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Top Findings

Mackenzie Voted Against A Woman’s Right To Choose, Without Exception

2022: Mackenzie Voted In Favor Of SB 106, Which Said: “That There Is No Constitutional Right To Taxpayer-Funded Abortion Or Other Right Relating To Abortion.” “A Joint Resolution proposing separate and distinct amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, providing that there is no constitutional right to taxpayer-funded abortion or other right relating to abortion; further providing for action on concurrent orders and resolutions, for Lieutenant Governor and for qualifications of electors; and providing for election audits.” Mackenzie voted in favor of the bill. [Pennsylvania General Assembly, [SB 106](#); [RCS No. 1156](#), 12/15/21]

- **ACLU: SB 106 Would “Deny The Right to Abortion Care and Abortion Funding in Pennsylvania, Without Exception.”** “SB 106 proposes five separate amendments to the Pennsylvania Constitution that would: 1. Deny the right to abortion care and abortion funding in Pennsylvania, without exception.” [ACLU Pennsylvania, [Accessed 6/7/24](#)]

Mackenzie Was In Favor Of A 20-Week Abortion Ban

Mackenzie Supported “Shortening The Time Period Where A Woman Can Have An Abortion” And “Advocated Against” The Use Of Taxpayer Funds For Abortion Care. “Mackenzie: [...] To date, we have voted on changes I support such as shortening the time period where a woman can have an abortion from 24 weeks to 20 weeks. I have also advocated against, and will continue to advocate against, public dollars being used for abortions.” [The Morning Call, [5/6/22](#)]

Mackenzie Wanted To Reduce The Number Of Abortions That Take Place In Pennsylvania

Mackenzie Said He Wanted “To Reduce The Number Of Abortions That Occur In Pennsylvania.” “Mackenzie specifically said he is ‘pro-life’ and wants to reduce the number of abortions that occur in Pennsylvania.” [The Morning Call, [4/5/24](#)]

Mackenzie Earned Endorsement From PA Pro-Life Federation PAC For His 100% Pro-Life Voting Record

Mackenzie Was Endorsed By The PA Pro-Life Federation PAC For His 100% Pro-Life Voting Record. Mackenzie was included on the list of Pennsylvania Pro-Life candidates made by the PA Pro-Life Federation for his 100% pro-life voting record. [Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation PAC, [Accessed 5/29/24](#)]

- **Mackenzie: “I Have Always Been Endorsed By The PA Pro-Life Federation.”** “Mackenzie: During my time in office, I have a solid pro-life voting record and I have always been endorsed by the PA Pro-Life Federation.” [The Morning Call, [5/6/22](#)]

- **The Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation PAC Opposes Abortion From Conception.** “The Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation, Inc., is committed to promoting the dignity and value of human life from conception to natural death and to restoring legal protection for preborn children.” [PA Pro-Life Federation PAC, [Accessed 5/31/24](#)]

Mackenzie Vowed To Consistently Vote In Line With His Pro-Life View

2022: Mackenzie Pledged To “Continue To Vote In A Way That Is Consistent With My Pro-Life Views.” “Mackenzie: [...] Going forward, I will thoughtfully consider any legislation that comes before me and continue to vote in a way that is consistent with my pro-life views and the views of the majority of those I represent.” [The Morning Call, [5/6/22](#)]

2018: Mackenzie Voted In Favor Of SB3, Which Would Criminalize Medical Abortion “At Any Point During A Pregnancy” And All Abortions After 20 Weeks

2018: Mackenzie Voted In Favor Of SB3, Which Would Provide For A “Dismemberment Abortion Ban.” “An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in abortion, further providing for definitions, for medical consultation and judgment and for the offense of abortion on unborn child of 24 or more weeks gestational age, providing for dismemberment abortion ban and further providing for reporting.” Mackenzie voted in favor of the bill. [Pennsylvania General Assembly, [SB 3; RCS No. 929](#)]

- **ACLU: SB 3 Would Criminalize Abortion At 20 Weeks.** “Senate Bill 3 would criminalize abortion at 20 weeks gestation, replacing the current ban at 24 weeks.” [ACLU Pennsylvania, [Accessed 6/5/24](#)]
- **ACLU: SB 3 Would Criminalize Medical Abortion “At Any Point During A Pregnancy.”** “[Senate Bill 3] would also make it a crime for a doctor to perform a D&E procedure (a safe, medically-tested, and most commonly used second trimester procedure) at any point during a pregnancy. The bill includes no exceptions for rape, incest, or fetal abnormalities. If passed, it would be the most restrictive abortion ban in the country.” [ACLU Pennsylvania, [Accessed 6/5/24](#)]
- **State Officials Called SB 3 “Dangerous,” “Extreme,” And A “Violation Of A Woman’s Right To Privacy And Autonomy.”** “In Conshohocken, state Rep. Mary Jo Daley joined Wolf in standing against the bill. ‘It’s at this critical juncture that we must reject Senate Bill 3 as a very clear and very real violation of a woman’s right to privacy and to autonomy over her own body,’ said Daley, a Democrat who represents Montgomery County. She added: ‘The same party that wants government to stay out of our lives also wants government to force women to stay pregnant. The same party that wants to force women to stay pregnant habitually cuts the services and programs which would help these same women raise their children.’ [...] ‘This legislation is a disingenuous and bald-faced attempt to pass the most extreme, anti-choice legislation in this country,’ [Gov. Tom Wolf] added. ‘This legislation is an attempt to criminalize the decisions that women make about their own health care. And this legislation destroys health care options for victims, even those who are victims of the horrors of rape and incest.’” [PBS WHYY, [12/22/17](#)]

2016: Mackenzie Voted For HB1948, A 20-Week Abortion Ban Without Exceptions For Rape Or Incest

2016: Mackenzie Voted For A 20-Week Abortion Ban That Prohibited “Dismemberment Abortions” And Required In-Person Pre-Abortion Medical Consultations. Mackenzie voted in favor of House Bill 1948 which, “It will prohibit an individual from performing or inducing an abortion upon another person when the gestational age of the unborn child is 20 or more weeks, unless the abortion is performed to protect the life of the mother; or if failing to perform the abortion would lead to a substantial and irreversible impairment of a major bodily function. Under current law the prohibition is set at the gestational age of 24 weeks. It also adds a new section that prohibits ‘dismemberment abortions’ as defined in the bill. Exceptions to this prohibition are provided and differ based on the gestational age of the unborn child. The section also specifies that liability for performing a dismemberment abortion cannot fall on the patient or any individual involved in the abortion process who acts at the direction of a physician. Performing a dismemberment abortion is graded as a felony of the third degree, punishable by a fine of up to \$15,000 and/or up to 7 years in prison. House Bill 1948 also repeals provisions relating to spousal notice and clarifies that medical consultations that occur prior to an abortion procedure must occur in-person.” House Bill 1948 passed the House 132-65 but did not advance in the Senate. [Pennsylvania General Assembly, House Bill#: 1948, Passed: [6/21/16](#); H.B. 1948, House Roll Call, [6/21/16](#)]

- **The Only Exception To The 20-Week Abortion Ban Was To Protect The Health Of The Mother.** “It will prohibit an individual from performing or inducing an abortion upon another person when the gestational age of the unborn child is 20 or more weeks, unless the abortion is performed to protect the life of the mother; or if failing to perform the abortion would lead to a substantial and irreversible impairment of a major bodily function. Under current law the prohibition is set at the gestational age of 24 weeks. It also adds a new section that prohibits ‘dismemberment abortions’ as defined in the bill. Exceptions to this prohibition are provided and differ based on the gestational age of the unborn child. The section also specifies that liability for performing a dismemberment abortion cannot fall on the patient or any individual involved in the abortion process who acts at the direction of a physician. Performing a dismemberment abortion is graded as a felony of the third degree, punishable by a fine of up to \$15,000 and/or up to 7 years in prison. House Bill 1948 also repeals provisions relating to spousal notice and clarifies that medical consultations that occur prior to an abortion procedure must occur in-person.” House Bill 1948 passed the House 132-65 but did not advance in the Senate. [Pennsylvania General Assembly, House Bill#: 1948, Passed: [6/21/16](#)]

Mackenzie Voted For A Bill To Require Doctors To Provide Women With Information On Perinatal Care If They Are “Diagnosed With A Life-Threatening Fetal Anomaly”

2019: Mackenzie Voted In Favor Of HB 1058 To Require Information On Perinatal Support Care Be Provide To A Woman After Receiving A Diagnosis Of A “Life Limiting Condition.” “An Act requiring that information on the option of perinatal support care programs be given to a woman after diagnosis of a life limiting condition; and imposing penalties.” Mackenzie voted in favor of the bill. [Pennsylvania General Assembly, [HB 1058](#); [RCS No. 254](#), 5/6/19]

- **HB 1058 Would Require The State To Provide Pregnant Women With Information On Perinatal Care If They Are “Diagnosed With A Life-Threatening Fetal Anomaly.”** “Rapp’s Compassion and Care for Medically Challenging Pregnancies Act (House Bill 1058) that would require information to be given to a mother on the option of perinatal care after she is diagnosed with a life-threatening fetal anomaly was approved 116-76 by the Pennsylvania House. [...] Perinatal care is a model of support for parents who choose to continue their pregnancies following a prenatal diagnosis indicating that the unborn child has a life-limiting condition and might die before or shortly after birth. Perinatal care is offered from the time of diagnosis through the baby’s birth and death.” [PA State Rep. Kathy Rapp, [5/8/19](#)]

Mackenzie Voted To Eliminate Abortion Coverage And Force Parents To Pay For Funerals Or Cremation After All Abortions

Mackenzie Voted Yes On HB 118, Regarding “The Final Disposition Of Fetal Remains.” “An Act providing for the final disposition of fetal remains; and imposing penalties.” Mackenzie voted in favor of the bill. [Pennsylvania General Assembly, [HB 118](#); [RCS No. 318](#), 6/9/21]

- **ACLU: HB 118 Would Require Health Care Facilities To Bury Or Cremate “All Medical Tissue—At Any Gestational Age—Following A Spontaneous Or Induced Termination Of A Pregnancy.”** “HB 118 would require a hospital or clinic to arrange for the burial or cremation of all medical tissue—at any gestational age—following a spontaneous or induced termination of a pregnancy, such as miscarriage, abortion, or in vitro embryo reduction that occurs within a healthcare facility. A healthcare facility that violates this act will be fined between \$50 and \$300 or a person charged with fulfilling these duties may be imprisoned in county jail for up to thirty days.” [ACLU Pennsylvania, [Accessed 6/7/24](#)]

2013: Mackenzie Voted To Prohibit Coverage Of Abortion By Health Plans Offered Through The Insurance Exchange, Even When The Plan Was Purchased With Private Funds Or The Woman’s Health Was At Risk

2013: Mackenzie Voted In Favor Of HB 818. “An Act amending Title 40 (Insurance) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for compliance with Federal health care legislation.” Mackenzie voted in favor of the bill. [Pennsylvania General Assembly, [HB 818](#); [RCS No. 284](#), 4/23/13]

- **ACLU: HB 818 Would Ban Insurance Coverage Of Abortion Care Except In Cases Of Rape, Incest, Or “Imminent” Threat To The Life Of The Woman.** “In a continuing trend toward wresting control of women’s healthcare away from patients and doctors, the Pennsylvania Senate today passed legislation to ban insurance coverage of abortion care in policies sold in the exchange created by the federal healthcare reform law. [...] On Tuesday, the Senate rejected the opportunity to amend the bill, House Bill 818, to provide greater flexibility for patients who participate in the insurance exchange. Amendments to allow abortion coverage when a patient pays with private funds and to allow an exception for coverage when an abortion is necessary to avert a medical emergency both failed. The bill currently contains only narrow exceptions for rape, incest, and imminent death of the woman.” [ACLU Pennsylvania, [6/5/13](#)]

- **The Legislation Banning Coverage Of Abortions Did Not Provide Exceptions Even When The Insurance Was Purchased With Private Funds Or When The Woman’s Health Was At Risk.** “House Republican leaders touted the law’s passage as a way to ‘protect taxpayer dollars’ from funding abortion, a contention the ACLU called ‘ludicrous.’ ‘They’re comparing insurance from Blue Cross with Medicare and Medicaid,’ said Andrew Hoover, legislative director of the ACLU of Pennsylvania, ‘Under this law a person could buy insurance with the exchange with their own money couldn’t get abortion coverage even when their health was threatened.’ Hoover noted both the House and Senate had the opportunity to offer an exemption in cases where a woman’s health was in danger and voted it down.” [Philadelphia Inquirer, [6/17/13](#)]
- **Mackenzie Voted Against House Amendment A1140 That Would Provide Abortion Coverage When A Woman’s Health Was Threatened Or When The Insurance Was Paid For Using Private Funds.** Mackenzie voted against House amendment A1140 which would authorize abortion coverage when a woman’s health is threatened and when the insurance is paid for using private funds. Amendment A1140 failed in the House 82-102. [Pennsylvania General Assembly, Amendment #: A1140, Vote: [4/17/13](#); Pennsylvania General Assembly, Amendment A1140, [4/17/13](#)]

Mackenzie Lauded As “An Opponent Of Abortion Rights” By Former US Senator Rick Santorum

Mackenzie Was Endorsed By Former US Senator Rick Santorum Who Called Mackenzie An “An Opponent Of Abortion Rights.” “State Rep. Ryan Mackenzie, R-Lehigh, announced that he has support from two-time presidential contender and former U.S. Sen. Rick Santorum, who described Mackenzie as a ‘true conservative,’ an opponent of abortion rights, and someone who will aid U.S. workers. ‘Few candidates better understand the challenges facing American workers and the steps we need to take to start winning again in Washington,’ Santorum said in a statement. ‘Ryan gets it.’” [The Morning Call, [12/3/17](#)]

In 2016, Mackenzie Said He Agreed With Trump’s Tax Policy, Which Disproportionately Benefited Corporations And The Wealthy, And, In 2023, Signed A Pledge Indicating Support For Extending The Trump Tax Scam

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Institute On Taxation And Economic Policy: “The Richest 20 Percent Of Taxpayers Will Receive [...] 72 Percent Of The Law’s Benefits That Go To U.S. Taxpayers.” “ITEP’s most recent analysis estimates the richest 5 percent of taxpayers will receive \$145 billion in tax cuts in 2020,

which is half of the law's benefits that go to U.S. taxpayers. The richest 20 percent of taxpayers will receive \$205 billion in 2020, which is 72 percent of the law's benefits that go to U.S. taxpayers." [Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy, [8/28/19](#)]

The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Decreased The Top Corporate Tax Rate From 35% To 21%. "The TCJA's changes mostly affected the corporate and individual income taxes (Figure 2). The act reduced the top corporate tax rate from 35% to 21%—a 40% reduction." [Brookings, [2/14/20](#)]

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2023: Mackenzie Signed The Congressional Taxpayer Protection Pledge To Oppose And Vote Against Income Tax Increases, Which Americans For Tax Reform Called Repeal Of The Trump Tax Bill. "Americans for Tax Reform (ATR) commends Ryan Mackenzie for signing the congressional Taxpayer Protection Pledge, a written commitment to the taxpayers of Pennsylvania to oppose and vote against income tax hikes. Candidates often make campaign promises not to raise taxes, only to abandon taxpayers once elected. The Taxpayer Protection Pledge requires candidates to put their commitment in writing making it harder to reverse course. Mackenzie's decision to sign the Taxpayer Protection Pledge exhibits his strong commitment to fiscal responsibility and pro-growth tax policies. [...] President Biden and Vice President Harris have vowed to raise taxes: they have both repeatedly pledged to 'eliminate,' 'get rid of,' 'repeal' and 'reverse' the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, which cut taxes for all Americans." [Americans for Tax Reform, Press Release, [10/12/23](#)]

Mackenzie Supported "Zero- Based Budgeting," Which At The Federal Level Would Put Social Security And Medicare On The Chopping Block Every Single Year

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Mackenzie Said He Was "A Fan Of Zero-Based Budgeting." HOST: Are you a vote to cut the spending?" MACKENZIE: "When there are areas where there is waste or a program has just simply outlived its usefulness, it's appropriate to make changes and cuts the funding for certain things at those times. I mean, there's no doubt about that. And that's what every business does every family does. You need to assess your finances on a regular basis. Why in Pennsylvania, I've been a fan of zero-based budgeting starting every year looking at your budget, figuring out what are the things that are appropriate, what needs to be done, and a number of years ago, a group there were about 12 to 15 of us that we were stuck at a budget impasse with our liberal governor. And we decided we spent the summer in a conference room in Harrisburg going line by line through the budget, figuring out areas where we could bring in that wasteful spending." [The Wilkow Majority, Ryan Mackenzie joins Andrew Wilkow, 1:00, [9/7/23](#)] (AUDIO)

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around what is needed for the upcoming period, regardless of whether each budget is higher or lower than the previous one.” [Investopedia, [4/23/23](#)]

Senator Johnson Suggested Using Zero-Based Budgeting To Evaluate The Whole US Budget, Including Medicare And Social Security, Annually

Senator Johnson Suggested That The Whole US Budget, Including Medicare And Social Security, Be Evaluated Annually. “Republican U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson indicated that Medicare and Social Security should be subjected to annual budget deliberations, a move that could upend guaranteed benefits relied upon by millions of Americans. Johnson, who is running for a third term in November in a race that could shape the balance of power in the Senate, made his comments Tuesday during an interview on the Regular Joe Show, hosted by Joe Giganti. Federal spending is in two baskets — discretionary spending which comes in annual appropriations in areas like defense and public works and mandatory spending that is generally governed by statute and includes entitlement programs like Social Security and Medicare that provide guaranteed benefits. During the interview, Johnson was asked about the PACT Act — aid to veterans who have been exposed to toxic burn pits — and a controversy over discretionary vs. mandatory spending. In his answer, Johnson suggested that he seeks to turn everything in the federal budget into discretionary spending — including Social Security and Medicare — so that programs can be evaluated and fixed.” [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, [8/2/22](#)]

Mackenzie Campaigned As A “Champion For Working Families” Yet Voted Against Legislation To Strengthen Prevailing Wage Laws And Raise The Minimum Wage

Rep. Josh Siegel Slammed Mackenzie, Calling Him “A Hypocrite for Campaigning as a Champion for Working Pennsylvanians” While Working Against Fair Wage Legislation. “Rep. Josh Siegel, one of 45 co-sponsors on the bill, called Mackenzie a hypocrite for campaigning as a champion for working Pennsylvanians while actively working to prevent them from earning a prevailing wage.” [LehighValleyNews.com, [6/3/24](#)]

2024: Mackenzie “Took A Stand” Against HB 2153, “A Bipartisan Bill That Would Strengthen Prevailing Wage Laws.” “State Rep. Ryan Mackenzie took a stand Monday against a bipartisan bill that would strengthen prevailing wage laws in Pennsylvania, arguing taxpayers would face artificially high costs as a result. House Bill 2153, introduced in March, would eliminate the practice of split rates.” [LehighValleyNews.com, [6/3/24](#)]

2023: Mackenzie Voted Against HB 1500. “An Act amending the act of January 17, 1968 (P.L.11, No.5), known as The Minimum Wage Act of 1968, further providing for definitions, for minimum wages and for exemptions.” Mackenzie voted against of the bill. [Pennsylvania General Assembly, [HB 1500](#); [RCS No. 270](#), 6/20/23]

- **HB 1500 Would Incrementally Increase Pennsylvania’s Minimum Wage, Ending At \$15 Per Hour In 2026 To Be Subsequently Indexed To Inflation.** “A bill (H.B. 1500) sponsored by state Rep. Jason Dawkins, D-Phila., that would increase the minimum wage in Pennsylvania to \$15 per hour by 2026 and set the tipped wage to 60% of the minimum wage passed the Pennsylvania House of Representatives today. This legislation would increase the minimum wage in Pennsylvania to \$11 per hour by Jan. 1, 2024; \$13 per hour by Jan. 1, 2025; and \$15 per hour by Jan. 1, 2026. The minimum wage would be indexed to inflation beginning in 2027.” [PA House Democrats, [6/20/23](#)]

Mackenzie Opposed Pro-Labor Legislation On Several Occasions

Mackenzie Voted Against A Pennsylvania Constitutional Amendment To Guarantee The Right To Collective Bargaining

Mackenzie Voted Against House Bill 950, Which Would Have Added A Constitutional Amendment That: “No Law Shall Be Passed That Interferes With, Negates Or Diminishes The Right Of Employees To Organize And Bargain Collectively.” Mackenzie voted against House Bill 950 which, “The following amendment to the Constitution of Pennsylvania is proposed in accordance with Article XI: That Article I be amended by adding a section to read:§ 30. Workers’ rights. Employees shall have the fundamental right to organize and to bargain collectively through representatives of their own choosing for the purpose of negotiating wages, hours and working conditions, and to protect their economic welfare and safety at work. No law shall be passed that interferes with, negates or diminishes the right of employees to organize and bargain collectively over their wages, hours and other terms and conditions of employment and work place safety, including any law or ordinance that prohibits the execution or application of agreements between employers and labor organizations that represent employees requiring membership in an organization as a condition of employment. Section 2. The following procedure applies to the proposed constitutional amendment in this joint resolution: (1) Upon the first passage by the General Assembly of the amendment, the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to comply with the advertising requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania.(2) Upon the second passage by the General Assembly of the amendment, the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to comply with the advertising requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania. The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall submit the amendment to the qualified electors of this Commonwealth at the first primary, general or municipal election which meets the requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania.” House Bill 950 passed the House 102-99 but did not advance in the Senate. [Pennsylvania General Assembly, House Bill #: 950, Passed: [5/2/23](#); H.B. 950, House Roll Call, [5/3/23](#)]

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Mackenzie Opposed A Bill To Give Workers On Strike Unemployment Benefits. “The Pennsylvania state House approved a bill Wednesday, Nov. 15, that would grant unemployment benefits to striking workers - a move Democrats said would level the playing field for employees, while Republicans said the measure would violate the intent of the benefit program. [...] Republicans said the proposal would violate the core concept of unemployment compensation, in which employees pay into a trust fund while they are working and receive pay from the fund when they find themselves involuntarily unemployed. ‘When you choose to go on strike you are violating that premise, you are making that decision,’ said Rep. Ryan Mackenzie, R- Lehigh County. While workers have a right to strike, ‘what is not their right is to ask other hardworking Pennsylvanians to pay for them when they choose to go on strike,’ Mackenzie said, and ‘unless you come up with a way to actually pay for this, it’s just a benefit drawdown for some workers that all workers end up paying for.’” [Governing, [11/17/23](#)]

- **Mackenzie Voted Against HB1481 Providing Unemployment Benefits To Striking Workers In November 2023.** “An Act amending the act of December 5, 1936 (2nd Sp.Sess., 1937 P.L.2897, No.1), known as the Unemployment Compensation Law, in compensation, further providing for ineligibility for compensation.” Mackenzie voted in favor of the bill. [Pennsylvania State Legislature, [HB 1481](#); [RCS No. 748](#), 11/15/23]

Mackenzie Worked To Restrict Access To Workers' Compensation

2015: Mackenzie Was The Prime Sponsor Of HB 1800, A Bill That Sought To Amend The Workers' Compensation Act Of 1915 To Supposedly Control Costs

2015: Mackenzie Co-Sponsored HB 1800 To Amend The Workers' Compensation Act. "An Act amending the act of June 2, 1915 (P.L.736, No.338), known as the Workers' Compensation Act, in interpretation and definitions, further providing for definitions; in liability and compensation, further providing for schedule of compensation; and, in procedure, further providing for investigations and peer review." Mackenzie was the bill's prime sponsor. [Pennsylvania House of Representatives, [HB 1800](#), 12/18/15]

- **Mackenzie's Memo On HB 1800 Claimed "Instituting Treatment Guidelines In Our Workers' Compensation System Will Control Costs And Will Enhance Return-To-Work Outcomes."** "In the near future, I will be introducing legislation which will fundamentally transform and improve the delivery of medical treatment to Pennsylvania's injured workers. [...] Specifically, my proposal will amend Articles III and IV of the PA Workers' Compensation Act (Act 338 of 1915) to require that all 'reasonable and necessary treatments, services, products, or accommodations' be consistent with nationally-recognized, evidence-based medical treatment guidelines selected by the state Department of Labor & Industry. [...] It is my sincerely held belief that instituting treatment guidelines in our Workers' Compensation system will control costs and will enhance return-to-work outcomes for thousands of injured and disabled Pennsylvania workers. Please join me in sponsoring this important piece of legislation." [Pennsylvania House of Representatives, HB 1800 Memo, [11/5/15](#)]
- **A Workers' Compensation Attorney Argued That If Mackenzie's Bill Was Passed, "Any Remaining Compassion" For Injured Workers "Will Be Eradicated."** "Here in Pennsylvania, supporters of a bill sponsored by Rep. Ryan Mackenzie, R-Lehigh, have already begun to encroach on the workers' compensation system as it exists. [...] In practice, treatment guidelines will reduce injured workers' injuries and conditions to statistics to be manipulated and handled according to data charts and tables of 'most efficient' practices, removing a treating doctor's judgment altogether. Clients too often struggle to prove their injuries and receive the compensation they're entitled to because of insurance companies' lack of compassion under the current law. If this bill is passed, any remaining compassion will be eradicated." [Penn Live, Op-Ed by Workers Compensation Attorney Samuel H. Pond, [3/30/16](#)]
- **The Philadelphia Bar Association Opposed HB 1800 Because "The 'One Size Fits All' Approach To An Injured Worker Places Them At Risk Of Losing Individualized Treatment And Therapy For Their Specific Injury."** "The 'one size fits all' approach to an injured worker places them at risk of losing individualized treatment and therapy for their specific injury, which would have a higher likelihood of reducing disability. [...] The application of rote evidence-based guidelines on treatment may reduce the number of medical providers willing to accept workers' compensation patients for treatment, which will in turn restrict access to medical care for those injured workers. [...] H.B. 1800 may include an unconstitutional delegation of legislative authority to a 'panel of medical providers.' [...] This appointment diminishes the judicial autonomy of the Workers' Compensation Judge. [...] NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Philadelphia Bar Association opposes House Bill 1800, Printer's No. 2681, and any similar legislation." [Philadelphia Bar Association, [3/31/16](#)]

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- **Mackenzie’s HB 18 Would Limit The Range Of Drugs Available To “Workers Injured On The Job.”** “From the Capitol to the internet, a feud is brewing between Pennsylvania insurance companies and workers’ compensation lawyers, and both sides claim to have the best interest of injured workers in curbing overuse of opioids. House Bill 18, introduced in February by Rep. Ryan Mackenzie, R-Lehigh, aims to address the over-prescription of opioids and other painkillers. It would create a list of approved drugs, a set duration of treatment and establish dosage amounts for workers injured on the job. The bill would create a preapproved list, or ‘formulary,’ of opioids and other drugs for injured employees receiving medical care and financial assistance for lost wages under the Workers Compensation Act of 1915. Any non-approved drugs would need to be sought through an appeals process overseen by the Department of Labor & Industry as well as a workers’ compensation judge.” [The Morning Call, [6/5/17](#)]
- **Mackenzie’s Memo On HB 18 Claimed The Bill Would “Require The Pennsylvania Department Of Labor And Industry (L&I) To Adopt An Evidence-Based Drug Formulary For Our WC Program.”** “My legislation would require the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry (L&I) to adopt an evidence-based drug formulary for our WC program. The adoption of a drug formulary can begin to reduce the over-prescription of opioid painkillers by setting evidence-based standards for the medication that can be prescribed for a WC patient.” [Pennsylvania House of Representatives, HB 18 Memo, [2/8/17](#)]

Mackenzie Opposed Raising The Minimum Wage And Wage Reform On Numerous Occasions

2024: Mackenzie Opposed HB 2153, Which Would Strengthen Prevailing Wage Laws For Government Contractors.

“State Rep. Ryan Mackenzie took a stand Monday against a bipartisan bill that would strengthen prevailing wage laws in Pennsylvania, arguing taxpayers would face artificially high costs as a result. House Bill 2153, introduced in March, would eliminate the practice of split rates. Currently, workers on government contracts performing two different roles on a project can be paid different rates for each role. As an example, a carpenter who also assists with manual labor wouldn’t be allowed to be paid at a lower rate when he’s performing less skilled work. The bill would also require that prevailing wages are paid for employees doing prefabricated construction away from the community hosting the project. [...] Mackenzie argued the bill would pass along higher wage costs to taxpayers. Construction companies are increasingly turning to prefabricated construction methods to control expenses, but the bill would wipe out some of those gains, he said. At a time when housing is in greater demand, it would limit the government’s ability to afford public housing, he said.” [Lehigh Valley News, [6/3/24](#)]

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2019: Mackenzie Praised A Pennsylvania Budget That Omitted A Minimum Wage Hike, Saying It Was “Fiscally Responsible.” “The entire Lehigh Valley delegation voted in favor of the \$34 billion state budget, which was passed by the House of Representatives on Tuesday. ‘This legislation represents a strong, fiscally responsible budget with no new taxes, investments in our key priorities, and saving for our future,’ said State Rep. Ryan Mackenzie (R-Lehigh/ Berks). The budget, which does not call for any tax increases, did not include the minimum wage hike that Gov. Tom Wolf had been championing. The state minimum wage has been at \$7.25 per hour since 2009. Wolf has sought a gradual increase to \$12 an hour and then \$15 dollars per hour. The budget did dedicate more funding to public schools and career and technical education.” [Lehigh Valley Business, [6/26/19](#)]

[2023: Mackenzie Voted Against HB 1067, Which Would ‘Allow Non-U.S. Citizens To Teach In Pennsylvania’ As Long As They Have Experience, Valid Certification, Immigration Papers, And Employment Authorization](#)

2023: Mackenzie Voted Against HB 1067. “An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in professional employees, further providing for qualifications; and, in certification of teachers, further providing for State certificates.” Mackenzie voted against the bill. [Pennsylvania General Assembly, [HB 1067](#); [RCS No. 355](#), 6/26/23]

- **HB 1067 Would ‘Allow Non-U.S. Citizens To Teach In Pennsylvania’ As Long As They Have Experience, Valid Certification, Immigration Papers, And Employment Authorization.** “At Lauer’s Park Elementary School, state Rep. Johanny Cepeda-Freytiz led the rally to pressure the state Senate to pass her bill that would allow non-U.S. citizens to teach in Pennsylvania schools. Bill 1067 — already passed by the state House — would allow immigrant teachers with certificates and experience to teach in Pennsylvania public schools if they have a valid immigrant visa, a work visa, or a valid employment authorization document that allows them to work in the United States.” [WFMZ, [8/18/23](#)]

[Mackenzie Was Registered To Vote By Mail-In Ballot In Pennsylvania,](#)

Mackenzie Was Registered To Vote As An Annual Mail-in Republican Voter In Pennsylvania.

According to voting registration records with the Pennsylvania Department of State, Mackenzie was registered to vote as an annual mail-in or absentee Republican voter in Lehigh County Pennsylvania. [Pennsylvania Department of State, [Accessed 6/1/24](#)]

Ryan Mackenzie Sought To Overturn The 2020 Election And Walked Back His Support For The Vote By Mail Law He Voted For

Mackenzie Signed Onto A Letter Authored By House State Government Committee Chairman Seth Grove That Asked Congress To Reject Pennsylvania's Electoral College Votes On January 6th

December 2020: Ryan Mackenzie Signed A Letter Urging Pennsylvania's Congressional Delegation To Reject The Commonwealth's Electoral College Votes. "More than 60 Republicans from the Pennsylvania Legislature signed a letter asking the state's congressional delegation to reject Electoral College votes for President-elect Joe Biden. [...] 'We sent (it) to our congressional delegation asking them to contest the appointment of electors, and they can do that in the U.S. House when those electors are seated,' [Rep. Doyle Heffley] said. 'We also ask for the attorney general to appoint an independent prosecutor to overlook and review the results of the election.' [...] State Rep. Ryan Mackenzie, R-Lehigh/Berks, also signed the letter. He did not return a message seeking comment." [Lehigh Valley Rising, [12/9/20](#)]

Pennsylvania Congressional Delegation Letter: We Urge The State Legislature "To Object, and Vote to Sustain Such Objection, to the Electoral College Votes Received From the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania During the Joint Session of Congress on January 6, 2021." "In 2019 the Pennsylvania General Assembly enacted comprehensive changes to our Commonwealth's Election Code. These changes both expanded voting access by permitting noexcuse mail-in ballots while also implementing reasonable safeguards to ensure that this new system would be secure, transparent, and would ensure that all Americans could have confidence in Pennsylvania's election results. These changes received bipartisan support, including the signature of Governor Tom Wolf, a Democrat. Unfortunately, Governor Wolf and others quickly set about undermining the many protections provided under this law. [...] we the undersigned members of the Pennsylvania General Assembly urge you to object, and vote to sustain such objection, to the Electoral College votes received from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania during the Joint Session of Congress on January 6, 2021." [Pennsylvania's Congressional Delegation, [12/4/20](#)]

- **Mackenzie Signed The Pennsylvania Congressional Letter To Object To The 2020 Election.** Mackenzie was a signatory to a congressional letter urging the Pennsylvania general assembly to object to the results of the 2020 election. [Pennsylvania's Congressional Delegation, [12/4/20](#)]

Mackenzie Signed A Letter Arguing That Voter Fraud Protections Were 'Undermined' In The 2020 Election. "In a Dec. 4 letter titled 'Re: 2020 Election Review,' Rep. Ryan Mackenzie (R-134) and Rep. Craig Staats (R-145), among others, argued that protections against voter fraud included in the 2019 update to Pennsylvania's Election Code were 'undermined' in 2020 by Gov. Tom Wolf." [Saucon Source, [1/15/21](#)]

State Representative Grove Authored A Letter Asking Congress To Reject Pennsylvania's Electoral College Votes Citing "Irregularities." "Grove authored and organized the Dec. 3 letter from the Pennsylvania legislature to Congress asking for the body to reject the commonwealth's electoral votes. Dozens of GOP state legislators signed on, rejecting what legislative leaders had termed 'irregularities' in voting." [Pennsylvania Capital Star, [6/22/21](#)]

The Letter Asked Congress To Object And Vote To Sustain Objection To Counting Pennsylvania's Electoral College Votes. "For these reasons, we the undersigned members of the Pennsylvania General

Assembly urge you to object, and vote to sustain such objection, to the Electoral College votes received from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania during the Joint Session of Congress on January 6, 2021.” [Pennsylvania House GOP Letter To Congress, [12/4/20](#)]

In 2022 Mackenzie Said: “I Even Asked Congress Not To Certify The 2020 Election Until Election Issues Can Be Heard By The US Supreme Court”

Mackenzie Said That He Would Keep Fighting To Make It “Easy To Vote And Hard To Cheat,” Claiming: “I Even Asked Congress Not To Certify The 2020 Election Until Election Issues Can Be Heard By The US Supreme Court.” “When Governor Wolf and Pennsylvania’s Democrat Supreme Court ignored election law, they broke our trust. I fought for years to make elections more secure with reforms like voter ID audits to the voter rolls and strict election deadlines. I even asked Congress not to certify the 2020 election until election issues can be heard by the US Supreme Court. I’m Representative Ryan McKenzie, and I’ll keep fighting so that it is easy to vote and hard to cheat.” [Facebook, Mackenzie for Congress, [4/6/22](#)]

Mackenzie Signed An Amicus Brief For Texas v. Pennsylvania, Which Aimed To Overturn Pennsylvania’s 2020 Election Results

A December 2020 Amicus Brief Argued That The Supreme Court Of Pennsylvania And The PA Secretary of State “Violated the Prerogative of the State Legislature to Make Election Policy as Prescribed Under the United States Constitution.” “Under Article I, Section 4, Clause 1 of the United States Constitution state legislatures are given the singular authority to prescribe the times, places and manner of elections for federal office. Pursuant to that authority, the General Assembly of Pennsylvania, by statute, enacted and has from time to time amended the Commonwealth’s Election Code which, in turn, details the times, places and manner of conducting elections within the Commonwealth. On September 17, 2020, subsequent to the last enacted amendment to the Elections Code, the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania issued an order changing the times, places and manner of our elections, effectively amending the Election Code by judicial fiat. On November 2, 2020 the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth issued a directive to every county which effectively amended the Election Code by changing the manner of the conduct of elections. Both the decision of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania and the directive of the Secretary of the Commonwealth violated the prerogative of the state legislature to make election policy as prescribed under the United States Constitution.” [Supreme Court of the United States, [12/10/20](#)]

Mackenzie Signed An Amicus Brief For Texas v. Pennsylvania, Which Aimed To Overturn Pennsylvania’s 2020 Election Results.

Mackenzie signed on to an amicus brief for Texas v Pennsylvania on the side of Texas. The Amicus brief argued in favor of Texas suing Pennsylvania and other states in an attempt to overturn the 2020 election. [Supreme Court of the United States, [12/10/20](#)]

- **SCOTUS Blog HEADLINE: “Texas Tries Hail Mary To Block Election Outcome.”** “In a last-ditch effort to forestall the outcome of the 2020 presidential election, Texas sought late Monday to file a lawsuit directly in the Supreme Court, attempting to delay the Electoral College vote and prevent four states – Georgia, Michigan, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin – from casting their Electoral College votes for President-elect Joe Biden, who won the popular vote in each state. This highly unusual use of the court’s original jurisdiction — which is most often used to resolve interstate disputes involving, for example, water rights — came just six days before each state’s electors are required by law to meet and cast their ballots in the Electoral College.” [SCOTUS Blog, [12/8/20](#)]

Ryan Mackenzie Joined Fellow Republican Lawmakers In Filing An Amicus Brief Challenging The Pennsylvania Supreme Court Decision On Mail-In Ballots. “Mackenzie was among the group of Republican Pennsylvania legislators who sought to temporarily withhold Electoral College votes from Biden in the 2020 presidential election. The group filed an amicus curiae brief with the U.S. Supreme Court in a lawsuit filed by the state of Texas against Pennsylvania, Georgia, Michigan and Wisconsin over a decision by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court that, among other rulings, upheld Wolf’s decision to extend the deadline for receipt of mail-in ballots by three days over pandemic-related concerns. Asked why he signed onto the brief and whether Biden won the 2020 election, Mackenzie gave an answer using the analogy of a penalty flag being thrown in a football game. ‘What I saw in the 2020 election was that Gov. Tom Wolf and the Democrat and liberal, very liberal, state Supreme Court changed the rules of the election in the middle of that process ...,’ he said. ‘I threw the challenge flag. Ultimately, it went to court and it was not accepted. So the judges – or the referees in the analogy – did not agree with our challenge on the field. And the game ended. Joe Biden won the election. But that doesn’t mean that we have to be silent on this issue.’” [Armchair Lehigh Valley, [4/11/24](#)]

Mackenzie Questioned Election Officials On Election Procedure And Claimed That The Argument That Voter ID Laws Suppress Turnout Was A Lie

Mackenzie Questioned The Pennsylvania Secretary Of State On How Her Office Issued Guidance On Ballots Mailed Without A Security Envelope. “The bitter divide in perceptions of Pennsylvania’s 2020 election was glaringly obvious Thursday as state lawmakers began an in-depth review of the election process. Democratic Secretary of State Kathy Boockvar led off testimony. Republican state Rep. Ryan Mackenzie of Lehigh County asked Boockvar about guidance her office issued on naked ballots - those mailed to elections officials without required security envelopes. Mackenzie said a court ruling seemed to support the view that Pennsylvania law was clear on the handling of such ballots. He asked, ‘How did you issue guidance that was so far afield from what the court ruled?’ Boockvar said her team believed the law wasn’t clear. She said other states were allowing the ballots to be counted, so Pennsylvania went in that direction. After a court ruling that disallowed it, new guidance was issued to be in compliance.” [The Morning Call, [1/22/21](#)]

Mackenzie Said The Argument That Voted ID Laws Reduced Turnout Among Certain Groups Was A Lie. “Rep. Malcolm Kenyatta, D-Philadelphia, said Pennsylvania already has voter ID, in that identification is required for the first vote cast by a voter at a polling place. The proposed Republican changes would have voters present ID every time they vote. Kenyatta said the proposal does not give minority voters more confidence. He said voter ID requirements have ‘been shown to make it more difficult’ for certain groups to vote. He said any claim that says the changes create more confidence ‘is not congruent with the facts.’ A few minutes later, Republican Rep. Ryan Mackenzie of Lehigh County said there was a need to ‘correct the record’ on statements that voter ID reduced turnout among certain groups. ‘Stop perpetuating this lie,’ Mackenzie said. ‘It is just not true.’ Kenyatta later pointed out that a ‘massive’ election overhaul had already taken place - in 2019 - that did not include voter ID, and Kenyatta accused Mackenzie of lying. Mackenzie, referring to the proposed constitutional amendment that would make the change, pointed out that identification is required for many key functions in society.” [The Morning Call, [9/28/21](#)]

Ryan Mackenzie Voted For The 2019 Bill Allowing Vote By Mail But Later Walked Back His Support For The Legislation

Mackenzie Voted For Act 77 Allowing Vote By Mail, Yet Walked Back His Support Three Years Later. “Q: You voted for the bipartisan Act 77 in 2019, which among other things allowed no-excuse mail-in balloting. Do you believe that law has worked as intended, and why or why not? Do you want to change that law? [...] **Mackenzie:** The U.S. Constitution is very clear that it is state legislatures make the laws for federal elections. However, Gov. Tom Wolf, his secretary of state (who later resigned in disgrace), and the state Supreme Court have repeatedly ignored this fact as they went about implementing changes that extended deadlines past Election Day and threw out signature verification requirements, among other changes they made at the 11th hour of the 2020 election. This session, I asked to join the State Government Committee, which oversees election law changes. We held over 10 hearings on election reform and election integrity. We identified problems created by the governor’s administration and the state Supreme Court, as well as many other problems and vulnerabilities throughout the system. We authored legislation to make many changes that would have made elections more secure, but Wolf vetoed the bill because he objected to our inclusion of Voter ID requirements. We need to make these changes, and with Wolf term-limited, hopefully we will have the chance with a new governor.” [The Morning Call, [5/6/22](#)]

Ryan Mackenzie Continued To Question The Integrity Of The 2020 Election

2024: Ryan Mackenzie Refused To “Be Silent” On The Election, Even After Courts Rejected PA Republican Legislators’ Lawsuit. “Asked why he signed onto the brief and whether Biden won the 2020 election, Mackenzie gave an answer using the analogy of a penalty flag being thrown in a football game. ‘What I saw in the 2020 election was that Gov. Tom Wolf and the Democrat and liberal, very liberal, state Supreme Court changed the rules of the election in the middle of that process ...,’ he said.’ I threw the challenge flag. Ultimately, it went to court and it was not accepted. So the judges – or the referees in the analogy – did not agree with our challenge on the field. And the game ended. Joe Biden won the election. But that doesn’t mean that we have to be silent on this issue.” [Armchair Lehigh Valley, [4/11/24](#)]

Mackenzie In 2021: “I Don’t Think Our Elections Were Conducted Fairly Here In Pennsylvania.” “The next thing that we did coming out of the [2020] election is that all kinds of action were being taken. Obviously, President Trump had his lawsuits going on the fraud that he was trying to prove here in Pennsylvania and across the country. I also wrote and signed letters, because again, I don’t think our elections were conducted fairly here in Pennsylvania.” [YouTube, BerksCountyPatriots, [53:02], [6/29/21](#)]

2021: Mackenzie Sponsored An Election Overhaul Bill That Would Implement Tighter Deadlines And Stricter Voter Verification Requirements

2021: Mackenzie Sponsored An Election Overhaul Bill. “Mackenzie sponsored House Bill 1300 which, ‘makes comprehensive changes to the Pennsylvania Election Code.’ House Bill 1300 passed the House 110-91 and passed the Senate 29-21 but was vetoed by the governor in June 2021. [Pennsylvania General Assembly, House Bill#: 1300, Passed: [6/22/21](#)]

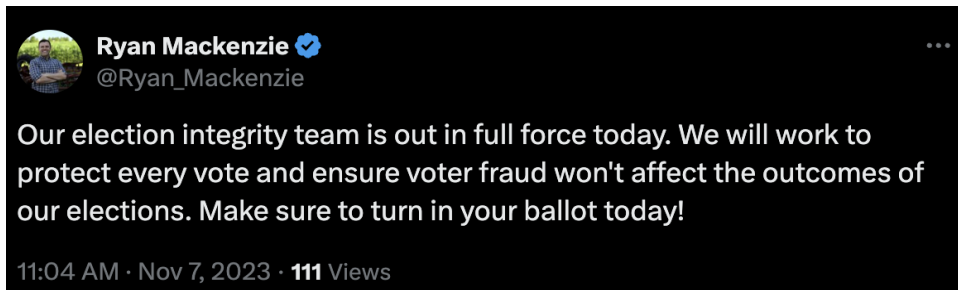
- **Mackenzie Voted For The Election Overhaul Bill.** [H.B. 1300, House Roll Calls, [6/22/21](#)]
- **The Election Bill Implemented Tighter Deadlines, Stricter Voter Verification Requirements, And More Controls On How Voters Return Ballots.** “General Assembly Republicans are all in on the House GOP’s 150-page election bill to rewrite Pennsylvania’s election code with tighter deadlines, stricter voter verification requirements, and more controls on how voters return ballots. The proposal passed the state House by a 110-91 margin Tuesday evening, and a Senate vote

could follow within the week, sending the bill to Gov. Tom Wolf's desk." [Pennsylvania Capital Star, [6/22/21](#)]

- **The Bill Would Implement New County Issued Voter Registration Cards And Require Signature Matching Procedures, Despite The Practice Being Unreliable.** "There would be new county-issued voter registration cards, and signature matching procedures to verify voter eligibility. Hughes warned signature verification is not reliable, that 'there is no documented, fool-proof methodology that exists in this nation' to check signatures accurately." [Associated Press, [6/25/21](#)]
- **The Bill Would Also Change The Registration Deadline And Require Mail In Ballots To Be Requested 15 Days Before Election Day.** "The registration deadline would change from 15 days to 30 days prior to an election, and mail-in ballots would have to be requested 15 days before the vote. Drop boxes for mail-in ballots would be limited to seven days before an election and monitored by designees of the major political parties." [Associated Press, [6/25/21](#)]

Mackenzie Claimed He Wouldn't Let Voter Fraud Affect The Outcomes Of Elections And That "Democrats Push For Unsecured Drop Boxes And Ballot Harvesting"

2023: Mackenzie Said, "We Will Work To Protect Every Vote And Ensure Voter Fraud Won't Affect The Outcomes Of Our Elections." "Our election integrity team is out in full force today. We will work to protect every vote and ensure voter fraud won't affect the outcomes of our elections. Make sure to turn in your ballot today!" [Ryan Mackenzie, Twitter, [11/7/23](#)]



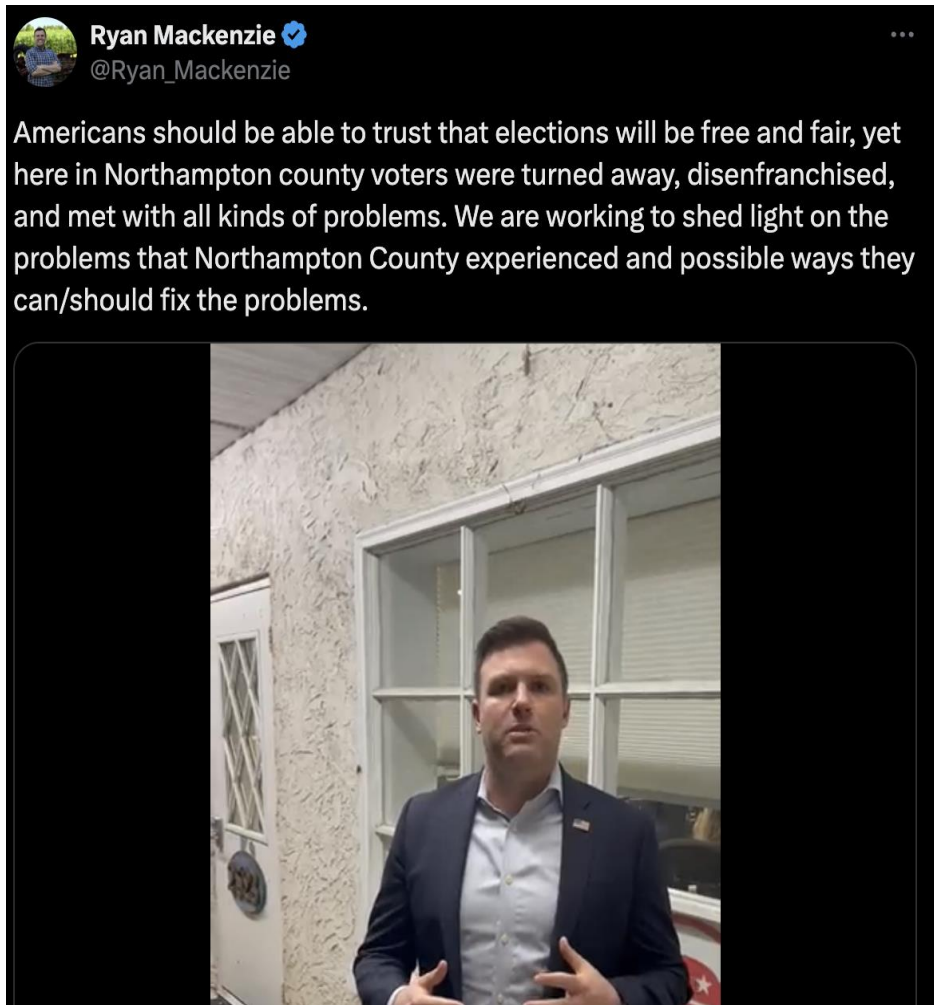
[Ryan Mackenzie, Twitter, [11/7/23](#)]

2023: Mackenzie Claimed That "Democrats Push For Unsecured Drop Boxes And Ballot Harvesting." "We need to defend our democracy and demand election integrity. While Democrats push for unsecured drop boxes and ballot harvesting, I will stand up to protect our elections and protect Americans' votes. It should be easy to vote, but hard to cheat!" [Ryan Mackenzie, Twitter, [10/14/23](#)]



[Ryan Mackenzie, Twitter, [10/14/23](#)]

2023: Mackenzie Said That “Northampton County Voters Were Turned Away, Disenfranchised, And Met With All Kinds Of Problems” During Pennsylvania Elections. “Americans should be able to trust that elections will be free and fair, yet here in Northampton county voters were turned away, disenfranchised, and met with all kinds of problems. We are working to shed light on the problems that Northampton County experienced and possible ways they can/should fix the problems.” [Ryan Mackenzie, Twitter, [11/13/23](#)]



[Ryan Mackenzie, Twitter, [11/13/23](#)]

[The Mackenzie Campaign Recruited Poll Watchers To Monitor Precincts, A Known Voter Intimidation Tactic Commonly Used By Republicans](#)

2023: The Mackenzie Campaign Established An “Election Integrity Team” To Supervise Precincts On Election Day. [Twitter, @Ryan_Mackenzie, [10/18/23](#)]



The upcoming local elections are extremely important, which is why my campaign is launching an Election Integrity Team to ensure every legal vote cast is counted.

Check out my statement 📌

Ryan Mackenzie Announces Election Integrity Team

(LOWER MACUNGIE, Pa.) - Ryan Mackenzie, candidate for Pennsylvania's 7th Congressional District, announced today that his campaign is launching an Election Integrity Team. Mackenzie's Election Integrity Team will help monitor the local elections on November 7th to ensure every legal vote cast is counted. The team consists of attorneys in every key area in the 7th Congressional District. In his announcement, Mackenzie stated:

"We need to ensure that in every election it is easy to vote, but hard to cheat, which is why I am proud to announce my campaign's Election Integrity Team who will help protect the sanctity of our elections. I have a proven record of standing for free and fair elections, and I look forward to continuing that work throughout this campaign and in the United States House of Representatives."

In addition to leading his Election Integrity Team, Ryan Mackenzie has supported voter ID legislation on the state level, and hopes to see laws passed to require voter ID, ban unsecured ballot drop boxes and ballot harvesting, prohibit private money from being used for election administration, and block non-citizens from voting in American elections in Congress.

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[Twitter, @Ryan_Mackenzie, 10/18/23]

For Decades, The Republican Party Was “Restrained by a Decades-Long Federal Consent Decree” After Efforts to “Intimidate Voters in the Early 1980s.” “And the Republican Party has set out to recruit a grassroots ‘army’ of poll watchers now that the GOP is no longer restrained by a decades-long federal consent decree put in place after the party used observers to intimidate voters in the early 1980s. [...]

Election deniers are engaging in widespread canvassing efforts in many states, both by phone and in person, questioning voters' eligibility or past voting records to root out nonexistent fraud." [The Brennan Center, [10/28/22](#)]

The Brennan Center Warned Of Increased Voter Intimidation Post-2020. "This year, many voters and election workers are increasingly concerned about threats of intimidation from official and private actors both at the polls and beyond. Since 2020, there have been more threats, politicization, and violence around the election process. While these are not new concerns, the sources and the targets of these threats have shifted in 2022." [The Brennan Center, [10/28/22](#)]

Mackenzie Repeatedly Advocated For Strict Voter ID Laws

Mackenzie Cited 'Proven Instances Of Fraud' To Support His Stance On Voter IDs While Failing to Offer Any Specific Examples. "Q: Should it be easier or harder to vote in the district? [...] Mackenzie: Voting should be easy for eligible American citizens, and it should also be hard to cheat in elections. These two things are not mutually exclusive. There have been proven instances of fraud that have been tried in court, and this has been going on for decades in Pennsylvania. We need to learn from these instances, and other states, to make changes in the law to stop fraud before it happens." [The Morning Call, [5/6/22](#)]

Mackenzie Suggested "Most Countries In The World Require Voter IDs." [Twitter, @Ryan_Mackenzie, [10/16/23](#)]



[Twitter, @Ryan_Mackenzie, [10/16/23](#)]

Other Countries May Require IDs To Vote But Make Allowances For "Citizens Who, For Whatever Reason, Don't Have Official Government IDs." "According to a Harvard Law & Policy Review study, plenty of democracies do require voters to show identification, but many make allowances for those citizens who, for whatever reason, don't have official government IDs." [The Washington Post, [7/12/12](#)]

Mackenzie Used Xenophobic Rhetoric To Justify Support For Voter ID Laws

Ryan Mackenzie Warned Of "Massive Illegal Immigration" Threatening Democracy. [Twitter, @Ryan_Mackenzie, [10/18/23](#)]



[Twitter, @Ryan_Mackenzie, [10/18/23](#)]

Pennsylvania District 7 Is Home To Thousands Of Hispanic-American Immigrants

Allentown, The Largest City In The District, Is Majority Hispanic. “Allentown is home to a large Hispanic population that dates to World War II, when Puerto Ricans arrived to work for Bethlehem Steel. Subsequent waves of Hispanic migration, especially from metro New York, transformed Allentown’s demographics. According to U.S. Census data, its Hispanic population grew from 42% of city residents in 2010 to become a clear majority, at 52.5% in 2020.” [RealClearPennsylvania, [3/25/22](#)]

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“Mackenzie: I support reducing the size of Pennsylvania’s General Assembly, and I have consistently voted for this reform each time it came before the state House for a vote. Our General Assembly is currently the largest full-time state legislature in the country and I believe shrinking its size will generate cost savings and provide for a more efficient legislative environment.” [The Reading Eagle, [10/22/18](#)]

Mackenzie Blocked A Regional Initiative To Curb Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Ryan Mackenzie Voted To Stop Implementation Of The Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative.

“Mackenzie said ‘the science is all over the place’ when it comes to why the climate is changing. [...] He voted to stop implementation of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI), calling it a ‘cap-and-tax scheme that will cost PA energy jobs and increase energy costs for everyone.’ Pennsylvania’s participation in RGGI was struck down by the state Commonwealth Court on Nov. 1. Shapiro recently proposed an alternative program.” [Armchair Lehigh Valley, [4/11/24](#)]

Mackenzie Described Former Governor Wolf’s Environmental Policy As A “Radical Climate Agenda.”

“Voted to stop Governor Wolf’s radical climate agenda and the implementation of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) cap-and-tax scheme that will cost PA energy jobs and increase energy costs for everyone.” [Mackenzie for Congress, [5/29/24](#)]

Mackenzie Expressed Skepticism Toward Man-Made Climate Change

Mackenzie Expressed Skepticism Over Climate Change Stating ‘The Climate Has Been Changing For Thousands, Maybe Millions Of Years.’ “Mackenzie said during the ‘Business Matters’ forum that ‘the climate has been changing for thousands, maybe millions of years.’ He questioned whether climate change is man-made. He criticized ‘the radical left’ for using it to ‘overturn’ the economy, like incentivizing electric cars and promoting electric stoves over gas. He said consumer behavior and the market should decide whether companies are environmentally responsible.” [Armchair Lehigh Valley, [3/25/24](#)]

Mackenzie: “The Science Is All Over The Place” On Climate Change. “Mackenzie said ‘the science is all over the place’ when it comes to why the climate is changing. He said the focus should be on making sure the environment is clean. He said new technology involving wind, solar and natural gas can reduce dependence on ‘dirtier’ sources of energy. He said the market, not the government, should be driving those changes. When it comes to regulations, he said there needs to be a ‘proper balance to make sure that we can grow our economy and protect our environment.’” [Armchair Lehigh Valley, [4/11/24](#)]

[2014: Mackenzie Refused To Respond To A Reading Eagle Survey Asking Whether Berks County Lawmakers Would Accept An Automatic Pay Raise](#)

2014: Mackenzie Refused To Respond To A Reading Eagle Survey Asking Whether Berks County Lawmakers Would Accept An Automatic Pay Raise. “In Pennsylvania, legislative raises are roughly tied to the rate of inflation. This year, the raises are actually modest: 1.6 percent, or \$1,344 annually. But some years the raises have been higher. And those raises have added up. [...] Lawmakers should be required to vote for raises of their salaries. The legislation should be advertised and debated, and votes should be cast. There are some lawmakers who refuse to take their annual raises. Reading Eagle staff writer Liam Migdail-Smith surveyed a dozen state lawmakers representing portions of Berks County. [...] There are five Berks lawmakers who didn’t respond to our request for information: Sens. John C. Rafferty Jr. and Bob Mensch, and Reps. Jim Cox, Gary Day and Ryan Mackenzie. We tried reaching each of them multiple times for more than a week. We don’t know what they’re doing with their extra cash. It’s disappointing that they didn’t talk with the Eagle and, more importantly, their voters, just a month after Election Day.” [The Reading Eagle, [12/15/14](#)]

[Ammo.com Scored Ryan Mackenzie ‘Grade A’ For Being Outspoken About And Actively Pursuing Pro-2nd Amendment Legislation](#)

Ammo.Com: “Ryan Mackenzie Is A Pro-2A Candidate Who Actively Pursues Legislation That Reduces Restrictions On The Right To Keep And Bear Arms.” “Ryan MacKenzie is a pro-2A candidate who actively pursues legislation that reduces restrictions on the right to keep and bear arms.” The site gave Mackenzie’s record a “Grade A.” [Ammo.Com, [Accessed 5/28/24](#)]

[The “No-Compromise Gun Lobby,” Gun Owners of America, Awarded Ryan Mackenzie 94% Score On Pro-Gun Voting Record](#)

Gun Owners Of America Awarded Mackenzie A 94% Score On His Pro-Gun Voting Record. “Score: 94%” [Gun Owners of America Pennsylvania Legislator Scorecard, [Accessed 5/28/24](#)]

Ron Paul Described Gun Owners Of America As “The Only No-Compromise Gun Lobby In Washington.” “‘The only no-compromise gun lobby in Washington’ – Ron Paul” [Gun Owners of America, [Accessed 6/9/24](#)]

[Mackenzie Wanted To “Defend The 2nd Amendment In Its Original Intent” As One Of His “Four Principles For America”](#)

”Restore Our Freedoms” Was One Of The Mackenzie Campaign’s “Four Principles For America.”

”Defend the 2nd Amendment in its original intent to protect Americans against tyrannical government. Support constitutional carry and oppose far-left efforts to confiscate firearms without due process. Our cities with the strictest gun control are the ones with the highest rate of gun crime. We need to focus on the root causes of violence - drug and gang-related activity, the lack of prosecution by radical progressives who were elected to be prosecutors, and a broken mental health system.” [Ryan Mackenzie for US Congress, [Accessed 5/28/24](#)]

[Mackenzie Voted To Allow Individuals To Carry Firearms Without A Permit In Pennsylvania Despite Opposition From District Attorneys And Other Law Enforcement Organizations](#)

Mackenzie Voted To Allow Individuals To Concealed Carry Firearms In Pennsylvania Without A Permit. “Mackenzie voted for Senate Bill 565 which, ‘declares that every person present in this Commonwealth who is not prohibited from possessing firearms under federal law or the laws of this Commonwealth has an affirmative, fundamental and constitutional right to keep and bear firearms, including the right to carry openly or concealed, carry loaded or unloaded, train with, transport, possess, use, acquire, purchase, transfer, inherit, buy, sell, give or otherwise dispose of or receive any firearm without a license from this Commonwealth or this Commonwealth’s political subdivisions.’ Senate Bill 565 passed the House 107-92 and passed the Senate 29-21 but was vetoed by the Governor.” [Pennsylvania General Assembly, Senate Bill#: 565, Passed: [11/16/21](#); S.B. 565, House Roll Call, [11/16/21](#)]

- **Lancaster Police Chief: Permitless Concealed Carry “Would Be Harmful To Public Safety And My Officers. If You Stand With Law Enforcement Or Want Safer Communities, The Only Answer Is To Reject This Dangerous, Misguided [Permitless Concealed Carry] Bill.”** “Unfortunately, the Pennsylvania Legislature is considering a dangerous bill that would make it much harder for me, my officers and officers across the state of Pennsylvania to do their jobs safely and reduce violent crime. House Bill 659, which passed out of the Judiciary Committee despite bipartisan opposition, would allow anyone 18 or older to carry a concealed firearm. There would be no more enhanced background checks to allow sheriffs to prevent someone who might want to do harm from carrying a hidden weapon. [...] Take it from me: HB 659 would be harmful to public safety and my officers. If you stand with law enforcement or want safer communities, the only answer is to reject this dangerous, misguided bill.” [Lancaster Online, Interim Chief Of Police Column, [6/4/21](#)]
- **The Pennsylvania District Attorneys Association Opposed The Permitless Concealed Carry Bill.** “The Pennsylvania District Attorneys Association opposes the bill, as do several other law enforcement organizations.” [Patriot News, [11/9/21](#)]

Mackenzie Consistently Voted Against Gun Safety Initiatives, Such As Restricting Ghost Guns And Establishing A Universal Registration Check System

Mackenzie Had A ‘Consistent Voting Record Of Protecting 2nd Amendment Rights.’ “Consistent voting record of protecting 2nd Amendment rights of law-abiding gun owners. Opposed unconstitutional efforts to infringe on our 2A rights. Always supported during campaigns for the election and re-election by pro-2A groups.” [Ryan Mackenzie for US Congress, [Accessed 5/28/24](#)]

2024: Mackenzie Voted Against A Proposal To Restrict ‘Ghost Guns.’ “On Wednesday, the Pennsylvania state House of Representatives approved a proposal aimed at prohibiting the purchase, sale, and manufacturing of untraceable gun components. Democrats in the House, utilizing their majority, advanced gun control measures following years of legislative gridlock in a divided state government. The bill was passed by the House with a vote of 104-97, with nearly all Democrats and three Republicans supporting it. Local Republican representatives, including Doyle Heffley, Jamie Barton, Jack Rader, Zach Mako, Tim Twardzik, and Ryan Mackenzie, voted against the measure. [...] So-termed ‘ghost guns’ are firearms that don’t have serial numbers, making them difficult to trace. The measure would criminalize the sale of firearms or firearm parts without serial numbers. Anyone who purchases a gun or gun part - such as a mufflers or silencer - that lacks a serial number would also face felony charges.” [ChannelTimes, [3/29/24](#); Legiscan, [3/27/24](#)]

2023: Mackenzie Voted Against HB 338. “An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in firearms and other dangerous articles, providing for report of theft or loss of firearm; and imposing penalties.” Mackenzie voted against the bill. [Pennsylvania General Assembly, [HB 338](#); [RCS No. 95](#), 5/22/23]

- **GOA: HB 338 “Mandates Reporting Of Lost And Stolen Firearms.”** “Final passage of HB 338, which mandates reporting of lost and stolen firearms. A NO vote is a pro-gun vote.” [GOA Pennsylvania Scorecard Ryan Mackenzie, [Accessed 5/28/24](#)]

2023: Mackenzie Voted Against Background Checks To Purchase Firearms

2023: Mackenzie Voted Against Background Checks To Purchase Firearms. “My bill would address this dangerous issue by requiring background checks for all firearms, regardless of barrel length. This simple, but effective, change will ensure that the sale or transfer of any firearm is kept safe and legal, regardless of if the firearm was purchased through a licensed retail seller, via private transaction, or at a gun show. The statistics are clear: comprehensive background checks protect lives without depriving lawful firearm owners of their Second Amendment rights. For the safety of our constituents and their loved ones, please join me in supporting this commonsense piece of firearm legislation.’ House Bill 714 passed the House 109-92, but stalled in the Senate.” [Pennsylvania General Assembly, House Bill #: 714, Passed: [5/22/23](#); H.B. 714, House Roll Call, [5/22/23](#)]

Mackenzie Repeatedly Voted To Limit Municipalities’ Ability To Create Gun Laws While Allowing Organizations Like The NRA To Challenge Existing Local Ordinances

2017: Mackenzie Co-Sponsored And Voted In Favor Of HB 671. “An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in firearms and other dangerous articles,

further providing for limitation on the regulation of firearms and ammunition.” Mackenzie co-sponsored and voted in favor of the bill. [Pennsylvania General Assembly, [HB 671](#); [RCS No. 302](#), 4/26/17]

- **HB 671 Sought To ‘Deter Local Municipalities From Enacting Their Own Firearms Ordinances’ And Allow Citizens To Challenge Local Laws.** “Limit municipalities from enacting stricter gun laws (SB 5/HB 671) [...] In 2017, legislators brought back the gun provision from the scrap metal bill above. The bills are intended to deter local municipalities from enacting their own firearms ordinances and would make it easier for people to challenge local laws. The bills have not been enacted. House vote: 134:53:16 Senate vote: 34:16” [The Morning Call, [3/15/18](#)]

2013: Mackenzie Voted In Favor Of HB 80. “An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in burglary and other criminal intrusion, further providing for the offense of criminal trespass; defining the offense of theft of secondary metal; prescribing penalties; and, in firearms and other dangerous articles, further providing for Pennsylvania State Police and for limitation on the regulation of firearms and ammunition.” Mackenzie voted in favor of the bill. [Pennsylvania General Assembly, [HB 80](#); [RCS NO. 556](#), 6/25/13]

- **HB 80 Would Limit Municipalities’ Ability To Enact Gun Laws And Allow Organizations Like The NRA To Sue Municipalities Over Any Gun Laws Stricter Than The State’s.** “Limit municipalities’ ability to enact gun laws (HB 80), 2014 This bill was originally about scrap metal theft, but the state senate added a provision that would give any in-state or out-of-state organization, including the NRA, the ability to sue Pennsylvania municipalities over any gun laws stricter than the state’s. The bill was approved by the governor in 2014, but a state court ruled it illegal in June 2015, saying that the bill cobbled together two unrelated subjects. House vote: 138:56:8 Senate vote: 34:14:2” [The Morning Call, [3/15/18](#)]

2014: Mackenzie Voted In Favor Of HB 1243. “An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in firearms and other dangerous articles, further providing for Pennsylvania State Police and for limitation on the regulation of firearms and ammunition.” Mackenzie voted in favor of the bill. [Pennsylvania General Assembly, [HB 1243](#); [RCS No. 1682](#), 10/6/14]

- **HB 1243 Would Have “Discouraged Cities From Passing Gun Control Measures” By Allowing Individuals And Groups To Sue Municipalities With Gun Laws Stricter Than Those Enacted By The State.** “The language being added comes directly from the failed HB 1243, which would have discouraged cities from passing gun control measures by giving legal standing to people and membership organizations like the National Rifle Association (NRA) to sue any municipality for having gun laws that are more stringent than the state’s.” [Rewire News Group, [10/15/14](#)]

[Mackenzie Voted To Allow The National Rifle Association And Other Entities To Sue Local Governments For Enacting And Enforcing Their Own Gun Laws](#)

Mackenzie Voted Give Standing To Any Party To Sue Municipalities That Enact And Enforce Their Own Gun Laws. “Mackenzie voted to concur with the Senate amendment to House Bill 80 which, ‘clarifies and defines who has lawful standing to file suit claiming that an ordinance, resolution, rule or practice violates the state preemption statute by defining the term ‘person adversely affected’ to include any resident of the Commonwealth who may legally possess a firearm under Federal and State law, in addition to any person who otherwise has standing pursuant to the laws of the Commonwealth to bring an

action. The term also includes any membership organization in which such a person is a member.’ House Bill 80 passed the Senate 34-14, passed the House 138-56, and was signed into law In November 2014.” [Pennsylvania General Assembly, House Bill#: 80, Passed: [10/20/14](#); H.B. 80, House Roll Call, [10/20/14](#)]

- **The Law Allowed The National Rifle Association To Sue Over Local Gun Ordinances That Were More Restrictive Than State Law.** “The state Senate approved a measure late Wednesday that would give gun groups – including the National Rifle Association – standing in court to sue municipalities that enact their own gun laws. The amendment, which passed 32-16, has its origins in a legal battle between the city of Philadelphia and the NRA, which sued over gun control ordinances more restrictive than state law. The courts struck down several of the city’s gun ordinances, but upheld mandatory reporting of lost and stolen weapons. Some 30 other cities, townships and boroughs followed suit, passing lost and stolen weapons reporting ordinances. Opponents say the proposal gives standing to ‘membership organizations’ to sue without proving injury and collect legal fees regardless of the outcome.” [Philadelphia Inquirer, [10/16/14](#)]

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Mackenzie Planned To Attend An April 2024 Trump Campaign Rally. “Former President Donald Trump is set to return to the Lehigh Valley next weekend for a campaign rally as he seeks a second term in the White House. [...] Mackenzie and Dellicker will both attend the rally, campaign staff confirmed.” [The Reading Eagle, [4/5/24](#)]

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Mackenzie “Called For Finishing” Trump’s Border Wall

Mackenzie “Called For Finishing” Trump’s Border Wall. “Mackenzie called for finishing construction of the U.S.-Mexico border wall that was championed by former President Donald Trump.” [The Morning Call, [3/5/24](#)]

Mackenzie Supported Impeaching Alejandro Mayorkas

Mackenzie Signaled Support For Impeaching Secretary Of Homeland Security Alejandro Mayorkas. [Twitter, @Ryan_Mackenzie, [2/13/24](#)]



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“Pennsylvania Republican delegates very well may determine whether Donald Trump, John Kasich, Ted Cruz or someone else becomes the party’s presidential nominee. First, those delegates need Republican voters’ support to reach the convention. Three delegates in each of 18 congressional districts will be elected during Tuesday’s primary election. But the ballot Republican voters see Tuesday will not show which presidential candidate each potential delegate prefers. So The Morning Call reached out to all 162 Republican delegate candidates to ask how they would vote if elected. [...] Uncommitted: Robert E Smith Jr., Ryan Mackenzie.” [The Morning Call, 4/26/16]

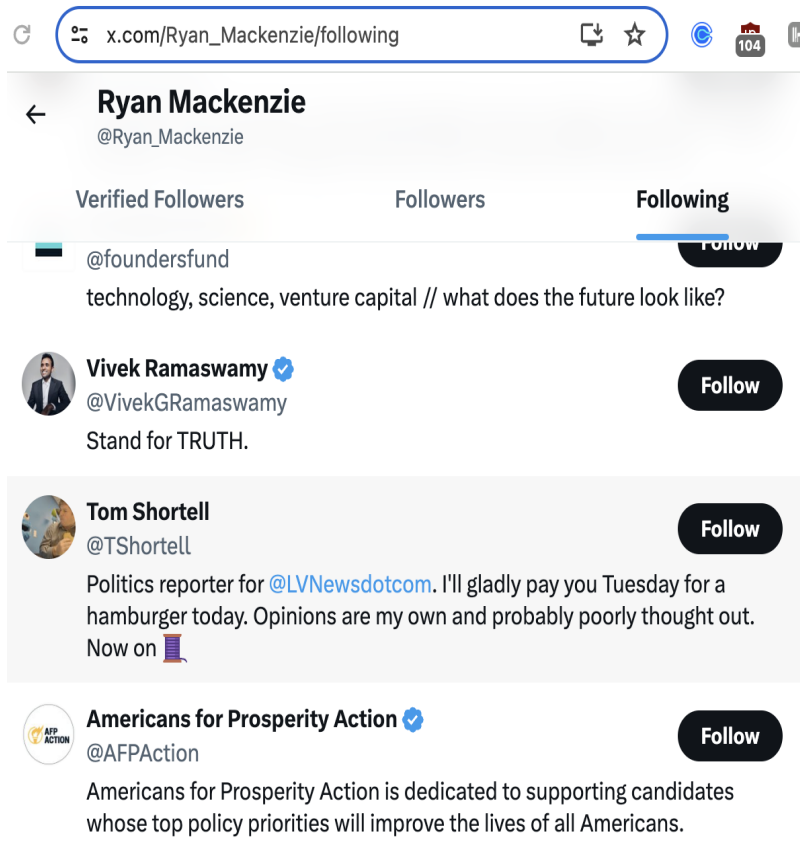
Mackenzie Attended The 2016 RNC As An Alternate Delegate For Trump. “It’s no coincidence Pennsylvania’s delegates to the Republican National Convention have been assigned prime, front-row seating and are attracting big-name speakers to their breakfast events. [...] State Rep. Ryan Mackenzie, who’s attending the convention as an alternate delegate, agreed that the state is getting extra attention this year from the GOP. He said Republicans are optimistic this cycle about Trump’s chances of winning over Keystone State voters.’ The difference is that the Trump campaign is actually taking it seriously and putting in an effort in Pennsylvania right from the start,’ said Mackenzie, a Lehigh County Republican who represents part of Berks.” [The Reading Eagle, 7/20/16]

2016: Mackenzie Endorsed Trump And Said He Aligned With Him On Tax Reform. “Mackenzie endorsed President Donald Trump during his campaign last year. “On issues like tax reform I am definitely in alignment with him,” Mackenzie said. Mackenzie said he would work with the president and Congress on tax reform that would help businesses and entrepreneurs create good jobs and lift the economy.” [Reading Eagle, 9/9/17]

The Koch Brothers Anti-Union Dark Money Group Americans for Prosperity (AFP) Supported Mackenzie’s Campaign. AFP Backed The Same GOP Tax Cuts That Mackenzie Supported Which Would Outsource Pennsylvania’s Manufacturing Jobs

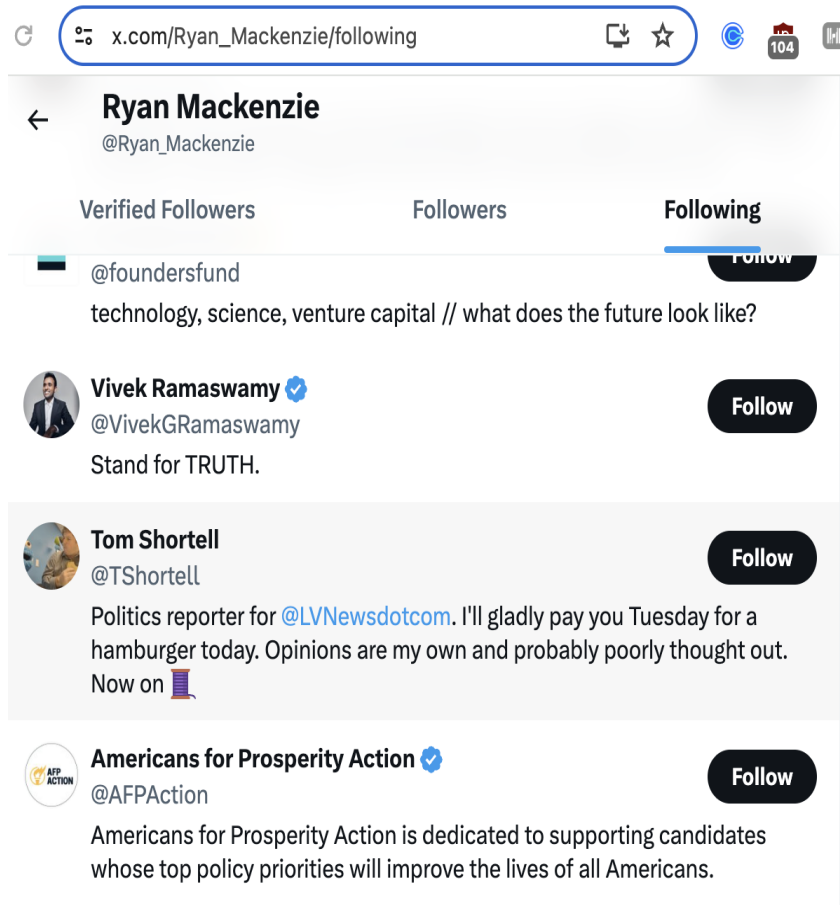
Koch Brothers Dark Money Group Americans For Prosperity, Donated \$497,676 To Mackenzie’s 2024 Race. Mackenzie received \$497,676 in total campaign donations from Americans For Prosperity, a “political nonprofit formed with the backing of conservative billionaires David and Charles Koch.” [Federal Election Commission, [4/17/24](#); Open Secrets, [11/15/13](#)]

- **Americans For Prosperity Challenged California Attorney General Over Policy Requiring Tax Exempt Charitable Organizations To Disclose Major Donors.** “In *Americans for Prosperity foundation v. Bonta*, 594 U.S. ____ (2021), the U.S. Supreme Court invalidated a California requirement that charities disclose the names and addresses of those who contributed \$5,000 or more a year as part of the charity’s annual registration with the state attorney general’s office.” [Middle Tennessee State University Free Speech Center, [8/11/23](#)]
- **Mackenzie Followed Americans For Prosperity Action On Twitter.** [Twitter, @Ryan_Mackenzie, [Accessed 5/28/24](#)]



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- **Americans For Prosperity Action Supported Mackenzie, Congratulated Him On Win Against Opponent.** [Twitter, @AFPAction, 4/25/24]



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Americans For Prosperity Was An Anti-Union Dark Money Group With An Agenda That Would Outsource Pennsylvania’s Manufacturing Jobs And Cut Taxes For The Wealthiest Americans And Largest Corporations

Americans For Prosperity Was A Dark Money Group Backed By The Koch Brothers. “Americans for Prosperity, the political nonprofit formed with the backing of conservative billionaires David and Charles Koch, gave a \$100,000 grant to another dark money group linked to the Kochs in 2012, according to tax forms filed Friday with the IRS. [...] In the 2012 cycle, AFP — also a 501(c)(4) social welfare group that can be involved in politics but doesn’t have to disclose its donors — reported laying out nearly \$36.4 million for federal political activity.” [OpenSecrets, 11/15/13]

Mar. 2018: Americans For Prosperity Praised Lawmakers Who Supported The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act. “Americans for Prosperity (AFP) today launched a grassroots campaign, called American Pay Raise, to thank lawmakers who supported the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, hold accountable those who opposed it and urge Congress to protect tax reform benefits that millions of Americans are already experiencing.” [Americans For Prosperity, Press Release, 3/16/18]

Americans For Prosperity Claimed The PRO Act Put Workers Rights Under Attack. “The rights of American workers are under attack because of the Protecting the Right to Organize (PRO) Act (H.R.842). The Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) completed a markup of the Pro Act, Paycheck Fairness Act and Healthy Families Act in June. (A markup is when lawmakers in the U.S. Congress or state government meet to talk about, change, and write a new version of a suggested law.) House Democrats approved the bill with a 225-206 victory in March 2021. Five Republicans voted in favor of it at the time.” [Americans For Prosperity, Blog, [11/8/23](#)]

Americans For Prosperity Opposed The PRO Act. “Americans for Prosperity (AFP) called on Congress to reject the Protecting the Right to Organize (PRO) Act, which would make unprecedented, harmful changes to federal labor laws that would undermine the rights and interests of workers, employers, and the public. The PRO Act would, among other things, overturn and ban state right-to-work laws throughout the country, which have protected workers’ freedom of choice and been an economic boon for communities; violate the privacy of workers by requiring employers to release the private, personal information of their employees to union organizers and deprive workers of the right to vote on unionization in a secret ballot election under certain circumstances; and implement language nearly identical to California’s controversial AB-5 that would reclassify many independent contractors as employees under the National Labor Relations Act, restricting the opportunity of many to pursue independent, flexible work.” [Americans For Prosperity, Press Release, [2/4/21](#)]

The PRO Act Restored The Right Of Workers To Freely And Fairly Form A Union And Collectively Bargain. “The Protecting the Right to Organize (PRO) Act restores the right of workers to freely and fairly form a union and bargain together for changes in the workplace. It is a landmark worker empowerment, civil rights and economic stimulus legislation, and an essential part of any plan to build back better from the COVID-19 pandemic and recession.” [AFL-CIO, accessed [6/6/24](#)]

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Tax Experts Said The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Increased Incentives For Companies To Move Jobs Overseas. “What happened to the workers in Clinton, tax experts say, will probably happen to more Americans if the Republican tax overhaul becomes law. The legislation fails to eliminate long-standing incentives for companies to move overseas and, in some cases, may even increase them, they say. ‘This bill is potentially more dangerous than our current system,’ said Stephen Shay, a senior lecturer at Harvard Law School and former Treasury Department international tax expert in the Obama administration. ‘It creates a real incentive to shift real activity offshore.’” [Washington Post, [12/15/17](#)]

- **HEADLINE: Trump Promised ‘America First’ Would Keep Jobs Here. But The Tax Plan Might Push Them Overseas.** [Washington Post, [12/15/17](#)]
- **Because Of The Way The Tax Bill Taxed Foreign Income, Corporations Would Increase Tax Free Income The More Equipment It Had Abroad.** “In the future, corporations would be required to pay about a 10 percent minimum tax on overseas income above a certain level. The provision is billed as a way to discourage the movement of jobs and profit overseas. But the fine print of the new global minimum tax would make the problem worse, several tax specialists said. [...] First, a corporation would pay that global minimum tax only on profit above a ‘routine’ rate of return on the tangible assets — such as factories — it has overseas. So the more equipment a corporation has in other countries, the more tax-free income it can earn. The legislation thus offers corporations ‘a

perverse incentive' to shift assembly lines abroad, said Steve Rosenthal of the Tax Policy Center.” [Washington Post, [12/15/17](#)]

- **Under Tax Bill, A Corporation That Built A Plant In A Foreign Country Would Pay Substantially Less In Taxes On Foreign Profit Than Profits Earned In The United States.** “Second, the bill sets the ‘routine’ return at 10 percent — far more generous than would typically be the case. Such allowances are normally fixed a couple of percentage points above risk-free Treasury yields, which are currently around 2.4 percent. As a result, a U.S. corporation that builds a \$100 million plant in another country and makes a foreign profit of \$20 million would pay roughly \$1 million in tax versus \$4 million on the same profit if earned in the United States, said Rosenthal, who has been a tax lawyer for 25 years and drafted tax legislation as a staffer for the Joint Committee on Taxation.” [Washington Post, [12/15/17](#)]

The Atlantic’s Gene Sperling: GOP Tax Bill Would “Give A Permanent Preference To Foreign Income And Lead Companies To Shift More Profits To Tax Havens Knowing That They Could Permanently Avoid Virtually All Taxation On Such Profits.” “Yet, it is clear that a territorial system could have just the opposite impact: It could give a permanent preference to foreign income and lead companies to shift more profits to tax havens knowing that they could permanently avoid virtually all taxation on such profits. [...] What was problematic about this design was that it not only encouraged companies to move profits to tax havens, but it actually encouraged them to simultaneously move jobs and operations such as manufacturing to industrialized countries that had typical tax rates and to shift more profits to tax havens.” [The Atlantic, Gene Sperling, [12/8/17](#)]

CBO: Provisions In The Tax Cuts & Jobs Act “May Increase Corporations’ Incentive To Locate Tangible Assets” Like Factories “Abroad” Because “By Locating Fewer Tangible Assets In The United States,” The Corporation Can Increase Its Deductible Foreign Income While Reducing Its Tax Liability On Foreign Income. “The act contains several provisions to reduce corporations’ incentive to shift profits out of the United States. Two provisions—which impose a tax on global intangible low-tax income (GILTI) and create a deduction for foreign-derived intangible income (FDII)—reduce corporations’ incentive to locate high-return assets (which are often intangible assets, such as intellectual property, or IP) in low-tax countries. The provisions reduce that incentive by applying special treatment to profits that exceed a specified return on tangible assets (such as equipment and structures). In addition to reducing profit shifting through the location of intangible assets, the GILTI and FDII provisions affect corporations’ decisions about where to locate tangible assets. By locating more tangible assets abroad, a corporation is able to reduce the amount of foreign income that is categorized as GILTI. Similarly, by locating fewer tangible assets in the United States, a corporation can increase the amount of U.S. income that can be deducted as FDII. Together, the provisions may increase corporations’ incentive to locate tangible assets abroad. (Like profit shifting, such decisions change the locations of reported profits—but they are not classified as profit shifting, because they involve actual economic activity rather than simply reporting.)” [Congressional Budget Office, Appendix B: The Effects Of The 2017 Tax Act On CBO’s Economic And Budget Projections, [April 2018](#)]

New York Times: Tax Bill “Could Actually Make It Attractive For Companies To Put More Assembly Lines On Foreign Soil.” “The bill that Mr. Trump signed, however, could actually make it attractive for companies to put more assembly lines on foreign soil. Under the new law, income made by American companies’ overseas subsidiaries will face United States taxes that are half the rate applied to their domestic income, 10.5 percent compared with the new top corporate rate of 21 percent. ‘It’s sort of an America-last tax policy,’ said Kimberly Clausing, an economist at Reed College in Portland, Ore., who

studies tax policy. ‘We are basically saying that if you earn in the U.S., you pay X, and if you earn abroad, you pay X divided by two.’ [New York Times, [1/8/18](#)]

- **Economist Found “The Bill Ends Up Creating A Tax Break For Manufacturers With Foreign Operations.”** “What could be more dangerous for American workers, economists said, is that the bill ends up creating a tax break for manufacturers with foreign operations. Under the new rules, beyond the lower rate, companies will not have to pay United States taxes on the money they earn from plants or equipment located abroad, if those earnings amount to 10 percent or less of the total investment.” [New York Times, [1/8/18](#)]
- **HEADLINE: Tax Law May Send Factories And Jobs Abroad, Critics Say** [New York Times, [1/8/18](#)]

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2022: Mackenzie’s Campaign Committee Contributed \$250 To Restoring Excellence in East Penn Education (REEPE), An Organization Affiliated With Moms For Liberty. “Martino’s donation to the Your Voice slate, given on March 28, comes as groups supporting Levinson, Jankowski, Ford, Kelly and Klotz have sought to tie the Your Voice candidates to positions held by Moms for Liberty - Lehigh County and Restoring Excellence in East Penn Education (REEPE). [...] REEPE has filed as a political committee. It had \$2,655 funds available, according to the Jan. 1 to May 1 report, including \$2,502 carried over from its last report. The group spent \$180 on room rentals at Macungie Park and \$176 on postage. A report filed for 2022 showed REEPE raised \$3,918 with \$250 coming from Citizens for Mackenzie and \$250 from Milou Mackenzie.” [Armchair Lehigh Valley, [5/10/23](#)]

REEPE Aimed To Raise Awareness Of “Current EPSD Curriculum And Teacher Training Regarding Race, Equity, Gender Identity, And The Burdens These Policies Impose On [The] Children.” “The group that hosted the meeting, Restoring Excellence in East Penn Education, is composed of concerned district taxpayers. They aim to raise awareness regarding the ‘current EPSD curriculum and teacher training regarding race, equity, gender identity, and the burdens these policies impose on [the] children,’ the group’s Facebook page describes.” [The Stinger, [6/10/22](#)]

REEPE “First Gained Community Attention” For Circulating Pamphlets “Warning About Critical Race Theory” In May 2022. “REEPE first gained community attention for pamphlets handed out on Election Day in May 2022, warning about critical race theory being taught in East Penn schools.” [The Morning Call, [5/12/23](#)]

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Moms For Liberty Was A “Driving Force” Of The Far-Right Book Banning Movement. “Since 2022, anti-LGBTQ book bans have proliferated in schools and communities throughout the United States. Moms for Liberty (M4L), an anti-LGBTQ extremist group that bills itself as a so-called ‘parental rights’ organization, is a driving force behind this alarming trend targeting books about LGBTQ people, people of color, and race and racism.” [GLAAD, [11/3/23](#)]

- **Moms For Liberty Created A 111-Page Book Ban Guidance.** “Created and circulated a 111-page book ban guidance, which contains blatant disinformation and singles out many titles about LGBTQ people and people of color.” [GLAAD, [11/3/23](#)]
- **Moms For Liberty Pushed To Ban Books Such As The Diary Of Anne Frank’s And Books About Martin Luther King.** “Pushed to ban books about the U.S. civil rights movement, Jewish diarist Anne Frank, and racial justice activists like Martin Luther King, Jr., effectively censoring historical events.” [GLAAD, [11/3/23](#)]

Moms For Liberty Was An Anti-LGBTQ Extremist Group

Moms For Liberty Was Described By The Southern Poverty Law Center As Far-Right, “Attack[s] On The LGBTQ Community And Their Rights.” “Moms for Liberty’s attack on the LGBTQ community and their rights has been particularly focused on gender identity and the use of pronouns in schools, the transgender community and gender affirming care, and the proposed changes to Title IX, which would expand rights to the LGBTQ community.” [Southern Poverty Law Center, accessed [3/28/24](#)]

Members Of Moms For Liberty Compared LGBTQ Children To Students With Special Needs.

“Moms for Liberty Miami-Dade County member, Crystal Alonso also suggested moving LGBTQ students to separate classrooms, comparing them to students with special needs, saying, ‘for example children with autism, Down Syndrome, they have to have special IP meetings with a counselor, they have to be put into separate classrooms. I understand, because it’s a different type of education for children with those disabilities, but I think that for children that identify differently, there should also be like a specialized... something for them, so that they feel that they’re important enough that they’re being counseled.’” [Southern Poverty Law Center, accessed [3/28/24](#)]

Mackenzie Argued For Cutting Aid to Ukraine, Suggesting The War-Torn Nation Bore The Responsibility Of Finding A “Peaceful Resolution” To Its Conflict With Russia

Ryan Mackenzie Suggested the U.S. “Already Provided Too Much Financial Aid to Ukraine” And That “The Ukrainian People Should Seek A Peaceful Resolution.” “War in Ukraine: Mackenzie believes the federal government has already provided too much financial aid to Ukraine in its ongoing war with Russia. The Ukrainian people should seek a peaceful resolution and ‘wind down’ the war rather than further escalate — more aid would ‘perpetuate’ the situation and is not necessarily in America’s best interests.” [Longview News-Journal, [3/20/24](#)]

Mackenzie “Doesn’t Believe A Win For Russia In Ukraine Would Lead President Vladimir Putin To Invade Other Countries.” “[Mackenzie] also doesn’t believe a win for Russia in Ukraine would lead President Vladimir Putin to invade other countries.” [Armchair Lehigh Valley, [4/11/24](#)]

Mackenzie Signed A Letter Promoting Pennsylvania’s Oil And Gas Industry After Russia’s Invasion Of Ukraine

2022: State Rep. Mackenzie And 11 Colleagues Faced Pushback After Signing A Letter To Governor Wolf Encouraging Support For Pennsylvania's Natural Gas Industry. "While the Ukrainian people suffer through deadly bombings and flee for their lives from an unprovoked and unjustified invasion by Russia, Metcalfe sent the governor a letter this week, which was signed by fellow Republican committee members, that called on the Wolf Administration 'to do everything in their power to support the growth and proliferation of Pennsylvania's natural gas and energy.' Reps. Mike Armanini, Stephanie Borowicz, Bud Cook, Joseph Hamm, R. Lee James, Joshua Kail, Ryan Mackenzie, Tim O'Neal, Jason Ortitay, Kathy Rapp, Tommy Sankey, Paul Schemel, Perry Stambaugh, and Ryan Warner from the committee signed the letter. [...] Governor Wolf called the contents of the letter 'deplorable' in a response letter to Rep. Metcalfe. He also urged Rep. Metcalfe to review the data before commenting on the country's energy imports and exports, as well as the seriousness of climate change." [EIN Presswire, [3/3/22](#)]

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Mackenzie: Ukraine Aid Funding Should Go To Border Security And Infrastructure Instead. "Mackenzie said 'we should not be providing additional aid to Ukraine,' and that funding should go to border security and infrastructure. He said 'we need to be focused on America first' during the WFMZ debate. He added that he believes America needs to end its involvement in 'forever wars.'" [Lehigh Valley Live, [4/3/24](#)]

Mackenzie Flip-Flopped On Chinese Trade, Describing Them As A 'Strategic Competitor'

2020: Mackenzie Said "We Are All Optimistic About the Future of Trade with China" At An Event Spotlighting Chinese Technology. "Exhibitors and attendees expressed their great interest in trading with China during the Consumer Electronics Show (CES) 2020, held here from Tuesday to Friday. In the packed Las Vegas Convention Center, around 1,000 Chinese companies have attended the event this year, said the Consumer Technology Association. [...] Pennsylvania State Representative Ryan MacKenzie attended CES for the first time, saying 'it is great to see this kind of innovation.' Mackenzie told Xinhua that 'We are all optimistic about the future of trade with China.'" [Xinhua, [1/11/20](#)]

2024: Mackenzie Described China As "The Main Strategic Competitor" To The United States. "Mackenzie believes 'China is the main strategic competitor that we have to keep our eye on around the world.' He said 'bad policy coming out of Washington, D.C.,' has aided China economically and militarily. 'We have been letting them take our jobs and ship our jobs overseas for years,' he said. Mackenzie said the U.S. needs to deal with China with 'realism and restraint.' He said the U.S. needs to 'build up our military so that we do have peace through strength.'" [Armchair Lehigh Valley, [3/25/24](#)]

Mackenzie's 2024 Campaign Platform Included A "Comprehensive Plan To Take On China." "Implement a comprehensive plan to take on China. Hold China accountable for Covid. Revamp American supply chains for essential medical, technological, and national security items. Support exploration and extraction of critical minerals in America. Stop the sale of American agriculture land, critical infrastructure, and land near military bases to investors with ties to the CCP. Crack down on theft of American intellectual property. Ban TikTok on all government devices and in taxpayer-funded venues like public schools, divest retirement funds from assets tied to the CCP, and investigate Chinese

investment or donations tied to the CCP made to colleges and universities.” [Mackenzie for Congress, 6/1/24]

Mackenzie Suggested The U.S. Needs To Increase Our Military To Compete With China

Mackenzie Argued That ‘The U.S. Needs to Build Up Our Military’ When Asked About China.

“Mackenzie believes ‘China is the main strategic competitor that we have to keep our eye on around the world.’ He said ‘bad policy coming out of Washington, D.C.,’ has aided China economically and militarily. ‘We have been letting them take our jobs and ship our jobs overseas for years,’ he said. Mackenzie said the U.S. needs to deal with China with ‘realism and restraint.’ He said the U.S. needs to ‘build up our military so that we do have peace through strength.’” [Armchair Lehigh Valley, 3/25/24]

Mackenzie Tried To Prevent Government Unions From Contributing To Political Campaigns And Opposed Unemployment Benefits For Striking Workers

Mackenzie Introduced HB 357, Which Would Prevent Government Unions From Contributing To Political Campaigns In Pennsylvania.

“Pennsylvania allows the use of taxpayer dollars, which fund public payroll systems, to deduct both union dues and union political campaign contributions from government workers’ paychecks and send this money directly to union leaders. These union leaders then use the money for partisan political activities, including donating directly to political candidates. [...] So far this year, four states – Florida, Arkansas, Kentucky, and Tennessee – have enacted legislation ending this union loophole. In Pennsylvania, Republican state Rep. Ryan Mackenzie of Lehigh County has introduced HB357, which would do the same here and finally ensure that unions are required to play by the same rules as everyone else.” [RealClear Pennsylvania, 8/26/23]

Mackenzie Opposed A Bill Granting Unemployment Benefits To Striking Workers. “Republicans said the proposal would violate the core concept of unemployment compensation, in which employees pay into a trust fund while they are working and receive pay from the fund when they find themselves involuntarily unemployed. ‘When you choose to go on strike you are violating that premise, you are making that decision,’ said Rep. Ryan Mackenzie, R- Lehigh County. While workers have a right to strike, ‘what is not their right is to ask other hardworking Pennsylvanians to pay for them when they choose to go on strike,’ Mackenzie said, and ‘unless you come up with a way to actually pay for this, it’s just a benefit drawdown for some workers that all workers end up paying for.’ That argument falsely ‘supposes that it’s your fault you’re on strike, not your employers,’ countered Rep. David Dellosa, D- Delaware County, with several Democrats pointing to the more than year-long strike at the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette.” [Penn Live, 11/17/23]

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“A bill that would write labor organizing rights into the Pennsylvania Constitution passed the House Labor & Industry Committee Monday on a party-line vote, with the Democratic majority united in support and Republicans in opposition. House Bill 950 would – if successfully moved through the legislature and approved on referendum by voters – add a clause to the state constitution specifying that ‘no law shall be passed that interferes with, negates or diminishes the right of employees to organize and bargain collectively,’ over certain matters. [...] GOP committee leader

Rep. Ryan Mackenzie, R-Lehigh County, argued that the bill is unnecessary, given that ‘these protections are already enshrined in state and federal law,’ and that many unions are ‘doing a tremendous job within the current structure.’ Mackenzie derided the measure as a ‘messaging bill’ in encouraging his caucus to vote against it. He also proposed an amendment to the bill that would add language reflective of the U.S. Supreme Court decision in *Janus v. AFSCME*, which found that public-sector workers could not be required to pay fair-share fees to a workplace union that they did not wish to join.” [Penn Live, [5/1/23](#)]

And Voted Against a Slew of Worker Protections Bills

2023: Mackenzie Voted Against HB 1751, The Construction Workplace Misclassification Act. “An Act amending the act of October 13, 2010 (P.L.506, No.72), known as the Construction Workplace Misclassification Act, further providing for definitions, for improper classification of employees and for criminal penalties; providing for private right of action; further providing for administrative penalties, for retaliation for action prohibited, for availability of information, for use of penalty funds and for funding; and imposing penalties.” Mackenzie voted against the bill, which passed the House of Representatives with 121 yeas and 82 nays. [Pennsylvania State Legislature, [HB 1751](#); [RCS No. 766](#), 12/11/23]

- **Mackenzie Called A Bill To Prevent The Misclassification Of Contract Workers ‘Problematic.’** “A bill cracking down on the misclassification of workers by construction contractors passed the Pennsylvania House on Monday, heading to the Senate where a slightly different bill on the same issue is already in the works. [...] Rep. Ryan Mackenzie, R-Lehigh County — the ranking Republican on the House labor committee — said the bill ‘is still problematic’ and that ‘yet again we are heading down the path of offering a bill that is going to be dead when it goes over to the Senate,’ given that other chamber has its own version. The bill in the GOP-controlled Senate, which passed out of committee with bipartisan support in October, has most of the same provisions as the House bill, with one crucial exception. The House version contains a provision extending debarments to ‘successor entities,’ intended to prevent the same operators from re-forming to skirt the ban. This is the provision at issue, according to Mackenzie, who said the definition is too broad and that ‘businesses that are actually doing the right thing could get swept up in this legislation’ due to the way the bill is worded.” [The Bradford Era , [12/12/23](#)]

2023: Mackenzie Voted Against House Bill 413, Which Was Intended To Prevent The Misclassification Of Employees As Independent Contractors In The Construction Industry.

Mackenzie voted against House Bill 413 which, “Section 1. Section 3(a) of the act of October 13, 2010 (P.L.506, No.72), known as the Construction Workplace Misclassification Act, is amended to read: Section 3. Independent contractors. (a) General rule. –For purposes of workers’ compensation, unemployment compensation and improper classification of employees provided herein, an individual who performs services in the construction industry for remuneration is an independent contractor only if:(1) The individual has a written contract [to perform such services.] that is project-specific and contains a particular scope of work and definitive time period to perform the services. (2) The individual is free from control or direction over performance of such services both under the contract of service and in fact. (3) As to such services, the individual is customarily engaged in an independently established trade, occupation, profession or business.” House Bill 413 passed the House 113-88 but did not advance in the Senate. [Pennsylvania General Assembly, House Bill #: 413, Passed: [5/2/23](#); H.B. 413, House Roll Call, [5/2/23](#)]

- **The Issue Of Misclassification Of Workers Was Estimated To Cost “Pennsylvania’s Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund Around \$91 Million Per Year.”** “Another bill

created a new legal definition intended to prevent the misclassification of employees as independent contractors – an issue that the state labor department has estimated costs Pennsylvania’s unemployment compensation trust fund around \$91 million per year.” [Penn Live, [5/3/23](#)]

- **Mackenzie Was Listed As One of The “100 Most Influential Leaders In Pennsylvania’s Construction Industry.”** “City & State Pennsylvania included state Rep. Ryan Mackenzie on its 2023 Construction Power 100, which lists the 100 most influential leaders in Pennsylvania’s construction industry.” [Lehigh Valley Business, [5/23/23](#)]

2023: Mackenzie Voted Against HB 577, Which Would Establish The Keystone Saves Program. “An Act establishing the Keystone Saves Program, the Keystone Saves Program Fund, the Keystone Saves Administrative Fund and the Keystone Saves Program Advisory Board; and providing for powers and duties of the Treasury Department, for investment and fiduciary responsibilities and for program implementation.” Mackenzie voted against the legislation. [Pennsylvania General Assembly, [HB 577](#); [RCS No. 159](#), 5/24/23]

- **”Keystone Saves” Would Be A “Voluntary Employment Retirement Savings Program.”** “Our legislation will establish ‘Keystone Saves’ – a voluntary employee retirement savings program that would expand access to private sector individual retirement accounts (IRA) to the over two million Pennsylvania workers who currently have no opportunity to save for retirement at their place of employment.” [Pennsylvania General Assembly, HB 577 Memo, [1/13/23](#)]

[Mackenzie Worked To Restrict Access To Workers’ Compensation](#)

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2015: Mackenzie Co-Sponsored HB 1800 To Amend The Workers’ Compensation Act. “An Act amending the act of June 2, 1915 (P.L.736, No.338), known as the Workers’ Compensation Act, in interpretation and definitions, further providing for definitions; in liability and compensation, further providing for schedule of compensation; and, in procedure, further providing for investigations and peer review.” Mackenzie was the bill’s prime sponsor. [Pennsylvania House of Representatives, [HB 1800](#), 12/18/15]

- **Mackenzie’s Memo On HB 1800 Claimed “Instituting Treatment Guidelines In Our Workers’ Compensation System Will Control Costs And Will Enhance Return-To-Work Outcomes.”** “In the near future, I will be introducing legislation which will fundamentally transform and improve the delivery of medical treatment to Pennsylvania’s injured workers. [...] Specifically, my proposal will amend Articles III and IV of the PA Workers’ Compensation Act (Act 338 of 1915) to require that all ‘reasonable and necessary treatments, services, products, or accommodations’ be consistent with nationally-recognized, evidence-based medical treatment guidelines selected by the state Department of Labor & Industry. [...] It is my sincerely held belief that instituting treatment guidelines in our Workers’ Compensation system will control costs and will enhance return-to-work outcomes for thousands of injured and disabled Pennsylvania workers. Please join me in sponsoring this important piece of legislation.” [Pennsylvania House of Representatives, HB 1800 Memo, [11/5/15](#)]

- **A Workers' Compensation Attorney Argued That If Mackenzie's Bill Was Passed, "Any Remaining Compassion" For Injured Workers "Will Be Eradicated."** "Here in Pennsylvania, supporters of a bill sponsored by Rep. Ryan Mackenzie, R-Lehigh, have already begun to encroach on the workers' compensation system as it exists. [...] In practice, treatment guidelines will reduce injured workers' injuries and conditions to statistics to be manipulated and handled according to data charts and tables of 'most efficient' practices, removing a treating doctor's judgment altogether. Clients too often struggle to prove their injuries and receive the compensation they're entitled to because of insurance companies' lack of compassion under the current law. If this bill is passed, any remaining compassion will be eradicated." [Penn Live, Op-Ed by Workers Compensation Attorney Samuel H. Pond, [3/30/16](#)]
- **The Philadelphia Bar Association Opposed HB 1800 Because "The 'One Size Fits All' Approach To An Injured Worker Places Them At Risk Of Losing Individualized Treatment And Therapy For Their Specific Injury."** "The 'one size fits all' approach to an injured worker places them at risk of losing individualized treatment and therapy for their specific injury, which would have a higher likelihood of reducing disability. [...] The application of rote evidence-based guidelines on treatment may reduce the number of medical providers willing to accept workers' compensation patients for treatment, which will in turn restrict access to medical care for those injured workers. [...] H.B. 1800 may include an unconstitutional delegation of legislative authority to a 'panel of medical providers.' [...] This appointment diminishes the judicial autonomy of the Workers' Compensation Judge. [...] NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Philadelphia Bar Association opposes House Bill 1800, Printer's No. 2681, and any similar legislation." [Philadelphia Bar Association, [3/31/16](#)]

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2017: Mackenzie Was The Prime Sponsor Of HB 18 To Amend The Workers' Compensation Act. "An Act amending the act of June 2, 1915 (P.L.736, No.338), known as the Workers' Compensation Act, in liability and compensation, further providing for prescription drugs and the treatment of work-related injuries; and, in procedure, further providing for peer review." Mackenzie was the prime sponsor of the bill. [Pennsylvania General Assembly, [HB 18](#), 2/13/17]

- **Mackenzie's HB 18 Would Limit The Range Of Drugs Available To "Workers Injured On The Job."** "From the Capitol to the internet, a feud is brewing between Pennsylvania insurance companies and workers' compensation lawyers, and both sides claim to have the best interest of injured workers in curbing overuse of opioids. House Bill 18, introduced in February by Rep. Ryan Mackenzie, R-Lehigh, aims to address the over-prescription of opioids and other painkillers. It would create a list of approved drugs, a set duration of treatment and establish dosage amounts for workers injured on the job. The bill would create a preapproved list, or 'formulary,' of opioids and other drugs for injured employees receiving medical care and financial assistance for lost wages under the Workers Compensation Act of 1915. Any non-approved drugs would need to be sought through an appeals process overseen by the Department of Labor & Industry as well as a workers' compensation judge." [The Morning Call, [6/5/17](#)]
- **Mackenzie's Memo On HB 18 Claimed The Bill Would "Require The Pennsylvania Department Of Labor And Industry (L&I) To Adopt An Evidence-Based Drug Formulary For Our Wc Program."** "My legislation would require the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and

Industry (L&I) to adopt an evidence-based drug formulary for our WC program. The adoption of a drug formulary can begin to reduce the over-prescription of opioid painkillers by setting evidence-based standards for the medication that can be prescribed for a WC patient.” [Pennsylvania House of Representatives, HB 18 Memo, [2/8/17](#)]

- **PA Federation Of Injured Workers Member: HB 18 “Heightens The Already Adversarial And Litigious Atmosphere That The Workers Compensation System Has Become.”** “House Bill 18, introduced by state Rep. Ryan Mackenzie, R-Lehigh, should be opposed by all workers in that it interjects a new legal obstacle between the injured workers and their doctors, where decisions like the choice of medicine belong. It heightens the already adversarial and litigious atmosphere that the workers compensation system has become. The workers compensation law was enacted to fairly balance the rights of both the worker and the employer in a non-fault environment and not to become one-sided. HB 18 should not see the light of day. Call your state representatives and ask them to oppose it. [...] The writer is a member of Pennsylvania Federation of Injured Workers.” [The Morning Call, Op-Ed, [6/10/17](#)]

[2024: Mackenzie Voted Against Gun Laws That Would Have Banned Accelerated Triggers And Streamlined The Gun Sales Record Process With Police](#)

2024: Mackenzie Voted Against HB 335, Which Attempted To Ban “Multi-Burst Trigger Activators” Like The One Used In The Las Vegas Mass Shooting. “Imagine going to an outdoor concert with family and friends, but instead of great festivities and music, you were met with gunfire and screams. This was the scene when a gunman opened fire during a Las Vegas music event in October of 2017. The gunman had a dozen rifles outfitted with bump stocks and killed 58 people while wounding hundreds more. Bump stocks work by harnessing a firearm’s recoil energy to allow it to continue firing after a single pull of the trigger, thereby transforming a semiautomatic weapon into a fully automatic machine gun. [...] For this reason, I will be introducing legislation that would include ‘multi-burst trigger activators’ to the list of offensive weapons under current law, including items such as binary triggers and slide fire/bump stocks like the one used in the Las Vegas shooting.” Mackenzie voted against the bill, allowing it to die in the legislature without passage. [Pennsylvania House of Representatives, [12/12/22](#); [5/7/24](#)]

2024: Mackenzie Voted Against HB 2206, Which Sought To “Require All Licensed Firearm Importers, Manufacturers, And Dealers To Submit Their Records Of Sale To The State Police Electronically.” “To ensure that we are giving our officers every possible tool to keep us safe, we will be introducing legislation to require all licensed firearm importers, manufacturers, and dealers to submit their records of sale to the state police electronically, rather than by mail, unless there is a reported electronic failure, or the seller conducts 20 or fewer firearm transactions a year.” Mackenzie voted against the bill, allowing it to die in the legislature without passage. [Pennsylvania House of Representatives, [3/27/24](#); Pennsylvania House of Representatives, [5/7/24](#)]

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Budget and Taxes Highlights

- In 2017, Mackenzie said he agreed with Trump’s tax policy, which disproportionately benefited corporations and the wealthy, and, in 2023, signed a pledge indicating support for extending the Trump Tax Scam.
- Mackenzie celebrated a reduction to the corporate net income tax, despite corporate tax cuts being a “persistent” problem for Pennsylvania’s budget.
- Mackenzie supported “zero- based budgeting,” which at the federal level would put Social Security and Medicare on the chopping block every single year.
- Mackenzie voted against HB 1500 to raise the PA minimum wage.
- Mackenzie campaigned as a “champion for working families,” yet voted against legislation to strengthen prevailing wage laws and raise the minimum wage.

Jobs and the Economy Highlights

- Mackenzie opposed pro-labor legislation on several occasions, including opposing a constitutional amendment to guarantee a right to collective bargaining.
- Mackenzie worked to restrict access to workers’ compensation, introducing a bill that could have “eradicated” “any remaining compassion” for injured workers.
- Mackenzie opposed raising the minimum wage and wage reform on numerous occasions.
- Mackenzie voted against a bill that would have adopted federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration standards in public sector workplaces, where worker injury rates were higher.

- 2023: Mackenzie voted against HB 1067, which would “allow non-U.S. citizens to teach in Pennsylvania” as long as they have experience, valid certification, immigration papers, and employment authorization.
- Mackenzie opposed a bill barring employers from checking applicants’ credit scores during the hiring process.
- Mackenzie served on the Commission On Education And Economic Competitiveness.
- The Koch Brothers anti-union dark money group that backed the same GOP tax cuts that would outsource Pennsylvania’s manufacturing jobs supported Mackenzie’s campaign.
- Mackenzie introduced legislation to sharpen penalties for child labor law violations.
- Mackenzie introduced legislation to protect unemployment benefits for victims of domestic violence.

Crime, Public Safety, Criminal Justice, and Police Reform Highlights

- 2023: Mackenzie voted against HB 1018, which would enhance protection orders.
- 2021: Mackenzie voted in favor Of HB 103, which would make spitting on a police officer a third-degree felony “punishable by up to 7 years incarceration and \$15,000 in fines.”
- 2024: Mackenzie voted against HB 777, which would ”prohibit the sale of ghost guns and establish penalties.”
- 2022: Mackenzie voted in favor of HB 2524, which would limit incarcerated people’s ability to request public records under the Right to Know law.

Education Highlights

- Mackenzie called for “curriculum transparency so that parents have a complete understanding of what is being taught in our schools.”
- 2023: Mackenzie voted against HB 1067, which would “allow non-U.S. citizens to teach in Pennsylvania” as long as they have experience, valid certification, immigration papers, and employment authorization.
- 2022: Mackenzie’s campaign committee contributed \$250 to Restoring Excellence in East Penn Education (REEPE), an organization affiliated with extremist group Moms For Liberty, which pushed for banning books.

Elections and Voting Highlights

- Despite being registered to vote by mail, Mackenzie sought to overturn the 2020 election, questioning the legitimacy of certain mailed-in ballots and walked back his support for Pennsylvania’s new vote by mail law, which he voted for
 - December 2020: Mackenzie “signed a letter asking the state’s congressional delegation to reject Electoral College votes for President-elect Joe Biden.”

- Mackenzie signed onto the amicus brief challenging the 2020 election, stating, “I threw the challenge flag.”
- 2021: Mackenzie told a Berks County Patriots meeting that a Lehigh County Judge committed election fraud.
- The Mackenzie campaign recruited poll watchers to monitor precincts, a known voter intimidation tactic commonly used by Republicans.
- Mackenzie tried to make it harder to vote by mail and easier for officials to reject mailed-in ballots.
- Mackenzie “consistently voted” to reduce the size of Pennsylvania’s General Assembly.

Environment Highlights

- Mackenzie blocked a regional initiative to curb greenhouse gas emissions, describing it as a “radical climate agenda.”
- Mackenzie expressed skepticism toward man-made climate change, claiming “the science is all over the place.”
- Mackenzie supported increased electric car trade with China.

Ethics and Transparency Highlights

- 2014: Mackenzie refused to respond to a Reading Eagle survey asking whether Berks County Lawmakers would accept an automatic pay raise.

Gun Control Highlights

- Ammo.com scored Mackenzie “Grade A” for being outspoken about and actively pursuing Pro-2nd Amendment legislation.
- The “no-compromise gun lobby,” Gun Owners of America, Pennsylvania, awarded Mackenzie a 94% score on his pro-gun voting record.
- Mackenzie wanted to “defend the 2nd Amendment in its original intent” as one of his “Four Principles for America.”
- Mackenzie voted to allow individuals to carry firearms without a permit in Pennsylvania despite opposition from district attorneys and law enforcement organizations.
- Mackenzie consistently voted against gun safety initiatives, such as restricting ghost guns and establishing a universal registration check system.
- Mackenzie repeatedly voted to limit municipalities’ ability to create gun laws while allowing organizations like the NRA to challenge existing local ordinances.
 - Mackenzie voted to allow the National Rifle Association and other entities to sue local governments for enacting and enforcing their own gun laws.
- 2023: Mackenzie voted against background checks to purchase firearms.

Health Care, Mental Health, Drugs, and Addiction Highlights

- Mackenzie voted against bills that would improve health care accessibility.
- After accepting money from insurance PACs, Mackenzie introduced a bill to create a pre-approved list of drugs for injured employees receiving medical care and financial assistance for lost wages.
- Mackenzie supported “zero- based budgeting,” which at the federal level would put Medicare on the chopping block every single year.

Housing and Homelessness Highlights

- 2018: Mackenzie said he supported the “elimination” of “unfair and antiquated system of taxation” that is “property taxes” and that he voted for and sponsored the “full and complete elimination of property taxes” in the State House.
- Mackenzie worked in real estate sales before running for office.

Human and Civil Rights Highlights

- Mackenzie voted to dismantle a public support program for disabled adults.

Immigration Highlights

- 2023: Mackenzie voted against HB 1067, which would “allow non-U.S. citizens to teach in Pennsylvania” as long as they have experience, valid certification, immigration papers, and employment authorization.
- Immigration advocates criticized immigration bills introduced by Mackenzie for spreading “xenophobic and racist rhetoric that fosters prejudice towards immigrants.”

MAGA, Partisanship, and Far-Right Affiliations Highlights

- Mackenzie signed the Pennsylvania Congressional letter to reject the results of the 2020 presidential election.
- Mackenzie signed an amicus brief for Texas v. Pennsylvania, which aimed to overturn Pennsylvania’s 2020 election results.
- 2024: Mackenzie endorsed Trump’s Presidential campaign, calling himself “a proud America first conservative.”
- Trump “appointed Ryan to serve on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s Local Government Advisory Committee and as a commissioner on the President’s Commission on White House Fellowships.”
- Mackenzie spoke at meetings of “extreme anti-government group” the Berks County Patriots, which “sent members to the Jan. 6 insurrection” and received support from the Oath Keepers.

- 2024: House Speaker Mike Johnson campaigned on Mackenzie’s behalf.
- Koch Brothers super PAC, Americans For Prosperity, supported Mackenzie’s campaign.
- Mackenzie attended the 2016 RNC as an alternate delegate.
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Infrastructure Highlights

- During Mackenzie’s stint in the Pennsylvania Department Of Labor, he worked on infrastructure development.
- Mackenzie was listed as one of the “100 Most Influential Leaders In Pennsylvania’s Construction Industry.”
- 2023: Mackenzie voted against House Bill 413, which was intended to prevent the misclassification of employees as independent contractors in the construction industry.
- Mackenzie co-authored a bill that would take “\$507 million from transportation.”
- Mackenzie received \$2,500 from the Build PAC of the National Association of Home Builders.

International Relations Highlights

- Mackenzie argued for cutting aid to Ukraine, suggesting the war-torn nation bore the responsibility of finding a “peaceful resolution” to its conflict with Russia.
- Mackenzie discouraged a ceasefire in Gaza.
- Mackenzie expressed optimism regarding trade with China.
 - Mackenzie flip-flopped on Chinese trade, describing them as a “strategic competitor.”

LGBTQ Rights Highlights

- Mackenzie “voted against the PA Fairness Act, which established statewide nondiscrimination for all LGBTQ Pennsylvanians.”
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Military, National Security, and Veterans’ Affairs Highlights

- Mackenzie listed stopping “woke practices” in the military as one of his top campaign priorities.
- Mackenzie listed “providing choice for medical care and continuous improvement of the VA” as a top campaign priority, despite such a program already existing.

Unions and Organized Labor Highlights

- Mackenzie tried to prevent government unions from contributing to political campaigns and opposed unemployment benefits for striking workers.
- Mackenzie voted against a constitutional amendment enshrining rights for organized labor.
- Mackenzie worked to restrict access to workers' compensation.
- The Koch Brothers anti-union dark money group that backed the same GOP tax cuts that would outsource Pennsylvania's manufacturing jobs supported Mackenzie's campaign.

Pennsylvania House of Representatives (2012-2024) Highlights

- 2024: Mackenzie voted against HB 847, which sought To authorize "election officials to begin counting mail-in ballots 7 days before an election"
- 2024: Mackenzie voted against gun laws that would have banned accelerated triggers and streamlined the gun sales record process with police.
- 2024: Mackenzie voted against HB 254, which attempted to establish "The Lake Erie Energy Development Act to authorize the leasing of submerged lands in Lake Erie for the development of wind and solar energy projects."
- 2023: *City & State Pennsylvania* named Mackenzie one of the "100 most influential leaders in the Commonwealth's construction industry."
- 2012-2017: Mackenzie "missed three roll calls and 28 votes."

2020 Pennsylvania House District 134 Campaign Highlights

- 2020: Mackenzie won the race to represent PA House District 134 with 54.3% of the vote.

2022 PA-07 Congressional Campaign Highlights

- In November 2021, Mackenzie filed to run for Congress to represent PA-07, but he later withdrew from the race.

2022 Pennsylvania House District 187 Campaign Highlights

- 2022: Mackenzie won election to represent the 187th District in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives.

2024 Campaign Finance Highlights

- As of June 2024, Mackenzie's campaign raised \$280,980.20 and spent \$154,838.41.
- Mackenzie accepted \$6.6k from casino moguls Steve and Andrea Wynn.
- Mackenzie accepted \$12.9k from real estate interests.

- Mackenzie made campaign contributions to election-denying Republicans Lloyd Smucker, Ann Flood, Jim Cox, and Scott Hough.
- Mackenzie donated to anti-choice Republicans Zach Mako, Brent Labenberg, Carolyn Carluccio, and Mario Scavello.

Personal Finance Highlights

- 2024: Mackenzie claimed assets valued between \$384k and \$1 million.
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- 2022: Mackenzie claimed assets valued between \$366K and \$916K.
- 2021: Mackenzie claimed assets valued between \$381K and \$966K.
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Mackenzie Earned Endorsement From PA Pro-Life Federation PAC For His 100% Pro-Life Voting Record

Mackenzie Was Pro-Life And Wanted “To Reduce The Number Of Abortions That Occur In Pennsylvania.” “Mackenzie specifically said he is ‘pro-life’ and wants to reduce the number of abortions that occur in Pennsylvania.” [The Morning Call, [4/5/24](#)]

Mackenzie Was Endorsed By The PA Pro-Life Federation PAC For His 100% Pro-Life Voting Record. Mackenzie was included on the list of Pennsylvania Pro-Life candidates made by the PA Pro-Life Federation for his 100% pro-life voting record.[Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation PAC, [Accessed 5/29/24](#)]

- **Mackenzie: “I Have Always Been Endorsed By The PA Pro-Life Federation.”** “Mackenzie: During my time in office, I have a solid pro-life voting record and I have always been endorsed by the PA Pro-Life Federation.” [The Morning Call, [5/6/22](#)]
- **The Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation Was “Committed To Promoting The Dignity And Value Of Human Life From Conception To Natural Death And To Restoring Legal Protection For Preborn Children.”** “The Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation, Inc., is committed to promoting the dignity and value of human life from conception to natural death and to restoring legal protection for preborn children. Through legislation, political action, education and other legal means, we proclaim the truth about abortion, infanticide, and euthanasia.” [Pennsylvania Pro-Life, accessed [9/12/23](#)]

- **The Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation Is An Affiliate Of National Right To Life.** “The Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation is a grassroots right-to-life organization with members statewide. As the state affiliate of National Right to Life, PPLF is committed to promoting the dignity and value of human life from conception to natural death and to restoring legal protection for preborn children.” [PA Town Hall, [8/1/22](#)]
- **The Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation PAC Opposes Abortion From Conception.** “The Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation, Inc., is committed to promoting the dignity and value of human life from conception to natural death and to restoring legal protection for preborn children.” [PA Pro-Life Federation PAC, [Accessed 5/31/24](#)]
- **The PA Pro-Life Federation Sought To Amend Pennsylvania’s Constitution To Ban “The Right To A Taxpayer-Funded Abortion Or Any Other Right Relating To Abortion.”** “After Kansas voters overwhelmingly rejected a constitutional amendment to allow that state to prohibit all abortions, other states are considering similar measures. [...] The amendment, which passed the Republican-controlled legislature recently and must pass again next year to get on the ballot, says: ‘This Constitution does not grant the right to a taxpayer-funded abortion or any other right relating to abortion.’ Its supporters say this is a response to a lawsuit, not yet decided by the state Supreme Court, brought by abortion rights groups who want abortions for the poor to be funded under Medicaid.’ We believe the Pennsylvania Supreme Court might go even further and declare a constitutional right to an abortion under the Pennsylvania Constitution, so our only recourse is a constitutional amendment,’ says Maria Gallagher, the legislative director for the Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation.” [CBS News, [8/4/22](#)]

Mackenzie Vowed To Consistently Vote In Line With His Pro-Life View

2022: Mackenzie Pledged To “Continue To Vote In A Way That Is Consistent With My Pro-Life Views.” “Mackenzie: [...] Going forward, I will thoughtfully consider any legislation that comes before me and continue to vote in a way that is consistent with my pro-life views and the views of the majority of those I represent.” [The Morning Call, [5/6/22](#)]

2021: Mackenzie Voted In Favor Of SB 106, Which Would “Deny The Right to Abortion Care and Abortion Funding in Pennsylvania, Without Exception”

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- **ACLU: SB 106 Would “Deny The Right to Abortion Care and Abortion Funding in Pennsylvania, Without Exception.”** “SB 106 proposes five separate amendments to the Pennsylvania Constitution that would: 1. Deny the right to abortion care and abortion funding in Pennsylvania, without exception.” [ACLU Pennsylvania, [Accessed 6/7/24](#)]

Mackenzie Was In Favor Of A 20-Week Abortion Ban

Mackenzie Supported “Shortening The Time Period Where A Woman Can Have An Abortion” And “Advocated Against” The Use Of Taxpayer Funds For Abortion Care. “Mackenzie: [...] To date, we have voted on changes I support such as shortening the time period where a woman can have an abortion from 24 weeks to 20 weeks. I have also advocated against, and will continue to advocate against, public dollars being used for abortions.” [The Morning Call, [5/6/22](#)]

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- **ACLU: SB 3 Would Criminalize Abortion At 20 Weeks.** “Senate Bill 3 would criminalize abortion at 20 weeks gestation, replacing the current ban at 24 weeks.” [ACLU Pennsylvania, [Accessed 6/5/24](#)]
- **ACLU: SB 3 Would Criminalize Medical Abortion “At Any Point During A Pregnancy.”** “[Senate Bill 3] would also make it a crime for a doctor to perform a D&E procedure (a safe, medically-tested, and most commonly used second trimester procedure) at any point during a pregnancy. The bill includes no exceptions for rape, incest, or fetal abnormalities. If passed, it would be the most restrictive abortion ban in the country.” [ACLU Pennsylvania, [Accessed 6/5/24](#)]
- **State Officials Called SB 3 “Dangerous,” “Extreme,” And A “Violation Of A Woman’s Right To Privacy And Autonomy.”** “In Conshohocken, state Rep. Mary Jo Daley joined Wolf in standing against the bill. ‘It’s at this critical juncture that we must reject Senate Bill 3 as a very clear and very real violation of a woman’s right to privacy and to autonomy over her own body,’ said Daley, a Democrat who represents Montgomery County. She added: ‘The same party that wants government to stay out of our lives also wants government to force women to stay pregnant. The same party that wants to force women to stay pregnant habitually cuts the services and programs which would help these same women raise their children.’ [...] ‘This legislation is a disingenuous and bald-faced attempt to pass the most extreme, anti-choice legislation in this country,’ [Gov. Tom Wolf] added. ‘This legislation is an attempt to criminalize the decisions that women make about their own health care. And this legislation destroys health care options for victims, even those who are victims of the horrors of rape and incest.’” [PBS WHYY, [12/22/17](#)]
- **Mackenzie Supported “Shortening The Time Period Where A Woman Can Have An Abortion From 24 Weeks To 20 Weeks.”** Q: “With the leaked draft opinion from the Supreme Court indicating Roe v. Wade could be overturned, what changes, if any, would you make to Pennsylvania’s abortion laws?” MACKENZIE: “During my time in office, I have a solid pro-life voting record and I have always been endorsed by the PA Pro-Life Federation. To date, we have voted on changes I support such as shortening the time period where a woman can have an abortion from 24

weeks to 20 weeks. I have also advocated against, and will continue to advocate against, public dollars being used for abortions.” [The Morning Call, [5/6/22](#)]

2016: Mackenzie Voted For HB 1948, A 20-Week Abortion Ban Without Exceptions For Rape Or Incest

2016: Mackenzie Voted For A 20-Week Abortion Ban That Prohibited “Dismemberment Abortions” And Required In-Person Pre-Abortion Medical Consultations. Mackenzie voted in favor of House Bill 1948 which, “It will prohibit an individual from performing or inducing an abortion upon another person when the gestational age of the unborn child is 20 or more weeks, unless the abortion is performed to protect the life of the mother; or if failing to perform the abortion would lead to a substantial and irreversible impairment of a major bodily function. Under current law the prohibition is set at the gestational age of 24 weeks. It also adds a new section that prohibits ‘dismemberment abortions’ as defined in the bill. Exceptions to this prohibition are provided and differ based on the gestational age of the unborn child. The section also specifies that liability for performing a dismemberment abortion cannot fall on the patient or any individual involved in the abortion process who acts at the direction of a physician. Performing a dismemberment abortion is graded as a felony of the third degree, punishable by a fine of up to \$15,000 and/or up to 7 years in prison. House Bill 1948 also repeals provisions relating to spousal notice and clarifies that medical consultations that occur prior to an abortion procedure must occur in-person.” House Bill 1948 passed the House 132-65 but did not advance in the Senate. [Pennsylvania General Assembly, House Bill#: 1948, Passed: [6/21/16](#); H.B. 1948, House Roll Call, [6/21/16](#)]

- **The Only Exception To The 20-Week Abortion Ban Was To Protect The Health Of The Mother.** “It will prohibit an individual from performing or inducing an abortion upon another person when the gestational age of the unborn child is 20 or more weeks, unless the abortion is performed to protect the life of the mother; or if failing to perform the abortion would lead to a substantial and irreversible impairment of a major bodily function. Under current law the prohibition is set at the gestational age of 24 weeks. It also adds a new section that prohibits ‘dismemberment abortions’ as defined in the bill. Exceptions to this prohibition are provided and differ based on the gestational age of the unborn child. The section also specifies that liability for performing a dismemberment abortion cannot fall on the patient or any individual involved in the abortion process who acts at the direction of a physician. Performing a dismemberment abortion is graded as a felony of the third degree, punishable by a fine of up to \$15,000 and/or up to 7 years in prison. House Bill 1948 also repeals provisions relating to spousal notice and clarifies that medical consultations that occur prior to an abortion procedure must occur in-person.” House Bill 1948 passed the House 132-65 but did not advance in the Senate. [Pennsylvania General Assembly, House Bill#: 1948, Passed: [6/21/16](#)]

Mackenzie Voted For A Bill To Require Doctors To Provide Women With Information On Perinatal Care If They Are “Diagnosed With A Life-Threatening Fetal Anomaly”

2019: Mackenzie Voted In Favor Of HB 1058 To Require Information On Perinatal Support Care Be Provide To A Woman After Receiving A Diagnosis Of A “Life Limiting Condition.” “An Act requiring that information on the option of perinatal support care programs be given to a woman after diagnosis of a

life limiting condition; and imposing penalties.” Mackenzie voted in favor of the bill. [Pennsylvania General Assembly, [HB 1058](#); [RCS No. 254](#), 5/6/19]

- **HB 1058 Would Require The State To Provide Pregnant Women With Information On Perinatal Care If They Are “Diagnosed With A Life-Threatening Fetal Anomaly.”** “Rapp’s Compassion and Care for Medically Challenging Pregnancies Act (House Bill 1058) that would require information to be given to a mother on the option of perinatal care after she is diagnosed with a life-threatening fetal anomaly was approved 116-76 by the Pennsylvania House. [...] Perinatal care is a model of support for parents who choose to continue their pregnancies following a prenatal diagnosis indicating that the unborn child has a life-limiting condition and might die before or shortly after birth. Perinatal care is offered from the time of diagnosis through the baby’s birth and death.” [PA State Rep. Kathy Rapp, [5/8/19](#)]

[Mackenzie Tried Eliminate Abortion Health Care Coverage And Force Parents To Pay For Funerals Or Cremation After All Abortions](#)

Mackenzie Voted Yes On HB 118, Regarding “The Final Disposition Of Fetal Remains.” “An Act providing for the final disposition of fetal remains; and imposing penalties.” Mackenzie voted in favor of the bill. [Pennsylvania General Assembly, [HB 118](#); [RCS No. 318](#), 6/9/21]

- **ACLU: HB 118 Would Require Health Care Facilities To Bury Or Cremate “All Medical Tissue—At Any Gestational Age—Following A Spontaneous Or Induced Termination Of A Pregnancy.”** “HB 118 would require a hospital or clinic to arrange for the burial or cremation of all medical tissue—at any gestational age—following a spontaneous or induced termination of a pregnancy, such as miscarriage, abortion, or in vitro embryo reduction that occurs within a healthcare facility. A healthcare facility that violates this act will be fined between \$50 and \$300 or a person charged with fulfilling these duties may be imprisoned in county jail for up to thirty days.” [ACLU Pennsylvania, [Accessed 6/7/24](#)]

[2013: Mackenzie Voted To Prohibit Coverage Of Abortion By Health Plans Offered Through The Insurance Exchange, Even When The Plan Was Purchased With Private Funds Or The Woman’s Health Was At Risk](#)

2013: Mackenzie Voted In Favor Of HB 818. “An Act amending Title 40 (Insurance) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for compliance with Federal health care legislation.” Mackenzie voted in favor of the bill. [Pennsylvania General Assembly, [HB 818](#); [RCS No. 284](#), 4/23/13]

- **ACLU: HB 818 Would Ban Insurance Coverage Of Abortion Care Except In Cases Of Rape, Incest, Or “Imminent” Threat To The Life Of The Woman.** “In a continuing trend toward wresting control of women’s healthcare away from patients and doctors, the Pennsylvania Senate today passed legislation to ban insurance coverage of abortion care in policies sold in the exchange created by the federal healthcare reform law. [...] On Tuesday, the Senate rejected the opportunity to amend the bill, House Bill 818, to provide greater flexibility for patients who participate in the insurance exchange. Amendments to allow abortion coverage when a patient pays with private funds and to allow an exception for coverage when an abortion is necessary to avert a medical emergency both failed. The bill currently contains only narrow exceptions for rape, incest, and imminent death of the woman.” [ACLU Pennsylvania, [6/5/13](#)]

- **The Legislation Banning Coverage Of Abortions Did Not Provide Exceptions Even When The Insurance Was Purchased With Private Funds Or When The Woman’s Health Was At Risk.** “House Republican leaders touted the law 's passage as a way to ‘protect taxpayer dollars’ from funding abortion, a contention the ACLU called ‘ludicrous.’ ‘They’re comparing insurance from Blue Cross with Medicare and Medicaid,’ said Andrew Hoover, legislative director of the ACLU of Pennsylvania, ‘Under this law a person could buy insurance with the exchange with their own money couldn’t get abortion coverage even when their health was threatened.’ Hoover noted both the House and Senate had the opportunity to offer an exemption in cases where a woman’s health was in danger and voted it down.” [Philadelphia Inquirer, [6/17/13](#)]
- **Mackenzie Voted Against House Amendment A1140 That Would Provide Abortion Coverage When A Woman’s Health Was Threatened Or When The Insurance Was Paid For Using Private Funds.** Mackenzie voted against House amendment A1140 which would authorize abortion coverage when a women’s health is threatened and when the insurance is paid for using private funds. Amendment A1140 failed in the House 82-102. [Pennsylvania General Assembly, Amendment #: A1140, Vote: [4/17/13](#); Pennsylvania General Assembly, Amendment A1140, [4/17/13](#)]

[Mackenzie Was Called “An Opponent Of Abortion Rights” By Former US Senator Rick Santorum](#)

Mackenzie Was Endorsed By Former US Senator Rick Santorum Who Called Mackenzie An “An Opponent Of Abortion Rights.” “State Rep. Ryan Mackenzie, R-Lehigh, announced that he has support from two-time presidential contender and former U.S. Sen. Rick Santorum, who described Mackenzie as a ‘true conservative,’ an opponent of abortion rights, and someone who will aid U.S. workers. ‘Few candidates better understand the challenges facing American workers and the steps we need to take to start winning again in Washington,’ Santorum said in a statement. ‘Ryan gets it.’” [The Morning Call, [12/3/17](#)]

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Budget and Taxes

Budget and Taxes Highlights

- In 2017, Mackenzie said he agreed with Trump's tax policy, which disproportionately benefited corporations and the wealthy, and, in 2023, signed a pledge indicating support for extending the Trump Tax Scam.
- Mackenzie celebrated a reduction to the corporate net income tax, despite corporate tax cuts being a "persistent" problem for Pennsylvania's budget.
- Mackenzie supported "zero- based budgeting," which at the federal level would put Social Security and Medicare on the chopping block every single year.
- Mackenzie voted against HB 1500 to raise the PA minimum wage.
- Mackenzie campaigned as a "champion for working families," yet voted against legislation to strengthen prevailing wage laws and raise the minimum wage.
- 2017: Mackenzie voted for a bill that would eliminate property taxes.

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[Reading Eagle, [9/9/17](#)]

Trump's Tax Reform Disproportionately Benefited Corporations And The Wealthy

Institute On Taxation And Economic Policy: "The Richest 20 Percent Of Taxpayers Will Receive [...] 72 Percent Of The Law's Benefits That Go To U.S. Taxpayers." "ITEP's most recent analysis estimates the richest 5 percent of taxpayers will receive \$145 billion in tax cuts in 2020, which is half of the law's benefits that go to U.S. taxpayers. The richest 20 percent of taxpayers will receive \$205 billion in 2020, which is 72 percent of the law's benefits that go to U.S. taxpayers." [Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy, [8/28/19](#)]

The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Decreased The Top Corporate Tax Rate From 35% To 21%. "The TCJA's changes mostly affected the corporate and individual income taxes (Figure 2). The act reduced the top corporate tax rate from 35% to 21%—a 40% reduction." [Brookings, [2/14/20](#)]

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2023: Mackenzie Signed The Congressional Taxpayer Protection Pledge To Oppose And Vote Against Income Tax Increases, Which Americans For Tax Reform Called Repeal Of The Trump Tax Bill. “Americans for Tax Reform (ATR) commends Ryan Mackenzie for signing the congressional Taxpayer Protection Pledge, a written commitment to the taxpayers of Pennsylvania to oppose and vote against income tax hikes. Candidates often make campaign promises not to raise taxes, only to abandon taxpayers once elected. The Taxpayer Protection Pledge requires candidates to put their commitment in writing making it harder to reverse course. Mackenzie's decision to sign the Taxpayer Protection Pledge exhibits his strong commitment to fiscal responsibility and pro-growth tax policies. [...] President Biden and Vice President Harris have vowed to raise taxes: they have both repeatedly pledged to ‘eliminate,’ ‘get rid of,’ ‘repeal’ and ‘reverse’ the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, which cut taxes for all Americans.” [Americans for Tax Reform, Press Release, [10/12/23](#)]

Mackenzie Celebrated A Reduction To The Corporate Net Income Tax, Despite Corporate Tax Cuts Being A “Persistent” Problem For Pennsylvania’s Budget

2022: Rep. Mackenzie Said That Reducing The “Corporate Net Income Tax Helps Both Large And Small Businesses.” “In the new budget the Corporate Net Income Tax, which is currently 9.99 % will be reduced to 8.99% on Jan. 1, 2023, with automatic, annual .50 percentage point reductions until the rate reaches 4.99% in 2031. The change will make Pennsylvania the eighth lowest CNI tax in the country. [...] ‘This reduction in Corporate Net Income Tax helps both large and small businesses,’ [Mackenzie] said. ‘This will bring meaningful changes for small businesses, but it’s just the first step with more steps moving forward.’” [Central Penn Business Journal, [11/3/22](#)]

- **The Keystone Research Center Credited Corporate Tax Cuts As “One Source Of Pennsylvania’s Persistent Budget Problems.”** “Over the last 15 years, corporate tax cuts have reduced Pennsylvania tax revenue by \$3.9 billion a year. This means less money for education, environmental protection, infrastructure improvement and development, and other critical services. Passing combined reporting would eliminate the Delaware loophole, a significant corporate loophole in Pennsylvania that has allowed corporations to avoid paying their fair share of taxes. [...] One source of Pennsylvania’s persistent budget problems has been the declining share of tax revenue raised by taxes on corporations. The share of general fund tax revenues coming from corporations has fallen from 30% in 1972 to 15% in 2018-2019 because we have eliminated one tax on corporations, the Capital Stock and Franchise tax, and have created new loopholes in our corporate net income tax. Pennsylvania also has a major loophole, known as the ‘Delaware loophole’ which allows 74% of corporations that do business in PA to pay no corporate income tax.” [Keystone Research Center, [Accessed 5/30/24](#)]

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Mackenzie Said He Was “A Fan Of Zero-Based Budgeting.” HOST: Are you a vote to cut the spending?” MACKENZIE: “When there are areas where there is waste or a program has just simply outlived its usefulness, it's appropriate to make changes and cuts the funding for certain things at those times. I mean, there's no doubt about that. And that's what every business does every family does. You need to assess your finances on a regular basis. Why in Pennsylvania, I've been a fan of zero-based budgeting starting every year looking at your budget, figuring out what are the things that are appropriate, what needs to be done, and a number of years ago, a group there were about 12 to 15 of us that we were stuck at a budget impasse with our liberal governor. And we decided we spent the summer in a conference room in Harrisburg going line by line through the budget, figuring out areas where we could bring in that wasteful spending.” [The Wilkow Majority, Ryan Mackenzie joins Andrew Wilkow, 1:00, [9/7/23](#)] (AUDIO)

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Senator Johnson Suggested Using Zero-Based Budgeting To Evaluate The Whole US Budget, Including Medicare And Social Security, Annually

Senator Johnson Suggested That The Whole US Budget, Including Medicare And Social Security, Be Evaluated Annually. “Republican U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson indicated that Medicare and Social Security should be subjected to annual budget deliberations, a move that could upend guaranteed benefits relied upon by millions of Americans. Johnson, who is running for a third term in November in a race that could shape the balance of power in the Senate, made his comments Tuesday during an interview on the Regular Joe Show, hosted by Joe Giganti. Federal spending is in two baskets — discretionary spending which comes in annual appropriations in areas like defense and public works and mandatory spending that is generally governed by statute and includes entitlement programs like Social Security and Medicare that provide guaranteed benefits. During the interview, Johnson was asked about the PACT Act — aid to veterans who have been exposed to toxic burn pits — and a controversy over discretionary vs. mandatory spending. In his answer, Johnson suggested that he seeks to turn everything in the federal budget into discretionary spending — including Social Security and Medicare — so that programs can be evaluated and fixed.” [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, [8/2/22](#)]

Mackenzie Campaigned As A “Champion For Working Families” Yet Voted Against Legislation To Strengthen Prevailing Wage Laws And Raise The Minimum Wage

Rep. Josh Siegel Slammed Mackenzie, Calling Him “A Hypocrite for Campaigning as a Champion for Working Pennsylvanians” While Working Against Fair Wage Legislation. “Rep. Josh Siegel, one of 45 co-sponsors on the bill, called Mackenzie a hypocrite for campaigning as a champion for working Pennsylvanians while actively working to prevent them from earning a prevailing wage.” [LehighValleyNews.com, [6/3/24](#)]

2023: Mackenzie Voted For HB 1500. “An Act amending the act of January 17, 1968 (P.L.11, No.5), known as The Minimum Wage Act of 1968, further providing for definitions, for minimum wages and for exemptions.” Mackenzie voted in favor of the bill. [Pennsylvania General Assembly, [HB 1500](#); [RCS No. 270](#), 6/20/23]

- **HB 1500 Would Incrementally Increase Pennsylvania’s Minimum Wage, Ending At \$15 Per Hour In 2026 To Be Subsequently Indexed To Inflation.** “A bill (H.B. 1500) sponsored by state Rep. Jason Dawkins, D-Phila., that would increase the minimum wage in Pennsylvania to \$15 per hour by 2026 and set the tipped wage to 60% of the minimum wage passed the Pennsylvania House of Representatives today. This legislation would increase the minimum wage in Pennsylvania to \$11 per hour by Jan. 1, 2024; \$13 per hour by Jan. 1, 2025; and \$15 per hour by Jan. 1, 2026. The minimum wage would be indexed to inflation beginning in 2027.” [PA House Democrats, [6/20/23](#)]

2024: Mackenzie “Took A Stand” Against HB 2153, “A Bipartisan Bill That Would Strengthen Prevailing Wage Laws.” “State Rep. Ryan Mackenzie took a stand Monday against a bipartisan bill that would strengthen prevailing wage laws in Pennsylvania, arguing taxpayers would face artificially high costs as a result. House Bill 2153, introduced in March, would eliminate the practice of split rates.” [LehighValleyNews.com, [6/3/24](#)]

2024: Mackenzie Tweeted That “Americans Are Struggling To Pay For The Basics.” [Twitter, Ryan Mackenzie, [5/19/24](#)]



[Twitter, Ryan Mackenzie, [5/19/24](#)]

- **Keystone Research Center Argued That “Raising The Minimum Wage Can Help Restore Spending On The Basics And, In The Process, Boost The Local Economy.”** “Wages are so low now that they don’t even cover rent and the cost of getting around, forcing working people to rely on the local food bank to help make ends meet. Raising the minimum wage can help restore spending on the basics and, in the process, boost the local economy. [...] We recommend that policymakers restore the purchasing power of the minimum wage by returning it to roughly half of the median wage for full-time full-year workers. Current proposals to raise the minimum wage in Pennsylvania to \$15 by the middle of the next decade are consistent with this goal. Enabling working class families to better afford the basics boosts family incomes for white, Black, and brown families in every part of Pennsylvania and, in the process, boosts spending in the broader economy.” [Keystone Research Center, [Accessed 6/5/24](#)]

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Jobs and the Economy

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- Mackenzie opposed pro-labor legislation on several occasions, including opposing a constitutional amendment to guarantee a right to collective bargaining.
- Mackenzie worked to restrict access to workers' compensation, introducing a bill that could have "eradicated" "any remaining compassion" for injured workers.
- Mackenzie opposed raising the minimum wage and wage reform on numerous occasions.
- Mackenzie voted against a bill which would have adopted federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration standards in public sector workplaces, where worker injury rates were higher.
- 2023: Mackenzie voted against HB 1067, which would "allow non-U.S. citizens to teach in Pennsylvania" as long as they have experience, valid certification, immigration papers, and employment authorization.
- Mackenzie served on the Commission On Education And Economic Competitiveness.
- Mackenzie opposed a bill barring employers from checking applicants' credit scores during the hiring process.
- The Koch Brothers anti-union dark money group that backed the same GOP tax cuts that Mackenzie supported that would outsource Pennsylvania's manufacturing jobs supported Mackenzie's campaign.

Mackenzie Opposed Pro-Labor Legislation On Several Occasions

Mackenzie Opposed A Pennsylvania Constitutional Amendment To Guarantee The Right To Collective Bargaining

2023: Mackenzie Opposed HB 950, A Proposed Pennsylvania Constitutional Amendment To Guarantee The Right To Collective Bargaining. "Pennsylvania and 26 other states exempt non-represented workers from paying union dues, though House Bill 950 – if approved by voters – would amend the constitution to protect collective bargaining rights for wages, benefits, and other working conditions. Critics argue that doing so will give unions the power to charge workers 'nonmember fees' – superseding existing laws – and further weaken the state's strained labor force and drive economic investment elsewhere. And, that's even if the amendment makes it through both chambers of the Legislature twice – a feat Republicans deem impossible given their comfortable majority in the Senate. Minority Committee Chairman Rep. Ryan Mackenzie, R-Macungie, pointed to this dynamic as he lambasted his colleagues for setting aside issues with the state's unemployment benefits system and workforce development in favor of 'pandering to special interests.' 'We're ignoring those significant issues which are affecting workers across this commonwealth, totally ignoring them,' he said. 'Instead, we're passing these messaging bills ... but if we want to actually help workers, and on May Day again of all

days, we should not be giving false hope and false promises to individuals across this commonwealth that things are going to change.” [The Center Square, [5/1/23](#)]

Mackenzie Opposed A Bill To Give Workers On Strike Unemployment Benefits

Mackenzie Opposed A Bill To Give Workers On Strike Unemployment Benefits. “The Pennsylvania state House approved a bill Wednesday, Nov. 15, that would grant unemployment benefits to striking workers - a move Democrats said would level the playing field for employees, while Republicans said the measure would violate the intent of the benefit program. [...] Republicans said the proposal would violate the core concept of unemployment compensation, in which employees pay into a trust fund while they are working and receive pay from the fund when they find themselves involuntarily unemployed. ‘When you choose to go on strike you are violating that premise, you are making that decision,’ said Rep. Ryan Mackenzie, R- Lehigh County. While workers have a right to strike, ‘what is not their right is to ask other hardworking Pennsylvanians to pay for them when they choose to go on strike,’ Mackenzie said, and ‘unless you come up with a way to actually pay for this, it’s just a benefit drawdown for some workers that all workers end up paying for.’” [Governing, [11/17/23](#)]

- **Mackenzie Voted Against HB1481 Providing Unemployment Benefits To Striking Workers In November 2023.** “An Act amending the act of December 5, 1936 (2nd Sp.Sess., 1937 P.L.2897, No.1), known as the Unemployment Compensation Law, in compensation, further providing for ineligibility for compensation.” Mackenzie voted in favor of the bill. [Pennsylvania State Legislature, [HB 1481](#); [RCS No. 748](#), 11/15/23]

Mackenzie Called A Bill To Prevent The Misclassification Of Contract Workers ‘Problematic’

Mackenzie Called A Bill To Prevent The Misclassification Of Contract Workers ‘Problematic.’ “A bill cracking down on the misclassification of workers by construction contractors passed the Pennsylvania House on Monday, heading to the Senate where a slightly different bill on the same issue is already in the works. [...] Rep. Ryan Mackenzie, R-Lehigh County — the ranking Republican on the House labor committee — said the bill ‘is still problematic’ and that ‘yet again we are heading down the path of offering a bill that is going to be dead when it goes over to the Senate,’ given that other chamber has its own version. The bill in the GOP-controlled Senate, which passed out of committee with bipartisan support in October, has most of the same provisions as the House bill, with one crucial exception. The House version contains a provision extending debarments to ‘successor entities,’ intended to prevent the same operators from re-forming to skirt the ban. This is the provision at issue, according to Mackenzie, who said the definition is too broad and that ‘businesses that are actually doing the right thing could get swept up in this legislation’ due to the way the bill is worded.” [The Bradford Era , [12/12/23](#)]

- **2023: Mackenzie Voted Against HB 1751, The Construction Workplace Misclassification Act.** “An Act amending the act of October 13, 2010 (P.L.506, No.72), known as the Construction Workplace Misclassification Act, further providing for definitions, for improper classification of employees and for criminal penalties; providing for private right of action; further providing for administrative penalties, for retaliation for action prohibited, for availability of information, for use of penalty funds and for funding; and imposing penalties.” Mackenzie voted against the bill, which passed the House of Representatives with 121 yeas and 82 nays. [Pennsylvania State Legislature, [HB 1751](#); [RCS No. 766](#), 12/11/23]

Mackenzie Worked To Restrict Access To Workers' Compensation

2015: Mackenzie Was The Prime Sponsor Of HB 1800, A Bill That Sought To Amend The Workers' Compensation Act Of 1915 To Supposedly Control Costs

2015: Mackenzie Co-Sponsored HB 1800 To Amend The Workers' Compensation Act. "An Act amending the act of June 2, 1915 (P.L.736, No.338), known as the Workers' Compensation Act, in interpretation and definitions, further providing for definitions; in liability and compensation, further providing for schedule of compensation; and, in procedure, further providing for investigations and peer review." Mackenzie was the bill's prime sponsor. [Pennsylvania House of Representatives, [HB 1800](#), 12/18/15]

- **Mackenzie's Memo On HB 1800 Claimed "Instituting Treatment Guidelines In Our Workers' Compensation System Will Control Costs And Will Enhance Return-To-Work Outcomes."** "In the near future, I will be introducing legislation which will fundamentally transform and improve the delivery of medical treatment to Pennsylvania's injured workers. [...] Specifically, my proposal will amend Articles III and IV of the PA Workers' Compensation Act (Act 338 of 1915) to require that all 'reasonable and necessary treatments, services, products, or accommodations' be consistent with nationally-recognized, evidence-based medical treatment guidelines selected by the state Department of Labor & Industry. [...] It is my sincerely held belief that instituting treatment guidelines in our Workers' Compensation system will control costs and will enhance return-to-work outcomes for thousands of injured and disabled Pennsylvania workers. Please join me in sponsoring this important piece of legislation." [Pennsylvania House of Representatives, HB 1800 Memo, [11/5/15](#)]
- **A Workers' Compensation Attorney Argued That If Mackenzie's Bill Was Passed, "Any Remaining Compassion" For Injured Workers "Will Be Eradicated."** "Here in Pennsylvania, supporters of a bill sponsored by Rep. Ryan Mackenzie, R-Lehigh, have already begun to encroach on the workers' compensation system as it exists. [...] In practice, treatment guidelines will reduce injured workers' injuries and conditions to statistics to be manipulated and handled according to data charts and tables of 'most efficient' practices, removing a treating doctor's judgment altogether. Clients too often struggle to prove their injuries and receive the compensation they're entitled to because of insurance companies' lack of compassion under the current law. If this bill is passed, any remaining compassion will be eradicated." [Penn Live, Op-Ed by Workers Compensation Attorney Samuel H. Pond, [3/30/16](#)]
- **The Philadelphia Bar Association Opposed HB 1800 Because "The 'One Size Fits All' Approach To An Injured Worker Places Them At Risk Of Losing Individualized Treatment And Therapy For Their Specific Injury."** "The 'one size fits all' approach to an injured worker places them at risk of losing individualized treatment and therapy for their specific injury, which would have a higher likelihood of reducing disability. [...] The application of rote evidence-based guidelines on treatment may reduce the number of medical providers willing to accept workers' compensation patients for treatment, which will in turn restrict access to medical care for those injured workers. [...] H.B. 1800 may include an unconstitutional delegation of legislative authority to a 'panel of medical providers.' [...] This appointment diminishes the judicial autonomy of the Workers' Compensation Judge. [...] NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Philadelphia Bar Association opposes House Bill 1800, Printer's No. 2681, and any similar legislation." [Philadelphia Bar Association, [3/31/16](#)]

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“An Act amending the act of June 2, 1915 (P.L.736, No.338), known as the Workers’ Compensation Act, in liability and compensation, further providing for prescription drugs and the treatment of work-related injuries; and, in procedure, further providing for peer review.” Mackenzie was the prime sponsor of the bill. [Pennsylvania General Assembly, [HB 18](#), 2/13/17]

- **Mackenzie’s HB 18 Would Limit The Range Of Drugs Available To “Workers Injured On The Job.”** “From the Capitol to the internet, a feud is brewing between Pennsylvania insurance companies and workers’ compensation lawyers, and both sides claim to have the best interest of injured workers in curbing overuse of opioids. House Bill 18, introduced in February by Rep. Ryan Mackenzie, R-Lehigh, aims to address the over-prescription of opioids and other painkillers. It would create a list of approved drugs, a set duration of treatment and establish dosage amounts for workers injured on the job. The bill would create a preapproved list, or ‘formulary,’ of opioids and other drugs for injured employees receiving medical care and financial assistance for lost wages under the Workers Compensation Act of 1915. Any non-approved drugs would need to be sought through an appeals process overseen by the Department of Labor & Industry as well as a workers’ compensation judge.” [The Morning Call, [6/5/17](#)]
- **Mackenzie’s Memo On HB 18 Claimed The Bill Would “Require The Pennsylvania Department Of Labor And Industry (L&I) To Adopt An Evidence-Based Drug Formulary For Our WC Program.”** “My legislation would require the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry (L&I) to adopt an evidence-based drug formulary for our WC program. The adoption of a drug formulary can begin to reduce the over-prescription of opioid painkillers by setting evidence-based standards for the medication that can be prescribed for a WC patient.” [Pennsylvania House of Representatives, HB 18 Memo, [2/8/17](#)]

Mackenzie Opposed Raising The Minimum Wage And Wage Reform On Numerous Occasions

2024: Mackenzie Opposed HB 2153, Which Would Strengthen Prevailing Wage Laws For Government Contractors.

“State Rep. Ryan Mackenzie took a stand Monday against a bipartisan bill that would strengthen prevailing wage laws in Pennsylvania, arguing taxpayers would face artificially high costs as a result. House Bill 2153, introduced in March, would eliminate the practice of split rates. Currently, workers on government contracts performing two different roles on a project can be paid different rates for each role. As an example, a carpenter who also assists with manual labor wouldn’t be allowed to be paid at a lower rate when when he’s performing less skilled work. The bill would also require that prevailing wages are paid for employees doing prefabricated construction away from the community hosting the project. [...] Mackenzie argued the bill would pass along higher wage costs to taxpayers. Construction companies are increasingly turning to prefabricated construction methods to control expenses, but the bill would wipe out some of those gains, he said. At a time when housing is in greater demand, it would limit the government’s ability to afford public housing, he said.” [Lehigh Valley News, [6/3/24](#)]

2023: Mackenzie Voted Against HB 1500 To Amend The Minimum Wage Act. “An Act amending the act of January 17, 1968 (P.L.11, No.5), known as The Minimum Wage Act of 1968, further providing for

definitions, for minimum wages and for exemptions.” Mackenzie voted against the billow which passed the House 103-100. [Pennsylvania House of Representatives, [HB 1500](#); [RCS No. 270](#), 6/20/23]

- **HB 1500 Would Incrementally Increase Pennsylvania’s Minimum Wage, Ending At \$15 Per Hour In 2026 To Be Subsequently Indexed To Inflation.** “A bill (H.B. 1500) sponsored by state Rep. Jason Dawkins, D-Phila., that would increase the minimum wage in Pennsylvania to \$15 per hour by 2026 and set the tipped wage to 60% of the minimum wage passed the Pennsylvania House of Representatives today. This legislation would increase the minimum wage in Pennsylvania to \$11 per hour by Jan. 1, 2024; \$13 per hour by Jan. 1, 2025; and \$15 per hour by Jan. 1, 2026. The minimum wage would be indexed to inflation beginning in 2027.” [PA House Democrats, [6/20/23](#)]

2019: Mackenzie Praised A Pennsylvania Budget That Omitted A Minimum Wage Hike, Saying It Was “Fiscally Responsible.” “The entire Lehigh Valley delegation voted in favor of the \$34 billion state budget, which was passed by the House of Representatives on Tuesday. ‘This legislation represents a strong, fiscally responsible budget with no new taxes, investments in our key priorities, and saving for our future,’ said State Rep. Ryan Mackenzie (R-Lehigh/ Berks). The budget, which does not call for any tax increases, did not include the minimum wage hike that Gov. Tom Wolf had been championing. The state minimum wage has been at \$7.25 per hour since 2009. Wolf has sought a gradual increase to \$12 an hour and then \$15 dollars per hour. The budget did dedicate more funding to public schools and career and technical education.” [Lehigh Valley Business, [6/26/19](#)]

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Mackenzie Voted Against House Bill 299, Which Would Have The State Labor Department Adopt And Enforce Standards From The Federal Occupational Safety And Health Administration In Public Sector Workplaces. Mackenzie voted against House Bill 299 which, “This act shall be known and may be cited as the Public Employees Occupational Safety and Health Act. Section 2. Legislative declaration. The General Assembly hereby declares as follows: (1) It is a basic right of all employees to work in an environment that is free from hazards and risks to their safety. It is the intent of the General Assembly to ensure that this right is also afforded to employees of the Commonwealth, its counties, cities, towns, boroughs and townships and other public employers who serve the people of this Commonwealth. (2) A significant percentage of all of those employed in this Commonwealth are employed by the Commonwealth or by one of its political subdivisions. Many of these public employees perform job functions comparable to those performed by workers in the private sector who are protected by 29 U.S.C. Ch. 15 (relating 76occupantional safety and health). The General Assembly, therefore, finds it inappropriate to continue two standards for employee safety, one applicable to those who work in the private sector and one for those who are employed by a public employer. (3) The General Assembly has further determined that a safe place in which to work is economically advantageous to employers. Work-related accidents and injuries and the absences caused thereby decrease employee productivity and increase workers’ compensation costs. In addition, unsafe premises increase the risk of financial liability for injuries to members of the public who frequent public buildings. (4) The General Assembly, in an

exercise of the Commonwealth's police power, charges the secretary with the responsibility to ensure that all public employees are afforded the same safeguards in their workplace as are granted to employees in the private sector." House Bill 299 passed the House 116-85 but did not advance in the Senate. [Pennsylvania General Assembly, House Bill #: 299, Passed: [5/2/23](#); H.B. 299, House Roll Call, [5/2/23](#)]

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Mackenzie Served On The Commission On Education And Economic Competitiveness. "Rep. Ryan Mackenzie (R-Lehigh) has been appointed to serve as a member of the Commission on Education and Economic Competitiveness, which has been tasked with developing a long-term plan to redesign Pennsylvania's education system. [...] 'I look forward to working with other commission members on an action plan for rethinking education in Pennsylvania, so our young people are best prepared to compete in a globalized economy,' said Mackenzie. 'It is critical that we ensure the Commonwealth's education system aligns with the job demands of the future.'" [Rep. Ryan Mackenzie, [6/13/23](#)]

Mackenzie Opposed A Bill Barring Employers From Checking Applicants' Credit Scores During The Hiring Process

Mackenzie Opposed HB 2207, Which Would Bar Employers From Checking Applicants' Credit Scores During The Hiring Process. "Pennsylvania may soon join the list of states banning employers from pulling job applicants' credit scores during the hiring process. The House Labor and Industry Committee recently approved House Bill 2207, which would outlaw the practice in most circumstances – except for jobs in finance or those subject to specific mandates by federal or local law. [...] Critics of the bill do not deny the potential problems with employer credit checks. Rather, they took issue with the bill itself, noting that by creating a broad exemption for work-related checks, the bill could prove to be ultimately ineffective legislation. 'My opinion is you could basically walk through that loophole,' said Rep Ryan Mackenzie, R-Macungie. 'If your goal is to actually protect individuals and not have this information asked because it's totally not job-related, I think there could be better ways to do that.'" [The Daily Gazette, [4/30/24](#)]

The Koch Brothers Anti-Union Dark Money Group Americans for Prosperity (AFP) Supported Mackenzie's Campaign. AFP Backed The Same GOP Tax Cuts Mackenzie Supported Which Would Outsource Pennsylvania's Manufacturing Jobs

Koch Brothers Dark Money Group Americans For Prosperity, Donated \$497,676 To Mackenzie's 2024 Race. Mackenzie received \$497,676 in total campaign donations from Americans For Prosperity, a "political nonprofit formed with the backing of conservative billionaires David and Charles Koch." [Federal Election Commission, [4/17/24](#); Open Secrets, [11/15/13](#)]

- **Americans For Prosperity Challenged California Attorney General Over Policy Requiring Tax Exempt Charitable Organizations To Disclose Major Donors.** "In *Americans for Prosperity foundation v. Bonta*, 594 U.S. ____ (2021), the U.S. Supreme Court invalidated a California requirement that charities disclose the names and addresses of those who contributed \$5,000 or more a year as part of the charity's annual registration with the state attorney general's office." [Middle Tennessee State University Free Speech Center, [8/11/23](#)]
- **Mackenzie Followed Americans For Prosperity Action On Twitter.** [Twitter, [@Ryan_Mackenzie](#), [Accessed 5/28/24](#)]

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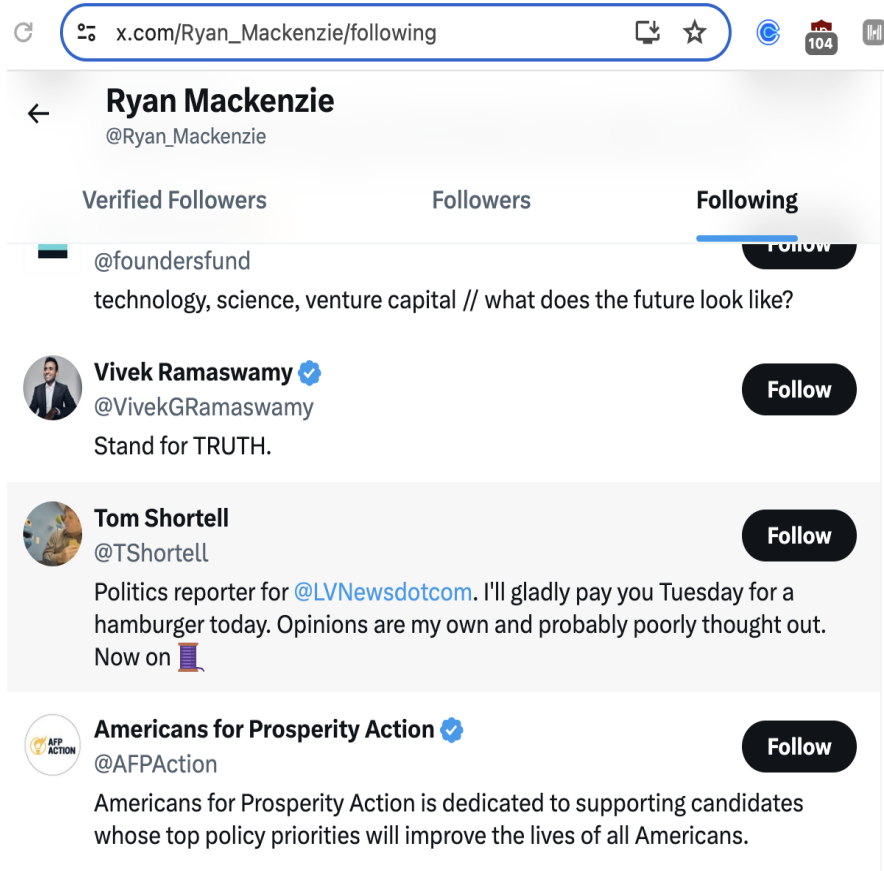
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[Twitter, @Ryan_Mackenzie, Accessed 5/28/24]

- Americans For Prosperity Action Supported Mackenzie, Congratulated Him On Win Against Opponent.** [Twitter, @AFPAction, 4/25/24]



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Americans For Prosperity Was An Anti-Union Dark Money Group With An Agenda That Would Outsource Pennsylvania’s Manufacturing Jobs And Cut Taxes For The Wealthiest Americans And Largest Corporations

Americans For Prosperity Was A Dark Money Group Backed By The Koch Brothers. “Americans for Prosperity, the political nonprofit formed with the backing of conservative billionaires David and Charles Koch, gave a \$100,000 grant to another dark money group linked to the Kochs in 2012, according to tax forms filed Friday with the IRS. [...] In the 2012 cycle, AFP — also a 501(c)(4) social welfare group that can be involved in politics but doesn’t have to disclose its donors — reported laying out nearly \$36.4 million for federal political activity.” [OpenSecrets, 11/15/13]

Mar. 2018: Americans For Prosperity Praised Lawmakers Who Supported The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act. “Americans for Prosperity (AFP) today launched a grassroots campaign, called American Pay Raise, to thank lawmakers who supported the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, hold accountable those who opposed it and urge Congress to protect tax reform benefits that millions of Americans are already experiencing.” [Americans For Prosperity, Press Release, 3/16/18]

Americans For Prosperity Claimed The PRO Act Put Workers Rights Under Attack. “The rights of American workers are under attack because of the Protecting the Right to Organize (PRO) Act (H.R.842). The Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) completed a markup of the Pro Act, Paycheck Fairness Act and Healthy Families Act in June. (A markup is when

lawmakers in the U.S. Congress or state government meet to talk about, change, and write a new version of a suggested law.) House Democrats approved the bill with a 225-206 victory in March 2021. Five Republicans voted in favor of it at the time.” [Americans For Prosperity, Blog, [11/8/23](#)]

Americans For Prosperity Opposed The PRO Act. “Americans for Prosperity (AFP) called on Congress to reject the Protecting the Right to Organize (PRO) Act, which would make unprecedented, harmful changes to federal labor laws that would undermine the rights and interests of workers, employers, and the public. The PRO Act would, among other things, overturn and ban state right-to-work laws throughout the country, which have protected workers’ freedom of choice and been an economic boon for communities; violate the privacy of workers by requiring employers to release the private, personal information of their employees to union organizers and deprive workers of the right to vote on unionization in a secret ballot election under certain circumstances; and implement language nearly identical to California’s controversial AB-5 that would reclassify many independent contractors as employees under the National Labor Relations Act, restricting the opportunity of many to pursue independent, flexible work.” [Americans For Prosperity, Press Release, [2/4/21](#)]

The PRO Act Restored The Right Of Workers To Freely And Fairly Form A Union And Collectively Bargain. “The Protecting the Right to Organize (PRO) Act restores the right of workers to freely and fairly form a union and bargain together for changes in the workplace. It is a landmark worker empowerment, civil rights and economic stimulus legislation, and an essential part of any plan to build back better from the COVID-19 pandemic and recession.” [AFL-CIO, accessed [6/6/24](#)]

Tax Experts Said The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Increased Incentives For Companies To Move Jobs Overseas

Tax Experts Said The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Increased Incentives For Companies To Move Jobs Overseas. “What happened to the workers in Clinton, tax experts say, will probably happen to more Americans if the Republican tax overhaul becomes law. The legislation fails to eliminate long-standing incentives for companies to move overseas and, in some cases, may even increase them, they say. ‘This bill is potentially more dangerous than our current system,’ said Stephen Shay, a senior lecturer at Harvard Law School and former Treasury Department international tax expert in the Obama administration. ‘It creates a real incentive to shift real activity offshore.’” [Washington Post, [12/15/17](#)]

- **HEADLINE: Trump Promised ‘America First’ Would Keep Jobs Here. But The Tax Plan Might Push Them Overseas.** [Washington Post, [12/15/17](#)]
- **Because Of The Way The Tax Bill Taxed Foreign Income, Corporations Would Increase Tax Free Income The More Equipment It Had Abroad.** “In the future, corporations would be required to pay about a 10 percent minimum tax on overseas income above a certain level. The provision is billed as a way to discourage the movement of jobs and profit overseas. But the fine print of the new global minimum tax would make the problem worse, several tax specialists said. [...] First, a corporation would pay that global minimum tax only on profit above a ‘routine’ rate of return on the tangible assets — such as factories — it has overseas. So the more equipment a corporation has in other countries, the more tax-free income it can earn. The legislation thus offers corporations ‘a perverse incentive’ to shift assembly lines abroad, said Steve Rosenthal of the Tax Policy Center.” [Washington Post, [12/15/17](#)]

- **Under Tax Bill, A Corporation That Built A Plant In A Foreign Country Would Pay Substantially Less In Taxes On Foreign Profit Than Profits Earned In The United States.** “Second, the bill sets the ‘routine’ return at 10 percent — far more generous than would typically be the case. Such allowances are normally fixed a couple of percentage points above risk-free Treasury yields, which are currently around 2.4 percent. As a result, a U.S. corporation that builds a \$100 million plant in another country and makes a foreign profit of \$20 million would pay roughly \$1 million in tax versus \$4 million on the same profit if earned in the United States, said Rosenthal, who has been a tax lawyer for 25 years and drafted tax legislation as a staffer for the Joint Committee on Taxation.” [Washington Post, [12/15/17](#)]

The Atlantic’s Gene Sperling: GOP Tax Bill Would “Give A Permanent Preference To Foreign Income And Lead Companies To Shift More Profits To Tax Havens Knowing That They Could Permanently Avoid Virtually All Taxation On Such Profits.” “Yet, it is clear that a territorial system could have just the opposite impact: It could give a permanent preference to foreign income and lead companies to shift more profits to tax havens knowing that they could permanently avoid virtually all taxation on such profits. [...] What was problematic about this design was that it not only encouraged companies to move profits to tax havens, but it actually encouraged them to simultaneously move jobs and operations such as manufacturing to industrialized countries that had typical tax rates and to shift more profits to tax havens.” [The Atlantic, Gene Sperling, [12/8/17](#)]

CBO: Provisions In The Tax Cuts & Jobs Act “May Increase Corporations’ Incentive To Locate Tangible Assets” Like Factories “Abroad” Because “By Locating Fewer Tangible Assets In The United States,” The Corporation Can Increase Its Deductible Foreign Income While Reducing Its Tax Liability On Foreign Income. “The act contains several provisions to reduce corporations’ incentive to shift profits out of the United States. Two provisions—which impose a tax on global intangible low-tax income (GILTI) and create a deduction for foreign-derived intangible income (FDII)—reduce corporations’ incentive to locate high-return assets (which are often intangible assets, such as intellectual property, or IP) in low-tax countries. The provisions reduce that incentive by applying special treatment to profits that exceed a specified return on tangible assets (such as equipment and structures). In addition to reducing profit shifting through the location of intangible assets, the GILTI and FDII provisions affect corporations’ decisions about where to locate tangible assets. By locating more tangible assets abroad, a corporation is able to reduce the amount of foreign income that is categorized as GILTI. Similarly, by locating fewer tangible assets in the United States, a corporation can increase the amount of U.S. income that can be deducted as FDII. Together, the provisions may increase corporations’ incentive to locate tangible assets abroad. (Like profit shifting, such decisions change the locations of reported profits—but they are not classified as profit shifting, because they involve actual economic activity rather than simply reporting.)” [Congressional Budget Office, Appendix B: The Effects Of The 2017 Tax Act On CBO’s Economic And Budget Projections, [April 2018](#)]

New York Times: Tax Bill “Could Actually Make It Attractive For Companies To Put More Assembly Lines On Foreign Soil.” “The bill that Mr. Trump signed, however, could actually make it attractive for companies to put more assembly lines on foreign soil. Under the new law, income made by American companies’ overseas subsidiaries will face United States taxes that are half the rate applied to their domestic income, 10.5 percent compared with the new top corporate rate of 21 percent. ‘It’s sort of an America-last tax policy,’ said Kimberly Clausing, an economist at Reed College in Portland, Ore., who studies tax policy. ‘We are basically saying that if you earn in the U.S., you pay X, and if you earn abroad, you pay X divided by two.’” [New York Times, [1/8/18](#)]

- **Economist Found “The Bill Ends Up Creating A Tax Break For Manufacturers With Foreign Operations.”** “What could be more dangerous for American workers, economists said, is that the bill ends up creating a tax break for manufacturers with foreign operations. Under the new rules, beyond the lower rate, companies will not have to pay United States taxes on the money they earn from plants or equipment located abroad, if those earnings amount to 10 percent or less of the total investment.” [New York Times, [1/8/18](#)]
- **HEADLINE: Tax Law May Send Factories And Jobs Abroad, Critics Say** [New York Times, [1/8/18](#)]

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[Reading Eagle, [9/9/17](#)]

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Crime, Public Safety, Criminal Justice, and Police Reform

Crime, Public Safety, Criminal Justice, and Police Reform Highlights

- 2023: Mackenzie voted against HB 1018, which would enhance protection orders.
- 2021: Mackenzie voted in favor Of HB 103, which would make spitting on a police officer a third-degree felony “punishable by up to 7 years incarceration and \$15,000 in fines.”
- 2024: Mackenzie voted against HB 777, which would “prohibit the sale of ghost guns and establish penalties.”
- 2022: Mackenzie voted in favor of HB 2524, which would limit incarcerated people’s ability to request public records under the Right to Know law.

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- **ACLU: HB 103 Would Make It A Third-Degree Felony To Spit On A Police Officer, ‘Punishable By Up To 7 Years Incarceration And \$15,000 In Fines.’** “HB 103 would create two

new, unnecessary and broadly applicable felonies for offenses against law enforcement officers: A new third-degree felony offense for something as small as ‘expelling’ saliva on an officer, punishable by up to 7 years incarceration and \$15,000 in fines.” [ACLU Pennsylvania, [Accessed 6/5/24](#)]

- **ACLU: HB 103 Would Make It A Second-Degree Felony If An Offender Who Spit On A Police Officer Knew Or ‘Should Have Known’ They Had A Communicable Disease.** - “HB 103 would create two new, unnecessary and broadly applicable felonies for offenses against law enforcement officers: (1) A new third-degree felony offense for something as small as ‘expelling’ saliva on an officer, punishable by up to 7 years incarceration and \$15,000 in fines; and A new second-degree felony offense if the person knew or ‘should have known’ they had a communicable disease if their actions could have transmitted a communicable disease, punishable by up to 10 years in prison and \$25,000 in fines.” [ACLU Pennsylvania, [Accessed 6/5/24](#)]

2024: Mackenzie Voted Against HB 777, Which Would “Eliminate The Proliferation Of ‘Ghost Guns’” And “Crack Down On Those Who Buy Or Sell Them”

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- **HB 777 Would “Eliminate The Proliferation Of ‘Ghost Guns’” And “Crack Down On Those Who Buy Or Sell Them.”** “The PA House today passed legislation (H.B. 777) that aims to eliminate the proliferation of “ghost guns” in Pennsylvania and crack down on those who buy or sell them.” [PA House Democrats, [3/27/24](#)]

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- **ACLU-PA: HB 2524 Would Limit Incarcerated People’s Access To Public Records.** “Although the bill includes some useful changes to the RTKL, two of its provisions —designating some people as ‘vexatious requesters’ and limiting requests from incarcerated people—establish

dangerous and potentially unconstitutional precedents for allowing the state to pick and choose to whom it responds. If enacted, HB 2524 would, for the first time in the 65-year history of Pennsylvania's Right to Know Law, allow government to define access to public records based on who is making the request." [ACLU-PA, [10/15/22](#)]

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Education

Education Highlights

- 2023: Mackenzie voted against HB 1067, which would “allow non-U.S. citizens to teach in Pennsylvania” as long as they have experience, valid certification, immigration papers, and employment authorization.
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postage. A report filed for 2022 showed REEPE raised \$3,918 with \$250 coming from Citizens for Mackenzie and \$250 from Milou Mackenzie.” [Armchair Lehigh Valley, [5/10/23](#)]

REEPE Aimed To Raise Awareness Of “Current EPSD Curriculum And Teacher Training Regarding Race, Equity, Gender Identity, And The Burdens These Policies Impose On [The] Children.” “The group that hosted the meeting, Restoring Excellence in East Penn Education, is composed of concerned district taxpayers. They aim to raise awareness regarding the ‘current EPSD curriculum and teacher training regarding race, equity, gender identity, and the burdens these policies impose on [the] children,’ the group’s Facebook page describes.” [The Stinger, [6/10/22](#)]

REEPE “First Gained Community Attention” For Circulating Pamphlets “Warning About Critical Race Theory” In May 2022. “REEPE first gained community attention for pamphlets handed out on Election Day in May 2022, warning about critical race theory being taught in East Penn schools.” [The Morning Call, [5/12/23](#)]

Moms For Liberty Was A “Driving Force” Of The Far-Right Book Banning Movement That Targeted Books About LGBTQ People And Racism

Moms For Liberty Was A “Driving Force” Of The Far-Right Book Banning Movement. “Since 2022, anti-LGBTQ book bans have proliferated in schools and communities throughout the United States. Moms for Liberty (M4L), an anti-LGBTQ extremist group that bills itself as a so-called ‘parental rights’ organization, is a driving force behind this alarming trend targeting books about LGBTQ people, people of color, and race and racism.” [GLAAD, [11/3/23](#)]

- **Moms For Liberty Created A 111-Page Book Ban Guidance.** “Created and circulated a 111-page book ban guidance, which contains blatant disinformation and singles out many titles about LGBTQ people and people of color.” [GLAAD, [11/3/23](#)]
- **Moms For Liberty Pushed To Ban Books Such As The Diary Of Anne Frank’s And Books About Martin Luther King.** “Pushed to ban books about the U.S. civil rights movement, Jewish diarist Anne Frank, and racial justice activists like Martin Luther King, Jr., effectively censoring historical events.” [GLAAD, [11/3/23](#)]

Moms For Liberty Was An Anti-LGBTQ Extremist Group

Moms For Liberty Was Described By The Southern Poverty Law Center As Far-Right, “Attack[s] On The LGBTQ Community And Their Rights.” “Moms for Liberty’s attack on the LGBTQ community and their rights has been particularly focused on gender identity and the use of pronouns in schools, the transgender community and gender affirming care, and the proposed changes to Title IX, which would expand rights to the LGBTQ community.” [Southern Poverty Law Center, accessed [3/28/24](#)]

Members Of Moms For Liberty Compared LGBTQ Children To Students With Special Needs. “Moms for Liberty Miami-Dade County member, Crystal Alonso also suggested moving LGBTQ students to separate classrooms, comparing them to students with special needs, saying, ‘for example children with autism, Down Syndrome, they have to have special IP meetings with a counselor, they have to be put into separate classrooms. I understand, because it’s a different type of education for children with those disabilities, but I think that for children that identify differently, there should also be like a specialized... something for them, so that they feel that they’re important enough that they’re being counseled.’” [Southern Poverty Law Center, accessed [3/28/24](#)]

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Elections and Voting

Elections and Voting Highlights

- Despite being registered to vote by mail, Mackenzie sought to overturn the 2020 election, questioning the legitimacy of certain mailed-in ballots and walked back his support for Pennsylvania's new vote by mail law, which he voted for
 - December 2020: Mackenzie "signed a letter asking the state's congressional delegation to reject Electoral College votes for President-elect Joe Biden."
 - Mackenzie signed onto the amicus brief challenging the 2020 election, stating, "I threw the challenge flag."
- 2021: Mackenzie told a Berks County Patriots meeting that a Lehigh County Judge committed election fraud.
- The Mackenzie campaign recruited poll watchers to monitor precincts, a known voter intimidation tactic commonly used by Republicans.
- Mackenzie tried to make it harder to vote by mail and easier for officials to reject mailed-in ballots.
- Mackenzie "consistently voted" to reduce the size of Pennsylvania's General Assembly.

Mackenzie Was Registered To Vote By Mail-In Ballot In Pennsylvania,

Mackenzie Was Registered To Vote As An Annual Mail-in Republican Voter In Pennsylvania.

According to voting registration records with the Pennsylvania Department of State, Mackenzie was registered to vote as an annual mail-in or absentee Republican voter in Lehigh County Pennsylvania. [Pennsylvania Department of State, [Accessed 6/1/24](#)]

Ryan Mackenzie Sought To Overturn The 2020 Election And Walked back His Support For Pennsylvania's Vote By Mail Law That He Voted For

Mackenzie Signed Onto A Letter Authored By House State Government Committee Chairman Seth Grove That Asked Congress To Reject Pennsylvania's Electoral College Votes On January 6th

December 2020: Ryan Mackenzie Signed A Letter Urging Pennsylvania's Congressional Delegation To Reject The Commonwealth's Electoral College Votes. "More than 60 Republicans from the Pennsylvania Legislature signed a letter asking the state's congressional delegation to reject Electoral College votes for President-elect Joe Biden. [...] 'We sent (it) to our congressional delegation asking them to contest the appointment of electors, and they can do that in the U.S. House when those electors are seated,' [Rep. Doyle Heffley] said. 'We also ask for the attorney general to appoint an independent prosecutor to overlook and review the results of the election.' [...] State Rep. Ryan Mackenzie, R-

Lehigh/Berks, also signed the letter. He did not return a message seeking comment.” [Lehigh Valley Rising, [12/9/20](#)]

Mackenzie Signed A Letter Arguing That Voter Fraud Protections Were ‘Undermined’ In The 2020 Election. “In a Dec. 4 letter titled ‘Re: 2020 Election Review,’ Rep. Ryan Mackenzie (R-134) and Rep. Craig Staats (R-145), among others, argued that protections against voter fraud included in the 2019 update to Pennsylvania’s Election Code were ‘undermined’ in 2020 by Gov. Tom Wolf.” [Saucon Source, [1/15/21](#)]

State Representative Grove Authored A Letter Asking Congress To Reject Pennsylvania’s Electoral College Votes Citing “Irregularities.” “Grove authored and organized the Dec. 3 letter from the Pennsylvania legislature to Congress asking for the body to reject the commonwealth’s electoral votes. Dozens of GOP state legislators signed on, rejecting what legislative leaders had termed ‘irregularities’ in voting.” [Pennsylvania Capital Star, [6/22/21](#)]

The Letter Asked Congress To Object And Vote To Sustain Objection To Counting Pennsylvania’s Electoral College Votes. “For these reasons, we the undersigned members of the Pennsylvania General Assembly urge you to object, and vote to sustain such objection, to the Electoral College votes received from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania during the Joint Session of Congress on January 6, 2021.” [Pennsylvania House GOP Letter To Congress, [12/4/20](#)]

In 2022 Mackenzie Said: “I Even Asked Congress Not To Certify The 2020 Election Until Election Issues Can Be Heard By The US Supreme Court”

In 2022, Mackenzie Said That He Would Keep Fighting To Make It “Easy To Vote And Hard To Cheat,” He Also Said: “I Even Asked Congress Not To Certify The 2020 Election Until Election Issues Can Be Heard By The US Supreme Court.” “When Governor Wolf and Pennsylvania’s Democrat Supreme Court ignored election law, they broke our trust. I fought for years to make elections more secure with reforms like voter ID audits to the voter rolls and strict election deadlines. I even asked Congress not to certify the 2020 election until election issues can be heard by the US Supreme Court. I’m Representative Ryan McKenzie, and I’ll keep fighting so that it is easy to vote and hard to cheat.” [Facebook, Mackenzie for Congress, [4/6/22](#)]

Mackenzie Signed An Amicus Brief For Texas v. Pennsylvania, Which Aimed To Overturn Pennsylvania’s 2020 Election Results

Mackenzie Signed An Amicus Brief For Texas v. Pennsylvania, Which Aimed To Overturn Pennsylvania’s 2020 Election Results. According to the Supreme Court of the United States, Mackenzie signed on to an amicus brief for Texas v Pennsylvania on the side of Texas. The Amicus brief argued in favor of Texas suing Pennsylvania and other states in an attempt to overturn the 2020 election. [Supreme Court of the United States, [12/10/20](#)]

- **SCOTUS Blog HEADLINE: “Texas Tries Hail Mary To Block Election Outcome.”** “In a last-ditch effort to forestall the outcome of the 2020 presidential election, Texas sought late Monday to file a lawsuit directly in the Supreme Court, attempting to delay the Electoral College vote and prevent four states – Georgia, Michigan, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin – from casting their Electoral College votes for President-elect Joe Biden, who won the popular vote in each state. This highly unusual use of the court’s original jurisdiction — which is most often used to resolve interstate disputes involving, for example, water rights — came just six days before each state’s electors are required by law to meet and cast their ballots in the Electoral College.” [SCOTUS

Blog, [12/8/20](#)]

Ryan Mackenzie Joined Fellow Republican Lawmakers In Filing An Amicus Brief Challenging The Pennsylvania Supreme Court Decision On Mail-In Ballots. “Mackenzie was among the group of Republican Pennsylvania legislators who sought to temporarily withhold Electoral College votes from Biden in the 2020 presidential election. The group filed an amicus curiae brief with the U.S. Supreme Court in a lawsuit filed by the state of Texas against Pennsylvania, Georgia, Michigan and Wisconsin over a decision by the Pennsylvania Supreme Court that, among other rulings, upheld Wolf’s decision to extend the deadline for receipt of mail-in ballots by three days over pandemic-related concerns. Asked why he signed onto the brief and whether Biden won the 2020 election, Mackenzie gave an answer using the analogy of a penalty flag being thrown in a football game. ‘What I saw in the 2020 election was that Gov. Tom Wolf and the Democrat and liberal, very liberal, state Supreme Court changed the rules of the election in the middle of that process ...,’ he said. ‘I threw the challenge flag. Ultimately, it went to court and it was not accepted. So the judges – or the referees in the analogy – did not agree with our challenge on the field. And the game ended. Joe Biden won the election. But that doesn’t mean that we have to be silent on this issue.’” [Armchair Lehigh Valley, [4/11/24](#)]

Mackenzie Questioned Election Officials On Election Procedure And Claimed That The Argument That Voter ID Laws Suppress Turnout Was A Lie

Mackenzie Questioned The Pennsylvania Secretary Of State On How Her Office Issued Guidance On Ballots Mailed Without A Security Envelope. “The bitter divide in perceptions of Pennsylvania’s 2020 election was glaringly obvious Thursday as state lawmakers began an in-depth review of the election process. Democratic Secretary of State Kathy Boockvar led off testimony. Republican state Rep. Ryan Mackenzie of Lehigh County asked Boockvar about guidance her office issued on naked ballots - those mailed to elections officials without required security envelopes. Mackenzie said a court ruling seemed to support the view that Pennsylvania law was clear on the handling of such ballots. He asked, ‘How did you issue guidance that was so far afield from what the court ruled?’ Boockvar said her team believed the law wasn’t clear. She said other states were allowing the ballots to be counted, so Pennsylvania went in that direction. After a court ruling that disallowed it, new guidance was issued to be in compliance.” [The Morning Call, [1/22/21](#)]

Mackenzie Said The Argument That Voted ID Laws Reduced Turnout Among Certain Groups Was A Lie. “Rep. Malcolm Kenyatta, D-Philadelphia, said Pennsylvania already has voter ID, in that identification is required for the first vote cast by a voter at a polling place. The proposed Republican changes would have voters present ID every time they vote. Kenyatta said the proposal does not give minority voters more confidence. He said voter ID requirements have ‘been shown to make it more difficult’ for certain groups to vote. He said any claim that says the changes create more confidence ‘is not congruent with the facts.’ A few minutes later, Republican Rep. Ryan Mackenzie of Lehigh County said there was a need to ‘correct the record’ on statements that voter ID reduced turnout among certain groups. ‘Stop perpetuating this lie,’ Mackenzie said. ‘It is just not true.’ Kenyatta later pointed out that a ‘massive’ election overhaul had already taken place - in 2019 - that did not include voter ID, and Kenyatta accused Mackenzie of lying. Mackenzie, referring to the proposed constitutional amendment that would make the change, pointed out that identification is required for many key functions in society.” [The Morning Call, [9/28/21](#)]

Ryan Mackenzie Voted For The 2019 Bill Allowing Vote By Mail, But Later Walked Back His Support For The Legislation

Mackenzie Voted For Act 77 Allowing Vote By Mail, Yet Walked Back His Support Three Years Later. “Q: You voted for the bipartisan Act 77 in 2019, which among other things allowed no-excuse mail-in balloting. Do you believe that law has worked as intended, and why or why not? Do you want to change that law? [...] **Mackenzie:** The U.S. Constitution is very clear that it is state legislatures make the laws for federal elections. However, Gov. Tom Wolf, his secretary of state (who later resigned in disgrace), and the state Supreme Court have repeatedly ignored this fact as they went about implementing changes that extended deadlines past Election Day and threw out signature verification requirements, among other changes they made at the 11th hour of the 2020 election. This session, I asked to join the State Government Committee, which oversees election law changes. We held over 10 hearings on election reform and election integrity. We identified problems created by the governor’s administration and the state Supreme Court, as well as many other problems and vulnerabilities throughout the system. We authored legislation to make many changes that would have made elections more secure, but Wolf vetoed the bill because he objected to our inclusion of Voter ID requirements. We need to make these changes, and with Wolf term-limited, hopefully we will have the chance with a new governor.” [The Morning Call, [5/6/22](#)]

Ryan Mackenzie Continued To Question The Integrity Of The 2020 Election

2024: Ryan Mackenzie Refused to “Be Silent” on the Election, Even After Courts Rejected PA Republican Legislators’ Lawsuit. “Asked why he signed onto the brief and whether Biden won the 2020 election, Mackenzie gave an answer using the analogy of a penalty flag being thrown in a football game. ‘What I saw in the 2020 election was that Gov. Tom Wolf and the Democrat and liberal, very liberal, state Supreme Court changed the rules of the election in the middle of that process ...,’ he said.’ I threw the challenge flag. Ultimately, it went to court and it was not accepted. So the judges – or the referees in the analogy – did not agree with our challenge on the field. And the game ended. Joe Biden won the election. But that doesn’t mean that we have to be silent on this issue.” [Armchair Lehigh Valley, [4/11/24](#)]

Mackenzie In 2021: “I Don’t Think Our Elections Were Conducted Fairly Here In Pennsylvania.” “The next thing that we did coming out of the [2020] election is that all kinds of action were being taken. Obviously, President Trump had his lawsuits going on the fraud that he was trying to prove here in Pennsylvania and across the country. I also wrote and signed letters, because again, I don’t think our elections were conducted fairly here in Pennsylvania.” [YouTube, BerksCountyPatriots, [53:02], [6/29/21](#)]

2021: Mackenzie Sponsored An Election Overhaul Bill That Would Implement Tighter Deadlines And Stricter Voter Verification Requirements

2021: Mackenzie Sponsored An Election Overhaul Bill. “Mackenzie sponsored House Bill 1300 which, ‘makes comprehensive changes to the Pennsylvania Election Code.’ House Bill 1300 passed the House 110-91 and passed the Senate 29-21 but was vetoed by the governor in June 2021. [Pennsylvania General Assembly, House Bill#: 1300, Passed: [6/22/21](#)]

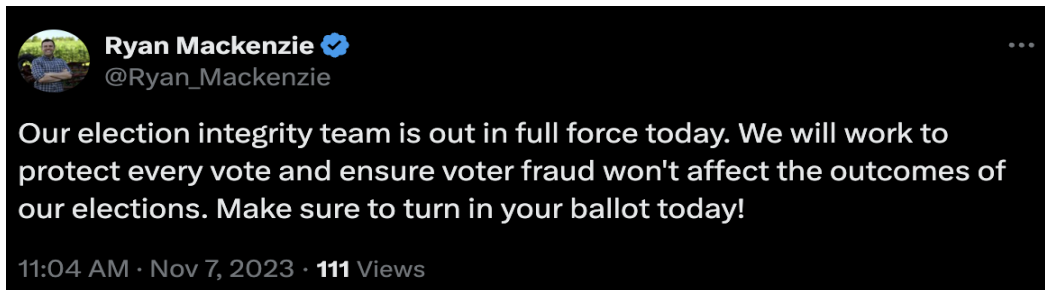
- **Mackenzie Voted For The Election Overhaul Bill.** [H.B. 1300, House Roll Calls, [6/22/21](#)]
- **The Election Bill Implemented Tighter Deadlines, Stricter Voter Verification Requirements, And More Controls On How Voters Return Ballots.** “General Assembly Republicans are all in on the House GOP’s 150-page election bill to rewrite Pennsylvania’s election code with tighter deadlines, stricter voter verification requirements, and more controls on how voters return ballots. The proposal passed the state House by a 110-91 margin Tuesday evening, and a Senate vote

could follow within the week, sending the bill to Gov. Tom Wolf's desk." [Pennsylvania Capital Star, [6/22/21](#)]

- **The Bill Would Implement New County Issued Voter Registration Cards And Require Signature Matching Procedures, Despite The Practice Being Unreliable.** "There would be new county-issued voter registration cards, and signature matching procedures to verify voter eligibility. Hughes warned signature verification is not reliable, that 'there is no documented, fool-proof methodology that exists in this nation' to check signatures accurately." [Associated Press, [6/25/21](#)]
- **The Bill Would Also Change The Registration Deadline And Require Mail In Ballots To Be Requested 15 Days Before Election Day.** "The registration deadline would change from 15 days to 30 days prior to an election, and mail-in ballots would have to be requested 15 days before the vote. Drop boxes for mail-in ballots would be limited to seven days before an election and monitored by designees of the major political parties." [Associated Press, [6/25/21](#)]

Mackenzie Claimed He Wouldn't Let Voter Fraud Affect The Outcomes Of Elections And That "Democrats Push For Unsecured Drop Boxes And Ballot Harvesting"

2023: Mackenzie Said, "We Will Work To Protect Every Vote And Ensure Voter Fraud Won't Affect The Outcomes Of Our Elections." "Our election integrity team is out in full force today. We will work to protect every vote and ensure voter fraud won't affect the outcomes of our elections. Make sure to turn in your ballot today!" [Ryan Mackenzie, Twitter, [11/7/23](#)]



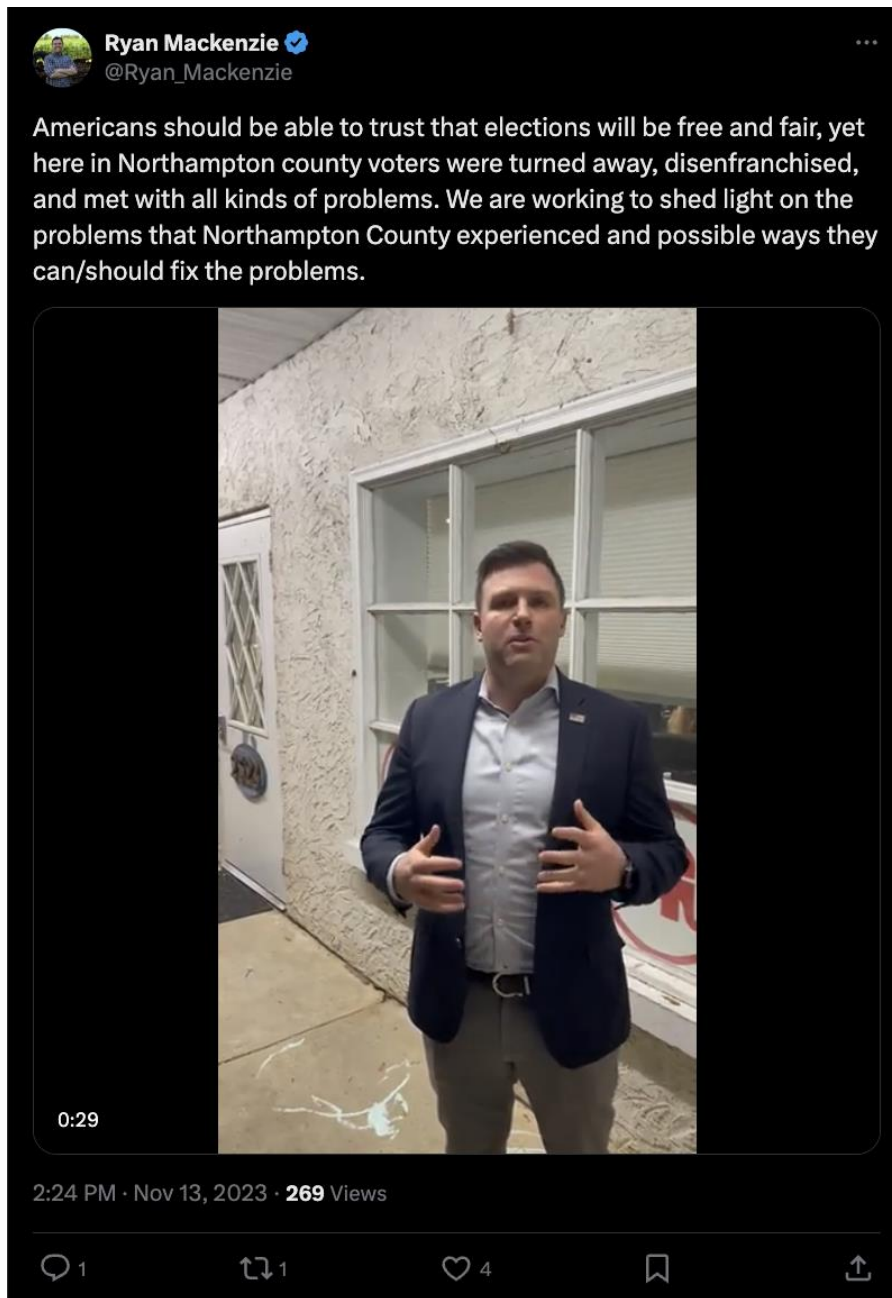
[Ryan Mackenzie, Twitter, [11/7/23](#)]

2023: Mackenzie Claimed That "Democrats Push For Unsecured Drop Boxes And Ballot Harvesting." "We need to defend our democracy and demand election integrity. While Democrats push for unsecured drop boxes and ballot harvesting, I will stand up to protect our elections and protect Americans' votes. It should be easy to vote, but hard to cheat!" [Ryan Mackenzie, Twitter, [10/14/23](#)]



[Ryan Mackenzie, Twitter, [10/14/23](#)]

2023: Mackenzie Said That “Northampton County Voters Were Turned Away, Disenfranchised, And Met With All Kinds Of Problems” During Pennsylvania Elections. “Americans should be able to trust that elections will be free and fair, yet here in Northampton county voters were turned away, disenfranchised, and met with all kinds of problems. We are working to shed light on the problems that Northampton County experienced and possible ways they can/should fix the problems.” [Ryan Mackenzie, Twitter, [11/13/23](#)]



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[2021: Mackenzie Told A Berks County Patriots Meeting That A Lehigh County Judge Committed Election Fraud](#)

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all going to be heard in the court case, I assume, and so she has been charged with that fraud in Lehigh County right now.” [YouTube, BerksCountyPatriots, [38:50], [6/29/21](#)]

- **Erika Bickford Claimed That She ‘Did Not Alter Any Votes.’** “A Lehigh County elections judge is facing misdemeanor charges related to the Pennsylvania primary on June 2. Everett Bickford, who prefers to go by Erika, was charged Monday with insertion and alteration of entries in documents, and prying into ballots, both violations of state election law, according to a news release from the Lehigh County district attorney’s office. [...] Bickford told investigators she darkened some of the ballots so the machine could read them better and trimmed some so they would fit in the machine, but said she did not alter any votes.” [WFMZ, [10/5/20](#)]

The Mackenzie Campaign Recruited Poll Watchers To Monitor Precincts, A Known Voter Intimidation Tactic Commonly Used By Republicans

2023: The Mackenzie Campaign Established An “Election Integrity Team” To Supervise Precincts On Election Day. [Twitter, @Ryan_Mackenzie, [10/18/23](#)]



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The upcoming local elections are extremely important, which is why my campaign is launching an Election Integrity Team to ensure every legal vote cast is counted.

Check out my statement 📌

Ryan Mackenzie Announces Election Integrity Team

(LOWER MACUNGIE, Pa.) - Ryan Mackenzie, candidate for Pennsylvania's 7th Congressional District, announced today that his campaign is launching an Election Integrity Team. Mackenzie's Election Integrity Team will help monitor the local elections on November 7th to ensure every legal vote cast is counted. The team consists of attorneys in every key area in the 7th Congressional District. In his announcement, Mackenzie stated:

"We need to ensure that in every election it is easy to vote, but hard to cheat, which is why I am proud to announce my campaign's Election Integrity Team who will help protect the sanctity of our elections. I have a proven record of standing for free and fair elections, and I look forward to continuing that work throughout this campaign and in the United States House of Representatives."

In addition to leading his Election Integrity Team, Ryan Mackenzie has supported voter ID legislation on the state level, and hopes to see laws passed to require voter ID, ban unsecured ballot drop boxes and ballot harvesting, prohibit private money from being used for election administration, and block non-citizens from voting in American elections in Congress.

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[Twitter, @Ryan_Mackenzie, [10/18/23](#)]

For Decades, The Republican Party Was “Restrained by a Decades-Long Federal Consent Decree” After Efforts to “Intimidate Voters in the Early 1980s.” “And the Republican Party has set out to recruit a grassroots ‘army’ of poll watchers now that the GOP is no longer restrained by a decades-long federal consent decree put in place after the party used observers to intimidate voters in the early 1980s. [...]

Election deniers are engaging in widespread canvassing efforts in many states, both by phone and in person, questioning voters' eligibility or past voting records to root out nonexistent fraud." [The Brennan Center, [10/28/22](#)]

The Brennan Center Warned Of Increased Voter Intimidation Post-2020. "This year, many voters and election workers are increasingly concerned about threats of intimidation from official and private actors both at the polls and beyond. Since 2020, there have been more threats, politicization, and violence around the election process. While these are not new concerns, the sources and the targets of these threats have shifted in 2022." [The Brennan Center, [10/28/22](#)]

Mackenzie Advocated For Strict Voter ID Laws

Mackenzie Cited "Proven Instances Of Fraud" To Support His Stance On Voter IDs While Failing to Offer Any Specific Examples. "Q: Should it be easier or harder to vote in the district? [...] **Mackenzie:** Voting should be easy for eligible American citizens, and it should also be hard to cheat in elections. These two things are not mutually exclusive. There have been proven instances of fraud that have been tried in court, and this has been going on for decades in Pennsylvania. We need to learn from these instances, and other states, to make changes in the law to stop fraud before it happens." [The Morning Call, [5/6/22](#)]

Mackenzie Suggested "Most Countries In The World Require Voter IDs." [Twitter, @Ryan_Mackenzie, [10/16/23](#)]



[Twitter, @Ryan_Mackenzie, [10/16/23](#)]

Other Countries May Require IDs To Vote But Make Allowances For "Citizens Who, For Whatever Reason, Don't Have Official Government IDs." "According to a Harvard Law & Policy Review study, plenty of democracies do require voters to show identification, but many make allowances for those citizens who, for whatever reason, don't have official government IDs." [The Washington Post, [7/12/12](#)]

Mackenzie Used Xenophobic Rhetoric To Justify Support For Voter ID Laws

Ryan Mackenzie Warned Of "Massive Illegal Immigration" Threatening Democracy. [Twitter, @Ryan_Mackenzie, [10/18/23](#)]



[Twitter, @Ryan_Mackenzie, [10/18/23](#)]

Pennsylvania District 7 Is Home To Thousands Of Hispanic-American Immigrants

Allentown, The Largest City In The District, Is Majority Hispanic. “Allentown is home to a large Hispanic population that dates to World War II, when Puerto Ricans arrived to work for Bethlehem Steel. Subsequent waves of Hispanic migration, especially from metro New York, transformed Allentown’s demographics. According to U.S. Census data, its Hispanic population grew from 42% of city residents in 2010 to become a clear majority, at 52.5% in 2020.” [RealClearPennsylvania, [3/25/22](#)]

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“Mackenzie: I support reducing the size of Pennsylvania’s General Assembly, and I have consistently voted for this reform each time it came before the state House for a vote. Our General Assembly is currently the largest full-time state legislature in the country and I believe shrinking its size will generate cost savings and provide for a more efficient legislative environment.” [The Reading Eagle, [10/22/18](#)]

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Environment

Environment Highlights

- Mackenzie blocked a regional initiative to curb greenhouse gas emissions, describing it as a “radical climate agenda.”
- Mackenzie expressed skepticism toward man-made climate change, claiming “the science is all over the place.”
- Mackenzie supported increased electric car trade with China.

Mackenzie Blocked A Regional Initiative To Curb Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Ryan Mackenzie Voted To Stop Implementation Of The Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative.

“Mackenzie said ‘the science is all over the place’ when it comes to why the climate is changing. [...] He voted to stop implementation of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI), calling it a ‘cap-and-tax scheme that will cost PA energy jobs and increase energy costs for everyone.’ Pennsylvania’s participation in RGGI was struck down by the state Commonwealth Court on Nov. 1. Shapiro recently proposed an alternative program.” [Armchair Lehigh Valley, [4/11/24](#)]

Mackenzie Described Former Governor Wolf’s Environmental Policy As A “Radical Climate Agenda.” “Voted to stop Governor Wolf’s radical climate agenda and the implementation of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) cap-and-tax scheme that will cost PA energy jobs and increase energy costs for everyone.” [Mackenzie for Congress, [5/29/24](#)]

The Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative Was Responsible For Boosting The Economy By \$4.3 Billion And Creating Over 44,000 Job-Years Of Employment

RGGI Was A Regional Cap And Invest Initiative To Reduce CO2 Emissions. “The Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) is a cooperative, market-based effort among the states of Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Virginia to cap and reduce CO2 emissions from the power sector. It represents the first cap-and-invest regional initiative implemented in the United States.” [The Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, accessed [9/13/23](#)]

RGGI Boosted The Economy By \$4.3 Billion, And Provided More Than 44,000 New Job-Years Of Employment. “By helping secure the region’s clean energy future, RGGI has also boosted the economy by \$4.3 billion, provided more than 44,000 new job-years of employment, and saved customers more than \$900 million on their energy bills through investments in cost-saving energy efficiency and other clean energy programs.” [National Resources Defense Council, [6/17/19](#)]

Mackenzie Expressed Skepticism Toward Man-Made Climate Change

Mackenzie Expressed Skepticism Over Climate Change Stating ‘The Climate Has Been Changing For Thousands, Maybe Millions Of Years.’ “Mackenzie said during the ‘Business Matters’ forum that ‘the climate has been changing for thousands, maybe millions of years.’ He questioned whether climate change is man-made. He criticized ‘the radical left’ for using it to ‘overturn’ the economy, like incentivizing electric cars and promoting electric stoves over gas. He said consumer behavior and the market should decide whether companies are environmentally responsible.” [Armchair Lehigh Valley, [3/25/24](#)]

Mackenzie: “The Science Is All Over The Place” On Climate Change. “Mackenzie said ‘the science is all over the place’ when it comes to why the climate is changing. He said the focus should be on making sure the environment is clean. He said new technology involving wind, solar and natural gas can reduce dependence on ‘dirtier’ sources of energy. He said the market, not the government, should be driving those changes. When it comes to regulations, he said there needs to be a ‘proper balance to make sure that we can grow our economy and protect our environment.’” [Armchair Lehigh Valley, [4/11/24](#)]

[Mackenzie Supported Increased Electric Car Trade With China](#)

2020: Mackenzie Stated ‘We Are All Optimistic About the Future of Trade with China’ At An Event Spotlighting Chinese Electric Vehicle Technology. “Exhibitors and attendees expressed their great interest in trading with China during the Consumer Electronics Show (CES) 2020, held here from Tuesday to Friday. In the packed Las Vegas Convention Center, around 1,000 Chinese companies have attended the event this year, said the Consumer Technology Association. [...] Pennsylvania State Representative Ryan MacKenzie attended CES for the first time, saying ‘it is great to see this kind of innovation.’” [Xinhua, [1/11/20](#)]

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Ethics and Transparency

Ethics and Transparency Highlights

- 2014: Mackenzie refused to respond to a Reading Eagle survey asking whether Berks County Lawmakers would accept an automatic pay raise.

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2014: Mackenzie Refused To Respond To A Reading Eagle Survey Asking Whether Berks County Lawmakers Would Accept An Automatic Pay Raise. “In Pennsylvania, legislative raises are roughly tied to the rate of inflation. This year, the raises are actually modest: 1.6 percent, or \$1,344 annually. But some years the raises have been higher. And those raises have added up. [...] Lawmakers should be required to vote for raises of their salaries. The legislation should be advertised and debated, and votes should be cast. There are some lawmakers who refuse to take their annual raises. Reading Eagle staff writer Liam Migdail-Smith surveyed a dozen state lawmakers representing portions of Berks County. [...] There are five Berks lawmakers who didn’t respond to our request for information: Sens. John C. Rafferty Jr. and Bob Mensch, and Reps. Jim Cox, Gary Day and Ryan Mackenzie. We tried reaching each of them multiple times for more than a week. We don’t know what they’re doing with their extra cash. It’s disappointing that they didn’t talk with the Eagle and, more importantly, their voters, just a month after Election Day.” [The Reading Eagle, [12/15/14](#)]

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Gun Control

Gun Control Highlights

- Ammo.com scored Mackenzie “Grade A” for being outspoken about and actively pursuing Pro-2nd Amendment legislation.
- The “no-compromise gun lobby,” Gun Owners of America, Pennsylvania, awarded Mackenzie a 94% score on his pro-gun voting record.
- Mackenzie voted to allow individuals to carry firearms without a permit in Pennsylvania despite opposition from district attorneys and law enforcement organizations.
- Mackenzie consistently voted against gun safety initiatives, such as restricting ghost guns and establishing a universal registration check system.
- Mackenzie repeatedly voted to limit municipalities’ ability to create gun laws while allowing organizations like the NRA to challenge existing local ordinances.
 - Mackenzie voted to allow the National Rifle Association and other entities to sue local governments for enacting and enforcing their own gun laws.
- 2023: Mackenzie voted against background checks to purchase firearms.

Ammo.com Scored Ryan Mackenzie ‘Grade A’ For Being Outspoken About And Actively Pursuing Pro-2nd Amendment Legislation

Ammo.Com: “Ryan Mackenzie Is A Pro-2A Candidate Who Actively Pursues Legislation That Reduces Restrictions On The Right To Keep And Bear Arms.” “Ryan MacKenzie is a pro-2A candidate who actively pursues legislation that reduces restrictions on the right to keep and bear arms.” The site gave Mackenzie’s record a “Grade A.” [Ammo.Com, [Accessed 5/28/24](#)]

The “No-Compromise Gun Lobby,” Gun Owners of America, Awarded Ryan Mackenzie 94% Score On Pro-Gun Voting Record

Gun Owners Of America Awarded Mackenzie A 94% Score On His Pro-Gun Voting Record. “Score: 94%” [Gun Owners of America Pennsylvania Legislator Scorecard, [Accessed 5/28/24](#)]

Ron Paul Described Gun Owners Of America As “The Only No-Compromise Gun Lobby In Washington.” “‘The only no-compromise gun lobby in Washington’ – Ron Paul” [Gun Owners of America, [Accessed 6/9/24](#)]

Mackenzie Wanted To “Defend The 2nd Amendment In Its Original Intent” As One Of His “Four Principles For America”

”Restore Our Freedoms” Was One Of The Mackenzie Campaign’s “Four Principles For America.”
”Defend the 2nd Amendment in its original intent to protect Americans against tyrannical government. Support constitutional carry and oppose far-left efforts to confiscate firearms without due process. Our cities with the strictest gun control are the ones with the highest rate of gun crime. We need to focus on the root causes of violence - drug and gang-related activity, the lack of prosecution by radical progressives who were elected to be prosecutors, and a broken mental health system.” [Ryan Mackenzie for US Congress, [Accessed 5/28/24](#)]

[Mackenzie Voted To Allow Individuals To Carry Firearms Without A Permit In Pennsylvania Despite Opposition From District Attorneys And Other Law Enforcement Organizations](#)

Mackenzie Voted To Allow Individuals To Concealed Carry Firearms In Pennsylvania Without A Permit. “Mackenzie voted for Senate Bill 565 which, ‘declares that every person present in this Commonwealth who is not prohibited from possessing firearms under federal law or the laws of this Commonwealth has an affirmative, fundamental and constitutional right to keep and bear firearms, including the right to carry openly or concealed, carry loaded or unloaded, train with, transport, possess, use, acquire, purchase, transfer, inherit, buy, sell, give or otherwise dispose of or receive any firearm without a license from this Commonwealth or this Commonwealth’s political subdivisions.’ Senate Bill 565 passed the House 107-92 and passed the Senate 29-21 but was vetoed by the Governor.” [Pennsylvania General Assembly, Senate Bill#: 565, Passed: [11/16/21](#); S.B. 565, House Roll Call, [11/16/21](#)]

- **Lancaster Police Chief: Permitless Concealed Carry “Would Be Harmful To Public Safety And My Officers. If You Stand With Law Enforcement Or Want Safer Communities, The Only Answer Is To Reject This Dangerous, Misguided [Permitless Concealed Carry] Bill.”** “Unfortunately, the Pennsylvania Legislature is considering a dangerous bill that would make it much harder for me, my officers and officers across the state of Pennsylvania to do their jobs safely and reduce violent crime. House Bill 659, which passed out of the Judiciary Committee despite bipartisan opposition, would allow anyone 18 or older to carry a concealed firearm. There would be no more enhanced background checks to allow sheriffs to prevent someone who might want to do harm from carrying a hidden weapon. [...] Take it from me: HB 659 would be harmful to public safety and my officers. If you stand with law enforcement or want safer communities, the only answer is to reject this dangerous, misguided bill.” [Lancaster Online, Interim Chief Of Police Column, [6/4/21](#)]
- **The Pennsylvania District Attorneys Association Opposed The Permitless Concealed Carry Bill.** “The Pennsylvania District Attorneys Association opposes the bill, as do several other law enforcement organizations.” [Patriot News, [11/9/21](#)]

[Mackenzie Consistently Voted Against Gun Safety Initiatives, Such As Restricting Ghost Guns And Establishing A Universal Registration Check System](#)

Mackenzie Had A ‘Consistent Voting Record Of Protecting 2nd Amendment Rights.’ “Consistent voting record of protecting 2nd Amendment rights of law-abiding gun owners. Opposed unconstitutional efforts to infringe on our 2A rights. Always supported during campaigns for the election and re-election by pro-2A groups.” [Ryan Mackenzie for US Congress, [Accessed 5/28/24](#)]

2024: Mackenzie Voted Against A Proposal To Restrict ‘Ghost Guns.’ “On Wednesday, the Pennsylvania state House of Representatives approved a proposal aimed at prohibiting the purchase, sale, and manufacturing of untraceable gun components. Democrats in the House, utilizing their majority, advanced gun control measures following years of legislative gridlock in a divided state government. The bill was passed by the House with a vote of 104-97, with nearly all Democrats and three Republicans supporting it. Local Republican representatives, including Doyle Heffley, Jamie Barton, Jack Rader, Zach Mako, Tim Twardzik, and Ryan Mackenzie, voted against the measure. [...] So-termed ‘ghost guns’ are firearms that don’t have serial numbers, making them difficult to trace. The measure would criminalize the sale of firearms or firearm parts without serial numbers. Anyone who purchases a gun or gun part - such as a mufflers or silencer - that lacks a serial number would also face felony charges.” [ChannelTimes, [3/29/24](#); Legiscan, [3/27/24](#)]

2023: Mackenzie Voted Against HB 338. “An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in firearms and other dangerous articles, providing for report of theft or loss of firearm; and imposing penalties.” Mackenzie voted against the bill. [Pennsylvania General Assembly, [HB 338](#); [RCS No. 95](#), 5/22/23]

- **GOA: HB 338 “Mandates Reporting Of Lost And Stolen Firearms.”** “Final passage of HB 338, which mandates reporting of lost and stolen firearms. A NO vote is a pro-gun vote.” [GOA Pennsylvania Scorecard Ryan Mackenzie, [Accessed 5/28/24](#)]

[2023: Mackenzie Voted Against Background Checks To Purchase Firearms](#)

2023: Mackenzie Voted Against Background Checks To Purchase Firearms. “My bill would address this dangerous issue by requiring background checks for all firearms, regardless of barrel length. This simple, but effective, change will ensure that the sale or transfer of any firearm is kept safe and legal, regardless of if the firearm was purchased through a licensed retail seller, via private transaction, or at a gun show. The statistics are clear: comprehensive background checks protect lives without depriving lawful firearm owners of their Second Amendment rights. For the safety of our constituents and their loved ones, please join me in supporting this commonsense piece of firearm legislation.’ House Bill 714 passed the House 109-92, but stalled in the Senate.” [Pennsylvania General Assembly, House Bill #: 714, Passed: [5/22/23](#); H.B. 714, House Roll Call, [5/22/23](#)]

[Mackenzie Repeatedly Voted To Limit Municipalities’ Ability To Create Gun Laws While Allowing Organizations Like The NRA To Challenge Existing Local Ordinances](#)

2017: Mackenzie Co-Sponsored And Voted In Favor Of HB 671. “An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in firearms and other dangerous articles, further providing for limitation on the regulation of firearms and ammunition.” Mackenzie co-sponsored and voted in favor of the bill. [Pennsylvania General Assembly, [HB 671](#); [RCS No. 302](#), 4/26/17]

- **HB 671 Sought To ‘Deter Local Municipalities From Enacting Their Own Firearms Ordinances’ And Allow Citizens To Challenge Local Laws.** “Limit municipalities from enacting stricter gun laws (SB 5/HB 671) [...] In 2017, legislators brought back the gun provision from the scrap metal bill above. The bills are intended to deter local municipalities from enacting their own firearms ordinances and would make it easier for people to challenge local laws. The bills have not been enacted. House vote: 134:53:16 Senate vote: 34:16” [The Morning Call, [3/15/18](#)]

2013: Mackenzie Voted In Favor Of HB 80. “An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in burglary and other criminal intrusion, further providing for the offense of criminal trespass; defining the offense of theft of secondary metal; prescribing penalties; and, in firearms and other dangerous articles, further providing for Pennsylvania State Police and for limitation on the regulation of firearms and ammunition.” Mackenzie voted in favor of the bill. [Pennsylvania General Assembly, [HB 80](#); [RCS NO. 556](#), 6/25/13]

- **HB 80 Would Limit Municipalities’ Ability To Enact Gun Laws And Allow Organizations Like The NRA To Sue Municipalities Over Any Gun Laws Stricter Than The State’s.** “Limit municipalities’ ability to enact gun laws (HB 80), 2014 This bill was originally about scrap metal theft, but the state senate added a provision that would give any in-state or out-of-state organization, including the NRA, the ability to sue Pennsylvania municipalities over any gun laws stricter than the state’s. The bill was approved by the governor in 2014, but a state court ruled it illegal in June 2015, saying that the bill cobbled together two unrelated subjects. House vote: 138:56:8 Senate vote: 34:14:2” [The Morning Call, [3/15/18](#)]

2014: Mackenzie Voted In Favor Of HB 1243. “An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in firearms and other dangerous articles, further providing for Pennsylvania State Police and for limitation on the regulation of firearms and ammunition.” Mackenzie voted in favor of the bill. [Pennsylvania General Assembly, [HB 1243](#); [RCS No. 1682](#), 10/6/14]

- **HB 1243 Would Have “Discouraged Cities From Passing Gun Control Measures” By Allowing Individuals And Groups To Sue Municipalities With Gun Laws Stricter Than Those Enacted By The State.** “The language being added comes directly from the failed HB 1243, which would have discouraged cities from passing gun control measures by giving legal standing to people and membership organizations like the National Rifle Association (NRA) to sue any municipality for having gun laws that are more stringent than the state’s.” [Rewire News Group, [10/15/14](#)]

[Mackenzie Voted To Allow The National Rifle Association And Other Entities To Sue Local Governments For Enacting And Enforcing Their Own Gun Laws](#)

Mackenzie Voted Give Standing To Any Party To Sue Municipalities That Enact And Enforce Their Own Gun Laws. “Mackenzie voted to concur with the Senate amendment to House Bill 80 which, ‘clarifies and defines who has lawful standing to file suit claiming that an ordinance, resolution, rule or practice violates the state preemption statute by defining the term ‘person adversely affected’ to include any resident of the Commonwealth who may legally possess a firearm under Federal and State law, in addition to any person who otherwise has standing pursuant to the laws of the Commonwealth to bring an action. The term also includes any membership organization in which such a person is a member.’ House Bill 80 passed the Senate 34-14, passed the House 138-56, and was signed into law In November 2014.” [Pennsylvania General Assembly, House Bill#: 80, Passed: [10/20/14](#); H.B. 80, House Roll Call, [10/20/14](#)]

- **The Law Allowed The National Rifle Association To Sue Over Local Gun Ordinances That Were More Restrictive Than State Law.** “The state Senate approved a measure late Wednesday that would give gun groups – including the National Rifle Association – standing in court to sue municipalities that enact their own gun laws. The amendment, which passed 32-16, has its origins in a legal battle between the city of Philadelphia and the NRA, which sued over gun control ordinances more restrictive than state law. The courts struck down several of the city’s

gun ordinances, but upheld mandatory reporting of lost and stolen weapons. Some 30 other cities, townships and boroughs followed suit, passing lost and stolen weapons reporting ordinances. Opponents say the proposal gives standing to 'membership organizations' to sue without proving injury and collect legal fees regardless of the outcome." [Philadelphia Inquirer, [10/16/14](#)]

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Health Care, Mental Health, Drugs, and Addiction

Health Care, Mental Health, Drugs, and Addiction Highlights

- Mackenzie voted against bills that would improve health care accessibility.
- After accepting money from insurance PACs, Mackenzie introduced a bill to create a pre-approved list of drugs for injured employees receiving medical care and financial assistance for lost wages.
- Mackenzie supported “zero-based budgeting,” which at the federal level would put Medicare on the chopping block every single year.

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2024: Mackenzie Voted Against HB 851, Which Would Provide For A “Menstrual Hygiene Products Accessibility Grant Program.” “An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in school health services, providing for Menstrual Hygiene Products Accessibility Grant Program; and making an appropriation.” Mackenzie voted against the bill. [Pennsylvania General Assembly, [HB 851](#); [RCS No. 1179](#), 6/4/24]

2024: Mackenzie Voted Against HB 1367, Which Would Provide For “Student Mental Health Awareness.” “An Act amending the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No.14), known as the Public School Code of 1949, in school health services, providing for student mental health awareness.” Mackenzie voted against the bill. [Pennsylvania General Assembly, [HB 1367](#); [RCS No. 1180](#), 6/4/24]

After Accepting Money From Insurance PACs, Mackenzie Introduced A Bill To Create A Pre-Approved List Of Drugs For Injured Employees Receiving Medical Care And Financial Assistance For Lost Wages

2017: Mackenzie Was The Prime Sponsor Of HB 18 To Amend The Workers’ Compensation Act. “An Act amending the act of June 2, 1915 (P.L.736, No.338), known as the Workers’ Compensation Act, in liability and compensation, further providing for prescription drugs and the treatment of work-related injuries; and, in procedure, further providing for peer review.” Mackenzie was the prime sponsor of the bill. [Pennsylvania General Assembly, [HB 18](#), 2/13/17]

- **Mackenzie’s HB 18 Would Limit The Range Of Drugs Available To “Workers Injured On The Job.”** “From the Capitol to the internet, a feud is brewing between Pennsylvania insurance companies and workers’ compensation lawyers, and both sides claim to have the best interest of injured workers in curbing overuse of opioids. House Bill 18, introduced in February by Rep. Ryan Mackenzie, R-Lehigh, aims to address the over-prescription of opioids and other painkillers. It

would create a list of approved drugs, a set duration of treatment and establish dosage amounts for workers injured on the job. The bill would create a preapproved list, or 'formulary,' of opioids and other drugs for injured employees receiving medical care and financial assistance for lost wages under the Workers Compensation Act of 1915. Any non-approved drugs would need to be sought through an appeals process overseen by the Department of Labor & Industry as well as a workers' compensation judge." [The Morning Call, [6/5/17](#)]

- **Mackenzie's Memo On HB 18 Claimed The Bill Would "Require The Pennsylvania Department Of Labor And Industry (L&I) To Adopt An Evidence-Based Drug Formulary For Our WC Program."** "My legislation would require the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry (L&I) to adopt an evidence-based drug formulary for our WC program. The adoption of a drug formulary can begin to reduce the over-prescription of opioid painkillers by setting evidence-based standards for the medication that can be prescribed for a WC patient." [Pennsylvania House of Representatives, HB 18 Memo, [2/8/17](#)]
- **Before Introducing The Bill, Mackenzie Received \$15,900 From Insurance PACs.** "Mackenzie received \$15,900 from insurance political action committees such as the Erie Insurance PAC and Pennsylvania Insurance PAC, over the last five years. The campaign donations have nothing to do with the bill, Mackenzie said." [Allentown Morning Call, [6/5/17](#)]

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Opponents Of The Bill Alleged That It Catered To The Insurance Industry And Gave Doctors A Limited Say In Treatment Because Of Bureaucratic Red Tape. "But opponents say the bill caters to the insurance industry and leaves the injured workers without proper treatment and a healthy relationship with their doctors. Doctors will have a limited say in the course of treatment partly because of bureaucratic red tape, its foes say. The opposition has brought the debate out of the halls of the Capitol and onto the internet. Online ads paid for by a group calling itself Pa. Works Now urge voters to 'Stop HB 18' and claim the measure is bad for injured workers. The ad claims the bill 'threatens the ability for workers to receive the care they need to get better and take care of their families.'" [Allentown Morning Call, [6/5/17](#)]

Philadelphia Council AFL-CIO: "A Simple Reading Of The Bill Text Exposes That It Looks To Take Control Of Medical Decisions From Doctors And Give It To Insurance Companies." "There's been a lot of misinformation about state House Bill 18 and I'd like to set the record straight. This measure has nothing to do with healing injured workers. It has everything to do with giving insurance companies control of the medical process at the expense of injured workers. Doctors would no longer have the prevailing say in treating the unique needs of individuals who suffered workplace injuries. While Rep. Ryan Mackenzie claims this bill will help combat Pennsylvania's opioid epidemic, nothing could be further from the truth. A simple reading of the bill text exposes that it looks to take control of medical decisions from doctors and give it to insurance companies. Using a tragic situation as cover for a giveaway to the insurance industry is cynical at best and reprehensible at worst. The Philadelphia Council AFL-CIO remains steadfast in its opposition to House Bill 18. Patrick J. Eiding President, Philadelphia Council AFL-CIO" [Northeast Times, [12/18/17](#)]

Philadelphia Business Journal Opinion: "If H.B. 1800 Is Passed, Any Remaining Compassion Will Be Eradicated." "Clients too often struggle to prove their injuries and receive the compensation they're entitled to because of insurance companies' lack of compassion under the current law. If H.B. 1800 is passed, any remaining compassion will be eradicated." [Philadelphia Business Journal, Opinion, [3/7/16](#)]

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Municipal And State Police Unions And Chiropractors Opposed Mackenzie's Bill. "On Wednesday, Mackenzie said opponents made a successful last-minute push to get the bill tabled. Municipal and state police unions and chiropractors voiced concern over the bill and he planned to meet with police unions on Thursday." [The Morning Call, [6/21/17](#)]

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Senator Johnson Suggested Using Zero-Based Budgeting To Evaluate The Whole US Budget, Including Medicare And Social Security, Annually

Senator Johnson Suggested That The Whole US Budget, Including Medicare And Social Security, Be Evaluated Annually. "Republican U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson indicated that Medicare and Social Security should be subjected to annual budget deliberations, a move that could upend guaranteed benefits relied upon by millions of Americans. Johnson, who is running for a third term in November in a race that could shape the balance of power in the Senate, made his comments Tuesday during an interview on the Regular Joe Show, hosted by Joe Giganti. Federal spending is in two baskets — discretionary spending which comes in annual appropriations in areas like defense and public works and mandatory spending that is generally governed by statute and includes entitlement programs like Social Security and Medicare that provide guaranteed benefits. During the interview, Johnson was asked about the PACT Act — aid to veterans who have been exposed to toxic burn pits — and a controversy over discretionary vs. mandatory spending. In his answer, Johnson suggested that he seeks to turn everything

in the federal budget into discretionary spending — including Social Security and Medicare — so that programs can be evaluated and fixed.” [Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, [8/2/22](#)]

Mackenzie Said We Need To “Protect Programs Like Medicare”

2024 Op-Ed: Mackenzie Said We Need To ‘Protect Programs Like Medicare’. “We must stop the wasteful overspending and protect programs like Medicare and Social Security” [The Morning Call, Ryan Mackenzie Op-Ed, [4/3/24](#)]

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Housing and Homelessness

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- 2018: Mackenzie said he supported the “elimination” of “unfair and antiquated system of taxation” that is “property taxes” and that he voted for and sponsored the “full and complete elimination of property taxes” in the State House.
- Mackenzie did real estate sales before running for office.

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Mackenzie Introduced Bill That Would ‘Increase Funding For Property Tax Relief’. “Brown and state Rep. Ryan Mackenzie (R-Leigh) recently introduced 10 bills as part of the “Pennsylvania Families Tax Relief” package that would reduce the Personal Income Tax rate and increase funding for property tax relief, thus providing reductions in various state taxes placed on families.” [New Castle News, [8/29/23](#)]

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Mackenzie Worked In Real Estate Sales Before Running For Office. “Ryan began his career by working on a number of political campaigns and earned his real estate sales license before entering public service and accepting a position at the U.S. Department of Labor.” [Rep Mackenzie ‘About’ Website Page, [6/5/24](#)]

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Human and Civil Rights

Human and Civil Rights Highlights

- Mackenzie voted to dismantle a public support program for disabled adults.

2019: Mackenzie Co-Sponsored HB 33 To Eliminate A General Assistance Program Supporting Disabled Adults

2019: Mackenzie Co-Sponsored And Voted In Favor Of HB 33. “An Act amending the act of June 13, 1967 (P.L.31, No.21), known as the Human Services Code, in public assistance, further providing for definitions, for general assistance-related categorically needy and medically needy only medical assistance programs, for the medically needy and determination of eligibility and for medical assistance payments for institutional care; in hospital assessments, further providing for definitions, for authorization, for administration, for no hold harmless, for tax exemption and for time period; and, in Statewide quality care assessment, further providing for definitions.” Mackenzie co-sponsored and voted in favor of the bill. [Pennsylvania General Assembly, [HB 33](#); [RCS No. 505](#), 6/19/19]

- **The Women’s Law Project Called On Pennsylvanians To Oppose HB 33, Which Would Eliminate A General Assistance Program That Supports People Who Have Disabilities Or Are Facing Other Immediate Crises.** “A bill to sever the safety net for vulnerable Pennsylvanians, known as HB 33, passed the state House and now heads to the state Senate. We need you to find your state Senator and contact them every way you can to urge them to OPPOSE House Bill 33, which would eliminate the General Assistance program in Pennsylvania. [...] General Assistance is a critical lifeline, a last-resort safety net for people in crisis. In addition to people with disabilities, General Assistance assists people who can’t work, people with zero income, people in rehab for substance use orders, orphaned children, and victims of domestic violence displaced from their homes. A significant percentage of General Assistance grants serve as bridge loans for people with disabilities. Many people are circumstantially forced to rely on General Assistance while waiting for the Social Security Administration to process their disability claim, a process that can take two years. General Assistance grants range from \$170 to \$215 a month (\$205 in Philly).” [Women’s Law Project, [6/25/19](#)]

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Immigration

Immigration Highlights

- 2023: Mackenzie voted against HB 1067, which would “allow non-U.S. citizens to teach in Pennsylvania” as long as they have experience, valid certification, immigration papers, and employment authorization.
- Immigration advocates criticized immigration bills introduced by Mackenzie for spreading “xenophobic and racist rhetoric that fosters prejudice towards immigrants.”

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- **HB 1067 Would “Allow Non-U.S. Citizens To Teach In Pennsylvania” As Long As They Have Experience, Valid Certification, Immigration Papers, And Employment Authorization.** “At Lauer’s Park Elementary School, state Rep. Johanny Cepeda-Freytiz led the rally to pressure the state Senate to pass her bill that would allow non-U.S. citizens to teach in Pennsylvania schools. Bill 1067 — already passed by the state House — would allow immigrant teachers with certificates and experience to teach in Pennsylvania public schools if they have a valid immigrant visa, a work visa, or a valid employment authorization document that allows them to work in the United States.” [WFMZ, [8/18/23](#)]

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Immigration Advocates At A Rally Criticized Immigration Bills Introduced By Mackenzie For Spreading “Xenophobic And Racist Rhetoric That Fosters Prejudice Towards Immigrants.”

“Chants of “si se puede” — “yes we can” in Spanish — punctuated each speech at a Thursday rally in Allentown where speakers and an audience of around 30 people rebuked a series of what they said are anti-immigration bills introduced by a Lehigh Valley lawmaker. During the last legislative session Rep. Ryan Mackenzie, R-Lehigh, introduced six bills to address illegal immigration in Pennsylvania. Those measures include requiring public contractors to verify that their employees are documented residents, making it illegal for municipalities to be ‘sanctuary cities’ that limit or deny enforcement of some immigration laws, and requiring state police to notify the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

agency if an undocumented person attempts to buy a gun. [...] Yet immigration advocates, speaking in a small conference room Thursday afternoon, criticized Mackenzie's bills for spreading what they called xenophobic and racist rhetoric that fosters prejudice toward immigrants. [...] 'I know firsthand the struggles of immigrants here in Pennsylvania, and what the rhetoric of Rep. Mackenzie does to our communities,' said Armando Jimenez, a deputy organizing director with progressive organization Make the Road PA, who identified himself as a recipient of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program." [The Morning Call, [1/18/24](#)]

Mackenzie Called The Speakers At The Rally "Radical Extremists" Spreading "Hate-Filled, Divisive Rhetoric." "In a statement, Mackenzie called burgos and other speakers 'radical extremists' spreading 'hate-filled, divisive rhetoric.' Mackenzie's six bills, which were introduced last year, have all been referred to various house subcommittees, but none has been brought to a vote." [Morning Call, [1/17/24](#)]

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MAGA, Partisanship, and Far-Right Affiliations

MAGA, Partisanship, and Far-Right Affiliations Highlights

- Mackenzie signed the Pennsylvania Congressional letter to reject the results of the 2020 presidential election.
- Mackenzie signed an amicus brief for Texas v. Pennsylvania, which aimed to overturn Pennsylvania's 2020 election results.
- 2024: Mackenzie endorsed Trump's presidential campaign, calling himself "a proud America first conservative."
- Trump "appointed Ryan to serve on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Local Government Advisory Committee and as a commissioner on the President's Commission on White House Fellowships."
- Mackenzie spoke at meetings of "extreme anti-government group" the Berks County Patriots, which "sent members to the Jan. 6 insurrection" and received support from the Oath Keepers.
- 2024: House Speaker Mike Johnson campaigned on Mackenzie's behalf.
- 2016: Mackenzie claimed to be "uncommitted" to a republican presidential candidate, but later attended the 2016 RNC as an alternate delegate for Trump and endorsed Trump.
- The Koch Brothers anti-union dark money group that backed the same GOP tax cuts that Mackenzie supported that would outsource Pennsylvania's manufacturing jobs supported Mackenzie's campaign.
- 2022: Mackenzie's campaign committee contributed \$250 to Restoring Excellence in East Penn Education (REEPE), an organization affiliated with extremist group Moms For Liberty, which pushed for banning books.

Mackenzie Signed The Pennsylvania Congressional Letter To Reject 2020 Election

Pennsylvania Congressional Delegation Letter: We Urge The State Legislature "To Object, and Vote to Sustain Such Objection, to the Electoral College Votes Received From the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania During the Joint Session of Congress on January 6, 2021." "In 2019 the Pennsylvania General Assembly enacted comprehensive changes to our Commonwealth's Election Code. These changes both expanded voting access by permitting noexcuse mail-in ballots while also implementing reasonable safeguards to ensure that this new system would be secure, transparent, and would ensure that all Americans could have confidence in Pennsylvania's election results. These changes received bipartisan support, including the signature of Governor Tom Wolf, a Democrat. Unfortunately,

Governor Wolf and others quickly set about undermining the many protections provided under this law. [...] we the undersigned members of the Pennsylvania General Assembly urge you to object, and vote to sustain such objection, to the Electoral College votes received from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania during the Joint Session of Congress on January 6, 2021.” [Pennsylvania’s Congressional Delegation, [12/4/20](#)]

- **Mackenzie Signed The Pennsylvania Congressional Letter To Object To The 2020 Election.** Mackenzie was a signatory to a congressional letter urging the Pennsylvania general assembly to object to the results of the 2020 election. [Pennsylvania’s Congressional Delegation, [12/4/20](#)]

[Mackenzie Signed An Amicus Brief For Texas v. Pennsylvania, Which Aimed To Overturn Pennsylvania’s 2020 Election Results](#)

A December 2020 Amicus Brief Argued That The Supreme Court Of Pennsylvania And The PA Secretary of State “Violated the Prerogative of the State Legislature to Make Election Policy as Prescribed Under the United States Constitution.” “Under Article I, Section 4, Clause 1 of the United States Constitution state legislatures are given the singular authority to prescribe the times, places and manner of elections for federal office. Pursuant to that authority, the General Assembly of Pennsylvania, by statute, enacted and has from time to time amended the Commonwealth’s Election Code which, in turn, details the times, places and manner of conducting elections within the Commonwealth. On September 17, 2020, subsequent to the last enacted amendment to the Elections Code, the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania issued an order changing the times, places and manner of our elections, effectively amending the Election Code by judicial fiat. On November 2, 2020 the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth issued a directive to every county which effectively amended the Election Code by changing the manner of the conduct of elections. Both the decision of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania and the directive of the Secretary of the Commonwealth violated the prerogative of the state legislature to make election policy as prescribed under the United States Constitution.” [Supreme Court of the United States, [12/10/20](#)]

- **Mackenzie Signed On To The Texas v. Pennsylvania Amicus Brief.** Mackenzie signed on to an amicus brief for Texas v Pennsylvania on the side of Texas. [Supreme Court of the United States, [12/10/20](#)]

[2024: Mackenzie Endorsed Trump’s Presidential Campaign, Calling Himself “A Proud America First Conservative”](#)

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Mackenzie Planned To Attend An April 2024 Trump Campaign Rally. “Former President Donald Trump is set to return to the Lehigh Valley next weekend for a campaign rally as he seeks a second term in the White House. [...] Mackenzie and Dellicker will both attend the rally, campaign staff confirmed.” [The Reading Eagle, [4/5/24](#)]

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Mackenzie Spoke At Meetings Of “Extreme Anti-Government Group” The Berks County Patriots, Which “Sent Members To The Jan. 6 Insurrection” And Received Support From The Oath Keepers

June 2021: Mackenzie Spoke At A Berks County Patriots Meeting. [YouTube, BerksCountyPatriots, [6/29/21](#)]

August 2013: Mackenzie Spoke At A Berks County Patriots Meeting. [YouTube, BerksCountyPatriots, [8/25/13](#); [8/25/13](#); [8/25/13](#)]

March 2024: The Berks OathKeepers Sponsored The Berks County Patriots’ Monthly Meeting. “BERKS OATHKEEPERS sponsoring our March 2024 meeting.” [Berks County Patriots, [Accessed 6/10/24](#)]

The Berks County Patriots “Sent Members To The Jan. 6 Insurrection.” “The Berks County Patriots, a group that sent members to the Jan. 6 insurrection, ‘has attracted an unusual amount of attention from the crowded Republican gubernatorial primary field’ — including from Trump’s fake elector Lou Barletta, GOP gubernatorial frontrunner and insurrection attendee Doug Mastriano, ‘election integrity’ enthusiast and career politician Dave White, Jason Richey, Dr. Nche Zama, Charlie Gerow, and former candidate for Governor Guy Ciarrocchi.” [Pennsylvania Democrats, [3/3/22](#)]

The Southern Poverty Law Center Classified The Berks County Patriots As An “Extreme Anti-Government Group.” “Pennsylvania has ‘emerged as a hotbed for hate groups,’ local news outlets reported last year, ranking it as one of the top five states with the highest concentration of hate groups. [...] One of these groups was the Berks County Patriots, an ‘extreme anti-government group,’ according to the Southern Poverty Law Center, that has attracted an unusual amount of attention from the crowded Republican gubernatorial primary field. The group, which says it is ‘committed to restoring and promoting the conservative values and ideals espoused in America’s founding documents,’ called on supporters to travel to Washington last Jan. 6 to ‘fight’ for former President Donald Trump.” [Pennsylvania Democrats, [3/3/22](#); Southern Poverty Law Center, [Accessed 6/10/24](#)]

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2024: House Speaker Mike Johnson Campaigned On Mackenzie’s Behalf. “House Speaker Mike Johnson stopped Tuesday in the Lehigh Valley to campaign for Republican Rep. Ryan Mackenzie’s congressional run against Democratic incumbent U.S. Rep. Susan Wild.” [The Morning Call, [5/21/24](#)]

Mackenzie “Called For Finishing” Trump’s Border Wall

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Mackenzie Supported Impeaching Alejandro Mayorkas

Mackenzie Signaled Support For Impeaching Secretary Of Homeland Security Alejandro Mayorkas. [Twitter, @Ryan_Mackenzie, 2/13/24]



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“Pennsylvania Republican delegates very well may determine whether Donald Trump, John Kasich, Ted Cruz or someone else becomes the party’s presidential nominee. First, those delegates need Republican voters’ support to reach the convention. Three delegates in each of 18 congressional districts will be elected during Tuesday’s primary election. But the ballot Republican voters see Tuesday will not show which presidential candidate each potential delegate prefers. So The Morning Call reached out to all 162 Republican delegate candidates to ask how they would vote if elected. [...] Uncommitted: Robert E Smith Jr., Ryan Mackenzie.” [The Morning Call, 4/26/16]

Mackenzie Attended The 2016 RNC As An Alternate Delegate For Trump. “It’s no coincidence Pennsylvania’s delegates to the Republican National Convention have been assigned prime, front-row seating and are attracting big-name speakers to their breakfast events. [...] State Rep. Ryan Mackenzie, who’s attending the convention as an alternate delegate, agreed that the state is getting extra attention this year from the GOP. He said Republicans are optimistic this cycle about Trump’s chances of winning over Keystone State voters.’ The difference is that the Trump campaign is actually taking it seriously and putting in an effort in Pennsylvania right from the start,’ said Mackenzie, a Lehigh County Republican who represents part of Berks.” [The Reading Eagle, 7/20/16]

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The Koch Brothers Anti-Union Dark Money Group That Backed The Same GOP Tax Cuts That Mackenzie Supported And That Would Outsource Pennsylvania’s Manufacturing Jobs Supported Mackenzie’s Campaign

Koch Brothers Dark Money Group Americans For Prosperity, Donated \$497,676 To Mackenzie’s 2024 Race. Mackenzie received \$497,676 in total campaign donations from Americans For Prosperity, a “political nonprofit formed with the backing of conservative billionaires David and Charles Koch.” [Federal Election Commission, [4/17/24](#); Open Secrets, [11/15/13](#)]

- **Americans For Prosperity Challenged California Attorney General Over Policy Requiring Tax Exempt Charitable Organizations To Disclose Major Donors.** “In Americans for Prosperity foundation v. Bonta, 594 U.S. ____ (2021), the U.S. Supreme Court invalidated a California requirement that charities disclose the names and addresses of those who contributed \$5,000 or more a year as part of the charity’s annual registration with the state attorney general’s office.” [Middle Tennessee State University Free Speech Center, [8/11/23](#)]
- **Mackenzie Followed Americans For Prosperity Action On Twitter.** [Twitter, @Ryan_Mackenzie, [Accessed 5/28/24](#)]

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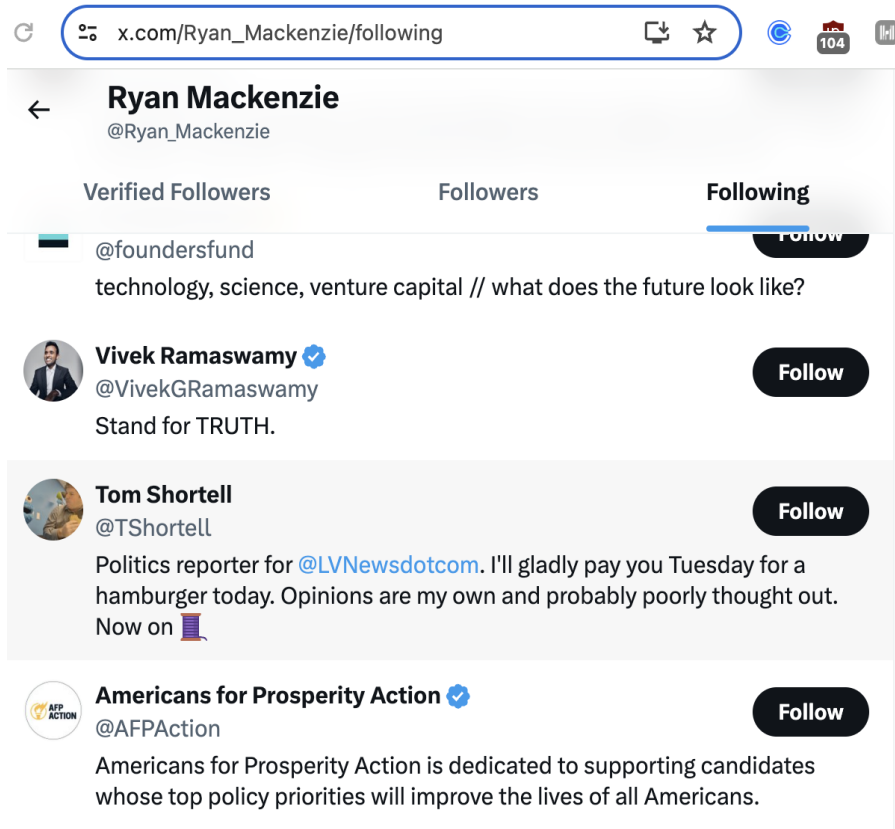
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[Twitter, @Ryan_Mackenzie, [Accessed 5/28/24](#)]

- **Americans For Prosperity Action Supported Mackenzie, Congratulated Him On Win Against Opponent.** [Twitter, @AFPAction, 4/25/24]



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Americans For Prosperity Was An Anti-Union Dark Money Group With An Agenda That Would Outsource Pennsylvania’s Manufacturing Jobs And Cut Taxes For The Wealthiest Americans And Largest Corporations

Americans For Prosperity Was A Dark Money Group Backed By The Koch Brothers. “Americans for Prosperity, the political nonprofit formed with the backing of conservative billionaires David and Charles Koch, gave a \$100,000 grant to another dark money group linked to the Kochs in 2012, according to tax forms filed Friday with the IRS. [...] In the 2012 cycle, AFP — also a 501(c)(4) social welfare group that can be involved in politics but doesn’t have to disclose its donors — reported laying out nearly \$36.4 million for federal political activity.” [OpenSecrets, 11/15/13]

Mar. 2018: Americans For Prosperity Praised Lawmakers Who Supported The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act. “Americans for Prosperity (AFP) today launched a grassroots campaign, called American Pay Raise, to thank lawmakers who supported the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, hold accountable those who opposed it and urge Congress to protect tax reform benefits that millions of Americans are already experiencing.” [Americans For Prosperity, Press Release, 3/16/18]

Americans For Prosperity Claimed The PRO Act Put Workers Rights Under Attack. “The rights of American workers are under attack because of the Protecting the Right to Organize (PRO) Act (H.R.842). The Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) completed a

markup of the Pro Act, Paycheck Fairness Act and Healthy Families Act in June. (A markup is when lawmakers in the U.S. Congress or state government meet to talk about, change, and write a new version of a suggested law.) House Democrats approved the bill with a 225-206 victory in March 2021. Five Republicans voted in favor of it at the time.” [Americans For Prosperity, Blog, [11/8/23](#)]

Americans For Prosperity Opposed The PRO Act. “Americans for Prosperity (AFP) called on Congress to reject the Protecting the Right to Organize (PRO) Act, which would make unprecedented, harmful changes to federal labor laws that would undermine the rights and interests of workers, employers, and the public. The PRO Act would, among other things, overturn and ban state right-to-work laws throughout the country, which have protected workers’ freedom of choice and been an economic boon for communities; violate the privacy of workers by requiring employers to release the private, personal information of their employees to union organizers and deprive workers of the right to vote on unionization in a secret ballot election under certain circumstances; and implement language nearly identical to California’s controversial AB-5 that would reclassify many independent contractors as employees under the National Labor Relations Act, restricting the opportunity of many to pursue independent, flexible work.” [Americans For Prosperity, Press Release, [2/4/21](#)]

The PRO Act Restored The Right Of Workers To Freely And Fairly Form A Union And Collectively Bargain. “The Protecting the Right to Organize (PRO) Act restores the right of workers to freely and fairly form a union and bargain together for changes in the workplace. It is a landmark worker empowerment, civil rights and economic stimulus legislation, and an essential part of any plan to build back better from the COVID-19 pandemic and recession.” [AFL-CIO, accessed [6/6/24](#)]

Tax Experts Said The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Increased Incentives For Companies To Move Jobs Overseas

Tax Experts Said The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Increased Incentives For Companies To Move Jobs Overseas. “What happened to the workers in Clinton, tax experts say, will probably happen to more Americans if the Republican tax overhaul becomes law. The legislation fails to eliminate long-standing incentives for companies to move overseas and, in some cases, may even increase them, they say. ‘This bill is potentially more dangerous than our current system,’ said Stephen Shay, a senior lecturer at Harvard Law School and former Treasury Department international tax expert in the Obama administration. ‘It creates a real incentive to shift real activity offshore.’” [Washington Post, [12/15/17](#)]

- **HEADLINE: Trump Promised ‘America First’ Would Keep Jobs Here. But The Tax Plan Might Push Them Overseas.** [Washington Post, [12/15/17](#)]
- **Because Of The Way The Tax Bill Taxed Foreign Income, Corporations Would Increase Tax Free Income The More Equipment It Had Abroad.** “In the future, corporations would be required to pay about a 10 percent minimum tax on overseas income above a certain level. The provision is billed as a way to discourage the movement of jobs and profit overseas. But the fine print of the new global minimum tax would make the problem worse, several tax specialists said. [...] First, a corporation would pay that global minimum tax only on profit above a ‘routine’ rate of return on the tangible assets — such as factories — it has overseas. So the more equipment a corporation has in other countries, the more tax-free income it can earn. The legislation thus offers corporations ‘a perverse incentive’ to shift assembly lines abroad, said Steve Rosenthal of the Tax Policy Center.” [Washington Post, [12/15/17](#)]

- **Under Tax Bill, A Corporation That Built A Plant In A Foreign Country Would Pay Substantially Less In Taxes On Foreign Profit Than Profits Earned In The United States.** “Second, the bill sets the ‘routine’ return at 10 percent — far more generous than would typically be the case. Such allowances are normally fixed a couple of percentage points above risk-free Treasury yields, which are currently around 2.4 percent. As a result, a U.S. corporation that builds a \$100 million plant in another country and makes a foreign profit of \$20 million would pay roughly \$1 million in tax versus \$4 million on the same profit if earned in the United States, said Rosenthal, who has been a tax lawyer for 25 years and drafted tax legislation as a staffer for the Joint Committee on Taxation.” [Washington Post, [12/15/17](#)]

The Atlantic’s Gene Sperling: GOP Tax Bill Would “Give A Permanent Preference To Foreign Income And Lead Companies To Shift More Profits To Tax Havens Knowing That They Could Permanently Avoid Virtually All Taxation On Such Profits.” “Yet, it is clear that a territorial system could have just the opposite impact: It could give a permanent preference to foreign income and lead companies to shift more profits to tax havens knowing that they could permanently avoid virtually all taxation on such profits. [...] What was problematic about this design was that it not only encouraged companies to move profits to tax havens, but it actually encouraged them to simultaneously move jobs and operations such as manufacturing to industrialized countries that had typical tax rates and to shift more profits to tax havens.” [The Atlantic, Gene Sperling, [12/8/17](#)]

CBO: Provisions In The Tax Cuts & Jobs Act “May Increase Corporations’ Incentive To Locate Tangible Assets” Like Factories “Abroad” Because “By Locating Fewer Tangible Assets In The United States,” The Corporation Can Increase Its Deductible Foreign Income While Reducing Its Tax Liability On Foreign Income. “The act contains several provisions to reduce corporations’ incentive to shift profits out of the United States. Two provisions—which impose a tax on global intangible low-tax income (GILTI) and create a deduction for foreign-derived intangible income (FDII)—reduce corporations’ incentive to locate high-return assets (which are often intangible assets, such as intellectual property, or IP) in low-tax countries. The provisions reduce that incentive by applying special treatment to profits that exceed a specified return on tangible assets (such as equipment and structures). In addition to reducing profit shifting through the location of intangible assets, the GILTI and FDII provisions affect corporations’ decisions about where to locate tangible assets. By locating more tangible assets abroad, a corporation is able to reduce the amount of foreign income that is categorized as GILTI. Similarly, by locating fewer tangible assets in the United States, a corporation can increase the amount of U.S. income that can be deducted as FDII. Together, the provisions may increase corporations’ incentive to locate tangible assets abroad. (Like profit shifting, such decisions change the locations of reported profits—but they are not classified as profit shifting, because they involve actual economic activity rather than simply reporting.)” [Congressional Budget Office, Appendix B: The Effects Of The 2017 Tax Act On CBO’s Economic And Budget Projections, [April 2018](#)]

New York Times: Tax Bill “Could Actually Make It Attractive For Companies To Put More Assembly Lines On Foreign Soil.” “The bill that Mr. Trump signed, however, could actually make it attractive for companies to put more assembly lines on foreign soil. Under the new law, income made by American companies’ overseas subsidiaries will face United States taxes that are half the rate applied to their domestic income, 10.5 percent compared with the new top corporate rate of 21 percent. ‘It’s sort of an America-last tax policy,’ said Kimberly Clausing, an economist at Reed College in Portland, Ore., who studies tax policy. ‘We are basically saying that if you earn in the U.S., you pay X, and if you earn abroad, you pay X divided by two.’” [New York Times, [1/8/18](#)]

- **Economist Found “The Bill Ends Up Creating A Tax Break For Manufacturers With Foreign Operations.”** “What could be more dangerous for American workers, economists said, is that the bill ends up creating a tax break for manufacturers with foreign operations. Under the new rules, beyond the lower rate, companies will not have to pay United States taxes on the money they earn from plants or equipment located abroad, if those earnings amount to 10 percent or less of the total investment.” [New York Times, [1/8/18](#)]
- **HEADLINE: Tax Law May Send Factories And Jobs Abroad, Critics Say** [New York Times, [1/8/18](#)]

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2022: Mackenzie’s Campaign Committee Contributed \$250 To Restoring Excellence in East Penn Education (REEPE), An Organization Affiliated With Moms For Liberty. “Martino’s donation to the Your Voice slate, given on March 28, comes as groups supporting Levinson, Jankowski, Ford, Kelly and Klotz have sought to tie the Your Voice candidates to positions held by Moms for Liberty - Lehigh County and Restoring Excellence in East Penn Education (REEPE). [...] REEPE has filed as a political committee. It had \$2,655 funds available, according to the Jan. 1 to May 1 report, including \$2,502 carried over from its last report. The group spent \$180 on room rentals at Macungie Park and \$176 on postage. A report filed for 2022 showed REEPE raised \$3,918 with \$250 coming from Citizens for Mackenzie and \$250 from Milou Mackenzie.” [Armchair Lehigh Valley, [5/10/23](#)]

REEPE Aimed To Raise Awareness Of “Current EPSD Curriculum And Teacher Training Regarding Race, Equity, Gender Identity, And The Burdens These Policies Impose On [The] Children.” “The group that hosted the meeting, Restoring Excellence in East Penn Education, is composed of concerned district taxpayers. They aim to raise awareness regarding the ‘current EPSD curriculum and teacher training regarding race, equity, gender identity, and the burdens these policies impose on [the] children,’ the group’s Facebook page describes.” [The Stinger, [6/10/22](#)]

REEPE “First Gained Community Attention” For Circulating Pamphlets “Warning About Critical Race Theory” In May 2022. “REEPE first gained community attention for pamphlets handed out on Election Day in May 2022, warning about critical race theory being taught in East Penn schools.” [The Morning Call, [5/12/23](#)]

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Moms For Liberty Was A “Driving Force” Of The Far-Right Book Banning Movement. “Since 2022, anti-LGBTQ book bans have proliferated in schools and communities throughout the United States. Moms for Liberty (M4L), an anti-LGBTQ extremist group that bills itself as a so-called ‘parental rights’

organization, is a driving force behind this alarming trend targeting books about LGBTQ people, people of color, and race and racism.” [GLAAD, [11/3/23](#)]

- **Moms For Liberty Created A 111-Page Book Ban Guidance.** “Created and circulated a 111-page book ban guidance, which contains blatant disinformation and singles out many titles about LGBTQ people and people of color.” [GLAAD, [11/3/23](#)]
- **Moms For Liberty Pushed To Ban Books Such As The Diary Of Anne Frank’s And Books About Martin Luther King.** “Pushed to ban books about the U.S. civil rights movement, Jewish diarist Anne Frank, and racial justice activists like Martin Luther King, Jr., effectively censoring historical events.” [GLAAD, [11/3/23](#)]

Moms For Liberty Was An Anti-LGBTQ Extremist Group

Moms For Liberty Was Described By The Southern Poverty Law Center As Far-Right, “Attack[s] On The LGBTQ Community And Their Rights.” “Moms for Liberty’s attack on the LGBTQ community and their rights has been particularly focused on gender identity and the use of pronouns in schools, the transgender community and gender affirming care, and the proposed changes to Title IX, which would expand rights to the LGBTQ community.” [Southern Poverty Law Center, accessed [3/28/24](#)]

Members Of Moms For Liberty Compared LGBTQ Children To Students With Special Needs. “Moms for Liberty Miami-Dade County member, Crystal Alonso also suggested moving LGBTQ students to separate classrooms, comparing them to students with special needs, saying, ‘for example children with autism, Down Syndrome, they have to have special IP meetings with a counselor, they have to be put into separate classrooms. I understand, because it’s a different type of education for children with those disabilities, but I think that for children that identify differently, there should also be like a specialized... something for them, so that they feel that they’re important enough that they’re being counseled.” [Southern Poverty Law Center, accessed [3/28/24](#)]

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After months of renovations following flood damage earlier this year, we are back in the district office at the Lower Macungie Township Admin. Building, 3402 Brookside Road, Macungie. We can provide assistance by appt., over the phone or via email at pahouseformcenter.com/.../RepRy.../S...

[Twitter, RepMackenzie, Accessed 6/10/24]

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Infrastructure

Infrastructure Highlights

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- Mackenzie co-authored a bill that would take "\$507 million from transportation."
- Mackenzie received \$2,500 from the Build PAC of the National Association of Home Builders.

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Mackenzie Co-Authored Legislation That Would Require Construction Companies To Verify Employment Eligibility

Mackenzie Co-Authored Legislation That Would Require Construction Companies To Verify Employment Eligibility. "State legislation that would require construction companies to verify that their employees are eligible to work in the U.S. will move closer to becoming law if the proposal advances to the Senate this fall. Earlier this year, State Rep. Ryan Mackenzie, a Republican who represents parts of Berks and Lehigh counties, introduced House Bill 1170, legislation that would require employers in the construction industry to use the federal E-Verify system to ensure their employees do not include people not authorized to work in the U.S." [Lehigh Valley Business, [8/8/19](#)]

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- **The Issue Of Misclassification Of Workers Was Estimated To Cost “Pennsylvania’s Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund Around \$91 Million Per Year.”** “Another bill created a new legal definition intended to prevent the misclassification of employees as independent contractors – an issue that the state labor department has estimated costs Pennsylvania’s unemployment compensation trust fund around \$91 million per year.” [Penn Live, [5/3/23](#)]

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Mackenzie Co-authored A Bill That Would Take “\$507 Million From Transportation.” “The Pennsylvania House is scheduled to vote Tuesday on a controversial bill to plug the state’s \$2.4 billion budget deficit with mass transit, farming and environmental money instead of higher taxes and bonds. [...] The bill, which Lehigh Valley Reps. Joe Emrick, R-Northampton and Ryan Mackenzie, R-Lehigh, helped develop, would take \$507 million from transportation, \$440.5 million from hazardous waste and industrial cleanups, and agriculture, environmental, conservation and recycling programs.” [The Morning Call, [9/12/17](#)]

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International Relations

International Relations Highlights

- Mackenzie argued for cutting aid to Ukraine, suggesting the war-torn nation bore the responsibility of finding a “peaceful resolution” to its conflict with Russia.
- Mackenzie discouraged a ceasefire in Gaza.
- Mackenzie expressed optimism regarding trade with China.
 - Mackenzie flip-flopped on Chinese trade, describing them as a “strategic competitor.”

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Ryan Mackenzie Suggested the U.S. “Already Provided Too Much Financial Aid to Ukraine” And That “The Ukrainian People Should Seek A Peaceful Resolution.” “War in Ukraine: Mackenzie believes the federal government has already provided too much financial aid to Ukraine in its ongoing war with Russia. The Ukrainian people should seek a peaceful resolution and ‘wind down’ the war rather than further escalate — more aid would ‘perpetuate’ the situation and is not necessarily in America’s best interests.” [Longview News-Journal, [3/20/24](#)]

Mackenzie “Doesn’t Believe A Win For Russia In Ukraine Would Lead President Vladimir Putin To Invade Other Countries.” “[Mackenzie] also doesn’t believe a win for Russia in Ukraine would lead President Vladimir Putin to invade other countries.” [Armchair Lehigh Valley, [4/11/24](#)]

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Mackenzie Signed A Letter Promoting Pennsylvania’s Oil And Gas Industry After Russia’s Invasion Of Ukraine

2022: State Rep. Mackenzie And 11 Colleagues Faced Pushback After Signing A Letter To Governor Wolf Encouraging Support For Pennsylvania’s Natural Gas Industry. “While the Ukrainian people suffer through deadly bombings and flee for their lives from an unprovoked and unjustified invasion by Russia, Metcalfe sent the governor a letter this week, which was signed by fellow Republican committee members, that called on the Wolf Administration ‘to do everything in their power to support the growth and proliferation of Pennsylvania’s natural gas and energy.’ Reps. Mike Armanini, Stephanie

Borowicz, Bud Cook, Joseph Hamm, R. Lee James, Joshua Kail, Ryan Mackenzie, Tim O'Neal, Jason Ortitay, Kathy Rapp, Tommy Sankey, Paul Schemel, Perry Stambaugh, and Ryan Warner from the committee signed the letter. [...] Governor Wolf called the contents of the letter 'deplorable' in a response letter to Rep. Metcalfe. He also urged Rep. Metcalfe to review the data before commenting on the country's energy imports and exports, as well as the seriousness of climate change." [EIN Presswire, [3/3/22](#)]

Mackenzie Discouraged A Ceasefire In Gaza

March 2024: Mackenzie Suggested That It Was "Too Early To Talk About A Cease-Fire."

"Mackenzie reiterated his support for Israel on WFMZ. He said Hamas is a 'terrorist organization' and said he supports Israel's fight against the group. He said it is too early to talk about a cease-fire. He added that the Israeli hostages should be returned and 'once that occurs, then they can discuss a cessation or bringing down hostilities.'" [Armchair Lehigh Valley, [3/25/24](#)]

April 2024: Mackenzie Claimed To Support A Two-State Solution But Said It Was "Not Something That Is Probably Achievable At This Point In Time."

"Mackenzie said he thinks the Hamas deadly attack on Oct. 7, 2023, was 'horrific.' He said he supports Israel's right to defend itself. He said the priority for Israel now should be getting the hostages returned followed by negotiations for a peaceful resolution. He said he supports a two-state solution but 'with Hamas, which is a terrorist organization as the government in Gaza, that's not something that is probably achievable at this point in time.'" [Armchair Lehigh Valley, [4/11/24](#)]

Mackenzie Flip-Flopped On Chinese Trade, Describing Them As A 'Strategic Competitor'

2020: Mackenzie Said "We Are All Optimistic About the Future of Trade with China" At An Event Spotlighting Chinese Technology.

"Exhibitors and attendees expressed their great interest in trading with China during the Consumer Electronics Show (CES) 2020, held here from Tuesday to Friday. In the packed Las Vegas Convention Center, around 1,000 Chinese companies have attended the event this year, said the Consumer Technology Association. [...] Pennsylvania State Representative Ryan MacKenzie attended CES for the first time, saying 'it is great to see this kind of innovation.' Mackenzie told Xinhua that 'We are all optimistic about the future of trade with China.'" [Xinhua, [1/11/20](#)]

2024: Mackenzie Described China As "The Main Strategic Competitor" To The United States.

"Mackenzie believes 'China is the main strategic competitor that we have to keep our eye on around the world.' He said 'bad policy coming out of Washington, D.C.,' has aided China economically and militarily. 'We have been letting them take our jobs and ship our jobs overseas for years,' he said. Mackenzie said the U.S. needs to deal with China with 'realism and restraint.' He said the U.S. needs to 'build up our military so that we do have peace through strength.'" [Armchair Lehigh Valley, [3/25/24](#)]

Mackenzie's 2024 Campaign Platform Included A "Comprehensive Plan To Take On China."

"Implement a comprehensive plan to take on China. Hold China accountable for Covid. Revamp American supply chains for essential medical, technological, and national security items. Support exploration and extraction of critical minerals in America. Stop the sale of American agriculture land, critical infrastructure, and land near military bases to investors with ties to the CCP. Crack down on theft of American intellectual property. Ban TikTok on all government devices and in taxpayer-funded venues

like public schools, divest retirement funds from assets tied to the CCP, and investigate Chinese investment or donations tied to the CCP made to colleges and universities.” [Mackenzie for Congress, [6/1/24](#)]

Mackenzie Suggested The U.S. Needs To Increase Our Military To Compete With China

Mackenzie Argued That ‘The U.S. Needs to Build Up Our Military’ When Asked About China.

“Mackenzie believes ‘China is the main strategic competitor that we have to keep our eye on around the world.’ He said ‘bad policy coming out of Washington, D.C.,’ has aided China economically and militarily. ‘We have been letting them take our jobs and ship our jobs overseas for years,’ he said. Mackenzie said the U.S. needs to deal with China with ‘realism and restraint.’ He said the U.S. needs to ‘build up our military so that we do have peace through strength.’” [Armchair Lehigh Valley, [3/25/24](#)]

[2003: Mackenzie Flew To The UK On MTV’s Dime To Participate In A Forum On The Iraq War With Tony Blair](#)

2003: Mackenzie Flew To The UK On MTV’s Dime To Participate In A Forum On The Iraq War With Tony Blair. “Ryan Mackenzie just wanted an internship with MTV in the United Kingdom but ended up getting a few of the most exciting days of his life this week. The 20-year-old Parkland High School graduate got a trip to London to meet British Prime Minister Tony Blair at a televised forum about the potential war with Iraq. [...] Mackenzie, who’s studying finance and international business at New York University, contacted MTV in the United Kingdom about an internship this summer and was asked to answer a questionnaire about his view of the impending war. On Monday, MTV officials asked him if he would fly to London for the forum. [...] He was one of two Americans to attend and among 40 people from 24 countries. While Mackenzie didn’t get to ask his question on the air during the hourlong forum, Blair singled him out afterward and invited him to ask his question and shake hands. Mackenzie said he was satisfied with Blair’s answer to his inquiry about whether an invasion of Iraq was warranted even if the country complied with United Nations resolutions because of the nation’s poor human rights record. Blair said it would be. ‘I thought he was very passionate about the subject,’ said Mackenzie, who described Blair as nice and down-to-earth.” [The Morning Call, [3/8/03](#)]

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LGBTQ Rights

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- Mackenzie “voted against the PA Fairness Act, which established statewide nondiscrimination for all LGBTQ Pennsylvanians.”
- 2022: Mackenzie’s campaign committee contributed \$250 to Restoring Excellence in East Penn Education (REEPE), an organization affiliated with anti-LGBTQ extremist group Moms For Liberty, which pushed for banning books.

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2022: Mackenzie’s Campaign Committee Contributed \$250 To Restoring Excellence in East Penn Education (REEPE), An Organization Affiliated With Moms For Liberty. “Martino’s donation to the Your Voice slate, given on March 28, comes as groups supporting Levinson, Jankowski, Ford, Kelly and Klotz have sought to tie the Your Voice candidates to positions held by Moms for Liberty - Lehigh County and Restoring Excellence in East Penn Education (REEPE). [...] REEPE has filed as a political committee. It had \$2,655 funds available, according to the Jan. 1 to May 1 report, including \$2,502 carried over from its last report. The group spent \$180 on room rentals at Macungie Park and \$176 on postage. A report filed for 2022 showed REEPE raised \$3,918 with \$250 coming from Citizens for Mackenzie and \$250 from Milou Mackenzie.” [Armchair Lehigh Valley, [5/10/23](#)]

REEPE Aimed To Raise Awareness Of “Current EPSD Curriculum And Teacher Training Regarding Race, Equity, Gender Identity, And The Burdens These Policies Impose On [The] Children.” “The group that hosted the meeting, Restoring Excellence in East Penn Education, is composed of concerned district taxpayers. They aim to raise awareness regarding the ‘current EPSD curriculum and teacher training regarding race, equity, gender identity, and the burdens these policies impose on [the] children,’ the group’s Facebook page describes.” [The Stinger, [6/10/22](#)]

REEPE “First Gained Community Attention” For Circulating Pamphlets “Warning About Critical Race Theory” In May 2022. “REEPE first gained community attention for pamphlets handed out on

Election Day in May 2022, warning about critical race theory being taught in East Penn schools.” [The Morning Call, [5/12/23](#)]

Moms For Liberty Was A “Driving Force” Of The Far-Right Book Banning Movement That Targeted Books About LGBTQ People And Racism

Moms For Liberty Was A “Driving Force” Of The Far-Right Book Banning Movement. “Since 2022, anti-LGBTQ book bans have proliferated in schools and communities throughout the United States. Moms for Liberty (M4L), an anti-LGBTQ extremist group that bills itself as a so-called ‘parental rights’ organization, is a driving force behind this alarming trend targeting books about LGBTQ people, people of color, and race and racism.” [GLAAD, [11/3/23](#)]

- **Moms For Liberty Created A 111-Page Book Ban Guidance.** “Created and circulated a 111-page book ban guidance, which contains blatant disinformation and singles out many titles about LGBTQ people and people of color.” [GLAAD, [11/3/23](#)]
- **Moms For Liberty Pushed To Ban Books Such As The Diary Of Anne Frank’s And Books About Martin Luther King.** “Pushed to ban books about the U.S. civil rights movement, Jewish diarist Anne Frank, and racial justice activists like Martin Luther King, Jr., effectively censoring historical events.” [GLAAD, [11/3/23](#)]

Moms For Liberty Was An Anti-LGBTQ Extremist Group

Moms For Liberty Was Described By The Southern Poverty Law Center As Far-Right, “Attack[s] On The LGBTQ Community And Their Rights.” “Moms for Liberty’s attack on the LGBTQ community and their rights has been particularly focused on gender identity and the use of pronouns in schools, the transgender community and gender affirming care, and the proposed changes to Title IX, which would expand rights to the LGBTQ community.” [Southern Poverty Law Center, accessed [3/28/24](#)]

Members Of Moms For Liberty Compared LGBTQ Children To Students With Special Needs.

“Moms for Liberty Miami-Dade County member, Crystal Alonso also suggested moving LGBTQ students to separate classrooms, comparing them to students with special needs, saying, ‘for example children with autism, Down Syndrome, they have to have special IP meetings with a counselor, they have to be put into separate classrooms. I understand, because it’s a different type of education for children with those disabilities, but I think that for children that identify differently, there should also be like a specialized... something for them, so that they feel that they’re important enough that they’re being counseled.” [Southern Poverty Law Center, accessed [3/28/24](#)]

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Military, National Security, and Veterans' Affairs

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Mackenzie Listed ‘Providing Choice For Medical Care And Continuous Improvement Of The VA’ As A Top Campaign Priority. “Support our veterans by providing choice for medical care and continuous improvement of the VA. Address homelessness issues, support suicide prevention efforts, and assist veterans with the transition back to jobs in the private sector.” [Mackenzie for Congress, [Accessed 6/6/24](#)]

- **The Veterans Choice Program Has Allowed Veterans To Receive Medical Care From Private Doctors Since 2014.** “The Veterans Choice Program allows you to get your VA related health care from civilian doctors in your community. The program was designed to address VA’s delays in providing medical care, giving veterans faster access to healthcare. [...] If you are a combat veteran or were enrolled in VA healthcare prior to August 1, 2014 you may be eligible if ANY of these situations apply: - You have contacted your local VA medical facility and been told that you can’t schedule an appointment within 30 days - You live more than 40 miles from the closest VA medical facility - You must travel by air, boat or ferry to the nearest VA medical facility - You are faced with an excessive burden due to traveling to the closest VA medical facility. Some acceptable [sic] reasons include: geographic challenges, bad weather, medical conditions, or other specific factors as determined by your clinician.” [Military.com, [5/26/17](#)]

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Unions and Organized Labor

Unions and Organized Labor Highlights

- Mackenzie tried to prevent government unions from contributing to political campaigns and opposed unemployment benefits for striking workers.
- Mackenzie voted against a constitutional amendment enshrining rights for organized labor.
- Mackenzie worked to restrict access to workers' compensation.
- The Koch Brothers anti-union dark money group that backed the same GOP tax cuts that Mackenzie supported and that would outsource Pennsylvania's manufacturing jobs supported Mackenzie's campaign.

Mackenzie Tried To Prevent Government Unions From Contributing To Political Campaigns And Opposed Unemployment Benefits For Striking Workers

Mackenzie Introduced HB 357, Which Would Prevent Government Unions From Contributing To Political Campaigns In Pennsylvania. "Pennsylvania allows the use of taxpayer dollars, which fund public payroll systems, to deduct both union dues and union political campaign contributions from government workers' paychecks and send this money directly to union leaders. These union leaders then use the money for partisan political activities, including donating directly to political candidates. [...] So far this year, four states – Florida, Arkansas, Kentucky, and Tennessee – have enacted legislation ending this union loophole. In Pennsylvania, Republican state Rep. Ryan Mackenzie of Lehigh County has introduced HB357, which would do the same here and finally ensure that unions are required to play by the same rules as everyone else." [RealClear Pennsylvania, [8/26/23](#)]

Mackenzie Opposed A Bill Granting Unemployment Benefits To Striking Workers. "Republicans said the proposal would violate the core concept of unemployment compensation, in which employees pay into a trust fund while they are working and receive pay from the fund when they find themselves involuntarily unemployed. 'When you choose to go on strike you are violating that premise, you are making that decision,' said Rep. Ryan Mackenzie, R- Lehigh County. While workers have a right to strike, 'what is not their right is to ask other hardworking Pennsylvanians to pay for them when they choose to go on strike,' Mackenzie said, and 'unless you come up with a way to actually pay for this, it's just a benefit drawdown for some workers that all workers end up paying for.' That argument falsely 'supposes that it's your fault you're on strike, not your employers,' countered Rep. David Delloso, D- Delaware County, with several Democrats pointing to the more than year-long strike at the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette." [Penn Live, [11/17/23](#)]

2023: Mackenzie Voted Against HB 950, A Proposed Constitutional Amendment Protecting The Right To Collective Bargaining

Mackenzie Voted Against House Bill 950, Which Would Have Added A Constitutional Amendment That: “No Law Shall Be Passed That Interferes With, Negates Or Diminishes The Right Of Employees To Organize And Bargain Collectively.”

Mackenzie voted against House Bill 950 which, “The following amendment to the Constitution of Pennsylvania is proposed in accordance with Article XI: That Article I be amended by adding a section to read:§ 30. Workers’ rights. Employees shall have the fundamental right to organize and to bargain collectively through representatives of their own choosing for the purpose of negotiating wages, hours and working conditions, and to protect their economic welfare and safety at work. No law shall be passed that interferes with, negates or diminishes the right of employees to organize and bargain collectively over their wages, hours and other terms and conditions of employment and work place safety, including any law or ordinance that prohibits the execution or application of agreements between employers and labor organizations that represent employees requiring membership in an organization as a condition of employment. Section 2. The following procedure applies to the proposed constitutional amendment in this joint resolution: (1) Upon the first passage by the General Assembly of the amendment, the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to comply with the advertising requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania.(2) Upon the second passage by the General Assembly of the amendment, the Secretary of the Commonwealth shall proceed immediately to comply with the advertising requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania. The Secretary of the Commonwealth shall submit the amendment to the qualified electors of this Commonwealth at the first primary, general or municipal election which meets the requirements of section 1 of Article XI of the Constitution of Pennsylvania.” House Bill 950 passed the House 102-99 but did not advance in the Senate. [Pennsylvania General Assembly, House Bill #: 950, Passed: [5/2/23](#); H.B. 950, House Roll Call, [5/3/23](#)]

- **Mackenzie Introduced An Amendment To Ensure “That Public-Sector Workers Could Not Be Required To Pay Fair-Share Fees To A Workplace Union That They Did Not Wish To Join.”** Mackenzie Voted against House Bill 950 which, “GOP committee leader Rep. Ryan Mackenzie, R-Lehigh County, argued that the bill is unnecessary, given that ‘these protections are already enshrined in state and federal law,’ and that many unions are ‘doing a tremendous job within the current structure.’ Mackenzie derided the measure as a ‘messaging bill’ in encouraging his caucus to vote against it. He also proposed an amendment to the bill that would add language reflective of the U.S. Supreme Court decision in Janus v. AFSCME, which found that public-sector workers could not be required to pay fair-share fees to a workplace union that they did not wish to join.” [PennLive, [5/1/23](#)]

2023: Mackenzie Opposed HB 950, A Proposed Constitutional Amendment Protecting The Right To Collective Bargaining. “A bill that would write labor organizing rights into the Pennsylvania Constitution passed the House Labor & Industry Committee Monday on a party-line vote, with the Democratic majority united in support and Republicans in opposition. House Bill 950 would – if successfully moved through the legislature and approved on referendum by voters – add a clause to the state constitution specifying that ‘no law shall be passed that interferes with, negates or diminishes the right of employees to organize and bargain collectively,’ over certain matters. [...] GOP committee leader Rep. Ryan Mackenzie, R-Lehigh County, argued that the bill is unnecessary, given that ‘these protections are already enshrined in state and federal law,’ and that many unions are ‘doing a tremendous job within the current structure.’ Mackenzie derided the measure as a ‘messaging bill’ in encouraging his caucus to vote against it. He also proposed an amendment to the bill that would add language reflective of the U.S. Supreme Court decision in Janus v. AFSCME, which found that public-sector workers could not be required to pay fair-share fees to a workplace union that they did not wish to join.” [Penn Live, [5/1/23](#)]

And Voted Against a Slew of Worker Protections Bills

2023: Mackenzie Voted Against HB 1751, The Construction Workplace Misclassification Act. “An Act amending the act of October 13, 2010 (P.L.506, No.72), known as the Construction Workplace Misclassification Act, further providing for definitions, for improper classification of employees and for criminal penalties; providing for private right of action; further providing for administrative penalties, for retaliation for action prohibited, for availability of information, for use of penalty funds and for funding; and imposing penalties.” Mackenzie voted against the bill, which passed the House of Representatives with 121 yeas and 82 nays. [Pennsylvania State Legislature, [HB 1751](#); [RCS No. 766](#), 12/11/23]

- **Mackenzie Called A Bill To Prevent The Misclassification Of Contract Workers ‘Problematic.’** “A bill cracking down on the misclassification of workers by construction contractors passed the Pennsylvania House on Monday, heading to the Senate where a slightly different bill on the same issue is already in the works. [...] Rep. Ryan Mackenzie, R-Lehigh County — the ranking Republican on the House labor committee — said the bill ‘is still problematic’ and that ‘yet again we are heading down the path of offering a bill that is going to be dead when it goes over to the Senate,’ given that other chamber has its own version. The bill in the GOP-controlled Senate, which passed out of committee with bipartisan support in October, has most of the same provisions as the House bill, with one crucial exception. The House version contains a provision extending debarments to ‘successor entities,’ intended to prevent the same operators from re-forming to skirt the ban. This is the provision at issue, according to Mackenzie, who said the definition is too broad and that ‘businesses that are actually doing the right thing could get swept up in this legislation’ due to the way the bill is worded.” [The Bradford Era , [12/12/23](#)]

2023: Mackenzie Voted Against House Bill 413, Which Was Intended To Prevent The Misclassification Of Employees As Independent Contractors In The Construction Industry.

Mackenzie voted against House Bill 413 which, “Section 1. Section 3(a) of the act of October 13, 2010 (P.L.506, No.72), known as the Construction Workplace Misclassification Act, is amended to read: Section 3. Independent contractors. (a) General rule. –For purposes of workers’ compensation, unemployment compensation and improper classification of employees provided herein, an individual who performs services in the construction industry for remuneration is an independent contractor only if:(1) The individual has a written contract [to perform such services.] that is project-specific and contains a particular scope of work and definitive time period to perform the services. (2) The individual is free from control or direction over performance of such services both under the contract of service and in fact. (3) As to such services, the individual is customarily engaged in an independently established trade, occupation, profession or business.” House Bill 413 passed the House 113-88 but did not advance in the Senate. [Pennsylvania General Assembly, House Bill #: 413, Passed: [5/2/23](#); H.B. 413, House Roll Call, [5/2/23](#)]

- **The Issue Of Misclassification Of Workers Was Estimated To Cost “Pennsylvania’s Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund Around \$91 Million Per Year.”** “Another bill created a new legal definition intended to prevent the misclassification of employees as independent contractors – an issue that the state labor department has estimated costs Pennsylvania’s unemployment compensation trust fund around \$91 million per year.” [Penn Live, [5/3/23](#)]
- **Mackenzie Was Listed As One of The “100 Most Influential Leaders In Pennsylvania’s Construction Industry.”** “City & State Pennsylvania included state Rep. Ryan Mackenzie on its

2023 Construction Power 100, which lists the 100 most influential leaders in Pennsylvania's construction industry." [Lehigh Valley Business, [5/23/23](#)]

2023: Mackenzie Voted Against HB 577, Which Would Establish The Keystone Saves Program. "An Act establishing the Keystone Saves Program, the Keystone Saves Program Fund, the Keystone Saves Administrative Fund and the Keystone Saves Program Advisory Board; and providing for powers and duties of the Treasury Department, for investment and fiduciary responsibilities and for program implementation." Mackenzie voted against the legislation. [Pennsylvania General Assembly, [HB 577](#); [RCS No. 159](#), 5/24/23]

- **"Keystone Saves" Would Be A "Voluntary Employment Retirement Savings Program."** "Our legislation will establish 'Keystone Saves' – a voluntary employee retirement savings program that would expand access to private sector individual retirement accounts (IRA) to the over two million Pennsylvania workers who currently have no opportunity to save for retirement at their place of employment." [Pennsylvania General Assembly, HB 577 Memo, [1/13/23](#)]

[Mackenzie Worked To Restrict Access To Workers' Compensation](#)

2015: Mackenzie Was The Prime Sponsor Of HB 1800, A Bill That Sought To Amend The Workers' Compensation Act Of 1915 To Supposedly Control Costs

2015: Mackenzie Co-Sponsored HB 1800 To Amend The Workers' Compensation Act. "An Act amending the act of June 2, 1915 (P.L.736, No.338), known as the Workers' Compensation Act, in interpretation and definitions, further providing for definitions; in liability and compensation, further providing for schedule of compensation; and, in procedure, further providing for investigations and peer review." Mackenzie was the bill's prime sponsor. [Pennsylvania House of Representatives, [HB 1800](#), 12/18/15]

- **Mackenzie's Memo On HB 1800 Claimed "Instituting Treatment Guidelines In Our Workers' Compensation System Will Control Costs And Will Enhance Return-To-Work Outcomes."** "In the near future, I will be introducing legislation which will fundamentally transform and improve the delivery of medical treatment to Pennsylvania's injured workers. [...] Specifically, my proposal will amend Articles III and IV of the PA Workers' Compensation Act (Act 338 of 1915) to require that all 'reasonable and necessary treatments, services, products, or accommodations' be consistent with nationally-recognized, evidence-based medical treatment guidelines selected by the state Department of Labor & Industry. [...] It is my sincerely held belief that instituting treatment guidelines in our Workers' Compensation system will control costs and will enhance return-to-work outcomes for thousands of injured and disabled Pennsylvania workers. Please join me in sponsoring this important piece of legislation." [Pennsylvania House of Representatives, HB 1800 Memo, [11/5/15](#)]
- **A Workers' Compensation Attorney Argued That If Mackenzie's Bill Was Passed, "Any Remaining Compassion" For Injured Workers "Will Be Eradicated."** "Here in Pennsylvania, supporters of a bill sponsored by Rep. Ryan Mackenzie, R-Lehigh, have already begun to encroach on the workers' compensation system as it exists. [...] In practice, treatment guidelines will reduce injured workers' injuries and conditions to statistics to be manipulated and handled according to data charts and tables of 'most efficient' practices, removing a treating doctor's judgment altogether. Clients too often struggle to prove their injuries and receive the

compensation they're entitled to because of insurance companies' lack of compassion under the current law. If this bill is passed, any remaining compassion will be eradicated." [Penn Live, Op-Ed by Workers Compensation Attorney Samuel H. Pond, [3/30/16](#)]

- **The Philadelphia Bar Association Opposed HB 1800 Because “The ‘One Size Fits All’ Approach To An Injured Worker Places Them At Risk Of Losing Individualized Treatment And Therapy For Their Specific Injury.”** “The ‘one size fits all’ approach to an injured worker places them at risk of losing individualized treatment and therapy for their specific injury, which would have a higher likelihood of reducing disability. [...] The application of rote evidence-based guidelines on treatment may reduce the number of medical providers willing to accept workers’ compensation patients for treatment, which will in turn restrict access to medical care for those injured workers. [...] H.B. 1800 may include an unconstitutional delegation of legislative authority to a ‘panel of medical providers.’ [...] This appointment diminishes the judicial autonomy of the Workers’ Compensation Judge. [...] NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Philadelphia Bar Association opposes House Bill 1800, Printer’s No. 2681, and any similar legislation.” [Philadelphia Bar Association, [3/31/16](#)]

2017: Mackenzie Introduced HB 18, Which Would Limit The Range Of Drugs Available To “Workers Injured On The Job”

2017: Mackenzie Was The Prime Sponsor Of HB 18 To Amend The Workers’ Compensation Act. “An Act amending the act of June 2, 1915 (P.L.736, No.338), known as the Workers’ Compensation Act, in liability and compensation, further providing for prescription drugs and the treatment of work-related injuries; and, in procedure, further providing for peer review.” Mackenzie was the prime sponsor of the bill. [Pennsylvania General Assembly, [HB 18](#), [2/13/17](#)]

- **Mackenzie’s HB 18 Would Limit The Range Of Drugs Available To “Workers Injured On The Job.”** “From the Capitol to the internet, a feud is brewing between Pennsylvania insurance companies and workers’ compensation lawyers, and both sides claim to have the best interest of injured workers in curbing overuse of opioids. House Bill 18, introduced in February by Rep. Ryan Mackenzie, R-Lehigh, aims to address the over-prescription of opioids and other painkillers. It would create a list of approved drugs, a set duration of treatment and establish dosage amounts for workers injured on the job. The bill would create a preapproved list, or ‘formulary,’ of opioids and other drugs for injured employees receiving medical care and financial assistance for lost wages under the Workers Compensation Act of 1915. Any non-approved drugs would need to be sought through an appeals process overseen by the Department of Labor & Industry as well as a workers’ compensation judge.” [The Morning Call, [6/5/17](#)]
- **Mackenzie’s Memo On HB 18 Claimed The Bill Would “Require The Pennsylvania Department Of Labor And Industry (L&I) To Adopt An Evidence-Based Drug Formulary For Our Wc Program.”** “My legislation would require the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry (L&I) to adopt an evidence-based drug formulary for our WC program. The adoption of a drug formulary can begin to reduce the over-prescription of opioid painkillers by setting evidence-based standards for the medication that can be prescribed for a WC patient.” [Pennsylvania House of Representatives, HB 18 Memo, [2/8/17](#)]
- **PA Federation Of Injured Workers Member: HB 18 “Heightens The Already Adversarial And Litigious Atmosphere That The Workers Compensation System Has Become.”** “House Bill 18, introduced by state Rep. Ryan Mackenzie, R-Lehigh, should be opposed by all workers in that

it interjects a new legal obstacle between the injured workers and their doctors, where decisions like the choice of medicine belong. It heightens the already adversarial and litigious atmosphere that the workers compensation system has become. The workers compensation law was enacted to fairly balance the rights of both the worker and the employer in a non-fault environment and not to become one-sided. HB 18 should not see the light of day. Call your state representatives and ask them to oppose it. [...] The writer is a member of Pennsylvania Federation of Injured Workers.” [The Morning Call, Op-Ed, [6/10/17](#)]

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Mackenzie Voted Against House Bill 930, Which Would Have Ensured That Workers Who Suffer From Serious And Permanent Disfigurement Were Eligible For Workers' Compensation And Disability Benefits Simultaneously. Mackenzie voted against House Bill 930 which, “For all disability resulting from permanent injuries of the following classes, the compensation shall be exclusively as follows: (22) For serious and permanent disfigurement of [the head, neck or face] the body, of such a character as to produce an unsightly appearance, and such as is not usually incident to the employment, sixty-six and two-thirds per centum of wages not to exceed [two hundred seventy-five weeks.] four hundred weeks. Disfigurement benefits paid to the injured worker shall be made separate and apart from total or partial disability. A claimant is not precluded from collecting both total or partial disability benefits and a disfigurement benefit simultaneously.” House Bill 930 passed the House 112-88 but did not advance in the Senate. [Pennsylvania General Assembly, House Bill #: 930, Passed: [5/2/23](#); H.B. 930, House Roll Call, [5/2/23](#)]

Mackenzie Voted Against House Bill 760, Which Would Have Allowed Workers' Compensation Claimants To Receive Benefits Through Direct Deposit

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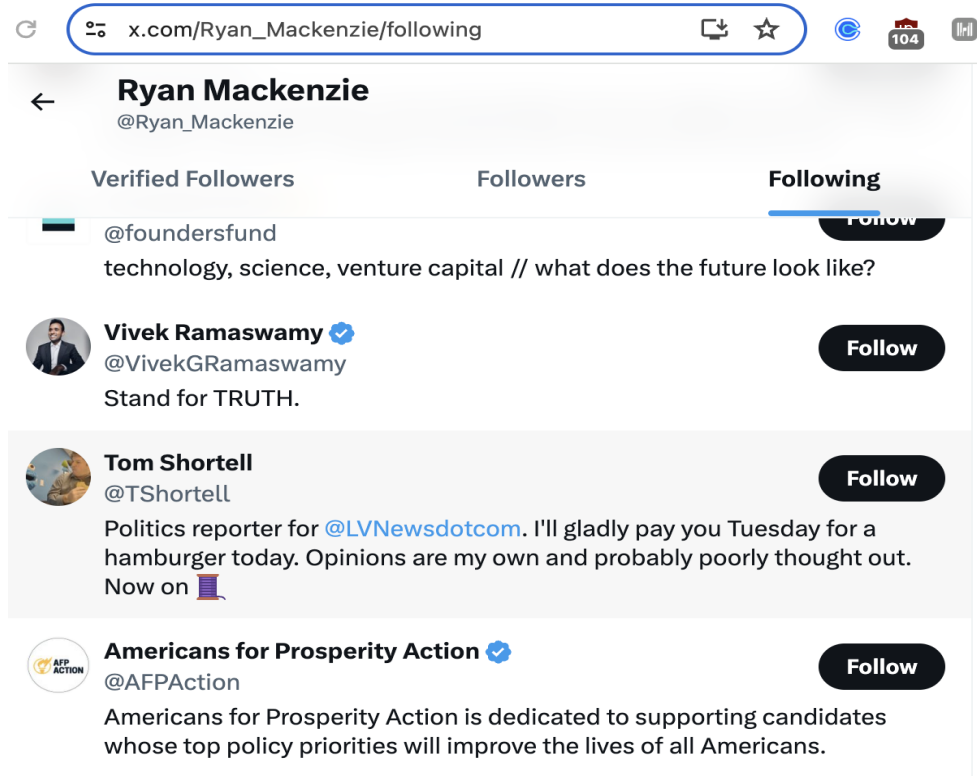
[The Koch Brothers Anti-Union Dark Money Group That Backed The Same GOP Tax Cuts That Would Outsource Pennsylvania’s Manufacturing Jobs Supported Mackenzie’s Campaign](#)

Koch Brothers Dark Money Group Americans For Prosperity, Donated \$497,676 To Mackenzie’s 2024 Race. Mackenzie received \$497,676 in total campaign donations from Americans For Prosperity, a “political nonprofit formed with the backing of conservative billionaires David and Charles Koch.” [Federal Election Commission, [4/17/24](#); Open Secrets, [11/15/13](#)]

- **Americans For Prosperity Challenged California Attorney General Over Policy Requiring Tax Exempt Charitable Organizations To Disclose Major Donors.** “In *Americans for Prosperity foundation v. Bonta*, 594 U.S. ____ (2021), the U.S. Supreme Court invalidated a

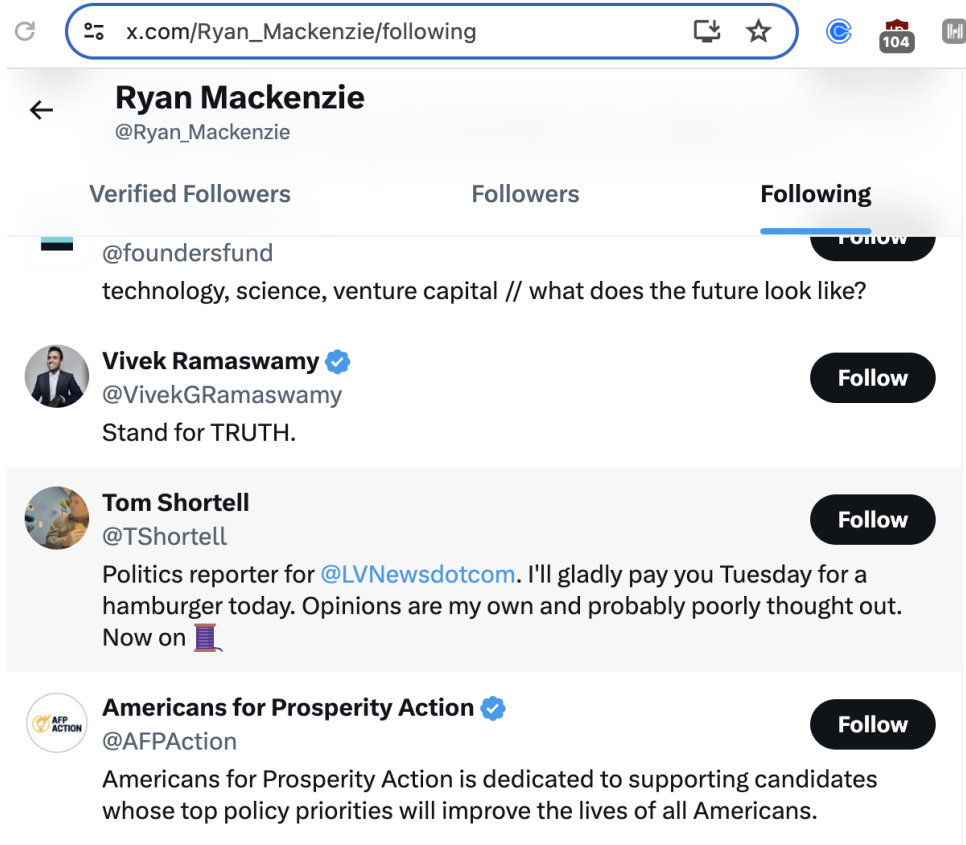
California requirement that charities disclose the names and addresses of those who contributed \$5,000 or more a year as part of the charity's annual registration with the state attorney general's office." [Middle Tennessee State University Free Speech Center, [8/11/23](#)]

- **Mackenzie Followed Americans For Prosperity Action On Twitter.** [Twitter, @Ryan_Mackenzie, [Accessed 5/28/24](#)]



[Twitter, @Ryan_Mackenzie, [Accessed 5/28/24](#)]

- **Americans For Prosperity Action Supported Mackenzie, Congratulated Him On Win Against Opponent.** [Twitter, @AFPAction, [4/25/24](#)]



[Twitter, @AFPAction, 4/25/24]

Americans For Prosperity Was An Anti-Union Dark Money Group With An Agenda That Would Outsource Pennsylvania’s Manufacturing Jobs And Cut Taxes For The Wealthiest Americans And Largest Corporations

Americans For Prosperity Was A Dark Money Group Backed By The Koch Brothers. “Americans for Prosperity, the political nonprofit formed with the backing of conservative billionaires David and Charles Koch, gave a \$100,000 grant to another dark money group linked to the Kochs in 2012, according to tax forms filed Friday with the IRS. [...] In the 2012 cycle, AFP — also a 501(c)(4) social welfare group that can be involved in politics but doesn’t have to disclose its donors — reported laying out nearly \$36.4 million for federal political activity.” [OpenSecrets, 11/15/13]

Mar. 2018: Americans For Prosperity Praised Lawmakers Who Supported The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act. “Americans for Prosperity (AFP) today launched a grassroots campaign, called American Pay Raise, to thank lawmakers who supported the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, hold accountable those who opposed it and urge Congress to protect tax reform benefits that millions of Americans are already experiencing.” [Americans For Prosperity, Press Release, 3/16/18]

Americans For Prosperity Claimed The PRO Act Put Workers Rights Under Attack. “The rights of American workers are under attack because of the Protecting the Right to Organize (PRO) Act (H.R.842). The Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) completed a markup of the Pro Act, Paycheck Fairness Act and Healthy Families Act in June. (A markup is when lawmakers in the U.S. Congress or state government meet to talk about, change, and write a new version

of a suggested law.) House Democrats approved the bill with a 225-206 victory in March 2021. Five Republicans voted in favor of it at the time.” [Americans For Prosperity, Blog, [11/8/23](#)]

Americans For Prosperity Opposed The PRO Act. “Americans for Prosperity (AFP) called on Congress to reject the Protecting the Right to Organize (PRO) Act, which would make unprecedented, harmful changes to federal labor laws that would undermine the rights and interests of workers, employers, and the public. The PRO Act would, among other things, overturn and ban state right-to-work laws throughout the country, which have protected workers’ freedom of choice and been an economic boon for communities; violate the privacy of workers by requiring employers to release the private, personal information of their employees to union organizers and deprive workers of the right to vote on unionization in a secret ballot election under certain circumstances; and implement language nearly identical to California’s controversial AB-5 that would reclassify many independent contractors as employees under the National Labor Relations Act, restricting the opportunity of many to pursue independent, flexible work.” [Americans For Prosperity, Press Release, [2/4/21](#)]

The PRO Act Restored The Right Of Workers To Freely And Fairly Form A Union And Collectively Bargain. “The Protecting the Right to Organize (PRO) Act restores the right of workers to freely and fairly form a union and bargain together for changes in the workplace. It is a landmark worker empowerment, civil rights and economic stimulus legislation, and an essential part of any plan to build back better from the COVID-19 pandemic and recession.” [AFL-CIO, accessed [6/6/24](#)]

Tax Experts Said The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Increased Incentives For Companies To Move Jobs Overseas

Tax Experts Said The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Increased Incentives For Companies To Move Jobs Overseas. “What happened to the workers in Clinton, tax experts say, will probably happen to more Americans if the Republican tax overhaul becomes law. The legislation fails to eliminate long-standing incentives for companies to move overseas and, in some cases, may even increase them, they say. ‘This bill is potentially more dangerous than our current system,’ said Stephen Shay, a senior lecturer at Harvard Law School and former Treasury Department international tax expert in the Obama administration. ‘It creates a real incentive to shift real activity offshore.’” [Washington Post, [12/15/17](#)]

- **HEADLINE: Trump Promised ‘America First’ Would Keep Jobs Here. But The Tax Plan Might Push Them Overseas.** [Washington Post, [12/15/17](#)]
- **Because Of The Way The Tax Bill Taxed Foreign Income, Corporations Would Increase Tax Free Income The More Equipment It Had Abroad.** “In the future, corporations would be required to pay about a 10 percent minimum tax on overseas income above a certain level. The provision is billed as a way to discourage the movement of jobs and profit overseas. But the fine print of the new global minimum tax would make the problem worse, several tax specialists said. [...] First, a corporation would pay that global minimum tax only on profit above a ‘routine’ rate of return on the tangible assets — such as factories — it has overseas. So the more equipment a corporation has in other countries, the more tax-free income it can earn. The legislation thus offers corporations ‘a perverse incentive’ to shift assembly lines abroad, said Steve Rosenthal of the Tax Policy Center.” [Washington Post, [12/15/17](#)]
- **Under Tax Bill, A Corporation That Built A Plant In A Foreign Country Would Pay Substantially Less In Taxes On Foreign Profit Than Profits Earned In The United States.** “Second, the bill sets

the 'routine' return at 10 percent — far more generous than would typically be the case. Such allowances are normally fixed a couple of percentage points above risk-free Treasury yields, which are currently around 2.4 percent. As a result, a U.S. corporation that builds a \$100 million plant in another country and makes a foreign profit of \$20 million would pay roughly \$1 million in tax versus \$4 million on the same profit if earned in the United States, said Rosenthal, who has been a tax lawyer for 25 years and drafted tax legislation as a staffer for the Joint Committee on Taxation.” [Washington Post, [12/15/17](#)]

The Atlantic’s Gene Sperling: GOP Tax Bill Would “Give A Permanent Preference To Foreign Income And Lead Companies To Shift More Profits To Tax Havens Knowing That They Could Permanently Avoid Virtually All Taxation On Such Profits.” “Yet, it is clear that a territorial system could have just the opposite impact: It could give a permanent preference to foreign income and lead companies to shift more profits to tax havens knowing that they could permanently avoid virtually all taxation on such profits. [...] What was problematic about this design was that it not only encouraged companies to move profits to tax havens, but it actually encouraged them to simultaneously move jobs and operations such as manufacturing to industrialized countries that had typical tax rates and to shift more profits to tax havens.” [The Atlantic, Gene Sperling, [12/8/17](#)]

CBO: Provisions In The Tax Cuts & Jobs Act “May Increase Corporations’ Incentive To Locate Tangible Assets” Like Factories “Abroad” Because “By Locating Fewer Tangible Assets In The United States,” The Corporation Can Increase Its Deductible Foreign Income While Reducing Its Tax Liability On Foreign Income. “The act contains several provisions to reduce corporations’ incentive to shift profits out of the United States. Two provisions—which impose a tax on global intangible low-tax income (GILTI) and create a deduction for foreign-derived intangible income (FDII)—reduce corporations’ incentive to locate high-return assets (which are often intangible assets, such as intellectual property, or IP) in low-tax countries. The provisions reduce that incentive by applying special treatment to profits that exceed a specified return on tangible assets (such as equipment and structures). In addition to reducing profit shifting through the location of intangible assets, the GILTI and FDII provisions affect corporations’ decisions about where to locate tangible assets. By locating more tangible assets abroad, a corporation is able to reduce the amount of foreign income that is categorized as GILTI. Similarly, by locating fewer tangible assets in the United States, a corporation can increase the amount of U.S. income that can be deducted as FDII. Together, the provisions may increase corporations’ incentive to locate tangible assets abroad. (Like profit shifting, such decisions change the locations of reported profits—but they are not classified as profit shifting, because they involve actual economic activity rather than simply reporting.)” [Congressional Budget Office, Appendix B: The Effects Of The 2017 Tax Act On CBO’s Economic And Budget Projections, [April 2018](#)]

New York Times: Tax Bill “Could Actually Make It Attractive For Companies To Put More Assembly Lines On Foreign Soil.” “The bill that Mr. Trump signed, however, could actually make it attractive for companies to put more assembly lines on foreign soil. Under the new law, income made by American companies’ overseas subsidiaries will face United States taxes that are half the rate applied to their domestic income, 10.5 percent compared with the new top corporate rate of 21 percent. ‘It’s sort of an America-last tax policy,’ said Kimberly Clausing, an economist at Reed College in Portland, Ore., who studies tax policy. ‘We are basically saying that if you earn in the U.S., you pay X, and if you earn abroad, you pay X divided by two.’” [New York Times, [1/8/18](#)]

- **Economist Found “The Bill Ends Up Creating A Tax Break For Manufacturers With Foreign Operations.”** “What could be more dangerous for American workers, economists said, is that the bill

ends up creating a tax break for manufacturers with foreign operations. Under the new rules, beyond the lower rate, companies will not have to pay United States taxes on the money they earn from plants or equipment located abroad, if those earnings amount to 10 percent or less of the total investment." [New York Times, [1/8/18](#)]

- **HEADLINE: Tax Law May Send Factories And Jobs Abroad, Critics Say** [New York Times, [1/8/18](#)]

2016: Mackenzie Endorsed Trump And Said He Aligned With Him On Tax Reform

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Pennsylvania House of Representatives (2012-2024)

Pennsylvania House of Representatives (2012-2024) Highlights

- 2024: Mackenzie voted against HB 847, which sought To authorize “election officials to begin counting mail-in ballots 7 days before an election”
- 2024: Mackenzie voted against gun laws that would have banned accelerated triggers and streamlined the gun sales record process with police.
- 2024: Mackenzie voted against HB 254, which attempted to establish “The Lake Erie Energy Development Act to authorize the leasing of submerged lands in Lake Erie for the development of wind and solar energy projects.”
- 2023: *City & State Pennsylvania* named Mackenzie one of the “100 most influential leaders in the Commonwealth’s construction industry.”
- 2012-2017: Mackenzie “missed three roll calls and 28 votes.”

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2024: Mackenzie Voted Against HB 335, Which Attempted To Ban “Multi-Burst Trigger Activators” Like The One Used In The Las Vegas Mass Shooting. “Imagine going to an outdoor concert with family and friends, but instead of great festivities and music, you were met with gunfire and screams. This was the scene when a gunman opened fire during a Las Vegas music event in October of 2017. The gunman had a dozen rifles outfitted with bump stocks and killed 58 people while wounding hundreds more. Bump stocks work by harnessing a firearm’s recoil energy to allow it to continue firing after a single pull of the trigger, thereby transforming a semiautomatic weapon into a fully automatic machine gun. [...] For this reason, I will be introducing legislation that would include ‘multi-burst trigger activators’ to the list of offensive weapons under current law, including items such as binary triggers and slide fire/bump stocks like the one used in the Las Vegas shooting.” Mackenzie voted against the bill, allowing it to die in the legislature without passage. [Pennsylvania House of Representatives, [12/12/22](#); [5/7/24](#)]

2024: Mackenzie Voted Against HB 2206, Which Sought To “Require All Licensed Firearm Importers, Manufacturers, And Dealers To Submit Their Records Of Sale To The State Police Electronically.” “To ensure that we are giving our officers every possible tool to keep us safe, we will be introducing legislation to require all licensed firearm importers, manufacturers, and dealers to submit their records of sale to the state police electronically, rather than by mail, unless there is a reported electronic failure, or the seller conducts 20 or fewer firearm transactions a year.” Mackenzie voted against the bill, allowing it to die in the legislature without passage. [Pennsylvania House of Representatives, [3/27/24](#); Pennsylvania House of Representatives, [5/7/24](#)]

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2020-2022: Mackenzie Accepted Over \$24K From The Real Estate And Construction Industries

2022: Mackenzie Accepted \$20,800.00 From Real Estate And Construction Industry PACs.

Contributor	Amount	Date
PA Aggregates & Concrete Assn PAC	\$5,000.00	4/19/22
PA Aggregates & Concrete Assn PAC	\$5,000.00	4/30/22
PA AGGREGATES & CONCRETE ASSN PAC	\$5,000.00	11/15/22
PA Committee for Affordable Housing	\$1,000.00	5/1/22
Associated Builders and Contractors Inc.	\$1,000.00	4/12/22
PA Realtors PAC	\$1,000.00	9/24/22

Contributor	Amount	Date
PA Realtors PAC	\$1,000.00	11/15/22
General Contractors Assoc of PA	\$500.00	9/24/22
PA Committee for Affordable Housing	\$500.00	10/1/22
PA Realtors PAC	\$500.00	12/27/22
PA Arcitects PAC	\$300.00	4/25/22
Grand Total	\$20,800.00	

[Pennsylvania Department of State, [Accessed 6/3/24](#); [Accessed 6/4/24](#); [Accessed 6/4/24](#); [Accessed 6/4/24](#); [Accessed 6/4/24](#); [Accessed 6/4/24](#)]

2020: Mackenzie Accepted \$3,750.00 From The Real Estate And Construction Industries.

Contributor	Amount	Date
PA AGGREGATES & CONCRETE ASSN PAC	\$2,000.00	9/15/20
PA REALTORS PAC	\$1,000.00	9/10/20
PA REALTORS PAC	\$500.00	10/11/20
PA COM FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING	\$250.00	10/11/20
Grand Total	\$3,750.00	

[Pennsylvania Department of State, [Accessed 6/4/24](#); [Accessed 6/4/24](#); [Accessed 6/4/24](#); [Accessed 6/4/24](#); [Accessed 6/4/24](#); [Accessed 6/4/24](#)]

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Pennsylvania House of Representatives Member Salary

Mackenzie Received a Salary Of \$102,844 In 2023. [National Conference of State Legislatures, [Accessed 6/4/24](#); [Accessed 6/4/24](#); [Accessed 6/4/24](#); [Accessed 6/4/24](#); [Accessed 6/4/24](#); [Accessed 6/4/24](#); [Accessed 6/4/24](#); [Accessed 6/4/24](#); [Accessed 6/4/24](#); York Daily Record, [11/24/17](#); Penn Live, [11/23/16](#); [6/11/14](#)]

Year	Salary
2023	\$102,844
2022	\$95,432

Year	Salary
2021	\$90,335
2020	\$90,335
2019	\$88,610
2018	\$87,180
2017	\$86,479
2016	85,338
2015	85,338
2014	\$84,012
2013	\$83,801
2012	\$82,026

[National Conference of State Legislatures, [Accessed 6/4/24](#); [Accessed 6/4/24](#); [Accessed 6/4/24](#); [Accessed 6/4/24](#); [Accessed 6/4/24](#); [Accessed 6/4/24](#); [Accessed 6/4/24](#); [Accessed 6/4/24](#); York Daily Record, [11/24/17](#); Penn Live, [11/23/16](#); [6/11/14](#)]

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2018 PA-15 Congressional Campaign

Mackenzie Announced That He Would Run To Represent PA-15, But Withdrew From The Race After The State Supreme Court Redrew And Renumbered The District, Putting Him At A Partisan Disadvantage

September 2017: Mackenzie Announced He Would Run To Represent PA-15 In Congress. “[PA] State Rep. Ryan Mackenzie is stepping into the campaign ring to try to replace U.S. Rep. Charlie Dent who announced Thursday night he would not seek an eighth term representing the 15th congressional district.” [The Morning Call, [9/8/17](#)]

Mackenzie Dropped Out Of His 2018 Congressional Race Because Changes To District Boundaries Put Him At A Partisan Disadvantage. “Republican state Rep. Ryan Mackenzie has become the latest candidate to end his campaign for Congress in the Lehigh Valley area. [...] In a statement, Mackenzie said he was ending his campaign because the district’s boundaries had changed under a new map the state Supreme Court drew in response to its decision that the old map was illegal. The old map, in existence since the 2012 election, had the 15th District stretching from part of Northampton County west toward Harrisburg. That design favored Republicans. The new map renumbered the district as the 7th and placed in in more favorable Democratic territory: all of Lehigh and Northampton counties and southern Monroe County.” [The Morning Call, [3/2/18](#)]

Mackenzie Was An ‘Outspoken Opponent’ Of Changes To The Congressional Maps, Despite The State Supreme Court’s Ruling That They Were ‘Too Gerrymandered And Favored Republicans.’ “Mackenzie, a Lehigh County Republican representing part of Berks County, has been an outspoken opponent of the sudden switch of congressional maps. In an argument over the 7-year-old congressional map, the state Supreme Court said it was too gerrymandered and favored Republicans.” [The Reading Eagle, [3/3/18](#)]

2018 Campaign Finance Summary

2018: Mackenzie Received \$252,061.88 In Contributions. [Federal Election Commission, Ryan Edward Mackenzie, [Accessed 6/3/24](#)]

2018: Mackenzie Made Expenditures Totaling \$191,137.80. [Federal Election Commission, Ryan Edward Mackenzie, [Accessed 6/3/24](#)]

2018: Mackenzie Ended 2018 With \$76,024.08 In Cash On Hand. [Federal Election Commission, Ryan Edward Mackenzie, [Accessed 6/3/24](#)]

2018: Mackenzie Ended 2018 With No Outstanding Debts. [Federal Election Commission, Ryan Edward Mackenzie, [Accessed 6/3/24](#)]

December 2017: Mackenzie Received Notification That An FEC Complaint Had Been Filed Against Him, But It Was Later Dismissed

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March 2018: The Federal Election Commission Voted Unanimously To Dismiss The Allegations That Mackenzie’s Campaign Violated Election Law. “I, Dayna C. Brown, Secretary and Clerk of the Federal Election Commission, do hereby certify that on March 22, 2018, the Commission decided by a vote of 4-0 to take the following actions in MUR 7281: 1. Dismiss the allegations that Mackenzie for Congress and Joel Jukus in his official capacity as treasurer, Citizens for Ryan Mackenzie and Lisa Walter in her official capacity as treasurer, or Ryan E. Mackenzie violated the Act and Commission regulations, pursuant to the Commission’s prosecutorial discretion under *Heckler v. Chaney*, 470 U.S. 821 (1985).” [Federal Election Commission, Matter No. MUR 7281, [3/22/18](#)]

2018: Mackenzie Loaned His Congressional Campaign \$15.1K And Contributed \$1.4K

2018: Mackenzie Loaned His Congressional Campaign \$15,100.00. [Federal Election Commission, Ryan Edward Mackenzie, [Accessed 6/3/24](#)]

Mackenzie Contributed \$1,479.39 To His Campaign. [Federal Election Commission, Mackenzie for Congress, [Accessed 6/3/24](#)]

2018: Members Of Mackenzie’s Family Contributed \$22.3K To His Congressional Campaign, All Of Which He Refunded

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Contributor	Total	Earliest Contribution	Latest Contribution
MACKENZIE, SCOTT	\$6,100.00	9/27/17	10/2/17
MACKENZIE, VICTORIA MILOU	\$5,400.00	9/19/17	9/29/17
MACKENZIE, CHARLES	\$5,400.00	9/22/17	9/29/17
BROWN, KEVIN	\$5,400.00	9/22/17	12/18/17
Grand Total	\$22,300.00	9/12/17	2/26/18

[Federal Election Commission, Mackenzie for Congress, [Accessed 6/3/24](#)]

2018: Mackenzie Ultimately Refunded \$22.3K Of His Family's Contributions.

2018 Refund Recipient	Total
MACKENZIE, SCOTT	\$6,100.00
MACKENZIE, VICTORIA MILOU	\$5,400.00
MACKENZIE, CHARLES	\$5,400.00
BROWN, KEVIN	\$5,400.00
Grand Refund Total	\$22,300.00

[Federal Election Commission, Mackenzie for Congress, [Accessed 6/3/24](#)]

- **Milou Mackenzie Was Mackenzie's Mother.** [Armchair Lehigh Valley, [4/11/24](#)]
- **Charles Mackenzie Was Mackenzie's Father.** [Armchair Lehigh Valley, [4/11/24](#)]
- **Scott Mackenzie Was Mackenzie's Brother.** [The Morning Call, [10/20/23](#)]
- **Kevin Brown Was Mackenzie's Stepfather.** [The Morning Call, [10/20/23](#)]

2018: Mackenzie Accepted At Least \$7.9K From Other Candidates' Committees

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Contributor	Total	Earliest Contribution	Latest Contribution
FRIENDS OF MARCIA HAHN	\$1,000.00	12/29/17	12/29/17
FRIENDS OF KURT MASSER	\$1,000.00	1/24/18	1/24/18
FRIENDS OF DAN MOUL	\$1,000.00	12/18/17	12/18/17
FRIENDS OF RICK SACCONI	\$995.00	12/29/17	12/29/17
COMMITTEE TO ELECT JOE EMRICK	\$990.00	9/29/17	12/31/17
COMMITTEE TO ELECT DOYLE HEFFLEY	\$900.00	12/29/17	12/29/17
FRIENDS OF JIM COX	\$500.00	12/18/17	12/18/17
COMMITTEE TO ELECT DAVID M MALONEY	\$495.00	12/18/17	12/18/17
VOLUNTEERS FOR ARGALL	\$250.00	12/31/17	12/31/17
I'M FOR KNOWLES	\$250.00	12/18/17	12/18/17
HARRIS FOR REPRESENTATIVE	\$250.00	12/31/17	12/31/17

Contributor	Total	Earliest Contribution	Latest Contribution
COMMITTEE TO ELECT BRIAN ELLIS	\$199.00	12/18/17	12/18/17
FRIENDS OF DELCOLLO	\$100.00	12/18/17	12/18/17
Grand Total	\$7,929.00		

[Federal Election Commission, Mackenzie for Congress, [Accessed 6/3/24](#); [Accessed 6/3/24](#)]

2018: Mackenzie Accepted \$6.1K From Industry Advocates And Professional Associations

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Contributor	Total	Earliest Contribution	Latest Contribution
AMERICAN SOCIETY OF ANESTHESIOLOGISTS POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE	\$5,000.00	12/29/17	12/29/17
NATIONAL STONE, SAND & GRAVEL ASSOCIATION ROCKPAC	\$1,000.00	12/7/17	12/7/17
PENNSYLVANIA FOODPAC (PA FOOD MERCHANTS ASSN/PA CONVENIENCE STORE COUNCIL)	\$100.00	12/18/17	12/18/17
Grand Total	\$6,100.00		

[Federal Election Commission, Mackenzie for Congress, [Accessed 6/3/24](#); [Accessed 6/3/24](#)]

2018: Mackenzie Accepted At Least \$4K From Corporate PACs

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Contributor	Total	Earliest Contribution	Latest Contribution
BRIDGEPOINT EDUCATION INC. PAC	\$1,000.00	12/31/17	12/31/17

Contributor	Total	Earliest Contribution	Latest Contribution
OLDCASTLE MATERIALS INC. PAC	\$1,000.00	12/31/17	12/31/17
AQUA AMERICA, INC. H2O POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE	\$1,000.00	12/29/17	12/29/17
SELECTIVE INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE	\$500.00	11/17/17	11/17/17
MILLIRON AND GOODMAN PAC	\$500.00	12/29/17	12/29/17
Grand Total	\$4,000.00		

[Federal Election Commission, Mackenzie for Congress, [Accessed 6/3/24](#); [Accessed 6/3/24](#)]

2018: Mackenzie Accepted At Least \$3K From Businesses

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Contributor	Total	Earliest Contribution	Latest Contribution
SWANSON STREET ASSOCIATES LP	\$1,000.00	9/30/17	9/30/17
FOX ROTHSCHILD, LLP	\$1,000.00	10/24/17	10/24/17
THE DEITER FAMILY LTD PARTNERSHIP	\$500.00	2/26/18	2/26/18
J&D HOWARD BUILDERS PARTNERSHIP	\$500.00	12/18/17	12/18/17
Grand Total	\$3,000.00	9/30/17	2/26/18

[Federal Election Commission, Mackenzie for Congress, [Accessed 6/3/24](#)]

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2020 Pennsylvania House District 134 Campaign

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2020 Campaign Finance Summary

2020: Mackenzie Began The Year With \$102,913.57 In Cash On Hand. [Pennsylvania Department of State, Citizens for Ryan Mackenzie, [Accessed 6/3/24](#)]

2020: Mackenzie Received \$58,797.34 In Contributions. [Pennsylvania Department of State, Citizens for Ryan Mackenzie, [Accessed 6/3/24](#)]

2020: Mackenzie Made Expenditures Totaling \$101,793.35. [Pennsylvania Department of State, Citizens for Ryan Mackenzie, [Accessed 6/3/24](#)]

2020: Mackenzie Ended The Year With 59,916.56 In Cash On Hand. [Pennsylvania Department of State, Citizens for Ryan Mackenzie, [Accessed 6/3/24](#)]

2020: Mackenzie Reported No Outstanding Debts. [Pennsylvania Department of State, Citizens for Ryan Mackenzie, [Accessed 6/3/24](#)]

Questionable Donors

2020: Mackenzie Accepted \$5,500.00 From Energy Industry PACs

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Contributor	Amount	Date
MARATHON PETROLEUM CORPORATION EMPLOYEES PAC (MPAC)	\$1,000.00	10/3/20

Contributor	Amount	Date
MONROE ENERGY, LLC FUELING THE CLIMB PAC	\$1,000.00	9/22/20
UGI UTILITIES INC/UGI ENERGY SERVICES LLC PAC	\$500.00	6/22/20
PA COAL PAC	\$500.00	10/3/20
CALPINE CORPORATION PAC	\$500.00	10/3/20
EXELON CORP PAC	\$500.00	10/3/20
FirstEnergy PAC	\$300.00	4/2/20
RANGE RESOURCES ENERGY INDEPENDENCE PAC	\$300.00	10/3/20
UGI UTILITIES INC/UGI ENERGY SERVICES LLC PAC	\$300.00	10/3/20
FIRSTENERGY PAC	\$300.00	10/11/20
NISOURCE INC PAC	\$300.00	9/26/20
Grand Total	\$5,500.00	

[Pennsylvania Department of State, [Accessed 6/4/24](#); [Accessed 6/4/24](#); [Accessed 6/4/24](#); [Accessed 6/4/24](#); [Accessed 6/4/24](#)]

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[Pennsylvania Department of State, [Accessed 6/4/24](#); [Accessed 6/4/24](#); [Accessed 6/4/24](#); [Accessed 6/4/24](#); [Accessed 6/4/24](#)]

2020: Mackenzie Accepted \$750.00 From Wind Creek Bethlehem LLC, A Casino Operator

2020: Mackenzie Accepted \$750.00 From Wind Creek Bethlehem LLC. [Pennsylvania Department of State, [Accessed 6/4/24](#)]

- **Wind Creek Is A Casino And Resort In Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.** [Wind Creek, [Accessed 6/4/24](#)]

2020: Mackenzie Accepted \$250.00 From The PA State Lodge of Fraternal Order of Police PAC

2020: Mackenzie Accepted \$250.00 From The PA State Lodge of Fraternal Order of Police PAC. [Pennsylvania Department of State, [Accessed 6/4/24](#)]

Questionable Expenditures

2020: Mackenzie's Campaign Committee Contributed \$20,000.00 To 'Defending The Taxpayer'

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Defending The Taxpayer Was Affiliated With Pennsylvania House of Representatives Candidate Lisa Boeving-Learned. [Pennsylvania Department of State, [Accessed 6/4/24](#); [Accessed 6/4/24](#)]

2020: Mackenzie Reimbursed Himself \$6,465.00 For Unspecified 'Campaign Expenses'

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Recipient	Description	Amount	Date
Ryan Mackenzie	Campaign expenses	\$2,316.67	10/29/20
Ryan Mackenzie	Reimb. for campaign expenses	\$1,612.95	9/30/20
Ryan Mackenzie	REIMB. FOR CAMPAIGN EXPENSES	\$1,295.32	12/7/20
Ryan Mackenzie	Campaign expenses	\$242.34	10/29/20
Ryan Mackenzie	Reimb. for campaign expenses	\$217.93	11/23/20
Ryan Mackenzie	REIMB. FOR CAMPAIGN EXPENSES	\$217.93	11/30/20
Ryan Mackenzie	Reimb. for campaign expenses	\$210.94	11/23/20
Ryan Mackenzie	REIMB. FOR CAMPAIGN EXPENSES	\$210.94	11/30/20
Ryan Mackenzie	Reimb. for campaign expenses	\$69.99	11/23/20

Recipient	Description	Amount	Date
Ryan Mackenzie	REMB. FOR CAMPAIGN EXPENSES	\$69.99	11/30/20
Grand Total		\$6,465.00	

[Pennsylvania Department of State, [Accessed 6/4/24](#); [Accessed 6/4/24](#); [Accessed 6/4/24](#); [Accessed 6/4/24](#); [Accessed 6/4/24](#); [Accessed 6/4/24](#)]

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- **Milou Mackenzie Was Mackenzie's Mother.** [Armchair Lehigh Valley, [4/11/24](#)]

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2022 PA-07 Congressional Campaign

2022 PA-07 Congressional Campaign Highlights

- In November 2021, Mackenzie filed to run for Congress to represent PA-07, but he later withdrew from the race.

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November 2021: Mackenzie Filed To Run For Congress To Represent PA-07. “State Rep. Ryan Mackenzie has filed to run for Congress in the Lehigh Valley-based 7th District seat in 2022.” [The Morning Call, [11/19/21](#)]

October 2022: Mackenzie Filed A Termination Report For His Congressional Campaign Committee With The FEC. [Federal Election Commission, Mackenzie for Congress, [10/11/22](#)]

2022 Congressional Campaign Finance Summary

2022: Mackenzie Reported Beginning The Year With \$75,952.98 In Cash On Hand. [Federal Election Commission, Mackenzie for Congress, [Accessed 6/3/24](#)]

2022: Mackenzie Reported Receiving No Contributions To His Congressional Campaign. [Federal Election Commission, Mackenzie for Congress, [Accessed 6/3/24](#)]

2022: Mackenzie Made Expenditures Totaling \$75,952.98. [Federal Election Commission, Mackenzie for Congress, [Accessed 6/3/24](#)]

2022: Mackenzie Ended The Year With No Cash On Hand. [Federal Election Commission, Mackenzie for Congress, [Accessed 6/3/24](#)]

2022: Mackenzie Reported No Outstanding Debts. [Federal Election Commission, Mackenzie for Congress, [Accessed 6/3/24](#)]

2022: Mackenzie Transferred \$65.5K To Citizens For Ryan Mackenzie

2022: Mackenzie Transferred \$65,532.98 To Citizens For Ryan Mackenzie. [Federal Election Commission, Mackenzie for Congress, [Accessed 6/3/24](#)]

2022: Mackenzie Paid Pathfinder Communications LLC \$13,245.00 For Research And Consulting Services

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2022 Pennsylvania House District 187 Campaign

2022 Pennsylvania House District 187 Campaign Highlights

- 2022: Mackenzie won election to represent the 187th District in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives.

2022: Mackenzie Won Election To Represent The 187th District In The Pennsylvania House of Representatives

2022: Mackenzie Won Election To Represent The 187th District In The Pennsylvania House of Representatives. “Ryan Mackenzie has been declared the winner over r [sic] Gary Day in the Republican race for the redrawn 187th [Pennsylvania] House District.” [The Morning Call, [5/18/22](#)]

2022 Pennsylvania House Campaign Finance Summary

2022: Mackenzie Began The Year With \$102,723.10 In Cash On Hand. [Pennsylvania Department of State, Citizens for Ryan Mackenzie, [Accessed 6/3/24](#)]

2022: Mackenzie Received \$169,742.98 In Contributions. [Pennsylvania Department of State, Citizens for Ryan Mackenzie, [Accessed 6/3/24](#)]

2022: Mackenzie Ended The Year With \$14,022.56 In Cash On Hand. [Pennsylvania Department of State, Citizens for Ryan Mackenzie, [Accessed 6/3/24](#)]

2022: Mackenzie Made Expenditures Totaling \$258,443.52. [Pennsylvania Department of State, Citizens for Ryan Mackenzie, [Accessed 6/3/24](#)]

2022: Mackenzie Reported No Outstanding Debts. [Pennsylvania Department of State, Citizens for Ryan Mackenzie, [Accessed 6/3/24](#)]

2022: Citizens For Mackenzie Received A \$65,532.98 Transfer From Mackenzie For Congress

2022: Citizens For Mackenzie Received A \$65,532.98 Transfer From Mackenzie For Congress. [Pennsylvania Department of State, [Accessed 6/3/24](#)]

2022: Mackenzie Accepted \$5K From His Mother’s Campaign Committee, But Later Contributed \$11k Back To Her

Mackenzie Accepted \$5,000.00 From Friends Of Milou Mackenzie In April 2022. [Pennsylvania Department of State, [Accessed 6/3/24](#)]

Mackenzie Contributed \$11,000.00 To Friends Of Milou Mackenzie In December 2022. [Pennsylvania Department of State, [Accessed 6/3/24](#)]

- **Milou Mackenzie Was Mackenzie's Mother.** [Armchair Lehigh Valley, [4/11/24](#)]

Questionable Donors

2022: Mackenzie Accepted \$20,800.00 From Real Estate And Construction Industry PACs

Contributor	Amount	Date
PA Aggregates & Concrete Assn PAC	\$5,000.00	4/19/22
PA Aggregates & Concrete Assn PAC	\$5,000.00	4/30/22
PA AGGREGATES & CONCRETE ASSN PAC	\$5,000.00	11/15/22
PA Committee for Affordable Housing	\$1,000.00	5/1/22
Associated Builders and Contractors Inc.	\$1,000.00	4/12/22
PA Realtors PAC	\$1,000.00	9/24/22
PA Realtors PAC	\$1,000.00	11/15/22
General Contractors Assoc of PA	\$500.00	9/24/22
PA Committee for Affordable Housing	\$500.00	10/1/22
PA Realtors PAC	\$500.00	12/27/22
PA Arcitects PAC	\$300.00	4/25/22
Grand Total	\$20,800.00	

[Pennsylvania Department of State, [Accessed 6/3/24](#); [Accessed 6/4/24](#); [Accessed 6/4/24](#); [Accessed 6/4/24](#); [Accessed 6/4/24](#)]

2022: Mackenzie Accepted At Least \$4,350.00 From The Energy Industry

Contributor	Amount	Date
Monroe Energy LLC PAC	\$1,000.00	9/24/22
Range Resources Energy Independence PAC	\$500.00	4/3/22
Duquesne Light Co PAC	\$500.00	2/12/22
Energy Transfer PAC	\$500.00	10/1/22

Contributor	Amount	Date
Essential Utilities, Inc. PAC	\$500.00	9/24/22
First Energy PAC	\$500.00	9/24/22
BRAVO PAC	\$300.00	9/24/22
UGI UTILITIES INC/UGI ENERGY SVC LLC PAC	\$300.00	9/24/22
POMPAC	\$250.00	4/6/22
Grand Total	\$4,350.00	

[Pennsylvania Department of State, [Accessed 6/3/24](#); [Accessed 6/4/24](#); [Accessed 6/4/24](#); [Accessed 6/4/24](#); [Accessed 6/4/24](#); [Accessed 6/4/24](#)]

Mackenzie Accepted \$2,000.00 From 1776 PAC In April 2022. [Pennsylvania Department of State, [Accessed 6/3/24](#)]

Mackenzie Accepted \$1,000.00 From Wind Creek Bethlehem LLC. [Pennsylvania Department of State, [Accessed 6/3/24](#)]

Wind Creek Is A Casino And Resort In Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. [Wind Creek, [Accessed 6/4/24](#)]

Questionable Expenditures

2022: Mackenzie Paid \$159,351.90 To Pathfinder Communications For Media And Advertising Services

Recipient	Description	Amount	Date
Pathfinder Communications, LLC	Media	\$54,917.02	4/6/22
Pathfinder Communications, LLC	MAILINGS & RADIO	\$13,909.05	5/12/22
Pathfinder Communications, LLC	MAILINGS & RADIO	\$13,909.05	5/11/22
Pathfinder Communications, LLC	Radio	\$8,875.00	4/18/22
Pathfinder Communications, LLC	Radio	\$7,500.00	4/25/22
Pathfinder Communications, LLC	Media	\$6,640.18	4/16/22
Pathfinder Communications, LLC	Mailer	\$6,640.18	4/27/22
Pathfinder Communications, LLC	Media	\$5,676.16	4/16/22
Pathfinder Communications, LLC	Mailer	\$5,676.16	4/25/22
Pathfinder Communications, LLC	MAILING	\$5,676.16	5/12/22

Recipient	Description	Amount	Date
Pathfinder Communications, LLC	MAILING	\$5,676.16	5/12/22
Pathfinder Communications, LLC	MEDIA	\$4,600.00	5/12/22
Pathfinder Communications, LLC	MEDIA	\$4,600.00	5/10/22
Pathfinder Communications, LLC	Media	\$3,500.00	3/31/22
Pathfinder Communications, LLC	Media	\$3,200.00	5/2/22
Pathfinder Communications, LLC	Handouts	\$2,067.00	3/10/22
Pathfinder Communications, LLC	Mailer	\$1,000.00	4/27/22
Pathfinder Communications, LLC	RADIO	\$1,000.00	5/13/22
Pathfinder Communications, LLC	TEXTS	\$1,000.00	5/31/22
Pathfinder Communications, LLC	RADIO	\$1,000.00	5/13/22
Pathfinder Communications, LLC	TEXTS	\$1,000.00	5/31/22
Pathfinder Communications, LLC	Mailer	\$689.78	4/25/22
Pathfinder Communications, LLC	Website	\$600.00	4/15/22
Grand Total		\$159,351.90	

[Pennsylvania Department of State, [Accessed 6/3/24](#); [Accessed 6/4/24](#); [Accessed 6/4/24](#); [Accessed 6/4/24](#); [Accessed 6/4/24](#); [Accessed 6/4/24](#)]

2022: Mackenzie Reimbursed Himself For Unspecified ‘Campaign Expenses’ To The Tune Of \$17,573.60

Recipient	Description	Amount	Date
Ryan Mackenzie	REIMB. FOR CAMPAIGN EXPENSES	\$2,992.47	11/10/22
Ryan Mackenzie	Reimb. For event food & bev	\$2,553.22	4/22/22
Ryan Mackenzie	REIMB. FOR EVENT EXPENSES & OTHER EXPENSES	\$2,333.48	5/30/22

Recipient	Description	Amount	Date
Ryan Mackenzie	REIMB. FOR EVENT EXPENSES & OTHER EXPENSES	\$2,333.48	5/30/22
Ryan Mackenzie	REIMB. FOR CAMPAIGN EXPENSES	\$2,153.14	9/13/22
Ryan Mackenzie	REIMB. FOR CAMPAIGN EXPENSES	\$1,376.51	11/10/22
Ryan Mackenzie	Reimb. For Campaign expenses	\$1,243.31	4/22/22
Ryan Mackenzie	Reimb. For Campaign expenses	\$1,194.83	3/31/22
Ryan Mackenzie	REIMB. FOR CAMPAIGN EXPENSES	\$375.00	6/30/22
Ryan Mackenzie	Reimb. For campaign expenses	\$329.98	4/22/22
Ryan Mackenzie	REIMB. FOR CAMPAIGN EXPENSES	\$274.64	11/28/22
Ryan Mackenzie	Reimb. For event food	\$216.24	4/22/22
Ryan Mackenzie	Reimb. For Campaign expenses	\$197.30	2/7/22
Grand Total		\$17,573.60	

[Pennsylvania Department of State, [Accessed 6/3/24](#); [Accessed 6/4/24](#); [Accessed 6/4/24](#); [Accessed 6/4/24](#); [Accessed 6/4/24](#); [Accessed 6/4/24](#)]

2022: Mackenzie’s Campaign Committee Contributed \$250 To Restoring Excellence in East Penn Education (REEPE), An Organization Affiliated With Moms For Liberty

2022: Mackenzie’s Campaign Committee Contributed \$250 To Restoring Excellence in East Penn Education (REEPE), An Organization Affiliated With Moms For Liberty. “Martino’s donation to the Your Voice slate, given on March 28, comes as groups supporting Levinson, Jankowski, Ford, Kelly and Klotz have sought to tie the Your Voice candidates to positions held by Moms for Liberty - Lehigh County and Restoring Excellence in East Penn Education (REEPE). [...] REEPE has filed as a political committee. It had \$2,655 funds available, according to the Jan. 1 to May 1 report, including \$2,502

carried over from its last report. The group spent \$180 on room rentals at Macungie Park and \$176 on postage. A report filed for 2022 showed REEPE raised \$3,918 with \$250 coming from Citizens for Mackenzie and \$250 from Milou Mackenzie." [Armchair Lehigh Valley, [5/10/23](#)]

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2024 Campaign Finance

2024 Campaign Finance Highlights

- As of June 2024, Mackenzie's campaign raised \$280,980.20 and spent \$154,838.41.
- Mackenzie accepted \$6.6k from casino moguls Steve and Andrea Wynn.
- Mackenzie accepted \$12.9k from real estate interests.
- Mackenzie made campaign contributions to election-denying Republicans Lloyd Smucker, Ann Flood, Jim Cox, and Scott Hough.
- Mackenzie donated to anti-choice Republicans Zach Mako, Brent Labenberg, Carolyn Carluccio, and Mario Scavello.

Financial Summary as of June 8, 2024

Mackenzie's Campaign Raised \$280,980.20 And Spent \$154,838.41

Cycle	Total Receipts	Individuals	Party Cmtes	Other Cmtes	Candidate	Loans
2024	\$280,980.20	\$228,983.94	\$0	\$43,000.00	\$0	\$0

[FEC Committee Candidate and Committee Viewer, [Accessed 6/8/24](#)]

Cycle	Total Disbursements	Operating Expen	Refunds	Loan Repayments
2024	\$154,838.41	\$154,118.89	\$592.44	\$0

[FEC Committee Candidate and Committee Viewer, [Accessed 6/8/24](#)]

Questionable Donors

Mackenzie Accepted \$6.6K From Casino Moguls Steve And Andrea Wynn

Mackenzie Accepted \$3.3K From Stephen Wynn. [Federal Election Commission, Mackenzie For PA-07 Republican Nominee Fund 2024 [4/4/24](#)]

Mackenzie Accepted \$3.3K From Andrea Wynn. [Federal Election Commission, Mackenzie For PA-07 Republican Nominee Fund 2024 [4/4/24](#)]

Billionaire Hotel Developer Steve Wynn And Andrea Wynn Were Married On April 30, 2011. "Las Vegas billionaire hotel developer Steve Wynn and his bride Andrea Wynn (nee Hissom) minutes after their private wedding at Wynn Las Vegas on Saturday." [Las Vegas Review-Journal, [4/30/11](#)]

Mackenzie Accepted \$12.9K From Real Estate Interests

Report Year	Contributor	Contributor Employer	Contributor Occupation	Receipt
2023	ROGERS, STUART G	BROOKSIDE OFFICES INC.	REAL ESTATE	\$3,300.00
2023	MOLCHANY, LORRIE	THE MARK MOLCHANY GROUP AT RE/MAX	REAL ESTATE	\$300.00
2023	TEPES, TIMOTHY	SELF-EMPLOYED	REAL ESTATE	\$250.00
2023	BUTZ, GREG L.	ALVIN H BUTZ CO	REAL ESTATE DEVELOPER	\$1,000.00
2023	SEISLOVE, MICHAEL	FOX AND ROACH	REAL ESTATE DEVELOPER	\$250.00
2023	SCHAEFFER, HOWARD	SELF EMPLOYED	REAL ESTATE SALES	\$260.25
2023	KARPER, SUSAN	CENTURY 21 KEIM	REALTOR	\$2,500.00
2024	EICHENBERG, RONALD H.	BHHS FOYD ROACH REALTORS	REALTOR	\$250.00
2023	EICHENBERG, RONALD H.	BHHS FOYD ROACH REALTORS	REALTOR	\$250.00
2023	EICHENBERG, RONALD H.	BHHS FOYD ROACH REALTORS	REALTOR	\$250.00
2023	ADAMS, JEFFREY S	RE/MAX	REALTOR	\$500.00
2024	SHUMAN, ALAN	SHUMAN DEVELOPMENT GROUP	REALTOR	\$500.00
2023	HARE, CAROL ANN	CENTURY 21	REALTOR	\$500.00

Report Year	Contributor	Contributor Employer	Contributor Occupation	Receipt
2023	LASALLE, SEAN	SEAN LASALLE TEAM AT KELLER WILLIAMS R	REALTOR	\$500.00
2023	GREGORY, KATHLEEN A.	BETTER HOMES GARDEN	REALTOR	\$300.00
2023	BILLERA, CARL	HOUSE AND BARN	REALTOR	\$260.25
2023	LUTZ, MARK	REMAX	REALTOR	\$260.25
2023	RAAD, CHRISTOPHER G	RAAD REALTORS	REALTOR	\$250.00
2024	ARGEROS, WILLIAM	SELF-EMPLOYED	REALTOR	\$250.00
2023	BAKER, BENJAMIN DANIEL	RE/MAX UNLIMITED REAL ESTATE	REALTOR	\$250.00
2023	BARTKUS, LORI	RE/MAX	REALTOR	\$250.00
2023	EICHENBERG, RONALD H.	BHHS FOYD ROACH REALTORS	REALTOR	\$250.00
2023	KESSLER, DALE	REALTY 365	REALTOR	\$250.00
Grand Total				\$12,930.75

[Federal Election Commission, [Accessed 6/8/24](#)]

Mackenzie Accepted \$6.5K From Charles Mackenzie

Mackenzie Accepted \$6,591.02 From Charles Mackenzie. [Federal Election Commission, [Accessed 6/8/24](#)]

Contributions Made by Candidate

Mackenzie Gave \$250 To Republican Congressman Lloyd Smucker, Who Objected To The Electoral Votes From His Own State On January 6th

2016: Mackenzie Contributed \$250 To Republican Pennsylvania Congressman Lloyd Smucker. Mackenzie contributed \$250 to the campaign of Pennsylvania Republican Lloyd Smucker in October of 2016. [Federal Election Commission, [10/28/16](#)]

2021: Smucker Objected To The Electoral Votes From Pennsylvania On January 6th And Voted Against Impeaching Trump For His Role In The Insurrection. “Despite having objected to the 2020 presidential election results from his home state of Pennsylvania, Lloyd Smucker was blistering in his condemnation of the violent Jan. 6 attack on the U.S. Capitol. The Republican congressman said in a statement a few days after the assault that the actions taken ‘by extremists’ were ‘wholly unacceptable.’ And even after he voted against impeaching former President Donald Trump for what took place, Smucker conceded that ‘it was wrong for President Trump to give false hope that led many people to believe that the election results still could have been overturned last Wednesday.’ [CBS News, [2/12/24](#)]

Mackenzie Gave \$2.5K To Pennsylvania State Rep. Ann Flood, Who Voted In Favor Of A Controversial Election Reform Bill Later Vetoed By The Governor

2020: Mackenzie Contributed \$2.5K To Ann Flood’s Pennsylvania State Rep. Campaign. Mackenzie contributed \$2,500 to the campaign of Pennsylvania state Rep. Ann Flood in 2020. [Follow the Money, [Accessed 5/29/24](#)]

Following The 2020 Election, Flood For A Controversial Election Reform Bill That Then-Gov. Wolf Vetoed Because “It Would Make It More Difficult For People To Vote.” “Flood supported the GOP’s election reform bill that Gov. Tom Wolf vetoed in June 2021, saying it would make it more difficult for people to vote. The bill would have required voter identification at the polls, changed the voter registration deadline from 15 to 30 days before an election and created earlier deadlines for mail-in voting. A press release issued at the time quoted Flood saying, ‘We want to ensure elections are fair and the outcomes reflect the will of the people who legally cast their ballots. This has been one of the top issues for people I’ve talked with in our district since I took office.’ In April 2020, during the pandemic, a post on Flood’s Instagram account alerted voters to the ability to vote by mail.” [Lehigh Valley Live, [11/3/22](#)]

Mackenzie Contributed \$1K To Election Denier And Pennsylvania Republican Jim Cox

2018: Mackenzie Contributed \$1,000 To The Campaign Of Pennsylvania Republican Jim Cox. Mackenzie contributed \$1,000 to the campaign of Republican Pennsylvania House of Representatives member Jim Cox in 2018. [Follow the Money, [Accessed 5/29/24](#)]

- **2020: Cox Signed On To A Resolution To Decertify Biden’s Electors In Pennsylvania.** “Declaring the results of statewide electoral contests in the 2020 general election to be in dispute, a group of House Republican lawmakers have announced their intention to introduce a resolution calling for Gov. Tom Wolf and Secretary of State Kathy Boockvar to withdraw their certification of the Nov. 3 election results in the presidential and other statewide contests. [...] Those who have signed on as co-sponsors of the resolution are: Reps. Russ Diamond, Eric Nelson, Paul Schemel, Greg Rothman, Frank Ryan, Dawn Keefer, Mike Jones, David Rowe, Michael Puskaric, Barbara Gleim, Bud Cook, Cris Dush, Stephanie Borowicz, David Zimmerman, Daryl Metcalfe, David Maloney, Dan Moul, Brad Roae, Kathy Rapp, Jim Cox, Rob Kauffman, Matthew Dowling, Eric Davanzo, Rich Irvin, Aaron Bernstine, and Andrew Lewis.” [Pennsylvania Live, [11/28/20](#)]

Mackenzie Contributed \$1K To Republican Election Denier Scott Hough

2020: Mackenzie Contributed \$1,000 To The Campaign Of Pennsylvania Republican Scott Hough.

Mackenzie contributed \$1,000 to the campaign of Republican Pennsylvania House of Representatives candidate Scott Hough in 2020. [Follow the Money, [Accessed 5/29/24](#)]

- **2020: While Serving On The Northampton Election Commission, Hough “Did Not Vote To Certify The Results Of Northampton County’s Nov. 7 Election.”** “When Scott Hough did not vote to certify the results of Northampton County’s Nov. 7 election, he predicted that would be the end of his service on the county election commission.” [WFMZ, [1/18/24](#)]

Mackenzie Gave Anti-Choice Pennsylvania State Rep. Zach Mako \$2.5K

2020: Mackenzie Pennsylvania Republican State Rep. Zach Mako \$2.5K. Mackenzie contributed \$2,500 to the campaign of Republican Pennsylvania state Rep. Zach Mako in 2020. [Follow the Money, [Accessed 5/29/24](#)]

- **PA Choice Tracker: Rep. Zach Mako Is “Anti-Choice.”** “ANTI-CHOICE [...] Zachary voted to pass a bill that effectively bans all dilation and evacuation abortions, and prohibits all abortions after 20 weeks, except for irreversible health risk to the mother. [...] Zachary voted to pass a bill that proposes to amend the Pennsylvania Constitution to exclude any rights relating to abortion.” [Pennsylvania Choice Tracker, [Accessed 5/29/24](#)]

Mackenzie Gave \$250 To Anti-Abortion Republican Pennsylvania House Candidate Brent Labenberg

2022: Mackenzie Contributed \$250 To The Campaign Of Pennsylvania Republican Brent Labenberg. Mackenzie contributed \$250 to the campaign of Republican Pennsylvania House of Representatives candidate Brent Labenberg in 2022. [Follow the Money, [Accessed 5/29/24](#)]

- **2022: Labenberg Said He Would Support An Anti-Choice Heartbeat Bill Akin To Those In Texas And Florida.** “Labenberg does not support abortion rights and said he would support a bill limiting abortion after six weeks if it came before him for a vote. [...] ‘I really don’t care about the issue but I have to choose a side and I choose life,’ Labenberg said.” [The Morning Call, [10/5/22](#)]

Mackenzie Contributed \$150 To Anti-Choice Judge Carolyn Carluccio

2023: Mackenzie Gave \$150 To Carolyn Carluccio. Mackenzie contributed \$150 to the campaign of Carolyn Carluccio in 2023. [Follow the Money, [Accessed 5/29/24](#)]

- **2023: Prospective PA Supreme Court Justice Carluccio Was Endorsed By The PA Pro-Life Federation, Which “Opposes Abortion Access.”** “The winner of the Nov. 7 election for a seat on the Pennsylvania Supreme Court will help determine the balance of the court in coming years, and Republicans are backing Carolyn Carluccio, currently a judge in Montgomery County. [...] She is also endorsed by the PA Pro-Life Federation, which opposes abortion access; her campaign has been targeted by ads from abortion provider Planned Parenthood’s political committee, and from other groups supporting McCaffery’s campaign.” [Spotlight Pennsylvania, [11/3/23](#)]

Mackenzie Gave \$100 To The Campaign Of Republican State Senator Mario Scavello, Who Opposed “Abortion In All Cases, Including The Health Of The Mother”

2014: Mackenzie Gave \$100 To Mario Scavello. Mackenzie contributed \$100 to the campaign of Mario Scavello in 2014. [Follow the Money, [Accessed 5/29/24](#)]

- **2014: Scavello Received “Threatening Phone Calls” After It Came Out That He Opposed “Abortion In All Cases, Including The Health Of The Mother.”** “Pennsylvania Rep. Mario Scavello says he has one regret about two allegedly threatening phone calls that came into his Monroe County office late the night of Sept. 18. He would have liked to answer the phone. [Mark] Aurand has been running an ad on local television that blasts Scavello for opposing abortion in all cases, including the health of the mother. The ad cites a 2012 Pennsylvania Catholic Conference questionnaire filled out by Scavello.” [Lehigh Valley Live, [10/2/14](#)]

Mackenzie Contributed \$1K To The Campaign Of Pennsylvania Republican Candidate Michael McCreary, Who Ran For Office Specifically To Oppose COVID-19 Shutdowns

2020: Mackenzie Contributed \$1,000 To The Campaign Of Pennsylvania Republican Michael McCreary. Mackenzie contributed \$1,000 to the campaign of Republican Pennsylvania House of Representatives candidate Michael McCreary in 2020. [Follow the Money, [Accessed 5/29/24](#)]

- **2023: Michael McCreary Ran For The PA House Because Of “The Shutdown Of His And Other Businesses Deemed Non-Life-Sustaining.”** “To Lehigh Valley small-business owner Michael McCreary, what Gov. Tom Wolf calls a ‘measured plan for reopening the state safely’ is more like ‘putting everything on hold and creating a lot of fear.’ So while McCreary works toward reopening his Lehigh Valley Grand Prix in Allentown, he is also running for the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. He announced his write-in candidacy Tuesday, saying the shutdown of his and other businesses deemed non-life-sustaining is the reason he’s running. ‘What really stinks about this thing is when you talk about it to try and get things to start opening, people want to twist that into: you don’t care about people’s lives,’ McCreary said. ‘And that couldn’t be further from the truth. Essentially, at the end of the day, every job is essential.’” [Lehigh Valley Live, [2/22/23](#)]

Mackenzie Contributed \$25 To The Conservative PAC Club For Growth, Who Had A History Of Opposing Environmental Regulations Like The Paris Climate Agreement

2008: Mackenzie Contributed \$25 To Club For Growth. Mackenzie contributed \$25 to the fiscally conservative organization Club for Growth in November of 2008. [Federal Election Commission, [11/10/08](#)]

Club For Growth Pressured Trump To Exit The Paris Climate Agreement, Which Intended To Curb Greenhouse Gas Emissions Across 200 Countries. “The conservative Club for Growth group is urging President Trump to withdraw from the Paris climate change agreement. [...] ‘President Trump was right during his campaign when he pledged “to cancel the Paris Climate Agreement and stop all payments of U.S. tax dollars to U.N. global warming programs,” [Club for Growth President David] McIntosh plans to say. Trump has promised to ‘cancel’ the 2015 pact signed by former President Obama, in which nearly 200 countries agreed on a nonbinding basis to reduce or limit their greenhouse gas emissions.” [The Hill, [5/9/17](#)]

Mackenzie Gave \$19 To Former Alaska Lt. Governor Mead Treadwell, Who Favored Drilling In His State Despite The Environmental Threats It Posed

2010: Mackenzie Contributed \$19 To Mead Treadwell. Mackenzie gave \$19 to Mead Treadwell in 2010. [Follow the Money, [Accessed 5/29/24](#)]

- **Mead Treadwell Served As Lt. Governor Of Alaska (2010-2014) And Chair Of The US Arctic Research Commission (2006-2010).** “Mead Treadwell was the 11th Lieutenant Governor of Alaska (2010-2014) and Chair of the US Arctic Research Commission (2006-2010) under Presidents George W Bush and Barack Obama.” [U.S. Congress, [Accessed 6/9/24](#)]
- **Scientific American: Treadwell “Ardently Supported More Drilling While At Times Questioning Human’s Role In Global Warming.”** “On the right, Mike Dunleavy and Mead Treadwell—Republicans who will face off during next month’s primary election—have ardently supported more drilling while at times questioning human’s role in global warming. Treadwell has talked about the melting Arctic but has questioned human responsibility. Seeking an endorsement in 2010 from a conservative group, he wrote: ‘I challenge the argument that man made CO2 emissions are causing significant global warming and I will oppose any costly new regulations that would increase unemployment, raise consumer prices and weaken the nation’s global competitiveness.’” [Scientific American, [7/12/18](#)]

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Personal Finance

Personal Finance Highlights

- 2024: Mackenzie claimed assets valued between \$384k and \$1 million.
- 2023: Mackenzie claimed assets valued between \$384K and \$1 million.
- 2022: Mackenzie claimed assets valued between \$366K and \$916K.
- 2021: Mackenzie claimed assets valued between \$381K and \$966K.
- 2017: Mackenzie claimed assets valued between \$64k and \$260K.

Investments and Holdings

2017: Mackenzie Claimed Assets Valued Between \$64K And \$260K

Asset	Value (Low)	Value (High)	Income (Low)	Income (High)
Roth IRA ⇒ sPY	\$15,001.00	\$50,000.00	\$1.00	\$200.00
Roth IRA ⇒ QQQ	\$15,001.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Roth IRA ⇒ DIA	\$15,001.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Retirement Account	\$15,001.00	\$50,000.00	\$1,001.00	\$2,500.00
Wells Fargo Account	\$1,001.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
PNC Account	\$1,001.00	\$15,000.00	\$1,001.00	\$2,500.00
Embassy Account	\$1,001.00	\$15,000.00	\$1.00	\$200.00
Comcast Corporation - Class A (CMCsA)	\$1,001.00	\$15,000.00	\$201.00	\$1,000.00
Grand Total	\$64,008.00	\$260,000.00	\$2,205.00	\$6,400.00

[Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, [10/12/17](#)]

2018: Mackenzie Claimed Assets Valued Between \$132K And \$331K

Asset	Value (Low)	Value (High)	Income (Low)	Income (High)
Roth IRA ⇒ QQQ	\$50,001.00	\$100,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Retirement Account	\$50,001.00	\$100,000.00	\$1,001.00	\$2,500.00
Roth IRA ⇒ sPY	\$15,001.00	\$50,000.00	\$1.00	\$200.00
Roth IRA ⇒ DIA	\$15,001.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
PNC Account	\$1,001.00	\$15,000.00	\$1,001.00	\$2,500.00
Embassy Account	\$1,001.00	\$15,000.00	\$1.00	\$200.00
Wells Fargo Account	\$1.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Grand Total	\$132,007.00	\$331,000.00	\$2,004.00	\$5,400.00

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2021: Mackenzie Claimed Assets Valued Between \$381K And \$966K

Asset	Value (Low)	Value (High)	Income (Low)	Income (High)
Trust Account ⇒ PNC Wealth Management Account	\$100,001.00	\$250,000.00	\$1,001.00	\$2,500.00
Roth IRA ⇒ QQQ	\$100,001.00	\$250,000.00	\$201.00	\$1,000.00
Retirement Account	\$100,001.00	\$250,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Roth IRA ⇒ sPY	\$50,001.00	\$100,000.00	\$201.00	\$1,000.00
Roth IRA ⇒ DIA	\$15,001.00	\$50,000.00	\$15,001.00	\$50,000.00
Roth IRA ⇒ ARK Innovation ETF (ARKK)	\$15,001.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
PNC Account	\$1,001.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Wells Fargo Account	\$1.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Grand Total	\$381,008.00	\$966,000.00	\$16,404.00	\$54,500.00

[Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, [12/17/21](#)]

2022: Mackenzie Claimed Assets Valued Between \$366K And \$916K

Asset	Value (Low)	Value (High)	Income (Low)	Income (High)
Trust Account ⇒ PNC Wealth Management Account	\$100,001.00	\$250,000.00	\$1,001.00	\$2,500.00
Roth IRA ⇒ QQQ	\$100,001.00	\$250,000.00	\$201.00	\$1,000.00
Retirement Account	\$100,001.00	\$250,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Roth IRA ⇒ sPY	\$50,001.00	\$100,000.00	\$201.00	\$1,000.00
Roth IRA ⇒ ARK Innovation ETF (ARKK)	\$15,001.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
PNC Account	\$1,001.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Wells Fargo Account	\$1.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Grand Total	\$366,007.00	\$916,000.00	\$1,403.00	\$4,500.00

[Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, [5/9/22](#)]

2023: Mackenzie Claimed Assets Valued Between \$384K And \$1 Million

Asset	Value (Low)	Value (High)	Income (Low)	Income (High)
Trust Account ⇒ PNC Wealth Management Account	\$100,001.00	\$250,000.00	\$1,001.00	\$2,500.00
SERS Retirement Account	\$100,001.00	\$250,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Roth IRA ⇒ QQQ	\$100,001.00	\$250,000.00	\$1,001.00	\$2,500.00
Roth IRA ⇒ sPY	\$50,001.00	\$100,000.00	\$201.00	\$1,000.00
Spartan 500 Index Pool Class F	\$15,001.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Asset	Value (Low)	Value (High)	Income (Low)	Income (High)
Roth IRA ⇒ ARK Innovation ETF (ARKK)	\$15,001.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Wells Fargo Account	\$1,001.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Roth IRA ⇒ DIA	\$1,001.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
PNC Account	\$1,001.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
American Funds Target Date Retirement 2055 R6 Fund	\$1,001.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Wells Fargo Advisors Account	\$1.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Grand Total	\$384,011.00	\$1,011,000.00	\$2,203.00	\$6,000.00

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2024: Mackenzie Claimed Assets Valued Between \$384K And \$1 Million

Asset	Value (Low)	Value (High)	Income (Low)	Income (High)
Trust Account ⇒ PNC Wealth Management Account	\$100,001.00	\$250,000.00	\$1,001.00	\$2,500.00
SERS Retirement Account	\$100,001.00	\$250,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Roth IRA ⇒ QQQ	\$100,001.00	\$250,000.00	\$1,001.00	\$2,500.00
Roth IRA ⇒ sPY	\$50,001.00	\$100,000.00	\$201.00	\$1,000.00
Spartan 500 Index Pool Class F	\$15,001.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Roth IRA ⇒ ARK Innovation ETF (ARKK)	\$15,001.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Wells Fargo Account	\$1,001.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Asset	Value (Low)	Value (High)	Income (Low)	Income (High)
Roth IRA ⇒ DIA	\$1,001.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
PNC Account	\$1,001.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
American Funds Target Date Retirement 2055 R6 Fund	\$1,001.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Wells Fargo Advisors Account	\$1.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Grand Total	\$384,011.00	\$1,011,000.00	\$2,203.00	\$6,000.00

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Debts

2017-2021: Mackenzie Reported An Undisclosed Amount Of Debt To Audi Financial Services

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Income Sources

2018-2023: Mackenzie Reported Gift Income For ‘Transportation, Hospitality, Lodging’ Totaling \$44,968.70

Year	Income Type	Source	Amount
2019	TRANSPORTATION, LODGING, HOSPITALITY	The Council of State Governments	\$12,242.47
2018	TRANSPORTATION, LODGING, HOSPITALITY	Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in New York	\$6,215.00
2018	TRANSPORTATION, LODGING, HOSPITALITY	The US-Japan Foundation	\$5,847.37

Year	Income Type	Source	Amount
2023	TRANSPORTATION, LODGING, HOSPITALITY	Aspen Institute Germany	\$3,340.51
2022	TRANSPORTATION, LODGING, HOSPITALITY	Council of State Governments	\$2,967.47
2019	TRANSPORTATION, LODGING, HOSPITALITY	British-American Project	\$2,960.16
2020	TRANSPORTATION, LODGING, HOSPITALITY	Consumer Technology Association / Consumer Electronics Show	\$2,715.90
2019	TRANSPORTATION, LODGING, HOSPITALITY	American Council on Germany	\$2,609.66
2021	TRANSPORTATION, LODGING, HOSPITALITY	AHEPA Lehigh Chapter #60	\$1,500.00
2022	TRANSPORTATION, LODGING, HOSPITALITY	AHEPA Lehigh Chapter #60	\$1,500.00
2023	TRANSPORTATION, LODGING, HOSPITALITY	Council of State Governments	\$1,289.92
2023	TRANSPORTATION, LODGING, HOSPITALITY	National Council of Insurance Legislators	\$1,175.00
2021	TRANSPORTATION, LODGING, HOSPITALITY	Council of State Governments	\$605.24
	Grand Total		\$44,968.70

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2017-2023: Mackenzie Reported Earning An Undisclosed Amount Of Income From His Role In The PA General Assembly

2017-2023: Mackenzie Reported Earning An Undisclosed Amount Of Income From His Role In The PA General Assembly. [Pennsylvania State Ethics Commission Statement of Financial Interests 2017, [2/20/18](#); 2018, [5/1/19](#); 2019, [2/3/20](#); 2020, [4/21/21](#); 2021, [3/25/22](#); 2022, [2/24/23](#); 2023, [1/29/24](#)]

2017-2023: Mackenzie Reported Earning An Undisclosed Amount Of Income From PNC Bank, N.A

2017-2023: Mackenzie Reported Earning An Undisclosed Amount Of Income From PNC Bank, N.A. [Pennsylvania State Ethics Commission Statement of Financial Interests 2017, [2/20/18](#); 2018, [5/1/19](#); 2019, [2/3/20](#); 2020, [4/21/21](#); 2021, [3/25/22](#); 2022, [2/24/23](#); 2023, [1/29/24](#)]

2022: Mackenzie Reported Earning An Undisclosed Amount Of Income From The American Council On Germany

2022: Mackenzie Reported Earning An Undisclosed Amount Of Income From The American Council On Germany. [Pennsylvania State Ethics Commission Statement of Financial Interests 2022, [2/24/23](#)]

2017-2023: Mackenzie Reported Holding Board And Commission Membership Roles In 18 Organizations

No.	Year(s) Reported	Entity Name/Description	Position
1	2017-2023	Aggregate Advisory Board	Member
2	2017-2023	Pennsylvania Workforce Development Board	Member
3	2018-2023	Pennsylvania Economic Development Financing Authority	Member
4	2017-2020; 2022-2023	AHEPA #60 Apartments	Member, Board of Directors
5	2017	AHEPA Lehigh Chapter #60	President
6	2017-2019	Autism Resource Community Hub of LV	Member, Community Advisory Committee
7	2017-2020	Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce	Member, Board of Governors
8	2017-2020; 2022-2023	Lehigh Career & Technical Institute	Member, Lehigh Executive Council

No.	Year(s) Reported	Entity Name/Description	Position
9	2018-2020; 2022-2023	Council of State Governments	Member, Leadership Council and Future of Work National Task Force
10	2018-2019; 2022-2023	Council of State Governments—Eastern Regional Conference	Co-Chair
11	2018-2019	F.A. Rohrbach, LLC	Member, Board of Directors
12	2018-2020; 2022-2023	Strategic Early Warning Network	Member, Northeastern Advisory Board
13	2019-2021	President's Commission on White House Fellowships	Commissioner
14	2020-2021	United States Environmental Protection Agency Local Government Advisory Committee	Member
15	2021-2023	Recycling Fund Advisory Committee	Member
16	2022-2023	Ben Franklin Technology Partners of Northeastern Pennsylvania	Member, Lehigh Valley Advisory Board
17	2022-2023	National Conference of State Legislatures	Member, Executive Committee
18	2023	National Council of Insurance Legislators	Member, Workers' Compensation Insurance Committee

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Ryan Mackenzie Background

- Name: Ryan Mackenzie
- Political Experience:
 - Co-Chair, Council of State Governments East (2018-2019)
 - Member, Pennsylvania State House of Representatives (2012-2024)
- Professional Experience:
 - Host, Legislative Report With Ryan Mackenzie (2012-2022)
 - Director of Policy, Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry
 - U.S. Department of Labor (2007)
 - Pat Toomey for U.S. Senate Campaign (2004)
- Education:
 - B.S. Finance and International Business, New York University (2004)
 - M.B.A. Business Administration, Harvard Business School (2010)

Education

2010: Mackenzie Earned His M.B.A. From Harvard Business School. [Ryan Mackenzie, LinkedIn, [Accessed 6/3/24](#)]

2004: Mackenzie Earned His B.S. In Finance And International Business From New York University. [Ryan Mackenzie, LinkedIn, [Accessed 6/3/24](#)]

Professional History

2019: Mackenzie Was Appointed To The President's Commission On White House Fellowships. "The President announced his intention to appoint the following individuals as members of the President's Commission on White House Fellowships: Ryan E. Mackenzie Of Pennsylvania" [Trump White House Website, [10/9/19](#)]

2018-2019: Mackenzie Served As Co-Chair Of The Council of State Governments. According to LinkedIn as of May 2024, Mackenzie was Co-Chair of The Council of State Governments. [LinkedIn, Ryan Mackenzie, [Accessed 5/28/24](#)]

Before Being Elected To Public Office, Mackenzie 'Served as the Director of Policy at the Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry.' [PA State Rep. Ryan Mackenzie, [Accessed 6/3/24](#)]

June 2010 – November 2010: Mackenzie Was On Payroll At The Republican National Committee. “Between June and November 2010 Mackenzie Earned \$36,113 in salary and reimbursements from The Republican National Committee.” [FEC.gov, [9/12/23](#)]

- **2010: Mackenzie Directed Pennsylvania Statewide Republican Efforts.** “Mackenzie went on to earn an MBA from Harvard Business School. He began his political career in 2004 when he worked on Pat Toomey’s U.S. Senate campaign. He then directed statewide Republican efforts in 2010.” [PAGOP, [3/9/12](#)]

2007: Mackenzie Worked For The U.S. Labor Department. [Armchair Lehigh Valley, [4/11/24](#)]

- **Mackenzie Worked On “Domestic And International Assignments” At The U.S. Department Of Labor.** “Ryan began his career by working on a number of political campaigns and earned his real estate sales license before entering public service and accepting a position at the U.S. Department of Labor. While there, he worked extensively on domestic and international assignments and gained a strong understanding of labor market dynamics.” [Rep. Ryan Mackenzie, [accessed 9/12/23](#)]

2006-2008: Mackenzie Held A Real Estate License As A “Real Estate Salesperson.” [Pennsylvania Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs, [Accessed 5/29/24](#)]

License Information			
RYAN E MACKENZIE			
Allentown, Pennsylvania 181035341			
Board/Commission:	Real Estate Commission ⓘ	Status Effective Date:	7/1/2008
LicenseType:	Real Estate Salesperson-Standard	Issue Date:	6/9/2006
Specialty Type:		Expiration Date:	5/31/2008
License Number:	RS297962	Last Renewal:	
Status:	Expired		

Disciplinary Action Details	
No disciplinary actions were found for this license.	

[Pennsylvania Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs, [Accessed 5/29/24](#)]

- **Mackenzie ‘Earned His Real Estate Sales License Before Entering Public Service and Accepting a Position at the U.S. Department of Labor.’** [PA State Rep. Ryan Mackenzie, [Accessed 6/3/24](#)]

June 2004 – December 2006: Mackenzie Worked For The Republican Federal Committee Of Pennsylvania. “Mackenzie received \$53,061 in salary and reimbursement from the Republican Federal Committee Of Pennsylvania For Work As A Field Staffer Between June 2004 And December 2006.” [FEC.gov, [accessed 9/12/23](#)]

- **While Working For The Republican Federal Committee Of Pennsylvania Mackenzie Received Reimbursements From Rick Santorum’s Senate Campaign.** Mackenzie received a \$450 reimbursement for copying and office supplies. [Federal Election Commission, [4/18/06](#)]

2004: Mackenzie Worked On The Pat Toomey U.S. Senate Campaign. [Vote Smart, [Accessed 6/3/24](#)]

Mackenzie Is Not A Registered Lobbyist

Mackenzie Is Not A Federal Registered Lobbyist. According to Senate Lobbying Disclosures, Mackenzie is not a federal registered lobbyist. [United States Senate Lobbying Disclosures, [Accessed 6/11/24](#)]

Mackenzie Is Not A Federal Registered Lobbyist. According to U.S. House Lobbying Database, Mackenzie is not a federal registered lobbyist. [United States House Lobbying Disclosures, [Accessed 6/11/24](#)]

Mackenzie Is Not A Registered Lobbyist In Pennsylvania. According to Pennsylvania Department of State, Mackenzie is not a registered lobbyist in Pennsylvania. [Pennsylvania Department of State, [Accessed 6/11/24](#)]

Political History

2024: Mackenzie Sought To Represent PA-7 In The U.S. House of Representatives. [Ballotpedia, Ryan Mackenzie, [Accessed 5/29/24](#)]

2023-Present: Mackenzie Represented Pennsylvania House District 187. [Ballotpedia, Ryan Mackenzie, [Accessed 5/28/24](#)]

2012-2022: Mackenzie Represented Pennsylvania House District 134. [Ballotpedia, Ryan Mackenzie, [Accessed 5/28/24](#)]

2021: Mackenzie Sought To Represent PA-7 In The U.S. House of Representatives. [The Morning Call, [11/19/21](#)]

- **March 2022: Mackenzie Withdrew From Congressional Race To Focus On His State House Seat.** [The Morning Call, [3/16/22](#)]

2018: Mackenzie Sought To Represent PA-15 In The U.S. House of Representatives. [The Morning Call, [9/18/17](#)]

- **March 2018: Mackenzie Withdrew From The PA-15 Congressional Race After Redistricting.** [The Morning Call, [3/2/18](#)]

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Multimedia Summary

- YouTube, [Mackenzie for Congress](#)
- YouTube, [Rep. Ryan Mackenzie](#)
- YouTube, [Ryan Mackenzie for U.S. Congress](#)
- PA State Rep. Ryan Mackenzie, The Legislative Report With Ryan Mackenzie, [12/30/99](#)
- YouTube, BRC 13, "PA 7th Congressional District Republican Candidate Debate," [03/04/24](#)
- YouTube, PA House Republican Caucus, "Rep Ryan Mackenzie Reacts To Gov Shapiro's 2024 Budget Address," [02/12/24](#)
- YouTube, Aspen Institute Germany, "Laboratories of Democracy 2023: Interview with Representative Ryan Mackenzie," [06/06/23](#)
- YouTube, PA House Republican Caucus, "6.3.2024 Rep. Ryan Mackenzie Press Conference – HB 2153 – 11:30AM," [06/03/24](#)
- YouTube, Lehigh Univ Energy Systems Engineering, "Overview of Pennsylvania Energy Industry - Ryan Mackenzie, Pennsylvania House of Representatives," [04/19/17](#)
- YouTube, Art Kardos, "Child Abduction Lehigh Valley & Bucks County Ryan E. Mackenzie PA State Rep for CP4Kids.org," [04/26/14](#)
- YouTube, RepGrove, "Rep. Grove's Legislative Report: A Discussion of Current Labor Issues," [04/11/13](#)
- YouTube, BerksCountyPatriots, "BCP 6.17.21 Atty Joshua Prince and Rep Ryan Mackenzie," [06/29/21](#)
- YouTube, EastPennReform Coalition, "CEPTA Picnic Lehigh Cty Commisioners," [08/07/13](#)
- WFMZ, "WATCH: Ryan Mackenzie addresses supporters after victory," [04/23/24](#)

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Social Media Accounts

Websites

- Ryan Mackenzie For Congress, <https://www.mackenzieforcongress.com/>
- PA State Rep. Ryan Mackenzie, <https://www.repmackenzie.com/>

Facebook

- Ryan Mackenzie, <https://www.facebook.com/ryanemackenzie>
- PA State Rep. Ryan Mackenzie, <https://www.facebook.com/RepMackenzie/>

LinkedIn

- Ryan Mackenzie, <https://www.linkedin.com/in/ryanemackenzie/>

Twitter

- Ryan Mackenzie, https://x.com/Ryan_Mackenzie
- Rep. Ryan Mackenzie, <https://x.com/repmackenzie>

Instagram

- Ryan Mackenzie, <https://www.instagram.com/ryanemackenzie/>
- PA State Rep. Ryan Mackenzie, <https://www.instagram.com/repmackenzie/>

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