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Rep. Ken Calvert (CA-41) Research Memo

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executive summary

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maga republican / too extreme

- Calvert Has Been a Regular Cheerleader for Trump & His Administration
- Said That He Believed the Country Would Be Better Off With Trump in Office
- Voted in Line with Trump 97% of the Time
- Said That President Biden Takes "Orders from the Taliban" and that Democrats Pursue a "Socialist Tax Agenda"
- Joined in "The Big Lie" - Signed a Brief Urging SCOTUS to Hear a Case Brought by Texas to Overturn Election Results in Swing States That Voted for Biden
- Voted Against Certifying the 2020 Presidential Election
- ...But Wrote an Op-Ed Denouncing the Mob at the Capitol on January 6
- Endorsed by Trump
- Said That While He Believed the 2020 Election Was Fair, But Many States Changed Rules While the Election Was Underway Due to the Pandemic
- Supported Unofficial Ballot Collection Boxes Placed at Gun Shops and Churches
- Called State Attempts to Remove Unofficial Ballot Boxes Limiting the Rights of Churches and Republicans
- Praised Amy Coney Barrett for Being a "Champion of Originalism"- a judicial philosophy that would roll back many of the rights Americans have come to expect.
- Maintained Support for Trump Following Leaked Comments from Trump Demeaning Women from a Video in 2005
- Said That Hillary Clinton Would Lead the US Down the Wrong Path, Blaming Extreme Liberals

- Said He Hoped That People Would Unify to Prevent Hillary Clinton from “Carrying Out a Third” Obama Term
- ...BUT Did Not Immediately Announce Support for Trump Following His Nomination to the Republican Ticket

personal scandals

- Ex-Wife Accused Mark Takano of Falsely Accusing Calvert of Abusing Her in 1994g
- Reelected to Congress Since 1993 Despite Being Found by Police with a Sex Worker; Admitted to Having Sex with a Sex Worker After a Divorce in 1993

abortion & women’s issues

- Calvert Has an “A+” Rating from SBA Pro-Life America (Susan B. Anthony’s List)
- Said That He Supported the Right for States to Decide on the Issue of Abortion
- Said the SCOTUS Abortion Rights Leak Was an Attempt to Pressure and Intimidate the Supreme Court
- Voted to Repeal the ACA and Defund Planned Parenthood, Citing That Tax Dollars Should Not Fund Organizations Where “Illegal Actions Have Been Taken”
- Sponsored an Act to Defund Planned Parenthood

budget

- Celebrated Operating Under the Trump-Era Budget as Ranking Member of House Appropriations Committee

civil rights

- Said He Supported ADA But Wanted to Eliminate “Costly and Unnecessary Lawsuits for Small Business Owners”
- Tried to Put Forth a Compromise After Southern Republicans Protested a Proposal That Would Restrict Displaying the Confederate Flag on Federal Parklands

crime & police reform

- Signed Heritage Action’s “Police Pledge” Saying He Would Oppose Any Efforts to “Defund the Police”

education

- Backed the Trump Administration’s Call for Charter Schools
- Testified Before the House Veterans’ Affairs Committee Discussing Removing Delays That Affect Veterans’ Educational Benefits

environment & energy

- Said Higher Gas Prices Due to President Biden’s Policies Against American Energy Hurts Manufacturers and Farming
- Said He Supported Pursuing Green Energy Alternatives Through Relying on American Market Forces to Produce the Technology
- Said That Democrats in Congress Weaken the Country by Proposing Socialist Plans Like the Green New Deal
- Proposed Amendment to a Bill That Would Have Allowed for Expanded Oil and Gas Drilling Including in the Artic National Wildlife Refuge
- Supported President Trump’s Announcement on Western Water Signing onto Statement Saying Farmers in California Have Suffered Due to Actions of Environmental Extremists

- Opposed the Trump Administration Revoking California’s Clean Air Act Waiver
- Criticized by the League of Conservation Voters for Supporting Funding Cuts Impacting the National Park Service and the EPA

equity & inclusion

- Opposed Amendment Calling Reservation Lands “Indian Country”

ethics & elections

- Complained That People Were Using the Insurrection to Delegitimize Republicans in General
- Offered an Amendment That Would Prohibit Foreign Nationals from Collecting Ballots
- Accused of Not Following Voting Guide Word Requirement Guidelines
- Supported an Investigation into Russian Election Meddling Saying They Should Follow “Where Facts Lead”
- Responded to Proposed Amendment to the Rules of the House on Ethics Saying They Need to Focus on Fighting the Onslaught of Job-Killing Regulations
- Released Statement on FBI Investigation of Former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton’s Private Emails

foreign policy & national security

- Proposed \$450M in State Dept Administered Military Financing Grants to the Taiwanese Govt to Purchase U.S. Weapons
- Said That Biden Withdrawing Troops from Afghanistan Pushed Putin to Attack Ukraine
- Said the Weakness Biden Displayed in Lack of Reaction to Ukraine Invasion Signaled to China that Taiwan is Theirs for Taking
- Congratulated Trump for Signing the China Phase One Trade Agreement
- Said That President Obama’s Iran Deal Was Bad for the Safety and Security of Americans
- Said That UNESCO Designating the Old City of Hebron as Part of Palestinian Territory was an Anti-Israel Measure
- Said Budget Priorities for 2018 Included Securing Borders and National Security
- Said Military Strikes Ordered by President Trump Against Syria Were Appropriate
- Defended Pres. Trump’s Muslim Ban & Used the San Bernardino Attack in 2015 to Justify It
- Voted to Support Legislation That Would Block the Transfer of Detainees from Guantanamo Bay Saying that Islamic Jihadists Were Motivated to Kill Americans Long Before a Detainee Was Held in Gitmo”
- Named as a Leader of a Joint Task Force to Investigate Allegations that Senior US Central Command Officials Manipulated Intelligence for Political Purposes, Claimed That Central Command Altered Intelligence and Presented Bad Analysis

guns & gun safety

- Endorsed by the NRA, Received an “A” Rating as a “Solidly Pro-Gun Candidate
- NRA Cited Calvert’s Extreme Positions on Guns as the Reason for Their Support – Including Opposition to Universal Background Checks, a Semi-Automatic Weapons Ban, Concealed Carry Reciprocity, & Banning Gun Sales to the No Fly List
- Calvert Has Taken \$174,616 from the Pro-Gun Lobby

- Full of Excuses: Said Video Games and Loss of Faith Have Helped Fuel Gun Violence; Said Loss of Religious Concerns Contribute to Gun Violence and Mass Shootings

healthcare

- Voted to Repeal, Said That the Affordable Care Act Will Negatively Impact the Health of the American Economy
- Sent Out Newsletter Encouraging People to Put Pressure on Democrats to Prevent the Passage of the Affordable Care Act

immigration & the border

- Introduced Legislation Aimed at Preventing Undocumented Immigrants from Being Released into Communities and Stopping from Refusing to Enforce ICE Detainers
- Drafted Legislation Creating E-Verify to Check Employee's Status to Work in the U.S.; Said He Wants it to Be Mandatory
- Said Congress Needed to Update Immigration Laws to Provide Clarity on the Broken Immigration System Following Child Separation
- Said Obama Overstepped His Executive Authority When He Gave Young, Undocumented People Legal Status Referring to the DACA Program
- Supported Trump's Efforts to Secure Borders & "Deport Criminal Aliens"
- Defended Trump's Muslim Ban in 2016
- Applauded Trump's Stance on Sanctuary States and Cities for Withholding Funds for City's That Are Deemed as Such
- Backed Legislation to Make it Harder for Refugees to Come to the U.S.
- Said it Was Evident President Obama Was Unwilling to Protect "Our Basic Sovereignty" In Relation to His Border Policies
- Said He Wanted to Keep "Illegal Immigrants Out of American Jobs"
- Said That a Person Who Serves in the Military Should Not Receive Legal Status as Proposed Under the DREAM Act
- Said Democrats Might Try to Do a "Lame Duck" Maneuver to Grant "Amnesty" if They Lost Seats in the 2010 Election

jobs & economy

- Agreed with Sen. Manchin Bringing a Halt to the Build Back Better Act Because It Would be like "Pouring Gas on a Fire"
- Praised Trump Following the State of the Union Address Stating That the Economy is Growing Thanks to the Republican Congress

lgbtq+

- Sent Homophobic Flyers in the 90s While Running Against Mark Takano

labor & working families

- Criticized Pres. Biden Nominating California Labor Secretary Julie Su
- Introduced Legislation Aimed at "Protecting Employee Bonuses" From Federal Requirements
- 2012: Said Obama's Proposal to Solve the Housing Crisis Was Misguided and Costs the American Taxpayer

opioids & drug addiction

- At a Fentanyl Roundtable Said They Must Send a Message to “International Drug Cartels and Their Chinese Suppliers”

pandemic

- Said California Small Businesses Have Suffered Due to Gov. Newsom’s Lockdown Orders During the COVID-19 Pandemic
- Criticized Governor Newsom for Threatening to Withhold Pandemic Assistance Aid from Counties if They Refused to Comply with State Shutdown Mandates

taxes

- Opposed California’s Proposed State Excise Tax on Gas
- Praised The Trump Administration’s Tax Reform Framework
- Said Democrats Kept Insisting on Higher Taxes to End Sequestration, Which He Opposed

transportation & infrastructure

- Urged Amtrak to Alter Their Plans to Close its Riverside Reservation Center
- Released Draft of Spending Bill for the Department of the Interior That Would Prohibit Lawsuits Against the Multi-Billion Dollar California Delta Tunnels Project

veterans & the military

- Accused Democrats of Being Disingenuous About Their Concern for the Military Budget in Response to Congress Using a Continuing Resolution to Fund the Defense Dept
- Received the Most Money from the Defense Industry in the 2022 Election Cycle (so far) by Q3 in 2021 With \$161,000
- Criticized Biden’s Proposed Defense Budget for Not Increasing Enough

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biography

Kenneth Stanton Calvert

Birth: June 8, 1953 in Corona, CA

Residence: Corona, CA

Education: San Diego State University (1975), Chaffey College (1971–1973), Corona High School (1971)

career history

Restaurateur/Manager, Jolly Fox Restaurant

Owner/Real Estate Agent, Ken Calvert Real Properties [[Legistorm](#)]

history of political office

Member, U.S. House of Representatives (1993-Present) – 43rd (1993-2003), 44th (2003-2013), & 42nd districts (2013-Present)

House Appropriations Committee

Ranking Member, House Appropriations Committee Defense Subcommittee

House Appropriations Committee Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Subcommittee

[[Legistorm](#)]

caucuses

ALS Caucus, Co-Chair and Co-Founder

Bipartisan Congressional Task Force on Alzheimer's Disease

Bipartisan Disabilities Caucus

Bipartisan Working Group to End Domestic Violence

California Aerospace Caucus, Co-Chair

Cement Caucus

Cigar Caucus

Congressional Air Force Caucus

Congressional Animal Protection Caucus

Congressional Army Caucus

Congressional Automotive Performance and Motorsports Caucus

Congressional Beef Caucus

Congressional Bike Caucus

Congressional Biomedical Research Caucus

Congressional Boating Caucus

Congressional Border Caucus

Congressional Border Security Caucus

Congressional Caucus on Armenian Issues
Congressional Caucus on Hellenic Issues
Congressional Caucus on India and Indian-Americans
Congressional Caucus on Intellectual Property Promotion and Piracy Prevention
Congressional Caucus on Korea
Congressional Caucus on Long-Range Strike
Congressional Caucus on Parkinson's Disease
Congressional Caucus to Fight and Control Methamphetamine, Co-Chair
Congressional Childhood Cancer Caucus
Congressional Coalition for Autism Research and Education
Congressional Coalition on Adoption
Congressional Cut Flower Caucus
Congressional Cystic Fibrosis Caucus
Congressional Diabetes Caucus
Congressional Dyslexia Caucus
Congressional Electronic Warfare Working Group
Congressional EMS Caucus
Congressional Fire Services Caucus
Congressional Friends of Denmark Caucus
Congressional Friends of New Zealand Caucus
Congressional German-American Caucus
Congressional Heart and Stroke Coalition
Congressional Internet Caucus
Congressional Law Enforcement Caucus
Congressional Lung Cancer Caucus
Congressional Manufactured Housing Caucus, Chair
Congressional Mental Health Caucus
Congressional Microbusiness Caucus
Congressional Military Mental Health Caucus
Congressional Military Youth Programs Caucus
Congressional Modeling and Simulation Caucus
Congressional Morocco Caucus
Congressional Motorsports Caucus
Congressional Multiple Sclerosis Caucus
Congressional National Guard and Reserve Components Caucus
Congressional Native American Caucus
Congressional Natural Gas Caucus
Congressional Navy and Marine Corps Caucus
Congressional Oceans Caucus
Congressional Shipbuilding Caucus
Congressional Special Operations Forces Caucus
Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus
Congressional STEM Education Caucus
Congressional Taiwan Caucus
Congressional Travel and Tourism Caucus
Congressional UK Caucus
Congressional Unmanned Systems Caucus
Congressional Valley Fever Task Force
Congressional Veterans Jobs Caucus
Congressional Western Caucus
Congressional Wine Caucus
Election Integrity Caucus
Generic Drug Equity Caucus, Chair

Goods Movement Caucus
House Aerospace Caucus
House Baltic Caucus
House Cancer Caucus
House Congressional Mobility Air Forces Caucus
House General Aviation Caucus
House Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Caucus
House Medical Technology Caucus
House NASA Caucus
House Real Estate Caucus
House Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Caucus
House Republican Advisory Team on Cuba
House Republican Conference
House Republican Steering Committee, Region XII Representative
House Small Brewers Caucus
House Specialty Crops Caucus
International Creativity and Theft-Prevention Caucus
Rare Disease Caucus
Republican Main Street Caucus
United Service Organizations Congressional Caucus
U.S. Congressional International Conservation Caucus [[Legistorm](#)]

awards & acknowledgments

Guardian of Small Business (National Federation of Independent Business Inc.) (2020)
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Thomas Jefferson Award (International Foodservice Distributors Association) (April 2018)
Park Champion Award (National Park Foundation) (April 2018)
Spirit of Enterprise Award (U.S. Chamber of Commerce) (March 2017)
Defender of Housing (National Association of Home Builders) (Sept. 2016)
Hero of Main Street (National Retail Federation) (July 29, 2015)
Champion of Science Award (Science Coalition) (March 2006) [[Legistorm](#)]

organizations

Membership, Republican Main Street Partnership [[Legistorm](#)]

boards & committees

Chair, Riverside County (Calif.) Republican Party (1984-1988) [[Legistorm](#)]

official biography

“Ken Calvert, a lifelong resident of Riverside County and 17-year small business owner in the restaurant and real estate industries, represents the 42nd Congressional District of southern California. Calvert was born on June 8, 1953 and attended neighborhood public schools, graduating from Corona High School in 1971. He attended two years at Chaffey College and then enrolled at San Diego State University, where he graduated in 1975 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics. Throughout his life, Ken has been actively involved and served in

leadership roles with several local community volunteer organizations, including the Corona Chamber of Commerce, the Corona Rotary, and the Corona-Norco Family YMCA.

The 42nd District encompasses the western edge of Riverside County including the cities of Eastvale, Norco, Corona, Lake Elsinore, Wildomar, Canyon Lake, Menifee, Murrieta and a portion of Temecula.

Rep. Calvert was first elected to the House of Representatives in 1992 and is one of the most senior members serving in the legislative body. Rep. Calvert is the Dean of the California Republican Delegation.

During his freshman term in the 103rd Congress, Calvert served as an active Member of the Resources Committee and Science Committee. His ability to work in a bipartisan fashion in his first two years led to him being rewarded with the Chairmanship of the Energy and Mineral Subcommittee on the Resources Committee. While unusual for a sophomore Member to be given a Chairmanship after only one term in Congress, Calvert also served on two other Committees; maintaining his seat on the Science Committee and gaining a seat on the Agriculture Committee. Over the years his committee assignments enabled him to address issues critical to Riverside County our state and the nation. He has been a leader on issues such as the Endangered Species Act, agriculture, energy, water and much more. In the 105th and 106th Congress, Rep. Calvert was Chairman of the Science Subcommittee on Energy and the Environment where he worked on alternative energy and clean air issues. In 2001 (107th Congress) Calvert was selected to serve on the House Armed Services Committee.

In the 108th Congress (2003-2004), Calvert continued his service on the Armed Services Committee, Resources Committee and Science Committee. On the Resources Committee, Calvert was Chairman of the Water and Power Subcommittee overseeing federal water rights in the west, including hydro-power generated from federal water projects. As Chairman he introduced and helped pass H.R. 2828, The Water Supply, Reliability, and Environmental Improvement Act, which reauthorized the CALFED Bay-Delta program.

In the 109th Congress (2005-2006), Calvert was Chairman of the House Science Committee Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics and passed the first NASA Authorization bill in five years. He also served as a member of the Committee on Armed Services and the Resources Committee.

In the 110th Congress (2007-2008), Calvert served for five months as the Ranking Member of the House Science Committee Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics and as a member of the Committee on Armed Services and the Resources Committee. On May 9, 2007, Rep. Calvert was selected to serve on the House Appropriations Committee. He was a member of the Energy and Water Subcommittee and the Interior and the Environment Subcommittee.

In the 111th Congress (2009-2010), Rep. Calvert served on the House Appropriations Committee and was a member of the Energy and Water Subcommittee, the Interior and the Environment Subcommittee and the Homeland Security Subcommittee. He was also selected to serve as the Ranking Member of the House Select Intelligence Oversight Panel of the House Committee on Appropriations (SIOP). The SIOP reviewed and studied budget requests for intelligence activities in order to make recommendations to relevant subcommittees of the Committee on Appropriations.

In the 112th Congress (2011-2012), Rep. Calvert served on the House Appropriations Committee and was a member of the Defense Subcommittee, the Interior and the Environment Subcommittee and the Legislative Branch Subcommittee. He also served on the House Budget Committee.

In the 114th Congress (2015-2016), Rep. Calvert served on the House Appropriations Committee where he was the Chairman of the Interior and the Environment Subcommittee. Rep. Calvert was also a member of the Defense Subcommittee and the Energy and Water Subcommittee. He also served on the House Budget Committee. Rep. Calvert was also selected to serve as the Chairman of the California Republican Delegation, a role he still holds today.

In the 115th Congress (2017-2018), Rep. Calvert served on the House Appropriations Committee where he continued his role as Chairman of the Interior and the Environment Subcommittee. Rep. Calvert was also Vice-Chairman of the Defense Subcommittee and served on the Energy and Water Subcommittee.

In the 116th Congress (2019-2020), Rep. Calvert served on the House Appropriations Committee where was the Ranking Member of the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee. Rep. Calvert also served on the Energy and Water Subcommittee.

In the 117th Congress (2021-2022), Rep. Calvert continues to serve on the House Appropriations Committee where he is the Ranking Member of the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee, which funds approximately one-half of the discretionary budget. Rep. Calvert also serves on the Energy and Water Subcommittee.

Since he was first elected to Congress, Rep. Calvert has worked hand-in-hand with local stakeholders to bring federal resources to critical projects in Riverside County including: C-17 operations at March Air Reserve Base; critical transportation projects; including the expansion of the 91 freeway; research into the grapevine killing Pierce's Disease scourging California's wine industry; expansion of the Janet Goeske Center for Senior and Disabled Citizens; improving cutting edge clean air technology at the University of California at Riverside; and, supporting various environmental restoration and flood control efforts critical to Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino Counties.

Rep. Calvert has authored a number of bills that became law including legislation that protects against identity theft by prohibiting the appearance of Social Security account numbers on or through unopened mailings of checks issued by the Treasury Department, provides additional educational dollars to states through a simplified collection process of oil and gas royalties, increasing the penalties for desecrating our national cemeteries, establishing the Medal of Honor Memorial at the Riverside National Cemetery as a "national" memorial, and reduces or eliminates the use of animals to test product and chemical safety by establishing alternative test methods throughout a coalition of federal agencies; and established the Distinguished Flying Cross Memorial as a National Memorial.

In 1996, Calvert authored legislation that created E-Verify, the only tool available to employers to check the veracity of a name and Social Security number given on an I-9 form for employment. That law is a result of Calvert's 1995 tour of the southern border at which a Border Patrol agent remarked on the job magnet that brings hundreds of thousands of people illegally to the United States. Rep. Calvert, a former small business owner and employer, concluded that the best and quickest way to enable employers to check the legal status of newly hired employees was to set up a system that could check the name against the Social Security number.

Rep. Calvert's legislative work has received top ratings from the Americans for Tax Reform, Christian Coalition, League of Private Property Voters, National Federation of Independent Businesses, 60 Plus Association, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Small Business Survival Committee and Citizens for a Sound Economy.

In the 116th Congress, Rep. Calvert's legislative priorities includes: enacting pro-growth policies that will help strengthen our economy for American families; supporting the men and women serving in our military around the world; fixing our broken immigration system by restoring the rule of law and making the use of E-Verify mandatory for all employers in the U.S.; honoring promises to our veterans; advocating for NIH research for cures for our most deadly diseases; creating long-term solutions to California's water challenges; reducing the time it takes to build infrastructure projects by making common sense, bi-partisan reforms to our environmental laws; funding the development of the life-saving Earthquake Early Warning System; and, much more." [Calvert Congressional [website](#)]

campaign biography

"About Ken Calvert

A BUSINESSMAN AND A LEADER

First elected in 1992, Ken Calvert is a businessman from Corona, California currently serving as a senior member of the House Appropriations Committee. Ken currently represents the 42nd Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives. Following the redistricting process, Ken is running for election in the newly drawn 41st Congressional District. Ken is a lifelong resident of Corona, which is the largest city in the 41st District. Other cities in the district include Norco, Lake Elsinore, Wildomar, Canyon Lake, Menifee, Calimesa, Palm Springs, Rancho Mirage, Palm Desert, Indian Wells, La Quinta, as well as portions of Eastvale, Riverside, and Hemet.

In the House, Ken serves as the top Republican on the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee. Ken is the Dean and Chairman of the California Republican House Delegation. Ken is also a Deputy Chairman of the National Republican Congressional Committee.

Prior to Congress, Ken was a successful businessman in restaurants and commercial brokerage and development.

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Representative Calvert was the author of legislation that created the E-Verify system, which is used to verify to legal status of newly hired employees. While the free, Internet-based system is currently used on a voluntary basis by businesses around the nation, Representative Calvert is a leading advocate for legislation to make the use of E-Verify mandatory.

LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

In the House of Representatives, Representative Calvert's priorities include supporting the military in our national defense, improving our local and national economies, strengthening our borders and reforming our broken immigration system.

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[Calvert Campaign [website](#)]

political career

Was the Leading Candidate in a Slightly Modified District 41

Idyllwild Town Crier reported “Running in a slightly modified district, Republican Congressman Ken Calvert was the leading candidate with 48.2% of the votes. His November challenger will be Democrat Will Rollins, a former federal prosecutor. Rollins and his fellow Democrat Shrina Kurani together garnered 69,406 votes, or 46.0%, which is slightly less than Calvert’s 72,700 votes. In the closely balanced district, this indicates a close race in November between Calvert and Rollins. However, if Republican John Michael Lucio’s 6,880 votes switch to Calvert, he could easily protect his incumbency.” [Idyllwild Town Crier, 7/07/22]

Newly Drawn District More Liberal Than Calvert Has Faced Before

Los Angeles Times reported “Democrats also took note of a stronger-than-expected performance by Will Rollins, a former federal prosecutor, who will take on incumbent GOP Rep. Ken Calvert in an Inland Empire seat. The district narrowly sided with Trump in 2020, but its voters are more liberal than those Calvert has faced before.” [Los Angeles Times, 6/08/22]

Former Senator Barbara Boxer as Constituent Campaigned Against Calvert

San Francisco Chronicle reported “Sen. Barbara Boxer was a content retiree in Rancho Mirage, then redistricting came. Her home in the Coachella Valley was added to Republican Rep. Ken Calvert district, which also includes parts of western Riverside County. So she’s been working hard to help the campaign of a former federal prosecutor and political newcomer in Palm Springs, Will Rollins. Democrats hope it’s a sleeper pickup opportunity, while Republicans say Democrats are dreaming if they think they can overcome headwinds from inflation and President Biden’s unpopularity. Tuesday’s results will be an opportunity to test the theories of the case and see whether Calvert shows any sign of being vulnerable.” [San Francisco Chronicle, 6/07/22]

Sent Homophobic Flyers in the 90s While Running Against Mark Takano

Redlands Daily Facts reported “It’s a far cry from 28 years ago, when pink flyers questioned whether Takano would be a congressman for Riverside or San Francisco... Palm Springs City Council Member Christy Holstege, who is bisexual, is running for an Inland Assembly seat, while Democrat and former federal prosecutor Will Rollins, who is gay, hopes to unseat Rep. Ken Calvert, R-Corona, whose campaign sent the pink flyers when Takano ran against him in 1994. The new congressional district includes parts of western Riverside County and the Coachella Valley.” [Redlands Daily Facts, 6/29/22]

swamp creature

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[\[TheMarque.com\]](http://TheMarque.com)

Traveler	Dates	Sponsor	Destination	Purpose	Cost
Rep. Ken Calvert (R-CA)	03/03/22-03/05/22	Republican Main Street Partnership	San Antonio, TX	Attended the immigration policy update tour to Port of Entry location, San Antonio to study the ongoing immigration crisis and COVID-19's impact on the enforcement process.	\$969.20
Rep. Ken Calvert (R-CA)	10/22/21-10/24/21	Aspen Institute	Gettysburg, PA	Attended meetings and discussions surrounding U.S.-Russia relations.	\$976.00
Rep. Ken Calvert (R-CA)	07/16/15-07/18/15	California State Society	San Francisco, CA	Attended annual policy summit.	\$2,194.48
Rep. Ken Calvert (R-CA)	04/29/05-05/01/05	America's Trust Inc.	Napa Valley, CA	Participated on panel discussions discussing federal issues to include port capacity and security issues; wine industry concerns, such	\$7,221.39

				as Pierce's disease; consolidation in the industry	
Rep. Ken Calvert (R-CA)	12/09/04-12/14/04	Ziyad Abduljawad	Riyadh, Saudi Arabia	To meet with U.S. embassy, consulate officials, and high-level Saudi government officials to promote discourse and better relations between the two nations. (Note: Due to security risks, I stayed in a private home where meals were provided. Below is my estimate about expenses.)	\$10,789.90
Rep. Ken Calvert (R-CA)	02/28/04-02/28/04	Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandising	Los Angeles, CA	Fact-finding	\$323.17
Rep. Ken Calvert (R-CA)	08/28/03-08/29/03	Jacobs Engineering Group Inc.	Oakland, CA	Visit and inspect Lawrence Livermore Laboratory	\$475.00
Rep. Ken Calvert (R-CA)	08/21/03-08/22/03	Urban Water Institute	San Diego, CA	To be keynote speaker at annual convention	\$305.00
Rep. Ken Calvert (R-CA)	04/14/03-04/16/03	Metropolitan Water District of Southern California	Ontario, CA	Fact-finding	\$499.00
Rep. Ken Calvert (R-CA)	03/25/02-03/25/02	Metropolitan Water District of Southern California	Corona, CA - Imperial, CA	Fact-finding	\$357.47
Rep. Ken Calvert (R-CA)	10/26/01-10/27/01	National Thoroughbred Racing Association	Destination not disclosed	Educational	\$1,025.46
Rep. Ken Calvert (R-CA)	03/15/01-03/19/01	Association of California Water Agencies	San Francisco, CA - San Jose, CA - ... more	Fact-finding	\$1,229.23
Rep. Ken Calvert (R-CA)	11/08/00-11/10/00	Association for Accessible Medicines	Destination not disclosed	Guest speaker at annual generic drug convention	\$690.57

Calvert Made at Least One More Trip to Saudi Arabia & Joined Speaker Boehner for a Delegation to Meet with Saudi Officials

Congressional Documents and Publications reported “House Speaker John Boehner (R-OH) and a delegation of senior committee leaders were in Saudi Arabia’s capital on Tuesday to continue a series of visits with key allies in the Middle East. In meetings with Saudi Interior Minister Mohammad bin Naif and Saudi Defense Minister Mohammed bin Salman, lawmakers expressed appreciation for the historic partnership between the two countries. Talks focused on our efforts to address the threats posed by ISIL and Iran’s rising influence in the region. Saudi Arabia is leading a coalition of Arab states in a campaign against Iranian-backed Houthi rebels in Yemen. ISIL and Iran were also the top topics of discussion during the delegation’s meetings in Jordan and Iraq...*Rep. Ken Calvert (R-CA) is chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior and a member of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense.” [Congressional Documents and Publications, 3/31/15]

Was Accused of Using Earmarks to His Personal Benefit

Congressional Quarterly News reported “House Republicans traditionally go by seniority on the Appropriations Committee to fill cardinal spots, putting Rep. Ken Calvert, R-Calif., first in line for the spot. Calvert’s May 2007 appointment to the panel drew criticism from Democrats, who alleged that he had used earmarks to his personal benefit. Calvert’s office declined to comment on whether he expects to hold the gavel. Calvert is also one of three GOP appropriators who are on the Budget Committee.” [Congressional Quarterly News, 8/30/13]

Calvert’s Earmark Requests Totaled Nearly \$200 Million Over Just the 3 Years They Were Publicly Available




Rep. Ken Calvert (R-California, 42nd) - Earmarks Requested

In Office - Alternate Name: Kenneth Stanton Calvert

Summary	Staff	Disclosures	Lobbying	District	StormFeed	Town Halls	PREMIUM	Notes (0)
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All Solo With Other Members

* Numbers other than "All Sponsored Earmarks" do not include earmarks requested by the president to better reflect political power. This follows the methodology used by Taxpayers for Common Sense.

Fiscal Year(s) 2008-2010	Number	Cost
Solo Earmarks 	58	\$55,192,620
With Other Members 	48	\$54,284,600
All Congressional 	106	\$109,477,220
All Sponsored Earmarks 	111*	\$194,955,220*

[Legistorm.com]

Calvert's Office Has Been a Revolving Door to Lobbyists, Hiring Them & Having Them Leave to Lobby – 22 Staffers in All

Staffer	Lobbied For
Anderson, Paige Christine Hinds	NACS, Vistra Corp.
Bowie, Maria R.M.	Strategic Marketing Innovations Inc., Leidos Inc.
Carretta, Robert Todd	DigitalGlobe Inc.
Del Beccaro, Christopher E.	Card & Associates LLC
Foley, Ian Daniel	Invariant LLC
Garcia, Nelson C. Jr.	U.S. English Inc., Motor and Equipment Manufacturers Association
Imel, Jennings	U.S. Chamber of Commerce
Kennett, David H.	Capitol Alliance Consulting LLC, Ferguson Group LLC
McElroy, Deron T.	Mehl Griffin and Bartek Ltd.
Miller, Matthew S.	Exelon Business Services Co. LLC, Pacific Gas and Electric Co.
Murry, Emily Henehan	Tarplin, Downs & Young LLC
Olave, David F.	Sandler, Travis & Rosenberg PA
Pedigo, Christopher Lee	Digital Content Next, Seward Square Group LLC
Plofchan, Tami Rae	Lockheed Martin Corp., Aerospace Industries Association of America Inc.
Quarles, William Kam III	National Potato Council, McDermott Will & Emery LLP
Ramey, David Kirk	Kadesh & Associates LLC
Roberts, Roselee Nichols	Boeing Co.
Rotar, Anuta	Kanatsiz Communications Inc.
Segall, Samantha B.	Secure Identity LLC, Leidos Inc.
Slevin, Edward	Slevin, Edward
Ulrich, Linda A.	Wine Institute
Wagner, Brian Allan	Alliant Techsystems Inc., Boeing Co.

[[Legistorm.com](https://www.legistorm.com)]

Received the Most Money from the Defense Industry in 2022 With \$161,000

States News Service reported “Defense firms traditionally contribute less money to members of Congress than to federal lobbying efforts. So far in the 2022 election cycle, the sector has donated \$5.9 million to congressional candidates. Most of this money \$5.5 million has gone to incumbent candidates, and 47% to Democratic candidates. Rep. Ken Calvert (R-Calif.), the ranking member of the House Appropriations Defense subcommittee, has received the most money from the industry’s PACs and employees so far this cycle with \$161,000.” [States News Service, 12/09/21]

Supported Trump's Pardon to a Former Republican National Committee Finance Chairman

Associated Press State & Local reported “Trump granted a full pardon to Broidy, of Beverly Hills, a major Trump fundraiser and former Republican National Committee deputy finance chairman. Prosecutors said Broidy collected millions of dollars in a back-channel but ultimately unsuccessful lobbying scheme aimed at getting the

Trump administration to drop an investigation into embezzlement from a Malaysian sovereign wealth fund and to extradite a Chinese dissident wanted by the government in Beijing. He pleaded guilty last fall to acting as an unregistered lobbyist and was awaiting sentencing. The administration said he is known for numerous philanthropic efforts, including on behalf of law enforcement and the Jewish community. Those supporting the pardon included California Republican Reps. Devin Nunes and Ken Calvert.” [Associated Press State & Local, 1/20/21]

Was Awarded a “Defender of Housing” Award from a National Investor in Real Estate

GlobeNewswire reported “WNC, a national investor in real estate and community development initiatives, announced today that WNC Chairman Will Cooper Sr. and Chief Executive Officer Will Cooper Jr. presented nine members of Congress from both the Republican and Democratic parties with the Defender of Housing award on behalf of the National Association of Home Builders’ BUILD-PAC. The award, presented to long-term champions of the U.S. housing industry, was presented to: Representatives Ken Calvert (R-CA)” [GlobeNewswire, 10/17/16]

NOTE: Calvert was a Real Estate Agent before being elected to Congress, and has been investigated of ethical concerns involving real estate deals.

maga republican / too extreme

- Calvert Has Been a Regular Cheerleader for Trump & His Administration
 - Said That He Believed the Country Would Be Better Off With Trump in Office
 - Voted in Line with Trump 97% of the Time
 - Said That President Biden Takes “Orders from the Taliban” and that Democrats Pursue a “Socialist Tax Agenda”
 - Joined in “The Big Lie” - Signed a Brief Urging SCOTUS to Hear a Case Brought by Texas to Overturn Election Results in Swing States That Voted for Biden
 - Voted Against Certifying the 2020 Presidential Election
 - ...But Wrote an Op-Ed Denouncing the Mob at the Capitol on January 6
 - Endorsed by Trump
 - Said That While He Believed the 2020 Election Was Fair, But Many States Changed Rules While the Election Was Underway Due to the Pandemic
 - Supported Unofficial Ballot Collection Boxes Placed at Gun Shops and Churches
 - Called State Attempts to Remove Unofficial Ballot Boxes Limiting the Rights of Churches and Republicans
 - Praised Amy Coney Barrett for Being a “Champion of Originalism”- a judicial philosophy that would roll back many of the rights Americans have come to expect.
 - Maintained Support for Trump Following Leaked Comments from Trump Demeaning Women from a Video in 2005
 - Said That Hillary Clinton Would Lead the US Down the Wrong Path, Blaming Extreme Liberals
 - Said He Hoped That People Would Unify to Prevent Hillary Clinton from “Carrying Out a Third” Obama Term
 - ...BUT Did Not Immediately Announce Support for Trump Following His Nomination to the Republican Ticket
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Applauded Trump’s State of the Union Address

White House Documents and Publications reported “Rep. Ken Calvert (R-CA): ‘There’s no doubt that we live in a polarized political environment right now, but if you stop and focus on the actual policies the President is outlining you will see that these are generally common-sense ideas that have broad support in our country.’” [White House Documents and Publications, 2/06/19]

Voted Against Certifying the 2020 Presidential Election

Los Angeles Times reported “Not all Republicans betrayed American voters by refusing to certify the election, but voters should send those that did packing. Among the 11 Republicans in California’s delegation, seven voted against certifying it. Six of them are seeking reelection this year (the seventh, Rep. Devin Nunes, resigned late last year): Rep. Ken Calvert of Corona: The longest-serving California Republican in Congress, Calvert was elected in 1992 and represents a district based in Riverside County. He won 48% of the vote in this month’s primary and faces a credible reelection challenge in November. Democrat Will Rollins, a former federal prosecutor, is getting support from former Sen. Barbara Boxer in an effort to flip the seat.” [Los Angeles Times, 6/23/22]

Voted Against Certifying the 2020 Presidential Election but Wrote an Op-Ed Denouncing the Mob at the Capitol on January 6

The New York Times reported “The Republican incumbent, Representative Ken Calvert, embodies a changing G.O.P. He has represented the area for three decades, though the district’s boundaries, which now stretch from suburban areas east of Los Angeles to Palm Springs, have changed over the years. He was first elected to the House in 1992 as a traditional, Chamber of Commerce-style conservative, but has moved rightward along with his party. He voted on Jan. 6, 2021, against certifying President Biden’s victory, but later published an op-ed article denouncing the mob at the Capitol. Donald Trump has endorsed him, though Calvert’s website makes no mention of that fact. He prefers to talk about the price of gas in a state where the average gallon now costs \$6.25.” [The New York Times, 6/03/22]

Said That He Wanted to Get the Country Back on Track Because the “One Party Democrat Rule” Has Led to “One Crisis After Another”

The Desert Sun interviewed Calvert and he said “The main reason I’m running is because we need to get our country back on track. Under President Biden and one-party Democrat rule in Washington we have seen one crisis after another. Recent polls show only 2 in 10 Americans think our country is on the right track. The Democrats in this race will be a rubber stamp for the Biden/Pelosi agenda that Americans are suffering under. I’m also running because I want to continue delivering results for Riverside County. I have experience and seniority, especially on the House Appropriations Committee, that puts me in a unique position to ensure our region’s priorities are met. I am the only major party candidate who has lived in this district all their life. As a former small business owner, I also understand how difficult times are for people trying to stay afloat right now and will work to relieve the inflationary pressures on businesses that translate into higher costs for consumers.” [The Desert Sun, 5/27/22]

Endorsed by Trump and Said That He Believed the Country Would Be Better Off With Trump in Office

San Bernardino Sun reported “Calvert also asked for and received Trump’s endorsement. “If he was the president today, I would think half the problems we have right now wouldn’t be around,” the congressman said.” [San Bernardino Sun, 5/23/22]

Endorsed by Trump, Voted in Line with Trump 97% of the Time

The Desert Sun reported “I have been endorsed by a growing list of leaders ranging from seven mayors in the 41st District to, now, President Trump.’ Rep. Ken Calvert. Longtime GOP Rep. Ken Calvert, who is seeking re-election in a new district that includes Palm Springs and other Coachella Valley cities, received the endorsement of former President Donald Trump on Wednesday, adding to the support he’s gained from several groups in California. ‘Congressman Ken Calvert is doing a fantastic job representing the people of California in Congress,’ Trump said in a statement. ‘Ken is a leader on National Security and Strongly Supports our Brave Military and Vets. He is working hard to deliver water solutions for California, Lower your Taxes, Secure our Border, and Protect and Defend our Second Amendment,’ Trump added. ‘Ken has my Complete and Total Endorsement!’... ‘I have been endorsed by a growing list of leaders ranging from seven mayors in the 41st District to, now, President Trump,’ Calvert said Wednesday. ‘With their support, I plan on giving voters a clear alternative to the failed inflationary agenda of President Biden and Nancy Pelosi that is hurting families every day.’ Calvert, who supported Trump during both of his impeachments and opposed certifying the 2020 presidential election results in Arizona and Pennsylvania, voted in line with the former president 97% of the time, according to FiveThirtyEight data.” [The Desert Sun, 4/01/22]

Said That President Biden Takes “Orders from the Taliban” and that Democrats Pursue a “Socialist Tax Agenda”

Congressional Documents and Publications reported “Today, Congressman Ken Calvert (CA-42) issued the following statement in response to the House passage of the budget reconciliation legislation: ‘Today, House Democrats took another dangerous step that will damage our economy, increase inflation and further burden American taxpayers with unprecedented levels of debt. Speaker Pelosi and House Democrats have now started down a path leading to a \$3.5 TRILLION tax and spending spree. House Democrats want to pass this \$3.5 TRILLION spending spree in addition to passing a \$2 TRILLION so-called COVID relief bill earlier this year, the \$1.2 TRILLION infrastructure bill, and the \$1.5 TRILLION Biden budget for fiscal year 2022. Make no mistake, this reckless spending will only further inflame the inflation that is already driving up prices and undermining wages for American families. To make matters worse, Democrats are also advancing tax increases that will kill jobs and take yet another bite out of the budgets of hard-working American families. The final deal, if passed, will further insert government into the every day lives and decisions of American families and erodes our individual liberties and freedoms. Last year, Republicans warned Americans that, if elected, President Biden, Speaker Pelosi and Democrats in Congress would pursue a socialist tax and spend agenda and weaken our economic and national security. As President Biden proceeds to take orders from the Taliban, ask for permission to rescue Americans in danger and abandons our allies, Speaker Pelosi is singularly focused on a spending spree of historic proportions. Democrat policies have proven to be both intellectually and morally bankrupt. President Biden and Democrats in Congress are determined to ensure the decline of America both at home and abroad, and the passage of this bill today, coupled with our disastrous evacuation in Afghanistan, pushes us further down that dark road.’” [Congressional Documents and Publications, 8/24/21]

Signed a Brief Urging SCOTUS to Hear a Case Brought by Texas to Overturn Election Results in Swing States That Voted for Biden

San Francisco Chronicle reported “The U.S. Supreme Court refused late Friday to hear a lawsuit brought by Texas to overturn election results in swing states that voted for President-elect Joe Biden, a long-shot effort that had the backing of House GOP leader Kevin McCarthy and most of the rest of California’s congressional Republicans...Calvert said in an email that he signed the brief in hopes the court would have a chance to weigh Trump’s arguments. Although the case was brought by Texas, the Trump campaign asked to be made a party to it. Lower courts have roundly rejected dozens of legal challenges by the campaign in individual states, many of which claimed fraud contributed to Biden’s victory but none of which supplied any evidence of it... “Any time you change the voting rules while an election is under way without changing state law — as we saw in many states due to the pandemic — there will inevitably be legal challenges,” Calvert said. ‘The Trump campaign deserves to have the opportunity to argue its case before the Supreme Court, and have the justices weigh its merits with a ‘careful and timely review’ as stated in the brief.’” [San Francisco Chronicle, 12/12/20]

Said That While He Believed the 2020 Election Was Fair, But Many States Changed Rules While the Election Was Underway Due to the Pandemic

San Francisco Chronicle reported “Calvert represents the state’s 42nd congressional district, which covers a portion of Southern California’s Inland Empire. After the election, he stated, “Overall, I believe the election was fair, but any time you change the rules while an election is underway — as we saw in many states due to the pandemic — there will inevitably be legal challenges, which our courts will ultimately resolve.” [San Francisco Chronicle, 12/10/20]

Said it Was Ironic That People Were Criticizing Trump for Exercising the Right to Ensure Vote Counts Were Complete

Congressional Documents and Publications reported “Today, Congressman Ken Calvert (CA-42) issued the following statement regarding the 2020 presidential election: ‘President Trump, like any candidate for office, has the right to ensure vote counts are complete, accurate and legal. It’s ironic that many who are criticizing him for exercising that right are the very same people who sought to delegitimize his presidency with demonstrably false claims of Russian collusion.’” [Congressional Documents and Publications, 11/19/20]

Supported Unofficial Ballot Collection Boxes Placed at Gun Shops and Churches

San Francisco Chronicle reported “Defying legal threats from California state officials, Republicans are refusing to remove unofficial ballot collection boxes placed at gun shops, churches, party offices and gas stations. The GOP argues they are taking advantage of the state’s liberal ballot harvesting law that allows anyone to collect ballots from voters and deliver them to county election offices, while state officials say the boxes are vulnerable to tampering and illegal. ‘The law is clear – individuals at churches and campaigns can collect ballots,’ Rep. Ken Calvert, R-Riverside, wrote on Twitter. ‘If the Sec. of State would prefer different language on collection boxes or prefers bags over boxes he can say so. But saying they can’t collect ballots is wrong.’” [San Francisco Chronicle, 10/15/20]

Called State Attempts to Remove Unofficial Ballot Boxes Limiting the Rights of Churches and Republicans

UPI reported “California Republican Rep. Ken Calvert also accused the orders of being attempts to limit the rights of churches and Republicans while being an act “of voter suppression and possibly a civil rights violation.” [Easy Reader, 2/14/08]

Praised Amy Coney Barrett for Being a “Champion of Originalism”

States News Service reported “Rep. Ken Calvert (R-CA): ‘Judge Barrett has been described as a ‘champion of originalism.’ That record gives me confidence that she will leave the policy making to Congress, where it belongs.’” [States News Service, 9/27/20]

Praised Trump Following the State of the Union Address in 2020

Targeted News Service reported “Rep. Ken Calvert (R-CA): ‘Thanks to President Trump and Republicans in Congress the state of America is strong. ... President Trump has delivered on the promises he made to America and I believe the best is yet to come. I look forward to working together with him and all of my colleagues to maintain our strong economy, military, and border.’” [Targeted News Service, 2/06/20]

Congratulated Trump for Signing the China Phase One Trade Agreement

Targeted News Service reported “Rep. Ken Calvert (R-CA): ‘The signing of the United States and China Phase One trade agreement is a major accomplishment. For the first time we are holding China accountable for its abusive practices and unfair behavior that has harmed American workers and our local businesses.’” [Targeted News Service, 1/17/20]

Criticized Democrats for Impeaching President Trump Saying They Have Searched for Reasons to Impeach Him

Targeted News Service reported “Rep. Ken Calvert, R-California, issued the following statement ahead of the House vote on impeachment of President Trump: ‘From the day President Trump was elected, Democrats in the House have searched for reasons to impeach him. They have never accepted that the American people, including over 143,000 of my constituents, chose him for the Presidency. We first saw this when many House Democrats refused to come to his inauguration, a day that should be marked by patriotism and unity. Democrats and their media allies then put all their hope in Robert Mueller, assuming his investigation would give them the ammunition to impeach the President. When that investigation cleared the President, they were forced to look elsewhere for the thinnest of strings on which to hang their impeachment case. And, sadly, that is where we are today. I reject the flimsy premise of the Democrat articles of impeachment. They allege that the President withheld military aid unless Ukraine announced certain investigations. But military aid was released and no announcement of an investigation ever occurred. It’s as simple as that.’” [Targeted News Service, 12/18/19]

Praised Trump Following the State of the Union Address Stating That the Economy is Growing Thanks to the Republican Congress

Targeted News Service reported “Rep. Ken Calvert, R-California, issued the following statement regarding President Trump’s State of the Union address: “Our economy is growing thanks to the policies enacted by the Republican Congress and the President, but I believe the best is yet to come. Thanks to the passage of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act we are seeing a host of job creators investing in their workforce in the form of bonuses, wage increases and other benefits. We are also seeing massive amounts of money being repatriated from overseas and being invested here in America. The infusion of billions of dollars into our economy will provide a boost that our economy hasn’t seen in decades.” [Targeted News Service, 1/31/18]

Supported Trump’s Nomination of Neil Gorsuch to the Supreme Court

Newstex Blogs reported “Today, Congressman Ken Calvert (CA-42) issued the following statement in response to President Trump’s nomination of Judge Neil Gorsuch to the Supreme Court: ‘I believe Neil Gorsuch is a strong choice to serve on our Supreme Court. Judge Gorsuch’s record indicates he will be a strong defender of the Constitution and American liberties. Judge Gorsuch is well qualified and was approved unanimously via voice vote for his current seat on the U. S. Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit. I applaud Senate Republicans for making sure that Justice Scalia’s seat on the Supreme Court was not filled during a contentious election by a lame-duck president, and ensuring the new justice was chosen by the president elected by American voters in our recent election. I’m hopeful that the Senate will act quickly to consider and confirm the nomination of Neil Gorsuch.’” [Newstex Blogs, 2/01/17]

Released Statement Congratulating President Trump for Being Inaugurated

Congressional Documents and Publications reported “Today, Congressman Ken Calvert (CA-42) issued the following statement on the inauguration of President Donald J. Trump: “I want to congratulate President Trump on being sworn into office and welcome the entire Trump family to the White House. The coming weeks, months and years ahead will be filled with tremendous opportunities and challenges for President Trump. I pray he finds the guidance, strength and conviction necessary to do what’s best for our country. By electing President Trump, American voters chose to take our country in a different direction. Now, it’s time to roll up our sleeves and fulfill the promises that were made on the campaign trail. I am eager to make a meaningful contribution in the next chapter of our American democracy along with President Trump and help form a more perfect union.” [Congressional Documents and Publications, 1/20/17]

Maintained Support for Trump Following Leaked Comments from Trump Demeaning Women from a Video in 2005

SFist reported “Over the weekend LaMalfa, who represents a swath of rural northeastern California including Redding, Chico, and Susanville, made comments to KHSL[4] that Trump’s comments in recently leaked, 2005 Billy Bush video[5], were ‘unacceptable braggadocio language for any man to be using.’...Rep. Ken Calvert maintains his support for the candidate but posted a statement Monday[21] saying, ‘the comments from the 2005 recording were offensive, demeaning to women and beyond the pale. ‘CA” [SFist, 10/13/16]

Said That Hillary Clinton Would Lead the US Down the Wrong Path, Blaming Extreme Liberals

The Press Enterprise reported “Rep. Ken Calvert, R-Corona, the Inland region’s longest-serving congressman, issued a statement calling Trump’s comments “offensive, demeaning to women and beyond the pale.” But he’s still supporting Trump. “I continue to believe electing Hillary Clinton will only further lead our nation down the wrong path, economically and in terms of national security,” said Calvert, who announced his support for Trump before the Republican National Convention in July. “That misguided path becomes even more perilous if we also elect extreme liberals like Nancy Pelosi and Chuck Schumer and allow them to control Congress. That’s why I will continue to urge voters to support every Republican candidate on the ballot.” [The Press Enterprise, 10/11/16]

Said He Hoped That People Would Unify to Prevent Hillary Clinton from “Carrying Out a Third” Obama Term

Long Beach Press-Telegram reported “Rep. Ken Calvert, R-Corona, is supporting Trump as the nominee and as a bulwark against Clinton. “Donald Trump is our presumptive nominee and I intend to support him, “Calvert wrote in an email. “On Nov. 8, 2016, I hope all Republicans, a majority of independents and a large number of free-thinking Democrats will unify to prevent Hillary Clinton from carrying out a third term of President Obama’s damaging policies,” Calvert said.” [Long Beach Press-Telegram, 7/05/16]

...BUT Did Not Immediately Announce Support for Trump Following His Nomination to the Republican Ticket

Inland Valley Daily Bulletin reported “Republican voters have just emerged from a fiercely contested primary election and there are a wide range of reactions and feelings about the outcome,” Calvert said. “That’s why I want to spend the next few days speaking with Republicans in California and my colleagues in D.C. about how we can unify as a party to defeat Hillary Clinton and maintain our majorities in Congress.” [Inland Valley Daily Bulletin, 5/09/16]

personal scandals

- Ex-Wife Accused Mark Takano of Falsely Accusing Calvert of Abusing Her in 1994g
 - Reelected to Congress Since 1993 Despite Being Found by Police with a Sex Worker; Admitted to Having Sex with a Sex Worker After a Divorce in 1993
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Ex-Wife Accused Mark Takano of Falsely Accusing Calvert of Abusing Her in 1994

Sacramento Bee reported “Spouses vouching for their politician other halves are not new in politics. Sonia Denham, the wife of Rep. Jeff Denham, R-Turlock, used similar language in her recent missive to voters in that district. In 1994, the ex-wife of Republican Rep. Ken Calvert, R-Corona, authored a letter accusing his opponent at the time, now-Democratic Rep. Mark Takano, of falsely accusing Calvert of abusing her. “Yes, our marriage had problems but not the kind he is implying,” Robin Calvert wrote at the time.” [Sacramento Bee, 11/01/16]

Reelected to Congress Since 1993 Despite Being Found by Police with a Sex Worker

The Huffington Post reported “Rep. Ken Calvert (R-Calif.) | 1993 | Re-elected and faced no punishment Calvert was stopped by police with a prostitute in his car in 1993. He claimed they were ‘just talking,’ but later admitted to having sex with her. He was not charged with a crime and remains a sitting member of Congress.” [The Huffington Post, 11/21/17]

Admitted to Having Sex with a Sex Worker After a Divorce in 1993

The New York Times reported “Calvert has faced accusations of ethical lapses during his time in office, though he has always denied wrongdoing. After the police discovered him in a parked car with a woman in 1993, he acknowledged having sex with a prostitute, saying he had been “lonely” after a recent divorce.” [The New York Times, 6/03/22]

abortion & women's issues

- Calvert Has an "A+" Rating from SBA Pro-Life America (Susan B. Anthony's List)
 - Said That He Supported the Right for States to Decide on the Issue of Abortion
 - Said the SCOTUS Abortion Rights Leak Was an Attempt to Pressure and Intimidate the Supreme Court
 - Voted to Repeal the ACA and Defund Planned Parenthood, Citing That Tax Dollars Should Not Fund Organizations Where "Illegal Actions Have Been Taken"
 - Sponsored an Act to Defund Planned Parenthood
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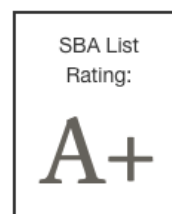
The screenshot shows the top portion of the SBA Pro-Life America National Pro-Life Scorecard website. At the top is a red banner with white stars. Below it is a blue header with a white profile of a woman and the text "SBA Pro-Life America NATIONAL PRO-LIFE SCORECARD". A red navigation bar contains the links "SCORECARD HOME", "VOTES WE TRACK", and "ACTIVITY WE TRACK". Below the navigation bar are two tabs: "117th Congress" (selected) and "116th Congress".

117th Congress



Rep. Ken Calvert

CA-42 (Republican)



Congressman Calvert 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. Calvert 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.

Congressman Calvert sent a letter along with all GOP appropriators to Appropriations Chair Rosa DeLauro saying they would oppose all attempts to remove the Hyde Amendment or other Hyde-type policies from appropriations bills.

[SBAprlife.org, accessed [7/20/22](#)]

Said That He Supported the Right for States to Decide on the Issue of Abortion

The Desert Sun interviewed Calvert and he said “First off, I believe the leak is an outrageous attempt to pressure and intimidate the Supreme Court as it deliberates an issue that has long divided our nation. Despite this leak, we do not know what actions the Court will ultimately take. I think it’s important for everyone to understand that if *Roe v. Wade* is overturned, that does not mean there’s suddenly a federal prohibition on abortion. It becomes a matter for each state to decide, which is what I support. Even the late Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg believed that the opinion in *Roe* should have been a narrower decision, not usurping the rights of states to make their own laws about abortion. Earlier this year, the Democratic majority in Congress tried but was unable to pass federal abortion legislation that would have taken away those states’ rights. They would have forced every state to legalize abortion on demand, including up to, and even during, the delivery of a baby. Even our European counterparts have reasonable restrictions on abortion, yet Democrats in Congress are insisting on abortion on demand up to 40 weeks. This is a difficult issue Americans have differing and passionate feelings about. In those instances, I believe government closest to the people can best represent how people feel.” [The Desert Sun, 5/27/22]

Said the Issue of the *Dobbs* SCOTUS Leak Directly Impacts the Lives of Women and the Unborn

The Desert Sun reported “Calvert, in response to the Supreme Court’s draft ruling, largely focused on the information leak, calling it ‘an outrageous attempt to pressure and intimidate the Supreme Court as it deliberates an issue that has long divided our nation. Despite this despicable act, we do not know what actions the Court will ultimately take,’ Calvert said in a statement. ‘We do know that earlier this year, the Democratic majority in Congress was unable to pass federal abortion legislation.’ “This is an issue that directly impacts the lives of women and the unborn,’ he added. ‘We should all condemn the nefarious acts involved in this leak and the effort to undermine the highest Court in the land.’” [The Desert Sun, 5/05/22]

Said the SCOTUS Abortion Rights Leak Was an Attempt to Pressure and Intimidate the Supreme Court

City News Service reported “Rep. Ken Calvert, R-Corona, called the media leak “an outrageous attempt to pressure and intimidate the Supreme Court as it deliberates an issue that has long divided our nation.” [City News Service, 5/03/22]

Voted to Repeal the ACA and Defund Planned Parenthood, Citing That Tax Dollars Should Not Fund Organizations Where “Illegal Actions Have Been Taken”

US Fed News reported “Rep. Ken S. Calvert, R-Calif. (44th CD), issued the following news release: Today, Congressman Ken Calvert (CA-42) issued the following statement after voting along with a majority of the House (240 to 181) to approve legislation that will repeal Obamacare and defund Planned Parenthood: “A majority of my constituents continue to oppose Obamacare and a health care system that is controlled by Washington bureaucrats instead of doctors and patients. For the first time since the law was passed, Congress will be sending an Obamacare repeal to the President’s desk. I have and will continue to oppose Obamacare and its policies that reduce the quality, access and affordability of health care for far too many families. The legislation passed by the House today also defunds Planned Parenthood because American tax dollars should not fund

organizations that place so little value on life and where illegal actions have been taken.” [US Fed News, 1/06/16]

Sponsored an Act to Defund Planned Parenthood

City News Service reported “Riverside County congressional representatives today voted along ideological lines on whether to suspend funding for Planned Parenthood in the wake of investigative videos indicating the abortion provider engaged in the black market trade of fetal organs. ‘Like most Americans, I was appalled and outraged by the Planned Parenthood videos,” said Rep. Ken Calvert, R-Corona, a cosponsor of H.R. 3134, the Defund Planned Parenthood Act. “This act would prevent Planned Parenthood from receiving any federal government funding.” [City News Service, 9/18/15]

budget

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The Washington Times reported “Democrats are strongly opposed to a short-term funding measure, even if it extends throughout the year. The reason is mainly political. At the moment, the federal government is still operating with funding levels approved by Congress under former President Donald Trump. “Reality as it is, we’re operating on the Trump budget right now,” said Rep. Ken Calvert of California, ranking Republican on the House Appropriations Committee. “It must drive [Democrats] crazy, but that’s what we’re operating under.” Abiding by Trump-era budget levels has hamstrung efforts to move Mr. Biden’s agenda through the federal bureaucracy.” [The Washington Times, 2/01/22]

Accused Democrats of Being Disingenuous About Their Concern for the Military Budget in Response to Congress Using a Continuing Resolution to Fund the Defense Dept

Inside the Air Force reported “Senior Pentagon officials today outlined the unprecedented damage they say would be done if Congress uses a stopgap spending measure to fund the Defense Department for a full year, while Democrats and Republicans exchanged barbs over who is to blame for the current budget impasse...Rep. Ken Calvert (R-CA) accused Democrats of being “disingenuous” about their concern for the military budget so they could pursue “radical” domestic spending increases.” [Inside the Air Force, 1/14/22]

Agreed with Sen. Manchin Bringing a Halt to the Build Back Better Act Because It Would be like “Pouring Gas on a Fire”

The Desert Sun reported “Calvert, who serves on the House Committee on Appropriations, told The Desert Sun that he sees inflation - which has reached its highest rate in nearly 40 years - as the top issue facing the country right now, arguing it “should be a concern to everybody. We got to get that back in the box as fast as we can, and that’s not a simple process - once inflation starts, it’s difficult to stop,” said Calvert. ‘And I agree with what (U.S. Senator) Joe Manchin did, as far as bringing a halt to (the Build Back Better Act), because right now, that’d be like pouring gas on a fire.’” [The Desert Sun, 12/28/21]

Said Democrats Kept Insisting on Higher Taxes to End Sequestration, Which He Opposed

The Press Enterprise reported “In an email, Rep. Ken Calvert, R-Corona, wrote he twice voted to end sequestration and that the cuts affect “almost all parts of the federal government, including those services to some of our most vulnerable populations. But the Senate did not take action and unfortunately the president and Senate Democrats keep on insisting on higher taxes to end sequestration, which I adamantly oppose, while ignoring the real drivers of our debt,” he wrote.” [The Press Enterprise, 6/13/13]

Said That President Obama Failed to Produce a Budget Control Plan on Paper

Congressional Documents and Publications reported “Today Rep. Ken Calvert (R-CA) voted in favor of the Budget Control Act of 2011 to avoid default and put America on a path of fiscal discipline. “The debate on the debt limit increase should not have come to this, an 11th hour solution that requires a quick vote on complex legislation,” said Rep. Calvert. “The House passed two bills in plenty of time but unfortunately the Senate could not even bring up their own bill, let alone the House bill and President Obama failed to ever produce a plan on paper. “Having said that, I commend Speaker Boehner and all our leaders in the House for securing a deal that immediately cuts spending and does not increase taxes on the American people. Since Republicans took over the House in January, we have been able to change the dialogue in Washington from ‘How much money can we spend?’ to ‘We must stop spending money we don’t have and address the drivers of our debt.’ However, our work does not end here. As the Joint Committee moves forward in identifying cuts, I hope they first answer a vital question: what is the first responsibility of government? In short, it is the defense of our nation and the safety of our citizens. Steep cuts to defense spending would be disastrous for our country. I realize that everything must be on the table: including tax reform that does not raise taxes and entitlement reform that ensures that Medicare and Social Security are solvent for future generations. Like any budget, it is a question of priorities and I will be watching the progress of the Committee closely to ensure that the core principles of smaller government, strong national defense and low taxes are part of the end product.” [Congressional Documents and Publications, 9/01/11]

Said Congress Continued to Shirk Duties Due to Democrats Pushing for a Continuing Resolution

US Fed News reported “Rep. Ken S. Calvert, R-Calif. (44th CD), issued the following news release: Last night, Rep. Calvert (R-CA) voted against the Continuing Resolution and the Motion to Adjourn Congress. “The American people are rightfully upset that Congress continues to shirk its duties on a number of issues including its responsibility to pass the annual appropriations bills,” said Rep. Calvert. “Only two of the twelve funding bills came before the Appropriations committee and subsequently passed the House. Yet this week the Democratic Leadership chose to rush through a Continuing Resolution to fund the government through December 3, without any input from Republicans. The CR spends too much all non-defense discretionary spending should return to 2008 levels if we are serious about controlling spending.” The House also voted on the Motion to Adjourn Congress for the 111th Session. Rep. Calvert voted against the adjournment. “Leaving town now, and waiting until after the election to address looming tax hikes and the jobless economic recovery, does not give relief to the unemployed, small businesses and taxpayers,” said Rep. Calvert. “The Pelosi Congress can be summed up with last night’s votes: higher taxes and more spending. While the CR is enacted at levels too high to sustain long-term, no vote is taken to prevent the upcoming tax hikes that will impact every American. The American people need relief from the overwhelming uncertainty that Congress is creating through future tax hikes, the government takeover of health care, and increased regulations.” [US Fed News, 10/01/10]

civil rights

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Co-Sponsored Resolution Condemning Hate Crimes Against Asian-American and Pacific Islanders

Targeted News Service reported “Today Reps. Michelle Steel (CA-48) and Katie Porter (CA-45) introduced a resolution condemning hate crimes committed against Asian-American and Pacific Islanders, which have been on the rise since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic last year. Between March and December of last year, nearly 3,000 firsthand accounts of anti-Asian American and Pacific Islander hate crimes were recorded in the United States. Race has been cited as the primary reason for this discrimination, making up more than 90 percent of incidents. On January 28, 2021, 84-year-old Vichar Ratanapakdee, an immigrant from Thailand, was horrifically attacked in front of his San Francisco home. He never regained consciousness and later died from the injuries sustained during the attack. Mr. Ratanapakdee’s murder brought this ongoing discrimination and violence against the AAPI community back into the national spotlight, and many national groups have condemned this ongoing hate. Reps. Ken Calvert (CA-42), Lou Correa (CA-46), Alan Lowenthal (CA-47), and Ashley Hinson (IA-01) have signed on as original cosponsors of the resolution.” [Targeted News Service, 2/24/21]

Said He Supported ADA But Wanted to Eliminate “Costly and Unnecessary Lawsuits for Small Business Owners”

Targeted News Service reported “In early 2011, frivolous ADA lawsuits against small businesses reached an all-time high throughout California, and as a result, my good friend and colleague, former Congressman Dan Lungren (R-CA), championed the issue and introduced the original ACCESS Act (H.R. 3356) in the 112th Congress. I was pleased to have been afforded the opportunity to take over the legislation for reintroduction beginning in the 113th Congress. In January 2015, I reintroduced the legislation as H.R. 241, the ACCESS Act (ADA Compliance for Customer Entry to Stores and Services)...Without question, the ACCESS Act will ensure that the ADA is used for its true purpose of guaranteed accessibility to public accommodations for all Americans while eliminating abusive, costly and unnecessary lawsuits for small business owners.” [Targeted News Service, 5/23/16]

Tried to Put Forth a Compromise After Southern Republicans Protested a Proposal That Would Restrict Displaying the Confederate Flag on Federal Parklands

Los Angeles Times reported “Republicans in Congress stumbled into the Confederate flag debate Thursday after Southern lawmakers protested a proposal to put new restrictions on displaying the banner on federal parklands, launching the party into a conversation many leaders would have preferred to avoid... House Speaker John A. Boehner (R-Ohio) and Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy (R-Bakersfield) tried to salvage the situation by putting forward a compromise by another Californian, the House Interior committee’s chairman, Rep. Ken Calvert (R-Corona).” [Los Angeles Times, 7/10/15]

Proposed Amendment That Would Allow Confederate Flags to Be Displayed at Federal Cemeteries

The Citizen Blogs reported “As South Carolina state legislators were determining whether to remove the Confederate battle flag from the statehouse grounds in Columbia, another battle over the controversial banner was brewing in the nation’s capital. U.S. Rep. Ken Calvert, a California Republican, introduced an amendment Wednesday to the Interior and Environment appropriations bill that would allow Confederate flags to be displayed at federal cemeteries — a move that would reverse a measure passed two days ago banning the flag from such facilities. Calvert’s amendment angered Democrats, including U.S. Rep. Hakeem Jeffries, a New York City Democrat.” [The Citizen Blogs, 7/09/15]

crime & police reform

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States News Service reported “Today, Congressman Ken Calvert (CA-42) signed Heritage Action’s “Police Pledge”, a pledge that offers unwavering support for America’s police officers and commits to opposing any legislative efforts to “defund the police.” “I am proud to sign the Police Pledge because keeping my constituents safe is my top priority in Congress,” said Rep. Calvert. “I have already voted against misguided efforts by House Democrats to defund our police, and I will continue to oppose their attempts to remove law enforcement officers off the streets of our neighborhoods. The men and women who put themselves in danger after taking an oath to protect and serve are heroes that we must support.” [States News Service, 9/15/20]

Said He Was Grateful That the DOJ Allocated Funds to Offset the Money Spent by Local Law Enforcement in the Wake of the 2015 Attack in San Bernardino

US Official News reported “Representative Ken Calvert (R-Corona), who has also been instrumental in helping to access federal funds commented, “The San Bernardino terror attack is a grave reminder that terrorists ultimate goal is to kill Americans at home. I’m grateful that the DOJ has recognized the importance of supporting our local law enforcement agencies by awarding this deserved funding to offset the enormous costs incurred by local law enforcement as they bravely responded to the devastating attack in our region last December. This grant recognizes the federal obligation to help make local communities whole for responding to a federal responsibility. I will continue to work to ensure that local agencies are properly reimbursed as they protect our region.” [US Official News, 10/04/16]

Approved of the USPIS for Arresting Inland Empire Residents Who Were Charged with Federal Crimes Related to Mail Theft

Targeted News Service reported “Rep. Ken Calvert, R-Calif. (42nd CD), issued the following news release: Today, Congressman Ken Calvert (CA-42) applauded the U.S. Attorney’s office and the United States Postal Inspection Service (USPIS) for arresting eleven Inland Empire residents who are charged in indictments that allege federal crimes related to mail theft. “Mail theft is a growing problem in Riverside County and I’m relieved that these criminals are being taken off the street,” said Rep. Calvert. “These crimes often cost victims significant money and cause a major inconvenience. We must continue to aggressively pursue mail theft criminals and increase the penalties for these crimes. I want to thank everyone involved in these arrests, including Assistant United States Attorney Bilal A. Essayli, the United States Postal Inspection Service, the Riverside County Sheriff’s Department and the Hemet Police Department.” Earlier this year, Rep. Calvert introduced the Ensuring the Safety Our Mail Act, H.R.4515, which will double the maximum jail sentence for anyone convicted of mail theft. Currently, the maximum jail sentence for anyone convicted of mail theft is five years under Section 1708 of Title 18 of the U.S. Code. The Ensuring the Safety Our Mail Act increases the maximum jail sentence to ten years.” [Targeted News Service, 8/11/16]

education

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Spoke on a Defense Forum Panel Saying that China is Ahead of the U.S. in Graduating STEM Students

States News Service reported “Today, we have a problem,” said Rep. Ken Calvert, R-Calif., a member of the House Appropriations subcommittee on defense. China will graduate 4.5 million people with college degrees in science, technology, engineering or math this year, he said. India will graduate about 2.5 million. “The United States will not even make 600,000. By 2020, we will be 1 million people behind from demand for those types of positions,” he said. “We have a problem and we have to face up to it.” [States News Service, 12/03/18]

Backed the Trump Administration’s Call for Charter Schools

Chico-Enterprise-Record reported “Rep. Ken Calvert, R-Corona, backed the Trump administration’s calls for broadening access to charter schools following a visit to the Santa Rosa Academy in Menifee. The popular charter school has more than 3,500 students on its waiting list. “We certainly on a federal level could make it easier, not make it harder, for folks who choose, who want to move to, a charter school to do so,” said Calvert, who visited the campus after receiving handwritten letters from Santa Rosa elementary school students thanking him for his support of charter schools.” [Chico Enterprise-Record, 5/04/17]

Testified Before the House Veterans’ Affairs Committee Discussing Removing Delays That Affect Veterans’ Educational Benefits

States News Service reported “Today, Rep. Ken Calvert (CA-42) testified before the House Veterans’ Affairs Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity regarding his bill, H.R. 331, to simplify Veterans’ education benefits. “We owe it to our veterans to remove any unnecessary, bureaucratic delays that affect their education benefits,” said Rep. Calvert. “I am pleased that the Veterans’ Affairs Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity invited me to explain my bill and talk about how Congress can help simplify VA benefits for veterans and our colleges. I am hopeful the Committee will act soon on my bill and report it to the House floor for its consideration.” [States News Service, 6/26/13]

environment & energy

- Said Higher Gas Prices Due to President Biden’s Policies Against American Energy Hurts Manufacturers and Farming
 - Said He Supported Pursuing Green Energy Alternatives Through Relying on American Market Forces to Produce the Technology
 - Said That Democrats in Congress Weaken the Country by Proposing Socialist Plans Like the Green New Deal
 - Proposed Amendment to a Bill That Would Have Allowed for Expanded Oil and Gas Drilling Including in the Artic National Wildlife Refuge
 - Supported President Trump’s Announcement on Western Water Signing onto Statement Saying Farmers in California Have Suffered Due to Actions of Environmental Extremists
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The Desert Sun interviewed Calvert and he said “I’ve met with and listened to our manufacturers and key industry leaders, including Coachella Valley farmers. The cost of energy is a huge driver of the rising costs we are seeing. Higher gas and diesel prices as well as fertilizer have down market impacts across our economy. Americans are hurting because President Biden and Democrats in Congress have done everything in their power to shut down traditional American-made energy. Biden shut down the Keystone XL pipeline, imposed new restrictions on American energy exploration, canceled planned production lease sales, then acts surprised when lower supplies cause higher prices. I am the only candidate in this race who believes in reversing these policies. I support an all-of-the-above energy strategy that invests in renewables, harnesses domestic energy supplies, and reduces our dependence on foreign oil from dangerous dictatorships.” [The Desert Sun, 5/27/22]

Said He Supported Pursuing Green Energy Alternatives Through Relying on American Market Forces to Produce the Technology

The Desert Sun interviewed Calvert and he said “I support pursuing green energy alternatives, efforts to lower carbon emissions, and have championed programs to clean the air we breathe. In my opinion the best way to achieve those goals is by relying on American innovation and market forces to produce the technology we need. In fact, the U.S. has steadily reduced CO2 emissions since 2005. We can’t set and pursue arbitrary targets and ignore what economic impacts that may have in America. Especially if countries like China, Russia and India aren’t playing by the same rules and account for more carbon emissions than the U.S. and EU combined. Families are seeing the consequences of high energy costs today, and it is clear that Democrats do not care about the costs and in fact are ready to pursue even more punitive policies in service to their green agenda. Unlike my opponents, I strongly oppose a carbon tax which would disproportionately impact middle class and lower-income Americans. We can improve our environment and reduce emissions without hurting American families and job creators.” [The Desert Sun, 5/27/22]

Joined Other California Members Requesting the Biden Administration to Open a Federal Investigation into a Local Oil Spill

Targeted News Service reported “Last week, Congresswoman Kim joined Reps. Michelle Steel (CA-48), Darrell Issa (CA-50) and Ken Calvert (CA-42) in a letter to President Biden urging his administration to open a federal investigation into the oil spill off the coast of Huntington Beach, including the causes of the spill, the pipeline’s history of violations and any delays by federal officials to sufficiently respond to the spill.” [Targeted News Service, 10/14/21]

Said That Democrats in Congress Weaken the Country by Proposing Socialist Plans Like the Green New Deal

Targeted News Service reported “Rep. Ken Calvert, R-California, issued the following statement regarding President Trump’s State of the Union Address: We cannot afford to let Democrats in Congress weaken America by taking the country backwards. Raising taxes on middle-class families to pay for government-run health care and socialist plans like the Green New Deal will devastate our economy and quality of life. Slashing military funding will compromise our national security, put our brave U.S. servicemembers at risk and encourage aggression from rogue regimes, like Russia and Iran. Creating an environment of legalized drug use and criminality that abandons people to hopelessness and homelessness. Eroding our border security by abolishing ICE and the Border Patrol, embracing sanctuary city policies and providing amnesty, only serve to move America closer to the lawless nations most immigrants come here desperately to leave.” [Targeted News Service, 2/05/20]

Proposed Amendment to a Bill That Would Have Allowed for Expanded Oil and Gas Drilling Including in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge

Congressional Quarterly News reported “The White House budget office criticized House Democrats over provisions in their spending bills that would block the Interior Department from pursuing lease sales in offshore waters and in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, an ecologically sensitive region in Alaska... The administration has sought to expand oil and gas drilling nationwide, including in the Arctic Ocean and ANWR, as well as off the shores of nearly every coastal state, despite bipartisan opposition to ocean drilling. During the full committee markup, Democrats defeated a Republican amendment that would have stripped the ANWR language from the bill. “In addition to creating jobs, the area will help us reduce our dependence on foreign oil,” Rep. Ken Calvert, R-Calif., who introduced the amendment, said at the time.” [Congressional Quarterly News, 5/30/19]

Said Bill That Would Impose Extra Environmental Review Requirements Targeted a Corporation Unfairly

The Desert Sun reported “The entire State Senate will vote on S.B. 307 later in the legislative session and, if it passes, it will need to also be approved by the State Assembly and signed by the governor. The bill would impose additional environmental review requirements on Cadiz Inc.’s water project, which would pump 16.3 billion gallons of groundwater out of an aquifer and transport it across public lands to the Colorado River Aqueduct. Cadiz projects the project could make them \$2.4 billion... Rep. Paul Cook, R-Yucca Valley, and Rep. Ken Calvert, R-Corona, wrote a letter to Roth on May 6 arguing S.B. 307 targets Cadiz unfairly. The Inland Empire representatives said infrastructure projects were essential to solving California’s water supply issues.” [The Desert Sun, 5/19/19]

Celebrated the Confirmation of David Bernhardt to the Secretary of the Department of the Interior

US Official News reported “Today, Members of the Senate and Congressional Western Caucus released statements praising the confirmation of David Bernhardt in the U.S. Senate as the 53rd Secretary of the Department of the Interior...Rep. Ken Calvert (CA-42): “David Bernhardt possesses the work ethic, knowledge and leadership qualities that are necessary to effectively run the Department of the Interior. His robust experience in natural resource management and, specifically, California’s water resources are unmatched. I want to extend my sincere congratulations to David and look forward to working with him on the important issues facing our nation.” [US Official News, 4/16/19]

Supported President Trump’s Announcement on Western Water Signing onto Statement Saying Farmers in California Have Suffered Due to Actions of Environmental Extremists

Congressional Documents and Publications reported “House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy (CA-23) and Representatives Devin Nunes (CA-22), David Valadao (CA-21), Jeff Denham (CA-10), Ken Calvert (CA-42), Tom McClintock (CA-4), and Doug LaMalfa (CA-1) released the following statement today on President Trump’s executive memorandum on western water: “The President’s announcement is an immense relief for the farmers and families of the San Joaquin Valley and communities across California. Due to the actions of environmental extremists and overzealous bureaucrats, California has been suffering from a years-long water crisis that has wreaked havoc in Central Valley farming communities that feed tens of millions of Americans. Productive land has gone fallow and farmworkers have lost their jobs. Communities across California have also been devastated as senseless government regulations have mandated that billions of gallons of water be flushed out to the ocean and wasted.” [Congressional Documents and Publications, 10/19/18]

Opposed the Trump Administration Revoking California’s Clean Air Act Waiver

Greenwire reported “Rep. Ken Calvert is a Republican. But he’s first and foremost a Californian. So when the Trump administration yesterday proposed revoking California’s Clean Air Act waiver for regulating tailpipe greenhouse gas emissions, Calvert responded by breaking with his GOP colleagues and criticizing the move. “California’s waiver to the Clean Air Act has historically received bipartisan support because it is a beneficial tool used to tackle our air quality challenges while providing certainty for the automobile industry,” Calvert said in a statement.” [Greenwire, 8/03/18]

Released Draft of Spending Bill for the Department of the Interior That Would Prohibit Lawsuits Against the Multi-Billion Dollar California Delta Tunnels Project

Herald and News reported “The state’s environmentalists were outraged this spring when House Republican budget-writers, led by Rep. Ken Calvert of California, released a 142-page draft spending bill for the Interior Department and related agencies, that included language prohibiting state or federal lawsuits against the multibillion-dollar California Delta tunnels project. Formally known as California Water Fix, the controversial project would construct two tunnels beneath the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta to connect freshwater from the river to aqueducts conveying water south. It’s been championed by Democratic Gov. Jerry Brown, who is in

his final year in office, but vehemently opposed by many conservation groups and other Democratic politicians.” [Herald and News, 7/19/18]

Said Amendment Regarding Jurisdiction of EPA Funding Was “Politically Motivated”

InsideEPA.com reported “Rep. Ken Calvert (R-CA), chairman of the House Appropriations Committee interior panel with jurisdiction over EPA funding, raised procedural concerns with the amendment, including that no prior EPA administrators have had to work under similar restrictions. Calvert said he appreciated the “intent” of the amendment, but said it appeared to be “politically motivated.” [InsideEPA.com, 6/08/18]

Criticized by the League of Conservation Voters for Supporting Funding Cuts Impacting the National Park Service and the EPA

US Official News reported “Washington: League of Conservation Voters has issued the following news release: Today the League of Conservation Voters launched a \$50,000 digital ad campaign holding eight members of the House of Representatives accountable for their votes on a spending bill that cuts funding for the National Park Service, the Land and Water Conservation Fund, and the Environmental Protection Agency while containing a slew of anti-environmental policy riders. The ads, running on Facebook in the members’ districts, criticize Reps. Darrell Issa (R, CA-49), Rodney Frelinghuysen (R, NJ-11), Ken Calvert (R, CA-42), Collin Peterson (D, MN-7), Barbara Comstock (R, VA-10) and Mimi Walters (R, CA-45) for voting for the spending bill’s unacceptable funding cuts and harmful policy riders. The campaign also includes ads thanking Reps. Betty McCollum (D, MN-4) and Frank LoBiondo (R, NJ-2) for standing up to these attacks.” [US Official News, 9/26/17]

Said That Trump’s Proposed EPA Cuts Were Higher Than Expected

Plain Dealer reported “Trump’s proposed cuts to the EPA are a magnitude greater even than those envisioned by congressional Republicans. Rep. Ken Calvert, the California Republican who chairs the spending subcommittee that controls the EPA’s budget, said in an interview this year that he did not anticipate cutting the EPA’s popular state grant programs, which fund projects like restoring the Great Lakes.” [Plain Dealer, 3/16/17]

Accused the EPA of Executive Overreach and Acting Without Congressional Direction

States News Service reported “When Rep. Ken Calvert (R-CA), chairman of the House Appropriations Interior-Environment Subcommittee, introduced the DOIE appropriations bill on the House floor, he made it clear the riders were intended to halt executive overreach. “Again, this year there is a great deal of concern over the number of regulatory actions being pursued by EPA in the absence of legislation and without clear congressional direction,” said Calvert. “For this reason, the bill includes a number of provisions to stop unnecessary and damaging regulatory overreach by the agency.” [States News Service, 9/29/16]

Introduced a Bill Intended to Establish a Water Rights Compact Between the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Native Americans and Local Water Agencies

City News Service reported “Rep. Ken Calvert, R-Corona, today introduced a bill intended to formally establish a water rights compact between the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians and several area water agencies to ensure the tribe has access to the Santa Margarita Watershed in years to come. HR 5984, the “Pechanga Water

Rights Settlement Act,” would federally recognize the tribe’s authority to draw supplies from the watershed, balancing its needs against those of the Temecula-based Rancho California Water District and the Perris-based Eastern Municipal Water District, according to Calvert.” [City News Service, 9/09/16]

Supported Lifting Restrictions on Bottled Water Sales in National Parks

The Press Enterprise reported “In an emailed statement, Calvert said there were “bipartisan concerns with the Park Service policy that allows the sale of bottled soft drinks, but bans the sale of bottled water. That’s why there was a unanimous voice vote in the House last year to prohibit the policy.” According to Food & Water Watch, the International Bottled Water Association wanted to stop the National Park Service from prohibiting the sale of bottled water at national parks. Disposable water bottles are a leading source of trash in the parks, Food & Water Watch said. Calvert, who chairs a House appropriations subcommittee that oversees the parks system, inserted language in an appropriations bill “favorable to the IBWA,” Sheridan’s campaign said. “The bottom line is that Mr. Calvert’s action costs taxpayers more money in waste removal,” Sheridan said. “Equally importantly, it hurts our environment and trashes our national parks.” Calvert dismissed Sheridan’s comments. “My opponent will say or do anything to distract voters from the fact he supports the failed Obama/Clinton agenda that has led to a stagnant economy and made our country less safe,” the congressman said.” [The Press Enterprise, 7/11/16]

Penned Letter to OMB Saying That There Were Negative Consequences to the Well Control Rule and That Increased Energy Production in the US Land and Waters Was Needed

Targeted News Service reported “Today, House Committee on Natural Resources Chairman Rob Bishop (R-UT) and House Appropriations Interior and Environment Subcommittee Chairman Ken Calvert (R-CA) sent a letter to the Office of Management and Budget’s (OMB) Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA) to highlight the negative unintended consequences of the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement’s (BSEE) well control rule. Technical provisions in the rule will severely limit both existing and future safe energy development on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS). “Energy production in the Gulf of Mexico produces 16% of our nation’s oil and 5% of our natural gas - and is a key driver for economic opportunity not only in the Gulf States but throughout our nation. From manufacturing, to refining, to the American families who are now seeing lower prices at the gas pump, all benefit from the increased energy production on our lands and waters,” the letter states.” [Targeted News Service, 4/01/16]

Said that a Rider Blocking the Waters of the U.S. Rule Was as “Popular as ISIS”

Greenwire reported “Just how unpopular is the U.S. EPA measure to clarify which waters fall under the protection of the Clean Water Act among House lawmakers? According to Rep. Ken Calvert (R-Calif.), it’s on par with terrorism. The Republican, who chairs the Interior, Environment and Related Agencies Appropriations Subcommittee, told the Capitol Hill publication CQ Roll Call last week that a rider blocking the Waters of the U.S. rule is among his top goals for an omnibus spending bill that must be approved by Dec. 11. “It’s certainly on top of the list,” Calvert told the newspaper in an item published Friday. He is the sponsor of a measure to block EPA’s implementation of the rule. “I’m having Democrats walk up to me privately” to encourage it, he added. “In the farming community, which both Republicans and Democrats represent, this is as popular as the plague, as popular as ISIS. This is not popular at all.” Members of the House Appropriations Committee held a listening session Wednesday to discuss the \$30.17 billion fiscal 2016 Interior, Environment and Related Agencies spending bill, which was pulled from the House floor in July (E&E News PM, Nov. 18). Calvert’s remarks to CQ Roll Call drew immediate criticism from the League of Conservation Voters, which called his comparison “wildly inappropriate.” “It is absurd to compare something that will protect the drinking water of one-in-three Americans

with a brutal terrorist organization,” LCV Legislative Representative Madeleine Foote said in a statement. She also pointed to a May survey by Hart Research Associates that found a majority of voters would support the measure (E&E News PM, May 18). But Calvert spokesman Jason Gagnon said the California lawmaker had not erred in making a comparison between the rule and the terrorist Islamic State group, which has claimed responsibility for attacks in Paris earlier this month that killed 130 and injured hundreds more. “Congressman Calvert stands by his belief that the WOTUS regulation is unpopular in farming communities and beyond,” Gagnon said.” [Greenwire, 11/23/15]

equity & inclusion

– Opposed Amendment Calling Reservation Lands “Indian Country”

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Greenwire reported “Rep. Ken Calvert (R-Calif.), chairman of the Appropriations subcommittee with jurisdiction over EPA and Interior, opposed Blackburn’s amendment, saying his bill already included tough choices and tradeoffs. “We prioritize funding for fire suppression, [payment in lieu of taxes], national parks -- maybe the most popular agency in the United States government -- and meeting our legal and moral obligations in Indian Country,” he said. “Unfortunately, the process that the gentlewoman proposes -- an across-the-board cut -- would cut all those programs, including Indian health, national park programs and other programs, which already are taking significant cuts,” Calvert said during debate last night.” [Greenwire, 9/08/17]

ethics & elections

- Complained That People Were Using the Insurrection to Delegitimize Republicans in General
 - Offered an Amendment That Would Prohibit Foreign Nationals from Collecting Ballots
 - Accused of Not Following Voting Guide Word Requirement Guidelines
 - Supported an Investigation into Russian Election Meddling Saying They Should Follow “Where Facts Lead”
 - Responded to Proposed Amendment to the Rules of the House on Ethics Saying They Need to Focus on Fighting the Onslaught of Job-Killing Regulations
 - Released Statement on FBI Investigation of Former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton’s Private Emails
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Complained That People Were Using the Insurrection to Delegitimize Republicans in General

The Desert Sun reported “Calvert, who will be running for re-election this year in a redrawn 41st Congressional district that includes Palm Springs and other valley cities, watched the day’s events unfold from his office, though he said he “didn’t think much” of the people heading toward the Capitol, given how many protests he’s seen over his years in Congress. Unlike Ruiz and other members who were in the House gallery, Calvert was in his office at the time of the lockdown, where he remained until the Capitol building had been fully secured. “I just thought people were coming up to protest outside the capitol - that’s not unusual - but then I heard on the news that they broke through the barricades and were inside the Capitol, and that was the first time that had happened,” Calvert said. “So, that was kind of a shock... Hopefully, something like that never happens again.” Calvert, who subsequently opposed the impeachment of Trump for his role in the riot, noted the rioters who invaded the Capitol were “a very, very, very small group of people relative to the 74 million people” who voted for Trump in the 2020 election. “It’s not proper to lump the entire group of individuals that supported President Trump in that election in with a small number of people that attacked the U.S. Congress and attacked the Capitol,” Calvert said. “I think some people are trying to use that to delegitimize Republicans in general for that action, as if we were all involved in this kind of activity, which is not true.” Upon his return to the House floor hours later, Calvert joined more than 100 other House Republicans in voting against certifying the election results in certain states, including Pennsylvania and Arizona. Calvert stood by his vote in an interview this week, noting some Democrats have opposed certifying election results in recent presidential elections.” [The Desert Sun, 1/06/22]

Supported Unofficial Ballot Collection Boxes Placed at Gun Shops and Churches

San Francisco Chronicle reported “Defying legal threats from California state officials, Republicans are refusing to remove unofficial ballot collection boxes placed at gun shops, churches, party offices and gas stations. The GOP argues they are taking advantage of the state’s liberal ballot harvesting law that allows anyone to collect ballots from voters and deliver them to county election offices, while state officials say the boxes are vulnerable to tampering and illegal. ‘The law is clear – individuals at churches and campaigns can collect ballots,’ Rep. Ken Calvert, R-Riverside, wrote on Twitter. ‘If the Sec. of State would prefer different language on collection boxes or prefers bags over boxes he can say so. But saying they can’t collect ballots is wrong.’” [San Francisco Chronicle, 10/15/20]

Called State Attempts to Remove Unofficial Ballot Boxes Limiting the Rights of Churches and Republicans

UPI reported “California Republican Rep. Ken Calvert also accused the orders of being attempts to limit the rights of churches and Republicans while being an act “of voter suppression and possibly a civil rights violation.” [Easy Reader, 2/14/08]

Offered an Amendment That Would Prohibit Foreign Nationals from Collecting Ballots

Targeted News Service reported “Congressman Ken Calvert (CA-42) offered an amendment during the Appropriations Committee markup of the fiscal year 2021 Financial Services and General Government Appropriations bill to prohibit foreign nationals from participating in ballot harvesting. The amendment was defeated on a party-line vote. ‘The goal of my amendment is to close a loophole in California’s ballot harvesting law that could expose our elections to foreign interference,’ said Rep. Calvert. ‘I can’t imagine any American thinks foreign nationals should have a role handling ballots in our elections. Faith in the integrity of our elections is essential to our democracy. That’s why it’s so critical for Congress not to wait until this loophole is exploited by bad actors before closing it. Democrats opposition to my amendment is dangerous and hypocritical to the concerns they’ve voiced for the past four years about foreign interference in our elections.’ The amendment offered by Rep. Calvert would deny federal election security grants to any state that fails to certify the state has in effect a law to prohibit foreign nationals (defined as anyone in the United States who is not a citizen or permanent legal resident) from collecting and delivering ballots during an election.” [Targeted News Service, 7/16/20]

Accused of Not Following Voting Guide Word Requirement Guidelines

Chico Enterprise-Record reported “At issue are statements from each candidate in an upcoming voter guide to be mailed by the Riverside County registrar of voters. The statements are supposed to be limited to 250 words. But according to Woody, Calvert’s weighs in at 255 words. The registrar let “job-killing,” “red-tape” and “government-run” in Calvert’s statement to each be counted as one word when they count as two, Woody’s lawyer argued in a filing in Sacramento County Superior Court against Riverside County Registrar Rebecca Spencer and California Secretary of State Alex Padilla. Also, “global economy,” “rule of law” and “terrorist groups” were all wrongly counted as one word, the filing contends. The filing asks the court to order Calvert’s statement to be deleted or trimmed to 250 words. Jason Gagnon, Calvert’s spokesman, said, “We anticipate resolving this matter quickly.” County spokesman Ray Smith acknowledged an undercount. “The mistake was human error on the part of the county, and we’re working with the parties to try and resolve it.” [Chico Enterprise-Record, 3/22/18]

Voted Against Certifying the 2020 Presidential Election

Los Angeles Times reported “Not all Republicans betrayed American voters by refusing to certify the election, but voters should send those that did packing. Among the 11 Republicans in California’s delegation, seven voted against certifying it. Six of them are seeking reelection this year (the seventh, Rep. Devin Nunes, resigned late last year): Rep. Ken Calvert of Corona: The longest-serving California Republican in Congress, Calvert was elected in 1992 and represents a district based in Riverside County. He won 48% of the vote in this month’s primary and faces a credible reelection challenge in November. Democrat Will Rollins, a former federal prosecutor, is getting support from former Sen. Barbara Boxer in an effort to flip the seat.” [Los Angeles Times, 6/23/22]

Supported an Investigation into Russian Election Meddling Saying They Should Follow “Where Facts Lead”

Whittier Daily News reported “Investigations into Russian election meddling by Congress and the Justice Department “should go where the facts lead,” said Rep. Ken Calvert, R-Corona. Another Republican, Rep. Steve Knight of Antelope Valley, issued a statement in which he said he “supports a special counsel investigation and supported this before Robert Mueller’s appointment.” [Whittier Daily News, 1/13/18]

Responded to Proposed Amendment to the Rules of the House on Ethics Saying They Need to Focus on Fighting the Onslaught of Job-Killing Regulations

Congressional Documents and Publications reported “Today, Congressman Ken Calvert (CA-42) issued the following statement regarding the proposed amendment to the Rules of the House to reform the Office of Congressional Ethics: ‘This is not the time and place to reform the Office of Congressional Ethics (OCE), which is why I voted against the House Rules amendment during the House GOP Conference last night. It’s critical that the House focus on the problems we were elected to fix: our broken healthcare system, the onslaught of job-killing regulations, illegal immigration, and keeping our country safe.’” [Congressional Documents and Publications, 1/03/17]

Released Statement on FBI Investigation of Former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton’s Private Emails

Congressional Documents and Publications reported “Today, Congressman Ken Calvert (CA-42) issued the following statement in response to the FBI reopening its investigation into former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton’s private email: ‘Today’s announcement by the FBI is just another reminder that Secretary Clinton consistently finds herself under scrutiny for poor decisions and reckless behavior. Obviously, what’s most concerning is when those actions compromise our national security. The American people deserve a complete, unbiased investigation into Secretary Clinton’s conduct.’” [Congressional Documents and Publications, 10/28/16]

foreign policy & national security

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CQ Budget Tracker reported "Rep. Ken Calvert, R-Calif., argued his proposal to provide \$450 million in fiscal 2023 State Department-administered Foreign Military Financing grants to the Taiwanese government to purchase U.S. weapons would amount to a badly needed deterrent signal to Beijing about attacking the self-governing island democracy. The provision also would have doubled -- from \$50 million to \$100 million -- the amount of FMF funding that is directed there via the "Countering PRC Influence Fund." That initiative is intended to push back on malign Chinese government activities around the world." [CQ Budget Tracker, 6/30/22]

Proposed Amendment to FDA Funding Bill to Prohibit Using Funds to Review and Approve New Drug Applications Made by Russian Companies

FDA Week reported "A bill that would give FDA a \$341 million hike in discretionary funding in fiscal 2023 passed out of the House Appropriations Committee Thursday (June 23) with new measures that prohibit FDA from using funding to review and approve drugs made by Russian companies, direct FDA to coordinate with U.S. Customs and Border Protection to curb the importation of illicit fentanyl into the United States, and ask the agency to collaborate with the U.S. Department of Agriculture to oversee genetically modified animals...The legislation passed out of committee with three amendments. Republican Rep. Ken Calvert's (CA) amendment would prohibit FDA from using funds to review and approve new drug applications made by Russian companies, with the exception of novel drugs or drugs that address an unmet need. Calvert asserted there's no reason Russian pharmaceutical companies should be allowed to bring new products to the U.S. market, given Russia's war against Ukraine. DeLauro and FDA-agriculture subcommittee Chair Sanford Bishop (D-GA) backed the amendment but said they want to work with Calvert to revise the language and add clarity. DeLauro specifically

noted that FDA does not track the geographic location of drugs. She also said it's still unclear whether Calvert's amendment also applies to biologics." [FDA Week, 7/01/22]

Said That Biden Withdrawing Troops from Afghanistan Pushed Putin to Attack Ukraine

Sacramento Bee reported "Republicans don't agree. Many are saying Biden didn't do enough to help prevent Soviet President Vladimir Putin from attacking Ukraine. They point to the chaotic withdrawal of U.S. troops from Afghanistan in August as helping prod Putin to be more aggressive. 'I believe the weakness President Biden displayed in our disastrous withdrawal from Afghanistan contributed to Russian President Vladimir Putin's decision to invade Ukraine,' said Rep. Ken Calvert, R-Corona." [Sacramento Bee, 3/03/22]

Said the Weakness Biden Displayed in Lack of Reaction to Ukraine Invasion Signaled to China that Taiwan is Theirs for Taking

Inland Valley Daily Bulletin reported "Rep. Ken Calvert, R-Corona, said the Ukraine war stemmed from "Vladimir Putin's dreams of reuniting the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics," and it was incumbent on the president to "make it clear that the post-Soviet states, including Ukraine, have a right to develop as free and open democracies. Looking beyond the current disaster in the Ukraine, a lack of robust U.S. response and leadership will undoubtedly signal to China that Taiwan is theirs for the taking," Calvert said. "The global order that has survived for over 75 years is unraveling under this inept president." [Inland Valley Daily Bulletin, 2/25/22]

Congratulated Trump for Signing the China Phase One Trade Agreement

Targeted News Service reported "Rep. Ken Calvert (R-CA): 'The signing of the United States and China Phase One trade agreement is a major accomplishment. For the first time we are holding China accountable for its abusive practices and unfair behavior that has harmed American workers and our local businesses.'" [Targeted News Service, 1/17/20]

Spoke on a Defense Forum Panel Saying that China is Ahead of the U.S. in Graduating STEM Students

States News Service reported "Today, we have a problem," said Rep. Ken Calvert, R-Calif., a member of the House Appropriations subcommittee on defense. China will graduate 4.5 million people with college degrees in science, technology, engineering or math this year, he said. India will graduate about 2.5 million. "The United States will not even make 600,000. By 2020, we will be 1 million people behind from demand for those types of positions," he said. "We have a problem and we have to face up to it." [States News Service, 12/03/18]

Supported Increasing Defense Budget Citing President Reagan's Mantra of "Peace Through Strength"

Targeted News Service reported "Finally, all of us have taken an oath to uphold and defend the U.S. Constitution which requires Congress to provide for the general defense of the nation. President Trump delivered his fiscal year 2018 budget to Congress last May and yet today marks the 122nd day that our government has been operating on a continuing resolution. Operating on continuing resolutions is detrimental to our national security, so I urge Democrats to join us in fully funding the military. I commend the President for reinvesting in our

military, resetting the force and continuing President Reagan's mantra of 'peace through strength.'" [Targeted News Service, 1/31/18]

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Said That President Obama's Iran Deal Was Bad for the Safety and Security of Americans

US Official News reported "As I have said since it was signed, President Obama's Iran deal is a bad deal for the safety and security of Americans, as well as our allies in the Middle East and throughout the world. The actions of Iranian regime continue to destabilize the region and pose a threat to America's national security interests. I applaud the designation of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps as a terrorist organization and the implementation of additional sanctions as authorized by Congress. We must continue to send a strong and unmistakable message to the Iranian regime that their behavior must change." [US Official News, 10/19/17]

Said That UNESCO Designating the Old City of Hebron as Part of Palestinian Territory was an Anti-Israel Measure

States News Service reported "The following information was released by the office of California Rep. Ken Calvert: Congressman Ken Calvert (CA-42) offered an amendment during the Appropriations Committee markup of the Fiscal Year 2018 State and Foreign Operations Appropriations bill condemning recent actions by UNESCO to designate the Old City of Hebron and the Tomb of the Patriarchs as part of the Palestinian territory. The amendment was agreed to by the Committee by voice vote. "The recent action by UNESCO on Hebron is yet another anti-Israel measure that denies facts and only continues an abhorrent pattern of behavior from this organization," said Rep. Calvert. "Steps to refute Jewish connections to historical sites only move us further away from peaceful and sustainable solutions to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. The Palestinian people and their allies in the Arab world simply cannot continue to say they support a two-state solution while simultaneously undercutting the process with punitive actions like this and expect the world to believe them." [States News Service, 7/20/17]

Said Budget Priorities for 2018 Included Securing Borders and National Security

Targeted News Service reported "Rep. Ken Calvert, R-Calif., issued the following news release: Today, Congressman Ken Calvert (CA-42) issued the following statement in response to the release of President Donald Trump's fiscal year 2018 budget request: "I welcome the release of the fiscal year 2018 budget and look forward to working with my colleagues on the Appropriations Committee throughout the appropriations process." "The budget released today clearly emphasizes our national security and protecting our borders, which I believe are critically important. The budget also proposes some reductions for agencies that fall within the Interior Subcommittee's jurisdiction." "Those agencies perform important work, so the members of our committee will be faced with making some difficult decisions. As the appropriations process moves forward, I will work to provide our agencies with the resources necessary to fulfill their missions while also finding efficiencies to ensure taxpayer dollars are being used judiciously." [Targeted News Service, 5/23/17]

Said Military Strikes Ordered by President Trump Against Syria Were Appropriate

Congressional Documents and Publications reported “Today, Congressman Ken Calvert (CA-42) issued the following statement on Syria: “The military strikes ordered by President Trump were an appropriate and measured response to the horrific chemical weapons attack by the Assad regime on Syrian civilians, including children. Unlike the previous administration, President Trump has now made it clear by his actions that the use of chemical weapons to brutally murder innocent people will not be allowed to continue without consequences. The entire civilized world has a clear and compelling interest to uphold this principle. Congress must work closely with President Trump, Defense Secretary James Mattis, and our other national security officials to further develop and implement a strategy to confront the many challenges in Syria, as well as the actions by Russia, Iran, and other nations that have aided the Assad regime in its unacceptable behavior. I am hopeful that President Trump’s strong leadership and decisive actions will send a clear signal to dangerous regime’s across the globe that the days of meaningless ‘red lines’ and phony international agreements are over.” [Congressional Documents and Publications, 4/07/17]

Defended Pres. Trump’s Muslim Ban

San Bernardino Sun reported “Rep. Pete Aguilar, D-San Bernardino, chastised the White House on Monday for using the 2015 San Bernardino terrorist attack to justify the Trump administration’s ban on immigrants from seven majority-Muslim countries... Rep. Ken Calvert, R-Corona, issued a statement defending Trump’s action. “Some of these nations simply are not cooperative with providing information to our national security agencies, while others simply lack the technical capability to verify identification,” he said. “That is why I do support a narrow, country-based pause until more strenuous vetting procedures can be put in place.” [San Bernardino Sun, 1/31/17]

Used San Bernardino Attack in 2015 to Justify Trump’s Muslim Ban

Congressional Documents and Publications reported “Every country in the world has a right to control their borders. For too long, the United States has allowed immigration into the U.S. without proper vetting procedures in place. As we saw with the attacks in San Bernardino, one of the attackers obtained a U.S. visa despite online posts that indicated she was a threat. This is just one example of many that highlight the need for a better vetting process. It is important to note that the Secretary of Homeland Security has the authority to admit individuals on a case-by-case basis. As a Member of Congress, I have been proactively working on a way to improve the vetting process for Iraqi and Syrian refugees. However, the process could be implemented for any country identified as a possible national security threat.” [Congressional Documents and Publications, 1/30/17]

Voted to Support Legislation That Would Block the Transfer of Detainees from Guantanamo Bay Saying that Islamic Jihadists Were Motivated to Kill Americans Long Before a Detainee Was Held in Gitmo”

Newstex Blogs reported “Today, Congressman Ken Calvert (CA-42) voted along with a majority (244 to 174) of the House in support of legislation, H.R. 5351, that would block the transfer of detainees from Guantanamo Bay. Rep. Calvert is a cosponsor of H.R. 5351. ‘There is no reason to compromise the safety of American families, our troops, and our allies by unnecessarily transferring Gitmo detainees,’ said Rep. Calvert. ‘President Obama has created a false narrative that Gitmo somehow motivates the Islamic jihadists who have attacked Americans. The fact remains that Islamic jihadists were motivated to kill Americans long before a single detainee was held in Gitmo. I’ve witnessed first-hand how detainees are treated at Gitmo and there is simply no comparison with the treatment Americans and other captives receive from Islamic jihadists. The individuals being held at Gitmo are

enemy combatants and their release would absolutely be a risk to our troops around the world and Americans here at home.’ H.R. 5351 would halt the transfer of any Guantanamo Bay detainees until enactment of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2017, or until the end of this year. The House-passed NDAA included a provision requiring written agreements between the U.S. and the government of any foreign country that agrees to accept detainees. It also would require the next administration to provide Congress with a comprehensive detention plan outlining how the release of any Gitmo detainee fits into the broader strategy for handling individuals detained during wartime.” [Newstex Blogs, 9/15/16]

Claimed That Central Command Altered Intelligence and Presented Bad Analysis

The Daily Gazette reported “Officials from the U.S. Central Command altered intelligence reports to portray a more optimistic picture of the war against the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria than events on the ground warranted, a congressional panel said in a report issued Thursday... “What happened at CENTCOM is unacceptable -- our war fighters suffer when bad analysis is presented to senior policymakers,” said Rep. Ken Calvert, R-Calif. “The leadership failures at CENTCOM reach to the very top of the organization.” The 10-page report detailed persistent problems in 2014 and 2015 in Central Command’s description and analysis of U.S. efforts to train Iraqi forces. Although it offers no definitive evidence that senior Obama administration officials ordered the reports to be doctored, it describes analysts as feeling as though they were under pressure from CENTCOM leaders to present a more optimistic view of the threat posed by the Islamic State, also known as ISIS or ISIL.” [The Daily Gazette, 8/12/16]

Criticized Democrats Gun Control Bill Sit in and Emphasized the Need to Detain Islamic Extremists

The Press Enterprise reported “Democrats’ daylong sit-in on the House floor grabbed attention across social media Wednesday and into Thursday, even as it failed to force Republicans to hold a vote on gun control bills... In a statement, Inland Rep. Ken Calvert, R-Corona, echoed Ryan’s criticism of the protest as a stunt. “I’m interested in policies that are going to help protect Americans by eliminating, detaining and stopping the spread of Islamic extremists. I’m not interested in fighting the war on terror by stripping away constitutional rights, like the right to due process and the right to bear arms,” Calvert said.” [The Press Enterprise, 6/24/16]

Said That the Country Must Act on Preventing Islamic Extremists in the Wake of the Pulse Night Club Mass Shooting

Congressional Documents and Publications reported “Today, Congressman Ken Calvert (CA-42) issued the following statement in response to the terror attack in Orlando, Florida: “Our hearts are broken once again in the wake of the horrific terror attack in Orlando by an Islamic jihadist. As we saw last December right here in the Inland Empire, the barbaric and cowardly actions of radicalized Islamists can have devastating consequences. In order to defeat and eliminate violent Islamic extremism, in all of its forms, we must take stronger and more effective actions both domestically and abroad. Let us honor the Orlando victims by strengthening our resolve to defend the liberties that make America the extraordinary nation it is, and committing to win this battle against violent Islamic extremists.” [Congressional Documents and Publications, 6/13/16]

Named as a Leader of a Joint Task Force to Investigate Allegations that Senior US Central Command Officials Manipulated Intelligence for Political Purposes

States News Service reported “Today, Congressman Ken Calvert (CA-42) was named as one of the three House Republicans who will lead a Joint Task Force to investigate allegations that senior U.S. Central Command (CENTCOM) officials manipulated intelligence products. “Americans expect our military and civilian security officials to produce reports and analysis that are factual and accurately assesses security conditions around the globe,” said Rep. Calvert. “I look forward to working with my colleagues to determine what took place and how we can ensure intelligence products meet the high standards all of us expect them to.” [States News Service, 12/11/15]

Said That the Shooting in San Bernardino Was an Act of Radical Islamic Extremists

Targeted News Service reported “Today, Congressman Ken Calvert (CA-42) issued the following statement in response to additional reports indicating the female San Bernardino attacker pledged her support to ISIS: “The reports and overwhelming evidence make it clear to me that the attack in San Bernardino was an act of terrorism. This is an attack by radical, violent Islamic extremists, one who had openly stated her support for ISIS. While residents from the Inland Empire have bravely fought against these extremists around the globe, we have now seen the violence from the war on terror come to our region. In order to defend and protect the liberties and freedoms that make America and the Inland Empire an extraordinary place to live, we must restate our commitment and strengthen our resolve to defeat violent Islamic extremists around the world.” [Targeted News Service, 12/04/15]

Said That Apple Should Unlock an iPhone of Interest in the San Bernardino Shooting Case

The Press Enterprise reported “At least one Inland congressman isn’t too happy with Apple’s intent to fight the court order. “I don’t know why there is a controversy, quite frankly,” said Rep. Ken Calvert, R-Corona. “We’ve got 14 people that are dead and we have a judge who’s made an order and Apple should comply with it or be held in contempt.” He added, “The FBI is not asking for the keys to the kingdom. They’re simply asking Apple to unlock the phone to get to the facts to protect the public.” [The Press Enterprise, 2/18/16]

Criticized Obama’s Iran Deal Saying He Has No Confidence in Leaders Who “Refer to America as the ‘Great Satan’”

City News Service reported “President Obama’s Iran deal is bad for the safety and security of Americans, as well as our allies in the Middle East and throughout the world,” said Rep. Ken Calvert, R-Corona. “I simply have no confidence that the same Iranian leaders who promise to destroy Israel and refer to America as ‘the Great Satan’ will abide by the terms of any agreement.” [City News Service, 9/11/15]

Joined Speaker Boehner for a Delegation to Meet with Saudi Arabia Officials

Congressional Documents and Publications reported “House Speaker John Boehner (R-OH) and a delegation of senior committee leaders were in Saudi Arabia’s capital on Tuesday to continue a series of visits with key allies in the Middle East. In meetings with Saudi Interior Minister Mohammad bin Naif and Saudi Defense Minister Mohammed bin Salman, lawmakers expressed appreciation for the historic partnership between the two

countries. Talks focused on our efforts to address the threats posed by ISIL and Iran's rising influence in the region. Saudi Arabia is leading a coalition of Arab states in a campaign against Iranian-backed Houthi rebels in Yemen. ISIL and Iran were also the top topics of discussion during the delegation's meetings in Jordan and Iraq...*Rep. Ken Calvert (R-CA) is chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior and a member of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense." [Congressional Documents and Publications, 3/31/15]

Referred to Pakistan as “Our Supposed Ally” Regarding Fertilizer Controversy That Can Be Used to Make Roadside Bombs

Congressional Quarterly Today reported “Members of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense said at Thursday’s hearing that Pakistan has declined to color the fertilizer with dye or use other markers that would make it more identifiable during inspections at border crossings -- even though the United States has offered to pay for the marking process. Efforts to reformulate the fertilizer also have failed. “How in the hell are we going to deal with this?” asked a frustrated Rep. Ken Calvert, R-Calif. Calvert repeatedly referred to Pakistan as “our supposed ally” and said U.S. aid to Islamabad should be “directly tied” to its help with the fertilizer problem. “We’ve got to start playing hardball with these guys,” he said.” [Congressional Quarterly Today, 9/20/12]

Opposed President Obama’s Intent to Purchase a Prison in Illinois and Transfer Detainees from Guantanamo There

States News Service reported “Rep. Calvert (R-CA) responded today to the Administration’s intent to purchase a prison in Illinois in which “dozens of terrorism suspects being held at the U.S. naval base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, will be moved to” (Washington Post: U.S. to announce transfer of detainees to Ill. Prison, 12/15/09). “There must be a clear plan for dealing with where dangerous terrorists are housed, in consultation with Congress,” said Rep. Calvert. “The President must declare to Congress his plan going forward in the transfer of detainees to the U.S. Currently, there is no plan and instead Obama has directed the movement of prisoners to U.S. soil without a legitimate policy or rationale underlying this decision. Holding detainees among a prison population in our communities here in the United States is unacceptable.” [States News Service, 12/15/09]

guns & gun safety

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“For the following reasons, Ken Calvert has received our endorsement and “A” rating:

- Supports Right-to-Carry – Voted for the strongest Concealed Carry Reciprocity legislation ever to come before the U.S. Congress, which would ensure that the nearly 20 million law-abiding Americans who can carry a concealed firearm in their home state are able to do so in any other state that does not prohibit it.

- Supports Protecting America's Communities – Voted to strengthen school security, reform our broken mental health system and make sure the background check system is instant, accurate and fair.
- Supports America's Hunting Heritage – Voted for the Sportsmen's Heritage and Recreation Enhancement (SHARE) Act, a bill that would benefit sportsmen throughout California and the country.
- **Opposes Semi-Auto Ban – Opposes Senator Dianne Feinstein's failed semi-auto ban that would ban commonly owned semi-automatic firearms used for hunting, recreational shooting and self-defense.**
- Supports Veterans' Second Amendment Rights – Voted for legislation to protect veterans' Second Amendment rights.
- Opposes Backdoor Gun Ban – Voted to strike down an Obama-era regulation that would have stripped Social Security recipients of their Second Amendment rights without due process.
- **Opposes Criminalizing Private Firearm Transfers – Opposes the Schumer/Pelosi/Bloomberg "universal" background check system that would criminalize the private transfer of firearms which, according to the Obama Justice Department, is only enforceable through federal firearms registration.**
- **Opposes Government Blacklists – Opposes legislation denying persons on secret government lists their Second Amendment right to purchase or own a firearm without due process.** [NRAPVF.org]

Criticized by The No-Compromise Gun Lobby for Voting in Favor on the Protect Our Kids Act

States News Service reported "The no-compromise gun lobby also took to Twitter to name and shame representatives "who voted to unconstitutionally strip you of your God-given rights." Gun Owners of America singled out Reps. Ken Calvert (R-Calif.), Brian Fitzpatrick (R-Pa.), Anthony Gonzalez (R-Ohio), Chris Jacobs (R-N.Y.), Dave Joyce (R-Ohio), John Katko (R-N.Y.), Adam Kinzinger (R-Ill.), Nicole Malliotakis (R-N.Y.), Maria Elvira Salazar (R-Fla.), Chris Smith (R-N.J.), Mike Turner (R-Ohio), Fred Upton (R-Mich.) and David Valadao (R-Calif.) for voting "yes" on the Protect Our Kids Act last Wednesday." [States News Service, 6/14/22]

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[OpenSecrets.org]

Said Video Games and Loss of Faith Have Helped Fuel Gun Violence

Redlands Daily Facts reported "Inland Rep. Ken Calvert says video games, loss of faith help fuel gun violence" (News, Sept. 23): Ken Calvert has once again demonstrated his allegiance to the NRA. Guns don't kill people, heathens and gamers do." [Redlands Daily Facts, 9/25/19]

Said Loss of Religious Concerns Contribute to Gun Violence and Mass Shootings

The Press Enterprise reported “‘Extremely violent’ video games and ‘a loss of religious concerns’ contribute to gun violence and mass shootings and new gun laws are unlikely to stop mass shootings, Rep. Ken Calvert, R-Corona, said in a recent interview. Speaking to Spectrum News 1, Calvert, the Inland Empire’s longest-serving congressman, threw cold water on more gun restrictions as the answer to a recent spate of mass shootings and gun-related deaths that killed almost 40,000 Americans in 2017, according to the Centers for Disease.” [The Press Enterprise, 9/22/19]

Was Accused of Being a “Murderer” for His Opposition to Stricter Gun Laws

Inland Valley Daily Bulletin reported “Rep. Ken Calvert, R-Corona, is a ‘murderer’ for his opposition to stricter gun laws, one of the Inland congressman’s Democratic opponents said Thursday.” [The Press Enterprise, 2/23/18]

Criticized Democrats Gun Safety Bill Sit in and Emphasized the Need to Detain Islamic Extremists

The Press Enterprise reported “Democrats’ daylong sit-in on the House floor grabbed attention across social media Wednesday and into Thursday, even as it failed to force Republicans to hold a vote on gun control bills... In a statement, Inland Rep. Ken Calvert, R-Corona, echoed Ryan’s criticism of the protest as a stunt. “I’m interested in policies that are going to help protect Americans by eliminating, detaining and stopping the spread of Islamic extremists. I’m not interested in fighting the war on terror by stripping away constitutional rights, like the right to due process and the right to bear arms,” Calvert said.” [The Press Enterprise, 6/24/16]

Said That the Country Must Act on Preventing Islamic Extremists in the Wake of the Pulse Night Club Mass Shooting

Congressional Documents and Publications reported “Today, Congressman Ken Calvert (CA-42) issued the following statement in response to the terror attack in Orlando, Florida: “Our hearts are broken once again in the wake of the horrific terror attack in Orlando by an Islamic jihadist. As we saw last December right here in the Inland Empire, the barbaric and cowardly actions of radicalized Islamists can have devastating consequences. In order to defeat and eliminate violent Islamic extremism, in all of its forms, we must take stronger and more effective actions both domestically and abroad. Let us honor the Orlando victims by strengthening our resolve to defend the liberties that make America the extraordinary nation it is, and committing to win this battle against violent Islamic extremists.” [Congressional Documents and Publications, 6/13/16]

Said That the Shooting in San Bernardino Was an Act of Radical Islamic Extremists

Targeted News Service reported “Today, Congressman Ken Calvert (CA-42) issued the following statement in response to additional reports indicating the female San Bernardino attacker pledged her support to ISIS: “The reports and overwhelming evidence make it clear to me that the attack in San Bernardino was an act of terrorism. This is an attack by radical, violent Islamic extremists, one who had openly stated her support for ISIS. While residents from the Inland Empire have bravely fought against these extremists around the globe, we have now seen the violence from the war on terror come to our region. In order to defend and protect the liberties and freedoms that make America and the Inland Empire an extraordinary place to live, we must restate our

commitment and strengthen our resolve to defeat violent Islamic extremists around the world.” [Targeted News Service, 12/04/15]

Said He Was Grateful That the DOJ Allocated Funds to Offset the Money Spent by Local Law Enforcement in the Wake of the 2015 Attack in San Bernardino

US Official News reported “Representative Ken Calvert (R-Corona), who has also been instrumental in helping to access federal funds commented, “The San Bernardino terror attack is a grave reminder that terrorists ultimate goal is to kill Americans at home. I’m grateful that the DOJ has recognized the importance of supporting our local law enforcement agencies by awarding this deserved funding to offset the enormous costs incurred by local law enforcement as they bravely responded to the devastating attack in our region last December. This grant recognizes the federal obligation to help make local communities whole for responding to a federal responsibility. I will continue to work to ensure that local agencies are properly reimbursed as they protect our region.” [US Official News, 10/04/16]

healthcare

- Voted to Repeal, Said That the Affordable Care Act Will Negatively Impact the Health of the American Economy
 - Sent Out Newsletter Encouraging People to Put Pressure on Democrats to Prevent the Passage of the Affordable Care Act
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Proposed Amendment to FDA Funding Bill to Prohibit Using Funds to Review and Approve New Drug Applications Made by Russian Companies

FDA Week reported “A bill that would give FDA a \$341 million hike in discretionary funding in fiscal 2023 passed out of the House Appropriations Committee Thursday (June 23) with new measures that prohibit FDA from using funding to review and approve drugs made by Russian companies, direct FDA to coordinate with U.S. Customs and Border Protection to curb the importation of illicit fentanyl into the United States, and ask the agency to collaborate with the U.S. Department of Agriculture to oversee genetically modified animals...The legislation passed out of committee with three amendments. Republican Rep. Ken Calvert’s (CA) amendment would prohibit FDA from using funds to review and approve new drug applications made by Russian companies, with the exception of novel drugs or drugs that address an unmet need. Calvert asserted there’s no reason Russian pharmaceutical companies should be allowed to bring new products to the U.S. market, given Russia’s war against Ukraine. DeLauro and FDA-agriculture subcommittee Chair Sanford Bishop (D-GA) backed the amendment but said they want to work with Calvert to revise the language and add clarity. DeLauro specifically noted that FDA does not track the geographic location of drugs. She also said it’s still unclear whether Calvert’s amendment also applies to biologics.” [FDA Week, 7/01/22]

Constituents Met with His Office to Ask Him to Not Support Trump’s Attempts at Dismantling the ACA

The San Bernardino Sun reported “About two dozen people stopped by the office, and eight met with Calvert’s staff to discuss their concerns about GOP efforts, supported by Calvert, to repeal the Affordable Care Act. Indivisible 42 also accuses Calvert, who was first elected in 1992, of not holding a town hall meeting since 2009. Calvert’s spokesman, Jason Gagnon, said the congressman held a town hall meeting in Menifee last year and also took part in a water forum in Temecula in 2016. A smaller group previously visited the Corona office to arrange Thursday’s meeting, Gagnon said.” [San Bernardino Sun, 2/05/17]

Joined Letter Pressuring the Obama Admin to Stop CA’s Plan to Expand ACA Coverage to Undocumented Immigrants

States News Service reported “The following information was released by the office of California Rep. Darrell Issa: Members of California’s congressional delegation are increasing pressure on the Obama Administration to stop the state’s plan to expand Obamacare coverage to illegal immigrants. Over the weekend, nine members of Congress from California joined forces to send a letter to the Secretary of Health and Human Services and the Secretary of the Treasury asking the Administration to deny the state’s application for permission to offer health insurance coverage to illegal immigrants on the state’s Obamacare Exchange, Covered California. The letter comes in response to legislation signed into law by Governor Brown (D-Calif.) earlier this month, which requires the state to apply for a waiver to bypass the law’s requirement that those receiving coverage be here legally.

The letter was led by Representative Darrell Issa (CA-49) and joined by Representatives Tom McClintock (CA-04), Ken Calvert (CA-42)..." [States News Service, 6/28/16]

Voted to Repeal the ACA and Defund Planned Parenthood, Citing That Tax Dollars Should Not Fund Organizations Where “Illegal Actions Have Been Taken”

US Fed News reported “Rep. Ken S. Calvert, R-Calif. (44th CD), issued the following news release: Today, Congressman Ken Calvert (CA-42) issued the following statement after voting along with a majority of the House (240 to 181) to approve legislation that will repeal Obamacare and defund Planned Parenthood: “A majority of my constituents continue to oppose Obamacare and a health care system that is controlled by Washington bureaucrats instead of doctors and patients. For the first time since the law was passed, Congress will be sending an Obamacare repeal to the President’s desk. I have and will continue to oppose Obamacare and its policies that reduce the quality, access and affordability of health care for far too many families. The legislation passed by the House today also defunds Planned Parenthood because American tax dollars should not fund organizations that place so little value on life and where illegal actions have been taken.” [US Fed News, 1/06/16]

Said That the Affordable Care Act Will Negatively Impact the Health of the American Economy

Congressional Documents and Publications reported “Today, Congressman Ken Calvert (CA-42) issued the following statement in response to the release of the Budget and Economic Outlook report by the Congressional Budget Office: “Today’s CBO report is yet another indication that ObamaCare will negatively impact the health of the American economy and our fiscal condition. The CBO’s projections of fewer jobs and dramatic increases in our national debt stand in stark contrast to the promises made by President Obama and Democrats who sold ObamaCare to families across the country. Sadly, these are more false promises in a long line of false promises from President Obama. It is time for Democrats in Washington to acknowledge the dangerous path we are on and to address the challenges we face by working with Republicans on sustainable solutions that protect families and our economy.” [Congressional Documents and Publications, 2/04/14]

Sent Out Newsletter Encouraging People to Put Pressure on Democrats to Prevent the Passage of the Affordable Care Act

US Fed News reported “Rep. Ken S. Calvert, R-Calif. (44th CD), issued the following newsletter: Dear Neighbor, Many of you have called my office or written asking what you can do to help prevent the passage of this health care bill that would radically alter 20% of our economy. You may wonder if your calls, emails, letters to the editor are working and I can tell you, they are helping. I have received over 10,000 contacts from my constituents on this issue. Almost 5 to 1 are against Nancy Pelosi’s health reform bill. Democratic House members, especially conservative Democrats, are feeling the pressure. Right now the Pelosi Majority is touting a Congressional Budget Office (CBO) preliminary cost estimate of the health care bill and stating that it will reduce the deficit and control costs. However, removing the budget gimmicks, the actual cost of the Democrat’s health care bill, estimated by the Senate Budget Committee, would increase the deficit by \$582 billion over the first ten years and increase the deficit by \$1.6 trillion over the second ten years.” [US Fed News, 3/20/10]

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Co-Signed Letter Demanding a Plan on How DHS Will Test Every Migrant at the Southern Border for COVID-19

Pickens County Progress reported “Last week U.S. Representatives Andrew Clyde (GA-09) and Clay Higgins (LA-03) led 50 of their House Republican colleagues in a letter to President Biden outlining the Administration’s hypocritical COVID-19 standards and demanding a plan on how the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) will test every migrant at the southern border. Cosigners:...Rep. Calvert” [Pickens County Progress, 11/25/21]

Co-Authored Letter Criticizing Biden for His “Open Border Policies”

City News Service reported “A letter co-authored by Rep. Ken Calvert, R-Corona, and sent to the administration last month said that more than 1.3 million migrants have been apprehended entering the U.S. illegally between January and September, setting a record and representing a 386% increase compared to the same period in 2020. ‘The crisis at our border is only getting worse because of President Biden’s open border policies,’ Calvert said. ‘The humanitarian and national security disaster occurring along our border in Texas is the direct result of actions taken by the president.’” [City News Service, 10/29/21]

Proposed Amendment That Would Bar the Practice of Paying Employees who Volunteer to Work for the Office of Refugee Resettlement at the U.S.-Mexico Border

Congressional Quarterly News reported “In other action, the committee rejected amendments by Reps. Ken Calvert, R-Calif., and Ben Cline, R-Va. The committee voted, 25-33, along party lines to reject Calvert’s amendment that would prohibit the Agriculture Department from using appropriated funds to pay employees who volunteer to work for the Office of Refugee Resettlement at the U.S.-Mexico border. Calvert’s amendment would have barred the practice until President Joe Biden declares the immigration situation at the border a national emergency.” [Congressional Quarterly News, 6/30/21]

Introduced Legislation Aimed at Preventing Undocumented Immigrants from Being Released into Local Communities

Targeted News Service reported “Rep. Ken Calvert, R-California, issued the following news release: Congressman Ken Calvert (CA-42) announced he has reintroduced legislation aimed at preventing criminal illegal immigrants from being released back in our communities. The Help Ensure Legal Detainers (HELD) Act, H.R. 453, would require state and localities to adhere to Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detainers. ‘When states and localities refuse to turnover illegal immigrants convicted of violent crimes to ICE for deportation they are putting our communities at risk,’ said Rep. Calvert. ‘The HELD Act is rooted in the widespread belief that dangerous and violent criminal illegal immigrants should be given a one-way ticket out of our country. America is a nation of immigrants, but we are a beacon of hope throughout the world because we respect and enforce the rule of law.’ [Targeted News Service, 1/27/21]

Drafted Legislation Creating E-Verify to Check Employee’s Status to Work in the U.S.; Said He Wants it to Be Mandatory

The Press Enterprise reported “Calvert, whose background is in restaurants and real estate, is the top Republican on the defense appropriations subcommittee. A conservative, Calvert penned legislation creating E-Verify, a voluntary online system that can be used by businesses to check employees’ ability to legally work in the United States. On his campaign website, Calvert discusses his support for tax cuts and cutting government regulations and his opposition to government-run health care. He also wants to make E-Verify mandatory.” [The Press Enterprise, 2/25/20]

Responded to a Case Where an Immigrant in His District Was Denied Re-Entry Due to Admitting Past Marijuana Use, Adding That Marijuana Use Continues to Be a Crime Federally

Redlands Daily Facts reported “The U.S. Consulate office in Ciudad Juarez reported that a doctor established that Palomar was a drug abuser or addict, according to the office of Rep. Ken Calvert, R-Corona, who is looking into the case at the request of Christine Palomar. Calvert’s office said such cases are determined by medical tests and the applicant’s statements. In this case, no evidence was presented by the Consulate office that Jose Palomar tested positive. “This is the first incident in my Congressional district that’s been brought to my attention where an immigrant has had their legal status impacted, at least in part, because of the conflicting legal classification of marijuana under state and federal law,” Calvert said. “I think this situation only further underscores the inherent problems with the contradictory legalization of marijuana. Until something is passed to change the federal classification of marijuana, individuals, businesses and even state/local governments should be mindful that the

use, distribution and sale of marijuana continues to be crime in the eyes of all federal agencies,” Calvert wrote.” [Redlands Daily Facts, 7/31/19]

Applauded the Trump Admin for Proposing Making E-Verify Mandatory as Part of Its Immigration Reform Proposal, Saying That the Verification Would Help Fix “Our Broken Borders”

US Official News reported “Washington: Office of the MP Ken Calvert has issued the following news release: Today, Congressman Ken Calvert (CA-42) issued the following statement in response to reports that the Trump Administration may make the mandatory use of E-Verify part of its immigration reform proposal to Congress: “Making the use of E-Verify mandatory must be part of any attempt to fix our broken immigration system. The solutions necessary for true immigration reform are clear and include employer verification along with securing our borders, cracking down on visa overstays, and reforming our asylum laws. I wrote the bill to establish E-Verify as a voluntary tool for our employers who were eager to confirm the legal status of the employees they were hiring.” [US Official News, 5/13/19]

Introduced Legislation Aimed at Preventing Undocumented Immigrants from Being Released into Communities and Stopping from Refusing to Enforce ICE Detainers

Congressional Documents and Publications reported “Today, Congressman Ken Calvert (CA-42) reintroduced legislation aimed at preventing criminal illegal immigrants from being released back in our communities. The Help Ensure Legal Detainers (HELD) Act, H.R. 438, would require state and localities to adhere to Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detainers. ‘The safety of American families is jeopardized by states and localities that require their law enforcement officers to ignore ICE detainers,’ said Rep. Calvert. ‘One of the few areas of widespread agreement regarding illegal immigrants is the desire to see dangerous and violent criminal illegal immigrants deported from our country. Congress should pass the HELD Act and send a strong message that the safety of our communities - including our immigrant communities - comes before political games.’” [Congressional Documents and Publications, 1/10/19]

Said Congress Needed to Update Immigration Laws to Provide Clarity on the Broken Immigration System Following Child Separation

Targeted News Service reported “Rep. Ken Calvert, R-California, issued the following statement after President Trump signed an executive order on immigration: “Like most Americans, I do not want to see children unnecessarily separated from their families. Over the past few days, my colleagues and I in the House have been working on legislation to address the issue and I welcome today’s executive order to allow families to remain together in custody while their case is adjudicated. “Ultimately, Congress needs to update our immigration laws to provide legal clarity on this and other elements of our broken immigration system. As I stated when DACA was established by executive order, Congress has the constitutional responsibility of establishing our immigration policies, not the President. That is why I look forward to voting in support of both Securing America’s Future Act (H.R. 4760) and the Border Security and Immigration Reform Act (H.R. 6136) in the House tomorrow. H.R. 4760 comprehensively addresses our border security issues, including mandating the use of E-Verify, a program I created. The Border Security and Immigration Reform Act, will enhance our border security and ensure that children who are apprehended at the border with their parents are not separated while in custody. “A secure border can only be achieved by making it clear that anyone caught illegally crossing our border will be returned to their home country. A secure border protects Americans and will protect Central American and other children from being subjected to a long, dangerous journey.” [Targeted News Service, 6/20/18]

Said Obama Overstepped His Executive Authority When He Gave Young, Undocumented People Legal Status

Chico Enterprise-Record reported “Rep. Ken Calvert, R-Corona, said Obama “overstepped his Executive Authority when he single-handedly adjusted legal status for a group of people.” “The only way our country and affected individuals can have long-term certainty is by Congress changing our immigration laws,” Calvert said.” [Chico Enterprise-Record, 8/17/17]

Said Any Person That Comes to the US Undocumented and Commits Additional Crimes Should be Deported

Inland Valley Daily Bulletin reported “Inland Reps. Paul Cook, R-Yucca Valley, and Ken Calvert, R-Corona, were quite proud of themselves for voting in favor of the bills. Calvert insisted “anyone who comes to our country illegally and commits additional crimes once they are here is a clear threat to our safety and should be deported,” while Cook lamented that it is “inexcusable Kate Steinle was murdered as a result of failed immigration policies.” [Inland Valley Daily Bulletin, 7/09/17]

Said Budget Priorities for 2018 Included Securing Borders and National Security

Targeted News Service reported “Rep. Ken Calvert, R-Calif., issued the following news release: Today, Congressman Ken Calvert (CA-42) issued the following statement in response to the release of President Donald Trump’s fiscal year 2018 budget request: “I welcome the release of the fiscal year 2018 budget and look forward to working with my colleagues on the Appropriations Committee throughout the appropriations process.” “The budget released today clearly emphasizes our national security and protecting our borders, which I believe are critically important. The budget also proposes some reductions for agencies that fall within the Interior Subcommittee’s jurisdiction.” “Those agencies perform important work, so the members of our committee will be faced with making some difficult decisions. As the appropriations process moves forward, I will work to provide our agencies with the resources necessary to fulfill their missions while also finding efficiencies to ensure taxpayer dollars are being used judiciously.” [Targeted News Service, 5/23/17]

Supported Trump’s Efforts to Secure Borders & “Deport Criminal Aliens”

Whittier Daily News reported “Trump was applauded by Southern California Republicans, including Rep. Ken Calvert of Corona. ‘I also support President Trump’s efforts to secure our borders, bolster interior enforcement and to deport criminal aliens,’ Calvert said in a statement. ‘I will continue my efforts to cut off the job magnet by making the use of E-Verify mandatory.’” [Whittier Daily News, 3/01/17]

Defended Trump’s Muslim Ban in 2016

San Bernardino Sun reported “Rep. Pete Aguilar, D-San Bernardino, chastised the White House on Monday for using the 2015 San Bernardino terrorist attack to justify the Trump administration’s ban on immigrants from seven majority-Muslim countries... Rep. Ken Calvert, R-Corona, issued a statement defending Trump’s action. “Some of these nations simply are not cooperative with providing information to our national security agencies, while others simply lack the technical capability to verify identification,” he said. “That is why I do support a narrow, country-based pause until more strenuous vetting procedures can be put in place.” [San Bernardino Sun, 1/31/17]

Used San Bernardino Attack in 2015 to Justify Trump's Muslim Ban

Congressional Documents and Publications reported "Every country in the world has a right to control their borders. For too long, the United States has allowed immigration into the U.S. without proper vetting procedures in place. As we saw with the attacks in San Bernardino, one of the attackers obtained a U.S. visa despite online posts that indicated she was a threat. This is just one example of many that highlight the need for a better vetting process. It is important to note that the Secretary of Homeland Security has the authority to admit individuals on a case-by-case basis. As a Member of Congress, I have been proactively working on a way to improve the vetting process for Iraqi and Syrian refugees. However, the process could be implemented for any country identified as a possible national security threat." [Congressional Documents and Publications, 1/30/17]

Applauded Trump's Stance on Sanctuary States and Cities for Withholding Funds for City's That Are Deemed as Such

The Press Enterprise reported "'President Trump is making good on the promises he made to the American people to secure our borders, deport criminal illegal immigrants and put the security and sovereignty of our country first," said Rep. Ken Calvert, R-Corona, in a statement. "I commend his actions and fully support him. If California cities and counties want to harbor criminal illegal immigrants, they are soon going to realize that their negligence towards public safety is now going to come with a very high price tag." [The Press Enterprise, 1/26/17]

Introduced Bill That Would Prevent Undocumented Immigrants from Being Released from Custody Saying Deportation is "So Important"

US Official News reported "Washington: Office of the MP Ken Calvert has issued the following news release: Today, Congressman Ken Calvert (CA-42) reintroduced legislation aimed at preventing criminal illegal immigrants from being released from custody. The Help Ensure Legal Detainers (HELD) Act, H.R. 514, would require localities to adhere to Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detainers. "Keeping American families safe is my top priority in Congress, which is why I believe deporting criminal illegal immigrants is so important," said Rep. Calvert. "There are a lot of complicated issues involved in fixing our broken immigration system, but deporting illegal immigrants who have committed serious crimes should not be controversial. Congress should enact the HELD Act because we need local law enforcement to work hand-in-hand with our immigration agencies to better protect our communities." [US Official News, 1/16/17]

Backed Legislation to Make it Harder for Refugees to Come to the U.S.

San Bernardino Sun reported "The idea that "unvetted" refugees are coming to America isn't a new one. Local congressmen, including Rep. Ken Calvert, R-Corona, and Rep. Pete Aguilar, D-Redlands, have backed legislation to make it harder for refugees to come here. The Adelanto and Hesperia city councils have also passed resolutions against Syrian refugees." [San Bernardino Sun, 10/30/16]

Joined Letter Pressuring the Obama Admin to Stop CA's Plan to Expand ACA Coverage to Undocumented Immigrants

States News Service reported "The following information was released by the office of California Rep. Darrell Issa: Members of California's congressional delegation are increasing pressure on the Obama Administration to stop the state's plan to expand Obamacare coverage to illegal immigrants. Over the weekend, nine members of Congress from California joined forces to send a letter to the Secretary of Health and Human Services and the Secretary of the Treasury asking the Administration to deny the state's application for permission to offer health insurance coverage to illegal immigrants on the state's Obamacare Exchange, Covered California. The letter

comes in response to legislation signed into law by Governor Brown (D-Calif.) earlier this month, which requires the state to apply for a waiver to bypass the law's requirement that those receiving coverage be here legally. The letter was led by Representative Darrell Issa (CA-49) and joined by Representatives Tom McClintock (CA-04), Ken Calvert (CA-42)..." [States News Service, 6/28/16]

Accused Obama of Circumventing Congress to Unilaterally Impose DACA

The Press Enterprise reported "Inland Republican leaders such as Rep. Ken Calvert, R-Corona, have taken a strong stance against undocumented immigrants. Calvert, who created E-Verify - a system allowing employers to check the immigration status of would-be hires - wouldn't specifically comment on advance parole. However, Calvert has accused Obama of circumventing Congress to unilaterally impose DACA. "Ultimately, decisions regarding our broken immigration system and the status of all undocumented immigrants need to be made by Congress, not by a president overreaching his executive authority," Calvert said." [The Press Enterprise, 2/15/16]

Expressed Doubts That the Obama Admin's Screening Process for Asylum-Seekers from the Middle East Was Effective

City News Service reported "Rep. Ken Calvert, R-Corona, was among several co-sponsors of H.R. 4038, the "American Security Against Foreign Enemies (SAFE) Act," which was defeated in a Senate cloture vote Wednesday. The legislation received 55 yeas and 43 nays, falling short of the 60 needed to call for a formal vote on whether to send the proposal on to the president. All opponents were Democrats, including California Sens. Barbara Boxer and Dianne Feinstein. Calvert's spokesman, Jason Gagnon, told City News Service that "obviously we're disappointed the SAFE Act" did not muster the necessary votes. He was uncertain of "the game plan going forward," but anticipated that his boss and other Republican lawmakers would be discussing whether to reintroduce the legislation in a different form next week. The proposal, which received super-majority approval in the House of Representatives in November, was partly in response to the Paris terrorist attack and gained further momentum following the Dec. 2 massacre in San Bernardino by Islamist terrorists Syed Farook and Tashfeen Malik. Calvert expressed doubts about the Obama administration's current screening process to vet asylum-seekers from the Middle East." [City News Service, 1/25/16]

Said That There is a Responsibility to "Protect Americans from Illegal Immigrants" Who Have Committed Crimes

City News Service reported "'We have a responsibility to protect Americans from illegal immigrants who have committed serious crimes in our country," said Rep. Ken Calvert, R-Corona. "After the brutal murder of Kate Steinle in San Francisco by an illegal immigrant with a long criminal record, my constituents and families around the country have raised questions about how the federal government can prevent such an event from occurring again.'" [City News Service, 10/23/15]

Said Bill Approved Prevented a Government Shutdown and Confronted President Obama's Executive Action on Undocumented Immigrants

Congressional Documents and Publications reported "The bill approved by the House today prevents a government shutdown and sets the stage for Republicans to confront President Obama's unilateral executive action on illegal immigration," said Rep. Calvert. "The bill limits funding for Homeland Security and our

immigration enforcement agencies until the end of February. Meanwhile, as I have done in the past, I will be urging my colleagues to enact legislation that strengthens the security of our border and makes the use of E-Verify mandatory. With the majority in the House and Senate next Congress, Republicans will directly challenge President Obama's unilateral approach to immigration reform." [Congressional Documents and Publications, 12/11/14]

Said That President Obama Should Deport Those "Crossing Our Borders Illegally"

The Riverside County Record reported "Today, Congressman Ken Calvert (CA-42) issued the following statement regarding the ongoing influx of immigrants illegally crossing our border and the proposed legislation being considered in Congress: "My constituents and all Americans expect our federal government to respond to the crisis at the border with clear and immediate solutions. Those solutions include sending the National Guard to the border, closing the unaccompanied children immigration loophole that was created by a 2008 law --combined with a 2011 Executive Order, and humanely detaining those caught illegally crossing our borders until they can receive a deportation hearing in days, not weeks... "The President created this crisis and now he must correct it by deporting those apprehended crossing our borders illegally. He must enforce the law and end the practice of choosing who gets deported and choosing who gets released into our communities only to disappear. He must rigorously ensure that only legal workers are able to get jobs. He must ensure that public benefits only go to those who are legally present in our country. He must end the deferred action for childhood arrivals (DACA), a policy decision that should be left to Congress. He must not relax refugee status definitions that would further exacerbate the problem." [The Riverside County Record, 7/31/14]

Said That Obama Was Spreading Immigration Problems to His District

The Desert Sun reported "Instead of solving the immigration problems along our border in Texas, President Obama has decided to spread that problem into communities in my congressional district and throughout Southern California," Rep. Ken Calvert, a Corona Republican, said in a statement. "I will continue to demand that the Obama administration stop this plan immediately and to fix the problem at the border instead of merely shifting it around to neighborhoods around the country." President Barack Obama in a letter to Congress Monday requested that \$2 billion in federal funds be allocated in response to the flood of immigrants entering through Texas and asked for added, speedier resources for children caught traveling without parents." [The Desert Sun, 7/01/14]

Said it Was Evident President Obama Was Unwilling to Protect "Our Basic Sovereignty" In Relation to His Border Policies

Congressional Documents and Publications reported "My constituents and I continue to be frustrated by the open borders policies and pro-amnesty positions of our President that have motivated so many of the immigrants we see illegally entering our country. We all know President Obama is not a believer in American exceptionalism, but it is becoming shockingly apparent that he is even unwilling to protect our basic sovereignty." [Congressional Documents and Publications, 6/27/14]

Said President Obama's Announcement of Not Deporting Young Undocumented Immigrants Was Disrespectful to the "Millions of People Who Immigrated Here Legally"

The Riverside County Record reported "Rep. Ken Calvert (R-CA) issued the following statement in response to President Obama's announcement that the Department of Homeland Security would no longer deport young

illegal immigrants who meet certain criteria. “Through this Administrative action, President Obama is once again bypassing Congress. President Obama had previously stated that he could not unilaterally enact the DREAM Act through Administrative action and yet just eight months after making those statements, Obama has done exactly that. “I certainly understand that most of these young people came here due to no fault of their own, but as a country based on the Rule of Law, respecting our laws and sovereignty are paramount. We cannot set aside some laws for some people. If you are here illegally, you must be put into the deportation process. Instead the President will be granting them legal status and work authorization, to the detriment of the millions of unemployed American citizens and legal workers. This is clearly a political move by the President that is disrespectful to the millions of people who immigrated here legally. “The new policy is unacceptable and I will be exploring options to ensure that the Department of Homeland Security is upholding the law and deporting people who are living here illegally.” [The Riverside County Record, 6/21/12]

Said He Wanted to Keep “Illegal Immigrants Out of American Jobs”

The Press Enterprise reported “But that strategy amounts to ignoring the average undocumented immigrant and sends the message that people can break the rules, so long as they are not in one of the categories targeted for removal, some lawmakers argue. “ICE’s job is to enforce the law, and they need to enforce the law equally,” said Rep. Ken Calvert, R-Corona. “The Obama administration is intentionally allowing illegal immigrants to remain in the United States.” Calvert, a proponent of electronic worker verification requirements, pointed to a 70 percent decline in worksite immigration enforcement efforts over the past two years as evidence that the White House is not interested in keeping illegal immigrants out of American jobs.” [The Press Enterprise, 10/16/11]

Said That a Person Who Serves in the Military Should Not Receive Legal Status as Proposed Under the DREAM Act

States News Service reported “Last night Rep. Ken Calvert (R-CA) voted against the so-called DREAM Act. The DREAM Act would provide legal status to individuals brought here illegally by their parents if they have a high school diploma and will enroll in college or enlist in the military. The bill passed the House 216 to 198. “There is no doubt that the illegal status of people brought here as children is an emotional and humanitarian issue,” said Rep. Calvert. “However, I could not place the needs of those who are not legal ahead of the many students who are here legally and must compete for the limited space available in our state schools and for limited scholarship dollars. Furthermore, I think it is a dangerous precedent to offer legal status if a person serves in our military. Our military is an all-volunteer force that should not be comprised of people who, through the DREAM Act, and as a result of their service, receive legal status. “Providing legal status to the estimated two million students also provides a pathway to legal status for all their relatives back home. Our economy simply cannot handle a large influx of people looking for work when we are experiencing high unemployment and economic stagnation.” [States News Service, 12/09/10]

Said Democrats Might Try to Do a “Lame Duck” Maneuver to Grant “Amnesty” if They Lost Seats in the 2010 Election

UPI reported “Rep. Ken Calvert, R-Calif., warned Democrats could try a lame-duck, end-run on the explosive issue of immigrant amnesty if they are dealt a major blow in the November elections. “After many Democrats are thrown out of office, (President) Obama and Pelosi, with the help of elected officials no longer accountable to their constituents, will force through legislation to provide citizenship to 12 million people whose first action was to break our laws,” Calvert said.” [UPI, 7/04/10]

Issued Statement Expressing Outrage That Nearly 30 Undocumented Workers Were Found Working at a Plant When “Americans and Legal Residents Are Out of Work”

Targeted News Service reported “Today Ken Calvert issued the following statement in response to an Associated Press story that 28 illegal immigrants found at a plant in Seattle, WA were released and granted authorization to continue working. “I find it unconscionable that while hundreds of thousands of Americans and legal residents are out of work, the Department of Homeland Security is essentially providing amnesty to people found working here illegally. Immigration and Customs Enforcement should adhere to its name and enforce the rule of law which unequivocally states that individuals found in the U.S. illegally should be deported to their home country. The new policy put in by the Obama Administration makes clear that the American people, who are struggling to pay bills and are losing jobs, are simply not a priority.” [Targeted News Service, 1/01/10]

jobs & economy

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The Desert Sun reported “Calvert, who serves on the House Committee on Appropriations, told The Desert Sun that he sees inflation - which has reached its highest rate in nearly 40 years - as the top issue facing the country right now, arguing it “should be a concern to everybody. We got to get that back in the box as fast as we can, and that’s not a simple process - once inflation starts, it’s difficult to stop,’ said Calvert. ‘And I agree with what (U.S. Senator) Joe Manchin did, as far as bringing a halt to (the Build Back Better Act), because right now, that’d be like pouring gas on a fire.” [The Desert Sun, 12/28/21]

Spoke on a Defense Forum Panel Saying that China is Ahead of the U.S. in Graduating STEM Students

States News Service reported “Today, we have a problem,” said Rep. Ken Calvert, R-Calif., a member of the House Appropriations subcommittee on defense. China will graduate 4.5 million people with college degrees in science, technology, engineering or math this year, he said. India will graduate about 2.5 million. “The United States will not even make 600,000. By 2020, we will be 1 million people behind from demand for those types of positions,” he said. “We have a problem and we have to face up to it.” [States News Service, 12/03/18]

Praised Trump Following the State of the Union Address Stating That the Economy is Growing Thanks to the Republican Congress

Targeted News Service reported “Rep. Ken Calvert, R-California, issued the following statement regarding President Trump’s State of the Union address: “Our economy is growing thanks to the policies enacted by the Republican Congress and the President, but I believe the best is yet to come. Thanks to the passage of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act we are seeing a host of job creators investing in their workforce in the form of bonuses, wage increases and other benefits. We are also seeing massive amounts of money being repatriated from overseas and being invested here in America. The infusion of billions of dollars into our economy will provide a boost that our economy hasn’t seen in decades.” [Targeted News Service, 1/31/18]

Sent Homophobic Flyers in the 90s While Running Against Mark Takano

Redlands Daily Facts reported “It’s a far cry from 28 years ago, when pink flyers questioned whether Takano would be a congressman for Riverside or San Francisco... Palm Springs City Council Member Christy Holstege, who is bisexual, is running for an Inland Assembly seat, while Democrat and former federal prosecutor Will Rollins, who is gay, hopes to unseat Rep. Ken Calvert, R-Corona, whose campaign sent the pink flyers when Takano ran against him in 1994. The new congressional district includes parts of western Riverside County and the Coachella Valley.” [Redlands Daily Facts, 6/29/22]

labor & working families

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Criticized Pres. Biden Nominating California Labor Secretary Julie Su

Congressional Documents and Publications reported “Today, Congressman Ken Calvert (CA-42) released the following statement in response to the report that under the watch of President Biden’s Deputy Secretary of Labor nominee and current California Labor Secretary Julie A. Su the California Employment Development Department (EDD) paid a private firm \$55 million to operate a call center that failed to answer over 73 million phone calls from unemployed workers seeking help with unemployment benefits: ‘In light of yet another damning report exposing the massive failures of the EDD, I am urging President Biden to withdraw the nomination of California Labor Secretary Julie A. Su to the second-highest post at the U.S. Department of Labor. At a time when unemployed California workers were desperate for help, Secretary Su’s department literally failed to answer their calls for aid. It’s outrageous that instead of fixing the clear and obvious problems, Secretary Su continued to send tens of millions of taxpayer dollars to a private company that answered less than ten percent of the calls coming in. Americans deserve accountability and assistance when they reach out for support. It’s clear from her long list of failures that Secretary Su is not up to meeting that standard.’” [Congressional Documents and Publications, 3/12/21]

Introduced Legislation Aimed at “Protecting Employee Bonuses” From Federal Requirements

Congressional Documents and Publications reported “Today, Congressman Ken Calvert (CA-42) introduced legislation, the Employee Bonus Protection Act, H.R. 517, aimed at protecting employee bonuses from overly complex federal requirements. ‘Now more than ever, we should protect American workers and ensure they are not unfairly denied bonus compensation due to government red-tape,’ said Rep. Calvert. ‘I have introduced the Employee Bonus Protection Act to help hard working Americans and small businesses by getting the government out of the way and providing a simpler way for employers to award bonuses.’” [Congressional Documents and Publications, 1/29/21]

Said Obama’s Proposal to Solve the Housing Crisis Was Misguided and Costs the American Taxpayer

The Press Enterprise reported “The plan would apply to an estimated 14.5 million underwater borrowers - those who owe more than the value of their house because home prices have plummeted, said Brian Deese, deputy director of the White House National Economic Council. In mid-2011, that applied to more than 384,000 homeowners in Riverside and San Bernardino counties, according to CoreLogic. But Rep. Ken Calvert, R-Corona, described Obama’s proposal as the latest in a series of misguided attempts to solve the problem through excessive government intervention. “His new housing relief plan simply revamps these failed programs, increases the federal government presence in this sector and comes at the cost of the American taxpayer,” Calvert said.” [The Press Enterprise, 2/02/12]

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City News Service reported “Issa was joined at the “Fentanyl Roundtable,” held in Temecula, by Rep. Ken Calvert, R-Corona, Riverside County District Attorney Mike Hestrin, county Sheriff Chad Bianco and Matt Capelouto, founder of the Temecula-based Fentanyl Awareness Coalition. ‘At the roundtable, we heard from people on the front lines of the fentanyl crisis,’ Calvert said. ‘We also heard from one of the far-too-many families in America who have lost a loved one due to fentanyl.’ Calvert said the gathering was intended to highlight the reasons for establishing the new bipartisan House of Representatives’ Fentanyl Caucus. ‘In the weeks and months ahead, the Fentanyl Caucus will discuss and advocate for policies that address this deadly crisis,’ the congressman said. ‘We must send a message to international drug cartels and their Chinese suppliers that we will not accept the death and devastation their drugs are bringing to our communities.’” [City News Service, 4/19/22]

pandemic

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Targeted News Service reported “Rep. Ken Calvert said, “California small businesses and their employees have suffered greatly under Gov. Newsom’s lockdown orders. Now when some relief may finally arrive from the state, Speaker Pelosi’s rushed and unfocused ‘stimulus’ bill may pull the rug out from under small businesses once again. This level of incompetence by Democrats in Sacramento and in D.C. would be shocking if it wasn’t such a regular occurrence.” [Targeted News Service, 3/24/21]

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Southeast Farm Press reported ““By withholding CRF payment disbursements from these localities, the State is creating winners and losers. In addition, guidance issued by the U.S. Department of the Treasury regarding implementation of the CRF clearly says that States cannot impose restrictions on transfers of funds to local governments that go beyond requirements outlined in Section 601(d) of the Social Security Act. Accordingly, we believe that the State may be inappropriately withholding CRF funds to localities by imposing conditions on such disbursements that are inconsistent with the Treasury Department’s guidance and Section 601(d) of the Social Security Act.’ The letter was signed by McCarthy and California Republican Reps. Tom McClintock, Devin Nunes, Doug LaMalfa, Ken Calvert, Mike Garcia and Paul Cook.” [Southeast Farm Press, 7/16/20]

Said He Was Glad that the CARES Act Included Funding to Support Tribal Governments Struggling with Impacts of COVID-19

Targeted News Service reported “I am pleased that Congress included \$8 billion to support Tribal governments grappling with the public health and economic impacts of COVID-19,” said Ken Calvert. “This pandemic has placed a unique strain on Tribal governments that rely almost exclusively on revenues from economic activity to fund critical governmental services such as health care, law enforcement, and social services. I thank Congressman Ruiz and my California colleagues for supporting this important funding, and I urge the Treasury Department to disburse these funds expeditiously.” [Targeted News Service, 4/07/20]

taxes

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Opposed California's Proposed State Excise Tax on Gas

Targeted News Service reported "Californians currently pay the highest gas prices nationwide thanks in part to the state's highest-in-the-country gas tax, even as California is set to collect nearly \$100 billion more from taxpayers this year than it needs to support expenditures. Combined with the almost \$30 billion in federal infrastructure funds the state received from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act passed by Congress, the State of California has enough revenue for an unconditional suspension of the gas tax for the next 20 years without the reduction of a single penny in infrastructure spending. Reps. Valadao and Obernolte were joined by Republican Leader Kevin McCarthy (CA-23), Reps. Doug LaMalfa (CA-01), Ken Calvert (CA-42), Young Kim (CA-39), Michelle Steel (CA-48), Mike Garcia (CA-25), Darrell Issa (CA-50), Connie Conway (CA-22), and Tom McClintock (CA-04) in the official request to Governor Newsom" [Targeted News Service, 6/29/22]

Praised The Trump Administration's Tax Reform Framework

US Official News reported "Office of the MP Ken Calvert has issued the following news release: Today, Congressman Ken Calvert (CA-42) praised the unified tax reform framework developed by the Trump Administration, the House Committee on Ways and Means, and the Senate Committee on Finance. "The tax reform framework announced today is an important step towards making America's tax code fairer, simpler and more competitive," said Rep. Calvert. "We need a tax code that works for the middle-class and for our job creators. By putting America first we can create more economic opportunities that will benefit hard-working families throughout our country." [US Official News, 9/29/17]

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The Press Enterprise reported "In an email, Rep. Ken Calvert, R-Corona, wrote he twice voted to end sequestration and that the cuts affect "almost all parts of the federal government, including those services to some of our most vulnerable populations. But the Senate did not take action and unfortunately the president and Senate Democrats keep on insisting on higher taxes to end sequestration, which I adamantly oppose, while ignoring the real drivers of our debt," he wrote." [The Press Enterprise, 6/13/13]

transportation & infrastructure

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Redlands Daily Facts reported “Thirty-seven members of California’s congressional delegation have agreed to sign a letter urging Amtrak to alter the planned closure of its Riverside reservation center, union employees have learned. Ken Calvert, R-Corona, strongly criticized Amtrak in another letter that was read to protesters Wednesday. Calvert asked Amtrak to immediately delay the shutdown for at least six months. He said that would allow for Congress to weigh in and also give employees time to make decisions about relocating. Calvert was critical about reports that Amtrak has retained a third-party contractor in Florida to man phone lines during peak periods. Union representatives have said the Florida workers are not Amtrak employees and earn less than the Riverside workers do. “If this is true, I find this to be completely unacceptable,” Calvert wrote. “If call volumes are low and cuts are necessary, cutting ties with the third-party call center would be the obvious first step. Forcing over 500 employees to choose between losing their jobs or uprooting their families to move across the country should be your last resort.” Calvert added that, as a government-subsidized company, ‘Amtrak must be held to a higher standard.’” [Redlands Daily Facts, 12/13/18]

Released Draft of Spending Bill for the Department of the Interior That Would Prohibit Lawsuits Against the Multi-Billion Dollar California Delta Tunnels Project

Herald and News reported “The state’s environmentalists were outraged this spring when House Republican budget-writers, led by Rep. Ken Calvert of California, released a 142-page draft spending bill for the Interior Department and related agencies, that included language prohibiting state or federal lawsuits against the multibillion-dollar California Delta tunnels project. Formally known as California Water Fix, the controversial project would construct two tunnels beneath the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta to connect freshwater from the river to aqueducts conveying water south. It’s been championed by Democratic Gov. Jerry Brown, who is in his final year in office, but vehemently opposed by many conservation groups and other Democratic politicians.” [Herald and News, 7/19/18]

veterans & the military

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Inside the Air Force reported "Senior Pentagon officials today outlined the unprecedented damage they say would be done if Congress uses a stopgap spending measure to fund the Defense Department for a full year, while Democrats and Republicans exchanged barbs over who is to blame for the current budget impasse...Rep. Ken Calvert (R-CA) accused Democrats of being "disingenuous" about their concern for the military budget so they could pursue "radical" domestic spending increases." [Inside the Air Force, 1/14/22]

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States News Service reported "Defense firms traditionally contribute less money to members of Congress than to federal lobbying efforts. So far in the 2022 election cycle, the sector has donated \$5.9 million to congressional candidates. Most of this money \$5.5 million has gone to incumbent candidates, and 47% to Democratic candidates. Rep. Ken Calvert (R-Calif.), the ranking member of the House Appropriations Defense subcommittee, has received the most money from the industry's PACs and employees so far this cycle with \$161,000." [States News Service, 12/09/21]

Criticized Biden's Proposed Defense Budget for Not Increasing Enough

The Washington Times reported "With President Biden's spending choices on defense being watched closely by partisans on both ends of the political spectrum, California Rep. Ken Calvert, ranking Republican on the House Appropriations defense subcommittee, accused the White House of "dragging its feet" on providing the budget for lawmakers to review. "This delay is very concerning to me. It increases the risk of a continuing resolution that nobody would like to have," the California representative warned. Mr. Biden had indicated he intends to request \$715 billion for the Department of Defense, the first Pentagon budget for him and Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin. The amount is slightly higher than the \$704 billion for this year but would actually be a decrease in real terms compared to President Trump's budgets. Republicans on Capitol Hill have been pushing for a real increase in the defense budget, which they say is necessary to keep up with the threats from increasingly aggressive competitors like China and Russia. "Without a net 3% to 5% percent funding growth, the Army would face difficult choices," Mr. Calvert said." [The Washington Times, 5/06/21]

Applauded Decision by Secretary of Defense to Suspend Efforts Collecting Reimbursement from National Guard Members Who Were Given Bonuses

US Fed News reported "Rep. Ken S. Calvert, R-Calif. (44th CD), issued the following news release: Today, Congressman Ken Calvert (CA-42) applauded the decision by Secretary of Defense Ash Carter to suspend efforts to collect reimbursement from affected California National Guard members. "I'm pleased to hear the Department of Defense has heeded the call from so many Americans to halt the unfair collection of bonuses paid to our soldiers many years ago," said Rep. Calvert. "Now, it's important that Congress fully investigate how this happened and what steps we must take to protect our soldiers - including reimbursing those who have inappropriately been forced to repay money. I am still deeply troubled that so many of our brave men and women in uniform have been put through a tremendous hardship due to no fault of their own. We must all work to prevent that from happening again in the future." "While I appreciate the Secretary's concern for the taxpayer, I believe the majority of American taxpayers do not want the Department going after our U.S. service members for repayment of bonuses. Halting the collection of bonuses just to begin it again in earnest January 1, 2017 is not the relief that is necessary and Congress stands ready to provide a legislative fix." Earlier this week, Rep. Calvert joined a number of his House colleagues in sending a letter to the Secretary of Defense requesting that the Department of Defense stop all collection efforts on the bonuses in question." [US Fed News, 10/26/16]

Testified Before the House Veterans' Affairs Committee Discussing Removing Delays That Affect Veterans' Educational Benefits

States News Service reported "Today, Rep. Ken Calvert (CA-42) testified before the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity regarding his bill, H.R. 331, to simplify Veterans' education benefits. "We owe it to our veterans to remove any unnecessary, bureaucratic delays that affect their education benefits," said Rep. Calvert. "I am pleased that the Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity invited me to explain my bill and talk about how Congress can help simplify VA benefits for veterans and our colleges. I am hopeful the Committee will act soon on my bill and report it to the House floor for its consideration." [States News Service, 6/26/13]

Said That He Wanted to Find Ways to Recognize the Contributions of Drone Pilots

The Press Enterprise reported "Following weeks of criticism from veterans, politicians and others, the Department of Defense announced Monday, April 15, that it was abandoning a proposed medal that would have honored pilots flying unmanned drones. The Distinguished Warfare Medal was proposed in February to recognize the combat role of drone pilots. The medal would have been placed above both the Purple Heart and Bronze Star in terms of hierarchy. Few argued against honoring drone pilots for their contributions to combat. It's proposed ranking is largely what drew complaints... Rep. Ken Calvert, R-Corona, also objected. On Monday, Calvert issued a statement praising Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel's decision to rescind the original proposal and find a way to recognize the contributions of drone pilots with an attachment that would be placed on an existing medal. Calvert asked his senior staff to come up with such a proposal within 90 days." [The Press Enterprise, 4/16/13]

