related to the effects of folic acid in preventing birth defects.” Motion agreed to by a vote of 405-20. [HR 5551, [Vote #Vote #418](#), 12/08/21; CQ, [12/08/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For Strengthening The Strategic National Stockpile With Medical Supplies For Emergency Health Security. In October 2021 Salazar voted for: “Pallone, D-N.J., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would authorize funding for and require the Health and Human Services Department to take actions to strengthen the National Strategic Stockpile. Through fiscal 2024, it would authorize \$705 million annually for the stockpile to maintain drugs, vaccines, medical devices and other medical supplies to provide for national emergency health security needs; \$500 million annually for a new supply chain flexibility manufacturing pilot program to improve domestic reserves of critical medical supplies; and \$3.5 billion annually for a new pilot grant program to help states expand or maintain strategic stockpiles of medical supplies. Among other provisions, it would require HHS to ensure that contents of the stockpile are in good working order, submit a report to Congress every 30 days on all state and local requests for supplies related to the COVID-19 pandemic and improve processes for the use and distribution of supplies from the stockpile.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 397-22. [H.R. 3635, [Vote #Vote #322](#), 10/20/21; CQ, [10/20/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For Passage Of The Fairness in Orphan Drug Exclusivity Act. In May 2021, Salazar voted for: “Passage of the bill that would extend certain requirements for drugs to qualify for "orphan drug" status, which provides incentives for the development of drugs to treat rare diseases or conditions. Specifically, it would require drug manufacturers that are seeking or have previously received orphan drug status approval for a drug -- including approval to extend an existing status -- to demonstrate to the Health and Human Services Department that, at the time of approval, there is or was "no reasonable expectation" that the manufacturer would recover the costs of developing and distributing the drug in the United States from U.S. sales within 12 years of first marketing the drug. It would require the department to deny or revoke such approval if a manufacturer does not meet the requirements.” The bill passed 402 to 23. [H Res 1629, [Vote #Vote #150](#), 5/19/21; CQ, [5/19/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For Extending Certain Requirements For Drugs To Qualify For “Orphan Drug” Status, Which Provides For Incentives For The Development Of Drugs To Treat Rare Diseases Or Conditions. In May 2021, Salazar voted for: “Pallone, D-N.J., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would extend certain requirements for drugs to qualify for "orphan drug" status, which provides incentives for the development of drugs to treat rare diseases or conditions. Specifically, it would require drug manufacturers that are seeking or have previously received orphan drug status approval for a drug -- including approval to extend an existing status -- to demonstrate to the Health and Human Services Department that, at the time of approval, there is or was "no reasonable expectation" that the manufacturer would recover the costs of developing and distributing the drug in the United States from U.S. sales within 12 years of first marketing the drug. It would require the department to deny or revoke

such approval if a manufacturer does not meet the requirements.” The motion was rejected 250-168. [HR 1629, [Vote #Vote #134](#), 5/11/21; CQ, [5/11/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For Reauthorizing An HHS Program Related To Blood Stem Cell, Bone Marrow, And Umbilical Cord Blood Transplants And Authorizing Funding For Adult Stem Cell Research. In April 2021, Salazar voted for: “Pallone, D-N.J., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would reauthorize through fiscal 2026 a Health and Human Services Department program related to blood stem cell, bone marrow and umbilical cord blood transplants, authorizing \$31 million annually for the program and \$23 million annually for HHS to assist cord blood banks in maintaining cord blood inventory. Among other provisions, it would require the department to conduct a review at least every two years on the state of science related to the use of adult stem cells and birthing tissues in new types of therapies, to consider such therapies for potential inclusion in the program.” The motion was agreed to 415-2. [H R 941, [Vote #Vote #109](#), 4/15/21; CQ, [4/15/21](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Blocking Consideration Of H.R. 2430, the Temporary Reauthorization and Study of the Emergency Scheduling of Fentanyl Analogues Act. In April 2021, Salazar voted against: “DeSaulnier, D-Calif., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Congressional Record, “Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume. Madam Speaker, if we defeat the previous question, Republicans will amend the rule immediately to consider H.R. 2430, the Temporary Reauthorization and Study of the Emergency Scheduling of Fentanyl Analogues Act. This critical bill would extend the Drug Enforcement Administration's authority to temporarily schedule fentanyl analogues for another year.” **A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the bill.** The motion was agreed to by a vote of 217- 208. [H Res 303, [Vote #Vote #102](#), 4/14/21; CQ, [4/14/21](#); Congressional Record, [4/14/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For Advancing Education on Biosimilars Act. In April 2021, Salazar voted for: “Pallone, D-N.J., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would permit the Health and Human Services Department to maintain a website to provide educational materials for health care providers, patients and caregivers regarding the review and licensing of biological and biosimilar products, including information related to development programs for such products, the process for reporting adverse events for such products, and explanations of the terms "biosimilar" and "interchangeable." It would also require HHS to develop or improve continuing education programs for health care providers related to prescribing such products.” The motion passed 412-8. [S 164, [Vote #Vote #101](#), 4/14/21; CQ, [4/14/21](#)]

House Administration And Adjournment Votes

Salazar Voted For Designation Of The Benny C. Martinez Post Office Building In Houston, Texas. In July 2022 Salazar voted for: “Maloney, D-N.Y., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would designate the postal facility located at 4020 Broadway St. in Houston, Texas, as the ‘Benny C. Martinez Post Office Building.’” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 386-35. [H.R. 203, [Vote #Vote #357](#), 7/14/22; CQ, [7/14/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Designation Of The John R. Hatcher III Post Office Building In Oxnard, California. In July 2022 Salazar voted for: “Maloney, D-N.Y., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would designate the postal facility located at 1961 North C St. in Oxnard, Calif., as the ‘John R. Hatcher

III Post Office Building.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 348-63. [H.R. 5659, [Vote #Vote #358](#), 7/14/22; CQ, [7/14/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Blocking Consideration Of A Constitutional Amendment To Require That The U.S. Supreme Court Be Composed Of Nine Justices. In July 2022 Salazar voted against: “Morelle, D-N.Y., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Congressional Record, Rep. Cole said, “Madam Speaker, if we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to bring up H. Res. 11 for immediate consideration. This resolution proposes an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to require that the Supreme Court of the United States be composed of nine Justices.” **A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the bill.** The motion was agreed to by a vote of 218-208. [H. Res. 1224, [Vote #Vote #303](#), 7/13/22; CQ, [7/13/22](#); Congressional Record, [7/13/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Designating The Thelma Harper Post Office Building In Nashville, Tennessee. In July 2022 Salazar voted for: “Maloney, D-N.Y., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would designate the postal facility located at 2245 Rosa L Parks Blvd. in Nashville, Tenn., as the ‘Thelma Harper Post Office Building.’” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 330-81. [H.R. 5271, [Vote #Vote #302](#), 7/12/22; CQ, [7/12/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Designating A U.S. Courthouse And Federal Building In Tallahassee, Florida. In May 2022 Salazar voted for: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would designate the U.S. courthouse and federal building located at 111 North Adams St. in Tallahassee, Fla., as the ‘Joseph Woodrow Hatchett United States Courthouse and Federal Building’ and designate the postal facility located at 120 4th Street in Petaluma, Calif., as the ‘Lynn C. Woolsey Post Office Building.’” The bill passed by a vote of 230-190. [S. 2938, [Vote #Vote #212](#), 5/18/22; CQ, [5/18/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For A Motion Adjourn. In May 2022 Salazar voted for: “Roy, R-Texas, motion to adjourn.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 188-226. [[Vote #Vote #142](#), 5/10/22; CQ, [5/10/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Designating A Federal Building In Wyoming As The “Louisa Swain Federal Office Building.” In March 2022 Salazar voted for: “Williams, D-Ga., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would designate the federal office building located at 308 W. 21st St. in Cheyenne, Wyo., as the ‘Louisa Swain Federal Office Building.’” The motion was agreed to, (thus cleared for the president), by a vote of 412-1. [S. 2126, [Vote #Vote #97](#), 3/30/22; CQ, [3/30/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Designating A U.S. Courthouse In Pennsylvania As The “Sylvia H. Rambo United States Courthouse.” In March 2022 Salazar voted for: “Williams, D-Ga., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would designate the U.S. courthouse located at 1501 North 6th St. in Harrisburg, Pa., as the ‘Sylvia H. Rambo United States Courthouse.’” The motion was agreed to, (thus cleared for the president), by a vote of 364-61. [S. 1226, [Vote #Vote #96](#), 3/30/22; CQ, [3/30/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Designating A U.S. Courthouse And Federal Building In Florida As The “Joseph Woodrow Hatchett United States Courthouse and Federal Building.” In March 2022 Salazar voted for: “Williams, D-Ga., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would designate the U.S. courthouse and federal building located at 111 North Adams St. in Tallahassee, Fla., as the ‘Joseph

Woodrow Hatchett United States Courthouse and Federal Building.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 238-187. [S. 2938, [Vote #Vote #95](#), 3/30/22; CQ, [3/30/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Designating The Department Of Transportation Headquarters As The “William T. Coleman, Jr. And Norman Y. Mineta Federal Building.” In March 2022 Salazar voted for: “DeFazio, D-Ore., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would designate the Department of Transportation headquarters building, located at 1200 New Jersey Ave. SE in Washington, D.C., as the ‘William T. Coleman, Jr. and Norman Y. Mineta Federal Building.’” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 417-4. [S. 400, [Vote #Vote #91](#), 3/30/22; CQ, [3/30/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Commissioning Statues Honoring Supreme Court Justices Sandra Day O’Connor And Ruth Bader Ginsburg. In March 2022 Salazar voted for: “Scanlon, D-Pa., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would direct the Joint Committee of Congress on the Library, within two years of enactment, to commission statues honoring former Supreme Court associate justices Sandra Day O’Connor and Ruth Bader Ginsburg and permanently install each statue in the U.S. Capitol or on the Capitol Grounds. It would require the committee to consider artists from a variety of backgrounds to create the statues, including artists from underrepresented demographic groups. It would authorize the committee to use up to \$500,000 from the Capitol Preservation Fund to create and install each statue.” The motion was agreed to, (thus cleared for the president), by a vote of 349-63. [S. 3294, [Vote #Vote #84](#), 3/28/22; CQ, [3/28/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For A Motion Adjourn. In March 2022 Salazar voted for: “Hice, R-Ga., motion to adjourn.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 173-255. [[Vote #Vote #62](#), 3/9/22; CQ [3/9/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Blocking An Amendment That Would Prohibit Resolutions Stripping Members Of Committee Assignments Unless Supported By The Leader Of The Party Of The Member In Question. In November 2021, Salazar voted against: “Scanlon D-Pa. motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Congressional Record, Rep. Cole said, “Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume. Madam Speaker, if we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to consider a resolution that would add a new House rule stating that any resolution proposing to remove a Member from a committee assignment shall not be in order unless offered by, or with the concurrence of, the leader of the party of the Member that is the subject of the resolution.” **A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the bill.** Motion agreed to by a vote of 221-207. [H Res. 795, [Vote #Vote #377](#), 11/17/21; CQ, [11/17/21](#); Congressional Record, [1/17/21](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Censuring Rep. Paul Gosar, R-Arizona And Condemning “Threats Of Violence.” In November 2021 Salazar voted against: “Agreeing to the resolution, as amended, that would censure Rep. Paul Gosar R-Ariz., and remove him from his assignments on the House Oversight and Reform and Natural Resources committees for posting a manipulated video on his social media accounts depicting himself killing Rep. Ocasio-Cortez D-N.Y., and attacking President Joe Biden. It would require Gosar to present himself in the well of the House for the pronouncement of censure. The resolution would condemn ‘threats of violence’ against members of Congress and the president, stating that ‘depictions of violence can foment actual violence and jeopardize the safety of elected officials.’”

Passed by a vote of 223-207. [H Res 789, [Vote #Vote #379](#), 11/17/21; CQ, [11/17/21](#)]

- **Salazar Voted Against Considering A Resolution That Would Censure Rep. Gosar, R-Arizona And Remove Him From His Committee Assignments.** In November 2021 Salazar voted against: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 795) that would provide for floor consideration of the resolution (H Res 789) censuring Rep. Gosar, R-Ariz. It would provide for one hour of debate on the resolution and provide for automatic adoption of a Deutch, D-Fla., manager's amendment that would remove Gosar from his assignments on the House Oversight and Reform and Natural Resources committees.” Adopted by a vote of 222-208. [H Res 795, [Vote #Vote #378](#), 11/17/21; CQ, [11/17/21](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Passage Of Fiscal 2022 Legislative Branch Appropriations. In July 2021 2015, Salazar voted against: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would provide \$4.8 billion in discretionary funding for legislative branch entities and activities. Within total funding, it would provide \$1.7 billion for House of Representatives general expenses and staff salaries, including \$774.4 million for members' office accounts and \$18.2 million for paid internships in member, leadership and committee offices. It would provide \$603.9 million for the Capitol Police, including \$480.5 million for salaries, hazard pay and benefits and \$123.5 million for general expenses such as security equipment, training and the employee assistance program. It would provide \$794.4 million for the Library of Congress; \$738.3 million for the Architect of the Capitol; \$729.3 million for the Government Accountability Office; \$125.6 million for the Government Publishing Office; and \$60.9 million for the Congressional Budget Office. Among other provisions, it would authorize legislative branch agencies to hire individuals with employment authorization under the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program; require the AOC to remove from public spaces in the Capitol all Confederate statues and busts, as well as those representing former Supreme Court Chief Justice Roger Taney, Vice President John C. Calhoun, and others; require congressional security officers to prepare, within 60 days of enactment, a report on evacuation procedures and emergency preparedness plans for the Capitol complex; and direct the AOC to display in the Capitol a plaque commending the Capitol Police, D.C. Metropolitan Police Department and other law enforcement agencies that served during the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the Capitol and present matching plaques to each agency.” The bill passed 215 to 207. [HR 4346, [Vote #Vote #239](#), 7/28/21; CQ, [7/28/21](#)]

Salazar Voted Against An Amendment To Increase Funding For The Library Of Congress, The Office of Congressional Accessibility Services, And The Government Accountability Office. In July 2021, Salazar voted against: “Ryan, D-Ohio, en bloc amendments no. 1 to the bill, including seven amendments that would, among other provisions, increase by \$250,000 funding for the Library of Congress, with offsets, intended for partnerships with minority-serving institutions and community colleges; increase by \$250,000 funding for the Office of Congressional Accessibility Services, with offsets, intended to support translation services for communication materials; decrease by \$6 million, then increase by the same amount, funding for the Government Accountability Office, intended to support the provision of technical information and evaluations for members of Congress; and prohibit the use of funds provided by the bill for the Capitol Police to enforce the prohibition on the use of scooters on the Capitol grounds.” The amendment was adopted 220 to 207. [HR 4346, [Vote #Vote #236](#), 7/28/21; CQ, [7/28/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For A Motion To Adjourn. In July 2021, Salazar voted for: “Hice, R-Ga., motion to adjourn.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 174-216. [Adjourn, [Vote #Vote #235](#), 7/28/21; CQ, [7/28/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For Adjourning The House. In July 2021, Salazar voted for: “Roy, R-Texas, motion to adjourn.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 197-225. [Adjourn, [Vote #Vote #231](#), 7/28/21; CQ, [7/28/21](#)]

Salazar Voted Against The Removal Of Confederate Statues From The US Capitol. In June 2021, Salazar voted against: “Passage of the bill that would direct the Architect of the Capitol to remove from the Old Supreme Court Chamber the bust of former Chief Justice Roger Taney, who wrote the majority opinion in the 1857 case Dred Scott v. Sanford declaring African Americans ineligible for U.S. citizenship, within 45 days of enactment. It would require the AOC to replace the Taney bust with one of former Justice Thurgood Marshall, the first African American Supreme Court justice, within two years of enactment. It would modify existing requirements related to statues in the National Statuary Hall of the U.S. Capitol to prohibit the display of statutes commemorating individuals who voluntarily served the Confederacy or the government of a state in rebellion against the U.S. and require the AOC to identify and remove any such statues from public display within 120 days of enactment. It would also direct the AOC to remove from the Capitol, within 45 days of enactment, any other Confederate statues or busts in public areas, as well as the statues of three individuals who vocally defended slavery or white supremacy -- former Vice President John C. Calhoun of South Carolina, North Carolina Gov. Charles B. Aycock and Arkansas Gov. James P. Clarke. It would authorize such sums as necessary to carry out the bill's provisions.” The bill passed 285 to 120. [HR 3005, [Vote #Vote #196](#), 6/29/21; CQ, [6/29/21](#)]

Salazar Voted Against A Motion To Table The Privileged Resolution To Direct The Attending Physician To Provide Updated Guidance On Mask Wearing In The House Of Representatives For Members And Staff Who Are Vaccinated Against COVID-19. In May 2021, Salazar voted against: “Hoyer, D-Md., motion to table (kill) the privileged resolution that would direct the attending physician to take ‘timely action’ to provide updated guidance on mask wearing in the chamber and committee meeting spaces of the House of Representatives for members and staff who are vaccinated against COVID-19, consistent with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention public guidance released on May 13, 2021.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 218-210. [H Res 414, [Vote #Vote #153](#), 5/19/21; CQ, [5/19/21](#)]

Salazar Voted Against A Motion To Table A Privileged Resolution To Censure Rep. Maxine Waters. In April 2021, Salazar voted against: “Hoyer, D-Md., motion to table (kill) the privileged resolution that would censure Rep. Maxine Waters, D-Calif., for comments related to the trial of former Minneapolis police officer Derek Chauvin, who was convicted of the murder and manslaughter of George Floyd, and require Waters to present herself in the well of the House for the pronouncement of censure. The resolution would cite statements made by Waters on April 17, 2021, in Brooklyn Center, Minn., as well as statements by the judge presiding over Chauvin's case that suggested Waters' comments could affect the legitimacy of the verdict.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 216-210. [H Res 331, [Vote #Vote #122](#), 4/20/21; CQ, [4/20/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For Adjourning The House. In March 2021, Salazar voted for: “Greene, R-Ga., motion to adjourn.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 149 -235. [Adjourn, [Vote #Vote #71](#), 3/10/21; CQ, [3/10/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene’s Motion To Prematurely Adjourn The House In Protest Of Democratic Legislation. In March 2021, Salazar voted for: Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene’s motion to prematurely adjourn the House. Newsweek described the motion: “A group of 18 House Republicans has voted against Georgia Representative Marjorie Taylor Greene’s most recent attempt to prematurely adjourn the House—her third such attempt over the last six days. Each of Greene’s attempts has been in protest of Democratic legislation and comments introduced in the lower congressional chamber. Each of her attempts has also disrupted congressional work by forcing House members to return to the floor to vote on the matter. ‘I rise today to inform Democrats the radical path you’re taking will cause you to lose in 2022,’ Greene said before asking the chamber to adjourn on Wednesday, according to Washington Post congressional reporter Paul Kane.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 182 - 222. [[Vote #Vote #56](#), 3/3/21; CQ, [3/3/21](#); Newsweek, [3/3/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For Adjourning The House. In February 2021, Salazar voted for: “Greene, R-Ga., motion to adjourn.” The motion was rejected 214 to 202. [[Vote #Vote #33](#), 2/24/21; CQ, [2/24/21](#)]

- **Rep. Greene’s Repeated Attempts To Adjourn The House Infuriated “Democrats And, Increasingly, Members Of Her Own Party.”** “One day after Democrats made an unprecedented move to strip Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene of her committee assignments, the Georgia Republican countered that she’d now have plenty of time to obstruct her opponents’ ‘far-leftist’ proposals and push her GOP colleagues harder to the right. Greene, an ardent supporter of former president Donald Trump, has kept her promise. Her repeated motions to adjourn legislative debate over the past several weeks have forced members to scramble to the House floor and vote to remain in session, a move that is infuriating Democrats and, increasingly, members of her own party.” [Washington Post, [3/10/21](#)]

Immigration and Border

Salazar Voted Against Blocking Consideration Of The PAUSE Act Which Would Prohibit President Biden From Rescinding Title 42 Authority. In June 2022, Salazar voted against: “Ross, D-N.C., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment). According to the Congressional Record, Rep. Fischbach said: ‘Madam Speaker, if we defeat the previous question, Republicans will immediately amend the rule to consider H.R. 471, the PAUSE Act, introduced by Representative YVETTE HERRELL. This bill would prohibit President Biden from rescinding title 42 authority, the public health order that allows for undocumented migrants to be immediately expelled.’” **A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the bill.** The motion was agreed to by a vote of 215-200. [H.Res. 1191, [Vote #Vote #279](#), 6/22/22; CQ, [6/22/22](#); Congressional Record, [6/22/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Blocking Consideration Of The PAUSE Act Of 2021. In April 2022 Salazar voted against: “Raskin, D-Md., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Congressional Record, Rep. Reschenthaler said, “If we defeat the previous question, I will personally offer an amendment to the rule to immediately consider H.R. 471, the

PAUSE Act of 2021.” **A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the bill.** The motion was agreed to by a vote of 219-206. [H. Res. 1023, [Vote #Vote #116](#), 4/6/22; CQ, [4/6/22](#); Congressional Record, [4/6/22](#)]

- **The PAUSE Act Of 2021 Intended To Maintain COVID-19 Immigration Restrictions And Prohibit Reduction Of The Restrictions’ Stringency And Enforcement.** “This bill maintains immigration restrictions put in place under public health emergency authorities to prevent the introduction of COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) from foreign countries. Specifically, the bill prohibits the Department of Health and Human Services from rescinding or reducing the stringency of the restrictions. It also prohibits the Department of Homeland Security from stopping or reducing enforcement of the restrictions. These prohibitions remain in effect until (1) federal and state COVID-19 emergency orders are lifted, and (2) the risk of introducing COVID-19 in or from Canada and Mexico is minimal.” [Congress.gov, Accessed [4/7/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Blocking Consideration Of Resuming Construction On The U.S.-Mexico Border Wall. In December 2021 Salazar voted against: “Raskin D-Md., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Congressional Record, Rep. Fischbach said, “Mr. Speaker, if we defeat the previous question, Republicans will offer an amendment to the rule to provide for the additional consideration of H.R. 2729, the Finish the Wall Act, authored by Representative Higgins.” **A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the bill.** The motion was agreed to by a vote of 218-209. [H. Res. 848, [Vote #Vote #441](#), 12/14/21; CQ, [12/14/21](#); Congressional Record, [12/14/21](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Blocking Consideration Of Preventing Settlement Payments For Immigrant Families Separated Under The Trump Administration. In November 2021 Salazar voted against: “McGovern, D-Mass., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Congressional Record, Rep. Burgess said, “If we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to immediately consider the Illegal Immigrant Payoff Prohibition Act, introduced by Mr. MCCLINTOCK. This bill will prevent the Attorney General from making settlement payments to individuals and families who have entered the country illegally for claims arising out of the illegal entry.” **A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the bill.** The motion was agreed to by a vote of 221-213. [H. Res. 774, [Vote #Vote #371](#), 11/6/21; CQ, [11/6/21](#); Congressional Record, [11/5/21](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Blocking Consideration For Requiring Negative COVID-19 Tests From Illegal Immigrants Before Releasing Them From Custody. In September 2021 Salazar voted against: “McGovern, D-Mass., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Congressional Record, Rep. Tom Cole said, “Madam Speaker, if we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to bring up H.R. 1897 for immediate consideration. This bill is simple: Before the Biden administration can release any illegal immigrant from custody, the person must have a negative COVID-19 test.” **A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the bill.** The motion passed by a vote of 217-206. [H. Res. 688, [Vote #Vote #305](#), 9/29/21; CQ, [9/29/21](#); Congressional Record, [9/29/21](#)]

Salazar Voted Against An Amendment To Provide For Special Immigrant Status For “Essential” Scientists And Technical Experts. In September 2021, Salazar voted against: “Langevin, D-R.I., amendment no. 42 that would provide for special immigrant status to allow for admission of “essential” scientists and technical experts to promote and protect the national security innovation base.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 225 to 187. [HR 4350, [Vote #Vote #286](#), 9/23/21; CQ, [9/24/21](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Blocking The Border Security For America Act. In August 2021, Salazar voted against: “Ross, D-N.C., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Congressional Record, Rep. Cole said, “If we defeat the previous question, Mr. Speaker, I will offer an amendment to the rule to bring up H.R. 4828, the Border Security for America Act, for immediate consideration.” **A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the bill.** The motion was agreed to by a vote of 218-210. [H Res. 667, [Vote #Vote #263](#), 9/21/21; CQ, [9/23/21](#); Congressional Record, [9/21/21](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Blocking Consideration Of A Bill Providing For Stringent Enforcement Of A Public Health Order Allowing Rapid Deportations. In July 2021, Salazar voted against: “Morelle, D-N.Y., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Congressional Record, Rep. Reschenthaler said, “Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume. The Biden administration has extended border shutdowns with Mexico and Canada, extended European and other international travel restrictions, and has reimposed mask mandates for fully vaccinated people, contradicting previous CDC guidance and, sadly, choosing to follow the political science, not the science. But, Mr. Speaker, the chaos at our southern border, where illegal immigrants have been apprehended from over 160 countries, undermines any efforts to prevent the spread of COVID-19. That is why, if we defeat the previous question, I will personally offer an amendment to the rule to immediately consider Congresswoman Yvette Herrell's PAUSE Act of 2021. This legislation would provide for stringent enforcement of Title 42, a public health order allowing illegal immigrants to be quickly expelled from the United States, and would prohibit HHS and DHS from weakening Title 42's implementation.” **A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the bill.** The motion was agreed to by a vote of 217-208. [H Res 567, [Vote #Vote #232](#), 7/28/21; CQ, [7/28/21](#); Congressional Record, [7/28/21](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Blocking Consideration Of The PAUSE Act, Which Would Prohibit The Weakening Of Title 42 Public Health Restrictions On Admitting Asylum Seekers To The United States. In June 2021, Salazar voted against: “Scanlon, D-Pa., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 504) that would provide for floor consideration of the IG Independence and Empowerment Act (HR 2662); a bill (HR 3005) to remove the bust of former Supreme Court Chief Justice Taney and Confederate statues from the U.S. Capitol; a resolution (H Res 503) to establish a special committee to investigate the Jan. 6 attack on the U.S. Capitol; and a five-year surface transportation and ten-year water infrastructure authorization bill (HR 3684).” According to the Congressional Record, Rep. Guy Reschenthaler stated: “That is why, if we defeat the previous question, I will personally offer an amendment to the rule to immediately consider my good friend's, Congresswoman Yvette Herrell, PAUSE Act. The PAUSE Act would provide for stringent enforcement of Title 42, and would prohibit HHS and DHS from weakening Title 42's implementation.” **A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of these four bills.** The motion

was agreed to 214-195. [H. Res. 504, [Vote #Vote #189](#), 6/29/21; CQ, [6/29/21](#); Congressional Record, [6/29/21](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Blocking Consideration Of The Crisis Act That Would Restrict VP Harris From Using Tax Money To Visit The Southern Border. In May 2021, Salazar voted against: “McGovern, D-Mass., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Congressional Record, Mr. Reschenthaler said, “That is why, if we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to immediately consider Congresswoman Ashley Hinson's See the Crisis Act. This legislation would restrict Vice President Harris from using taxpayer dollars to travel internationally until she actually visits our southern border.” **A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the bill.** The motion was agreed to by a vote of 217 to 203. [H RES 473, [Vote #Vote #157](#), 6/14/21; CQ, [6/14/21](#); Congressional Record, 6/14/21]

Salazar Voted Against The Access To Counsel Act, Requiring Homeland Security To Provide Access to Counsel For All Individuals Subject To Secondary Or Deferred Inspection When Entering The Country. In April 2021, Salazar voted against: “Passage of the bill that would require the Homeland Security Department to provide access to counsel for all individuals subject to a secondary or deferred inspection when seeking admission to the United States, effective 180 days after enactment. Specifically, it would require the department to allow such individuals to consult, including via telephone, with legal representation and a relative, petitioner or other connection within the United States within the first hour of a secondary inspection and as necessary throughout the inspection process. It would authorize the counsel to advocate on behalf of the individual by providing documentation and other evidence to the examining immigration officer. It would require DHS to accommodate, to the greatest extent practicable, a request by the individual for in-person counsel at the inspection site. It would also prohibit the department from accepting paperwork from lawful permanent residents subject to secondary or deferred inspection that would give up such individuals' legal immigration status without providing them the opportunity to seek advice from counsel.” The bill passed 217 to 207. [HR 1573, [Vote #Vote #129](#), 4/21/21; CQ, [4/21/21](#)]

Salazar Voted Against The NO BAN Act, Prohibiting The President From Banning Individuals Seeking Immigrant Visas Based On Their Religion. In April 2021, Salazar voted against: “Passage of the bill that would explicitly prohibit discrimination based on religion with regard to individuals seeking immigrant visas, nonimmigrant visas or other entry into the United States. It would limit the president's ability to restrict entry of a class of foreign nationals, including to require that such restrictions be temporary, narrowly tailored and subject to a State Department determination that they are in the interest of U.S. public safety or international stability. It would require the State and Homeland Security departments to notify Congress prior to the issuance of any such restriction and provide information regarding its justification and planned duration; brief Congress within 48 hours of its issuance; and report Congress every 30 days during the restriction on its continued justification and how visa applicants are impacted. It would terminate the restriction, absent intervening congressional action, if the briefing or reports are not provided. The bill would allow individuals present in the United States who are harmed by entry restrictions in violation of the bill's provisions to seek declaratory or injunctive relief through a U.S. district court. It would also require the State and Homeland Security departments to submit a report to Congress describing the implementation of proclamations by former President Donald Trump that restricted the entry of individuals from certain countries, including the number of refugees

admitted and the number of visa applicants admitted or rejected, disaggregated by country and visa category.” The bill passed 218 to 208. [HR 1333, [Vote #Vote #127](#), 4/21/21; CQ, [4/21/21](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Blocking Consideration Of The Border Surge Response And Resilience Act. In April 2021, Salazar voted against: “Raskin, D-Md., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Congressional Record, Rep. Reschenthaler said, “if we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to immediately consider H.R. 2321, the Border Surge Response and Resilience Act.” **A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the bill.** The motion was agreed to by a vote of 216-206. [H Res 330, [Vote #Vote #123](#), 4/20/21; CQ, [4/20/21](#); Congressional Record, [4/20/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For The Farm Workforce Modernization Act, Allowing Undocumented Agricultural Workers To Apply For Residency Status. In March 2021, Salazar voted for: “Passage of the bill that would allow certain undocumented agricultural workers in the United States to apply for certified agricultural worker status and subsequently permanent residency status. It would also overhaul the H-2A nonimmigrant visa program for temporary agricultural workers and replace the E-Verify employment status verification system with a similar system for use by the agricultural sector; and authorize funding for certain Agriculture Department housing programs.” The bill passed 247 to 174. [HR 1603, [Vote #Vote #93](#), 3/18/21; CQ, [3/18/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For The Dream Act, Providing Residency Status For Undocumented Immigrants Who Entered The US As Children Or From TPS-Designated Nations. In March 2021, Salazar voted for: “Passage of the bill that would provide legal residency status for certain undocumented immigrants who entered the United States as children or from nations with Temporary Protected Status designation and would prohibit the Homeland Security and Justice Departments from initiating or continuing the removal of such individuals.” The bill passed 228 to 197. [HR 6, [Vote #Vote #91](#), 3/18/21; CQ, [3/18/21](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Blocking Consideration Of A Bill Requiring The Department Of Homeland Security To Administer COVID-19 Tests To Migrants Prior To Release. In March 2021, Salazar voted against: “Torres, D-Calif., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Congressional Record, Rep. Fishbach said, “Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume. If we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to provide for consideration of Congresswoman Miller-Meeks' H.R. 1897, the REACT Act.” According to the Congressional Record, Rep. Miller-Meeks said, “My bill would require the Department of Homeland Security to test all migrants illegally crossing our border who they plan to release into our communities for COVID-19.” **A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the bill.** The motion was agreed to by a vote of 212-200. [H Res 233, [Vote #Vote #78](#), 3/16/21; CQ, [3/16/21](#); Congressional Record, [3/16/21](#)]

Infrastructure & Transportation

Salazar Voted For An Interagency Working Group For The Development Of Advanced Air Mobility Systems. In June 2022 Salazar voted for: “DeFazio, D-Ore., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would require the Transportation Department to establish an interagency working group to coordinate efforts related to advancing the development of advanced air mobility (AAM)

systems in the United States, particularly passenger aircraft. It would require the working group to develop and submit to Congress an AAM national strategy, including recommendations regarding the safety, operations, infrastructure, security, air traffic concepts and federal investment or actions needed to support the evolution of early AAM, as well as a plan detailing the responsibilities of federal, state and local governments to implement the recommendations. In preparing the strategy, it would require the working group to examine, among other factors, air traffic management and safety concepts relevant to higher levels of traffic density; existing federal programs that could be leveraged to advance the AAM industry; infrastructure needed to support expanded operations of AAM; and steps to ensure a robust domestic supply chain.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 380-30. [S. 516, [Vote #Vote #268](#), 6/14/22; CQ, [6/14/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Authorizing \$25 Million In Grants For A Pilot Program To Assist In The Development And Deployment Of Advanced Air Mobility, Such As Passenger Air Vehicles And Electric Aircraft. In June 2022 Salazar voted for: “DeFazio, D-Ore., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would authorize \$25 million through fiscal 2023 for a two-year Transportation Department pilot program to award grants to assist state and local governments or transit agencies in developing and deploying infrastructure to support advanced air mobility (AAM) activities, including flying cars, passenger air vehicles and electric aircraft. The bill would authorize planning grants of up to \$1 million for recipients to develop a comprehensive plan for AAM infrastructure and construction grants for design, bidding, environmental studies and other activities related to the construction of a public-use vertiport and associated infrastructure to support AAM operations.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 338-73. [H.R. 6270, [Vote #Vote #257](#), 6/13/22; CQ, [6/13/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Tabling A Motion To Reconsider The Passage Of The Infrastructure Investment And Jobs Act. In November 2021 Salazar voted against: “Horsford, D-Nev., motion to table (kill) the Kelly, D-Ill., motion to reconsider the vote by which the bill (HR 3684) was passed, 228-206, immediately prior to this vote.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 228-205. [H.R. 3684, [Vote #Vote #370](#), 11/5/21; CQ, [11/5/21](#)]

Salazar Voted Against The Infrastructure Investment And Jobs Act, Providing \$550 Billion In New Infrastructure Spending. In November 2021 Salazar voted against: “DeFazio, D-Ore., motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the bill that would provide approximately \$550 billion in new infrastructure spending, including for surface transportation, broadband, water and energy infrastructure. In supplemental appropriations and increased contract authority, the bill would provide \$110 billion for roads, bridges and major surface transportation projects, including \$47.3 for highway infrastructure and \$40 billion for bridge construction and repair; \$66 billion for rail, including \$58 billion for Amtrak; and \$39 billion for transit, including \$5.3 billion for zero- and low-emission transit buses and \$2 billion for accessibility improvements. It would provide \$25 billion for airports and approximately \$17 billion for ports and waterways, including \$3.4 billion to modernize land ports of entry and \$2.25 billion for water port upgrades, including resilience and electrification projects. It would provide approximately \$11 billion for various transportation safety and research programs. It would provide \$7.5 billion for electric vehicle charging infrastructure and \$5 billion for zero- and low-emission school bus programs. It would establish requirements for many new and existing surface transportation programs to consider the environmental and equity impacts of funded activities and authorize a range of transportation programs related to emissions reduction and climate change resilience. It would provide \$1 billion for activities to

reconnect neighborhoods by removing or remediating the effects of transportation infrastructure construction in disadvantaged and underserved communities. The bill would provide approximately \$65 billion for broadband, including \$42.5 billion for grants to states to increase access in unserved areas and \$14.2 billion to extend a program initially authorized in response to the coronavirus pandemic that provides stipends to help low-income families pay for internet services. It would provide approximately \$62 billion for the Energy Department, including \$21.5 billion for clean energy demonstration projects, \$16.3 billion for energy efficiency and renewable energy programs, \$8 billion for power grid resilience and other electricity projects, and \$7.5 billion for fossil energy and carbon management. It would authorize or expand several programs to incentivize clean energy manufacturing, development and adoption. It would provide approximately \$55 billion for water infrastructure and safety, including \$30.7 billion for the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund, including \$15 billion to replace lead service lines and \$4 billion to address per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances and other emerging contaminants; and \$12.7 billion for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund. Across various departments, the bill would provide funding for climate change response and environmental remediation, including; \$11.3 billion for abandoned mine land and water reclamation projects, approximately \$5.75 billion for wildfire management, \$3.5 billion for the EPA hazardous substance superfund and \$3.5 billion for FEMA flood mitigation. It would also provide more than \$1.7 billion for cybersecurity resilience programs. The bill would include a number of provisions intended to offset spending, including by rescinding certain unobligated COVID-19 relief funding and establishing tax reporting requirements for cryptocurrency and other digital assets.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 228-206. [H.R. 3684, [Vote #Vote #369](#), 11/5/21; CQ, [11/5/21](#)]

- **White House Projected The \$1 Trillion Bipartisan Infrastructure Deal Would Add About 2 Million Jobs Per Year For A Decade.** “The \$1 trillion infrastructure plan that now goes to President Joe Biden to sign into law has money for roads, bridges, ports, rail transit, safe water, the power grid, broadband internet and more [...] The new law promises to reach almost every corner of the country. It’s a historic investment that the president has compared to the building of the transcontinental railroad and Interstate Highway System. The White House is projecting that the investments will add, on average, about 2 million jobs per year over the coming decade.” [Associated Press, [11/6/21](#)]
- **CNN: Experts Agreed The Infrastructure Spending Was “Sorely Needed To Ensure Safe Travel” And “Efficient Transport Of Goods And Produce.”** “Congress passed a \$1.2 trillion infrastructure package Friday, approving a signature part of President Joe Biden's economic agenda. It will deliver \$550 billion of new federal investments in America's infrastructure over five years, touching everything from bridges and roads to the nation's broadband, water and energy systems. Experts say the money is sorely needed to ensure safe travel, as well as the efficient transport of goods and produce across the country. The nation's infrastructure system earned a C- score from the American Society of Civil Engineers earlier this year.” [CNN, [11/5/21](#)]
- **Washington Post: Infrastructure Spending Included \$16 Billion For “Major Projects That Are Too Large Or Complex For Traditional Funding Programs.”** “The \$1.2 trillion infrastructure bill adopted late Friday creates a multibillion-dollar fund to spur the type of complicated, ambitious projects that have been stymied by decades of tentative investment and inattention from Washington. Modern-day equivalents of megaprojects like the Hoover Dam can benefit broad

swaths of the United States, but infrastructure experts say they have often stagnated. [...] Among the projects that could see a boost: the Gateway rail project, a vast plan to expand capacity for train traffic between New York and New Jersey; and a long-delayed effort to replace the outmoded Brent Spence Bridge connecting Kentucky and Ohio, which is one of the nation's worst bottlenecks. [...] The infrastructure bill includes about \$16 billion for 'major projects that are too large or complex for traditional funding programs,' but that have big economic benefits, according to the White House." [Washington Post, [11/6/21](#)]

- **Bipartisan Infrastructure Deal Would Provide \$110 Billion For Repairs To Highways, Bridges, And Roads.** "The bill would provide \$110 billion to repair the nation's aging highways, bridges and roads. According to the White House, 173,000 total miles or nearly 280,000 kilometers of America's highways and major roads and 45,000 bridges are in poor condition. And the almost \$40 billion for bridges is the single largest dedicated bridge investment since the construction of the national highway system, according to the Biden administration." [Associated Press, [11/6/21](#)]
- **Axios: The Infrastructure Bill Included \$65 Billion For "Building High-Speed Internet Networks, Helping Low-Income Families Pay For Service And Digital Equity Programs."** "The infrastructure bill heading to President Biden's desk includes \$65 billion to improve high-speed internet access and affordability. [...] By the numbers: The funding is aimed towards building high-speed internet networks, helping low-income families pay for service and digital equity programs. \$42.45 billion in grants to states for broadband projects, which can range from network deployment to data collection to help determine areas that lack service. \$14.2 billion to provide a \$30-a-month voucher to low-income Americans to pay for internet service. It will replace the current \$50-a-month Emergency Broadband Benefit program, offering less money monthly, but increasing the number of those eligible. \$2.75 billion for digital inclusion and equity projects, such as improving digital literacy or online skills for seniors. \$2 billion each for a rural broadband construction program called ReConnect, run by USDA, and to the Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program run by the Commerce Department's National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA). \$1 billion to build so-called 'middle mile' infrastructure to connect local providers to larger internet access points. \$600 million for private activity bonds to finance broadband deployment projects in rural areas." [Axios, [11/8/21](#)]
- **The Infrastructure Bill Included \$1.75 Billion To Increase The Accessibility Of Transit Systems.** "A \$1.75 billion fund in the infrastructure package will aim to guarantee that transit stations are accessible, decades after campaigns by disability rights activists to demand lifts on buses helped to spur passage of the Americans With Disabilities Act. Almost a fifth of transit stations were not fully accessible in 2019, according to the most recent Federal Transit Administration data. [...] The bill also includes language about Amtrak, requiring that a person with disabilities be appointed to the railroad's board and mandating spending on accessibility, which Duckworth said helped show that accessibility was a national issue and not only an urban concern. About 25 million people in the United States report having a disability that limits their transportation options, and the Labor Department attributes lower rates of employment among people with disabilities, in part, to those obstacles. People with disabilities are almost twice as likely as others to use public transit to get around, according to the Transportation Department." [Washington Post, [11/6/21](#)]

- **Bipartisan Infrastructure Deal Would Invest \$44 Billion On Water And Wastewater Infrastructure, Including \$15 Billion To Replace Lead Pipes And \$10 Billion To Address PFAS Water Contamination.** “The legislation would spend \$55 billion on water and wastewater infrastructure. It has \$15 billion to replace lead pipes and \$10 billion to address water contamination from polyfluoroalkyl substances — chemicals that were used in the production of Teflon and have also been used in firefighting foam, water-repellent clothing and many other items.” [Associated Press, [11/6/21](#)]
- **Bipartisan Infrastructure Deal Would Invest \$65 Billion To Improve The Reliability Of The Power Grid And Boost Clean Power Generation.** “To protect against the power outages that have become more frequent in recent years, the bill would spend \$65 billion to improve the reliability and resiliency of the power grid. It would also boost carbon capture technologies and more environmentally friendly electricity sources like clean hydrogen.” [Associated Press, [11/6/21](#)]
- **Bipartisan Infrastructure Deal Would Invest \$7.5 Billion In Electrical Vehicle Charging Stations And \$5 Billion In Electric And Hybrid School Buses.** “The bill would spend \$7.5 billion for electric vehicle charging stations, which the administration says are critical to accelerating the use of electric vehicles to curb climate change. It would also provide \$5 billion for the purchase of electric school buses and hybrids, reducing reliance on school buses that run on diesel fuel.” [Associated Press, [11/6/21](#)]
- **Bipartisan Infrastructure Deal Would Invest \$66 Billion In Amtrak, The Largest Federal Investment In The Service Since Its Founding.** “To reduce Amtrak’s maintenance backlog, which has worsened since Superstorm Sandy nine years ago, the bill would provide \$66 billion to improve the rail service’s Northeast Corridor (457 miles, 735 km), as well as other routes. It’s less than the \$80 billion Biden — who famously rode Amtrak from Delaware to Washington during his time in the Senate — originally asked for, but it would be the largest federal investment in passenger rail service since Amtrak was founded 50 years ago.” [Associated Press, [11/6/21](#)]
- **Bipartisan Infrastructure Deal Would Invest \$25 Billion In Airport Improvements.** “The bill would spend \$25 billion to improve runways, gates and taxiways at airports and to improve terminals. It would also improve aging air traffic control towers.” [Associated Press, [11/6/21](#)]
- **Bipartisan Infrastructure Deal Would Be Funded Through Unspent Pandemic Relief, Unused Federal Unemployment Insurance, And An “Array Of Smaller Pots Of Money.”** “The five-year spending package would be paid for by tapping \$210 billion in unspent COVID-19 relief aid and \$53 billion in unemployment insurance aid some states have halted, along with an array of smaller pots of money, like petroleum reserve sales and spectrum auctions for 5G services.” [Associated Press, [11/6/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For Grants For Projects That Provide Or Improve High-Speed Broadband Service. In November 2021 Salazar voted for: “Pappas, D-N.H., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would allow the Commerce Department to provide grants for projects to improve high-speed broadband service. It would make public-private entities and consortiums formed for the purpose

of providing, extending, expanding or improving high-speed broadband service eligible for the grants. Among other provisions, it would require the department, in reviewing grant applications, to request information from other federal agencies regarding existing levels of broadband service in a project's proposed service areas; require grant recipients to vest any property acquired or improved with grant funds in a public partner or nonprofit for the life of the project; and allow the department to provide credit toward the nonfederal share of project costs." The motion was agreed to by a vote of 410-16. [H.R. 3193, [Vote #Vote #361](#), 11/4/21; CQ, [11/4/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For Extending Funding And Authorities For Federal Surface Transport Programs Through December 03, 2021. In October 2021, Salazar voted for: "DeFazio, D-Ore., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would extend through Dec. 3, 2021, funding and authorities for federal surface transportation programs, including highway, public transit, rail and safety and research programs that were previously extended to expire on Oct. 31. It would continue extended authorizations through Dec. 3 for programs funded by the highway and mass transit accounts of the Highway Trust Fund in amounts proportional to amounts authorized for such programs in fiscal 2021. It would extend expenditure authority for the fund through Dec. 4. It would require any federal employees furloughed in the case of a trust fund expenditure lapse to be paid for the period of the lapse. It would also extend through Dec. 4 expiring authorities for Sport Fish Restoration and Boating and Leaking Underground Storage Tank trust fund expenditures. Upon enactment of the bipartisan infrastructure package (HR 3684), it would rescind any duplicate contract authority provided by the bill." The motion was agreed to by a vote of 358-59. [HR 5763, [Vote #Vote #339](#), 10/27/21; CQ, [10/28/21](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Considering 3 Resolutions, The 2022 Budget Resolution, The John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act, And The Bipartisan Infrastructure Package. In August 2021 Salazar voted against: "Adoption of the rule (H Res 601) that would provide for House floor consideration of the fiscal 2022 budget resolution (S Con Res 14), the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act (HR 4) and the bipartisan infrastructure package (HR 3684). The rule would provide for automatic agreement, upon adoption of the rule, to the fiscal 2022 budget resolution (S Con Res 14). It would provide for up to one hour of general debate each on HR 4 and on a motion to concur in the Senate amendment to HR 3684. It would require the House to consider the motion to concur in the Senate amendment to HR 3684 on Sept. 27, 2021, if the motion is not offered prior to that date. It would also provide for automatic adoption of a Nadler, D-N.Y., manager's amendment to HR 4 that would, among other provisions, clarify and expand considerations related to court evaluation of voting rights violations, including to require that courts consider whether a voting practice was designed to and does advance a "valid and substantiated" state interest. The manager's amendment would specify that a provision related to violations in the case of voting practices that have not yet been implemented would apply to practices enacted on or after Jan. 1, 2021, and it would add an "administrative bailout" provision allowing political subdivisions to apply for exemptions to the bill's preclearance requirements for changes to voting practices if they meet certain eligibility standards related to not implementing discriminatory practices in the previous 10 years." The rule was adopted by a vote of 220-212. [H Res 601, [Vote #Vote #258](#), 8/24/21; CQ, [8/24/21](#)]

Salazar Voted Against The INVEST In America Act, Containing More Than \$720 Billion In Surface Transportation And Water Infrastructure Spending. In July 2021, Salazar voted against: "Passage of the bill, as amended, that would authorize more than \$720 billion in surface transportation and water

infrastructure spending. It would reauthorize federal-aid highway, public transit, rail, and surface transportation safety and research programs for five years, through fiscal 2026, and reauthorize various water infrastructure programs for five or ten years. As amended, the bill would additionally authorize more than \$36 billion through fiscal 2026 for activities related to electric vehicle infrastructure, access and manufacturing. It would authorize more than \$548 billion through fiscal 2026 for federal surface transportation programs, including \$333 billion for federal-aid highway programs; \$109 billion for transit programs; and \$96 billion for rail programs. It would establish requirements for many new and existing surface transportation programs to consider the environmental and equity impacts of funded activities. It would require the Transportation Department to establish a number of grant programs for project-level investments, including for carbon pollution reduction projects to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the surface transportation system; development of electric vehicle charging and hydrogen fueling infrastructure; separation or elimination of highway-rail crossings; extreme weather resilience and mitigation improvements; activities to reconnect neighborhoods by removing or remediating the effects of transportation infrastructure construction in disadvantaged and underserved communities. It would authorize \$12 billion for a new program to support large highway, transit, and rail projects of national and regional significance. It would modify a transit grant program to require the procurement of zero-emission buses and other vehicles. Within the total for rail funding, it would authorize \$32 billion for Amtra; \$25 billion for a new program to fund improvements to major intercity passenger rail bridges, stations, and tunnels grant; \$7 billion for passenger and freight rail infrastructure and safety improvement grants; and up to \$20 million annually to establish a university innovation institute to research and develop low- and zero-emission rail technologies. It would establish an independent nonprofit known as the Clean Energy and Sustainability Accelerator to facilitate the deployment of emissions reduction technologies, requiring the Energy Department to transfer \$50 billion to the accelerator upon establishment and \$10 billion annually for the subsequent five years. The bill would authorize more than \$117.5 billion for drinking water infrastructure and \$54.4 billion for wastewater treatment infrastructure over ten years. It would authorize \$53 billion through 2031 for the EPA Drinking Water State Revolving Fund, which provides grants to states to provide loans and other financial assistance to public water systems, and increase the maximum percentage of such funding states may use to assist disadvantaged communities. It would authorize \$4.5 billion annually through fiscal 2031 for grants to states to replace lead service lines; \$4 billion available until expended for a low-income drinking water assistance program. It would authorize \$40 billion through fiscal 2026 for the EPA Clean Water State Revolving Fund, which provides grants to states to provide loans and other financial assistance related to water treatment infrastructure projects. It would authorize \$4 billion for a low-income wastewater assistance program, available until expended. It would authorize \$2.6 billion to improve water sanitation facilities funded by the Indian Health Service. It would authorize \$500 million annually through fiscal 2031 for community water system PFAS treatment grants. It would require the EPA to set national primary drinking water regulations for contaminants including per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances, microcystin toxin, chromium-6 and 1,4-dioxane.” The bill passed 221 to 201. [HR 3684, [Vote #Vote #208](#), 7/1/21; CQ, [7/1/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For An Amendment Authorizing States To Audit High Occupancy Vehicle Facilities 10 Years After Construction. In June 2021, Salazar voted for: “Van Duyne, R-Texas, amendment no. 108 that would authorize states, if the Transportation Department determines appropriate, to conduct a review of a high occupancy vehicle facility 10 years after its construction, and to remove such a facility

and repay any associated funds.” The amendment was accepted 230 to 178. [HR 3684, [Vote #Vote #204](#), 6/30/21; CQ, [6/30/21](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Blocking H. Res. 179, Redirecting \$140 Million In California Transportation Funding To Mental Health And Suicide Prevention. In March 2021, Salazar voted against: “Agreeing to the Morelle, D-N.Y., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 179) that would provide for House floor consideration of the For the People Act (HR 1) and the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act (HR 1280).” According to the Congressional Record, Rep. Cole said, “If we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to immediately adopt H. Res. 178, an engrossment correction to strike funding in the budget reconciliation bill for the Pelosi subway tunnel in California and instead direct the \$140 million to support mental health and suicide prevention in States where children do not have the option of in-person instruction in school.” **A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the bill.** The motion was agreed to by a vote of 220-201. [H Res 179, [Vote #Vote #50](#), 3/1/21; CQ, [3/1/21](#)]

Labor and Working Family

Salazar Voted For Considering Small Business Subcontractor Use As A Significant Factor In Evaluating Federal Contract Offers. In June 2022 Salazar voted for: “Velazquez, D-N.Y., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would require federal agencies to consider the extent to which a potential contractor plans to use small businesses as subcontractors as a significant factor in evaluating offers for federal contracts that are required to include a subcontracting plan.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 411-11. [H.R. 7694, [Vote #Vote #252](#), 6/8/22; CQ, [6/8/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For An Annual Small Business Administration Report On Women-Owned Small Businesses. In June 2022 Salazar voted for: “Velazquez, D-N.Y., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would require the Small Business Administration to submit an annual report to Congress on small businesses owned and controlled by women, including the total number of businesses certified as women-owned small businesses; the amount of fees charged by each national certifying entity for such certification; the total dollar amount and percentage of prime federal contracts awarded to such businesses, including those owned by women who are economically disadvantaged or who are underrepresented in their industries; and the number of recertification examinations conducted.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 402-19. [H.R. 7670, [Vote #Vote #251](#), 6/8/22; CQ, [6/8/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Small Business Assistance For Hiring Career And Technical Education Graduates. In June 2022 Salazar voted for: “Velazquez, D-N.Y., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would require small business development centers and women’s business centers to assist small businesses in hiring graduates from career and technical education programs and assist graduates of such programs in starting small businesses.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 399-18. [H.R. 7664, [Vote #Vote #250](#), 6/8/22; CQ, [6/8/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Small Business Development Center Pre-Apprenticeship And Job Training Programs. In June 2022 Salazar voted for: “Velazquez, D-N.Y., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would require small business development centers to provide information and assistance, including by disseminating relevant information from the Labor Department and other federal agencies,

to help small businesses establish and improve work-based learning opportunities and registered apprenticeship, pre-apprenticeship and job training programs.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 368-52. [H.R. 7622, [Vote #Vote #249](#), 6/8/22; CQ, [6/8/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For A Federal Contract Preference For HUBZone Participants Under The Historically Underutilized Business Zone Program. In June 2022 Salazar voted for: “Velazquez, D-N.Y., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would specify that price-evaluation preference provisions under the Small Business Administration's Historically Underutilized Business Zone program apply to unrestricted order or ‘task order’ contracts. The provisions establish a preference for federal contracting bids by HUBZone participants.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 359-61. [H.R. 5879, [Vote #Vote #248](#), 6/8/22; CQ, [6/8/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For A 10-Year Statute Of Limitations For Economic Injury Disaster Loan Fraud. In June 2022 Salazar voted for: “Velazquez, D-N.Y., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (HR 7334) that would establish a uniform 10-year statute of limitations for criminal or civil enforcement action alleging that a borrower engaged in fraud relating to loans or advances under the Small Business Administration’s Economic Injury Disaster Loan program.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 416-3. [H.R. 7334, [Vote #Vote #247](#), 6/8/22; CQ, [6/8/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For A 10-Year Statute Of Limitations For Paycheck Protection Program Loan Fraud. In June 2022 Salazar voted for: “Velazquez, D-N.Y., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would establish a uniform 10-year statute of limitations for criminal or civil enforcement action alleging that a borrower engaged in fraud relating to loans under the Small Business Administration’s Paycheck Protection Program.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 421-0. [H.R. 7352, [Vote #Vote #246](#), 6/8/22; CQ, [6/8/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Expanding Federal Workers Compensation Claim Coverage To Include Services Provided By Nurse Practitioners And Physician Assistants. In June 2022 Salazar voted for: “Courtney, D-Conn., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would make services provided by a nurse practitioner or physician assistant eligible for reimbursement with respect to a federal workers' compensation claim.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 325-83. [H.R. 6087, [Vote #Vote #233](#), 6/7/22; CQ, [6/7/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For The Access To Baby Formula Act To Allow Increased Formula Purchases By Low Income Women Who Receive WIC Benefits. In May 2022 Salazar voted for: “Scott, D-Va., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would allow the Agriculture Department to waive administrative requirements for state agencies administering the supplemental nutrition program for women, infants and children (WIC) if the requirements cannot be met during and for up to 60 days after the end of a national emergency or disaster period or a supply chain disruption. It would specifically allow waivers in the case of a supply chain disruption to allow vendors to substitute unavailable products with others that are normally not eligible under the program, waive maximum monthly allowances for infant formula and waive medical documentation requirements for non-contract formula. It would also require states’ infant formula contracts for the WIC program to include remedies in the event of a formula recall, including how the manufacturer would protect against disruption to program participants.” The bill passed by a vote of 414-9. [H.R. 7791, [Vote #Vote #218](#), 5/18/22; CQ, [5/18/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Requiring Health Care And Social Service Industry Employers To Implement Comprehensive Workplace Violence Prevention Plans. In April 2021, Salazar voted for: “Passage of the bill that would require health care and social service industry employers to develop and implement comprehensive workplace violence prevention plans. It would require the Occupational Safety and Health Administration to issue a final standard for such plans, based on 2015 OSHA guidelines, within 42 months of enactment and require employers to develop and implement such plans within six months of the final standard being issued. It would require workplace violence prevention plans to include certain procedures for reporting, responding to, and mitigating risks of incidents of workplace violence, including for employers to investigate and take corrective actions in response to violent incidents. It would require employers to investigate any workplace violence incident, risk, or hazard ‘as soon as practicable.’ It would also require employers to develop and implement plans with participation from employees and employee representatives; provide annual training to employees exposed to workplace violence hazards and risks; and maintain records related to workplace violence plans, incidents, and response for at least five years. The bill's provisions would apply to employers of individuals working in most health care facilities, including hospitals, nursing homes, and drug abuse treatment centers, as well as employers of individuals providing related services, including home-based health care or social work and emergency services.” The bill passed 254 to 166. [HR 1195, [Vote #Vote #118](#), 4/16/21; CQ, [4/16/21](#)]

Salazar Voted Against The PRO Act Expanding Authorities Of The National Labor Relations Board And Protecting Collective Bargaining Rights. In March 2021, Salazar voted against: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would expand enforcement authorities of the National Labor Relations Board and modify procedures by which employees may unionize and elect representation under federal labor law. The bill would authorize the NLRB to enforce any orders it issues and to impose a number of civil monetary penalties, including penalties of up to \$50,000 against employers who prevent or punish organizing activities by employees. It would require the NLRB to seek temporary injunctions against employers charged with engaging in unfair labor practices and allow employees to bring civil action if the board fails to seek an injunction. It would outline a number of procedures by which employees may petition for and elect representation for collective bargaining through an election directed by the NLRB. It would require the NLRB to schedule pre-election hearings within eight days of a petition being filed; prohibit employers from certain interference or participation in such elections; and require the NLRB to certify and order the employer to engage in collective bargaining with an elected labor organization. It would outline procedures for initial collective bargaining between an employer and a union, including to provide for federal mediation services if an agreement is not reached 90 days after the bargaining begins and referral to an arbitration panel if an agreement is not reached in an additional 30 days. Among other provisions, the bill would prohibit employers from taking certain retaliatory actions against employees who participate in a strike, including permanently replacing or discriminating against such employees. It would specify that employees' right to strike is protected regardless of the duration, scope, frequency, or intermittence of the strike. It would modify definitions of ‘employee’ and ‘supervisor,’ particularly to narrow the classification of independent contractors and supervisors, two categories of employees not eligible for collective bargaining. It would also authorize the use of collective bargaining agreements that require employees to pay fees to a labor organization as a condition of employment.” The bill passed by a vote of 225-206. [HR 842, [Vote #Vote #70](#), 3/9/21; CQ, [3/9/21](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Requiring Union Elections To Be Held Electronically And Providing Whistleblower Protections To Employees Who Report Labor Law Violations. In March 2021, Salazar voted against: “Scott, D-Va., en bloc amendments no. 1 that would, among other provisions, require the National Labor Relations Board to implement a system and procedures to conduct union representation elections remotely using an electronic voting system; direct the National Labor Relations Board to promulgate regulations requiring employers to provide notices informing each new employee of their employee rights and protections in a language spoken by the employee; provide whistleblower protections to employees, including those employed by labor unions, who report violations of the 1959 federal labor law related to employer relations with labor organizations; and require arbitration panels settling disputes in initial collective bargaining agreements under the bill's provisions to render a decision ‘as soon as practicable’ and within 120 days, absent ‘extraordinary circumstances’ or agreement of the parties.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 227 - 196. [HR 842, [Vote #Vote #67](#), 3/9/21; CQ, [3/9/21](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Removing Provisions To Prohibit Employers From Replacing Employees On Strike And Enforcing Unions That Require Dues From All Employees. In March 2021, Salazar voted against: “Scott, D-Va., en bloc amendments no. 2 that would, among provisions, strike a provision providing for the enforcement of collective bargaining agreements that require all employees to contribute fees to a labor organization notwithstanding any state or territorial laws to the contrary; require unions to receive annual written consent from an employee before using his or her union dues for purposes other than collective bargaining; and strike a provision that would make it illegal for employers to permanently replace workers participating in a strike.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 185 - 243. [HR 842, [Vote #Vote #68](#), 3/9/21; CQ, [3/9/21](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Requiring Applicants For Labor Department Apprenticeship Programs “To Be Part Of An Industry Or Sector Partnership Or To Partner With A Labor Or Joint Labor Management Organization.” In February 2021, Salazar voted against: “Hill, R-Ark., amendment no. 10 that would modify an eligibility requirement for Labor Department apprenticeship program grants to require applicants, to the extent practical, to be part of an industry or sector partnership or to partner with a labor or joint labor management organization, as opposed to both.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 236 to 186. [H. R. 447, [Vote #Vote #29](#), 2/5/21; CQ, [2/5/21](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Amending Labor Department Apprenticeship Programs. In February 2021, Salazar voted against: “Stefanik, R-N.Y., amendment no. 22 that would replace the text of the bill to add or modify a number of provisions. Among other provisions, it would authorize additional work-based learning programs, strike the establishment of a Labor Department advisory committee on apprenticeships, and strike an interagency agreement with the Education Department to ‘promote and support’ the integration and alignment of national apprenticeship system programs with educational institutions. It would also increase ‘flexibility’ for the state plan process related to how the national apprenticeship system aligns with state workforce and education activities.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 245 to 175. [H. R. 447, [Vote #Vote #30](#), 2/5/21; CQ, [2/5/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For Reauthorizing And Expanding The Labor Department’s National Apprenticeship System. In February 2021, Salazar voted for: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would reauthorize and expand programs and activities under the Labor Department national apprenticeship system,

authorizing a total of \$3.9 billion for program administration and grants to apprenticeship programs. It would largely codify apprenticeship program standards and expand the system to include pre-apprenticeship and youth apprenticeship programs. It would authorize a total of \$350 million through fiscal 2026 for the formal establishment of a Labor Department office of apprenticeship to oversee the national apprenticeship system, as well as for program research and evaluation and the establishment of an apprenticeship advisory committee. Through fiscal 2026, it would authorize a total of \$70 million for the Labor Department to carry out an agreement with the Education Department to support integration and alignment of the national apprenticeship system with the education system; \$475 million for state apprenticeship agencies; and \$3 billion for grants and agreements to support apprenticeship programs, including to expand programs in nontraditional apprenticeship industries and high-need social service industries and programs targeting individuals with barriers to employment. It would require state apprenticeship agencies and grant recipients to match 25% of federal funds received. It would establish a number of apprenticeship program quality standards; requirements for registration, planning and implementation of programs by states; and requirements for occupations to be approved as 'apprenticeable occupations' within the national apprenticeship system. It would require the national office of apprenticeship to oversee such standards; establish and provide technical assistance to state offices of apprenticeship; and promote diversity within the system through recruitment, employment and retention of nontraditional apprenticeship participants, industries and occupations." The bill passed 247 to 173. [H. R. 447, [Vote #Vote #31](#), 2/5/21; CQ, [2/5/21](#)]

LGBT

Salazar Voted For The Respect For Marriage Act To Codify The Right To Marry For Same-Sex And Interracial Couples. In July 2022 Salazar voted for: "Passage of the bill that would codify the right to marry, regardless of sexual orientation or race. Specifically, it would prohibit any person acting under color of state law from denying full faith and credit to, or any rights based on, a marriage between two individuals on the basis of the individuals' sex, race, ethnicity or national origin. It would allow the U.S. attorney general or a harmed individual to bring a civil action in U.S. district court for declaratory and injunctive relief against an individual who violates these provisions. The bill would also replace the current federal definition of marriage, which defines marriage as a union between one man and one woman, to define a marriage as valid if it is valid in the place where the marriage was entered into and would be considered valid in a U.S. state." The bill passed by a vote of 267-157. [H.R. 8404, [Vote #Vote #373](#), 7/19/22; CQ, [7/19/22](#)]

- **The Respect For Marriage Act Repealed The Defense Of Marriage Act.** "The House on Tuesday passed the Respect for Marriage Act, which would protect marriage equality by repealing the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) and providing federal protections for same-sex and interracial couples. The bill passed 267-157, with 47 Republicans joining every Democrat voting in favor of the bill. Congressional Democrats mounted the legislative response this week to a concurring opinion by Justice Clarence Thomas suggesting that Supreme Court decisions involving access to contraception and same-sex marriage should be reconsidered, with lawmakers holding votes on a pair of bills that aim to address concerns that more rights could be rolled back. While the Supreme Court struck down sections of DOMA in U.S. v. Windsor and Obergefell v. Hodges, the law still remains on the books." [CBS News, [7/19/22](#)]

- **HEADLINE: “House Moves To Protect Same-Sex Marriage From Supreme Court Reversal.”**
[New York Times, [7/19/22](#)]
- **June 2022: Justice Thomas Wrote The U.S. Supreme Court Should “Reconsider” To “Correct The Error” In All “Substantive Due Process Precedents, Including Griswold, Lawrence, And Obergefell.”** “For that reason, in future cases, we should reconsider all of this Court’s substantive due process precedents, including *Griswold*, *Lawrence*, and *Obergefell*. Because any substantive due process decision is ‘demonstrably erroneous,’ *Ramos v. Louisiana*, 590 U. S. ___, ___ (2020) (THOMAS, J., concurring in judgment) (slip op., at 7), we have a duty to ‘correct the error’ established in those precedents, *Gamble v. United States*, 587 U. S. ___, ___ (2019) (THOMAS, J., concurring) (slip op., at 9). After overruling these demonstrably erroneous decisions, the question would remain whether other constitutional provisions guarantee the myriad rights that our substantive due process cases have generated. For example, we could consider whether any of the rights announced in this Court’s substantive due process cases are ‘privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States’ protected by the Fourteenth Amendment.” [U.S. Supreme Court, *Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization*, Justice Thomas Concurring, [6/24/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Considering The Respect For Marriage Act, A Six-Bill Appropriations Minibus Package, And The Right To Contraception Act. In July 2022 Salazar voted against: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 1232) that would provide for one hour of general debate on each bill, provide for automatic adoption of a manager's amendment to HR 8373 and make 190 amendments in order to HR 8294. The rule would provide for automatic adoption of the Pallone, D-N.J., manager's amendment to HR 8373 that would, among other provisions, specify that the bill's definition of "contraceptive" includes biological products and is limited to products legally marketed under existing Food and Drug Administration regulations; clarify the bill's definition of "health care provider" to state that providers must be authorized by the state to provide health care services; specify that the bill may not be construed to sanction sterilization procedures without a patient's informed consent; and make technical changes. The rule would also provide for automatic agreement, upon adoption of the rule, to a resolution (H Res 1230) that would modify standing House rules for the 117th Congress to allow a rule to be called up for floor consideration when the text has been made available to members prior to the convening of the legislative day; allow motions to suspend the rules to be considered on any day of the week; and allow for proxy voting in the Committee of the Whole House, thus allowing delegates and the resident commissioner of Puerto Rico to vote by proxy on amendments. Finally, the rule would authorize, through the legislative day of Thursday, July 21, 2022, non-debatable motions by the majority leader or a designee to suspend the rules and consider, en bloc, measures considered under suspension of the rules on Monday, July 18, 2022.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 219-200. [H.Res. 1232, [Vote #Vote #366](#), 7/19/22; CQ, [7/19/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Imposing Visa Sanctions Banning Entry To Foreign Individuals Who Are Responsible For, Or Complicit In, The Denial Of Human Rights Based On Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity, or Sex Characteristics. In February 2022 Salazar voted for: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would impose visa sanctions on foreign individuals responsible for or complicit in the denial of human rights based on a person's actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity or sex characteristics, making such individuals and their immediate family members ineligible for entry into the United States. It would require the president, within 180 days of enactment and biannually thereafter, to

submit to Congress a list of individuals determined to be subject to the ban. It would require the State Department to report annually to Congress on implementation of the sanctions, including changes to the list, and any efforts by the president to coordinate with foreign countries to impose similar sanctions. It would also require the department to designate one or more officers responsible for tracking violence and the denial of human rights based on actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity or sex characteristics in foreign countries, and to include related information in its annual report on human rights practices.” Passed by a vote of 227-206. [HR 3485, [Vote #Vote #43](#), 2/9/22; CQ, [2/9/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Requiring Financial Institutions To Keep Data Regarding Small Business Loan Applications By LGBTQ-Owned Businesses To Ensure Fair Lending Practices. In June 2021, Salazar Voted For: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would require financial institutions to solicit and maintain data regarding small business loan applications by LGBTQ-owned businesses, for the purpose of facilitating enforcement of fair lending laws and enabling communities, government entities and creditors to identify the needs of and opportunities for such businesses.” The bill passed, 252-176. [HR 1443, [Vote #Vote #182](#), 6/24/21; CQ, [6/24/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For A Bill That Required Financial Institutions To Keep Track Of Small Business Loan Applications By LGBTQ-Owned Businesses. In June 2021, Salazar voted for: “Waters, D-Calif., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would require financial institutions to solicit and maintain data regarding small business loan applications by LGBTQ-owned businesses, for the purpose of facilitating enforcement of fair lending laws and enabling communities, government entities and creditors to identify the needs of and opportunities for such businesses.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 248 to 177. [H R 1443, [Vote #Vote #162](#), 6/15/21; CQ, [6/15/21](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Passage Of The Equality Act, Which Would Prohibit Discrimination Or Segregation Based On Sex, Sexual Orientation And Gender Identity. In February 2021, Salazar voted against: “Passage of the bill that would prohibit discrimination or segregation based on sex, sexual orientation and gender identity under 1964 Civil Rights Act protections, including in public facilities, public education, federal assistance programs, employment, jury service and areas of public accommodation. It would expand the definition of ‘public accommodations’ to include transportation services and any establishment providing a good, service or program -- including retailers, health care facilities and legal services. The bill would define ‘gender identity’ as ‘gender-related identity, appearance, mannerisms or other gender-related characteristics of an individual,’ regardless of designated sex at birth. It would also allow the Justice Department to intervene in equal protection cases regarding sexual orientation and gender identity.” The bill passed 224-206. [HR 5, [Vote #Vote #39](#), 2/25/21; CQ, [2/25/21](#)]

Military Personnel

Salazar Voted Against An Amendment That Would Strengthen Servicemember Consumer Protections Related To Medical Debt And Credit Reporting. In September 2021, Salazar voted against: “Tlaib, D-Mich., amendment no. 11 that would strengthen servicemember consumer protections with regard to medical debt collections and credit reporting, including by prohibiting the collection of medical debt for two years after a first payment is due and prohibiting debt arising from medically necessary

procedures from ever appearing on servicemember credit reports.” The amendment was adopted 222 to 203. [HR 4350, [Vote #Vote #271](#), 9/22/21; CQ, [9/23/21](#)]

Motions To Recommit Without Instructions

Salazar Voted For Recommitting The Community Services Block Grant Modernization Act To The House Education And Labor Committee. In May 2022, Salazar voted for: “Walberg, R-Mich., motion to recommit the bill to the House Education and Labor Committee.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 201-216. [H.R. 5129, [Vote #Vote #181](#), 5/13/22; CQ, [5/13/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Recommitting The Rights For The TSA Workforce Act To The House Homeland Security Committee. In May 2022, Salazar voted for: “Gooden, R-Texas, motion to recommit the bill to the House Homeland Security Committee.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 205-216. [H.R. 903, [Vote #Vote #171](#), 5/12/22; CQ, [5/12/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Recommitting The Marijuana Opportunity Reinvestment and Expungement Act To The House Judiciary Committee. In April 2022, Salazar voted for: “Latta, R-Ohio, motion to recommit the bill to the House Judiciary Committee.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 202-220. [H.R. 3617, [Vote #Vote #106](#), 4/1/22; CQ, [4/1/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Recommitting The Affordable Insulin Now Act To The Energy And Commerce, Ways And Means, And Education And Labor Committees. In March 2022, Salazar voted for: “Bucshon, R-Ind., motion to recommit the bill to the House Energy and Commerce, Ways and Means and Education and Labor Committees.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 197-225. [H.R. 6833, [Vote #Vote #101](#), 3/31/22; CQ, [3/31/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Recommitting The Suspending Energy Imports from Russia Act To The House Ways And Means Committee. In March 2022, Salazar voted for: “Brady, R-Texas., motion to recommit the bill to the House Ways and Means Committee.” The motion rejected by a vote of 208-223. [H.R. 6968, [Vote #Vote #69](#), 3/9/22; CQ, [3/9/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For A Motion To Recommit Automatic Veteran Healthcare Enrollment To Committee. In January 2022 Salazar voted for: “Bost R-Ill., motion to recommit the bill to the House Veterans' Affairs Committee.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 206-221. [H.R. 4673, [Vote #Vote #13](#), 1/20/22; CQ, [1/20/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Recommitting The Guard and Reserve GI Bill Parity Act To The Veterans' Affairs Committee. In January 2022, Salazar voted for: “Fitzgerald R-Wis., motion to recommit the bill to the House Veterans' Affairs Committee.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 204-219. [HR 1836, [Vote #Vote #5](#), 1/12/22; CQ, [1/12/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Recommitting The Protecting Our Democracy Act To The House Oversight And Reform Committee. In December 2021, Salazar voted for: “Davis, R-Ill., motion to recommit the bill to the House Oversight and Reform Committee.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 212-217. [HR 5314, [Vote #Vote #439](#), 12/09/21; CQ, [12/09/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For A Motion To Recommit H.R. 6119 To Extend Government Funding Through February 18, 2022 . In December 2021 Salazar voted for: “Calvert, R-Calif., motion to recommit the fiscal 2022 further continuing resolution to the House Appropriations Committee.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 211-219. [H.R. 6119, [Vote #Vote #398](#), 12/2/21; CQ, [12/2/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For A Motion To Recommit The ‘Build Back Better’ Budget To The House Budget Committee. In November 2021 Salazar voted for: “Brady, R-Texas, motion to recommit the bill to the House Budget Committee.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 208-220. [HR 5376, [Vote #Vote #384](#), 11/19/21; CQ, [11/19/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For The Motion To Recommit On Expanded Employer Requirements For Breastfeeding Accommodations. In October 2021 Salazar voted for: “Van Duyne, R-Texas, motion to recommit the bill to the House Education and Labor Committee.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 200-224. [H.R. 3110, [Vote #Vote #330](#), 10/22/21; CQ, [10/22/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For A Motion To Recommit HR 4, The John Lewis Voting Rights Act. In August 2021 Salazar voted for: “Davis, R-Ill., motion to recommit the bill to the House Judiciary Committee.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 212-218. [H R 4, [Vote #Vote #259](#), 8/24/21; CQ, [8/24/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For A Motion To Recommit HR 4502, Making Appropriations For The Department Of Labor, Health And Human Services, And Education, And Related Agencies Through September 30th, 2022. In July 2021, Salazar voted for: “Cole, R-Okla., motion to recommit the bill to the House Appropriations Committee.” The motion was rejected, 208-217. [HR 4502, [Vote #Vote #246](#), 7/29/21; CQ, [7/29/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For A Motion To Recommit HR 4373, The Appropriations For The Department Of State, Foreign Operations, And Related Programs For The Fiscal Year 2022. In July 2021, Salazar voted for: “Gonzales, R-Texas, motion to recommit the bill to the House Appropriations Committee.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 207-217. [HR 4373, [Vote #Vote #242](#), 7/28/21; CQ, [7/28/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For A Motion To Recommit HR 4346, The Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2022. In July 2021, Salazar voted for: “Womack, R-Ark., motion to recommit the bill to the House Appropriations Committee.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 202-218. [HR 4346, [Vote #Vote #238](#), 7/28/21; CQ, [7/28/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For A Motion To Recommit HR 2467, The PFAS Action Act. In July 2021, Salazar voted for: “Crenshaw, R-Texas, motion to recommit the bill to the House Energy and Commerce Committee.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 204-218. [HR 2467, [Vote #Vote #216](#), 7/21/21; CQ, [7/21/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For A Motion To Recommit HR 2668, The Consumer Protection And Recovery Act. In July 2021, Salazar voted for: “Davis, R-Ill., motion to recommit the bill to the House Energy and Commerce Committee.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 207-217. [HR 2668, [Vote #Vote #213](#), 7/20/21; CQ, [7/20/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For A Motion To Recommit HR 3684, The INVEST In America Act. In July 2021, Salazar voted for: “Gibbs, R-Ohio, motion to recommit the bill to the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 202-217. [HR 3684, [Vote #Vote #207](#), 7/1/21; CQ, [7/1/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For A Motion To Recommit HR 256, To Repeal The Authorization For Use Of Military Force Against Iraq Resolution Of 2002. In June 2021, Salazar Voted For: “McCaul, R-Texas, motion to recommit the bill to the House Foreign Affairs Committee.” The motion was rejected, 204-219. [HR 256, [Vote #Vote #171](#), 6/17/21; CQ, [6/17/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For A Motion To Recommit HR 3237, Capitol Security Supplemental Appropriations. In May 2021, Salazar voted for: “Gonzales, R-Texas, motion to recommit the bill to the House Appropriations Committee.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 209-218. [H R 3237, [Vote #Vote #155](#), 5/20/21; CQ, [5/20/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For A Motion To Recommit HR 51, The Washington, D.C. Admission Act. In April 2021, Salazar voted for: “Griffith, R-Va., motion to recommit the bill to the House Oversight and Reform Committee.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 205-215. [HR 51, [Vote #Vote #131](#), 4/22/21; CQ, [4/22/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For A Motion To Recommit HR 1573, The Access to Counsel Act. In April 2021, Salazar voted for: “Issa, R-Calif., motion to recommit the bill to the House Judiciary Committee.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 209-215. [HR 1573, [Vote #Vote #128](#), 4/21/21; CQ, [4/21/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For A Motion To Recommit HR 1333, The NO BAN Act. In April 2021, Salazar voted for: “Wenstrup, R-Ohio., motion to recommit the bill to the House Judiciary Committee.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 208-216. [HR 1333, [Vote #Vote #126](#), 4/21/21; CQ, [4/21/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For A Motion To Recommit HR 1868, A Bill To Prevent Across-The-Board Direct Spending Cuts And For Other Purposes. In March 2021, Salazar voted for: “Smith, R-Mo., motion to recommit the bill to the House Budget Committee.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 202-216. [HR 1868, [Vote #Vote #95](#), 3/19/21; CQ, [3/19/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For A Motion To Recommit HR 1603, The Farm Workforce Modernization Act. In March 2021, Salazar voted for: “Fischbach, R-Minn., motion to recommit the bill to the House Judiciary Committee.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 204-218. [HR 1603, [Vote #Vote #92](#), 3/18/21; CQ, [3/18/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For A Motion To Recommit HR 6, The Dream Act. In March 2021, Salazar voted for: “Jordan, R-Ohio, motion to recommit the bill to the House Judiciary Committee.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 203-216. [HR 6, [Vote #Vote #90](#), 3/18/21; CQ, [3/18/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For A Motion To Recommit HR 1446, The Enhanced Background Checks Act Of 2021. In March 2021, Salazar voted for: “Hudson, R-N.C., motion to recommit the bill to the House Judiciary

Committee.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 206 - 212. [HR 1446, [Vote #Vote #76](#), 3/11/21; CQ, [3/11/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For A Motion To Recommit HR 8, The Bipartisan Background Checks Act. In March 2021, Salazar voted for: “Jordan, R-Ohio, motion to recommit the bill to the House Judiciary Committee.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 207-217. [HR 8, [Vote #Vote #74](#), 3/11/21; CQ, [3/11/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For A Motion To Recommit HR 842, The Protecting The Right To Organize (PRO) Act. In March 2021, Salazar voted for: “Banks, R-Ind., motion to recommit the bill to the House Education and Labor Committee.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 206 – 218. [HR 842, [Vote #Vote #69](#), 3/9/21; CQ, [3/9/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For A Motion To Recommit HR 1, The For the People Act. In March 2021, Salazar voted for: “Davis, R-Ill., motion to recommit the bill to the House Administration Committee.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 210 - 219. [HR 1, [Vote #Vote #61](#), 3/3/21; CQ, [3/3/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For A Motion To Recommit HR 1280, The George Floyd Justice in Policing Act. In March 2021, Salazar voted for: “Malliotakis, R-N.Y., motion to recommit the bill to the House Judiciary Committee.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 208 - 219. [HR 1280, [Vote #Vote #59](#), 3/3/21; CQ, [3/3/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For A Motion To Recommit The American Rescue Plan Act. In February 2021, Salazar voted for: “Hinson, R-Iowa, motion to recommit the bill to the House Budget Committee.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 205-218. [HR 1319, [Vote #Vote #48](#), 2/27/21; CQ, [2/27/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For A Motion To Recommit HR 803, The Protecting America’s Wilderness And Public Lands Act. In February 2021, Salazar voted for: “Westerman, R-Ark., motion to recommit the bill to the House Natural Resources Committee.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 204-221. [HR 803, [Vote #Vote #44](#), 2/26/21; CQ, [2/26/21](#)]

Native American

Salazar Voted For Authorizing The Purchase Of Land In Hemet, California To Construct A Paved Road To Access The Desert Sage Youth Wellness Center. In July 2022 Salazar voted for: “Huffman, D-Calif., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would authorize the Health and Human Services Department's Indian Health Service to purchase certain land in Hemet, Calif., to construct a paved road to facilitate access to the Desert Sage Youth Wellness Center. It would require the department to maintain and manage the road or enter into an agreement with Riverside County, Calif., to own, maintain and manage the road.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 379-41. [S. 144, [Vote #Vote #375](#), 7/19/22; CQ, [7/19/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Authorizing Funding For Buffalo And Buffalo Habitat Management By Native American Tribes And Tribal Organizations. In December 2021, Salazar voted for: “Leger Fernandez, D-N.M., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would permanently authorize \$14 million annually for Interior Department activities related to buffalo and buffalo habitat management by

Native American tribes and tribal organizations and promoting the use of buffalo and buffalo habitat for the benefit of tribes. It would direct the department to award grants and provide technical assistance to tribes and tribal organizations for implementing buffalo restoration or management programs and related activities; regularly consult with tribes on initiatives that affect buffalo or buffalo habitat; and develop a policy relating to buffalo and buffalo habitat management activities on tribal land. It would also allow the department to enter into agreements with tribes to transport surplus buffalo from federal land to tribal land.” Motion agreed to by a vote of 373-52. [HR 2074, [Vote #Vote #427](#), 12/08/21; CQ, [12/08/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For Taking Approximately 2,560 Acres Of Land In California Into Trust For The Benefit Of The Agua Caliente Band Of Cahuilla Indians. In December 2021, Salazar voted for: “Leger Fernandez, D-N.M., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would direct the Interior Department to take approximately 2,560 acres of land in California into trust for the benefit of the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians. It would prohibit gaming activities on the land taken into trust.” Motion agreed to by a vote of 395-30. [HR 897, [Vote #Vote #426](#), 12/08/21; CQ, [12/08/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For Extending Tribal Coronavirus Relief. In December 2021, Salazar voted for: “Carolyn B. Maloney, D-N.Y., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would authorize tribal governments to use coronavirus relief funds provided by prior law (PL 116-136) to cover costs incurred through Dec. 31, 2022 -- an extension of one year.” Motion agreed to by a vote of 386-41. [HR 5119, [Vote #Vote #421](#), 12/08/21; CQ, [12/08/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For Preventing The Trafficking Of Native American Cultural Items And Providing For The Return Of The Items. In December 2021 Salazar voted for: “Leger Fernandez, D-N.M., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would include various provisions to prevent the trafficking of Native American cultural items and archaeological resources and provide for their return. It would authorize \$3 million annually through fiscal 2027 and require the Interior Department to promulgate rules within one year of enactment to carry out the bill's provisions. Specifically, it would increase the maximum penalty for trafficking Native American human remains or cultural items from five to 10 years imprisonment. It would prohibit the export of Native American cultural items and archaeological resources, punishable by up to 10 years imprisonment, and require such items to be forfeited upon discovery and returned to the appropriate tribe. It would establish an export certification system to authorize legal exportation of prohibited items and require the Interior Department train U.S. Customs and Border Protection personnel on identifying, handling, and documenting such items. It would also require the Interior and State departments to each designate a liaison to facilitate the voluntary return of tangible cultural heritage and require the Interior Department to establish an interagency working group and Native working group to facilitate and advise on the return of illegally removed or trafficked items.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 364-57. [H.R. 2930, [Vote #Vote #401](#), 12/2/21; CQ, [12/2/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For Authorization For The Interior Department To Take Land Into Trust For Indian Tribes Regardless Of The Tribe’s Date Of Federal Recognition. In December 2021 Salazar voted for: “Leger Fernandez, D-N.M., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would clarify that the 1934 Indian Reorganization Act, which authorizes the Interior Department to take land into trust for Indian

tribes, applies to any federally-recognized Indian tribe regardless of date of recognition.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 302-127. [H.R. 4352, [Vote #Vote #393](#), 12/1/21; CQ, [12/1/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For Taking Land In Monroe County, Tennessee Into Trust For The Eastern Band Of Cherokee Indians. In November 2021 Salazar voted for: “Leger Fernandez, D-N.M., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would require approximately 76 acres of Tennessee Valley Authority lands along the Tellico Reservoir in Monroe County, Tenn., to be held in trust for the use and benefit of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, for recreational activities and activities to memorialize and interpret American Indian history and culture. Among other provisions, it would authorize TVA reservoir and river management activities on the lands; authorize the tribe to construct and operate water use facilities in certain areas, subject to TVA approval; and prohibit certain gaming activities.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 407-16. [H.R. 2088, [Vote #Vote #347](#), 11/2/21; CQ, [11/2/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For Taking Land In Pima County, Arizona Into Trust For The Pascua Yaqui Tribe Of Arizona. In November 2021 Salazar voted for: “Leger Fernandez, D-N.M., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would require the Interior Department to take approximately 31 acres of land in Pima County, Ariz. into trust at the request of the Pascua Yaqui Tribe of Arizona, adding the land to the Pascua Yaqui Reservation. It would deem such land as having been taken into trust on Sept. 18, 1978, and specify that gaming on the land would be subject to applicable federal law.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 375-45. [H.R. 4881, [Vote #Vote #346](#), 11/2/21; CQ, [11/2/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For Allowing The Seminole Tribe Of Florida To Lease, Sell, Or Transfer Their Land Not Held In Trust By The United States. In November 2021 Salazar voted for: “Leger Fernandez, D-N.M., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would allow the Seminole Tribe of Florida to lease, sell, or otherwise transfer all or any part of property owned by the tribe that is not held in trust by the United States.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 425-2. [S. 108, [Vote #Vote #345](#), 11/2/21; CQ, [11/2/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For A Requirement To Confer With Urban Indian Organizations On The Health Care Of American Indians And Alaska Natives In Urban Areas. In November 2021 Salazar voted for: “Leger Fernandez, D-N.M., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would require the Health and Human Services Department to ensure that the Indian Health Service and other department offices confer to the maximum extent practicable with urban Indian organizations in carrying out provisions of law relating to health care for Native Americans and Alaska Natives living in urban areas.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 406-17. [H.R. 5221, [Vote #Vote #343](#), 11/2/21; CQ, [11/2/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For Taking Land In San Diego County, California Into Trust For The Pala Band Of Mission Indians. In November 2021 Salazar voted for: “Leger Fernandez, D-N.M., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would direct the Interior Department to take approximately 721 acres of land in San Diego County, Calif., into trust for the benefit of the Pala Band of Mission Indians, if the tribe transfers the land to the United States. It would prohibit the tribe from conducting gaming activities on the land taken into trust.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 397-25. [H.R. 1975, [Vote #Vote #342](#), 11/2/21; CQ, [11/2/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For Recognition Of The Lumbee Tribe Of North Carolina, Enabling Eligibility For Federal Services And Benefits. In November 2021 Salazar voted for: “Leger Fernandez, D-N.M., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would grant federal recognition to the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, making the tribe eligible for services and benefits provided to federally recognized tribes. Among other provisions, it would authorize the Interior Department to take land into trust for the benefit of the Lumbee Tribe and grant North Carolina jurisdiction over criminal offenses and civil actions on such land.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 357-59. [H.R. 2758, [Vote #Vote #341](#), 11/1/21; CQ, [11/1/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For Reaffirmation Of Catawba Indian Nation Land In Cleveland County, North Carolina. In November 2021 Salazar voted for: “Leger Fernandez, D-N.M., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would reaffirm the status of approximately 17 acres of land located in Cleveland County, N.C., that were taken into trust by the Interior Department in July 2020 for the benefit of the Catawba Indian Nation. It would specify that gaming on the tribe's lands in South Carolina would be subject to state law while gaming on the tribe's lands outside of South Carolina would be subject to the federal Indian Gaming Regulatory Act.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 361-55. [H.R. 1619, [Vote #Vote #340](#), 11/1/21; CQ, [11/1/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For Requiring The FTC To Report On Unfair Or Deceptive Practices Targeting Tribal Organizations. In April 2021, Salazar voted for: “Pallone, D-N.J., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would require the Federal Trade Commission, within one year of enactment, to submit to Congress and publish on its website a report on unfair or deceptive practices targeted at tribal organizations and members and efforts to combat and prevent such practices, including a description of FTC enforcement and consumer education activities and legislative recommendations to prevent such practices. It would also require the commission to update its website to include information for consumers and businesses to identify and avoid such practices.” The motion was agreed to 408-10. [H R 1762, [Vote #Vote #111](#), 4/15/21; CQ, [4/15/21](#)]

Postal Service

Salazar Voted For Renaming A Postal Facility In Honeoye Falls, New York, As The ‘CW4 Christian J. Koch Memorial Post Office.’” In May 2022 Salazar voted for: “Maloney, D-N.Y., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would designate the postal facility located at 39 West Main Street, in Honeoye Falls, N.Y., as the ‘CW4 Christian J. Koch Memorial Post Office.’” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 408-3. [H.R. 3508, [Vote #Vote #177](#), 5/12/22; CQ, [5/12/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Renaming A Postal Facility In Pontotoc, Mississippi, As The ‘Lance Corporal Marc Lucas Tucker Post Office Building.’” In May 2022 Salazar voted for: “Maloney, D-N.Y., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would designate the postal facility located at 305 Highway 15 North in Pontotoc, Miss., as the ‘Lance Corporal Marc Lucas Tucker Post Office Building.’” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 406-4. [H.R. 209, [Vote #Vote #176](#), 5/12/22; CQ, [5/12/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Renaming A Postal Facility In Amory, Mississippi, As The ‘Command Sergeant Major Lawrence E. ‘Rabbit’ Kennedy Post Office Building.’” In May 2022 Salazar voted for: “Maloney, D-N.Y., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (HR 207) that would designate the postal facility located at 215 1st Avenue in Amory, Miss., as the ‘Command Sergeant Major Lawrence E. ‘Rabbit’

Kennedy Post Office Building.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 408-3. [H.R. 207, [Vote #Vote #175](#), 5/12/22; CQ, [5/12/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Renaming A Postal Facility In Pickens, South Carolina, As The ‘Specialist Four Charles Johnson Post Office.’” In May 2022 Salazar voted for: “Maloney, D-N.Y., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would designate the postal facility located at 110 Johnson Street in Pickens, S.C., as the ‘Specialist Four Charles Johnson Post Office.’” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 412-3. [H.R. 92, [Vote #Vote #174](#), 5/12/22; CQ, [5/12/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Renaming A Postal Facility In Easley, South Carolina, As The ‘Private First Class Barrett Lyle Austin Post Office Building.’” In May 2022 Salazar voted for: “Maloney, D-N.Y., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would designate the postal facility located at 810 South Pendleton Street in Easley, S.C., as the ‘Private First Class Barrett Lyle Austin Post Office Building.’” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 412-3. [H.R. 91, [Vote #Vote #173](#), 5/12/22; CQ, [5/12/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Renaming A Postal Facility In Schaumburg, Illinois, As The ‘Veterans Of Iraq And Afghanistan Memorial Post Office Building.’” In May 2022 Salazar voted for: “Maloney, D-N.Y., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would designate the postal facility located at 450 West Schaumburg Road in Schaumburg, Ill., as the ‘Veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan Memorial Post Office Building.’” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 404-0. [H.R. 6386, [Vote #Vote #167](#), 5/11/22; CQ, [5/11/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Renaming A Postal Facility In Los Angeles, California, As The ‘Marine Corps Reserve PVT Jacob Cruz Post Office’” In May 2022 Salazar voted for: “Maloney, D-N.Y., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would designate the postal facility located at 2016 East 1st Street in Los Angeles, Calif., as the ‘Marine Corps Reserve PVT Jacob Cruz Post Office.’” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 401-1. [H.R. 5900, [Vote #Vote #166](#), 5/11/22; CQ, [5/11/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Renaming A Postal Facility In Elwood, Illinois, As The ‘Lawrence M. ‘Larry’ Walsh Sr. Post Office’” In May 2022 Salazar voted for: “Maloney, D-N.Y., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would designate the postal facility located at 303 East Mississippi Avenue in Elwood, Ill., as the ‘Lawrence M. ‘Larry’ Walsh Sr. Post Office.’” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 380-26. [H.R. 700, [Vote #Vote #165](#), 5/11/22; CQ, [5/11/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Renaming A Postal Facility In Houston, Texas, As The ‘Vanessa Guillen Post Office Building.’” In May 2022 Salazar voted for: “Maloney, D-N.Y., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would designate the postal facility located at 5302 Galveston Road in Houston, Texas, as the ‘Vanessa Guillen Post Office Building.’” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 408-0. [H.R. 224, [Vote #Vote #164](#), 5/11/22; CQ, [5/11/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For The Postal Service Reform Act, Repealing The Requirement For USPS To Prefund Retirement Benefits, Among Other Reforms. In February 2022 Salazar voted for: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would repeal a current requirement that the U.S. Postal Service make annual payments to a Treasury Department fund to prefund future retirement health benefits for its current employees. It would require the Office of Personnel Management to establish a health benefits program

for USPS employees and their families, separate from the existing program for federal employees. It would require plans under the new program to provide Medicare Part D coverage and require future USPS retirees to enroll in Medicare Part B. It would provide \$94 million for fiscal 2022 for the Office of Personnel Management, Social Security Administration, and Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to carry out the transition, but require the Postal Service to repay the amount in the same fiscal year. The bill would also require the Postal Service to establish annual performance targets; maintain a public, interactive web-tool including performance information broken down by market-dominant products, geographic areas and time periods; and provide the Postal Regulatory Commission with annual information on performance targets and biannual reports on USPS operations and financial performance. Among other provisions, it would codify a requirement that mail be delivered at least six days a week; allow the USPS to enter into agreements with federal agencies and state and local governments to provide non-postal services that would improve those the services, not interfere with postal services, and provide a net revenue; and require the USPS to evaluate and develop a plan to address inefficiencies in the processing of flat mailings, which include large envelopes and magazines.” Passed by a vote of 342-92. [HR 3076, [Vote #Vote #38](#), 2/8/22; CQ, [2/8/22](#)]

Seniors & Retirement

Salazar Voted For Recodifying And Updating A Senior Investor Grant Program. In May 2022 Salazar voted for: “Garcia, D-Ill., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would recodify and update a senior investor grant program, authorizing \$10 million annually through fiscal 2028 for the program and shifting its administration from the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau to the Securities and Exchange Commission. It would establish an SEC task force to administer the program and award grants of up to \$500,000 to state securities regulators and insurance departments for activities to prevent and combat senior financial fraud, including to identify and prosecute fraud cases; provide educational materials to increase seniors' awareness of fraud; and improve relevant state laws. It would require the task force to conduct annual audits of the program and report to Congress two years and five years after enactment on grant recipients, the use of grant funds and program effectiveness.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 371-48. [H.R. 5914, [Vote #Vote #157](#), 5/11/22; CQ, [5/11/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For The Securing A Strong Retirement Act Of 2022. In March 2022 Salazar voted for: “Neal, D-Mass., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would include various provisions to increase employee enrollment in employer-sponsored retirement savings plans, incentivize employers to offer retirement savings plans, and make modifications related to employee contributions to and use of retirement savings accounts. The bill would require employers to enroll eligible employees automatically in their sponsored plans beginning in 2024; establish or expand various tax credits for small businesses that establish retirement plans, including credits related to early eligibility for military spouses; and decrease to two consecutive years the time period after which employers must allow long-term part-time employees to participate in certain retirement plans. It would gradually increase the initial starting age for mandatory retirement plan distributions from 72 to 75 by 2033; reduce tax penalties for individuals who do not take the required distributions; and allow older employees to make increased "catch-up" contributions to their retirement plans. Among other provisions, it would allow retirement plan fiduciaries to choose not to recoup retirement benefit overpayments and place certain limits on recoupment procedures; require the Labor Department to establish an online database allowing individuals to search for the contact information of the administrator of their retirement plans; permit

employees to receive matching retirement plan contributions from employers for certain student loan payments; and allow employers to offer small financial incentives, such as gift cards, to boost employee participation in retirement plans.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 414-5. [H.R. 2954, [Vote #Vote #86](#), 3/29/22; CQ, [3/29/22](#)]

- **The Securing A Strong Retirement Act Of 2022 Included Retirement Reforms Expanding Auto-Enrollment And Raising The Age For Required Minimum Distributions To 401(k)s.** “The House passed the Securing a Strong Retirement Act of 2022 in a vote of 414 to 5 on Tuesday. Known more colloquially as Secure 2.0, Tuesday’s legislation builds off The Secure Act that passed on a bipartisan basis in late 2019 and provides a number of retirement reforms, including expanding auto-enrollment, helping those still paying student loans, assisting both small and large businesses offer more retirement savings options, and raising the age for required minimum distributions (RMDs) to tax deferred retirement accounts like 401(k)s.” [Fortune, [3/29/22](#)]
- **The Securing A Strong Retirement Act Required All But The Smallest Employers To Offer Auto-Enrollment Retirement Plans.** “Perhaps the biggest expansion included in the bill would require all but the smallest employers to offer auto-enrollment in retirement plans, a proven way to get more Americans participating in retirement savings. A 2021 survey found 84% of auto-enrolled employees appreciated the benefit and said it helped them get started at an earlier age. Participants would be automatically enrolled at a contribution rate of 3% of their pay initially and then unless workers opt out, the contribution rate would increase by 1% annually until it hits a maximum of 10%.” [Fortune, [3/29/22](#)]
- **The Retirement Plan Allowed Employers To Match Student Loan Payments As Contributions To Retirement.** “Student loan borrowers would also get a retirement boost via the legislation, which would basically allow employers to match student loan payments as contributions to retirement. ‘Let’s say you have somebody with significant student loans and really can’t contribute much to their 401(k),’ said Featherngill. ‘This would allow them the opportunity to still get an employer match on the amount paid on their student loans.’” [CNBC, [3/29/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Preventing Sequestration Cuts To Medicare And Providing The Senate With Procedures To Increase The Debt Limit. In December 2021 Salazar voted against: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would extend from Dec. 31, 2021, to March 31, 2022, a temporary suspension of the 2 percent annual sequester of Medicare payments, and provide for payment reductions of 1 percent for the period of April 1 through June 30, 2022. As an offset, it would increase sequestration percentages above 2 percent in fiscal 2030. It would also require budget year debit for 2022 to be rolled over to the 2033 scorecards under statutory pay-as-you-go requirements, thus delaying spending cuts to Medicare and other mandatory programs subject to sequestration that would otherwise be triggered in January. It would delay a number of other Medicare payment reductions and policies, including to extend a temporary increase in payment amounts for physicians to provide a 3 percent increase for services furnished in 2022; delay for one year a provision that would phase in payment reductions for clinical diagnostic laboratory tests, prohibiting any reductions for 2021 and 2022 and prohibiting reductions greater than 15 percent for 2023 through 2025; and delay through 2022 the implementation of the Medicare radiation oncology model. It would decrease from \$165 million to \$101 million funding that

may be expended from the Medicare Improvement Fund for fiscal 2021. Finally, the bill would establish procedures to expedite Senate consideration of a joint resolution to increase the debt limit by a specific dollar amount. Specifically, it would provide for a non-debatable motion to proceed to the joint resolution and, if the motion is agreed to, up to 10 hours of debate on the measure with no amendments or other motions in order, immediately followed by a vote on passage. Such procedures would be valid for consideration of one joint resolution by Jan. 16, 2022.” Passed by a vote of 222-212. [S 610, [Vote #Vote #404](#), 12/07/21; CQ, [12/07/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For Requiring The FTC To Report On Scams Targeting Seniors And To Include Searchable Information On Senior Scams On Its Website. In April 2021, Salazar voted for: “Pallone, D-N.J., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would require the Federal Trade Commission, within 30 days of enactment, to submit to Congress a report detailing the number and types of scams targeting seniors and making policy recommendations to prevent such scams, especially scams related to future national emergencies. It would require the commission to include on its website searchable information on senior scams and contacts for relevant law enforcement and adult protective service agencies.” The motion was agreed to 413-8. [H R 446, [Vote #Vote #110](#), 4/15/21; CQ, [4/15/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For A Motion To Suspend the Rules and Concur in the Senate Amendment on HR 1868, To Rescind A Scheduled 2% Medicare Cut Under Budget Sequestration. In April 2021, Salazar voted for: “Yarmuth, D-Ky., motion to suspend the rules and concur in the Senate amendment to the bill that would extend from March 31 to Dec. 31, 2021, a temporary suspension of the 2 percent annual sequester of Medicare payments and provide offsets by increasing Medicare sequestration amounts for fiscal 2030. It would also modify a deadline for changes to payments for rural health clinics enrolled in Medicare and restore a transition rule related to determining payment adjustments for disproportionate share hospitals in California.” The motion passed 384-38. [HR 1868, [Vote #Vote #98](#), 4/13/21; CQ, [4/13/21](#)]

- **Med Page Today: House Voted To Rescind A Scheduled 2% Medicare Cut Under Budget Sequestration.** “The House voted 384-38 Tuesday evening to rescind one of two scheduled Medicare cuts, sending the bill on to President Biden for his signature. [...] The measure addresses one of the two budget cuts the Medicare program is facing. One cut, part of the normal budget process, is a 2% -- or \$18 billion -- cut in the projected Medicare budget under a process known as "sequestration." Sequestration allows for prespecified cuts in projected agency budget increases if Congress can't agree on their own cuts. Medicare's budget had been slated for a 2% sequester cut in fiscal year 2020; however, due to the pandemic and the accompanying increased healthcare needs, Congress passed a moratorium on the 2% cut.” [Med Page Today, [4/14/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For Suspending A 2% Cut To Medicare Under Budget Sequestration. In March 2021, Salazar voted for: “Passage of the bill that would exempt the budgetary effects of the fiscal 2021 budget reconciliation bill (HR 1319 / PL 117-2) comprising a \$1.9 trillion coronavirus relief package from statutory pay-as-you-go requirements, preventing a number of automatic spending cuts to mandatory programs subject to sequestration. It would also extend from March 31 to Dec. 31, 2021, a temporary suspension of the 2 percent annual sequester of Medicare payments. Among other provisions, it would exclude certain pandemic-related unemployment compensation from being classified as income for the

purposes of Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program eligibility." The bill passed 246 to 175. [HR 1868, [Vote #Vote #96](#), 3/18/21; CQ, [3/19/21](#); Home Health Care News, [3/22/21](#)]

Tax Issues

Salazar Voted For An Amendment That Requires Companies To Disclose What They Would Pay If Corporate Taxes Increase. In June 2021, Salazar voted for: "Burgess, R-Texas, amendment no. 1 that would require publicly traded companies, if the federal corporate tax rate increases, to disclose what payments they would have made if the rate remained the same as it was on June 1, 2021." The amendment was rejected 209 to 218. [H R 1187, [Vote #Vote #164](#), 6/16/21; CQ, [6/16/21](#)]

Technology

Salazar Voted For Requiring The National Science Foundation To Support Research On Digital Privacy Enhancing Technologies. In May 2022 Salazar voted for: "Stevens, D-Mich., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would require the National Science Foundation to support research on privacy-enhancing technologies that mitigate individuals' privacy risks arising from data processing by improving data predictability, manageability, dissociability and confidentiality. It would also require the Office of Science and Technology Policy to coordinate with the NSF and other federal agencies to accelerate the development and adoption of such technologies and to report to Congress on related research and development." The motion was agreed to by a vote of 401-19. [H.R. 847, [Vote #Vote #150](#), 5/11/22; CQ, [5/11/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Requiring The FTIC And FCC To Update Radio Frequency Coordination Standards By The End Of 2022. In April 2022 Salazar voted for: "Pallone, D-N.J., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would require the National Telecommunications and Information Administration and the Federal Communications Commission to update, by December 31, 2022, their 2003 memorandum of understanding on radio spectrum coordination to improve upon the process for resolving frequency allocation disputes; ensure the efficient use of the spectrum; and establish information-sharing timelines to improve spectrum coordination between the departments." The motion was agreed to by a vote of 418-6. [H.R. 2501, [Vote #Vote #111](#), 4/5/22; CQ, [4/5/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Establishment Of A 6G Wireless Technology Task Force By The Federal Communications Commission. In December 2021 Salazar voted for: "Pallone, D-N.J., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would require the Federal Communications Commission to establish a '6G Task Force' to report on sixth-generation wireless technology and its development and vulnerabilities. It would require the task force to publish a draft report for public comment within 180 days of its establishment and issue a final report within one year of its establishment." The motion was agreed to by a vote of 394-27. [H.R. 4045, [Vote #Vote #390](#), 12/1/21; CQ, [12/1/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For The Department Of Commerce To Report On The Communication Technologies Supply Chain. In October 2021 Salazar voted for: "Pallone, D-N.J., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would require the Commerce Department to submit to Congress, within one year of enactment, a report on information and communication technologies and the supply chain for such technologies, including to identify technologies critical to U.S. economic competitiveness; assess

the industrial capacity and competitiveness of U.S. and other trusted technology vendors; and identify potential federal actions to support and improve the economic competitiveness of such vendors and reduce dependence on non-trusted vendors. It would also require the department to develop a whole-of-government strategy based on the results of the report to strengthen the economic competitiveness of trusted information and communication technology vendors.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 413-14. [H.R. 4028, [Vote #Vote #326](#), 10/20/21; CQ, [10/20/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For Strengthening Rural Open Radio Networks. In October 2021 Salazar voted for: “Pallone, D-N.J., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would require the National Telecommunications and Information Administration to conduct outreach and provide technical assistance to small communications network providers regarding the uses, benefits and challenges of open radio access, or Open-RAN, networks and other open network architectures and how to participate in a federal wireless supply chain innovation grant program providing funds to replace Chinese-made equipment in U.S. wireless infrastructure.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 410-17. [H.R. 4032, [Vote #Vote #324](#), 10/20/21; CQ, [10/20/21](#)]

Terrorism and Homeland Security

Salazar Voted For U.S. Customs And Border Protection’s Access To Containment Devices To Prevent Accidental Narcotics And Toxics Exposure. In July 2022 Salazar voted for: “Swalwell, D-Calif., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would require U.S. Customs and Border Protection to ensure that all personnel at risk of accidental exposure to synthetic opioids have access to containment devices to prevent secondary exposure to fentanyl and other potentially lethal substances. It would also require the CBP to mandate recurrent training on how to use the devices.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 429-0. [H.R. 5274, [Vote #Vote #306](#), 7/13/22; CQ, [7/13/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Reauthorizing The National Computer Forensics Institute Under The U.S. Secret Service Through FY 2032. In July 2022 Salazar voted for: “Swalwell, D-Calif., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would reauthorize the National Computer Forensics Institute administered by the U.S. Secret Service for 10 years, through fiscal 2032, and modify and expand its functions. It would update the institute’s mission to include educating, training and equipping law enforcement and other officials to investigate and prevent cybersecurity threats. It would require the institute’s curriculum to focus on investigating and preventing cybersecurity incidents, conducting forensic examinations of information systems, and legal considerations relating to cybersecurity incidents. Among other provisions, it would require the institute to research, develop and share approaches to investigating cybersecurity threats; require the institute to prioritize education and training for individuals from geographically diverse regions; and require the Homeland Security Department to annually report to Congress on the institute’s activities and the nomination process for individuals to participate in institute training.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 410-16. [H.R. 7174, [Vote #Vote #305](#), 7/13/22; CQ, [7/13/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Codifying The Cybersecurity And Infrastructure Security Agency’s Program For Industrial Control Systems Cybersecurity Training. In June 2022 Salazar voted for: “Swalwell, D-Calif., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would codify the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency’s Industrial Control Systems Cybersecurity Training Initiative to develop

the skills of the cybersecurity workforce in securing industrial control systems, which manage essential services through computer networks. Among other provisions, it would require the initiative to include free virtual and in-person trainings at different skill levels, including on cyber defense strategies. It would require CISA to report annually to Congress on the initiative, including courses provided, outreach efforts and information about the participants.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 368-47: [H.R. 7777, [Vote #Vote #278](#), 6/21/22; CQ, [6/21/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against The Domestic Terrorism Prevention Act. In May 2022 Salazar voted against: “Passage of the bill that would authorize the establishment of three new offices focused on domestic terrorism; a Homeland Security Department office to monitor and analyze domestic terrorism activity, a Justice Department office to investigate and prosecute domestic terrorism incidents, and a domestic terrorism section within the FBI counterterrorism division to investigate domestic terrorism activity. It would also require the FBI and the Justice, Defense and Homeland Security departments to establish an interagency task force to analyze and combat white supremacist and neo-Nazi ‘infiltration’ of law enforcement agencies and the uniformed services. It would require the FBI and Justice and Homeland Security departments to submit a biannual joint report to Congress including an assessment of the domestic terrorism threat posed by white supremacists and neo-Nazis. In preparing the reports, it would require the new offices to review each federal hate crime charge and conviction in the preceding six months to determine whether it also constitutes a domestic terrorism incident. It would require the first report to include an analysis of incidents or attempted incidents of domestic terrorism that have occurred in the United States since April 19, 1995, and require subsequent reports to analyze incidents in the preceding six months. Among other provisions, it would require various actions to investigate and coordinate the federal response to domestic terrorism incidents that may also be hate crimes; require the FBI and Justice and Homeland Security departments to make training available to law enforcement agencies related to countering and prosecuting domestic terrorism; and require reports on the implementation of such training to include the number of federal incidents involving a false report of a domestic terrorism or hate crime incident. It would authorize such sums as necessary to carry out the bill’s provisions.” The bill passed by a vote of 222-203. [H.R. 350, [Vote #Vote #221](#), 5/18/22; CQ, [5/18/22](#)]

- **The Domestic Terrorism Prevention Act Created Homeland Security, Department Of Justice, And FBI Offices To Focus On Domestic Terrorism.** “The Domestic Terrorism Prevention Act is what Congress can do this week to try to prevent future Buffalo shootings — to prevent future California shootings, future El Paso shootings, future Charleston shootings, future Pittsburgh shootings, future Wisconsin shootings,’ Schneider said. [...] Schneider’s bill, which the House passed by voice vote in 2020, would create domestic terrorism offices within the Justice Department, the Department of Homeland Security and the FBI to facilitate better coordination and help the agencies identify risks and homegrown threats. It also would require biannual reporting about the state of domestic terrorism threats.” [NBC News, [5/16/22](#)]
- **The Domestic Terrorism Prevention Act Specifically Called For Assessments Of Threats Related To White Supremacists And Neo-Nazis.** “The Domestic Terrorism Prevention Act would set up offices specifically focused on domestic terrorism at the Department of Homeland Security, the Department of Justice and the FBI. [...] It also calls for assessments of the threat posed specifically by White supremacists and neo-Nazis.” [CNN, [5/18/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Considering The Domestic Terrorism Prevention Act Of 2022, The Infant Formula Supplemental Appropriations Act, And The Consumer Fuel Price Gouging Prevention Act. In May 2022 Salazar voted against: “Adoption of the rule (HR 1124) that would provide for floor consideration of the Domestic Terrorism Prevention Act (HR 350), the Infant Formula Supplemental Appropriations Act (HR 7790) and the Consumer Fuel Price Gouging Prevention Act (HR 7688). It would provide for up to one hour of debate on each bill; automatic adoption of manager’s amendments to HR 350 and HR 7688; and floor consideration of two amendments to HR 7688. It would provide for the automatic adoption of a Nadler, D-N.Y., manager’s amendment to HR 350 that would make technical and clarifying changes to the bill. It would also require the first biannual report required by the bill on domestic terrorism incidents to include an analysis of incidents and attempts that have occurred since April 19, 1995, and require each biannual report to include a certification that domestic terrorism investigations included in the report comply with applicable civil rights and civil liberties laws and regulations. It would also provide for the automatic adoption of a Pallone, D-N.J., manager’s amendment to HR 7688 that would update existing law prohibiting market manipulation and the sharing of false information relating to transportation fuel pricing by a supplier, including to double the penalty for such violations to \$2 million. It would require the Energy Department’s Energy Information Administration to conduct surveys of energy companies to collect information on U.S. crude oil and transportation fuel markets; consistently and promptly publish analyses of survey results; and enter into a data-sharing agreement to promptly share information collected with the Federal Trade Commission. It would authorize such sums as necessary through fiscal 2027 to carry out the survey requirements. Finally, it would authorize, through the legislative day of May 19, 2022, non-debatable motions by the majority leader or a designee to suspend the rules and consider, en bloc, measures considered under suspension of the rules on May 16 through May 19, 2022.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 218-202. [H. Res. 1124, [Vote #209](#), 5/18/22; CQ, [5/18/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Cybersecurity Education And Training Grants For State And Local Governments, Colleges And Universities, And Non-Profits. In May 2022 Salazar voted for: “Malinowski, D-N.J., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would authorize the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency to award grants and cooperative agreements to states, local governments, higher education institutions, nonprofit organizations and other non-federal entities under the Cybersecurity Education and Training Assistance Program to advance program purposes and address the national shortfall of cybersecurity professionals. It would also require the agency to include in its annual briefing to Congress on the program information on such grants and agreements, including how they are being used to enhance cybersecurity education for underserved populations or communities.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 383-30. [H.R. 6868, [Vote #Vote #197](#), 5/17/22; CQ, [5/17/22](#)]

Salazar Did Not Vote On Codifying The Homeland Security Department’s Acquisition Authorities. In May 2022 Salazar did not vote on: “Malinowski, D-N.J., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would codify acquisition authorities within the Homeland Security Department and assign certain acquisition functions to departmental offices. Among other provisions, it would designate the DHS undersecretary of management as the department’s chief acquisition officer and require the undersecretary to oversee the acquisition process, advise on acquisition management activities, lead the department’s acquisition oversight body, establish related departmental policies and assist DHS component agencies in complying with federal and departmental acquisition directives. It would also

establish acquisition-related authorities for the department's chief financial officer, chief information officer, and undersecretary of strategy, policy and planning; statutorily establish the Office of Test and Evaluation within the DHS Directorate of Science and Technology to coordinate and oversee DHS test and evaluation activities, including for major acquisition programs; and statutorily establish the DHS Program Accountability and Risk Management Office to conduct oversight and establish standards for major acquisition programs." The motion was agreed to by a vote of 398-15. [H.R. 6871, [Vote #Vote #196](#), 5/17/22; CQ, [5/17/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Codifying The Homeland Security Department's Bombing Prevention Office. In May 2022 Salazar voted for: "Malinowski, D-N.J., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would codify the Homeland Security Department's Office for Bombing Prevention, which is tasked with improving U.S. efforts to deter, detect and respond to terrorist explosive threats and attacks in the United States. Among other requirements, it would require the office to engage other federal agencies regarding bomb threats and attacks; facilitate related information sharing and provide guidance and training to the public and private sectors; and conduct analysis and planning for bomb detection and response capabilities and requirements of the public and private sectors, including bomb squads, explosive detection canine teams, special tactics teams and dive teams. It would require the department, upon request, to provide technical assistance to support public and private sector preparedness to counter terrorist explosive threats and attacks that threaten critical infrastructure facilities, special events or certain vulnerable communities. It also would require the department to ensure coordination and information sharing regarding related federal nonmilitary research, development and evaluation activities, including to ensure that military procedures are adapted to nonmilitary uses to the extent practicable." The motion was agreed to by a vote of 388-26. [H.R. 6873, [Vote #Vote #195](#), 5/17/22; CQ, [5/17/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For The Homeland Security Department To Coordinate With And Assist State And Local Governments With Cybersecurity. In May 2022 Salazar voted for: "Malinowski, D-N.J., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would require the Homeland Security Department's national cybersecurity and communications integration center to coordinate with and assist state, local, tribal and territorial government entities, including to provide technical cybersecurity training; facilitate the sharing of cyber threat information with the federal government; provide and periodically update information on cybersecurity tools, resources and best practices; work with state and local officials to implement procedures to secure information systems; and promote cybersecurity education and awareness. It would require the department to regularly report to Congress on the services the center provides to state and local entities." The motion was agreed to by a vote of 404-14. [S. 2520, [Vote #Vote #194](#), 5/17/22; CQ, [5/17/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For The Homeland Security Department And Cybersecurity And Infrastructure Security Agency To Report On Their Roles And Responsibilities For Cyber Incident Response. In May 2022 Salazar voted for: "Malinowski, D-N.J., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would require the Homeland Security Department, in coordination with the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency and within one year of enactment, to submit to Congress a report on the roles and responsibilities of the department and its components with respect to federal cyber incident response, including a review of how CISA cyber incident response plans and DHS authorities are utilized in the federal response and recommendations to further clarify department responsibilities related to

cyber incident response.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 313-105. [H.R. 5658, [Vote #Vote #185](#), 5/16/22; CQ, [5/16/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Authorization Of \$75 Million For 2022 And \$500 Million For 2023-2028 To Homeland Security’s Nonprofit Security Grant Program. In May 2022 Salazar voted for: “Malinowski, D-N.J., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would modify the Homeland Security Department’s Nonprofit Security Grant Program, which is administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and supports physical security enhancements for nonprofits at risk of terrorist attacks. It would authorize \$75 million for fiscal 2022 and \$500 million annually for fiscal years 2023 through 2028 for the program. Among other provisions, it would require FEMA to ensure that grant funding is evenly split between recipients located within and outside of high-risk urban areas; authorize states to retain up to 5 percent of program funding for expenses related to grant administration; and require FEMA to establish an office to administer the program and submit to Congress within 90 days of enactment a program administration plan, including a staffing plan.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 288-129. [H.R. 6825, [Vote #Vote #184](#), 5/16/22; CQ, [5/16/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For An Annual Cybersecurity Competition Among Federal Civilian Employees And Military Members. In May 2022 Salazar voted for: “Malinowski, D-N.J., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would authorize the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency to hold an annual cybersecurity competition to award cash prizes to the best cybersecurity practitioners and teams among federal civilian employees or members of the armed services, across offensive and defensive cybersecurity disciplines. It would authorize CISA to make one or more awards of up to \$10,000 each and the Homeland Security Department to make one or more awards of up to \$25,000 each. It would require the agency to annually report to Congress on lessons learned from each competition and how such lessons may be applied to improve DHS and CISA cybersecurity operations and recruitment.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 386-31. [H.R. 6824, [Vote #Vote #183](#), 5/16/22; CQ, [5/16/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Establishing A Trade And Economic Security Council To Provide Recommendations To The Department Of Homeland Security. In April 2022 Salazar voted for: “Payne, D-N.J., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would establish a Trade and Economic Security Council within the Homeland Security Department to provide DHS with recommendations on trade and economic security matters, including identifying concentrated risks; coordinating department-wide activities; and proposing statutory and regulatory changes. It would require the council to brief Congress on its activities within 180 days of enactment and every six months thereafter for four years. It would statutorily establish the existing position of an assistant secretary for trade and economic security. It would require the assistant secretary to be responsible for policy formulation regarding trade and economic security matters; oversee certain supply chain mapping activities; serve as the executive for DHS on the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States and other panels; and coordinate with federal and nongovernmental stakeholders on trade and economy security matters. It would authorize \$3 million annually through fiscal 2026 for the department to carry out the bill’s provisions.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 348-75. [H.R. 4476, [Vote #Vote #112](#), 4/5/22; CQ, [4/5/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Authorizing Immigration And Customs Enforcement To Reclassify Tactical Patrol Officers On Tohono O’odham Nation Land, Known As “Shadow Wolves,” As ICE Special Agents. In March 2022 Salazar voted for: “Demings, D-Fla., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would authorize U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement to reclassify officers assigned to the Native American tactical patrol unit on Tohono O’odham Nation land in Arizona, known as the Shadow Wolves, and those assigned to comparable units, as ICE special agents upon their completion of required trainings. It would also require the Homeland Security Department, within 90 days of enactment, to develop a strategy to retain and recruit Shadow Wolves and expand comparable units near the northern and southern U.S. borders.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 387-33. [H.R. 5681, [Vote #Vote #60](#), 3/8/22; CQ, [3/8/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Authorizing The Department Of Homeland Security To Work With Consortia To Provide Cybersecurity Trainings. In March 2022 Salazar voted for: “Demings, D-Fla., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would statutorily authorize the Homeland Security Department to work with consortia to carry out activities with respect to the national cybersecurity and communications integration center to support training and assistance to help state and local first responders and governments prepare for and respond to cybersecurity risks and incidents. It would require the department, in selecting consortia under the bill’s provisions, to consider prior experience with cybersecurity training, geographic diversity and participation of minority-serving institutions.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 403-19. [S. 658, [Vote #Vote #59](#), 3/7/22; CQ, [3/7/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Requiring The Department Of Homeland Security To Report To Congress On The Accreditation Status Of Its Training Programs. In March 2022 Salazar voted for: “Demings, D-Fla., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would require the Homeland Security Department to report annually to Congress on the accreditation status of each basic training program within the department until all programs are accredited. It would also require the department’s Science and Technology Directorate to conduct research and development related to enhancing state and local law enforcement access to federal training resources on homeland security threat response.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 390-33. [H.R. 5616, [Vote #Vote #58](#), 3/7/22; CQ, [3/7/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Improving Accessibility To TSA Materials For Non-English Speakers And Individuals With Vision, Hearing, And Other Impairments. In November 2021, Salazar voted for: “Titus, D-Nev., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would require the Transportation Security Administration to submit a plan to Congress to improve the accessibility of TSA materials disseminated in major airports for non-English speakers and individuals with vision, hearing and other impairments.” Motion agreed to by a vote of 369-49. [HR 5574, [Vote #Vote #381](#), 11/18/21; CQ, [11/18/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For The Trans-Sahara Counterterrorism Partnership Program Act. In June 2021, Salazar voted for: “Meeks, D-N.Y., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would state that it is U.S. policy to assist countries and partners in North and West Africa in combating terrorism and violent extremism through a coordinated interagency approach that balances security activities with diplomatic and development efforts. It would require the State Department to formally establish the Trans-Sahara Counterterrorism Partnership Program to coordinate federal activities in North and West Africa, including activities related to enhancing state legitimacy by improving

governance and capacity to provide basic services, addressing factors that make individuals and communities vulnerabilities to terrorist recruitment, strengthening military and law enforcement capacity to cooperate with international partners and respond to extremism and terrorism, and enhancing border security. Among other provisions, it would require the State Department to submit to Congress, within 270 days of enactment, a five-year strategy for coordinated U.S. activities in North and West Africa." The motion was passed 395 to 15. [HR 567, [Vote #Vote #192](#), 6/29/21; CQ, [6/29/21](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Blocking Consideration Of The Palestinian International Terrorism Support Prevention Act of 2021. In May 2021, Salazar voted against: "Agreeing to the Scanlon, D-Pa., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment)." According to the Congressional Record, Rep. Fischbach said, "If we do defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to provide for consideration of Representative Mast's H.R. 261, the Palestinian International Terrorism Support Prevention Act of 2021." **A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the bill.** The motion was agreed to by a vote of 217 to 209. [H Res 403, [Vote #Vote #146](#), 5/18/21; CQ, [5/18/21](#); Congressional Record, [5/18/21](#)]

Trade, Supply Chain & Outsourcing

Salazar Voted For The Formula Act To Suspend Tariffs On Infant Formula Through The End Of 2022. In July 2022 Salazar voted for: "Blumenauer, D-Ore., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would suspend tariffs on infant formula from countries with which the United States has normal trade relations through Dec. 31, 2022. It would also specify that the formula would not be subject to any additional safeguard duties, import or tariff-rate quotas, or any other duties or fees that would otherwise apply upon importation." The motion was agreed to by a vote of 421-2. [H.R. 8351, [Vote #Vote #363](#), 7/15/22; CQ, [7/15/22](#)]

- **2022: U.S. Tariffs On Infant Formula Were Up To 17.5%.** "The most-favored-nation (MFN) tariff rate for infant formula ranges from 14.9% to 17.5% depending on the content. Once a certain threshold of imports is reached, the duties on most common infant formulas increase to \$1.035 per kilogram + 14.9%. In addition, once another threshold is reached, certain lowpriced formulas may be subject to additional tariffs. Certain infant formulas enter duty free from some free trade agreement (FTA) partners." [Congressional Research Service, Report, [5/23/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Urging The President To Strengthen Trade Between The U.S. And The Caribbean. In July 2022 Salazar voted for: "Plaskett, D-V.I., motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, as amended, that would state that the House of Representatives urges the president to implement trade programs with the Caribbean region that promote sustainable and resilient economic development; commits to engaging directly with diverse stakeholders from the region to develop a shared multilateral trade agenda; affirms trade and tariff preference programs that produce economic benefits for individuals of all backgrounds; and supports critical trade policies and preference programs such as the Haiti Economic Lift Program (HELP) and Haitian Hemispheric Opportunity through Partnership Encouragement (HOPE II) program." The motion was agreed to by a vote of 351-64. [H. Res. 1168, [Vote #Vote #300](#), 7/12/22; CQ, [7/12/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For The Ocean Shipping Reform Act To Prohibit Ocean Carriers From “Unreasonably” Denying Cargo Or Retaliating Against Shippers, Improve Export Transparency, And Grant The Federal Maritime Commission Emergency Oversight Authority. In June 2022 Salazar voted for: “DeFazio, D-Ore., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would update various requirements and standards for ocean common carriers and marine terminal operators and require the Federal Maritime Commission to initiate related rulemakings, intended to address the effects of supply chain shortages on shipping services. It would authorize \$33 million for fiscal 2022, \$38 million for fiscal 2023, \$44 million for fiscal 2024 and \$49 million for fiscal 2025 for FMC operations. Among other provisions, it would prohibit carriers or operators from giving unreasonable preference to or taking discriminatory action against any commodity group or type of shipment; retaliating against shippers, including by refusing or threatening to refuse cargo space accommodations; ‘unreasonably’ refusing cargo space accommodations when available; and charging demurrage or detention fees, which are incurred for delays in unloading cargo, without certifying that the charges comply with FMC rules. It would require the FMC to initiate rulemakings to define unfair or unjustly discriminatory methods with respect to shipping, prohibited practices regarding demurrage or detention charges, and unreasonable refusal to deal or negotiate with respect to vessel space. It would authorize the commission to issue an emergency order requiring carriers or operators to share information related to cargo availability directly with relevant shippers and land carriers to ensure efficient transportation, if the commission determines after a public comment period that congestion of the common carriage of goods has created an emergency situation adversely affecting competitiveness and reliability of the international shipping supply system. It would also require the Transportation Department and FMC to consider the feasibility of identifying federal and nonfederal land, including inland ports, for the storage and transfer of cargo containers due to port congestion. It would authorize the Transportation Security Administration and the Coast Guard to expedite the consideration of transportation worker identification credential applications for applicants who would help provide direct assistance to a U.S. port. It would establish procedures for the FMC to accept and investigate complaints about charges assessed by a carrier; require the FMC to establish a public webpage for the submission of comments, complaints, reports of noncompliance and requests for investigation or alternative dispute resolution; and require the FMC to maintain a consumer affairs and dispute resolution office to assist in disputes involving cargo and household goods shipments and cruises.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 369-42. [S. 3580, [Vote #Vote #256](#), 6/13/22; CQ, [6/13/22](#)]

- **The Ocean Shipping Reform Act Addressed Rising Ocean Shipping Costs To Ease Supply Chain Challenges And Curb Inflation.** “The U.S. House of Representatives approved legislation Monday to improve oversight of ocean shipping, which supporters say will help curb inflation and ease export backlogs. [...] Senator Maria Cantwell said the bill gives the FMC ‘the tools it needs to cut down on extraneous shipping costs and stop shipping carriers from leaving American products like apples, hay, milk and potatoes behind.’ [...] Imports in the nation's major retail container ports are expected to reach near-record volume in June as retailers seek to meet consumer demand and protect themselves from disruptions in West Coast ports, the National Retail Federation said.” [Reuters, [6/13/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For An Interagency Semiconductor Supply Chain Working Group To Analyze The Impact Of Russia’s Invasion Of Ukraine On Supply Chains. In April 2022 Salazar voted for: “Phillips, D-Minn., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would require the president, within 30 days of

enactment, to establish an interagency working group to address semiconductor supply chain issues caused by Russia's attack on Ukraine. It would require the State Department, within 60 days of enactment, to submit a report of the working group to Congress that analyzes the impacts of the attack on supply chains and the global economy, particularly the supply of palladium, neon gas, helium and hexafluorobutadiene; describes U.S. diplomatic actions taken to diversify the supply of those resources; lists any other important elements in the semiconductor supply chain that have been affected; and recommends potential legislative action to further bolster the supply. The bill would also require the department to submit annual reports of the working group outlining plans for likely future geopolitical developments that could disrupt global semiconductor supply chains, including an invasion of Taiwan, geopolitical instability in east Asia or Europe, strategic competitors dominating parts of the supply chain, a future international health crisis, and natural disasters or natural resource shortages.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 414-9. [H.R. 7372, [Vote #Vote #128](#), 4/27/22; CQ, [4/27/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Establishing An American Fisheries Advisory Committee Under The Commerce Department. In April 2022 Salazar voted for: “Grijalva, D-Ariz., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would require the Commerce Department, within 90 days of enactment, to establish an American Fisheries Advisory Committee to advise the department on an existing grant program supporting research and development projects related to U.S. fisheries, including to identify the needs of the fishing community that may be addressed by funded projects, develop the request for grant proposals, and review and select grant applications for approval.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 404-11. [S. 497, [Vote #Vote #126](#), 4/26/22; CQ, [4/26/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Concurring With The Senate To Suspend Normal Trade Relations With Russia And Belarus, Sending The Bill For Presidential Approval. In April 2022 Salazar voted for: “Neal, D-Mass., motion to suspend the rules and concur in the Senate amendment to the bill that would remove the normal trade relations status of Russia and Belarus with the United States, effective the day after the bill’s enactment. It would authorize the president, until January 1, 2024, to further increase tariffs on goods from Russia and Belarus following consultation with Congress. It would authorize the president to restore the trade status of either country after certifying to Congress that the country's president has reached an agreement with the independent government of Ukraine to withdraw Russian or Belarusian forces and cease military hostilities; poses no immediate military threat of aggression to any NATO member; and recognizes the right of the people of Ukraine to independently and freely choose their own government. It also would establish congressional procedures for consideration of a joint resolution of disapproval for such a certification. It would also repeal a sunset date to indefinitely reauthorize the Global Magnitsky Human Rights Accountability Act, which allows the president to impose visa- and property-blocking sanctions against foreign persons with respect to human rights violations. Finally, it would direct the U.S. trade representative to use the voice and influence of the United States at the World Trade Organization to condemn the recent aggression in Ukraine; encourage other WTO members to suspend trade concessions to Russia; consider further steps to suspend Russia’s participation in the WTO; and seek to halt processes related to the accession of Belarus to the WTO.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 420-3. [H.R. 7108, [Vote #Vote #124](#), 4/7/22; CQ, [4/7/22](#)]

- **Congress Voted To Revoke Russia’s “Most Favored Nation” Trade Status, Which Opened Russia Up To New “Damaging” Tariffs.** “Congress on Thursday voted to revoke Russia’s ‘most favored nation’ trade status, an economic downgrade that opens the door to damaging new

tariffs on Moscow over its invasion of Ukraine. [...] Most favored nation status ensures that any member of the World Trade Organization receives equal trade treatment from other members and grants each designee immunity from a raft of steep import penalties. 'There are two categories you can be characterized under U.S. law: One gets lower tariffs, and one gets higher,' said Clete Willemis, a partner at law firm Akin Gump and a former U.S. attorney at the WTO. 'All other WTO members get this lower [tariff] rate — the average is about 2.8%,' he added. 'And then for non-MFN, the average is around 20%. And so this legislation will change the tariff treatment of all of those products.'" [CNBC, [4/7/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Concurring With The Senate To Suspend Energy Imports From Russia, Sending The Bill For Presidential Approval. In April 2022 Salazar voted for: "Neal, D-Mass., motion to suspend the rules and concur in the Senate amendment to the bill that would statutorily prohibit the import of Russian oil and energy products into the United States, to be implemented in a manner consistent with the March 2022 executive order banning such imports. It would authorize the president to lift the ban after certifying to Congress that the Russian president has reached an agreement with the independent government of Ukraine to withdraw Russian forces and cease military hostilities; poses no immediate military threat of aggression to any NATO member; and recognizes the right of the people of Ukraine to independently and freely choose their own government. It also would establish congressional procedures for consideration of a joint resolution of disapproval for such a certification." The motion was agreed to by a vote of 413-9. [H.R. 6968, [Vote #Vote #125](#), 4/7/22; CQ, [4/7/22](#)]

- **Congress' Votes To Ban Russian Oil Codified President Biden's Executive Order And Allowed Congress To Reimpose The Ban If It Disagrees With The Executive Branch Later On.** "Some lawmakers argued that it was no longer necessary for Congress to act on the oil ban given that Biden had already done so via executive order, but proponents believe it is important to codify the punishment and give lawmakers a say in the matter. The legislation also allows Congress to vote to reimpose the ban if, down the road, lawmakers are uncomfortable with an executive branch plan to allow the purchases of Russian oil again. 'It's important to recognize this legislation is not redundant,' said Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska), who led the effort in the upper chamber. 'It's ensuring substantive steps will be taken so that the sanctions stay in with some level of reliability.'" [POLITICO, [4/7/22](#)]
- **Seven Republicans And Two Democrats Voted Against Banning Russian Oil Imports.** "The oil ban bill was opposed by seven House Republicans and two Democrats: Reps. Cori Bush of Missouri and Ilhan Omar of Minnesota. The only three votes against the trade bill came GOP Reps. Matt Gaetz of Florida, Marjorie Taylor Greene of Georgia and Thomas Massie of Kentucky." [NBC News, [4/7/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against The America COMPETES Act To Increase The U.S.'s Global Competitiveness. In February 2022 Salazar voted against: "Passage of the bill, as amended, comprising a package of provisions related to scientific research and development and international competitiveness, including provisions to authorize more than \$135 billion over five years for federal investment in scientific research and development programs; provide more than \$52 billion in supplemental appropriations for the U.S. semiconductor industry; and require various actions related to U.S. technological competitiveness and foreign policy, particularly with regard to countering Chinese influence. Among

provisions related to science and technology research and development, it would authorize \$78 billion through fiscal 2026 for National Science Foundation activities, including \$13.3 billion for a new NSF Directorate for Science and Engineering Solutions to support use-inspired research and development that addresses societal challenges such as climate change, global competitiveness in critical technologies, cybersecurity, national security, social and economic inequality, and education and workforce development in science and technology. It would authorize \$50.2 billion through fiscal 2026 for Energy Department science activities, including research and development related to climate issues, alternative energy sources and quantum technologies. It would authorize \$8 billion through fiscal 2026 for the National Institute of Standards and Technology and expand NIST functions to include information security and cybersecurity research and development activities. Among supply chain provisions, it would provide \$52.7 billion through fiscal 2026 in supplemental appropriations to fund a program to incentivize research, development and workforce development related to the production of semiconductors, established by the fiscal 2021 defense authorization law. It would establish a Commerce Department office to lead federal efforts to strengthen supply chains and domestic manufacturing in critical industries, and it would authorize \$45 billion through fiscal 2027 for grants and loans under the office. It would appropriate \$1.5 billion through fiscal 2031 to support 5G wireless network development. Among foreign policy provisions, it would require the president and State Department to develop diplomatic engagement strategies to address global economic and security development, particularly with regard to countering Chinese influence and economic coercion. It would authorize more than \$2 billion in bilateral and regional foreign assistance and \$1.25 billion for diplomatic engagement in the Indo-Pacific region for fiscal 2022, as well as over \$1 billion through fiscal 2026 for foreign military financing and security programs in the region. It would include various provisions related to global action on climate change, including to establish an interagency task force to monitor climate change in relation to national security risks and authorize \$8 billion through fiscal 2023 for contributions to the U.N. Green Climate Fund. It would extend a wide range of duty reductions and suspensions; update certain trade policies to include standards related to environmental, labor, human rights and intellectual property protections; and establish a U.S. Trade Representative committee to review and potentially block overseas investments in foreign adversary nations that could impact U.S. critical capabilities. Among workforce and economic development provisions, the bill would reauthorize and expand the Labor Department national apprenticeship system; authorize several new or expanded NSF programs related to expanding science, technology, engineering and mathematics education, workforce development and participation of underrepresented groups in STEM; create a new class of nonimmigrant 'W' visas for entrepreneurs associated with U.S. start-up companies; and reauthorize and expand the Trade Adjustment Assistance program to support individuals and communities that have been adversely impacted by international trade." The bill passed by a vote of 222-210. [H.R. 4521, [Vote #Vote #31](#), 2/4/22; CQ, [2/4/22](#)]

- **America COMPETES Authorized \$45 Billion To Bolster The Supply Chain And Increase U.S. Manufacturing Of "Critical" Goods.** "The House bill would provide \$45 billion over six years in grants and loans to improve the nation's supply chains and to boost American manufacturing of goods deemed critical for national security and the US economy -- like products for public health, communications technology and food -- according to a summary of the bill provided by House Democrats. Similar to the Senate bill, it would create a new initiative within the Department of Commerce to help promote the resiliency of the nation's supply chains. The House bill would establish an office that would monitor supply chains, identify vulnerabilities and designate which

products are critical. The agency would also be tasked with building up stockpiles to prevent shortages of goods in the event of a future supply chain shock.” [CNN, [2/4/22](#)]

- **America COMPETES Invested \$3 Billion In Solar Manufacturing To Reduce The U.S.’s Reliance On China.** “The House legislation would set aside billions of dollars to bolster research and manufacturing. [...] It would set aside another \$3 billion for the nation’s solar manufacturing supply chain, aiming to reduce the country’s reliance on China for parts.” [CNN, [2/4/22](#)]
- **America COMPETES Invested \$52 Billion In Domestic Manufacturing And Research Of Semiconductors To Decrease The U.S.’s Technological Dependence On Asia.** “The House voted Friday to pass the America COMPETES Act, a bill that aims to increase U.S. competitiveness with China and to address the country’s shortage of semiconductors by strengthening the country’s supply chain. [...] The bill includes \$52 billion to support domestic manufacturing and research of semiconductors, the chips that are used in electronic devices and have faced shortages throughout the pandemic, contributing to delays and increased costs. The incentives for semiconductor production come as the U.S. has increasingly relied on imports for computer chips. Twelve percent of the world’s chips are made in the U.S., down from 37% in the 1990s, according to industry officials. About 80% are made in Asia.” [USA Today, [2/4/22](#)]
- **America COMPETES Funded An Aid Program For Workers Impacted By Increased Imports And Invested In STEM Education Programs.** “The measure, known as the America COMPETES Act, passed 222-210 in a near-party-line vote. [...] The legislation would also fund a government program to aid workers who lost jobs or saw their pay cut as a result of increased imports, as well as boost funds for the National Science Foundation and STEM education programs.” [New York Post, [2/4/22](#)]
- **American COMPETES Provided “More Than \$1 Billion Toward Increasing Diversity” In Science And Technology To Increase STEM Employment.** “Congress is aiming to reshape America’s workforce through new legislation that would direct more than \$1 billion toward increasing diversity of the scientists, researchers and technologists who drive the innovation economy. The measure includes \$900 million for grants and partnerships with historically Black colleges and universities, \$164 million to study barriers for people of color in the field and \$17.5 million to combat sexual harassment. They’re part of a expansive package of bills known as the America Competes Act, which lawmakers hope will ensure the United States continues to lead the global economy. [...] A report from the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine estimated the United States will need 1 million more people employed in those sectors over the next decade than it is currently on track to produce. The group said the country will not reach that goal without substantially increasing diversity in the labor force.” [CNBC, [2/4/22](#)]
- **America COMPETES Included Provisions To Hold China Accountable For Human Rights Violations.** “The legislation includes provisions to strengthen US relations with Taiwan, new sanctions for officials in Xinjiang accused of ‘systematic rape, coercive abortion, forced sterilisation, or involuntary contraceptive implantation policies and practices’ and an authorisation for millions of dollars in funding to counter Chinese government censorship and disinformation. [...] Advocacy groups supporting human rights in Xinjiang and Hong Kong

applauded the bill. The Washington-based Hong Kong Democracy Council said it was 'elated', and the non-profit Uyghur Human Rights Project said it was 'encouraged that Congress continues to put rhetoric into action'. 'We are particularly encouraged by provisions meant to provide safe haven for Uyghurs fleeing atrocities, and to tighten scrutiny on Chinese companies complicit in these abuses,' said Uyghur Human Rights Project executive director Omer Kanat." [South China Morning Post, [2/4/22](#)]

- **America COMPETES Included Provisions To “Offset China’s Market-Distorting Trade Practices.”** “The U.S. House of Representatives on Friday narrowly passed a multibillion-dollar bill aimed at increasing American competitiveness with China and boosting U.S. semiconductor manufacturing, despite Republican opposition. [...] It includes changes to U.S. trade rules intended to offset China's market-distorting trade practices, including by strengthening anti-dumping rules.” [Reuters, [2/4/22](#)]
- **American COMPETES Authorized \$10 Billion To Help Developing Countries Address Climate Change.** “The bill also authorizes \$8.8 billion this year for Energy Department research and development programs, with that amount increasing each year through fiscal 2026. And it authorizes as much as \$8 billion to help developing countries address climate change over the next two years and another \$2 billion annually to help developing countries deploy clean energy technologies, expand zero-emission vehicles, promote sustainable land use, and adapt to the effects of climate change.” [Bloomberg, [2/4/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For A Motion To Recommit The America COMPETES Act To Committee. In February 2022 Salazar voted for: “McCaul, R-Texas, motion to recommit the bill to the House Science, Space, and Technology Committee.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 211-221. [H.R. 4521, [Vote #Vote #30](#), 2/4/22; CQ, [2/4/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against An Amendment To Broaden Pell Grant Eligibility To Include Short Term Skills And Job Training Programs And Establish A Data System For Postsecondary Student Academic And Economic Outcomes. In February 2022 Salazar voted against: “Levin, D-Mich., amendment no. 260 that would create a Pell Grant award for career and technical education programs that provide job training and industry-based credentials. It also would require the National Center for Education Statistics, within four years of the bill's enactment, to establish a data system containing information about postsecondary student academic and economic outcomes.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 238-193. [H.R. 4521, [Vote #Vote #29](#), 2/4/22; CQ, [2/4/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For An Amendment To Require The Chinese Communist Party To Match The U.S.’s Emission Cutting Targets. In February 2022 Salazar voted for: “Steel, R-Calif., amendment no. 239 that would express the sense of Congress that the U.S. should seek to require the Chinese Communist Party to match emission-cutting targets established by the U.S.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 265-166. [H.R. 4521, [Vote #Vote #28](#), 2/4/22; CQ, [2/4/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against An Amendment To Rescind U.S. Participation In The U.N. Framework Convention On Climate Change. In February 2022 Salazar voted against: “Perry, R-Pa., amendment no.

184 that would rescind U.S. participation in the U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 196-235. [H.R. 4521, [Vote #Vote #27](#), 2/3/22; CQ, [2/3/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For An Amendment To Commission A Study Measuring Inflation’s Economic Impact On The United States. In February 2022 Salazar voted for: “Kim, R-Calif., amendment no. 131 that would require the National Science Foundation to commission a study to measure the economic impact of inflation on the country, including impacts on the cost of living, wages and the workforce, U.S. international competitiveness, and rural and underserved communities. It would authorize \$1 million to carry out the study.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 279-153. [H.R. 4521, [Vote #Vote #26](#), 2/3/22; CQ, [2/3/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against An Amendment To Require A Report On The Humanitarian Impact Of The Confiscation Of Assets From Afghanistan’s Central Bank And Its Financial Impact On China And Chinese Entities. In February 2022 Salazar voted against: “Jayapal, D-Wash., amendment no. 124 that would require the Treasury Department to include, in a report to Congress required by the bill on the financial activities of China and Chinese entities in connection with the finances of Afghanistan and the Taliban, an assessment of the humanitarian impacts of U.S. and multilateral sanctions on entities associated with the Afghanistan government and the freeze of confiscated assets of Afghanistan's central bank; the impacts of existing U.S. and multilateral laws on Chinese government influence in Afghanistan; and the projected impacts on illicit finance activity between China and entities in Afghanistan in the event of a collapse of the Afghan banking system.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 175-255. [H.R. 4521, [Vote #Vote #25](#), 2/3/22; CQ, [2/3/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against An Amendment To Update Ocean Shipping Regulations To Address Supply Chain Shortages. In February 2022 Salazar voted against: “Garamendi, D-Calif., amendment no. 89 that would insert provisions of a bill (HR 4996) that would update various requirements and standards for ocean common carriers and marine terminal operators and require the Federal Maritime Commission to initiate related rulemakings, intended to address the effects of supply chain shortages on shipping services. It also would authorize \$33 million for fiscal 2022 and \$36 million for fiscal 2023 for FMC operations.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 367-59. [H.R. 4521, [Vote #Vote #24](#), 2/3/22; CQ, [2/3/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For An Amendment To Require An Annual Briefing To Congress On The Progress Of China’s Emissions Goals And Commitments. In February 2022 Salazar voted for: “Crenshaw, R-Texas, amendment no. 56 that would require the State Department to brief Congress annually on China's progress and efforts to meet certain previously stated emission goals and commitments.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 264-163. [H.R. 4521, [Vote #Vote #23](#), 2/3/22; CQ, [2/3/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against An Amendment To Add The Media And Entertainment Industry To The Apprenticeship Grants Offered By The America COMPETES Act. In February 2022 Salazar voted against: “Castro, D-Texas, amendment no. 43 that would add "media and entertainment" to a list of possible industries eligible for the expanded apprenticeship offerings grants included in the bill.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 216-214. [H.R. 4521, [Vote #Vote #22](#), 2/3/22; CQ, [2/3/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against An Amendment To Require A Report On The Impact Of U.S. Sanctions On Innovation, Emissions Reduction, Climate Cooperation, And Economic Justice. In February 2022 Salazar voted against: “Bowman, D-N.Y., amendment no. 22 that would direct the State and Energy departments to report to Congress on the impact of U.S. sanctions on innovation related to climate change and environmental justice; emissions reduction; and international climate cooperation.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 181-248. [H.R. 4521, [Vote #Vote #21](#), 2/3/22; CQ, [2/3/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For The Republican En Bloc Amendment No. 3, Including 35 Amendments, To The America COMPETES Act. In February 2022 Salazar voted for: “Lofgren, D-Calif., en bloc amendments no. 3 that would include 35 amendments to the bill that would, among other provisions, strike from the bill a section that would authorize \$8 billion through fiscal 2023 for contributions to the U.N. Green Climate Fund; a section that would authorize a global climate change resilience strategy; a section that would establish a Homeland Security Department mentor-protege program to assist small firms in competing for DHS contracts; a section expanding Defense Production Act authorities with respect to emergency medical supplies during the COVID-19 health emergency period; and section creating a new classification of "W" visas for those involved with start-up companies; and a section that would reauthorize and expand programs under the national apprenticeship system.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 204-225. [H.R. 4521, [Vote #Vote #20](#), 2/3/22; CQ, [2/3/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For The Bipartisan En Bloc Amendment No. 2, Including 53 Amendments, To The America COMPETES Act. In February 2022 Salazar voted for: “Bonamici, D-Ore., en bloc amendments no. 2 that including 53 amendments to the bill that would, among other provisions, authorize the Treasury Department to hire 10 additional full-time employees for the Office of Foreign Assets Control to carry out activities associated with the Chinese government; express the sense of Congress that the International Olympic Committee should not hold future Olympic games in countries committing genocide; require the Treasury and State departments to issue a determination of whether certain Chinese companies meet the criteria for sanctions under existing human rights laws; require foreign business entities to assign and register an agent with the Commerce Department as a prerequisite to doing business in the U.S.; prohibit the possession, transport and sale in interstate or foreign commerce of American mink raised in captivity for fur production; and authorize \$26 million annually from fiscal years 2023 through 2026 to support federal coordination of state supply chain databases. The amendments would insert the provisions of a bill (HR 1447) that would reauthorize funding through fiscal 2026 for ocean and coastal acidification research and response activities by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the National Science Foundation; a bill (HR 1996) that would establish legal protections for financial service institutions that provide services to marijuana-related businesses operating in accordance with state law; and a bill (HR 151) that would require various actions related to shutting down commercial wildlife markets and preventing the emergence of future zoonotic pathogens.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 262-168. [H.R. 4521, [Vote #Vote #19](#), 2/3/22; CQ, [2/3/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against The Democratic En Bloc Amendment No. 1, Including 161 Amendments, To The America COMPETES Act. In February 2022 Salazar voted against: “Johnson, D-Texas, en bloc amendments no. 1 that including 161 amendments to the bill that would, among other provisions, state that it is U.S. policy to prioritize the Indo-Pacific region in foreign policy and authorize funding for various U.S. activities in the region through fiscal 2026, including \$655 million for foreign military

financing activities and \$450 million for the State Department Indo-Pacific Maritime Security Initiative; authorize a new Labor Department grant program to expand national apprenticeship system offerings to support critical supply chain sectors facing workforce shortages; add "immersive technology" and "educational technology" as key technology focus areas with respect to supply chain resilience activities; authorize \$6.1 billion annually through fiscal 2026 for the Energy Department to fund restoration, infrastructure and modernization projects at the National Laboratories; increase by \$740 million funding authorized for Energy Department fusion energy programs for fiscal years 2023 through 2026; and authorize \$9.5 billion over 10 years for grants and loan guarantees to assist up to three companies selected by the Energy secretary in implementing innovative industrial technologies on a commercial scale; and repeal the current 25% cap on contributions by the U.S. to U.N. peacekeeping operations." The amendment was adopted by a vote of 221-211. [H.R. 4521, [Vote #Vote #18](#), 2/3/22; CQ, [2/3/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Considering The America COMPETES Act On Global Competitiveness; Restrictions On Sexual Assault And Sexual Harassment Forced Arbitration; And Visa-Blocking Sanctions For Human Rights Violations Against LGBTQ Individuals. In February 2022 Salazar voted against: "Adoption of the rule (H Res 900) that would provide for House floor consideration of the global competitiveness package, or America COMPETES Act (HR 4521); a bill (HR 4445) to restrict forced arbitration with respect to sexual assault and harassment disputes; and a bill (HR 3485) related to global protections for LGBTQ individuals. The rule would provide for up to two hours of general debate on HR 4521 and up to one hour of general debate on each of HR 4445 and HR 3485. It would provide for floor consideration of 261 amendments to HR 4521, one amendment to HR 4445 and six amendments to HR 3485. It would provide for automatic adoption of a Johnson, D-Texas, manager's amendment to HR 4521 that would make a wide variety of changes throughout the bill. Among other provisions, the manager's amendment would authorize, annually through fiscal 2026, \$1 billion for trade adjustment assistance for certain communities negatively impacted by changes in trade and authorize, annually through fiscal 2028, \$1.3 billion for trade adjustment assistance for community college and career training programs for workers negatively impacted by changes in trade. It would add Davis-Bacon prevailing wage requirements for laborers and mechanics working on projects under an electric grid vulnerability program created by the bill. It would strike a provision that would require the Energy Department to delegate signature authority to the National Laboratories for certain research, development and other agreements; a provision that would transfer unexpended funds for certain coral reef management, restoration and conservation grants to a coral reef stewardship fund authorized by the bill; and a provision that would require a diplomatic strategy for U.S.-Afghanistan efforts to address challenges posed by Chinese investment in the Afghan mineral sector. It would make numerous technical changes. The rule would also authorize through April 1 certain routine authorities for House proceedings, including for consideration of motions to suspend the rules and same-day consideration of Rules Committee resolutions. It would allow proceedings on measures previously considered under suspension of the rules on Feb. 1 to be postponed through March 3." The rule was adopted by a vote of 219-203. [H. Res. 900, [Vote #Vote #17](#), 2/2/22; CQ, [2/2/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Updating Ocean Shipping Requirements And Requiring The Federal Maritime Commission To Address Effects Of Supply Chain Shortages On Shipping Services. In December 2021, Salazar voted against: "Garamendi, D-Calif., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would update various requirements and standards for ocean common carriers and marine terminal operators and require the Federal Maritime Commission to initiate related rulemakings,

intended to address the effects of supply chain shortages on shipping services. It would authorize \$33 million for fiscal 2022 and \$36 million for fiscal 2023 for FMC operations. Among other provisions, it would require the commission to initiate a rulemaking to establish minimum shipping service standards, including for furnishing suitable equipment and accommodations for receiving cargo and requirements that carriers establish contingency plans to maintain service during periods of port congestion and other market disruptions. It would prohibit carriers or operators from retaliating against shippers by refusing or threatening to refuse cargo space accommodations; failing to furnish containers or facilities needed for transportation services; "unreasonably declining" cargo bookings if the cargo can be loaded safely and timely on a vessel scheduled for its destination; and charging demurrage or detention fees, which are incurred for delays in unloading cargo, without certifying that the charges comply with FMC rules. It would also authorize the commission to issue an emergency order requiring carriers or operators to share information related to cargo availability directly with relevant shippers and land carriers to ensure efficient transportation, if the commission determines after a public comment period that congestion of the common carriage of goods has created an emergency situation adversely affecting international shipping supply system competitiveness and reliability." Motion agreed to by a vote of 364-60. [HR 4996, [Vote #Vote #406](#), 12/08/21; CQ, [12/08/21](#)]

Veterans & Military Family

Salazar Voted For Authorization Of \$60 Million To The National Archives And Records Administration To Address The Backlog In Veterans' Record Requests, Improve The Federal Records Request Process, And Address Freedom Of Information Act Request Backlogs. In July 2022 Salazar voted for: "Maloney, D-N.Y., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would authorize \$60 million for the National Archives and Records Administration to address backlogs in responding to military personnel record requests from veterans, improve cybersecurity, improve digital preservation and access to archival federal records and address backlogs in Freedom of Information Act requests. It would require the U.S. archivist to submit to Congress, within 60 days of enactment, a plan to reduce the backlog of requests from the National Personnel Records Center and improve operations efficiency, including an estimate of backlog record requests for veterans; target timeframes to reduce the backlog; and strategies to prevent future backlogs. It would also require the archivist to ensure that the center maintains staffing levels and telework arrangements that enable the 'maximum processing' of records requests with the goal of responding to 90 percent of requests in 20 days or less." The motion was agreed to by a vote of 406-21. [H.R. 7337, [Vote #Vote #356](#), 7/14/22; CQ, [7/14/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Expanding Veterans Affairs Health Care Benefits For Burn Pit And Toxic Exposure During Service To Include Hospital Care, Medical Services, And Nursing Home Care. In July 2022 Salazar voted for: "Passage of the bill, as amended, that would expand VA health care benefits for veterans with service-connected exposure to burn pits or other toxic substances, making such veterans eligible for VA hospital care, medical services and nursing home care. Specifically, it would establish a presumption of service-connected exposure for certain types of cancer and certain respiratory illnesses, including asthma diagnosed after service, for all veterans who served in certain periods and locations where burn pits or other airborne hazards were present, including those who served in Iraq, Afghanistan and Persian Gulf countries beginning in August 1990. It would also expand benefits for certain veterans exposed to radiation during the Cold War and certain Vietnam War-era veterans exposed to Agent Orange. It would require the VA to establish a department working group to assess cases of toxic

exposure and make determinations for new or modified presumptions of service-connected exposure based on working group recommendations; conduct outreach to inform veterans of new eligibility following all such modifications; and enter into a five-year agreement with the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine to evaluate scientific evidence related to determining the associations between diseases and military toxic exposure. It would also require the VA to publish a list of resources for toxic-exposed veterans and their caregivers and survivors; include a toxic exposure questionnaire in initial screenings conducted by VA primary care providers; provide department health care personnel with education and training to identify and treat illnesses related to toxic exposure; establish an interagency working group to coordinate collaborative federal research on health consequences of military toxic exposure; and require the National Academies to conduct a study on toxic exposures and mental health conditions and a study on health trends of veterans who participated in Manhattan Project activities. It would provide \$500 million for fiscal 2022 for a new fund to support veterans' health care associated with toxic exposure and authorize the VA to use such funding to improve Veterans Benefits Administration operations, including for claims automation, to support increased claims processing for veterans made eligible by the bill. Among other provisions, it would modify certain VA leasing authorities and appropriate funding for VA medical facility leases, including \$922 million for fiscal 2022 for enhanced-use leases, and \$1.9 billion for fiscal 2023 and over \$3.6 billion for fiscal years 2024 through 2031 for major medical facility leases. It would also include various provisions related to VA personnel policy, including to require the VA, in collaboration with the directors of outpatient clinics and medical centers, to develop and implement a national rural recruitment and hiring plan for the Veterans Health Administration; require the VA to establish qualifications for each human resources position within the department; and authorize the VA to issue retention bonuses, student loan repayment and other incentives to retain and recruit personnel. This version of the bill would not include a blue-slip provision that would specify that contract buy-outs by the VA to employ health care professionals at rural VA facilities would not be considered a taxable benefit or event." The bill passed by a vote of 342-88. [S. 3373, [Vote #Vote #309](#), 7/13/22; CQ, [7/13/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For A Motion To Recommit The Bill To Expand Veterans' Health Care Benefits For Toxic Exposure During Military Service To Committee. In July 2022 Salazar voted for: "Bost, R-Ill., motion to recommit the bill to the House Veterans' Affairs Committee." The motion was agreed to by a vote of 208-219. [S. 3373, [Vote #Vote #308](#), 7/13/22; CQ, [7/13/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Considering The Active Shooter Alert Act, A Bill To Expand Veterans' Toxic Exposure Health Care Benefits, The National Defense Authorization Act For FY 2023, The Women's Health Protection Act, And The Ensuring Access To Abortion Act. In July 2022 Salazar voted against: "Adoption of the rule (H Res 1224) that would provide for House consideration of the Active Shooter Alert Act (HR 6538), the veterans' toxic exposure benefits bill (S 3373), the fiscal 2023 defense authorization bill (HR 7900), the Women's Health Protection Act (HR 8296), and the Ensuring Women's Right to Reproductive Freedom Act (HR 8297). The rule would provide for up to one hour of general debate on each bill and floor consideration of 650 amendments to HR 7900. It would provide for automatic adoption of a Pallone, D-N.J., manager's amendment to HR 8297 that would change the title of the bill from the 'Ensuring Access to Abortion Act of 2022' to the 'Ensuring Women's Right to Reproductive Freedom Act.' The rule would authorize, through the legislative day of July 15, 2022, non-debatable motions by the majority leader or a designee to suspend the rules and consider, en bloc, measures that were previously considered under suspension of the rules on June 21 through July 12.

Finally, it would authorize through July 19, 2022, certain routine authorities for House proceedings, including for consideration of motions to suspend the rules and same-day consideration of Rules Committee resolutions.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 217-204. [H. Res. 1224, [Vote #Vote #304](#), 7/13/22; CQ, [7/13/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Mammography Eligibility For Veterans Who Were Exposed To Burn Pits And Other Toxic Substances As A Result Of Their Service. In May 2022 Salazar voted for: “Takano, D-Calif., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would require the Veterans Affairs Department to ensure that all veterans who served in certain locations and periods where they may have been exposed to burn pits and other toxic substances are eligible for a mammography screening by a VA health care provider. It would also require the VA, within two years, to submit a report to Congress comparing the rates of breast cancer among servicemembers deployed to such locations with rates among other servicemembers and the civilian population.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 418-0. [S. 2102, [Vote #Vote #228](#), 5/18/22; CQ, [5/18/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For The Veterans Affairs Department To Submit A Plan On Improving Mammography Services For Veterans. In May 2022 Salazar voted for: “Takano, D-Calif., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would require the Veterans Affairs Department to submit a strategic plan to Congress on improving breast imaging services for veterans. It would require the VA to conduct a telescreening mammography pilot program for veterans who cannot access such services; upgrade all mammography services to use three-dimensional digital breast tomosynthesis technology within two years; and conduct studies on and update department policies to expand access to breast cancer gene testing for veterans diagnosed with breast cancer, as well as access to breast imaging services at VA facilities for veterans with paralysis and other disabilities. It would require the VA inspector general to submit a report to Congress on mammography services provided by the VA. The bill would also require the VA to enter into a partnership with at least one cancer center of the National Cancer Institute in each veterans integrated service network to expand access to high-quality cancer care for women veterans and to collaborate with the Defense Department to submit a report to Congress on all current research and health care collaborations between the departments on treating veterans and active servicemembers who have breast cancer.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 419-0. [S. 2533, [Vote #Vote #227](#), 5/18/22; CQ, [5/18/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For A Required Veterans Affairs Employee Training On Reporting To The Veterans Affairs Inspector General. In May 2022 Salazar voted for: “Takano, D-Calif., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would require all Veterans Affairs Department employees to receive training on how to report wrongdoing to the VA inspector general’s office. Specifically, it would require the inspector general to develop training that defines the role, responsibilities and legal authority of the office and the duties of employees to engage with the office; identifies mechanisms for reporting fraud, waste and abuse; identifies whistleblower protections for employees; and recognizes opportunities to engage with the office to improve department services. It would require each current department employee to undergo the training within one year of enactment and require new employees to undergo the training within one year of beginning their employment.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 407-11. [H.R. 6052, [Vote #Vote #226](#), 5/18/22; CQ, [5/18/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Restoring Full Benefits To Veterans Unable To Complete A Course Or Program Due To An Educational Institution Closure Or Disapproval Of An Educational Program Under The Rapid Retraining Assistance Program. In May 2022 Salazar voted for: “Takano, D-Calif., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would permit the Veterans Affairs Department to restore full benefits under the Veterans Rapid Retraining Assistance Program to a veteran who was unable to complete a course or program because of the closure of an educational institution or the disapproval of an educational program by the VA or a state approving agency. It would make the bill’s provisions retroactively effective to the enactment of the March 2021 coronavirus relief law (PL 117-2), which established the retraining assistance program, and require the educational institution to repay the VA for payments already made.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 401-17. [S. 4089, [Vote #Vote #225](#), 5/18/22; CQ, [5/18/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For An Annual Training On Military Sexual Trauma For Veterans Affairs Peer Support Specialists. In May 2022 Salazar voted for: “Takano, D-Calif., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would require the Veterans Affairs Department to provide annual training for VA peer support specialists on how to provide support regarding military sexual trauma and annual training for VA peer support specialists and Veterans Health Administration military sexual trauma coordinators regarding the processing of claims for compensation related to military sexual trauma. It would require the department, in forms for such claims for compensation, to allow veterans to elect to be referred to a Veterans Health Administration military sexual trauma coordinator at the nearest VA facility to their residence. It would specify that peer support specialists are not responsible for assisting veterans with claims for compensation, other than counseling services and guidance, and may not participate in the adjudication of such claims.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 420-0. [H.R. 2724, [Vote #Vote #224](#), 5/18/22; CQ, [5/18/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Expanding Death And Disability Benefit Eligibility To Law Enforcement Who Develop Trauma-Related Disabilities Or Die By Suicide As A Result Of Trauma Exposure In The Line Of Duty. In May 2022 Salazar voted for: “Cohen, D-Tenn., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would expand eligibility for death and disability benefits under the Justice Department’s Public Safety Officers’ Benefits Program to officers who are exposed to traumatic events in the line of duty and develop trauma-related mental disabilities or die by suicide. Specifically, it would establish that post-traumatic stress disorder, acute stress disorder and other trauma and stress-related disorders are presumed to constitute a line-of-duty personal injury if a substantial factor in the disorder was the officer’s exposure while on duty to a traumatic event, defined as a homicide or suicide, violent death, circumstance that poses significant danger to any individual or act of sexual violence against any individual. It would also establish a presumption of direct cause of death or disability in the case of a suicide or attempted suicide by an officer if their exposure to a traumatic event was a substantial factor in the action. It would specify that existing prohibitions on benefit payments in the case of intentional action or voluntary intoxication of an officer would not apply in these cases. It would require the Government Accountability Office, within one year of enactment, to report to Congress on benefits issued under the bill’s provisions.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 402-17. [H.R. 6943, [Vote #Vote #223](#), 5/18/22; CQ, [5/18/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For First Responder Traumatic Brain Injury And Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Crisis Intervention Training. In May 2022 Salazar voted for: “Cohen, D-Tenn., motion to suspend the rules and

pass the bill, as amended, that would require the Justice Department's Bureau of Justice Assistance, in consultation with other agencies, to develop crisis intervention training tools for use by first responders based on best practices for interacting with persons who have a traumatic brain injury or post-traumatic stress disorder. It would require the office to make the training available as part of the department's Police-Mental Health Collaboration Toolkit and ensure the training tools are implemented by at least one designated police department. It would authorize \$54 million annually through fiscal 2027 for Justice Department police-mental health collaboration grants, including to develop the training. It would also require the Health and Human Services Department, within two years of enactment, to submit a study to Congress on the prevalence of concussions among first responders." The motion was agreed to by a vote of 400-21. [H.R. 2992, [Vote #Vote #222](#), 5/18/22; CQ, [5/18/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For A Veterans Affairs And National Academies Review Of Medical Examinations For Veterans Who Submitted Compensation Claims Related To Military Sexual Trauma. In May 2022 Salazar voted for: "Takano, D-Calif., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would require the Veterans Affairs Department to enter into an agreement with the National Academies to conduct a review of medical examinations for individuals who submit claims for compensation related to military sexual trauma. It would require the National Academies, within 540 days of enactment, to submit a report to Congress on the findings of its review, including legislative and administrative recommendations, and require the VA, within 90 days of the report submission, to submit a plan to carry out any recommendations." The motion was agreed to by a vote of 414-2. [H.R. 6064, [Vote #Vote #217](#), 5/18/22; CQ, [5/18/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For A Required Annual Training On Military Sexual Trauma For Veterans' Appeals Board Members. In May 2022 Salazar voted for: "Takano, D-Calif., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would require the Veterans Affairs Department to ensure that an annual training on military sexual trauma and resulting compensation claims is offered to each member of the Veterans' Appeals Board and prohibit the assignment of proceedings concerning such claims to any board members who have not completed the most recent training. It would also require the department to establish protocols for VA and contract medical providers to conduct examinations related to such claims using trauma-informed practices and to ensure that letters to individuals explaining a decision to deny such claims use trauma-informed language." The motion was agreed to by a vote of 405-12. [H.R. 6961, [Vote #Vote #216](#), 5/18/22; CQ, [5/18/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Providing Mental Health And Other Resources To Veterans Who Make A Compensation Claim Related To Military Sexual Trauma. In May 2022 Salazar voted for: "Takano, D-Calif., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would require the Veterans Affairs Department, during or immediately after a medical examination or Board of Veterans' Appeals hearing with respect to a claim for compensation related to military sexual trauma, to provide claimants with outreach letters, information on the Veterans Crisis Line, information on how to make an appointment with a mental health provider and other information on resources available relating to military sexual trauma." The motion was agreed to by a vote of 417-0. [H.R. 7335, [Vote #Vote #215](#), 5/18/22; CQ, [5/18/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Requiring Veterans Affairs Medical Centers To Have A Lactation Space. In May 2022 Salazar voted for: "Takano, D-Calif., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would require each Veterans Affairs Department medical center to contain a lactation space,

defined as a hygienic place other than a bathroom that is private, accessible and easy to locate, and contains a chair and working surface.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 420-0. [H.R. 5738, [Vote #214](#), 5/18/22; CQ, [5/18/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Condemning Rising Antisemitism Domestically And Internationally. In May 2022 Salazar voted for: “Cohen, D-Tenn., motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, as amended, that would express that the House of Representatives calls on elected officials, faith leaders and civil society leaders to condemn and combat all manifestations of antisemitism; calls on elected officials to condemn any denial and distortion of the Holocaust and promote Holocaust and antisemitism education; urges increased U.S. leadership internationally to fight global antisemitism; calls on social media platforms to institute stronger efforts to measure and address antisemitism online; and supports steps to ensure the safety, security and dignity of Jews and Jewish institutions and organizations.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 420-1. [H. Res. 1125, [Vote #213](#), 5/18/22; CQ, [5/18/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Requiring The Veterans Affairs Department To Submit A Plan For Veterans Affairs Benefit Claims Automation. In May 2022 Salazar voted for: “Trone, D-Md., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would require the Veterans Affairs Department, within 180 days of enactment, to submit a plan to Congress regarding the modernization of the Veterans Benefits Administration’s information technology systems. It would express the sense of Congress that the department should increase automation in the processing of benefit claims.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 410-3. [H.R. 7153, [Vote #207](#), 5/17/22; CQ, [5/17/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Expanding Veterans Affairs Work-Study Eligibility To Part-Time Students. In May 2022 Salazar voted for: “Trone, D-Md., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would create a pilot program within the Veterans Affairs Department to expand eligibility for a work-study allowance to certain part-time students who are pursuing rehabilitation, education or training programs. It would require the department to report to Congress, within 180 days of enactment and annually thereafter, on veterans who participate in work-study, including the number of participants and percentage of participants who obtain a four-year degree.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 370-43. [H.R. 6376, [Vote #206](#), 5/17/22; CQ, [5/17/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Veterans Affairs Payment System Updates To Allow For Education Assistance Fund Transfers To Foreign Higher Education Institutions. In May 2022 Salazar voted for: “Trone, D-Md., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would direct the Veterans Affairs Department to update the department payment system within 90 days of enactment to allow for electronic fund transfer of educational assistance to a foreign higher education institution that provides an approved educational course to an eligible recipient of the assistance and does not have an employer identification number or an account with a domestic bank.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 397-15. [H.R. 7375, [Vote #205](#), 5/17/22; CQ, [5/17/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Subpoena Authority For The Veterans Affairs Inspector General. In May 2022 Salazar voted for: “Trone, D-Md., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would allow the Veterans Affairs Department inspector general to subpoena witnesses as necessary to perform the office's duties through May 31, 2025. It would specify that the office is not permitted to subpoena

witnesses as part of a criminal proceeding or current federal employees.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 404-6. [S. 2687, [Vote #Vote #204](#), 5/17/22; CQ, [5/17/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For G.I Bill Education Benefits Restoration For Individuals Whose Education Program Closed Or Was Discontinued. In May 2022 Salazar voted for: “Trone, D-Md., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would require the Veterans Affairs Department to issue a certificate of eligibility, which would provide proof of benefit coverage to educational institutions, to individuals applying for a restoration of their G.I. Bill educational benefits after their educational program closed or was discontinued. The bill would require an individual to certify to the VA that they have transferred fewer than 12 credits from the program. It would also strike a requirement that veterans who transfer their educational benefits to dependents must designate a period for which the transfer is effective.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 412-1. [H.R. 6604, [Vote #Vote #203](#), 5/17/22; CQ, [5/17/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Establishing A Veterans Affairs Electronic Health Care Complaint System For Veterans And Their Designees. In May 2022 Salazar voted for: “Trone, D-Md., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would require the Veterans Affairs Department’s Office of Patient Advocacy to establish a system, within 18 months of enactment, that allows veterans or their designees to electronically file or view the status of a complaint about the delivery of health care services through the VA.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 411-1. [H.R. 5754, [Vote #Vote #202](#), 5/17/22; CQ, [5/17/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Authorizing \$3.4 Billion In 2022 For Veterans Affairs Medical Facility Construction And Renovation Projects. In May 2022 Salazar voted for: “Trone, D-Md., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would authorize approximately \$3.4 billion in fiscal 2022 for the Veterans Affairs Department to carry out 12 construction and renovation projects for certain major medical facilities.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 402-2. [H.R. 7500, [Vote #Vote #201](#), 5/17/22; CQ, [5/17/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Designating A Veterans Affairs Center In Orem, Utah. In May 2022 Salazar voted for: “Trone, D-Md., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would designate the Veterans Affairs Department’s Provo Veterans Center, located in Orem, Utah, as the ‘Col. Gail S. Halvorsen ‘Candy Bomber’ Veterans Center.’” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 410-1. [S. 2514, [Vote #Vote #200](#), 5/17/22; CQ, [5/17/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Designating A Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic In Oahu, Hawaii. In May 2022 Salazar voted for: “Trone, D-Md., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bil that would designate the Veterans Affairs Department community-based outpatient clinic planned to be built in Oahu, Hawaii, as the ‘Daniel Kahikina Akaka Department of Veterans Affairs Community-Based Outpatient Clinic,’ or the ‘Daniel Kahikina Akaka VA Clinic.’” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 384-22. [S. 1760, [Vote #Vote #199](#), 5/17/22; CQ, [5/17/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Authorizing The Veterans Affairs Department To Transfer Property Names Between Veterans Affairs Properties. In May 2022 Salazar voted for: “Trone, D-Md., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would authorize the Veterans Affairs Department to transfer the name of one VA property to another VA property if the original property was designated with that name by law;

the department no longer offers benefits or services at the original property; the original and new property are similar in type and purpose; the new property is located in a different location within the same area; and the transfer occurs at least 30 days after the department notifies Congress of its intent to transfer the name.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 412-2. [S. 3527, [Vote #Vote #198](#), 5/17/22; CQ, [5/17/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For An Amendment To The Community Services Block Grant Modernization Act That Would Allow States To Grant Excess Funds To Address The Needs Of Veterans. In May 2022, Salazar voted for: “Gottheimer, D-N.J., amendment no. 4 that would allow states to grant excess funds under the bill's provisions to support eligible entities in addressing the needs of veterans, with an emphasis on homeless veterans.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 418-0. [HR 5129, [Vote #Vote #180](#), 5/13/22; CQ, [5/13/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Presenting The Congressional Gold Medal To The Army Rangers Veterans Of World War II. In May 2022 Salazar voted for: “Garcia, D-Ill., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would provide for the presentation of a Congressional Gold Medal to the Army Rangers veterans of World War II. The Army Rangers units were formed during the war.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 418-0. [S. 1872, [Vote #Vote #155](#), 5/11/22; CQ, [5/11/22](#)]

March 2022: Salazar Voted Against The Honoring Our Pact Act To Expand Veterans Affairs Health Care Benefits To Include Burn Pit And Other Toxic Substance Exposure. In March 2022 Salazar voted against: “Passage of the bill, as amended, as amended, that would expand Veterans Affairs Department health care benefits for veterans with service-connected exposure to burn pits or other toxic substances, making such veterans eligible for VA hospital care, medical services and nursing home care. Specifically, it would establish a presumption of service-connected exposure for certain types of cancer and certain respiratory illnesses, including asthma diagnosed after service, for all veterans who served in certain periods and locations where burn pits or other airborne hazards were present, including those who served in Iraq, Afghanistan and Persian Gulf countries beginning in August 1990. It would require the VA to conduct outreach to inform such veterans of their eligibility. It would also require the VA to coordinate federally funded research activities related to health consequences of military toxic exposures; establish a toxic exposure advisory committee to assess cases of toxic exposure; and conduct research based on committee recommendations to make determinations for new or modified presumptions of service-connected exposure. Among other provisions, it would require the VA to publish a list of resources for toxic-exposed veterans and their caregivers and survivors; include a toxic exposure questionnaire in initial screenings conducted by VA primary care providers; provide department health care personnel with education and training to identify and treat illnesses related to toxic exposure; and establish a registry for servicemembers who may have been exposed to per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances due to the release of aqueous film-forming foam on military installations.” The bill passed by a vote of 256-174. [H.R. 3967, [Vote #Vote #57](#), 3/3/22; CQ, [3/3/22](#)]

- **3.5 Million U.S. Military Service Members Were Estimated To Have Been Exposed To Toxic Substances From Burn Pits.** “U.S. officials estimate that more than 3.5 million service members who deployed were exposed to toxic smoke from the roughly 250 pits used in Iraq and Afghanistan.” [New York Times, [9/7/21](#)]

- **Honoring Our PACT Act Designated 23 Illnesses And Cancers As Linked To Toxic Exposures From “Burn Pits And Airborne Hazards.”** “The bill would specifically designate 23 respiratory illnesses and cancers as likely linked to toxic exposures related to military burn pits and airborne hazards exposure. Currently, the Department of Veterans Affairs decides these exposure claims on a case-by-case basis, with the exception of those filed for asthma, rhinitis or sinusitis. The burden of proving one's illness is related to a burn pit exposure falls on the veteran, leading to delays in health care.” [ABC News, [3/3/22](#)]
- **Honoring Our PACT Act Included Veterans Affairs Benefits For Radiation During The Cold War And Additional Illnesses Linked To Agent Orange Used In The Vietnam War.** “The bill also provides for new benefits for veterans who faced radiation exposure during deployments throughout the Cold War, adds hypertension and monoclonal gammopathy to the list of illnesses linked to Agent Orange exposure in the Vietnam War, and requires new medical exams for all veterans with toxic exposure claims.” [Military.com, [3/3/22](#)]
- **Honoring Our Pact Act Provided Retroactive Veterans Affairs Benefits For Previously Denied Claims And To Deceased Veterans’ Survivors.** “The bill would open up Department of Veterans Affairs health care to millions of Iraq and Afghanistan veterans exposed to toxic substances during their service even if they don’t have a service-connected disability. The bill also would provide new or increased disability benefits to thousands of veterans who have become ill with cancer or respiratory conditions such as bronchitis or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, or COPD. The VA would presume that veterans developed their illness as a result of exposure to toxic substances during their service. [...] The bill also provides for retroactive benefits to veterans whose disability claims have been denied and to survivors of deceased veterans.” [AP News, [3/3/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For An Amendment For A Quarterly Veterans Affairs Report On Cases Of Veteran’s Burn Pit Exposure. In March 2022 Salazar voted for: “Ryan, D-Ohio, amendment no. 23 to the bill that would include provisions of a bill (HR 2601) that would require the Veterans Affairs Department to submit to Congress a quarterly report on each reported case of a veteran's burn pit exposure.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 348-78. [H.R. 3967, [Vote #Vote #56](#), 3/3/22; CQ, [3/3/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For An Amendment To Include Cause Of Death In The Veterans Affairs Burn Pit Registry. In March 2022 Salazar voted for: “Ruiz, D-Calif., amendment no. 22 to the bill that would require the Veterans Affairs Department to take actions necessary to ensure that the burn pit registry can be updated with the cause of death of a deceased registered individual by either an individual designated by the deceased registered individual or an immediate family member of the deceased registered individual, if none is specifically designated.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 425-0. [H.R. 3967, [Vote #Vote #55](#), 3/3/22; CQ, [3/3/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For En Bloc Amendments To The Honoring Our PACT Act To Address Veteran’s Benefits For Toxic Exposure. In March 2022 Salazar voted for: “Takano, D-Calif., en bloc amendments no. 1, including 23 amendments to the bill that would, among other provisions, authorize \$50 million annually for fiscal years 2023 through 2027 for the Veterans Affairs Department to award grants to

states for programs that improve outreach and assistance to veterans regarding benefits and programs for which they may be eligible; authorize \$150 million for fiscal 2023 for the continued modernization and expansion of capabilities and capacity of the Veterans Benefits Management System to support the expected increase in claims processing for newly eligible veterans pursuant to the bill; require the Veterans Affairs Department to establish an interagency toxic exposure research working group; require the Defense Department to include in each annual budget submission through fiscal 2027 a dedicated budget line item for incinerators and waste-to-energy waste disposal alternatives to burn pits; and increase from 72 to 96 hours the minimum time period within which veterans may be required to notify the Veterans Affairs Department to be eligible for VA coverage when receiving emergency medical care at a non-VA facility.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 331-96. [H.R. 3967, [Vote #Vote #52](#), 3/2/22; CQ, [3/2/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For An Amendment To Replace Honoring Our PACT Act's Text With Expansion Of Veterans Affairs Health Care Benefits For Toxic Substance Exposure. In March 2022 Salazar voted for: “Miller-Meeks, R-Iowa, for Bost, R-Ill., amendment no. 5 to the bill that would strike the bill's text and insert provisions of a bill that would expand eligibility for Veterans Affairs Department health care benefits related to toxic substance exposure, including extending the eligibility period from five to 10 years after an eligible veteran's separation. Among other provisions, it would also require the VA to provide toxic exposure-related education and training for department health care personnel; include toxic exposure screening in its patient enrollment health care screening; and conduct studies on cancer rates among veterans and mortality among veterans who served in Southwest Asia.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 203-223. [H.R. 3967, [Vote #Vote #53](#), 3/2/22; CQ, [3/2/22](#)]

- **House Republicans Thought Honoring Our PACT Act Was The Wrong Solution And A “Slippery Slope.”** “‘We’re going to declare 23 presumptive illnesses that are related to burn pit exposure,’ said Takano (D-Calif.) It’s expected to pass the House but Republicans say despite their support for veterans, Takano’s bill is the wrong solution. The bill ‘would expand benefit to more veterans without scientific justification,’ said Rep. Mariannette Miller-Meeks (R-IA). ‘Showing just how slippery a slope this bill would set.’” [Fox 2, [3/2/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For An Amendment To Ensure The Availability Of Mammography Screenings For Veterans Who Served In Regions During Periods Of Burn Pit Use. In March 2022 Salazar voted for: “Brownley, D-Calif., amendment no. 6 to the bill that would require the Veterans Affairs Department to ensure that mammography screenings are available for veterans who served in the Middle East, Southwest Asia or other regions during periods when burn pits have been or are being used. It would also require the department to submit a report to Congress on rates of breast cancer among servicemembers deployed in these areas, compared to rates among civilians and other servicemembers.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 425-0. [H.R. 3967, [Vote #Vote #54](#), 3/2/22; CQ, [3/2/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Considering Improvements To Health Care And Benefits For Veterans Exposed To Toxic Substances. In March 2022 Salazar voted against: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 950) that would provide for House floor consideration of the Honoring our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics (Honoring our PACT) Act (HR 3967). The rule would provide for up to one hour of general debate on the bill and floor consideration of 28 amendments to the bill. It would provide for

automatic adoption of a Takano, D-Calif., manager's amendment to HR 3967 that would establish a Veterans Toxic Exposures Fund within the Treasury and authorize such sums as necessary for the fund, beginning in fiscal 2023, for expenses related to providing Veterans Affairs Department health care and benefits related to environmental hazard exposure; authorize \$30 million in fiscal 2023 for the VA to automate and streamline claims processing to support the expected increase in claims by veterans made eligible for benefits by the bill; modify provisions related to the VA's appointment of five members to a toxic exposure advisory committee established by the bill; and require the department to provide treatment to veterans who participated in response efforts following the 1968 crash of a U.S. Air Force B-52 bomber that caused the release of four thermonuclear weapons in the vicinity of Thule Air Force Base, Greenland." The rule was adopted by a vote of 220-200. [H.Res. 950, [Vote #Vote #50](#), 3/1/22; CQ, [3/1/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Presenting A Congressional Gold Medal To The All-Black, All-Female World War II 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion. In February 2022 Salazar voted for: "Perlmutter D-Colo., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would provide for the presentation of a Congressional Gold Medal to the women of the 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion in recognition of their service and contributions to increase the morale of U.S. personnel stationed in Europe during World War II. The 6888th battalion was an all-Black, all-female battalion that served in England and created processes and filing systems to clear a backlog of undelivered mail to U.S. servicemembers." The motion was agreed to by a vote of 422-0. [S. 321, [Vote #Vote #46](#), 2/28/22; CQ, [2/28/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against Automatic Veterans Affairs Healthcare Enrollment For Discharged Service Members Within 60 Days Of Eligibility. In January 2022 Salazar voted against: "Passage of the bill, as amended, that would require the Veterans Affairs Department to automatically enroll eligible veterans in the department's patient enrollment system, giving them access to VA health care services, within 60 days of receiving confirmation of their eligibility from the Defense Department. It would also require the VA to provide veterans a notification of enrollment, an electronic version of their certificate of eligibility, means to opt out of enrollment electronically and instructions to elect enrollment at a later date." The bill passed by a vote of 265-163. [H.R. 4673, [Vote #Vote #14](#), 1/20/22; CQ, [1/20/22](#)]

Salazar Voted Against An Amendment To Extend Automatic Veteran Healthcare Enrollment To Veterans Discharged 90 Days Prior To The Bill's Enactment. In January 2022 Salazar voted against: "Escobar D-Texas, amendment no. 3 that would extend automatic enrollment under the bill's provisions to veterans discharged 90 days before enactment or later." The amendment was adopted by a vote of 228-198. [H.R. 4673, [Vote #Vote #12](#), 1/20/22; CQ, [1/20/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For The Guard And Reserve GI Bill Parity Act, Including Guard And Reserve Training As Eligible Service For Education Assistance. In January 2022 Salazar voted for: "Passage of the bill that would expand GI Bill benefits for National Guard and Reserve members by including their training as eligible service with respect to educational assistance. It would specify that such benefits accrued through training before Aug. 1, 2025, would expire by Aug. 1, 2040, while benefits accrued through training after that date would not expire. As an offset, it would modify borrower fee rates for certain VA housing loans by delaying certain scheduled rate reductions for several months in 2031 and increasing rates for interest rate reduction refinancing loans closed from July 1, 2022, through Sept. 30, 2030. As amended, the bill would also require the Veterans Affairs Department to provide new veterans with

information regarding medical care they are eligible for through VA benefits, including care provided through community providers, mental health care and military sexual trauma care.” Passed by a vote of 287-135. [HR 1836, [Vote #Vote #6](#), 1/12/22; CQ, [1/12/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For An Amendment That Would Strike And Replace Most Of The Provisions In The Guard and Reserve GI Bill Parity Act. In January 2022, Salazar voted for: “Moore R-Ala., amendment no. 2 that would strike the bill's text and replace it with provisions that would expand GI Bill benefits for National Guard and Reserve members by including certain mandatory drills and field exercises, not including training, as eligible active-duty service with respect to educational assistance. As an offset, it would temporarily increase borrower fee rates for VA interest rate reduction housing refinancing loans.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 198-225. [HR 1836, [Vote #Vote #4](#), 1/12/22; CQ, [1/12/22](#)]

Salazar Voted For Codifying And Providing \$15 Million In Funding For A Maternity Care Coordination Program For Veterans. In November 2021, Salazar voted for: “Takano, D-Calif., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would codify a Veterans Affairs Department maternity care coordination program and authorize \$15 million for the program in fiscal 2022. It would require the department, in carrying out the program, to provide training and support to community maternity care providers with respect to the unique needs of pregnant and postpartum veterans, particularly regarding mental and behavioral health conditions relating to military service. It would also require the Government Accountability Office to submit to Congress, within two years of enactment, a report on maternal mortality and severe maternal morbidity among pregnant and postpartum veterans, with a particular focus on racial and ethnic disparities in maternal health outcomes.” Motion agreed to, (thus cleared for the president), by a vote of 414-9. [S 796, [Vote #Vote #374](#), 11/16/21; CQ, [11/16/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For Expanding Eligibility For Veterans Affairs Department Counseling And Mental Health Services To Veterans And Servicemembers Using VA Educational Benefits. In November 2021, Salazar voted for: “Takano, D-Calif., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would expand eligibility for a Veterans Affairs Department counseling and mental health services program to include veterans and servicemembers using VA educational benefits. It would also require the Government Accountability Office to submit to Congress, within one year of enactment, a report assessing the mental health needs of such veterans and the department's efforts to address such needs.” Motion agreed to by a vote of 420-4. [HR 4233, [Vote #Vote #375](#), 11/16/21; CQ, [11/16/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For Passage of the Major Medical Facility Authorization Act. In July 2021, Salazar voted for: “Takano, D-Calif., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would authorize approximately \$2.1 billion for the Veterans Affairs Department to carry out certain major medical facility projects in various U.S. states in fiscal 2021.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 413-7. [S 1910, [Vote #Vote #225](#), 7/27/21; CQ, [7/27/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For Directing The Secretary Of Veterans Affairs To Ensure That Certain Veterans Medical Facilities Have Physical Locations For The Disposal Of Controlled Substances Medications. In July 2021, Salazar voted for: “Takano, D-Calif., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would require the Veterans Affairs Department to ensure each of its medical facilities that has an onsite pharmacy or a location dedicated for law enforcement purposes has a physical location where any individual may dispose of controlled substances medications. It would require the VA to designate

periods during which the public may make use of the location and authorize the department to carry out public information campaigns regarding such periods.” The motion was agreed to 424 to 0. [S 957, [Vote #Vote #224](#), 7/27/21; CQ, [7/27/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For Prohibiting The Veterans Affairs Department From Requiring Copayments From Veterans For Contraceptives That Are Required To Be Covered By Health Insurance. In June 2021, Salazar voted for: “Passage of the bill that would prohibit the Veterans Affairs Department from requiring copayments from a veteran for any contraceptive items that are required to be covered by health insurance plans without a cost-sharing requirement.” The bill passed, 245-181. [HR 239, [Vote #Vote #184](#), 6/24/21; CQ, [6/24/21](#)]

Salazar Did Not Vote On Imposing Harsher Fines On Those Who Seek To Defraud Veterans. In June 2021, Salazar did not vote on: “Nadler, D-N.Y., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would establish fines, prison sentences of up to five years, or both for individuals who engage in schemes to defraud individuals in connection with obtaining veterans' benefits.” The motion was agreed to, 416-5. [HR 983, [Vote #Vote #174](#), 6/22/21; CQ, [6/22/21](#)]

Salazar Voted For A Bill That Prohibits Veterans Department From Requiring Co-Pay For Contraceptives That Were Required To Be Covered By Health Insurance Plans Without A Cost-Sharing Requirement. In June 2021, Salazar voted for: “Takano, D-Calif., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would prohibit the Veterans Affairs Department from requiring copayments from a veteran for any contraceptive items that are required to be covered by health insurance plans without a cost-sharing requirement.” The motion passed 240 to 188. [H R 239, [Vote #Vote #160](#), 6/15/21; CQ, [6/15/21](#)]

APPENDIX VI: CONGRESSIONAL OFFICE EXPENDITURES

Congressional Travel

Publicly Funded Foreign Travel

Reported No Publicly-Funded Foreign Travel As Of August 2022. As of August 2022, Salazar had reported no publicly-funded foreign travel. [Clerk of the House, Foreign Travel Reports, accessed [8/24/22](#)]

Privately Funded Travel

Salazar's Staff Went On 7 Privately Funded Trips, Sponsored By Either Congressional Institute, Iowa Renewables Fuel Association/National Biodiesel Foundation/Renewable Fuels Foundation/Iowa Corn, and Center Forward. [Clerk of the House, Gift Travel Filings, accessed [8/24/22](#)]

MEMBER NAME	FILER NAME	DESTINATION	TRAVEL DATES	SPONSOR
Salazar, Maria Elvira	Tom Moran	Cambridge, MD	06/17/2021 - 06/19/2021	Congressional Institute
Salazar, Maria Elvira	John Mark Kolb	Des Moines, IA	08/16/2021 - 08/19/2021	Iowa Renewable Fuels Association National Biodiesel Foundation Renewable Fuels Foundation Iowa Corn
Salazar, Maria Elvira	John Mark Kolb	Williamsburg, VA	10/13/2021 - 10/15/2021	Congressional Institute
Salazar, Maria Elvira	Valerie Chicola	Williamsburg, VA	10/13/2021 - 10/15/2021	Congressional Institute
Salazar, Maria Elvira	Tom Moran	Middleburg, VA	03/11/2022 - 03/13/2022	Center Forward

Salazar, Maria Elvira	Tom Moran	Williamsburg, VA	05/04/2022 - 05/06/2022	Congressional Institute
Salazar, Maria Elvira	Shawn Balcomb	Williamsburg, VA	06/01/2022 - 06/03/2022	Congressional Institute

[Clerk of the House, Gift Travel Filings, [5/11/16](#)]

Mass Mailings & Mass Communications

Mass Mailings

Year (Quarter)	Total No. Distributed	Average No. Distributed Per Household Address	Total Cost	Average Cost Per Household Address
2022 (Q1)	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
2021 (Q4)	312,107	0.9327	\$70,210.65	0.2098
2021 (Q3)	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
2021 (Q2)	65,066	0.1944	\$15,377.20	0.0460
2021 (Q1)	0	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	377,173		\$85,587.85	

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- **2021 Q4: Salazar Spent The 14th Most Of Any Member Of Congress In Mass Mailings.** [2021 Q4 U.S. House Statement of Disbursements, accessed [8/24/22](#)]

Mass Communications

Year (Quarter)	Total No. Distributed	Average No. Distributed Per Household Address	Total Cost	Average Cost Per Household Address
2022 (Q1)	722,943	2.1603	0.00	0.00
2021 (Q4)	353,613	1.0567	0.00	0.00
2021 (Q3)	426,895	1.2757	0.00	0.00
2021 (Q2)	1,130,042	3.3768	0.00	0.00
2021 (Q1)	70,017	0.2092	4,503.00	0.0135
TOTAL	2,703,510		\$4,503.00	

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Congressional Allowance & Spending

Representational Allowance

Salazar's 2022 Representational Allowance Is \$1,836,026. [2022 Q1 U.S. House Statement of Disbursements, accessed [8/24/22](#)]

Salazar's 2021 Representational Allowance Was \$1,517,377. [2021 Q4 U.S. House Statement of Disbursements, accessed [8/24/22](#)]

Categorical Spending

Category	2022 Q1 Amount (\$)	2021 Q4 Amount (\$)	2021 Q3 Amount (\$)	2021 Q2 Amount (\$)	2021 Q1 Amount (\$)
Franked Mail	\$286.65	\$37,365.90	\$4.85	\$15,344.75	-\$32.40
Personnel Compensation	\$219,821.95	\$236,293.48	\$252,325.72	\$204,975.03	\$200,324.74

Travel	\$5,890.37	\$13,923.50	\$8,699.55	\$13,331.07	\$2,234.59
Rent, Communication Utilities	\$3,362.07	\$24,359.19	\$24,268.29	\$31,599.54	\$19,828.44
Printing and Reproduction	\$590	\$72,897.82	\$1,000.00	\$16,337.40	\$2,261.00
Other Services	\$5,050.24	\$15,780.65	\$15,492.50	\$11,055.00	\$19,055.00
Supplies and Materials	\$2,049.99	\$11,163.67	\$1,840.60	\$2,529.08	\$7,135.49
Equipment	\$43.10	\$12.26	\$8,760.00	\$5,860.00	\$60.00
TOTAL	\$237,094.37	\$411,796.47	\$312,391.51	\$301,031.87	\$250,866.86

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Staff Salaries

2022 Q1

Name	Start Date	End Date	Position	Amount Paid
Duncan, Joshua S.	1/03/22	3/31/22	Legislative Assistant	\$12,444.44
Espinosa, Gisette	1/03/22	3/31/22	Congressional Aide	\$13,444.43
Huff, Paula G.	1/03/22	3/31/22	Director of Operations	\$15,566.67
Johnson, Charles A.	1/03/22	3/31/22	Foreign Policy Advisor	\$12,902.77

Kolb, John M.	1/03/22	3/31/22	Legislative Director	\$22,027.77
Kure, Hayed A.	1/03/22	3/31/22	Deputy Chief of Staff/Schedule	\$15,666.67
Martinez, Hanoi	1/17/22	3/31/22	Part-Time Employee	\$4,400.00
Moran, Thomas J.	1/03/22	3/31/22	Chief of Staff	\$35,888.89
Nabut, Reidel	1/03/22	3/31/22	District Staff Assistant	\$9,388.90
Pestano, Ela M.	1/03/22	3/31/22	Constituent Services Representative	\$12,638.89
Restrepo Romero, Diagoberto	1/03/22	3/31/22	Field Representative	\$11,444.44
Riquelme, Magdalena	1/03/22	3/31/22	Special Projects Coordinator	\$9,138.90
Rodriguez, Alejandra	1/03/22	3/31/22	Press Secretary	\$13,122.23
Senior, Howard S.	1/27/22	3/31/22	District Staff Assistant	\$5,500.00
Wetherald, Margaret E.	1/03/22	3/31/22	Financial Administrator	\$4,106.67

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2021 Q4

Name	Start Date	End Date	Position	Amount Paid
Alvarez, Ashley M.	10/29/21	11/19/21	Public Affairs Coordinator	\$3,199.66
Alvarez, Roberto A.	10/01/21	12/17/21	Constituent Services Representative	\$10,402.79
Chicola, Valerie A.	10/01/21	12/31/21	Senior Communications Advisor	\$21,875.01
Diebel, Liam A.	10/01/21	12/31/21	Staff Assistant	\$7,750.00

Duncan, Joshua S.	10/01/21	12/31/21	Legislative Assistant	\$12,374.99
Espinosa, Gisette	10/01/21	12/31/21	Congressional Aide	\$14,249.99
Huff, Paula G.	12/13/21	12/31/21	Director of Operations	\$3,150.00
Johnson, Charles A.	10/01/21	12/31/21	Legislative Aide	\$12,500.01
Kolb, John M.	10/01/21	12/31/21	Legislative Director	\$26,249.99
Kure, Hayed A.	10/01/21	12/31/21	Deputy Chief of Staff/Schedule	\$15,000.00
Lastre, Rey Anthony	9/01/21	9/17/21	Communications Director (Other Compensation)	\$1,325
Moran, Thomas J.	10/01/21	12/31/21	Chief of Staff	\$37,266.01
Nabut, Reidel	10/01/21	12/31/21	District Staff Assistant	\$11,250.01
Pestano, Ela M.	10/01/21	12/31/21	Constituent Services Representative	\$17,500.01
Restrepo Romero, Diagoberto	10/01/21	12/31/21	Field Representative	\$14,999.99
Riquelme, Magdalena	10/01/21	12/31/21	Special Projects Coordinator	\$9,750.01
Rodriguez, Alejandra	10/01/21	12/31/21	Press Secretary	\$13,250.01
Wetherald, Margaret E.	10/01/21	12/31/21	Financial Administrator	\$4,200.00

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2021 Q3

Name	Start Date	End Date	Position	Amount Paid
Alvarez, Roberto A.	7/01/21	9/30/21	Constituent Services Representative	\$12,250.01

Boffelli, Marcelo P	7/01/21	8/02/21	District Staff Assistant	\$3,750
Chicola, Valerie A.	9/03/21	9/30/21	Senior Communications Advisor	\$6,805.56
Diebel, Liam A.	7/01/21	9/30/21	Staff Assistant	\$10,500
Duncan, Joshua S.	7/01/21	9/30/21	Legislative Assistant	\$15,874.99
Espinosa, Gisette	9/22/21	9/30/21	Congressional Aide	\$1,375
Johnson, Charles A.	7/01/21	9/30/21	Legislative Aide	\$13,500.01
Kolb, John M.	7/01/21	9/30/21	Legislative Director	\$27,249.99
Kure, Hayed A.	7/01/21	9/30/21	Deputy Chief of Staff/Schedule	\$20,000.00
Lastre, Rey Anthony	7/01/21	9/30/21	Communications Director	\$14,836.12
Leyte-Vidal, Daniel	7/01/21	8/04/21	District Director	\$12,000
Moran, Thomas J.	7/01/21	9/30/21	Chief of Staff	\$38,984.01
Nabut, Reidel	7/01/21	9/30/21	District Staff Assistant	\$12,750.01
Pestano, Ela M.	7/01/21	9/30/21	Constituent Services Representative	\$16,750.01
Restrepo Romero, Diagoberto	7/01/21	9/30/21	Field Representative	\$17,499.99
Riquelme, Magdalena	7/01/21	9/30/21	Special Projects Coordinator	\$12,250.01
Rodriguez, Alejandra	7/01/21	9/30/21	Legislative Correspondent	\$11,750.01
Wetherald, Margaret E.	7/01/21	9/30/21	Financial Administrator	\$4,200.00

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2021 Q2

Name	Start Date	End Date	Position	Amount Paid
Alvarez, Roberto A.	4/01/21	6/30/21	Constituent Services Representative	\$8,750.01
Boffelli, Marcelo P	5/01/21	6/30/21	District Staff Assistant	\$4,500.00
Diebel, Liam A.	4/01/21	6/30/21	Staff Assistant	\$9,500.00
Duncan, Joshua S.	4/03/21	6/30/21	Legislative Assistant	\$11,611.10
Gil, Miriam M.	4/01/21	6/30/21	Community Liaison	\$11,250.00
Johnson, Charles A.	6/01/21	6/30/21	Legislative Aide	\$3,166.67
Kolb, John M.	4/01/21	6/30/21	Legislative Director	\$21,249.99
Kure, Hayed A.	4/01/21	6/30/21	Deputy Chief of Staff/Schedule	\$15,000.00
Lastre, Rey Anthony	4/01/21	6/30/21	Communications Director	\$13,250.01
Leyte-Vidal, Daniel	4/01/21	6/30/21	District Director	\$22,500.00
Moran, Thomas J.	4/01/21	6/30/21	Chief of Staff	\$35,000.01
Nabut, Reidel	4/01/21	6/30/21	District Staff Assistant	\$7,416.67
Nentwich, Nicole K.	4/01/21	4/02/21	Legislative Assistant	\$261.11
Pestano, Ela M.	4/01/21	6/30/21	Constituent Services Representative	\$12,500.01
Restrepo Romero, Diagoberto	4/01/21	6/30/21	Field Representative	\$9,999.99
Riquelme, Magdalena	5/01/21	6/30/21	Special Projects Coordinator	\$5,833.34
Rodriguez, Alejandra	4/01/21	6/30/21	Legislative Correspondent	\$8,750.01

Roque, Nina C.	4/01/21	4/01/21	Director of External Affairs	\$236.11
Wetherald, Margaret E.	4/01/21	6/30/21	Financial Administrator	\$4,200.00

[2021 Q2 U.S. House Statement of Disbursements, accessed [8/24/22](#)]

2021 Q1

Name	Start Date	End Date	Position	Amount Paid
Alvarez, Roberto A.	3/05/21	3/31/21	Constituent Services Representative	\$2,916.67
Diebel, Liam A.	1/03/21	3/31/21	Staff Assistant	\$7,333.33
Gil, Miriam M.	2/08/21	3/31/21	Community Liaison	\$6,625.00
Hero, Martha A.	1/03/21	2/28/21	Community Liaison	\$5,784.72
Kolb, John M.	1/03/21	3/31/21	Legislative Director	\$20,777.77
Kure, Hayed A.	1/03/21	3/31/21	Deputy Chief of Staff/Schedule	\$14,666.67
Lastre, Rey Anthony	1/03/21	3/31/21	Communications Director	\$12,955.56
Leyte-Vidal, Daniel	1/03/21	3/31/21	District Director	\$22,000
Moran, Thomas J.	1/03/21	3/31/21	Chief of Staff	\$34,222.23
Nabut, Reidel	1/03/21	3/31/21	District Staff Assistant	\$6,600.00
Nentwich, Nicole K.	1/03/21	3/31/21	Legislative Assistant	\$11,488.90
Pestano, Ela M.	1/03/21	3/31/21	Constituent Services Representative	\$12,222.23
Restrepo Romero, Diagoberto	1/03/21	3/31/21	Field Representative	\$9,777.77

Rodriguez, Alejandra	1/08/21	3/31/21	Legislative Correspondent	\$8,069.45
Roque, Nina C.	1/03/21	3/31/21	Director of External Affairs	\$20,777.77
Wetherald, Margaret E.	1/03/21	3/31/21	Financial Administrator	\$4,106.67

[2021 Q1 U.S. House Statement of Disbursements, accessed [8/24/22](#)]

APPENDIX VII: ELECTIONS

2020

General Election

2020 General Election, United States Representative District: 27		
Candidate	Vote Total	Vote Percentage
Maria Elvira Salazar	176,141	51.4%
Donna Shalala	166,758	48.6%
Frank E. Polo	76	0.0%

[Florida Department of State, [11/3/20](#)]

Primary Election

2020 Primary Election, United States Representative District: 27		
Candidate	Vote Total	Vote Percentage
Maria Elvira Salazar	39,687	79.1%
Raymond Molina	5,497	10.9%
Juan Fiol	5,018	10.0%

[Florida Department of State, [8/18/20](#)]

2018

General Election

2018 General Election, United States Representative District: 27		
Candidate	Vote Total	Vote Percentage
Maria Elvira Salazar	115,588	45.76%
Donna Shalala	130,743	51.76%
Mayra Joli	6,255	2.48%

[Florida Department of State, [11/6/18](#)]

Primary Election

2018 Primary Election, United States Representative District: 27		
Candidate	Vote Total	Vote Percentage
Maria Elvira Salazar	15,817	40.5%
Bruno A. Barriero	10,029	25.7%
Maria Peiro	3,121	8.0%
Stephen Marks	2,733	7.0%
Angie Chirino	2,678	6.9%

Bettina Rodriguez Aguilera	1,684	4.3%
Michael Ohevzion	1,467	3.8%
Elizabeth Adadi	775	2.0%
Gina Sosa	760	1.9%

[Florida Department of State, [8/28/18](#)]

APPENDIX VIII: VOTER REGISTRATION & HISTORY

Voter Registration

[Salazar is registered as a Republican at 6815 SW 69th Terrace in South Miami.](#)

August 2022: Salazar Was Registered To Vote In South Miami. [Florida Department of State, Voter Information Lookup, accessed [8/20/22](#)]

June 2021: Salazar Was Registered To In Coral Gables, FL. [VoteBuilder, accessed 6/1/21]

Salazar Appeared To Be Registered As An Unaffiliated Voter Through 2016. According to Salazar's Nexis Comprehensive Person Report, Salazar was registered as an unaffiliated voter through 2016. [Nexis Comprehensive Person Report, accessed 8/29/18]

Voting History

[1998-2020: Salazar Voting History](#)

Salazar Voting History 1998-2020	
Year	Description
2022	Voted In The Primary (By Mail) and Coral Gables General Biennial Election (By Mail)
2020	Voted In The General And Primary Elections (By Mail) And The Presidential Primary (By Mail)
2019	Coral Gables Run-Off Election (By Mail) And Coral Gables General Biennial Election (By Mail)
2018	Voted In The General (Early) And Primary Elections
2016	Voted In The General Election
2014	Voted In The General Election
2012	Voted In The General Election
2011	Voted In A Special Election
2010	Voted In The General Election
2008	Voted In The General Election And Presidential Primary
2007	Voted In Mayoral Election
2006	Voted In The General Election
2004	Voted In The General And Primary Elections
2003	Voted In A Municipal Election
2002	Voted In The General Election And A Municipal Election
2001	Voted In A Municipal Election
2000	Voted In The General Election
1998	Voted In The General And Primary Elections

[Florida Department of State, Voter Registration & History, accessed 8/23/22; VoteBuilder, accessed 6/1/21]

APPENDIX IX: PUBLIC FINANCIAL DISCLOSURES

2022

Transactions

2022: Salazar Reported The Following Transactions. In 2022, Salazar reported the following transactions. [U.S. House of Representatives, Financial Disclosure Report, filed, [6/10/22](#), filed [7/22/22](#)]

Asset	Owner	Date	Tx. Type	Amount	Cap Gains >\$200?
<p>Cano Health, Inc. Class A (CANO)</p> <p><i>This investment was a sub holding of Merrill Lynch Non-Retirement Investment Account. The Member held stock in Cano Health, through Primary Care (ITC) Holdings, Inc. (a private equity holding company of the Cano Health entities prior to this date), which is reported on previous filing. On June 3, 2021, through a SPAC transaction, a public acquisition company purchased all equity of Cano Health entities. The transaction resulted in an exchange of non-publicly traded shares for class A shares on February 14, 2022. The SPAC transaction initiated by the public acquisition company to purchase the Cano Health equity from Primary Care (ITC) Holdings included a Lock-Up Agreement pursuant to which shareholders can only exchange a portion of their non-publicly traded shares for publicly traded shares each year. Although the SPAC transaction occurred in 2021, none of Filer's shares were exchanged until the date of this reported transaction.</i></p>		2/14/22	E	\$250,000 - \$500,000	
<p>7 Heaven for Kids, LLC f/k/a 7 Heaven for Kids PPEC, LLC</p> <p><i>This investment was a sub holding for MES Health Holding, Inc. Salazar sold "her 20% interest in LLC (20,000 Class B shares) in exchange for forgiveness of the loan Buyer</i></p>		6/21/22	S	\$100,001 - \$250,000	

initially made to Filer to invest in PPEC. Asset did not produce any income during time Filer held shares in asset. This sales transaction was not for cash proceeds but for forgiveness of the loan buyer originally made to Filer to invest in LLC.					
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[U.S. House of Representatives, Financial Disclosure Report, filed, [6/10/22](#), filed [7/22/22](#)]

2021

Net Worth

2021: Salazar Has A Net Worth Between \$1,200,058 And \$3,253,000. [U.S. House of Representatives, Financial Disclosure Report, filed [6/13/22](#)]

Assets

2021: Salazar Reported Between \$1,200,058 And \$3,253,000. In 2022, Salazar reported between \$1,200,058 and \$3,253,000 in assets. [U.S. House of Representatives, Financial Disclosure Report, filed [6/13/22](#)]

Asset	Owner	Value of Asset	Income Type	Income (2022)	Tx. > \$1,000?
529 College Savings Plan - DC BLK RK 75% EQUITY PORT A		\$100,001 - \$250,000	Tax-Deferred		
529 College Savings Plan - DC BLK RK GLBL ALLOCTN PRT A		\$50,001 - \$100,000	Tax-Deferred		
Cano Health, Inc. Class B (Non-Publicly Traded) Shares Description: This asset consists of the Class B shares of Cano Health, Inc. the filer was granted upon the event of Cano Health, Inc. going public through a SPAC transaction in June, 2021. As a result of that event, Filer was granted Class B shares of Cano Health, Inc. and subsidiary units of Primary Care (ITC) Holdings (the previous owner of the Cano Health equity that has been reported in the past). These shares have no value (and cannot be sold or		None	None		

traded) until exchanged for Class A shares. Comments: Pursuant to a Lock-Up Agreement, Filer is only permitted to exchange a certain portion of her Class B shares of Cano Health and subsidiary units of Primary Care (ITC) Holdings (which are paired together) per year. No exchange took place during 2021. The first exchange occurred in 2022, has been reported on a Periodic Transaction Report, and will continue to be reported pursuant to all filing requirements as long as Filer holds the asset.					
FL UTMA ACCT - DC Cash (Comments: Interest less than \$4.)		\$15,001 - \$50,000	Interest	\$1 - \$200	
Google, Inc. (Description: Income generated by ad revenue when filer's TV show is viewed on Youtube.)		Undetermined	Royalties	\$5,001 - \$15,000	
Merrill IRA 1 Bank of America, NA RASP		\$1,001 - \$15,000	Tax-Deferred		
Merrill IRA 2 AB Large Cap Growth Fund		\$15,001 - \$50,000	Tax-Deferred		Yes
Merrill IRA 2 AB Limited Duration High		\$1,001 - \$15,000	Tax-Deferred		
Merrill IRA 2 AB Sustainable Global Thematic ADV		\$1,001 - \$15,000	Tax-Deferred		Yes
Merrill IRA 2 Allspring Municipal Bond Fund		\$15,001 - \$50,000	Tax-Deferred		
Merrill IRA 2 American Investment Co. of America Fund		\$15,001 - \$50,000	Tax-Deferred		Yes
Merrill IRA 2 Bank of America, NA RASP		\$15,001 - \$50,000	Tax-Deferred		

Merrill IRA 2 Clearbridge Large Cap Growth Fund		\$1,001 - \$15,000	Tax- Deferred		Yes
Merrill IRA 2 Cullen High Dividend Equity Fund		\$15,001 - \$50,000	Tax- Deferred		Yes
Merrill IRA 2 Fidelity ADV Emerging Asia Fund		\$1,001 - \$15,000	Tax- Deferred		Yes
Merrill IRA 2 Fidelity ADV Municipal Income Fund		\$15,001 - \$50,000	Tax- Deferred		Yes
Merrill IRA 2 Hartford Schroders US Small Cap Opps Fund		\$1,001 - \$15,000	Tax- Deferred		Yes
Merrill IRA 2 Invesco European Growth Fund		\$1,001 - \$15,000	Tax- Deferred		
Merrill IRA 2 Invesco S&P 500 Equal Weight ETF		\$15,001 - \$50,000	Tax- Deferred		Yes
Merrill IRA 2 iShares DowJones US Financial Services ETF		\$15,001 - \$50,000	Tax- Deferred		Yes
Merrill IRA 2 iShares Inc MSCI Emerging Markets Ex China ETF		\$1,001 - \$15,000	Tax- Deferred		Yes
Merrill IRA 2 IShares MSCI Japan ETF		\$1,001 - \$15,000	Tax- Deferred		
Merrill IRA 2 iShares Russell 1000 ETF		\$1,001 - \$15,000	Tax- Deferred		Yes
Merrill IRA 2 iShares Russell 2000 Growth ETF		\$1,001 - \$15,000	Tax- Deferred		
Merrill IRA 2 iShares Russell 2000 Value ETF		\$1,001 - \$15,000	Tax- Deferred		Yes
Merrill IRA 2 iShares Russell Midcap ETF		\$1,001 - \$15,000	Tax- Deferred		Yes
Merrill IRA 2 iShares TIPS Bond ETF		\$15,001 - \$50,000	Tax- Deferred		Yes

Merrill IRA 2 JP Morgan Emerging Markets Equity Fund		\$1,001 - \$15,000	Tax- Deferred		Yes
Merrill IRA 2 JP Morgan Strategic Income Opportunity Fund		\$1,001 - \$15,000	Tax- Deferred		Yes
Merrill IRA 2 Loomis Sayles Growth Fund		\$1,001 - \$15,000	Tax- Deferred		Yes
Merrill IRA 2 Loomis Sayles Strategic Income Fund		\$1,001 - \$15,000	Tax- Deferred		
Merrill IRA 2 Lord Abbett Floating Rate Fund		\$1,001 - \$15,000	Tax- Deferred		Yes
Merrill IRA 2 Lord Abbett High Yield Fund		\$1,001 - \$15,000	Tax- Deferred		
Merrill IRA 2 Lord Abbett Intermediate Tax-Free Fund		\$15,001 - \$50,000	Tax- Deferred		
Merrill IRA 2 MainStay MacKay High Yield Municipal Bond Fund		\$1,001 - \$15,000	Tax- Deferred		Yes
Merrill IRA 2 MainStay MacKay Short Term Municipal Fund		\$1,001 - \$15,000	Tax- Deferred		Yes
Merrill IRA 2 MFS Emerging Markets Debt Fund		\$1,001 - \$15,000	Tax- Deferred		Yes
Merrill IRA 2 MFS Muni Income FD		\$15,001 - \$50,000	Tax- Deferred		
Merrill IRA 2 MFS Value Fund		\$15,001 - \$50,000	Tax- Deferred		Yes
Merrill IRA 2 Mirova Global Sustainable Equity Fund		\$1,001 - \$15,000	Tax- Deferred		Yes
Merrill IRA 2 Pioneer AMT Free Municipal Bond		\$15,001 - \$50,000	Tax- Deferred		Yes

Merrill IRA 2 Principal Spectrum PRFRD & Capital Inc. Fund		\$15,001 - \$50,000	Tax-Deferred		
Merrill IRA 2 T Rowe Price European		\$1,001 - \$15,000	Tax-Deferred		
Merrill IRA 2 T Rowe Price Japan Fund		\$1,001 - \$15,000	Tax-Deferred		
Merrill IRA 2 Vanguard Small Cap Growth ETF		None	Tax-Deferred		
Merrill IRA 2 Wells Fargo Municipal Bond Fund		None	Tax-Deferred		Yes
Merrill Non-Retirement Investment Account (Description: Non-Retirement Investment Account)		\$50,001 - \$100,000	Interest	\$1 - \$200	
Merrill/Bank of America Personal Accounts		\$50,001 - \$100,000	Interest	\$1 - \$200	
MES Health Holdings 7 Heaven for Kids PPEC, LLC, 20% Interest (Location: Miami, FL, US Description: Filer is a silent investor (with no voting rights) in a PPEC to provide daycare for sick children.)		\$15,001 - \$50,000	None		
Miracle TV, Inc., 100% Interest Location: Miami, FL, US Description: Miracle TV, Inc. is a S-corporation created to support Maria Elvira Salazar's journalistic activities (business engaged in prior to becoming a Member of Congress) including the production of television shows, integrations, and endorsements. Comments: All income from S-corporation is reported as earned income on Schedule C, but there was		\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	None		

no earned income for 2021. There is no separate business income to be reported by Miracle TV, Inc.					
Morgan Stanley Roth IRA Annaly Capital Management Inc (NLY)		\$1 - \$1,000	Tax-Deferred		
Morgan Stanley Roth IRA DigitalBridge Group, Inc. (DBRG)		\$1,001 - \$15,000	Tax-Deferred		
Morgan Stanley Roth IRA Morgan Stanley Private Bank NA		\$1,001 - \$15,000	Tax-Deferred		
Morgan Stanley Roth IRA Obsidian Energy Ltd. (OBE)		\$1 - \$1,000	Tax-Deferred		
Morgan Stanley Roth IRA PIMCO High Income Fund (PHK)		\$1 - \$1,000	Tax-Deferred		
Primary Care (ITC) Holdings Description: Asset is a grant of subsidiary units of a private LLC that was the holding company of Cano Health entities, which went public in June, 2021, through a SPAC transaction. Shareholders of the Primary Care entity were granted class B shares in the new Cano Health, Inc. entity pair with subsidiary units of Primary Care. Those class B shares and subsidiary units have no monetary value until exchange for class A shares of Cano Health, Inc. Comments: Although the subsidiary units of Primary Care held by Filer at the end of the reporting period have no monetary value, we will continue to report the asset until all shares/units have been exchanged for Class A (publicly traded) shares of Cano Health, Inc., since those Class A shares will have value. No exchange of Class B shares and subsidiary units occurred in 2021. Thus, although the holdings		None	None		

have potential future value, the holdings had no value at the end of the reporting period.					
Principal Investment Plus Variable Annuity Principal Global Investors Bond Market Index Account (Description: Bond market index account.)		\$50,001 - \$100,000	Tax-Deferred		
Principal Investment Plus Variable Annuity Principal Global Investors International Equity Index Fund		\$15,001 - \$50,000	Tax-Deferred		
Principal Investment Plus Variable Annuity Principal Global Investors Large Cap S&P 500 Index Account		\$100,001 - \$250,000	Tax-Deferred		
Principal Investment Plus Variable Annuity Principal Global Investors Mid Cap S&P 500 Index Fund		\$1,001 - \$15,000	Tax-Deferred		
Principal Investment Plus Variable Annuity Principal Global Investors Small Cap S&P 600 Index Fund		\$1,001 - \$15,000	Tax-Deferred		
Prudential Financial, Inc. (PRU)		\$1,001 - \$15,000	Dividends	\$201 - \$1,000	
Regions Lifegreen Checking		\$15,001 - \$50,000	None		

Salazar owns \$1-\$1,000 in shares of Obsidian Energy, a Canadian oil and gas producer. Salazar has generally opposed new drilling off the coast of Florida, which would indirectly benefit Obsidian's business.

Salazar Holds \$1-\$1,000 In Shares Of Obsidian Energy In Her Morgan Stanley Roth IRA. She Has Reported The Same Holding In Each Disclosure Since 2018. [U.S. House of Representatives, Financial Disclosure Report, filed [6/13/22](#); U.S. House of Representatives, Financial Disclosure Report, filed 8/13/21; U.S. House of Representatives, Financial Disclosure Report, filed 5/15/20; U.S. House of

Representatives, Financial Disclosure Report, filed 11/27/19; U.S. House of Representatives, Financial Disclosure Report, filed 7/27/18]

Salazar Has Cosponsored Two Bills That Would Ban Offshore Drilling In Florida, Which Would Benefit Oil Producers In Other Places, Such As Canada. Salazar is a cosponsor of H.R. 5707, the Preserving Recreation, Oceans, Tourism, Environment, and Coastal Towns (PROTECT) Florida Act, and of H.R.4696, American Shores Protection Act. [H.R. 5707, Summary, accessed [8/16/22](#); H.R. 4696, Summary, accessed [8/16/22](#)]

Note: There is broad opposition to drilling for oil and gas off the shores of Florida, and that is definitely a larger factor in Salazar’s voting behavior than the miniscule benefits to her portfolio.

Transactions

2021: Salazar Reported The Following Transactions. In 2022, Salazar reported the following transactions. [U.S. House of Representatives, Financial Disclosure Report, filed [6/13/22](#)]

Asset	Owner	Date	Tx. Type	Amount	Cap Gains >\$200?
Merrill IRA 2 AB Large Cap Growth Fund		3/9/21	S (partial)	\$1,001 - \$15,000	Yes
Merrill IRA 2 AB Sustainable Global Thematic ADV		4/30/21	S (partial)	\$1,001 - \$15,000	Yes
Merrill IRA 2 American Investment Co. of America Fund		3/9/21	P	\$1,001 - \$15,000	
Merrill IRA 2 American Investment Co. of America Fund		4/30/21	P	\$1,001 - \$15,000	
Merrill IRA 2 Clearbridge Large Cap Growth Fund		3/9/21	S (partial)	\$1,001 - \$15,000	Yes
Merrill IRA 2 Cullen High Dividend Equity Fund		3/9/21	P	\$1,001 - \$15,000	
Merrill IRA 2 Cullen High Dividend Equity Fund		4/30/21	P	\$1,001 - \$15,000	
Merrill IRA 2 Cullen High Dividend Equity Fund		7/20/21	S (partial)	\$1,001 - \$15,000	Yes

Merrill IRA 2 Fidelity ADV Emerging Asia Fund		3/26/21	P	\$1,001 - \$15,000	
Merrill IRA 2 Fidelity ADV Emerging Asia Fund		6/11/21	S (partial)	\$1,001 - \$15,000	Yes
Merrill IRA 2 Fidelity ADV Emerging Asia Fund		8/18/21	S (partial)	\$1,001 - \$15,000	Yes
Merrill IRA 2 Fidelity ADV Municipal Income Fund		3/1/21	S (partial)	\$1,001 - \$15,000	
Merrill IRA 2 Fidelity ADV Municipal Income Fund		6/14/21	S (partial)	\$1,001 - \$15,000	
Merrill IRA 2 Hartford Schroders US Small Cap Opps Fund		3/26/21	P	\$1,001 - \$15,000	
Merrill IRA 2 Hartford Schroders US Small Cap Opps Fund		8/18/21	S (partial)	\$1,001 - \$15,000	Yes
Merrill IRA 2 Invesco S&P 500 Equal Weight ETF		3/30/21	P	\$1,001 - \$15,000	
Merrill IRA 2 Invesco S&P 500 Equal Weight ETF		5/14/21	S (partial)	\$1,001 - \$15,000	Yes
Merrill IRA 2 Invesco S&P 500 Equal Weight ETF		9/16/21	S (partial)	\$1,001 - \$15,000	Yes
Merrill IRA 2 Invesco S&P 500 Equal Weight ETF		10/12/21	P	\$1,001 - \$15,000	
Merrill IRA 2 Invesco S&P 500 Equal Weight ETF		12/9/21	P	\$1,001 - \$15,000	
Merrill IRA 2 iShares DowJones US Financial Services ETF		5/13/21	P	\$1,001 - \$15,000	

Merrill IRA 2 iShares DowJones US Financial Services ETF		6/14/21	P	\$1,001 - \$15,000	
Merrill IRA 2 iShares Inc MSCI Emerging Markets Ex China ETF		8/19/21	P	\$1,001 - \$15,000	
Merrill IRA 2 iShares Russell 1000 ETF		5/13/21	P	\$1,001 - \$15,000	
Merrill IRA 2 iShares Russell 1000 ETF		8/19/21	P	\$1,001 - \$15,000	
Merrill IRA 2 iShares Russell 2000 Value ETF		7/21/21	P	\$1,001 - \$15,000	
Merrill IRA 2 iShares Russell 2000 Value ETF		11/26/21	P	\$1,001 - \$15,000	
Merrill IRA 2 iShares Russell 2000 Value ETF		12/9/21	P	\$1,001 - \$15,000	
Merrill IRA 2 iShares Russell Midcap ETF		7/21/21	P	\$1,001 - \$15,000	
Merrill IRA 2 iShares Russell Midcap ETF		8/19/21	P	\$1,001 - \$15,000	
Merrill IRA 2 iShares Russell Midcap ETF		11/26/21	P	\$1,001 - \$15,000	
Merrill IRA 2 iShares TIPS Bond ETF		1/22/21	P	\$1,001 - \$15,000	
Merrill IRA 2 iShares TIPS Bond ETF		6/15/21	P	\$1,001 - \$15,000	
Merrill IRA 2 iShares TIPS Bond ETF		8/2/21	P	\$1,001 - \$15,000	
Merrill IRA 2 JP Morgan Emerging Markets Equity Fund		3/9/21	P	\$1,001 - \$15,000	
Merrill IRA 2 JP Morgan Emerging Markets Equity Fund		5/12/21	S (partial)	\$1,001 - \$15,000	Yes

Merrill IRA 2 JP Morgan Emerging Markets Equity Fund		8/18/21	S (partial)	\$1,001 - \$15,000	Yes
Merrill IRA 2 JP Morgan Strategic Income Opportunity Fund		3/1/21	P	\$1,001 - \$15,000	
Merrill IRA 2 JP Morgan Strategic Income Opportunity Fund		3/8/21	P	\$1,001 - \$15,000	
Merrill IRA 2 JP Morgan Strategic Income Opportunity Fund		7/30/21	S (partial)	\$1,001 - \$15,000	
Merrill IRA 2 JP Morgan Strategic Income Opportunity Fund		8/17/21	S (partial)	\$1,001 - \$15,000	
Merrill IRA 2 Loomis Sayles Growth Fund		3/9/21	S (partial)	\$1,001 - \$15,000	Yes
Merrill IRA 2 Loomis Sayles Growth Fund		9/15/21	S (partial)	\$1,001 - \$15,000	Yes
Merrill IRA 2 Lord Abbett Floating Rate Fund		6/14/21	P	\$1,001 - \$15,000	
Merrill IRA 2 Mainstay MacKay High Yield Municipal Bond Fond		7/30/21	P	\$1,001 - \$15,000	
Merrill IRA 2 Mainstay MacKay Short Term Municipal Fund		1/21/21	S (partial)	\$1,001 - \$15,000	
Merrill IRA 2 MFS Emerging Markets Debt Fund		7/30/21	S (partial)	\$1,001 - \$15,000	
Merrill IRA 2 MFS Value Fund		3/26/21	S (partial)	\$1,001 - \$15,000	Yes
Merrill IRA 2 MFS Value Fund		8/18/21	S (partial)	\$1,001 - \$15,000	Yes

Merrill IRA 2 Mirova Global Sustainable Equity Fund		4/30/21	S (partial)	\$1,001 - \$15,000	Yes
Merrill IRA 2 Pioneer AMT Free Municipal Bond		1/21/21	S (partial)	\$1,001 - \$15,000	Yes
Merrill IRA 2 Pioneer AMT Free Municipal Bond		3/1/21	S (partial)	\$1,001 - \$15,000	Yes
Merrill IRA 2 Principal Spectrum PRFRD & Captl Inc. Fund		6/14/21	S (partial)	\$1,001 - \$15,000	
Merrill IRA 2 Vanguard Small Cap Growth ETF		3/30/21	P	\$1,001 - \$15,000	
Merrill IRA 2 Vanguard Small Cap Growth ETF		3/9/21	S (partial)	\$1,001 - \$15,000	Yes
Merrill IRA 2 Vanguard Small Cap Growth ETF		7/21/21	S	\$1,001 - \$15,000	
Merrill IRA 2 Wells Fargo Municipal Bond Fund		6/14/21	S (partial)	\$1,001 - \$15,000	Yes

Unearned Income

2021: Salazar Reported Between \$5,205 And \$16,600 In Unearned Income. [U.S. House of Representatives, Financial Disclosure Report, filed [6/13/22](#)]

Liabilities

2021: Salazar Did Not Report Any Liabilities. [U.S. House of Representatives, Financial Disclosure Report, filed [6/13/22](#)]

Earned Income

2021: Salazar Did Not Report Any Earned Income. [U.S. House of Representatives, Financial Disclosure Report, filed [6/13/22](#)]

Positions

2021: Salazar Reported The Following Positions In Her Financial Disclosure Report.

Position	Name of Organization
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President/Director/Secretary/Treasurer (Description: Sub-S Corp.)	Miracle TV, Inc.
Member/Manager	7 Heaven for Kids PPEC, LLC
President	MES Health Holding, Inc.
Trustee	Marta Bermudo Revocable Trust

[U.S. House of Representatives, Financial Disclosure Report, filed [6/13/22](#)]

Agreements

2021: Salazar Reported The Following Agreement In Her Financial Disclosure Report.

Date	Parties To	Terms of Agreement
June 2021	Maria Elvira Salazar and Cano Health, Inc.	Cano Health, Inc. went public via a SPAC transaction in June, 2021. Pursuant to Lock-Up Agreement as part of SPAC transaction, shareholders were granted Class B shares of public entity and subsidiary units of private LLC (Primary Care (ITC) Holdings). No action could be taken with respect to those holdings prior to 1/1/22, then shareholders can exchange 25% of paired Class B/subsidiary units for Class A shares in Cano Health each year (including 25% for the closing date to end of 2021).
<p>Comments: This agreement was part of a SPAC transaction that took the Cano Health entity (all Cano Health equity was previously held by Primary Care (ITC) Holdings, a private LLC) public. Pursuant to this agreement, shareholders in the private LLC can begin exchanging paired Class B/subsidiary units for Class A shares in Cano Health, Inc. on 1/1/22. The first exchange will be for 50% of Filer's shares (25% for 2021 and 25% for 2022). Filer may then exchange 25% each year thereafter.</p>		

[U.S. House of Representatives, Financial Disclosure Report, filed [6/13/22](#)]

2020-2021

Net Worth

2020-2021: Salazar Has A Net Worth Between \$1,907,052 And \$7,718,999. [U.S. House of Representatives, Financial Disclosure Report, filed [8/13/21](#)]

Assets and "Unearned" Income

2020-2021: Salazar Reported Between \$1,957,052 And \$7,734,000 In Assets. In 2021, Salazar reported between \$1,957,052 And \$7,734,000 In Assets. [U.S. House of Representatives, Financial Disclosure Report, filed [8/13/21](#)]

Asset	Owner	Value of Asset	Income Type	Income (2021)	Income (2020)
529 College Savings Plan - DC BLKRK 75% EQUITY PORT A		\$100,001 - \$250,000	Tax- Deferred		
529 College Savings Plan - DC BLKRK GLBL ALLOCTN PRT A		\$50,001 - \$100,000	Tax- Deferred		
FL UTMA ACCT - DC Cash (Comments: Interest less than \$4.)		\$1,001 - \$15,000	Interest	Not Applicable	\$1 - \$200
Google, Inc. (Description: Income generated by ad revenue when filer's TV show is viewed on Youtube.)		Undetermined	Royalties	Not Applicable	\$2,501 - \$5,000
Merrill IRA 1 Bank of America, NA RASP		\$1,001 - \$15,000	Tax- Deferred		
Merrill IRA 2 AB Large Cap Growth Fund		\$15,001 - \$50,000	Tax- Deferred		
Merrill IRA 2 AB Limited Duration High		\$1,001 - \$15,000	Tax- Deferred		
Merrill IRA 2 AB Sustainable Global Thematic ADV		\$15,001 - \$50,000	Tax- Deferred		
Merrill IRA 2 American Investment Co. of America Fund		\$1,001 - \$15,000	Tax- Deferred		
Merrill IRA 2 Bank of America, NA RASP		\$15,001 - \$50,000	Tax- Deferred		
Merrill IRA 2 Clearbridge Large Cap Growth Fund		\$15,001 - \$50,000	Tax- Deferred		
Merrill IRA 2 Cullen High Dividend Equity Fund		\$1,001 - \$15,000	Tax- Deferred		
Merrill IRA 2 Fidelity ADV Emerging Asia Fund		\$15,001 - \$50,000	Tax- Deferred		

Merrill IRA 2 Fidelity ADV Municipal Income Fund		\$15,001 - \$50,000	Tax- Deferred		
Merrill IRA 2 Hartford Schroders US Small Cap Opps Fund		\$15,001 - \$50,000	Tax- Deferred		
Merrill IRA 2 Invesco European Growth Fund		\$1,001 - \$15,000	Tax- Deferred		
Merrill IRA 2 Invesco S&P 500 Equal Weight ETF		\$15,001 - \$50,000	Tax- Deferred		
Merrill IRA 2 iShares DowJones US Financial Services ETF		\$1,001 - \$15,000	Tax- Deferred		
Merrill IRA 2 IShares MSCI Japan ETF		\$1,001 - \$15,000	Tax- Deferred		
Merrill IRA 2 iShares Russell 2000 Growth ETF		\$1,001 - \$15,000	Tax- Deferred		
Merrill IRA 2 JP Morgan Markets Equity Fund		\$1,001 - \$15,000	Tax- Deferred		
Merrill IRA 2 Loomis Sayles Growth Fund		\$15,001 - \$50,000	Tax- Deferred		
Merrill IRA 2 Loomis Sayles Strategic Income Fund		\$1,001 - \$15,000	Tax- Deferred		
Merrill IRA 2 Lord Abbett High Yield Fund		\$1,001 - \$15,000	Tax- Deferred		
Merrill IRA 2 Lord Abbett Intermediate Tax-Free Fund		\$15,001 - \$50,000	Tax- Deferred		
Merrill IRA 2 MainStay MacKay High Yield Municipal Bond Fund		\$1,001 - \$15,000	Tax- Deferred		
Merrill IRA 2 MainStay MacKay Short Term Municipal Fund		\$15,001 - \$50,000	Tax- Deferred		

Merrill IRA 2 MFS Emerging Markets Debt Fund		\$1,001 - \$15,000	Tax- Deferred		
Merrill IRA 2 MFS Muni Income FD		\$15,001 - \$50,000	Tax- Deferred		
Merrill IRA 2 MFS Value Fund		\$15,001 - \$50,000	Tax- Deferred		
Merrill IRA 2 Mirova Global Sustainable Equity Fund		\$15,001 - \$50,000	Tax- Deferred		
Merrill IRA 2 Pioneer AMT Free Municipal Bond		\$15,001 - \$50,000	Tax- Deferred		
Merrill IRA 2 Principal Spectrum PRFRD & Capital Inc. Fund		\$15,001 - \$50,000	Tax- Deferred		
Merrill IRA 2 T Rowe Price European		\$1,001 - \$15,000	Tax- Deferred		
Merrill IRA 2 T Rowe Price Japan Fund		\$1,001 - \$15,000	Tax- Deferred		
Merrill IRA 2 Vanguard Small Cap Growth Index ETF		\$1,001 - \$15,000	Tax- Deferred		
Merrill IRA 2 Wells Fargo Municipal Bond Fund		\$15,001 - \$50,000	Tax- Deferred		
Merrill/Bank of America Personal Accounts		\$1,001 - \$15,000	Interest	None	None
MES Health Holdings 7 Heaven for Kids PPEC, LLC, 20% Interest (Location: Miami, FL, US Description: Filer is a silent investor (with no voting rights) in a PPEC to provide daycare for sick children.)		\$15,001 - \$50,000	None		
Miracle TV, Inc., 100% Interest		\$250,001 - \$500,000	None		

Morgan Stanley Roth IRA Annaly Capital Management Inc (NLY)		\$1 - \$1,000	Tax- Deferred		
Morgan Stanley Roth IRA Colony Capital, Inc. (CLNY)		\$1 - \$1,000	Tax- Deferred		
Morgan Stanley Roth IRA Morgan Stanley Private Bank NA		\$1,001 - \$15,000	Tax- Deferred		
Morgan Stanley Roth IRA Obsidian Energy Ltd. (OBE)		\$1 - \$1,000	Tax- Deferred		
Morgan Stanley Roth IRA PIMCO High Income Fund (PHK)		\$1 - \$1,000	Tax- Deferred		
Primary Care (ITC) Holdings		\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	None		
Principal Investment Plus Variable Annuity Principal Global Investors Bond Market Index Account (Description: Bond market index account.)		\$50,001 - \$100,000	Tax- Deferred		
Principal Investment Plus Variable Annuity Principal Global Investors International Equity Index Fund		\$15,001 - \$50,000	Tax- Deferred		
Principal Investment Plus Variable Annuity Principal Global Investors Large Cap S&P 500 Index Account		\$100,001 - \$250,000	Tax- Deferred		
Principal Investment Plus Variable Annuity Principal Global Investors Mid Cap S&P 400 Index Fund		\$1,001 - \$15,000	Tax- Deferred		
Principal Investment Plus Variable Annuity Principal Global Investors Small Cap S&P 600 Index Fund		\$1,001 - \$15,000	Tax- Deferred		

Prudential Financial, Inc. (PRU)		\$1,001 - \$15,000	Dividends	Not Applicable	\$201 - \$1,000
Regions Lifegreen Checking		\$15,001 - \$50,000	None		
Regions Lifegreen Checking		\$100,001 - \$250,000	None		

Earned Income

January 2020-August 2021: Salazar Reported \$5,315 In Earned Income From Miracle TV, Inc. [U.S. House of Representatives, Financial Disclosure Report, filed [8/13/21](#)]

Liabilities

January 2020-August 2021: Salazar Reported Between \$15,001 And \$50,000 In Liabilities. In 2021, Salazar reported between \$15,001 and \$50,000 in liabilities, all of which were from an American Express account associated with her business. [U.S. House of Representatives, Financial Disclosure Report, filed [8/13/21](#)]

Creditor	Date Incurred	Type	Amount of Liability
American Express	Revolving charge account	Revolving charge account for filer's business	\$15,001 - \$50,000

[U.S. House of Representatives, Financial Disclosure Report, filed [8/13/21](#)]

Positions

2020-2021: Salazar Reported The Following Positions In Her Financial Disclosure Report.

Position	Name of Organization
President/Director/Secretary/Treasurer (Comments: Sub-S Corp.)	Miracle TV, Inc.
Member/Manager	7 Heaven for Kids PPEC, LLC
President	MES Health Holding Inc.

[U.S. House of Representatives, Financial Disclosure Report, filed [8/13/21](#)]

Agreements

Date	Parties To	Terms of Agreement
April 2020	Maria Elvira Salazar and Primary Care (ITC) Holdings, LLC	Class B Unit Grant Agreement granting filer 5,000 class B units of Primary Care (ITC) Holdings, LLC as part of her previous independent contractor agreement with Cano Health, LLC to anchor a weekly television show and to promote the show and Cano Health. The independent contractor agreement terminated as of Dec. 31, 2020, but filer retains the Class B units granted under this agreement.
Comments: The class B units granted under this agreement had not yet vested as of Dec. 31, 2020. They have since fully vested, so this agreement will not be reported on the filer's next annual filing. The asset will continue to be reported on Schedule A as long as filer holds the asset and asset is required to be reported.		

[U.S. House of Representatives, Financial Disclosure Report, filed [8/13/21](#)]

Compensation In Excess Of \$5,000 Paid By One Source

2020-2021: Salazar Reported The Following Compensation In Her Financial Disclosure Report.

Source (Name and Address)	Brief Description of Duties
Cano Health, LLC (Miami, FL, US)	Anchor weekly television show; promote show and Cano Health.

[U.S. House of Representatives, Financial Disclosure Report, filed [8/13/21](#)]

2020

Net Worth

2020: Salazar Has A Net Worth Between **-\$3,831,950 And \$1,999,999**. [U.S. House of Representatives, Financial Disclosure Report, filed [5/15/20](#)]

Assets and "Unearned" Income

2020: Salazar Reported Between **\$1,168,050 And \$3,000,000 In Assets**. In 2020, Salazar reported between \$1,168,050 And \$3,000,000 in assets. [U.S. House of Representatives, Financial Disclosure Report, filed [5/15/20](#)]

Asset	Owner	Value of Asset	Income Type	Income (2020)	Income (2019)
529 College Savings Plan (DC 1) BLKRK 75% EQUITY PORT A		\$50,001 - \$100,000	Tax-Deferred		
529 College Savings Plan (DC 1) BLKRK GLBL ALLOCTN PRT A		\$15,001 - \$50,000	Tax-Deferred		
529 College Savings Plan (DC 2) BLKRK 75% Equity Port A		\$100,001 - \$250,000	Tax-Deferred		

529 College Savings Plan (DC 2) BLKRK GLBL ALLOCTN PRT A		\$50,001 - \$100,000	Tax- Deferred		
FL UTMA ACCT – DC 2 Cash (Comments: Interest less than \$1.)		\$1 - \$1,000	Interest	None	None
Google, Inc. (Description: Income generated by ad revenue when filer’s TV show is viewed on Youtube.)		Undetermined	Royalties	\$201 - \$1,000	\$5,001 - \$15,000
Merrill IRA 1 Bank of America, NA RASP		\$1,001 - \$15,000	Tax- Deferred		
Merrill IRA 2 AB Large Cap Growth Fund		\$15,001 - \$50,000	Tax- Deferred		
Merrill IRA 2 AB Limited Duration High		\$1,001 - \$15,000	Tax- Deferred		
Merrill IRA 2 AB Sustainable Global Thematic ADV		\$15,001 - \$50,000	Tax- Deferred		
Merrill IRA 2 Bank of America, NA RASP		\$50,001 - \$100,000	Tax- Deferred		
Merrill IRA 2 Blackrock Asian Dragon		\$1,001 - \$15,000	Tax- Deferred		
Merrill IRA 2 Blackrock HL SC OPP INST		\$1,001 - \$15,000	Tax- Deferred		
Merrill IRA 2 Clearbridge Large Cap Growth Fund		\$15,001 - \$50,000	Tax- Deferred		
Merrill IRA 2 Cullen High Dividend Equity Fund		\$15,001 - \$50,000	Tax- Deferred		
Merrill IRA 2 Fidelity ADV Emerging Asia Fund		\$1,001 - \$15,000	Tax- Deferred		
Merrill IRA 2 Fidelity ADV Municipal Income Fund		\$15,001 - \$50,000	Tax- Deferred		
Merrill IRA 2 Hartford Schroders US Small Cap Opps Fund		\$15,001 - \$50,000	Tax- Deferred		

Merrill IRA 2 Health Care Select SPDR		\$1,001 - \$15,000	Tax- Deferred		
Merrill IRA 2 Invesco European Growth Fund		\$1,001 - \$15,000	Tax- Deferred		
Merrill IRA 2 Invesco S&P 500 Equal Weight ETF		\$1,001 - \$15,000	Tax- Deferred		
Merrill IRA 2 iShares MSCI ACWI		\$1,001 - \$15,000	Tax- Deferred		
Merrill IRA 2 Loomis Sayles Growth Fund		\$15,001 - \$50,000	Tax- Deferred		
Merrill IRA 2 Loomis Sayles Strategic Income Fund		\$1,001 - \$15,000	Tax- Deferred		
Merrill IRA 2 Lord Abbett Intermediate Tax-Free Fund		\$15,001 - \$50,000	Tax- Deferred		
Merrill IRA 2 Lord Abbett Short		\$15,001 - \$50,000	Tax- Deferred		
Merrill IRA 2 MFS Emerging Markets Debt Fund		\$1,001 - \$15,000	Tax- Deferred		
Merrill IRA 2 MFS Muni Income FD		\$15,001 - \$50,000	Tax- Deferred		
Merrill IRA 2 MFS Value Fund		\$15,001 - \$50,000	Tax- Deferred		
Merrill IRA 2 Mirova Global Sustainable Equity Fund		\$1,001 - \$15,000	Tax- Deferred		
Merrill IRA 2 Neuberger Berman High		\$1,001 - \$15,000	Tax- Deferred		
Merrill IRA 2 Nuveen High Yield Muni		\$1,001 - \$15,000	Tax- Deferred		
Merrill IRA 2 Pioneer AMT Free Municipal Bond		\$15,001 - \$50,000	Tax- Deferred		

Merrill IRA 2 Principal Spectrum PRFRD & Capital Inc. Fund		\$1,001 - \$15,000	Tax- Deferred		
Merrill IRA 2 SPDR S&P 500 ETF Trust		\$1,001 - \$15,000	Tax- Deferred		
Merrill IRA 2 T Rowe Price European		\$1,001 - \$15,000	Tax- Deferred		
Merrill IRA 2 T Rowe Price Japan Fund		\$1,001 - \$15,000	Tax- Deferred		
Merrill/Bank of America Personal Accounts (Description: Less than \$1 in interest.)		\$1,001 - \$15,000	Interest	None	None
MES Health Holdings 7 Heaven for Kids PPEC, LLC, 50% Interest (Description: Candidate is a partner in LLC to provide daycare for sick children.)		\$250,001 - \$500,000	None		
Miracle TV, Inc., 100% Interest		\$250,001 - \$500,000	None		
Morgan Stanley Roth IRA Annaly Capital Management Inc (NLY)		\$1 - \$1,000	Tax- Deferred		
Morgan Stanley Roth IRA Colony Capital, Inc. (CLNY)		\$1 - \$1,000	Tax- Deferred		
Morgan Stanley Roth IRA Morgan Stanley Private Bank NA		\$1,001 - \$15,000	Tax- Deferred		
Morgan Stanley Roth IRA Obsidian Energy Ltd. (OBE)		\$1 - \$1,000	Tax- Deferred		
Morgan Stanley Roth IRA PIMCO High Income Fund (PHK)		\$1 - \$1,000	Tax- Deferred		
Primary Care (ITC) Holdings		\$100,001 - \$250,000	None		

Principal Investment Plus Variable Annuity Mellon Capital Management Bond Market Index Account (Description: Bond market index account.)		\$50,001 - \$100,000	Tax-Deferred		
Principal Investment Plus Variable Annuity Principal Global Investors International Equity Index Fund		\$15,001 - \$50,000	Tax-Deferred		
Principal Investment Plus Variable Annuity Principal Global Investors Large Cap S&P 500 Index Account		\$50,001 - \$100,000	Tax-Deferred		
Principal Investment Plus Variable Annuity Principal Global Investors Mid Cap S&P 400 Index Fund		\$1,001 - \$15,000	Tax-Deferred		
Principal Investment Plus Variable Annuity Principal Global Investors Small Cap S&P 600 Index Fund		\$1,001 - \$15,000	Tax-Deferred		
Prudential Financial, Inc. (PRU)		\$1,001 - \$15,000	Dividends	\$1 - \$200	\$201 - \$1,000

[U.S. House of Representatives, Financial Disclosure Report, filed [5/15/20](#)]

Earned Income

2020: Salazar Reported \$20,137 In Earned Income From Miracle TV, Inc. [U.S. House of Representatives, Financial Disclosure Report, filed [5/15/20](#)]

Liabilities

2020: Salazar Reported Between \$1,000,001 And \$5,000,000 In Liabilities. In 2020, Salazar reported between \$1,000,001 and \$5,000,000 in liabilities, all of which were from a mortgage on a secondary residence. [U.S. House of Representatives, Financial Disclosure Report, filed [5/15/20](#)]

Creditor	Date Incurred	Type	Amount of Liability
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JP Morgan Chase	June 2005	Residential mortgage – not principal residence	\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000
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[U.S. House of Representatives, Financial Disclosure Report, filed [5/15/20](#)]

Positions

2020: Salazar Reported The Following Positions In Her Financial Disclosure Report.

Position	Name of Organization
President/Director/Secretary/Treasurer (Comments: Sub-S Corp.)	Miracle TV, Inc.
Authorized Member (Comments: Unimarsal LLC was created in February 2016 and dissolved in September 2017 and had no business activity or income.)	Unimarsal, LLC
Member/Manager	7 Heaven for Kids PPEC, LLC

[U.S. House of Representatives, Financial Disclosure Report, filed [5/15/20](#)]

Agreements

Date	Parties To	Terms of Agreement
January 2019	Maria Elvira Salazar and Cano Health, LLC	Independent contractor agreement for Maria Elvira Salazar to anchor a weekly television show and to promote Cano Health.
January 2020	Maria Elvira Salazar and Cano Health, LLC	Independent contractor agreement for Maria Elvira Salazar to anchor a weekly television show and to promote Cano Health.
Comments: This is a one-year extension of the 2019 agreement.		

[U.S. House of Representatives, Financial Disclosure Report, filed [5/15/20](#)]

Compensation In Excess Of \$5,000 Paid By One Source

2020-2021: Salazar Reported The Following Compensation In Her Financial Disclosure Report.

Source (Name and Address)	Brief Description of Duties
SBS/Mega TV (Miami, FL, US)	Consulting income, ad integrations, and TV show production.
Orlando Rangel MD (Tampa, FL, US)	Served as spokesperson endorsing practice.
Sima Communications (Tampa, FL, US)	Consulting income, advise on news format and programming.

Cano Health, LLC (Miami, FL, US)	Anchor weekly television show; promote show and Cano Health.
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[U.S. House of Representatives, Financial Disclosure Report, filed [5/15/20](#)]

2019

Net Worth

2019: Salazar Has A Net Worth Between -\$3,860,951 And \$1,938,999. [U.S. House of Representatives, Financial Disclosure Report, filed [11/27/19](#)]

Assets and “Unearned” Income

2019: Salazar Reported Between \$1,139,049 And \$2,939,000 In Assets. In 2019, Salazar reported between \$1,168,050 And \$3,000,000 in assets. [U.S. House of Representatives, Financial Disclosure Report, filed [11/27/19](#)]

Asset	Owner	Value of Asset	Income Type	Income (2019)	Income (2018)
529 College Savings Plan (DC 1) BLKRK 75% EQUITY PORT A		\$50,001 - \$100,000	Tax- Deferred		
529 College Savings Plan (DC 1) BLKRK GLBL ALLOCTN PRT A		\$15,001 - \$50,000	Tax- Deferred		
529 College Savings Plan (DC 1) Cash		\$1,001 - \$15,000	Tax- Deferred		
529 College Savings Plan (DC 2) BLKRK 75% Equity Port A		\$100,001 - \$250,000	Tax- Deferred		
529 College Savings Plan (DC 2) BLKRK GLBL ALLOCTN PRT A		\$50,001 - \$100,000	Tax- Deferred		
7 Heaven for Kids PPEC, LLC, 50% Interest (Description: Candidate is a partner in LLC to provide daycare for sick children.)		\$250,001 - \$500,000	None		
FL UTMA ACCT – DC 2 Cash		\$1,001 - \$15,000	Interest	\$1 - \$200	\$1 - \$200

Google, Inc. (Description: Income generated by ad revenue when filer's TV show is viewed on Youtube.)		Undetermined	Royalties	\$5,001 - \$15,000	\$2,501 - \$5,000
Merrill IRA 1 Bank of America, NA RASP		\$50,001 - \$100,000	Tax-Deferred		
Merrill IRA 2 AB Large Cap Growth Fund		\$15,001 - \$50,000	Tax-Deferred		
Merrill IRA 2 AB Limited Duration High		\$1,001 - \$15,000	Tax-Deferred		
Merrill IRA 2 Bank of America, NA RASP		\$15,001 - \$50,000	Tax-Deferred		
Merrill IRA 2 Blackrock Asian Dragon		\$1,001 - \$15,000	Tax-Deferred		
Merrill IRA 2 Blackrock HL SC OPP INST		\$1,001 - \$15,000	Tax-Deferred		
Merrill IRA 2 Clearbridge Large Cap Growth Fund		\$15,001 - \$50,000	Tax-Deferred		
Merrill IRA 2 Cullen High Dividend Equity Fund		\$15,001 - \$50,000	Tax-Deferred		
Merrill IRA 2 Fidelity ADV Emerging Fund		\$15,001 - \$50,000	Tax-Deferred		
Merrill IRA 2 Fidelity ADV Municipal Fund		\$15,001 - \$50,000	Tax-Deferred		
Merrill IRA 2 Health Care Select SPDR		\$1,001 - \$15,000	Tax-Deferred		
Merrill IRA 2 Invesco European Growth Fund		\$1,001 - \$15,000	Tax-Deferred		
Merrill IRA 2 iShares Russell 1000		\$1,001 - \$15,000	Tax-Deferred		
Merrill IRA 2 Loomis Sayles Growth Fund		\$15,001 - \$50,000	Tax-Deferred		
Merrill IRA 2 Loomis Sayles Strategic Income Fund		\$1,001 - \$15,000	Tax-Deferred		

Merrill IRA 2 Lord Abbett Intermediate Tax-Free Fund		\$15,001 - \$50,000	Tax-Deferred		
Merrill IRA 2 Lord Abbett Short		\$15,001 - \$50,000	Tax-Deferred		
Merrill IRA 2 MFS Emerging Markets Debt Fund		\$1,001 - \$15,000	Tax-Deferred		
Merrill IRA 2 MFS Muni Income FD		\$15,001 - \$50,000	Tax-Deferred		
Merrill IRA 2 MFS Value FD CL I		\$15,001 - \$50,000	Tax-Deferred		
Merrill IRA 2 Neuberger Berman High		\$1,001 - \$15,000	Tax-Deferred		
Merrill IRA 2 Nuveen High Yield Muni		\$1,001 - \$15,000	Tax-Deferred		
Merrill IRA 2 Pioneer AMT Free Municipal Bond		\$15,001 - \$50,000	Tax-Deferred		
Merrill IRA 2 Principal Spectrum PRFRD & Capital Inc. Fund		\$1,001 - \$15,000	Tax-Deferred		
Merrill IRA 2 SPDR S&P 500 ETF Trust		\$1,001 - \$15,000	Tax-Deferred		
Merrill IRA 2 T Rowe Price European		\$1,001 - \$15,000	Tax-Deferred		
Merrill IRA 2 T Rowe Price Japan Fund		\$15,001 - \$50,000	Tax-Deferred		
Merrill/Bank of America Personal Accounts (Description: Less than \$1 in interest.)		\$15,001 - \$50,000	Interest	None	None
Miracle TV, Inc., 100% Interest		\$250,001 - \$500,000	None		
Morgan Stanley Roth IRA Annaly Capital Management Inc (NLY)		\$1 - \$1,000	Tax-Deferred		

Morgan Stanley Roth IRA Colony Capital, Inc. (CLNY)		\$1 - \$1,000	Tax-Deferred		
Morgan Stanley Roth IRA Morgan Stanley Private Bank NA		\$1,001 - \$15,000	Tax-Deferred		
Morgan Stanley Roth IRA Obsidian Energy Ltd. (OBE)		\$1 - \$1,000	Tax-Deferred		
Morgan Stanley Roth IRA PIMCO High Income Fund (PHK)		\$1 - \$1,000	Tax-Deferred		
Principal Investment Plus Variable Annuity Mellon Capital Management Bond Market Index Account (Description: Bond market index account.)		\$50,001 - \$100,000	Tax-Deferred		
Principal Investment Plus Variable Annuity Principal Global Investors International Equity Index Fund		\$15,001 - \$50,000	Tax-Deferred		
Principal Investment Plus Variable Annuity Principal Global Investors Large Cap S&P 500 Index Account		\$50,001 - \$100,000	Tax-Deferred		
Principal Investment Plus Variable Annuity Principal Global Investors Mid Cap S&P 400 Index Fund		\$1,001 - \$15,000	Tax-Deferred		
Principal Investment Plus Variable Annuity Principal Global Investors Small Cap S&P 600 Index Fund		\$1,001 - \$15,000	Tax-Deferred		
Prudential Financial, Inc. (PRU)		\$1,001 - \$15,000	Dividends	\$1 - \$200	\$201 - \$1,000
Regions Bank Personal Checking Account (Description: Less than \$1 in interest for 2019.)		\$15,001 - \$50,000	Interest	None	\$1 - \$200

[U.S. House of Representatives, Financial Disclosure Report, filed [11/27/19](#)]

Earned Income

2019: Salazar Reported \$4,200 In Earned Income From Miracle TV, Inc. [U.S. House of Representatives, Financial Disclosure Report, filed [11/27/19](#)]

Liabilities

2019: Salazar Reported Between \$1,000,001 And \$5,000,000 In Liabilities. In 2019, Salazar reported between \$1,000,001 and \$5,000,000 in liabilities, all of which were from a mortgage on a secondary residence. [U.S. House of Representatives, Financial Disclosure Report, filed [11/27/19](#)]

Creditor	Date Incurred	Type	Amount of Liability
JP Morgan Chase	June 2005	Residential mortgage – not principal residence	\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000

[U.S. House of Representatives, Financial Disclosure Report, filed [11/27/19](#)]

Positions

2020: Salazar Reported The Following Positions In Her Financial Disclosure Report.

Position	Name of Organization
President/Director/Secretary/Treasurer (Comments: Sub-S Corp.)	Miracle TV, Inc.
Authorized Member (Comments: Unimarsal LLC was created in February 2016 and dissolved in September 2017 and had no business activity or income.)	Unimarsal, LLC
Member/Manager	7 Heaven for Kids PPEC, LLC

[U.S. House of Representatives, Financial Disclosure Report, filed [11/27/19](#)]

Agreements

Date	Parties To	Terms of Agreement
January 2019	Maria Elvira Salazar and Cano Health, LLC	Independent contractor agreement for Maria Elvira Salazar to anchor a weekly television show and to promote Cano Health.

[U.S. House of Representatives, Financial Disclosure Report, filed [11/27/19](#)]

Compensation In Excess Of \$5,000 Paid By One Source

2019: Salazar Reported The Following Compensation In Her Financial Disclosure Report.

Source (Name and Address)	Brief Description of Duties
SBS/Mega TV (Miami, FL, US)	Consulting income, ad integrations, and TV show production.
Orlando Rangel MD (Tampa, FL, US)	Served as spokesperson endorsing practice.
Sima Communications (Tampa, FL, US)	Consulting income, advise on news format and programming.

[U.S. House of Representatives, Financial Disclosure Report, filed [11/27/19](#)]

2018

Net Worth

2018: Salazar Has A Net Worth Between -\$4,305,971 And \$754,999. [U.S. House of Representatives, Financial Disclosure Report, filed [7/27/18](#)]

Assets and “Unearned” Income

2018: Salazar Reported Between \$709,029 And \$1,765,000 In Assets. In 2019, Salazar reported between \$709,029 and 1,765,000 in assets. [U.S. House of Representatives, Financial Disclosure Report, filed [7/27/18](#)]

Asset	Owner	Value of Asset	Income Type	Income (2018)	Income (2017)
529 College Savings Plan (DC 1) BLKRK 75% EQUITY PORT A		\$100,001 - \$250,000	Tax- Deferred		
529 College Savings Plan (DC 1) BLKRK GLBL ALLOCTN PRT A		\$50,001 - \$100,000	Tax- Deferred		
529 College Savings Plan (DC 1) Cash		\$15,001 - \$50,000	Tax- Deferred		
529 College Savings Plan (DC 2) BLKRK 75% Equity Port A		\$100,001 - \$250,000	Tax- Deferred		
529 College Savings Plan (DC 2) BLKRK GLBL ALLOCTN PRT A		\$50,001 - \$100,000	Tax- Deferred		
Bank of America Personal Accounts		\$1,001 - \$15,000	None		

Fantina Miracle Defined Benefit Plan FBO Marta Bermudo		Undetermined	None		
FL UTMA ACCT – DC 2 Cash		\$1,001 - \$15,000	Interest	\$1 - \$200	\$1 - \$200
Google, Inc. (Description: Income generated by ad revenue when filer’s TV show is viewed on YouTube.)		Undetermined	Royalties	\$2,501 - \$5,000	\$15,001 - \$50,000
Merrill Lynch 401K AB CONCENTRATED GROWTH FUND ADV CL		\$1,001 - \$15,000	Tax- Deferred		
Merrill Lynch 401K AB HIGH INCOME MUNICIPAL PORTFOLIO ADV CL		\$1,001 - \$15,000	Tax- Deferred		
Merrill Lynch 401K BLACKROCK NATIONAL MUNICIPAL FUND INSTL		\$1,001 - \$15,000	Tax- Deferred		
Merrill Lynch 401K Cash and ISA Sallie Mae Bank		\$1,001 - \$15,000	Tax- Deferred		
Merrill Lynch 401K ISHARES CURR HEDGED MSCI EUROZONE ETF		\$1,001 - \$15,000	Tax- Deferred		
Merrill Lynch 401K LOOMIS SAYLES GROWTH FUND CL Y		\$15,001 - \$50,000	Tax- Deferred		
Merrill Lynch 401K LOOMIS SAYLES STRATEGIC INC FD CL Y		\$1,001 - \$15,000	Tax- Deferred		
Merrill Lynch 401K MFS VALUE FD CL I		\$1,001 - \$15,000	Tax- Deferred		
Merrill Lynch 401K WISDOMTREE TRUST JAPAN HEDGED EQUITY FD		\$1,001 - \$15,000	Tax- Deferred		
Miracle TV, Inc., 100% Interest		\$250,001 - \$500,000	None		

Morgan Stanley Roth IRA Annaly Capital Management Inc (NLY)		\$1 - \$1,000	Tax- Deferred		
Morgan Stanley Roth IRA Colony Capital, Inc. (CLNY)		\$1 - \$1,000	Tax- Deferred		
Morgan Stanley Roth IRA Morgan Stanley Private Bank NA		\$1,001 - \$15,000	Tax- Deferred		
Morgan Stanley Roth IRA NorthStar Realty Europe Corp. (NRE)		\$1 - \$1,000	Tax- Deferred		
Morgan Stanley Roth IRA Obsidian Energy Ltd. (OBE)		\$1 - \$1,000	Tax- Deferred		
Morgan Stanley Roth IRA PIMCO High Income Fund (PHK)		\$1 - \$1,000	Tax- Deferred		
Morgan Stanley Roth IRA Annaly Capital Management Inc (NLY)		\$1 - \$1,000	Tax- Deferred		
Morgan Stanley Roth IRA Colony Capital, Inc. (CLNY)		\$1 - \$1,000	Tax- Deferred		
Morgan Stanley Roth IRA Morgan Stanley Private Bank NA		\$1,001 - \$15,000	Tax- Deferred		
Morgan Stanley Roth IRA Obsidian Energy Ltd. (OBE)		\$1 - \$1,000	Tax- Deferred		
Morgan Stanley Roth IRA PIMCO High Income Fund (PHK)		\$1 - \$1,000	Tax- Deferred		
Principal Investment Plus Variable Annuity Mellon Capital Management Bond Market Index Account (Description: Bond market index account.)		\$50,001 - \$100,000	Tax- Deferred		
Principal Investment Plus Variable Annuity Principal Global Investors International Equity Index Fund		\$15,001 - \$50,000	Tax- Deferred		

Principal Investment Plus Variable Annuity Principal Global Investors Large Cap S&P 500 Index Account		\$50,001 - \$100,000	Tax-Deferred		
Principal Investment Plus Variable Annuity Principal Global Investors Mid Cap S&P 400 Index Fund		\$1,001 - \$15,000	Tax-Deferred		
Principal Investment Plus Variable Annuity Principal Global Investors Small Cap S&P 600 Index Fund		\$1,001 - \$15,000	Tax-Deferred		
Prudential Financial, Inc. (PRU)		\$1,001 - \$15,000	Dividends	\$1 - \$200	\$1 - \$200
Regions Bank Personal Checking Account		\$1,001 - \$15,000	Interest	\$1 - \$200	\$1 - \$200

[U.S. House of Representatives, Financial Disclosure Report, filed [7/27/18](#)]

Earned Income

2018: Salazar Reported \$128,191 In Earned Income From Miracle TV, Inc. [U.S. House of Representatives, Financial Disclosure Report, filed [7/27/18](#)]

Liabilities

2018: Salazar Reported Between \$1,010,001 And \$5,015,000 In Liabilities. In 2018, Salazar reported between \$1,000,001 and \$5,000,000 in liabilities from a mortgage on a secondary residence, and between \$10,000 and \$15,000 in liabilities from a revolving charge account with American Express Platinum. [U.S. House of Representatives, Financial Disclosure Report, filed [7/27/18](#)]

Creditor	Date Incurred	Type	Amount of Liability
American Express Platinum	March 2018	Revolving charge account	\$10,000 - \$15,000
JP Morgan Chase (Comments: Liability held with ex-husband)	June 2005	Residential mortgage – not principal residence	\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000

[U.S. House of Representatives, Financial Disclosure Report, filed [7/27/18](#)]

Positions

2018: Salazar Reported The Following Positions In Her Financial Disclosure Report.

Position	Name of Organization
President/Director/Secretary/Treasurer (Comments: Sub-S Corp.)	Miracle TV, Inc.
Authorized Member (Comments: Unimarsal LLC was created in February 2016 and dissolved in September 2017 and had no business activity or income.)	Unimarsal, LLC
Member/Manager (Comments: Entity dissolved in 2016.)	TMA V LLC

[U.S. House of Representatives, Financial Disclosure Report, filed [7/27/18](#)]

Compensation In Excess Of \$5,000 Paid By One Source

2018: Salazar Reported The Following Compensation In Her Financial Disclosure Report.

Source (Name and Address)	Brief Description of Duties
SBS/Mega TV (Miami, FL, US)	Consulting income, ad integrations, and TV show production.
Orlando Rangel MD (Tampa, FL, US)	Served as spokesperson endorsing practice.

[U.S. House of Representatives, Financial Disclosure Report, filed [7/27/18](#)]

APPENDIX X: CORPORATE RECORDS

As of August 2022, Salazar is associated with the following entities. [Nexis Comprehensive Person Report, accessed 8/22/22]

Salazar's Nexis Employment Locator Records			
Company Name	Title(s)	Active	Year of Inc.
MES Health Holding, Inc.	President	Active	2020
S&V of Miami, LLC	Authorized Member	Inactive	2019
Guiding Light Organization, Inc.	Executive Director	Inactive	2019
MES Productions, Inc.	Director, President, Secretary, Treasurer	Inactive	2001
Miracle TV, Inc.	Director, President, Secretary, Treasurer	Active	2012
Casa Brickell Corp.	President, Secretary	Inactive	2005
Unimarsal LLC	Authorized Member	Inactive	2016
Mar-Mar 1 Holdings, LLC	Authorized Member	Inactive	2019
Mar Mar Holdings, LLC	Authorized Member	Inactive	2014
Invita, Inc.	Director	Inactive	2011
Martinico Holdings, LLC	Manager	Inactive	2007
Marhec, LLC	Manager	Inactive	2010
Lettina, LLC	Manager	Inactive	2009
Telemotion Productions, Inc.	President, Director, Vice President	Inactive	1985
Casa Henderson, LLC	Member Manager	Inactive	2007
Nicomar Latina, LLC	Manager	Inactive	2009

MES Health Holdings

June 29, 2020: MES Health Holding Was Incorporated. Salazar is the only officer. The principal address is 1230 Mendavia Ave. Coral Gables, FL 33146. [Florida Division of Corporations, accessed [8/22/22](#)]

Miracle TV, Inc.

October 26, 2012: Miracle TV Was Incorporated And Remains Active. Salazar is the only officer. The principal address is 1230 Mendavia Ave Coral Gables, FL 33146. [Florida Division of Corporations, accessed [8/22/22](#)]

S&V of Miami, LLC

December 18, 2019: S&V of Miami Was Incorporated. Salazar and Yohandys Villar were officers. The principal address was 12595 SW 137 Ave. Suite 101 Miami, FL 33186. [Florida Division of Corporations, accessed [8/22/22](#)]

- **Villar Was Also An Officer Of 7 HEAVEN for KIDS PPEC, LLC.** [Florida Division of Corporations, accessed [8/22/22](#)]

September 25, 2020: S&V of Miami Dissolved. [Florida Division of Corporations, accessed [8/22/22](#)]

Guiding Light Organization, Inc.

February 14, 2019: Guiding Light Organization Was Incorporated. Salazar and Diana Jimenez-Espineira were officers. The principal address was 6790 SW 72 Court Miami, FL 33143. [Florida Division of Corporations, accessed [8/22/22](#)]

- **Guiding Light Was Organized For “Charitable, Psychological And Clinical Therapy For Survivors Of Human Trafficking In South Florida.”** [Florida Division of Corporations, accessed [8/22/22](#)]

September 25, 2020: Guiding Light Organization, Inc. Dissolved. [Florida Division of Corporations, accessed [8/22/22](#)]

Unimarsal LLC

February 8, 2016: Unimarsal Was Incorporated. Salazar and Marlen Abrahantes were officers. The principal address was 6815 SW 69 Terrace South Miami, FL 33143. [Florida Division of Corporations, accessed [8/22/22](#)]

- **Abrahantes Is A Broadcast Media Executive. She Worked Alongside Salazar At Telemundo, CNN Latino, And Sima Communications/Megatv For Which Abrahantes Was CEO.** [LinkedIn, accessed [8/22/22](#)]

September 22, 2017: Unimarsal Dissolved. [Florida Division of Corporations, accessed [8/22/22](#)]

Mar-Mar 1 Holdings, LLC

February 22, 2015: Mar-Mar 1 Holdings Was Incorporated. Salazar and Marlen Abrahantes were officers. The principal address was 12810 Wallingford Drive Tampa, FL 33624. [Florida Division of Corporations, accessed [8/22/22](#)]

- **Abrahantes Is A Broadcast Media Executive. She Worked Alongside Salazar At Telemundo, CNN Latino, And Sima Communications/Megatv For Which Abrahantes Was CEO.** [LinkedIn, accessed [8/22/22](#)]

September 23, 2016: Mar-Mar 1 Holdings Dissolved. [Florida Division of Corporations, accessed [8/22/22](#)]

Mar Mar Holdings, LLC

June 17, 2014: Mar Mar Holdings Was Incorporated. Salazar and Marlen Abrahantes were officers. The principal address was 6601 SW 71 Ave Miami, FL 33143. [Florida Division of Corporations, accessed [8/22/22](#)]

- **Abrahantes Is A Broadcast Media Executive. She Worked Alongside Salazar At Telemundo, CNN Latino, And Sima Communications/Megatv For Which Abrahantes Was CEO.** [Linkedin, accessed [8/22/22](#)]

September 25, 2015: Mar Mar Holdings Dissolved. [Florida Division of Corporations, accessed [8/22/22](#)]

Invita, Inc.

June 9, 2011: Invita Was Incorporated. Salazar and Danitza Perez and Mimi Korman were officers. The principal address was 660 SW 57 Ave Suite 23 Miami, FL 33144. [Florida Division of Corporations, accessed [8/22/22](#)]

- **Danitza Perez Was An Account Executive At Megatv.** [Linkedin, accessed [8/22/22](#)]
- **Grecia "Mimi" Korman Is A Cuban-American Journalist And Songwriter, Most Known For Suing Julio Iglesias On The Grounds That He Defrauded Her Of Royalties From A Song They Wrote Together.** [Deseret News, [2/2/90](#)]

September 28, 2012: Invita Dissolved. [Florida Division of Corporations, accessed [8/22/22](#)]

Marhec, LLC

June 2, 2010: Marhec Was Incorporated. Salazar and Maria Victoria Rivas were officers. The principal address was 6601 SW 71 Avenue Miami, FL 33143. [Florida Division of Corporations, accessed [8/22/22](#)]

September 28, 2012: Marhec Dissolved. [Florida Division of Corporations, accessed [8/22/22](#)]

Lettina, LLC

July 30, 2009: Lettina Was Incorporated. Salazar and Maria Victoria Rivas were officers. The principal address was 6601 SW 71 Avenue Miami, FL 33143. [Florida Division of Corporations, accessed [8/22/22](#)]

September 28, 2012: Lettina Dissolved. [Florida Division of Corporations, accessed [8/22/22](#)]

Nicomar Latina, LLC

July 30, 2009: Nicomar Latina Was Incorporated. Salazar and Maria Victoria Rivas were officers. Its principal address is 6601 SW 71 Avenue Miami, FL 33143. [Florida Division of Corporations, accessed [8/22/22](#)]

September 28, 2012: Nicomar Latina Dissolved. [Florida Division of Corporations, accessed [8/22/22](#)]

Casa Henderson, LLC

September 12, 2007: Casa Henderson, LLC Was Incorporated. Salazar and Maietto were officers at formation; however, Maietto has been the only officer since 2011. Its principal address is 502 N Main St Hendersonville, NC 28792. [Florida Division of Corporations, accessed [8/22/22](#)]

- **Casa Henderson Has Lost Its Registration, But Has Been Reinstated Multiple Times: 10/26/17, 10/08/19, And Most Recently 3/10/22.** [Florida Division of Corporations, accessed [8/22/22](#)]

June 17, 2020: Casa Henderson Received A COVID-19 Economic Injury Disaster Loan Of \$1,000. [USASpending.gov, accessed [8/23/22](#)]

Martinico Holdings, LLC

August 20, 2007: Martinico Holdings Was Incorporated. Salazar and Maria Victoria Rivas were officers. The principal address was 6601 SW 71 Avenue Miami, FL 33143. [Florida Division of Corporations, accessed [8/22/22](#)]

September 27, 2013: Martinico Holdings Dissolved. [Florida Division of Corporations, accessed [8/22/22](#)]

Casa Brickell Corp.

October 17, 2005: Casa Brickell Was Incorporated. Salazar and Renzo Maietto were officers. The principal address was 6601 SW 71 Ave Miami, FL 33143. [Florida Division of Corporations, accessed [8/22/22](#)]

- **Casa Brickell Was A Holding Company For Real Estate Owned By Salazar And Maietto.**

September 27, 2013: Casa Brickell Dissolved. Florida Division of Corporations, accessed [8/22/22](#)]

MES Productions, Inc.

August 6, 2001: MES Productions Was Incorporated. Salazar was the only officer. The principal address was 6601 SW 71ST Ave Miami, FL 33143. [Florida Division of Corporations, accessed [8/22/22](#)]

2011: MES Productions And MEGA TV Were Sued By Norberto Fuentes, A Cuban Journalist, For Using His Footage Without Permission. Fuentes Lost His Lawsuit. [Law360.com, [8/16/11](#)]

September 28, 2012: MES Productions Dissolved. [Florida Division of Corporations, accessed [8/22/22](#)]

Telemotion Productions, Inc.

November 1, 1985: Telemotion Productions Was Incorporated. Salazar and her mother Marta Bermudo were officers. The principal address was Beshherisha Corporation 1925 Brickell Avenue Miami, FL. [Florida Division of Corporations, accessed [8/22/22](#)]

November 14, 1986: Telemotion Productions Dissolved. [Florida Division of Corporations, accessed [8/22/22](#)]

APPENDIX XI: PROPERTY RECORDS

List Of Potential Addresses

As of June 2021, the following was a list of potential properties where Salazar may have lived:

Salazar Property Records	
ADDRESS	DATE(s)
CORAL GABLES, FL 33146-1115	11/2016 - 4/2021
SOUTH MIAMI, FL 33143-3136	6/2005 - 1/2021
MIAMI, FL 33143-3016	2003 - 1/2015
CORAL GABLES, FL 33146-3557	4/2015 - 5/2015
SOUTH MIAMI, FL 33143-8242	6/2013 - 1/2014
SOUTH MIAMI, FL 33143-3142	2004 - 1/2012
MIAMI, FL 33143-4221	6/2005 - 8/2016
MIAMI, FL 33129-2407	11/1986 - 4/2012
MIAMI, FL 33129-2416	11/1986 - 3/2006
MIAMI, FL 33129-2409	1/1988 - 9/1995
HENDERSONVILLE, NC 28792-7719	9/2006 - 2007
HENDERSONVILLE, NC 28792-7719	7/2006 - 2007
NY 11416-1902	4/2004 - 6/2005
KEY BISCAVNE, FL 33149-1840	5/1984 - 4/2006
KEY BISCAVNE, FL 33149-1816	1999 - 5/2005

MIAMI, FL 33132-1180	2/1999 - 1/2003
HIALEAH, FL 33015	12/1999 - 12/1999
MIAMI, FL 33176-4209	4/1993 - 3/2001
KEY BISCAYNE, FL 33149	10/1994 - 3/1997
MIAMI, FL 33176	7/1988 - 5/1993
WASHINGTON, DC 20007	4/1991 - 12/1992
WASHINGTON, DC 20008	4/1990 - 12/1992
WASHINGTON, DC 20001	5/1990 - 12/1990
ATLANTA, GA 30309-1083	12/1988 - 12/1990
WASHINGTON, DC 20037	1/1990 - 1/1990
ATLANTA, GA 30305-2181	7/1988 - 7/1988
CORAL GABLES, FL 33133	4/1985 - 4/1985
CAMBRIDGE, MA 02138	5/1984 - 5/1984
MIAMI, FL 33180-3716	5/1984 - 5/1984
MIAMI, FL 33129-1519	
MIAMI, FL 33129-2146	2001 - 2001
HIALEAH, FL 33015-6307	12/1999 - 12/1999

[Nexis Comprehensive Person Report, accessed 5/29/21]

6815 SW 69th Terrace, South Miami

Salazar owns and lives at 6815 SW 69th Terrace, South Miami.

“Maria Elvira Salazar TRS” And “Marta Bermudo Revocable TR” Were Listed As The Owners of 6815 SW 69 Terrace. [Miami Dade Property Search, accessed [6/9/21](#)]

Marta Bermudo Was Salazar’s Mother. “Representative Salazar was born in Miami’s Little Havana neighborhood in 1961 shortly after her parents, Hector Salazar and Marta Bermudo, fled communist Cuba.” [K&L Gates, News & Events, [2/19/21](#)]

The property currently belongs to Salazar’s mothers trust, for which Salazar is trustee. Salazar’s mother transferred the property to the trust in January 2021. Salazar’s mother purchased the property from Jaime Court in 2014, after Court purchased the property from Salazar in 2012.

January 2021: 6815 SW 69th Was Sold By Marta Bermudo To The Marta Bermudo Revocable Trust For \$10. [Miami Dade Property Search, accessed [8/17/22](#)]

July 2014: 6815 SW 69th Was Purchased By Marta Bermudo From Jaime Court For \$300,000 [Miami Dade Property Search, accessed [8/17/22](#)]

August 2012: 6815 SW 69th Was Purchased By Jaime Court From Casa Venice Corp. According To The Deed Transfer Documents, Maria E Salazar Was Manager Of Casa Venice Corp. [Miami Dade Property Search, accessed [8/17/22](#)]

June 2005: 6815 SW 69th Was Purchased By Salazar And Maietto From Don And Susanne Wardy For \$700,000. [Miami Dade Property Search, accessed [8/17/22](#)]

Salazar claimed \$50,000 in homestead exemptions and benefitted from an assessment reduction on the value of her home.

1/22/21: Salazar Acquired 6815 SW 69th Terrace For \$10 As A Trustee Of The Marta Bermuda Revocable Trust. [Miami Dade Clerk, [1/22/21](#)]

2021: Salazar Claimed \$50,000 In Homestead Exemptions On 6815 SW 69th Terrace.

Benefits Information				
Benefit	Type	2021	2020	2019
Save Our Homes Cap	Assessment Reduction	\$319,477	\$288,303	\$257,122
Homestead	Exemption	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
Second Homestead	Exemption	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000

[Miami Dade Property Search, accessed [6/9/21](#)]

Salazar Benefitted From A \$319,477 Home Value Assessment Reduction, Reducing The Taxable Value Of Her Home To \$332,307. [Miami Dade Property Search, accessed [6/9/21](#)]

1230 Mendavia Ave, Coral Gables

Salazar has lived at 1230 Mendavia Ave, Coral Gables, FL.

Salazar's Address Was Listed As 1230 Mendavia Ave, Coral Gables, FL. [Nexis Comprehensive Person Report, Maria Elvira Salazar, accessed 5/29/21]

1230 Mendavia Ave Was Assessed At \$1,033,750 In 2022. [Miami Dade Property Search, accessed [8/17/22](#)]

1230 Mendavia Ave Was Assessed To Have A Market Value Of \$1,176,596 In 2022. The Difference Arises Because The Assessed Value Was Limited To An Increase Of 10% From The Year Prior. [Miami Dade Property Search, accessed [8/17/22](#)]

Benefits Information				
Benefit	Type	2022	2021	2020
Non-Homestead Cap	Assessment Reduction	\$142,846	-	-

1230 Mendavia Ave Was Owned By Jaime R. Court. [Miami Dade Property Search, accessed [8/17/22](#)]

January 2014: 1230 Mendavia Ave Was Purchased By Court For \$825,000. [Miami Dade Property Search, accessed [8/17/22](#)]

7400 SW 72nd Ct., Miami

2015: Salazar and Maietto defaulted on a \$2 million mortgage on 7400 SW 72nd Ct, Miami.

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Salazar Removed Her Name From The Deed, But Was Still A Debtor On The Home Mortgage. “The most problematic of those loans was a \$2 million mortgage on the property Maietto still owns at 7400 SW 72nd Ct., which the couple purchased for \$780,000, tore down and rebuilt with plans to move in upon its completion. Before the new manse was built, Salazar says she separated from Maietto. She removed herself from the deed, but remained a debtor on the home mortgage loan held by JP Morgan Chase. And in early 2015, the bank claims the couple defaulted on the mortgage [...] The mortgage is a large liability for Salazar, [...] Though she removed herself from the deed on her husband's home, banks don't care who owns a house,

only who took out the mortgage loan. Her federal financial disclosure lists the value of her assets as high as \$1.8 million -- but her net worth drops into the red once you add in the mortgage on her ex-husband's house." [Miami Herald, [9/27/18](#)]

Salazar Said That Maietto Agreed To Pay The Mortgage As Part Of Their Divorce Agreement.

“Now eight years past her divorce from home builder and designer Renzo Maietto, Salazar’s decision to purchase millions in Miami real estate with her then-husband ahead of the economic collapse in 2008 has left her with a mess. Her net worth is upside-down, and she’s personally on the hook for a bank note under foreclosure after her ex defaulted on a \$2 million home loan. Salazar says the problems are entirely out of her hands, both in their making and resolution: When the couple divorced in the summer of 2010, Maietto said in a settlement that he’d pay the mortgage on the now-distressed Radcliffe Manor property where the couple had hoped to live with their two children. Salazar also signed over the deed to the home to her estranged spouse. ‘Mr. Maietto agreed in the divorce agreement to assume all liability for the property,’ Salazar told the Miami Herald. But legally, they’re still her problems.” [Miami Herald, [9/27/18](#)]

Public Records Provide Conflicting Information And Indicate That Salazar And Maietto Defaulted On 7400 SW 72nd St In August 2016 Rather Than “Early 2015.”

Default Information	
Site Address	7400 SW 72ND CT MIAMI, FL 33143-4221
Site Address 2	13209 SW 10TH LN MIAMI, FL 33184-1919
Recording Date	08/25/2016
Document Type	LIS PENDENS JP MORGAN CHASE BK NA
Defendants	
Name	SALAZAR, MARIA E
Name	MAIETTO, RENZO

[Nexis Comprehensive Person Report, Maria Elvira Salazar, accessed 5/29/21]

Maietto fraudulently claimed a homestead exemption on 7400 SW 72nd Ct while Salazar’s name was still on the deed.

Maietto Fraudulently Claimed A Homestead Exemption On 7400 SW 72nd Ct. While Renting Out The Property.

“Before Salazar removed herself from the deed in mid-2010, Maietto began renting out the home, according to the Miami-Dade Property Appraiser’s Office, which investigated allegations of homestead fraud at the property following an anonymous tip five years ago. The appraiser’s office deemed that Maietto had rented out the property from 2010 through 2013, even though he claimed a property-tax exemption under the guise that the home was his primary residence. The appraiser’s office placed a roughly \$7,000 tax lien on the property on Nov. 5, 2013, which Maietto paid two months later. Salazar was on the title for only the first six months of the period in question, and says she never moved into the property after the construction of the home was complete.” [Miami Herald, [9/27/18](#)]

Salazar's Name Was On The Deed For Six Months While Maietto Claimed A Homestead Exemption. "Before Salazar removed herself from the deed in mid-2010, Maietto began renting out the home, according to the Miami-Dade Property Appraiser's Office, which investigated allegations of homestead fraud at the property following an anonymous tip five years ago. The appraiser's office deemed that Maietto had rented out the property from 2010 through 2013, even though he claimed a property-tax exemption under the guise that the home was his primary residence. The appraiser's office placed a roughly \$7,000 tax lien on the property on Nov. 5, 2013, which Maietto paid two months later. Salazar was on the title for only the first six months of the period in question, and says she never moved into the property after the construction of the home was complete." [Miami Herald, [9/27/18](#)]

Maietto: "Maria Elvira Had No Responsibility For The Homestead Complaint [...] We Divorced And I Was Already Living In The House." "Before Salazar removed herself from the deed in mid-2010, Maietto began renting out the home, according to the Miami-Dade Property Appraiser's Office, which investigated allegations of homestead fraud at the property following an anonymous tip five years ago. The appraiser's office deemed that Maietto had rented out the property from 2010 through 2013, even though he claimed a property-tax exemption under the guise that the home was his primary residence [...] 'Maria Elvira had no responsibility for the homestead complaint,' Maietto said. 'We divorced and I was already living in the house.'" [Miami Herald, [9/27/18](#)]

2022: 7400 SW 72nd Was Assessed At \$2,575,016. [Miami Dade Property Search, accessed [8/17/22](#)]

November 2019: 7400 SW 72nd Was Transferred By Maietto To The Possession Of US BANK TRUST National Association. This Deed Transfer Was Related To A Lawsuit Filed By MTGLQ Investors LP Against Maietto That May Have Been Related To Their 2015 Mortgage Default. [Miami Dade Property Search, accessed [8/17/22](#)]

MTGLQ Is A Subsidiary Of Goldman Sachs That Purchase Non-Performing Home Loans From Fannie Mae And Freddie Mac To Collect The Debts. "Over the last few years, Goldman Sachs' subsidiary MTGLQ Investors has been one of the top buyers of non-performing loans from both Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. In just the last few years, Goldman Sachs used MTGLQ Investors to buy billions and billions in loans from both of the government-sponsored enterprises. And now, MTGLQ is preparing to buy another \$1.88 billion in non-performing loans from Fannie Mae... In total, the sale includes 10,300 loans that carry \$1.88 billion in unpaid principal balance. And MTGLQ is buying them all. [HousingWire, [10/11/18](#)]

June 2005: 7400 SW 72nd Was Purchased By Salazar And Maietto For \$780,000. [Miami Dade Property Search, accessed [8/17/22](#)]

6601 SW 71st Ave.

A judge admonished Salazar and Maietto's attorney for "poor judgment" after they sued Wells Fargo for allegedly hiding \$10,000 in closing costs.

Salazar And Maietto Had A Lawsuit Against Wells Fargo Over Allegedly Hiding \$10,000 In Closing Costs Dismissed With A Hearing Officer Admonishing Salazar's Attorneys For "Poor Judgment." "Before they split, the couple also struggled with the debt on another home where Salazar says she lived with her daughters during her separation. Court records show Salazar and Maietto filed a lawsuit against Wells Fargo, alleging that the lender that refinanced their home loan at 6601 SW 71st Ave. had violated Florida's unfair trade practices laws and the federal Truth in Lending Act by hiding a \$10,000 fee during closing. Attorneys for Wells Fargo called the lawsuit frivolous, said the couple received \$500,000 cash in the refinancing, and convinced a federal judge to dismiss the lawsuit in 2010. They argued that Salazar and Maietto were trying to get out from under their debt by filing a frivolous lawsuit and sought sanctions against the couple and their attorneys. That motion was rejected, but only after a hearing officer admonished Salazar's attorneys for 'poor judgment.'" [Miami Herald, [9/27/18](#)]

One Of Salazar's Attorneys Was Previously Sued By The City Of Miami Over His Stewardship Of An Apartment Complex In Coconut Grove. "Attorneys for Wells Fargo called the lawsuit frivolous, said the couple received \$500,000 cash in the refinancing, and convinced a federal judge to dismiss the lawsuit in 2010. They argued that Salazar and Maietto were trying to get out from under their debt by filing a frivolous lawsuit and sought sanctions against the couple and their attorneys. That motion was rejected, but only after a hearing officer admonished Salazar's attorneys for "poor judgment.' Maietto and Salazar said the cash freed up in the refinancing was used to help pay for the construction of their house at 7400 SW 72nd Ct. They said their attorneys recommended that they sue. One of those attorneys, Julio C. Marrero, is well-known to a neighborhood in the district Salazar hopes to represent. He was among a group of property owners sued by Miami City Hall over their stewardship of run-down apartment buildings in a gentrifying, historically black area of Coconut Grove. Marrero's law firm also represents the couple in their ongoing foreclosure suit with JP Morgan Chase. Salazar said Maietto hired Marrero." [Miami Herald, [9/27/18](#)]

August 2012: Salazar (By Herself) Sold 6601 SW 71st Ave To 6601 HOLDINGS LLC For \$1,050,000. [Miami Dade Property Search, accessed [8/17/22](#)]

May 2010: Salazar And Maietto Defaulted On 6601 SW 71st St.

Default Information	
Site Address	6601 SW 71ST AVE MIAMI, FL 33143-3016
Site Address 2	12810 WALLINGTON DR TAMPA, FL 33624
Recording Date	09/11/2012
Document Type	RELEASE OF LIS PENDENS/NOTICE HSBC BK USA NA 2007-PA6
Defendants	
Name	SALAZAR, MARIA E

[Nexis Comprehensive Person Report, Maria Elvira Salazar, accessed 5/29/21]

Default Information

Site Address	6601 SW 71ST AVE MIAMI, FL 33143-3016
Site Address 2	6601 SW 71ST AVE MIAMI, FL 33143-3016
Recording Date	05/07/2010
Document Type	LIS PENDENS WELLS FARGO CORP 2007-PA6
Defendants	
Name	SALAZAR, MARIA E
Name	MAIETTO, RENZO

[Nexis Comprehensive Person Report, Maria Elvira Salazar, accessed 5/29/21]

October 2003: Salazar And Maietto Purchased 6601 SW 71st Ave For \$416,000. [Miami Dade Property Search, accessed [8/17/22](#)]

7075 SW 67 AVE

Salazar and Maietto owned 7075 SW 67 AVE #14, a condo in Miami.

December 2015: Salazar And Maietto Sold 7075 SW 67 AVE For \$400,000, At A Loss. [Miami Dade Property Search, accessed [8/17/22](#)]

January 2011: Salazar And Maietto Defaulted On 7075 SW 67th Ave.

Default Information	
Site Address	7075 SW 67TH AVE 14 SOUTH MIAMI, FL 33143-3142
Site Address 2	6601 SW 71ST AVE MIAMI, FL 33143-3016
Recording Date	11/27/2012
Document Type	RELEASE OF LIS PENDENS/NOTICE WELLS FARGO BK NA
Defendants	
Name	MAIETTO, RENZO

[Nexis Comprehensive Person Report, Maria Elvira Salazar, accessed 5/29/21]

Default Information	
Site Address	7075 SW 67TH AVE 14 SOUTH MIAMI, FL 33143-3142
Site Address 2	6601 SW 71ST AVE MIAMI, FL 33143-3016
Recording Date	01/19/2012
Document Type	LIS PENDENS WELLS FARGO BK NA

Defendants	
Name	MAIETTO, RENZO
Name	SALAZAR, MARIA E

[Nexis Comprehensive Person Report, Maria Elvira Salazar, accessed 5/29/21]

March 2006: Salazar And Maietto Purchased 7075 SW 67 AVE For \$500,000. [Miami Dade Property Search, accessed [8/17/22](#)]

2333 BRICKELL AVE APT 2112

Salazar and Maietto owned 2333 BRICKELL AVE APT 2112 in Miami.

July 2004: Salazar And Maietto Purchased 2333 BRICKELL AVE APT 2112 For \$342,000. [Miami Dade Property Search, accessed [8/17/22](#)]

March 2013: Salazar And Maietto Sold The Property or \$320,000, At A Loss. [Miami Dade Property Search, accessed [8/17/22](#)]

599 GLENRIDGE RD KEY BISCAYNE, FL 33149

Salazar and Maietto owned 599 GLENRIDGE RD in Key Biscayne.

September 1994: Salazar And Arturo Cruz Purchased 599 GLENRIDGE RD For \$312,000. [Miami Dade Property Search, accessed [8/17/22](#)]

January 1997: Salazar And Cruz Transferred The Property In Salazar's Possession. [Miami Dade Property Search, accessed [8/17/22](#)]

August 2004: Salazar And Maietto Sold The Property For \$915,000. [Miami Dade Property Search, accessed [8/17/22](#)]

11700 SW 92ND CT MIAMI, FL 33176

Salazar owned 11700 SW 92ND CT in Miami.

April 1993: Salazar Purchased 11700 SW 92ND CT For \$225,000. [Miami Dade Property Search, accessed [8/17/22](#)]

February 1997: Salazar Sold The Property For \$275,000. [Miami Dade Property Search, accessed [8/17/22](#)]

- **June 1997: Salazar And Her Husband Sold A House For \$275,000 In Killian Falls Area.** "These real estate transactions are taken from the Dade County clerk's office by ISC of Miami Inc. An asterisk (*) indicates a condominium. Information not listed was not available. [...] 11700 SW

92nd Ct. \$275,000 \$225,000 ('93) 3-2 2,411 37,026 Rosendo Collzo / Maria Elvira Salazar.”
[Miami Herald, 6/26/97]

3565 MAGELLAN CIR APT 337 MIAMI, FL 33180

Salazar owned 3565 MAGELLAN CIR in Miami.

November 1985: Salazar Purchased 3565 MAGELLAN CIR For \$93,000. [Miami Dade Property Search, accessed [8/17/22](#)]

July 1994: Salazar Sold The Property For \$96,000. [Miami Dade Property Search, accessed [8/17/22](#)]

401 GRAND OAKS DR HENDERSONVILLE, NC 28792

Salazar and Maietto owned 401 GRAND OAKS DR in HENDERSONVILLE, NC.

Salazar And Maietto Purchased 401 GRAND OAKS DR At An Unknown Date For \$469,000. [Miami Dade Property Search, accessed [8/17/22](#)]

October 2019: Salazar And Maietto Sold The Property For \$445,000. [Miami Dade Property Search, accessed [8/17/22](#)]

Notice Of Defaults

Salazar defaulted on 3 properties.

Salazar And Maietto Defaulted On 7400 SW 72nd St.

Default Information	
Site Address	7400 SW 72ND CT MIAMI, FL 33143-4221
Site Address 2	13209 SW 10TH LN MIAMI, FL 33184-1919
Recording Date	08/25/2016
Document Type	LIS PENDENS JP MORGAN CHASE BK NA
Defendants	
Name	SALAZAR, MARIA E
Name	MAIETTO, RENZO

[Nexis Comprehensive Person Report, Maria Elvira Salazar, accessed 5/29/21]

Salazar And Maietto Defaulted On 7075 SW 67th Ave.

Default Information	
Site Address	7075 SW 67TH AVE 14

	SOUTH MIAMI, FL 33143-3142
Site Address 2	6601 SW 71ST AVE MIAMI, FL 33143-3016
Recording Date	11/27/2012
Document Type	RELEASE OF LIS PENDENS/NOTICE WELLS FARGO BK NA
Defendants	
Name	MAIETTO, RENZO

[Nexis Comprehensive Person Report, Maria Elvira Salazar, accessed 5/29/21]

Default Information	
Site Address	7075 SW 67TH AVE 14 SOUTH MIAMI, FL 33143-3142
Site Address 2	6601 SW 71ST AVE MIAMI, FL 33143-3016
Recording Date	01/19/2012
Document Type	LIS PENDENS WELLS FARGO BK NA
Defendants	
Name	MAIETTO, RENZO
Name	SALAZAR, MARIA E

[Nexis Comprehensive Person Report, Maria Elvira Salazar, accessed 5/29/21]

Salazar And Maietto Defaulted On 6601 SW 71st St.

Default Information	
Site Address	6601 SW 71ST AVE MIAMI, FL 33143-3016
Site Address 2	12810 WALLINGTON DR TAMPA, FL 33624
Recording Date	09/11/2012
Document Type	RELEASE OF LIS PENDENS/NOTICE HSBC BK USA NA 2007-PA6
Defendants	
Name	SALAZAR, MARIA E

[Nexis Comprehensive Person Report, Maria Elvira Salazar, accessed 5/29/21]

Default Information	
Site Address	6601 SW 71ST AVE MIAMI, FL 33143-3016
Site Address 2	6601 SW 71ST AVE MIAMI, FL 33143-3016
Recording Date	05/07/2010

Document Type	LIS PENDENS WELLS FARGO CORP 2007-PA6
Defendants	
Name	SALAZAR, MARIA E
Name	MAIETTO, RENZO

[Nexis Comprehensive Person Report, Maria Elvira Salazar, accessed 5/29/21]

APPENDIX XII: COURT RECORDS

CRIMINAL RECORD

As of August 2022, Salazar is not associated with any criminal violations. [Nexis Person Report, accessed 8/01/22; Illumis Search, accessed 8/01/22; Miami Dade, Court Search, accessed 8/01/22]

TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS

As of August 2022, Salazar has received at least 13 traffic violations, but 12 were dismissed and 1 was withheld of adjudication. [Miami-Dade County Clerk, Traffic Online System Search, accessed [7/29/22](#); illumis Search, accessed 8/01/22; Nexis Person Report, accessed 8/01/22]

Defendant Name	Citation Number	Incident Date	Violation	Penalty Assessed	Disposition	Disposition Date
Maria Elvira Salazar	AC0MFJE	5/28/19	*322.15(1) Driver License	\$0.00	Dismissed	7/18/19
Maria Elvira Salazar	AC0MJEE	5/28/19	316.123 (2)(A) Ran Stop Sign	\$0.00	Dismissed	7/18/19
Maria Elvira Salazar	A8SUZ9E	12/14/17	316.074(1) Fail To Obey TCD/Stop Sign	\$0.00	Dismissed	3/07/18
Maria Elvira Salazar	A4W3QIE	10/19/15	316.084(2) Improper Passing On Right	\$0.00	Dismissed	12/17/15
Maria Elvira Salazar	A3LYYHE	2/19/15	316.089(3) Fail To Use Designated Lane	\$0.00	Dismissed	7/17/15
Maria Elvira Salazar	A3LYYIE	2/19/15	316.304(1) Wearing Headsets Covering Both Ears	\$0.00	Dismissed	7/17/15
Maria Elvira Salazar	A34A1RE	11/02/14	316.189(1) Speeding Municipal Road (41mph in a 20mph zone)	\$0.00	Dismissed	12/18/14
Maria Elvira Salazar	A07LPKP	10/13/14	316.075(1)(C)1 Steady Red Light, VEH/FAI/STOP	\$0.00	Dismissed	1/06/15
Maria Elvira Salazar	4388HAA	2/11/13	*316.646(1) Proof Of Insurance Required	\$0.00	Dismissed	2/25/13
Maria Elvira Salazar	9305WMA	6/14/12	*320.07(3)(A)	\$0.00	Dismissed	8/22/12

			Regist Expired Less Than 6 Months			
Maria Elvira Salazar	9306WMA	6/14/12	316.189(1) Speeding Municipal Road (43mph in a 30mph zone)	\$0.00	Dismissed	8/22/12
Maria Elvira Salazar	6158WLO	5/10/12	*320.07(3)(A) Regist Expired Less Than 6 Months	\$0.00	Dismissed	9/07/12
Maria Elvira Salazar	6157WLO	5/10/12	316.1895(10) Speeding School Zone	\$374.50	Withhold Adjudication	9/07/12

[Miami-Dade County Clerk, Traffic Online System Search, accessed [7/29/22](#)]

Salazar has failed to pay three traffic violations totaling more than \$1,100 that occurred years ago, which has resulted in a collection agency attempting to collect the balance.

As Of August 2022, Miracle TV Inc. Has Failed To Pay At Least 3 Traffic Violations That Occurred Between 2015 And 2017, Resulting In A Collection Agency Attempting To Collect The Balance. From August 2015 to January 2017, Miracle TV Inc. received three traffic violations for crossing red lights. As of August 2022, Miracle TV has failed to pay the \$1,142.70 balance due for the three violations. As a result, a collection agency is attempting to collect the balance. [Miami-Dade County Clerk, Traffic Online System Search, accessed [7/29/22](#); illumis Search, accessed 8/01/22; Nexis Person Report, accessed 8/01/22]

Defendant Name	Citation Number	Incident Date	Violation	Penalty Assessed	Balance	Status
Miracle TV Inc.	A0QI5HE	1/12/17	316.075(1)(C)1 Steady Read Light, VEH/FAI/STOP-CNTY (Red Light Camera)	\$293.00	\$380.90	Failed to Pay Fine; Case in Collection
Miracle TV Inc.	A0QGGKE	10/16/15	316.075(1)(C)1 Steady Read Light, VEH/FAI/STOP-CNTY (Red Light Camera)	\$293.00	\$380.90	Failed to Pay Fine; Case in Collection
Miracle TV Inc.	A0QGAKE	8/17/15	316.075(1)(C)1 Steady Read Light, VEH/FAI/STOP-CNTY (Red Light Camera)	\$293.00	\$380.90	Failed to Pay Fine; Case in Collection

[Miami-Dade County Clerk, Traffic Online System Search, accessed [7/29/22](#)]

Miracle TV Is A Company Registered To Salazar. Miracle TV Inc. is a Florida company registered to Maria Elvira Salazar. Salazar is the only individual listed as the registered agent and officer/director. The most recent annual report lists Salazar as President. Florida Department of State, Division of Corporations, Business Search, accessed [7/29/22](#)

BANKRUPTCY, JUDGMENT & LIENS

As of August 2022, Salazar is not associated with any bankruptcies, judgments, or liens. [Nexis Person Report, accessed 8/01/22; Illumis Search, accessed 8/01/22]

