



Anthony D'Esposito

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Key Findings

D'Esposito Was Too Extreme For NY-04 And Was A Rubberstamp For House Republicans' Dangerous Agenda

D'Esposito was an anti-choice extremist who said he would “probably” vote for a nationwide abortion ban, repeatedly voted against abortion rights in Congress, and called New York’s pro-choice laws “the most extreme laws in America.” In October 2022, when asked if he would vote for a 15-week nationwide ban on abortion, D'Esposito replied “um, probably,” and D'Esposito’s spokesperson attempted to backtrack his comments, telling the journalist not to “quote anything.” This came a month after Senator Lindsay Graham introduced legislation for a nationwide 15-week abortion ban which would jail physicians for up to five years for performing an abortion after 15 weeks. D'Esposito criticized New York State for protecting abortion rights in the wake of the overturning of Roe V. Wade, calling the legislation “the nation’s most extreme abortion law.” In Congress, D'Esposito repeatedly voted against abortion rights including: voting to prohibit the Defense Department from covering abortion care for service members, voting for the Born-Alive Survivors Protection Act which could subject abortion providers to up to five years in prison, and voting to block consideration of The Women’s Health Protection Act, which would allow women to have abortion access in cases of jeopardizing the life or health of the woman. D'Esposito suggested he supported the overturning of Roe V. Wade, saying it returned abortion policy to voters, and said he did not think abortion should be an issue in his district despite being funded and endorsed by anti-choice extremists who supported a nationwide ban on abortion, including Speaker Mike Johnson, who was featured at D'Esposito’s fundraisers and donated to his campaign, and Rep. Kat Cammack, the Co-Chair of the Congressional Pro-Life Caucus and cosponsor of the federal 15-week abortion ban bill. D'Esposito also received \$192,630 from cosponsors of the Life At Conception Act and was endorsed and funded by the New York State Conservative Party, which supported outlawing all abortions, even in cases of rape and incest. D'Esposito also received the highest possible rating from the National Right to Life Committee and took votes to increase protections for pro-life facilities and groups.

D'Esposito opposed LGBTQ+ rights during his time in Congress and was endorsed by the New York State Conservative Party, which opposed protecting transgender rights under the Human Rights Law. In Congress, D'Esposito voted multiple times to limit transgender rights. He voted for multiple amendments to the NDAA that prohibited the Defense Department from covering gender-affirming care for service members, including gender hormone treatments and gender transition coverage and he cosponsored the Parents Bill of Rights Act, which required schools to get parental consent to use a child’s preferred name or pronouns. D'Esposito was closely allied with anti-LGBTQ+ Speaker Mike Johnson, who D'Esposito said “united the Republican conference” and was featured at D'Esposito’s fundraisers and donated to his campaign. Mike Johnson had a long record of discrimination against the LGBTQ+ community, including working for a group that was behind some of the country’s most restrictive anti-LGBTQ+ laws. D'Esposito was also endorsed by the New York State Conservative Party, whose chairman praised D'Esposito for being aligned with the party’s vision. This, despite the fact that the New York State Conservative Party opposed expanding the human rights law to include transgender individuals as a protected class and even said they would not support any politicians who supported marriage equality for LGBTQ+ individuals.

D'Esposito aligned himself with the Big Lie, closely associating with its propagators, voicing opposition to Trump’s legal prosecutions, and supporting an impeachment inquiry into President Biden. D'Esposito was closely associated with Big Lie propagators, taking more than \$250,000 from Members of Congress who voted to overturn the 2020 election and campaigned with leaders in the Big Lie movement. This included \$2,000 from Jim Jordan, who helped Trump’s efforts to overturn the 2020 election and \$16,000 from Elise Stefanik who refused to confirm that she would certify the 2024 election and referred to January 6th insurrectionists as hostages. D'Esposito was also closely allied with Speaker Mike Johnson, who not only perpetuated the Big Lie but also led legal efforts to overturn the 2020 election. D'Esposito avoided a question about the events that took place on January 6th and criticized New York District Attorney Alvin Bragg for indicting Trump in the hush money trial, calling Bragg “a hack” who was “playing politics.” D'Esposito voted for and supported an impeachment inquiry into President

Biden despite the fact some Republicans conceded the inquiry to be a political ploy to exact revenge for Donald Trump and hurt Biden's electoral chances.

D'Esposito repeatedly praised Marjorie Taylor Greene, who spread conspiracy theories. D'Esposito repeatedly praised Marjorie Taylor Greene, saying, "I respect her" and calling her a "good [member]" who is "working hard for this country." Greene has spread conspiracy theories promoting antisemitism and questioning whether the September 11th attacks happened.

D'Esposito Was A Corrupt Politician Using His Positions In Congress And The Town Council To Line The Pockets Of His Family And Friends

D'Esposito boasted that he laid off Hempstead workers to cut payroll costs while he voted to raise his mother's salary and protect his family's taxpayer-funded jobs, helping his family earn more than half a million annually. A judge ruled that as a Hempstead Town Councilman, D'Esposito violated ethics rules by voting for a no-layoff clause for Hempstead civil service employees, which included members of his family. Hempstead supervisor Laura Gillen said the no-layoff clause "seize[d]" her office's "authority to manage staff and consolidate departments" and protected Republican patronage appointments. The no-layoff clause was opposed by a bipartisan group of Hempstead town council members and a Nassau County Supreme Court judge ruled that D'Esposito "violated the 'spirit and intent' of the town's ethics code when" he voted for the no-layoff clause because his mother, brother, and sister-in-law all worked for the town of Hempstead. Residents protested against the measure, calling it "a backroom deal," "a patronage amendment," and a "no layoff clause scam." D'Esposito also voted for a \$2,500 pay raise for his own mother and said that the vote was "proper and presents absolutely no conflict." And in 2020, D'Esposito was part of a group of Hempstead councilmembers who "gave away almost \$1 million taxpayer dollars to friends and family, while they thought no one was looking." D'Esposito was called out by columnists and editorials, and even a legislative counsellor who helped write the Nassau County ethic code said, "State law is clear; You're not supposed to be voting to give a relative a raise." While voting to protect and enrich his family and friends, D'Esposito boasted about laying off Hempstead town workers and cutting payroll costs and reducing hours for part-time workers to save money for the town at the same time D'Esposito's family made a total of \$573,818 in annual salary from the town of Hempstead. D'Esposito himself was collecting \$171,000 annually by double-dipping on taxpayer money, taking on "a patronage job" at the Nassau County Board of Elections while working as a Hempstead Town Councilman.

D'Esposito was a member of the Long Island GOP Machine, acting as a rubberstamp for the Republican ruling class. D'Esposito appeared to succeed his father in leading his local Republican club. He also had close ties to his father's ex-employer and political hack Anthony Santino, a notorious political insider who served on the Hempstead Town Board for more than 20 years along with serving in various other capacities in Republican offices. Santino helped appoint D'Esposito to the Hempstead Town Board and later appointed him to be Deputy Supervisor. D'Esposito helped Santino in his political feud against councilmembers Blakeman and King Sweeney by voting alongside Santino to adjourn debate on the budget despite objections from the two members and was the only council member to vote against the termination of a member of Santino's "inner circle." Despite his claims to work in a bipartisan fashion, D'Esposito repeatedly put partisan politics over Hempstead's best interests. D'Esposito voted to block a proposal which Newsday said would have loosened "the grip of the GOP machine on the town" and voted to block Democratic Town Supervisor Laura Gillen's appointees and voted against offering her transition funds despite the risk it posed to vital town services like "sanitation and snow removal." D'Esposito voted to raise the salaries of town employees who were also employed by the Republican Party, and he was also a good friend of Joe Cairo, a scandal-ridden political machine boss who was previously sued for misusing his legal client's funds.

D'Esposito opposed efforts to combat corruption in Hempstead. D'Esposito opposed multiple initiatives to combat corruption in the Town of Hempstead. In 2017, D'Esposito voted against establishing an independent Inspector General that would "monitor and combat waste corruption and fraud." That same year, he helped hurriedly pass the Hempstead town budget and motioned to adjourn debate "despite loud objections from the

audience” and councilmembers wishing to conduct greater oversight. That same year, D’Esposito motioned to adjourn a hearing “until further notice without public comment” on legislation to restrict councilmembers from sending mailers, thus enabling his associate Anthony Santino to send out mailers for which Santino was later sued. In 2018, he opposed the institution of special elections in Hempstead Town’s elective offices after he was appointed to the town council by his father’s employer. And in 2019, D’Esposito opposed legislation to require commissioners and department heads to choose between participating as a party officer, or continuing employment with the town.

D’Esposito administered CARES Act funding for the town of Hempstead, lauding its use to help local businesses all while his “good friend” received \$1 million in funding through a non-competitive contract. D’Esposito helped administer \$133 million in CARES Act funding that the Town of Hempstead received, commending the town’s use of the funding saying that the town board “has really done its due diligence” and was “making sure this money is spent correctly.” However, \$1 million of the CARES Act funding was given to H2M Architects + Engineers, a company whose senior VP was D’Esposito’s “good friend” and had contributed \$2,000 to D’Esposito’s campaigns in the six months preceding the funding disbursement.

D’Esposito consistently sided with donors over the people of Hempstead during his time at the town council, supporting contractors that were delinquent on their fees and introducing resolutions that prioritized corporations over people. D’Esposito was a stooge for Isaac “Butch” Yamali, taking in more than \$45,000 from Yamali and his family and defending Yamali’s companies from scrutiny during his time on the Hempstead Town Council. In July of 2019, Hempstead Town Supervisor Laura Gillen criticized other town officials for extending the Dover Group’s contract to run Malibu Beach Park even though the group’s CEO, Isaac “Butch” Yamali, owed the town \$531,400 in rent. Additionally, Gillen ordered a subsidiary of the company to stop holding events at a local catering hall after realizing that they had not had a valid contract with the town since 2011. D’Esposito, serving as a Hempstead Town Councilman, defended Yamali’s delinquency and non-payment, accusing Gillen of “playing politics” by attempting to crack down on the company. After receiving more than \$6,000 from marinas and associated organizations D’Esposito proposed a law, drafted with help from his donors, to increase marina dock space while banning backyard boat docks, a wildly unpopular measure that jeopardized a key source of income for families hurt by hurricanes Sandy and Irene. D’Esposito was widely criticized for the move, with a petition to oppose the law getting more than 600 signatures and residents accusing D’Esposito of proposing the law as just “another game of money.”

D’Esposito helped funnel the money of taxpayers and supporters to his friends, offering Hempstead town contracts to companies that donated to his campaigns and spending his campaign’s money at establishments owned by family and friends. In 2022, the Hempstead Town Board, which D’Esposito sat on as a councilman, awarded 14 total contracts to five individual companies who were all donors to D’Esposito’s state and/or federal campaigns. Town board employees constituted 50% of the committee that reviewed requests for proposal responses and gave recommendations to the town board who then decided the awardee. D’Esposito used his federal campaign committee funds at restaurants owned by donors of his campaigns, spending more than \$18,000 of his supporters’ funds at places owned by donors.

D’Esposito was a “good friend” of George Santos, asked New Yorkers to vote for Santos, and helped thwart Democrats’ attempts at expelling Santos. D’Esposito was closely allied with Santos during the 2022 election. They hosted a joint fundraising committee whose treasurer was Nancy Marks, Santos’ previous treasurer who plead guilty to conspiracy for defrauding the United States. D’Esposito was a “good friend” of Santos and said Santos was a part of a “great team” that helped flip congressional seats in Nassau County red. D’Esposito also hosted Santos in his district and attended events that featured “George Santos for Congress” signs. In 2023, D’Esposito helped thwart an attempt to expel Santos by making a motion to refer a resolution to expel Santos to the House Ethics Committee, even though the Ethics Committee had already started an investigation into Santos two months prior. D’Esposito employed Thomas Datwyler as his treasurer despite Datwyler being involved in Santos’ financial malpractice.

D’Esposito appeared to have flouted FEC and House Ethics Regulations, mislabeling disbursements and

being the subject of multiple complaints. D'Esposito was the subject of multiple complaints to the FEC and Ethics Committee. In April 2024, D'Esposito was the subject of an ethics complaint for allegedly subsidizing his campaign with \$20,000 and improperly fundraising in connection with official actions. In April 2023, End Citizens United filed a complaint against D'Esposito for using state campaign funds on his 2022 congressional campaign.

D'Esposito Was An Unprofessional Policeman And An Unproductive Legislator

The New York Daily News reported on the lowlights of D'Esposito's record in the NYPD. In April 2024, the New York Daily News reported that the NYPD found a 2011 complaint alleging that D'Esposito took property from an arrestee and failed to properly invoice it "partially substantiated." The article also reported that D'Esposito was subject to complaints finding he was "sometimes driving while intoxicated and disgracing the uniform," acting "reckless," and was "known for flashing his gun around."

D'Esposito was named as a defendant in three separate lawsuits against the City Of New York, costing the city more than \$300,000 in settlements for conducting allegedly unlawful actions, including violating citizens' human rights, using false and fabricated evidence, and committing assault and battery. D'Esposito cost the City of New York \$332,500 in three settlements for court cases that named him as a defendant. In 2015, D'Esposito was named as a defendant in a lawsuit in which plaintiffs alleged that he and other officers violated the plaintiffs' 4th, 5th, and 14th Amendment rights, used "fabricated and false evidence" against them, and falsely arrested the plaintiffs taking them into custody without probable cause. The City of New York ended up paying the plaintiffs \$37,500 in a settlement. In 2014, D'Esposito was named as a defendant in a lawsuit under his individual and official capacity. D'Esposito and other police officers were accused of taking the plaintiff to the police precinct "without probable cause" and "unlawfully conduct[ing] a strip search" of the plaintiff, accused of "malicious prosecution" for falsely informing the district attorney's office that the plaintiff was in criminal possessions of a controlled substance, and allegedly violating the plaintiff's right to a free trial. D'Esposito, along with other police officers, was accused of "having assaulted and battered" the plaintiff and inflicting "emotional distress upon" the plaintiff. The lawsuit cost the City of New York \$45,000 in a settlement. In 2013, D'Esposito and the NYPD were sued for false arrest and imprisonment and malicious prosecution, and the plaintiff accused D'Esposito of knowingly lying to a district attorney and grand jury. The City of New York agreed to pay the plaintiff \$250,000 in a settlement agreement.

D'Esposito was punished by the NYPD for moonlighting as a DJ for more than a year and losing his gun after leaving it unattended in his car. In 2008, D'Esposito was forced to forfeit 15 vacation days after pleading guilty to the NYPD for working as a DJ and serving alcohol on approximately four separate occasions. D'Esposito was also punished by the NYPD in 2015 after he failed to safeguard his firearm, leaving it unattended in a car which led to the firearm's theft. D'Esposito also pleaded guilty to this charge and forfeited 20 vacation days as a result.

D'Esposito had a history of being an unproductive legislator, taking a second "patronage job" during his tenure on the Hempstead town council and missing votes on plans for multimillion dollar investments into the town's public services, and in Congress, he has been no less unproductive. While serving as a Hempstead Town Councilman, D'Esposito took up a patronage job on the Nassau County Board of Elections where he earned a \$100,000 salary as an administrative assistant at the same time he was earning a \$71,000 salary for his role as a councilman. Upon accepting the Nassau County Board of Elections job, D'Esposito said "he would be a 90% employee" for the Board of Elections, leaving only 10% of his time for the Hempstead Town Council. Town Supervisor Laura Gillen said D'Esposito's Board of Elections job was "wholly unethical" and "a patronage hire" and would pull him "away from serving his constituents" on the town board. D'Esposito's patronage job also gave him unfettered access to security arrangements for his own elections and through it, D'Esposito allegedly "could count ballots for [his] own election." Indivisible of Rockville Centre said the position was "a clear conflict of interest that will undoubtedly lead to voter suppression or worse." D'Esposito also missed a vote on a five-year capital plan for Hempstead that invested \$112 million in highway improvements, \$4.8 million worth of heavy equipment in the sanitation department, and \$18 million for town parks. In Congress, D'Esposito did not sponsor a

single bill that was signed into law – the only bill that D'Esposito cosponsored and became law was H.R. 1096, a bill that established a commemorative coin for the 250th anniversary for the Marine Corps which was co-sponsored by more than 300 members of Congress.

D'Esposito Was An Out-Of-Touch Elitist Who Disregarded New Yorkers' Needs And Voted Against Their Safety And Prosperity

Despite claiming he would increase the SALT Deduction, D'Esposito was unable to enact any change for SALT and allied himself with opponents of SALT. D'Esposito repeatedly claimed that he would deliver on SALT, featuring it on his campaign website and posting it on his social media, but did not follow through on his promises. In October 2023, D'Esposito made multiple claims that he secured SALT concessions from Speaker Johnson and that a tax package would include SALT relief and a month later pledged to vote against any Republican tax bill that lacked a SALT fix. But in January 2024, Senate and House Leaders agreed on a bipartisan tax agreement that included increases in the Child Tax Credit and Housing Tax Credit, but did not include SALT relief, leading to unanswered protests from the SALT Caucus. D'Esposito was also a close ally of Speaker Mike Johnson, who voted for the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, which capped the SALT Deduction to \$10,000 and co-sponsored a bill which would make the deduction cap permanent.

Despite representing one of the largest Jewish districts, D'Esposito voted to cut funding for measures combating antisemitism and allied himself with Members of Congress who had spouted antisemitic messaging. D'Esposito's district had the 8th highest Jewish adult population in the country and was home to almost 100,000 Jewish adults in 2020. As such, D'Esposito repeatedly talked about America's commitment to Israel and said he would "always stand up for Israel," but voted to cut security assistance to Israel by nearly \$1 billion, along with voting for multimillion dollar cuts in funding to combat antisemitic hate crimes. D'Esposito partnered with Marjorie Taylor Green who had made repeated antisemitic statements and espoused antisemitic conspiracy theories, and he was also closely allied with Speaker Johnson, who represented a school board in a lawsuit against Jewish parents who alleged religious discrimination. As a councilman, D'Esposito even refused to explicitly condemn the Proud Boys after their marches in his council's district featured an open call for the murder of Jewish people. Instead of explicitly condemning the Proud Boys' antisemitism when specifically asked, D'Esposito referred reporters to a previous comment about division and bigotry.

D'Esposito opposed measures to lower medical costs and threatened funding for Medicare and Social Security after saying he would never support cuts to either. On the campaign trail, D'Esposito said he would "never support cuts to Social Security, Medicare, or Medicaid" and claimed he would "ensure that federal health care policy... lowers the cost of prescription medications" in Congress. However, D'Esposito opposed bills that lowered medical costs and voted to block bills that would protect Social Security and Medicare. In fact, D'Esposito voted on 18 separate occasions to block consideration of a resolution to protect Social Security and Medicare. D'Esposito also opposed the Inflation Reduction Act, despite the act allowing Medicare to negotiate for lower drug costs and capping insulin at \$35 per month – which benefitted approximately 196,000 New Yorkers, with an estimated 74,000 New Yorkers benefiting from the provision of the IRA that capped Medicare beneficiary out-of-pocket costs at \$2,000 annually. D'Esposito also voted for the Republican Continuing Resolution which would have increased wait times for Social Security benefits and cut funding for health centers like ones in D'Esposito's district which served more than 200,000 of his constituents. D'Esposito also voted for the Debt Limit Suspension Bill which would have left more than half a million of the poorest Americans without health insurance and increased restrictions on requirements for Medicaid eligibility.

D'Esposito opposed measures to lower costs for Nassau County families. D'Esposito opposed the Inflation Reduction Act, which was expected to lower prescription drug costs by capping insulin at \$35 for seniors and allowing Medicare to negotiate for lower prices, in addition to extending subsidies that save average marketplace enrollees \$800 annually on insurance premiums. The historic law was expected to save families \$1,800 annually on energy costs. D'Esposito voted to give oil and gas companies a massive tax break instead of holding them

accountable for price gouging and to eliminate programs that help families save on utilities. He also voted to gut rental assistance that more than 67,000 New York families rely on for housing.

D'Esposito voted to cut more than \$15 million in funding for public safety programs and opposed gun safety legislation, claiming its advocates were ignorant. D'Esposito voted for a Republican Continuing Resolution which not only cut more than \$15 million for public safety programs, but even removed thousands of dollars in funding for safety programs in D'Esposito's own district. Instead of taking accountability for attempting to undermine public safety in his district, D'Esposito doubled down by opposing gun safety legislation and mocking gun safety advocates. D'Esposito said advocates for an assault weapons ban did not know what assault weapons were and that advocates against mass shootings only addressed gun violence after "what they say is a mass shooting," using air quotes around "mass shooting." D'Esposito claimed to support background checks while defending his opposition to an assault weapons ban, but refused to sign on to efforts to force votes on bills to expand background checks. D'Esposito even blamed "Socialist Democrats" for a shooting in Brooklyn, but responded to the Uvalde shooting with "prayers" only a month later. The Long Island Herald described D'Esposito as "soft on common sense gun control" and as someone who "did not press for new gun legislation."

D'Esposito failed to safeguard the border, promoting hyperpartisan, ineffective measures instead of bipartisan reforms and voting to cut billions for border security while praising the busing of migrants to New York. D'Esposito opposed the bipartisan immigration deal negotiated in the Senate after President Trump urged Republicans to block it to avoid granting Democrats a political win. In April 2024, he praised Texas Gov. Abbott, who led the busing of nearly 40,000 migrants to New York, saying he "found a solution to a problem that his state was facing." Instead of finding real bipartisan solutions to the migrant crisis, D'Esposito voted for and touted HR 2, a hyperpartisan Republican bill that would roll back effective means of preventing illegal immigration and arbitrarily changing asylum policies to hurt people fleeing violence. In April 2023, D'Esposito even voted for budget cuts that would have slashed CBP and ICE budgets by billions.

D'Esposito's federal campaign committee received almost \$50,000 from the oil industry, and D'Esposito took multiple votes to repeal renewable energy initiatives and loosen curtailments on oil companies engaging in price gouging. D'Esposito was a beneficiary of Big Oil with his federal campaign committee receiving close to \$50,000 from the Oil Industry across his two runs for federal office. D'Esposito took multiple votes to repeal climate change provisions, including those that promoted jobs. D'Esposito voted for several amendments in appropriations bills that prohibited funds from being used for climate change, renewable energy related initiatives, or promoting jobs in clean energy industries. He even voted against an amendment to the Strategic Production Response Act which would prohibit offering leases to oil and gas price gougers.

D'Esposito took votes that jeopardized American disaster response capabilities, and as a councilman introduced legislation that could hurt post-hurricane economic recovery. As a councilman, D'Esposito introduced a resolution that limited backyard boat docks, a measure that residents criticized and said would jeopardize a key source of income for homes affected by hurricanes Sandy and Irene. In Congress, D'Esposito continued his legacy of undermining America's preparedness by voting for a resolution that would enact a nearly 30% cut across the entire government, jeopardizing American natural disaster response readiness. Despite claiming that 9/11 victim compensation was a key issue, D'Esposito closely allied himself to Speaker Johnson who questioned the fiscal implications of reauthorizing funding for the 9/11 Victim Compensation Fund.

D'Esposito took multiple votes that cut funding for nutritional services for hundreds of thousands of New Yorkers and food stamps for thousands of residents in D'Esposito's district. D'Esposito voted for the Republican Continuing Resolution that would have cut funding for the Women Infants and Children Program by 30%, jeopardizing the food source of more than 120,000 New Yorkers. D'Esposito also voted for the Republican Debt Limit Bill which would enact a 22% cut across the federal government, meaning a 22% cut to federal food stamps that would acutely affect D'Esposito's district, with approximately 3,700 households losing access.

D'Esposito took votes that threatened jobs in the infrastructure sector and stopped the promotion of jobs in the energy industry. D'Esposito voted to undermine jobs in the state of New York by voting for the Republican

Continuing Resolution that would enact a nearly 30% cut across the entire government. This would cut assistance to an estimated 25,000 New York small businesses, along with derailing approvals for infrastructure and energy projects, threatening the jobs and economic growth associated with these projects. Moreover, D'Esposito voted to block the Military Construction-VA Appropriations Bill from using funds to promote jobs in clean energy industries.

Thematics

D'Esposito Was Too Extreme For NY-04 And Was A Rubberstamp For House Republicans' Dangerous Agenda

Significant Findings

D'Esposito Was An Anti-Choice Extremist Who Said He Would “Probably” Vote For A Nationwide Abortion Ban, Repeatedly Voted Against Abortion Rights in Congress, And Called New York’s Pro-Choice Laws “The Most Extreme Laws In America”

- ✓ D'Esposito said he would “probably” vote in favor of a nationwide ban on abortion.
- ✓ October 2022: When asked if he would vote for a 15-week nationwide ban on abortion, D'Esposito said “um, probably.”
- ✓ D'Esposito’s spokesperson then attempted to backtrack D'Esposito’s comments, telling the journalist not to “quote anything.”
- ✓ September 2022: Senator Lindsay Graham introduced legislation for a nationwide 15-week abortion ban which would jail physicians for up to five years for performing an abortion after 15 weeks.
- ✓ D'Esposito criticized New York State for protecting abortion rights in the wake of the overturning of Roe V. Wade, calling the legislation “the nation’s most extreme abortion law.”
- ✓ Gov. Kathy Hochul signed six pieces of legislation protecting abortion rights in anticipation of Roe V. Wade being overturned...
- ✓ Weeks after which D'Esposito said he “strongly opposed” the new abortion legislation signed into law, calling it “the nation’s most extreme abortion law.”
- ✓ D'Esposito repeatedly voted against abortion rights in Congress.
- ✓ D'Esposito voted to prohibit the Defense Department from covering abortion care for service members.
- ✓ D'Esposito voted for the Born-Alive Survivors Protection Act, which could subject abortion providers to up to five years in prison.
- ✓ D'Esposito voted to block consideration of The Women’s Health Protection Act, which would allow women to have abortion access in cases of jeopardizing the life or health of the woman.
- ✓ D'Esposito suggested he supported the overturning of Roe V. Wade, saying it returned abortion policy to voters, and said he did not think abortion should be an issue in his district despite being funded and endorsed by anti-choice extremists who supported a nationwide ban on abortion.
- ✓ D'Esposito said that the reversal of Roe V. Wade “return[ed] abortion policy to the voters.”
- ✓ D'Esposito repeatedly said that women’s abortion rights in New York were protected and would not change and did not think abortion should be an issue in his district.
- ✓ D'Esposito was closely allied with anti-choice extremist Speaker Mike Johnson, who was featured at D'Esposito’s fundraisers, donated to his campaign, and “united the Republican conference”

according to D'Esposito.

- ✓ D'Esposito received \$192,630 from cosponsors of the Life at Conception Act.
- ✓ D'Esposito was endorsed by Rep. Kat Cammack, the Co-Chair of the Congressional Pro-Life Caucus and cosponsor of the federal 15-week ban on abortion bill.
- ✓ D'Esposito was endorsed and funded by the New York State Conservative Party, which supported outlawing all abortions - even in cases of rape and incest.
- ✓ D'Esposito received the highest possible rating from the National Right to Life Committee.
- ✓ D'Esposito took votes to increase protections for pro-life facilities and groups.
- ✓ D'Esposito voted to call on the executive branch to use federal law-enforcement authorities for the protection of pro-life facilities and groups.

D'Esposito Opposed LGBTQ+ Rights During His Time In Congress And Was Endorsed By The New York State Conservative Party, Which Opposed Protecting Transgender Rights Under The Human Rights Law

- ✓ D'Esposito voted to limit transgender rights multiple times, including cosponsoring a bill that banned children's ability to change gender markers without explicit parental consent.
- ✓ D'Esposito voted for multiple amendments to the NDAA that prohibited the Defense Department from covering gender-affirming care for service members, including gender hormone treatments and gender transition coverage.
- ✓ D'Esposito cosponsored the Parents Bill of Rights Act, which required schools to get parental consent to use a child's preferred name or pronouns and to allow a child to change locker rooms or bathrooms.
- ✓ D'Esposito was closely allied with anti-LGBTQ+ Speaker Mike Johnson, who featured at D'Esposito's fundraisers, donated to his campaign, and "united the Republican conference" according to D'Esposito.
- ✓ Mike Johnson donated \$10,000 to D'Esposito's campaign.
- ✓ Mike Johnson was featured as the special guest at a fundraiser for D'Esposito.
- ✓ D'Esposito supported Mike Johnson's bid for speakership, calling him an "intelligent legislator" who "united the Republican conference behind his vision."
- ✓ Johnson had a long record of discrimination against the LGBTQ+ community, including working for a group that was behind some of the country's most restrictive anti-LGBTQ+ laws.
- ✓ D'Esposito was endorsed by the New York State Conservative Party, which opposed expanding the human rights law to include transgender individuals.
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- ✓ The New York State Conservative Party opposed expanding the Human Rights Law to include transgender individuals as a protected class and stated that they did not support any politicians who supported marriage equality for LGBTQ+ individuals.

D'Esposito Aligned Himself With The Big Lie, Closely Associating With Its Propagators, Voicing Opposition To Trump's Legal Prosecutions, And Supporting An Impeachment Inquiry Into President Biden

- ✓ D'Esposito was closely associated with Big Lie propagators, taking more than \$250,000 from Members of Congress who voted to overturn the 2020 election and campaigning with leaders in the Big Lie movement.
- ✓ D'Esposito received \$252,630 from Members of Congress who voted to overturn the 2020 election.
- ✓ D'Esposito received \$2,000 from Jim Jordan, who helped Trump's efforts to overturn the 2020 election.
- ✓ D'Esposito was a close ally of Speaker Mike Johnson, who perpetuated the Big Lie and led legal efforts to overturn the 2020 election.
- ✓ D'Esposito received \$16,000 and an endorsement from Elise Stefanik, who refused to confirm that she would certify the 2024 election and referred to January 6th insurrectionists as hostages.
- ✓ D'Esposito avoided a question about the events that took place on January 6th.
- ✓ D'Esposito criticized New York District Attorney Alvin Bragg for indicting Trump in the hush money trial, saying Bragg was "a hack" and "playing politics" by indicting Trump.
- ✓ January 2024: D'Esposito stated he would support the Republican nominee who, according to D'Esposito, would be Donald Trump.
- ✓ D'Esposito voted for an impeachment inquiry into President Biden, which Republicans conceded to be a political ploy to exact revenge for Donald Trump and hurt Biden's election chances.
- ✓ April 2023: D'Esposito said that Chinese officials' deals with the Bidens "stinks of influence peddling" and that Biden was "putting us [America] at risk."
- ✓ September 2023: D'Esposito said he was "eager to find out the truth" surrounding the impeachment inquiry into President Biden.
- ✓ September 2023: D'Esposito defended the impeachment inquiry even while the government was on the verge of a shutdown.
- ✓ December 2023: D'Esposito voted to authorize the impeachment inquiry on President Biden, calling allegations against Biden "troubling."
- ✓ December 2023: D'Esposito justified his vote for the inquiry, stating that it was "a perfect opportunity" for the House of Representatives to evaluate the evidence against President Biden and "conduct important oversight work into the executive branch."
- ✓ December 2023: D'Esposito said Hunter Biden was in favor of an impeachment inquiry on President Biden despite Hunter stating that the inquiry was "shameless" and "beyond the absurd."

- ✓ Several Republicans admitted that the impeachment inquiry was a political ploy to hurt Biden's re-election chances and exact revenge for the impeachment of Donald Trump.

D'Esposito Repeatedly Praised Marjorie Taylor Greene, Who Has Spread Conspiracy Theories Bolstering Antisemitism And Doubting Whether The September 11th Attacks Happened

- ✓ D'Esposito repeatedly praised Marjorie Taylor Greene, saying, "I respect her" and calling her a "good [member]" who is "working hard for this country."
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D'Esposito Was An Anti-Choice Extremist Who Said He Would "Probably" Vote For A Nationwide Abortion Ban, Repeatedly Voted Against Abortion Rights In Congress, And Called New York's Pro-Choice Laws "The Most Extreme Laws In America"**D'Esposito Said He Would "Probably" Vote In Favor Of A 15-Week Nationwide Ban On Abortion**

October 2022: When Asked If He Would Vote For A 15-Week Nationwide Ban On Abortion, D'Esposito Said "Um, Probably"

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September 2022: Senator Lindsay Graham Introduced Legislation For A Nationwide 15-Week Abortion Ban Which Would Jail Physicians For Up To Five Years For Performing An Abortion After 15 Weeks

Federal Anti-Abortion Legislation Introduced By Sen. Lindsey Graham Would Ban Abortion After 15 Weeks. “Senate Republicans led by Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.) introduced federal anti-abortion legislation on Tuesday — the first of its kind since the Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade* in June. The Protecting Pain-Capable Unborn Children from Late-Term Abortions Act prohibits abortion after 15 weeks of pregnancy and provides some exceptions in cases of rape, incest and to protect the life of the pregnant person. A physician who violates the law could face up to five years in prison.” [Politico, [9/13/22](#)]

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Sen. Graham’s Abortion Ban Legislation Did Not “Preempt Or Limit Any Federal, State, Or Local Law That Provides Greater Protections For An Unborn Child” Than Those Provided In The Legislation. “(g) RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.— 21 “(1) GREATER PROTECTION.—Nothing in this 22 section may be construed to preempt or limit any 23 Federal, State, or local law that provides greater 24 protections for an unborn child than those provided 25 in this section.” [Senator Lindsey Graham, Protecting Pain-Capable Unborn Children from Late-Term Abortions Act, accessed [9/14/22](#)]

Vox: A National Ban Would Supersede Even Permissive State Laws In States That Have Been Working To Expand Access To Abortion. “The repeal of *Roe v. Wade* left the United States with a patchwork of state laws governing abortion. In parts of the South, someone seeking an abortion would need to travel hundreds of miles to get one. But a national ban would supersede even permissive state laws in states that have been working to expand access to abortion. One estimate found that denying all wanted abortions would increase pregnancy-related deaths by 21 percent nationwide if there aren’t effective means for pregnant people to self-manage their abortions.” [Vox, [6/25/22](#)]

D’Esposito Criticized New York State For Protecting Abortion Rights In The Wake Of The Overturning Of *Roe V. Wade*, Calling The Legislation “The Nation’s Most Extreme Abortion Law”

Gov. Kathy Hochul Signed Six Pieces Of Legislation Into Law In Order To Protect Abortion Rights In Anticipation Of *Roe V. Wade* Being Overturned...

6/13/22: Gov. Hochul Signed A “Nation-Leading Legislative Package” Which Would “Immediately Protect The Rights Of Patients” For Abortion Access In Anticipation Of The Supreme Court’s *Dobbs* Decision. “Governor Kathy Hochul today signed a nation-leading legislative package to immediately protect the rights of patients and empower reproductive healthcare providers in anticipation of a final decision by the Supreme Court on abortion access. The legislation takes specific actions to address a variety of legal concerns unleashed by the Supreme Court’s leaked opinion on *Dobbs v. Jackson*, which would overturn the landmark decision of *Roe v. Wade* on the eve of its 50th anniversary. Governor Hochul signed the bills at the historic Great Hall of Cooper Union, while flanked by Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Speaker Carl Heastie, key partners in the state legislature, as well as abortion and reproductive healthcare providers and advocates.” [Office of New York Governor Kathy Hochul, Press Release, [6/13/22](#)]

6/13/22: Gov. Hochul Signed Legislation Allowing Abortion Patients To Sue People Who Brought Charges Against Them For Facilitating, Aiding, Or Obtaining” Abortions “In Accordance With New York State Law.” “Governor Kathy Hochul today signed a nation-leading legislative package to immediately protect the rights of patients and empower reproductive healthcare providers in anticipation of a final decision by the Supreme Court on abortion access. The legislation takes specific actions to address a variety of legal concerns unleashed by the Supreme Court’s leaked opinion on *Dobbs v. Jackson*, which would overturn the landmark decision of *Roe v. Wade*

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6/13/22: Gov. Hochul Signed Legislation Banning New York State Courts From Cooperating With The Enforcement Of Out-Of-State Abortion Bans. “Governor Kathy Hochul today signed a nation-leading legislative package to immediately protect the rights of patients and empower reproductive healthcare providers in anticipation of a final decision by the Supreme Court on abortion access. The legislation takes specific actions to address a variety of legal concerns unleashed by the Supreme Court's leaked opinion on *Dobbs v. Jackson*, which would overturn the landmark decision of *Roe v. Wade* on the eve of its 50th anniversary. Governor Hochul signed the bills at the historic Great Hall of Cooper Union, while flanked by Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Speaker Carl Heastie, key partners in the state legislature, as well as abortion and reproductive healthcare providers and advocates. [...] Legislation S.9077A/A.10372A aims to provide certain legal protections for abortion service providers, those who assist someone else in obtaining an abortion, or individuals who self-manage an abortion. This bill provides those protections by creating a statutory exception for the extradition of abortion-related offenses, prohibiting courts from cooperating with out-of-state civil and criminal cases that stem from abortions that took place legally within their borders, and providing judicial protections by prohibiting law enforcement from cooperating with anti-abortion states' investigations regarding abortions that look place legally.” [Office of New York Governor Kathy Hochul, Press Release, [6/13/22](#)]

6/13/22: Gov. Hochul Signed Legislation Prohibiting Health Care Practitioners From Being Sued For Performing Abortions In States Where They Are Illegal. “Governor Kathy Hochul today signed a nation-leading legislative package to immediately protect the rights of patients and empower reproductive healthcare providers in anticipation of a final decision by the Supreme Court on abortion access. The legislation takes specific actions to address a variety of legal concerns unleashed by the Supreme Court's leaked opinion on *Dobbs v. Jackson*, which would overturn the landmark decision of *Roe v. Wade* on the eve of its 50th anniversary. Governor Hochul signed the bills at the historic Great Hall of Cooper Union, while flanked by Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Speaker Carl Heastie, key partners in the state legislature, as well as abortion and reproductive healthcare providers and advocates. [...] Legislation S.9079B/A.9687B prohibits professional misconduct charges against healthcare practitioners on the basis that such healthcare practitioner, acting within their scope of practice, performed, recommended or provided reproductive healthcare services for a patient who resides in a state where such services are illegal.” [Office of New York Governor Kathy Hochul, Press Release, [6/13/22](#)]

6/13/22: Gov. Hochul Signed Legislation Prohibiting “Medical Malpractice Insurance Companies” From Penalizing New York Abortion Providers For Providing Their Services To Out-Of-State Patients. “Governor Kathy Hochul today signed a nation-leading legislative package to immediately protect the rights of patients and empower reproductive healthcare providers in anticipation of a final decision by the Supreme Court on abortion access. The legislation takes specific actions to address a variety of legal concerns unleashed by the Supreme Court's leaked opinion on *Dobbs v. Jackson*, which would overturn the landmark decision of *Roe v. Wade* on the eve of its 50th anniversary. Governor Hochul signed the bills at the historic Great Hall of Cooper Union, while flanked by Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Speaker Carl Heastie, key partners in the state legislature, as well as abortion and reproductive healthcare providers and advocates. [...] Legislation S.9080B/A.9718B prohibits medical malpractice insurance companies from taking any adverse action against an abortion or reproductive healthcare provider who performs an abortion or provides reproductive healthcare that is legal in the state of New York on someone who is from out of state.” [Office of New York Governor Kathy Hochul, Press Release, [6/13/22](#)]

6/13/22: Gov. Hochul Signed Legislation Allowing Reproductive Health Service Providers And Their Families “To Enroll In The State's Address Confidentiality Program To Protect Themselves From Threats.”

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6/13/22: Gov. Hochul Signed Legislation Commissioning A Study “Examining The Unmet Health And Resource Needs Facing Pregnant People In New York And The Impact Of Limited Service Pregnancy Centers.” “Governor Kathy Hochul today signed a nation-leading legislative package to immediately protect the rights of patients and empower reproductive healthcare providers in anticipation of a final decision by the Supreme Court on abortion access. The legislation takes specific actions to address a variety of legal concerns unleashed by the Supreme Court's leaked opinion on *Dobbs v. Jackson*, which would overturn the landmark decision of *Roe v. Wade* on the eve of its 50th anniversary. Governor Hochul signed the bills at the historic Great Hall of Cooper Union, while flanked by Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Speaker Carl Heastie, key partners in the state legislature, as well as abortion and reproductive healthcare providers and advocates. [...] Legislation S.470/A.5499 directs the New York State Department of Health commissioner to conduct a study and issue a report examining the unmet health and resource needs facing pregnant people in New York and the impact of limited service pregnancy centers. This ensures New Yorkers have access to information and resources necessary to have healthy pregnancies with positive outcomes.” [Office of New York Governor Kathy Hochul, Press Release, [6/13/22](#)]

... Weeks After Which D'Esposito Said He “Strongly Opposed” The New Abortion Legislation Signed Into Law, Calling It “The Nation’s Most Extreme Abortion Law”

6/24/2022: D'Esposito Criticized New York’s Decision To “Enact The Nation’s Most Extreme Abortion Law.” “I strongly opposed decision of NYS Democrats to enact the nation’s most extreme abortion law, legalizing late term/partial birth abortion, allowing abortions to be provided by non doctors & removing criminal penalties for assaults on pregnant women causing unborn child death.” [Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, [6/24/22](#)]



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D'Esposito Repeatedly Voted Against Abortion Rights In Congress

D'Esposito Voted To Prohibit The Defense Department From Covering Abortion Care For Service Members

D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Prohibit The Defense Department From Paying For Expenses Related To Abortion Services. In July 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Jackson, R-Texas, amendment no. 5 that would repeal a 2022 Defense Department memorandum regarding access to reproductive health care and prohibit the department from paying for or reimbursing expenses relating to abortion services.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 221-213. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #300](#), 7/13/23; CQ, [7/13/23](#)]

- **The Amendment Overturned A Pentagon Policy “Guaranteeing Abortion Access To Service Members Regardless Of Where They [Were] Stationed.”** “A divided House voted on Thursday to restrict abortion access, bar transgender health services and limit diversity training for military personnel, potentially imperiling passage of the annual defense bill as Republicans, goaded by their right flank, loaded the measure with conservative policy dictates. The House voted 221 to 213 to overturn a Pentagon policy guaranteeing abortion access to service members regardless of where they are stationed, with Republicans propelling it to passage over near-unanimous Democratic opposition.” [New York Times, [7/13/23](#)]
- **The Policy That Republicans Voted To Undo Allowed Service Members To Be Reimbursed If They Had To Travel For Abortion Care.** “The Republican push to pare back military abortion policies was added to the must-pass Pentagon policy bill in a narrow vote Thursday afternoon, including a proposal that is certain to imperil Democratic support. In a 221-213 vote, lawmakers adopted an amendment to the annual National Defense Authorization Act to undo the Pentagon’s policy of reimbursing service members who travel to receive abortions.” [Politico, [7/13/23](#)]

D’Esposito Voted For The Born-Alive Survivors Protection Act, Which Could Subject Abortion Providers To Up To Five Years In Prison

D’Esposito Voted For The Born Alive-Survivors Protection Act To Require Health Care Practitioners To Provide Medical Care To Children “Born Alive” After An Abortion Or Attempted Abortion. In January 2023, D’Esposito voted for: “Passage of the bill that would require health care practitioners to provide the same care to a child that is ‘born alive’ after an abortion or attempted abortion as they would for a child born at the same gestational age and to ensure the child is immediately transported and admitted to a hospital; require hospital and clinic practitioners and employees to report any knowledge of failures to provide such care; and impose criminal fines and penalties for failures to meet these requirements. It would state that a child born alive under these conditions is a legal person under U.S. law, entitled to the protections of U.S. law, and it would specifically make any act that kills or attempts to kill such a child punishable as murder or attempted murder. The bill would also prohibit the prosecution of the mother of a child born alive after an abortion or attempted abortion and permit such mothers to seek relief through civil action against any person who violates the bill’s requirements, including monetary and punitive damages.” The bill passed by a vote of 220-210. [H.R. 26, [Vote #29](#), 1/11/23; CQ, [1/11/23](#)]

D’Esposito Voted Against A Motion To Recommit The Born-Alive Survivors Protection Act To Committee. In January 2023, D’Esposito voted against: “DeGette, D-Colo., motion to recommit the bill that would require medical professionals to provide medical care for children who are born alive during an attempted abortion procedure to the House Judiciary Committee.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 212-219. [H.R. 26, [Vote #28](#), 1/11/23; CQ, [1/11/23](#)]

D’Esposito Elevated A Tweet From The House GOP That Called The Born-Alive Survivors Protection Act As A Part Of The Republican “Commitment To America” For “A Future That’s Built On Freedom.” D’Esposito quote tweeted a U.S. Flag emoji to the House Republicans’ tweet which wrote “House Republicans are keeping our Commitment To America - A Future That’s Built on Freedom.” [Rep. Anthony D’Esposito, Twitter, [1/9/24](#)]



[Rep. Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, [1/9/24](#)]

HEADLINE: “House Passes Bill That Could Subject Some Abortion Doctors to Prosecution” [New York Times, [1/11/23](#)]

The Born Alive Bill Could Subject Medical Providers To Up To Five Years In Prison For Failing To Resuscitate A “Born Alive” Baby. “The House approved the bill on Wednesday almost entirely along party lines, on a vote of 220 to 210. One Democrat, Representative Henry Cuellar of Texas, joined Republicans in favor and another, Representative Vicente Gonzalez, also of Texas, voted ‘present.’ The bill would require that infants born alive after an attempted abortion receive the same protection under the law and degree of care as any newborn, and threaten medical providers with up to five years in prison for failing to resuscitate babies born alive during abortions.” [New York Times, [1/11/23](#)]

HEADLINE: “ACOG President Condemns the Passage of ‘Born-Alive’ Legislation.” [American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, Press Release, [1/11/23](#)]

The Born Alive Bill Was Condemned By The American College Of Obstetricians And Gynecologists For “Interfer[ing] With Evidence-Based Medical Decision Making” By Doctors. “The following is a statement from Iffath Abbasi Hoskins, MD, FACOG, president of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, about the House of Representatives passing the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act on January 11: ‘The offensively named ‘born-alive’ legislation is another cruel and misguided attempt to interfere with evidence-based medical decision making between patients and their physicians. This bill is not based in science or medicine. It is meant to incite emotions, rather than reflect the reality of evidence-based clinical care. This legislative interference will harm families and hinder the ability of physicians to practice such evidence-based medicine.’” [American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, Press Release, [1/11/23](#)]

D’Esposito Voted To Block Consideration Of The Women’s Health Protection Act, Which Would Allow Women To Have Abortion Access In Cases Of Jeopardizing The Life Or Health Of The Woman

D’Esposito Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The Women’s Health Protection Act. In January 2023, D’Esposito voted for: “Cole, R-Okla., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Congressional Record, Rep. McGovern said, “Mr. Speaker, if we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to bring up the Women’s Health Protection Act.” A vote *for the motion* was a vote to block consideration of the bill. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 211-205. [H. Res. 5, [Vote #21](#), 1/9/23; CQ, [1/9/23](#); Congressional Record, [1/9/23](#)]

- **The Women's Health Protection Act Would Codify Roe V. Wade By Prohibiting States From Outlawing Abortion Before Viability.** "The White House position has been that codifying Roe v. Wade in federal legislation is the 'only path' to restoring abortion access, and administration officials repeatedly stress they are not proposing something new. They argue that Roe carefully struck a balance between the right to an abortion earlier in pregnancy and the ability of states to regulate later in pregnancy. Some congressional Democrats want to pass a bill — called the Women's Health Protection Act — that would prohibit states from outlawing abortion before viability, as well as after viability if a medical provider determines that a woman's life or health is at risk. The WHPA, which failed to pass Congress in 2022 even though nearly all congressional Democrats voted for it, also would establish a right to receive abortion services through drugs or telemedicine." [NBC, [9/14/23](#)]
- **Senator Michael Bennett Said The Women's Health Protection Act Would "Codify The Right To Choose And Ensure That Every Person Has Safe Access To Reproductive Care."** "Today, U.S. Senators Tammy Baldwin (D-WI) and Richard Blumenthal (D-CT) led 47 members of the Senate Democratic caucus in introducing the Women's Health Protection Act of 2023, federal legislation to guarantee access to abortion, everywhere across the country and restore the right to comprehensive reproductive health care for millions of Americans. The bill's introduction follows the Supreme Court's misguided decision in Dobbs vs. Jackson Women's Health Organization which repealed Roe v. Wade. This decision has stripped access to abortion care for millions of Americans and denied individuals the freedom to make their own health care decisions. Since the Dobbs decision, 14 states have already implemented near-total abortion bans, leaving one in three American women without access to safe, legal abortion care. [...] 'Last year – for the first time in American history – the Supreme Court stripped away a fundamental right from the American people and denied their individual liberty to make intensely personal choices about their health and futures,' said Senator Michael Bennet (D-CO). 'Congress must pass the Women's Health Protection Act to codify the right to choose and ensure that every person has safe access to reproductive care, no matter where they live.'" [Sen. Tammy Baldwin, Press Release, [3/8/23](#)]
- **The Women's Health Protection Act Created Federal Rights For Patients And Providers To Protect Abortion Access.** "Today, U.S. Senators Tammy Baldwin (D-WI) and Richard Blumenthal (D-CT) led 47 members of the Senate Democratic caucus in introducing the Women's Health Protection Act of 2023, federal legislation to guarantee access to abortion, everywhere across the country and restore the right to comprehensive reproductive health care for millions of Americans. The bill's introduction follows the Supreme Court's misguided decision in Dobbs vs. Jackson Women's Health Organization which repealed Roe v. Wade. This decision has stripped access to abortion care for millions of Americans and denied individuals the freedom to make their own health care decisions. Since the Dobbs decision, 14 states have already implemented near-total abortion bans, leaving one in three American women without access to safe, legal abortion care. Additionally, state legislatures across the country have introduced hundreds of bills to include medically unnecessary restrictions that limit access to abortion care. The Women's Health Protection Act creates federal rights for patients and providers to protect abortion access and creates federal protections against medically unnecessary restrictions that undermine Americans' access to health care and intrude upon personal decision-making." [Sen. Tammy Baldwin, Press Release, [3/8/23](#)]
- **The Women's Health Protection Act Would Ensure That "States Cannot Limit Access To Abortion If It Would Jeopardize The Life Or Health Of The Mother."** "The Women's Health Protection Act would: Prohibit states from imposing restrictions that jeopardize access to abortion earlier in pregnancy, including many of the state-level restrictions in place prior to Dobbs, such as arbitrary waiting periods, medically unnecessary mandatory ultrasounds, or requirements to provide medically inaccurate information. Ensure that later in pregnancy, states cannot limit access to abortion if it would jeopardize the life or health of the mother. Protect the ability to travel out of state for an abortion, which has become increasingly common in recent years." [Sen. Tammy Baldwin, Press Release, [3/8/23](#)]

D'Esposito Suggested He Supported The Overturning Of Roe V. Wade, Saying It Returned Abortion Policy To Voters, And Said He Did Not Think Abortion Should Be An Issue In His District Despite Being Funded And Endorsed By Anti-Choice Extremists Who Supported A Nationwide Ban On Abortion

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D'Esposito Repeatedly Said That Women’s Abortion Rights In New York Were Protected And Would Not Change And Did Not Think Abortion Should Be An Issue In His District

D'Esposito On Women’s Views On Abortion Rights In New York: “There Are Too Many Here Who Believe That Their Rights Are Not Protected.” “While Gillen considers abortion rights a major issue, D'Esposito, takes a more narrow position. ‘What's important to focus on is that, in New York, nothing is going to change,’ he said, adding abortions are still legal in the state. ‘Women here are still protected,’ D'Esposito said. ‘There are too many here who believe that their rights are not protected.’” [Long Island Herald, [9/8/22](#)]

Newsday: “D'Esposito Said He Did Not Think Abortion Should Be An Issue In The 4th District Race.” “Over coffee at the Laurel Diner in Long Beach, Gillen spoke about protecting reproductive rights, what she viewed as the growth of extremism in the Republican Party and how she would work to find common ground with Republican voters over the gun control issue. ‘One of the things that we're looking at is a future where my daughters are going to have less rights than my 81-year-old mother had for most of her life. I think we're going down a scary course,’ Gillen said. D'Esposito said he did not think abortion should be an issue in the 4th District race because state abortion protections are secure.” [Newsday, [11/1/22](#)]

D'Esposito Said That The Reversal Of Roe V. Wade Did Not Affect “The Ability Of Any Woman In New York To Have An Abortion” And Did Not “Upend [New York’s] Popular Law” For Abortions. “I strongly opposed decision of NYS Democrats to enact the nation’s most extreme abortion law, legalizing late term/partial birth abortion, allowing abortions to be provided by non doctors & removing criminal penalties for assaults on pregnant women causing unborn child death.^{1/2} [...] By returning abortion policy to the voters in each state, today’s decision by the U.S. Supreme Court neither upends that unpopular law, nor affects the ability of any woman

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D’Esposito Was Closely Allied With Anti-Choice Extremist Speaker Mike Johnson, Who Was Featured At D’Esposito’s Fundraisers, Donated To His Campaign, And “United The Republican Conference” According To D’Esposito

Mike Johnson’s Leadership PAC Contributed \$10,000 To D’Esposito For New York

As Of April 2024, American Revival PAC Donated \$10,000 To D’Esposito For New York. [FEC Campaign Finance Data Search, accessed [6/7/24](#); D’Esposito for New York, 2023 Year-End Report, Itemized Receipts, accessed [6/7/24](#)]

Contributions to D’Esposito for New York From American Revival PAC		
Source	Date	Amount
American Revival PAC	3/31/23	\$1,000
American Revival PAC	12/31/23	\$9,000
Total:		\$10,000

[FEC Campaign Finance Data Search, accessed [6/7/24](#); D’Esposito for New York, 2023 Year-End Report, Itemized Receipts, accessed [6/7/24](#)]

- **American Revival PAC Was Mike Johnson’s Leadership PAC.** American Revival PAC was the leadership PAC of Louisiana Republican Congressman Mike Johnson. [FEC Committee Profiles, American Revival PAC, accessed [10/27/23](#)]

December 2023: Mike Johnson Was The Special Guest At A Fundraiser For D’Esposito

HEADLINE: “Speaker Mike Johnson Heads To LI For D’Esposito Fundraiser.” [Newsday, [12/1/23](#)]

12/2/23: Mike Johnson Featured As The Special Guest At A Fundraiser For D’Esposito. “HON. JOSEPH G. CAIRO, JR. INVITES YOU TO SUPPORT CONGRESSMAN ANTHONY D’ESPOSITO WITH SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE MIKE JOHNSON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2023 12:30 PM – 2:30 PM at THE GENERAL 1899 Park Boulevard, East Meadow, NY.” [Newsday, [12/1/23](#)]



[Newsday, [12/1/23](#)]

- **The Fundraiser Had A Minimum Price Of \$3,300 For Entry And Was Held At The General, A Private Cigar Club And Steakhouse.** “Speaker of the House Mike Johnson is heading to Long Island on Saturday to fundraise for Rep. Anthony D’Esposito at an event where CD3 is sure to be a topic of conversation. The fundraiser is scheduled to take place at The General, a private cigar club and steakhouse at Eisenhower Park. The invitation, which came from Nassau County Republican Committee chair Joseph Cairo, features the chance to be an ‘event host’ for \$13,200, an ‘event sponsor’ for \$6,600, or a ‘patriot’ for the low price of just \$3,300. Johnson, who is in New York City this weekend for a House fundraiser, voted to not expel George Santos on Friday, a move that reportedly dismayed some of the New York delegation. D’Esposito worked hard to get Santos off the national stage.” [Newsday, [12/1/23](#)]

D’Esposito Supported Mike Johnson’s Bid For Speakership, Calling Him An “Intelligent Legislator” Who “United The Republican Conference Behind His Vision”

D’Esposito Said Mike Johnson Was His Friend And A “Well Thought Leader Who Lives This Nation.” “I’m w/ @MikeJohnson to be 56th Speaker of the House. Mike is my friend, a son of a firefighter, a good family man & a smart, well thought leader who loves this Nation. He understands issues critical @NYGov & @longisland. He will help grow our @HouseGOP majority.” [Anthony D’Esposito, Twitter, [10/25/23](#)]



[Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, [10/25/23](#)]

D'Esposito Called Speaker Johnson “A Family Man, Intelligent Legislator And Proud American” Who “United The Republican Conference Behind His Vision Of A Strong, Free And Prosperous United States.” “Rep. Mike Johnson (R-Louisiana), who voted against certifying Joe Biden's victory over Donald Trump in the 2020 presidential election, was elected Speaker of the House on Wednesday. Reps. Andrew Garbarino, Nick LaLota, Anthony D'Esposito, and George Santos, all Republicans from Long Island, voted for Johnson's speakership. [...] Rep. D'Esposito acknowledged policy differences between Johnson and himself, but expressed support for him. ‘Speaker Johnson is a family man, intelligent legislator and proud American who has united the Republican Conference behind his bold vision of a strong, free and prosperous United States,’ D'Esposito said. ‘This servant leader is the right man at the right time to lead our chamber as America confronts a litany of threats, including wars overseas, an unstable southern border, and a cost of living crisis. While Speaker Johnson and I won't always agree on everything, I am confident the gentleman from Louisiana will work collaboratively with myself and my colleagues from Long Island to advance the legislative priorities of New Yorkers.’” [Long Island Press, [10/25/23](#)]

D'Esposito Said He Was “Confident” That Speaker Johnson Would “Advance The Legislative Priorities Of New Yorkers.” “The votes of Long Island's House members to approve Mike Johnson as the new speaker of the House were key to the surprise victory of the 51-year-old Louisiana legislator. Johnson, who sought to overturn the 2020 presidential election in favor of the defeated Donald Trump, is now second in line to the presidency with a very powerful role in shaping government policy, assuming he can hold on to the gavel. Reps. Anthony D'Esposito, Andrew Garbarino and Nick LaLota voted unanimously with the Republican House conference to empower the unknown Johnson. [...] ‘While Speaker Johnson and I won't always agree on everything, I am confident the gentleman from Louisiana will work collaboratively with myself and my colleagues from Long Island to advance the legislative priorities of New Yorkers,’ said D'Esposito.” [Newsday, Op-Ed, [11/14/23](#)]

D'Esposito On Speaker Johnson: “I’m Confident That He Will Fit Very Nicely Into His New Role And He’ll Be Very Successful At It.” “Rep. Mike Johnson (R-LA 04) yesterday did what no other Republican leader could: ended the weeks-long chaos that halted normal business in the House and united the raucous conference behind his bid to replace the ousted Speaker Kevin McCarthy. [...] ‘Is it a concern? Obviously fundraising is important to any race. Listen, he comes from a district that is a pretty solid district—he didn’t need to focus on fundraising,’ Rep. Anthony D'Esposito (R-NY 04), one of the most vulnerable Republicans in the country, told reporters yesterday. ‘I’m sure that he will realize very quickly that fundraising is important and that it matters, and I’m confident that he will fit very nicely into his new role and he’ll be very successful at it.’” [National Journal, [10/26/23](#)]

Johnson Was A Longtime Advocate Against Abortion Rights, Supporting Legislation To Ban Abortion And Planned Parenthood, And Once Calling Abortion “A Holocaust”

HEADLINE: “House Speaker Mike Johnson Has Long Opposed Abortion And LGBTQ+ Rights.” [Louisiana Illuminator, [10/29/23](#)]

Johnson Cosponsored Legislation To Ban Abortion At 20 Weeks. “Before the newly elected U.S. House Speaker Mike Johnson was in public office, the Louisiana Republican’s restrictive stances on gender identity, abortion and sexuality were honed at the conservative Christian legal group Alliance Defending Freedom, where he served as a senior spokesperson and attorney. [...] Johnson, the former head of the conservative Republican Study Committee, argued before Dobbs that abortion access was a states rights issue — but he has also supported federal legislation setting gestational limits, cosponsoring a bill to establish a 20-week ban.” [Louisiana Illuminator, [10/29/23](#)]

Johnson Cosponsored A Bill To Ban Planned Parenthood. “House Republicans on Wednesday chose the previously little-known conservative Rep. Mike Johnson to be the next speaker on Thursday, and Democrats were quick to push forward with attack ads on Johnson's record on abortion.[...] As a staunch abortion opponent he has

also put forth multiple other pieces of legislation seeking to restrict the procedure, including cosponsoring a bill to defund Planned Parenthood.” [CBS News, [10/26/23](#)]

Before Being Elected To Congress, Johnson Was A Spokesperson For Anti-Abortion Group Alliance Defense Fund. “Speaker Mike Johnson, the little-known congressman from Louisiana who won the gavel on Wednesday, is deeply conservative on both fiscal and social issues, reflecting the G.O.P.’s sharp lurch to the right. [...] Before he was elected to Congress in 2017, Mr. Johnson served as an attorney and spokesman for the anti-abortion and anti-gay group Alliance Defense Fund — now called the Alliance Defending Freedom.” [New York Times, [10/26/23](#)]

Johnson Called For The Supreme Court To Overturn Roe V. Wade. “House Republicans on Wednesday chose the previously little-known conservative Rep. Mike Johnson to be the next speaker on Thursday, and Democrats were quick to push forward with attack ads on Johnson's record on abortion. [...] He called for the Supreme Court to overturn Roe v. Wade long before the justices issued their decision in the case Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization in June 2022.” [CBS News, [10/26/23](#)]

Johnson Once Called Abortion “A Holocaust.” “In 2005, Johnson wrote an op-ed for a newspaper in his home state of Louisiana that compared the judicial philosophy that legalized the right to an abortion to Hitler's and called abortion “a holocaust.” The op-ed came in response to the death of Terri Schiavo, the Florida woman whose vegetative state triggered a long legal battle and federal action from Congress.” [CBS News, [10/26/23](#)]

D’Esposito On Speaker Johnson’s Anti-Abortion Stance: “Becoming Speaker Of The House Still Only Entitles You To One Vote.” “New York Democrats hope turnout will be turbocharged next year with a proposed amendment guaranteeing abortion rights after Republican-leaning Ohio backed a similar proposal this week. [...] Democrats also plan to tie potentially vulnerable Republicans to the newly elected House Speaker Mike Johnson and his socially conservative views. Republican freshmen insist it won't work. ‘Becoming speaker of the House still only entitles you to one vote,’ D’Esposito said. ‘We are going to continue to voice that we are not in support of a nationwide abortion ban, that everything is enshrined in a New York state constitution.’” [Politico, [11/8/23](#)]

D’Esposito Received \$192,630 From Cosponsors Of The Life At Conception Act Which Banned Abortion With No Exceptions And Could Lead To A Ban On In-Vitro Fertilization (IVF)

Between July 2022 And March 2024, D’Esposito Received \$192,630 From The Leadership PACs And Campaign Committees Of The Cosponsors Of The Life At Conception Act. [Congress.gov, accessed [6/28/24](#); FEC Candidate and Committee Viewer, accessed [6/28/24](#)]

2022 – 2024 D’Esposito for New York Receipts: Members Who Cosponsored The Life At Conception Act			
Committee	Associated Candidate	Date(s)	Amount(s)
Mike Johnson for Louisiana	Mike Johnson (R-LA)	12/31/23	\$2,000
American Revival PAC	Mike Johnson (R-LA)	12/31/23	\$9,000
		3/31/23	\$1,000
Conservative Leadership in Elections PAC	Ben Cline (R-VA)	6/30/23	\$1,000
Hellfire PAC	Wesley Hunt (R-TX)	9/30/23	\$2,500
		7/28/22	\$1,000
Feenstra for Congress	Randy Feenstra (R-IA)	3/31/23	\$2,000
Abraham Lincoln PAC	Darin LaHood (R-IL)	6/30/23	\$1,500
		3/31/23	\$1,000
Your Ohio Republican Team	Troy Balderson (R-OH)	6/30/23	\$1,000
Warrior Diplomat PAC	Michael Waltz (R-FL)	6/30/23	\$1,000
Honor Courage Commitment PAC	Tony Gonzales (R-TX)	6/27/23	\$2,500
		3/31/23	\$2,500
		7/28/22	\$1,000

All American PAC	Keith Self (R-TX)	10/31/22	\$1,000
Graves for Congress	Sam Graves (R-MO)	6/30/23 1/18/24	\$1,000 \$1,000
SHOW-ME PAC	Sam Graves (R-MO)	3/31/23	\$2,500
Jake Ellzey for Congress	Jake Ellzey (R-TX)	3/17/23 3/17/23 11/7/22	\$2,000 \$2,000 \$1,000
31 Days PAC	Jake Ellzey (R-TX)	3/17/23	\$3,300
Land of Opportunity PAC	Bruce Westerman (R-AS)	6/30/23 3/31/23 7/28/22	\$1,000 \$1,000 \$1,000
Andy Harris for Congress	Andy Harris (R-MD)	3/31/23	\$2,000
Latta for Congress	Bob Latta (R-OH)	3/31/23	\$2,000
Bucshon for Congress	Larry Bucshon (R-IN)	9/30/23	\$1,000
HeartDoc PAC	Larry Bucshon (R-IN)	6/30/23 3/31/23	\$1,000 \$1,000
Upper Hand Fund	Bill Huizenga (R-MI)	9/30/23 3/31/24	\$2,000 \$3,000
Austin Scott for Congress Inc.	Austin Scott (R-GA)	6/30/23 3/31/23	\$1,000 \$1,000
American Security PAC	Mike Rogers (R-AL)	6/30/23	\$5,000
Deliver Excel Believe PAC	Debbie Lesko (R-AZ)	6/30/23	\$1,000
Crawford for Congress	Rick Crawford (R-AR)	3/31/23	\$1,000
Invest in a Strong and Secure America	Darrell Issa (R-CA)	10/17/22	\$500
American Grit PAC	Kat Cammack (R-FL)	12/5/22 8/16/22	\$1,000 \$2,500
Maintaining All Republicans in Office PAC	Mario Diaz-Balart (R-FL)	3/17/23	\$3,000
Scott Franklin for Congress	Scott Franklin (R-FL)	3/30/23	\$1,000
Mast for Congress	Brian Mast (R-FL)	6/30/23	\$2,000
VALOR PAC	Brian Mast (R-FL)	6/30/23	\$1,000
Rick W. Allen for Congress	Rick Allen (R-GA)	9/30/23	\$1,000
BUDDY PAC	Earl “Buddy” Carter (R-GA)	9/30/23 6/27/23 3/31/23	\$1,000 \$1,000 \$1,000
Buddy Carter for Congress	Earl “Buddy” Carter (R-GA)	9/30/23	\$1,000
Greene for Congress	Marjorie Taylor Greene (R-GA)	3/31/23	\$2,000
Loudermilk for Congress	Barry Loudermilk (R-GA)	3/31/23 7/28/22	\$1,500 \$1,000
Mike Bost for Congress Committee	Mike Bost (R-IL)	3/30/23	\$1,000
Ron Estes for Congress	Ron Estes (R-KS)	3/30/23 7/28/22	\$2,000 \$1,000
Restoring Our Nation (RON) PAC	Ron Estes (R-KS)	9/30/22	\$2,500
Great Plains PAC	Tracey Mann (R-KS)	11/7/22	\$1000
Garret Graves for Congress	Garret Graves (R-LA)	9/30/23 3/31/23 3/31/23	\$1,500 \$500 \$2,000
Do Right Bayou PAC	Garret Graves (R-LA)	8/31/23	\$2,500
American Revival PAC	Mike Johnson (R-LA)	3/31/23	\$1,000
Lisa McClain for Congress	Lisa McClain (R-MI)	9/30/23 6/27/23	\$1,000 \$1,000

Kelly for Congress	Trent Kelly (R-MS)	3/31/23	\$1,000
Building Leadership and Inspiring New Enterprise PAC	Blaine Luetkemeyer (R-MO)	3/31/23 8/16/22	\$2,000 \$2,000
Victory and Freedom PAC (VAF PAC)	Virginia Foxx (R-NC)	3/7/23 11/1/22 9/6/22	\$2500 \$3000 \$2,000
Hudson for Congress	Richard Hudson (R-NC)	6/27/23	\$2,000
First in Freedom PAC	Richard Hudson (R-NC)	3/31/23 10/31/22	\$5,000 \$2,500
Friends to Elect Dr. Greg Murphy to Congress	Greg Murphy (R-NC)	6/27/23	\$1,000
Victory East	Greg Murphy (R-NC)	9/30/23 3/31/23	\$1,000 \$1,000
David Rouzer for Congress	David Rouzer (R-NC)	6/27/23 3/31/23	\$1,000 \$1,000
Adrian Smith for Congress	Adrian Smith (R-NE)	6/27/23 3/31/23 10/23/22	\$1,000 \$1,000 \$1,000
RE-JOYCE PAC	John Joyce (R-PA)	6/27/23 3/31/23	\$1,000 \$1,000
Guy for Congress	Guy Reschenthaler (R-PA)	3/31/23	\$2,000
Smucker for Congress	Lloyd Smucker (R-PA)	6/27/23	\$1,500
JAM PAC	Lloyd Smucker (R-PA)	3/31/23	\$1,500
Friends of Glenn Thompson	Glenn Thompson (R-PA)	3/31/23	\$2,000
Burchett for Congress	Tim Burchett (R-TN)	6/27/23 3/31/23	\$2,080 \$1,000
Chuck Fleischmann for Congress Committee, Inc.	Chuck Fleischmann (R-TN)	6/30/23 3/31/23	\$2,000 \$2,000
Mark Green for Congress	Mark Green (R-TN)	3/31/23	\$3,750
Diana for Congress	Diana Harshbarger (R-TN)	6/27/23	\$1,000
Republicans Offering Solutions for Everyone PAC	John Rose (R-TN)	6/30/23	\$2,000
Texans for Jodey Arrington	Jodey Arrington (R-TX)	3/31/23	\$1,500
Bulldog PAC	Jodey Arrington (R-TX)	10/22/22 9/30/22	\$1,000 \$2,000
Dr. Brian Babin for Congress	Brian Babin (R-TX)	6/30/23 3/31/23	\$1,000 \$1,000
Patriots Always Triumph	Patrick Fallon (R-TX)	3/31/23 12/28/23	\$1,500 \$3,500
August Pfluger for Congress	August Pfluger (R-TX)	6/27/23	\$2,000
Raptor PAC	August Pfluger (R-TX)	3/31/23 11/4/22 7/28/22	\$5,000 \$1,000 \$1,000
Be Victorious Over Democrats PAC	Beth Van Duyne (R-TX)	9/30/22	\$1,000
Weber for Congress	Randy Weber (R-TX)	9/30/23 6/27/23 3/31/23	\$1,000 \$1,000 \$1,000
Carol for Congress	Carol Miller (R-WV)	9/30/23 6/30/23 3/31/23	\$1,000 \$1,000 \$2,000
Cut the Bull PAC	Carol Miller (R-WV)	9/30/23 3/29/23	\$5,000 \$1,000

		9/30/22	\$2,000
		Total:	\$192,630

[Congress.gov, accessed [6/28/24](#); FEC Candidate and Committee Viewer, accessed [6/28/24](#)]

NOTE: The table above used the [cosponsors list](#) of the Life at Conception Act introduced in the 118th Congress, which was crosschecked with receipts from D'Esposito for New York found on FEC.gov.

The Life At Conception Act Would Ban Abortions With No Exceptions

Gazette Fact Check: Legal Experts Argued The Life At Conception Act, Which "Would Outlaw All Abortions With No Exceptions In Cases Of Rape, Incest Or Risk To The Pregnant Person," Could Result In Criminal Charges Against People Who Help Women Get Abortions, Including Health Care Providers, And It Did Not Explicitly Protect Them From Criminalization. “With the idea that life begins at conception, personhood laws grant fertilized eggs, zygotes, embryos and fetuses the same status as victims in other scenarios. Because of this, some legal experts — as well as Mathis’s campaign — have argued abortion could result in criminal charges, such as homicide. The Life at Conception Act specifically states that nothing within the bill ‘shall be construed to authorize the prosecution of any woman for the death of her unborn child.’ But the bill does not explicitly protect anyone else from criminal charges, such as abortion providers or those who help others obtain an abortion. The freshman representative from Iowa has not publicly stated whether she would support criminal charges in this scenario. [...] The Life at Conception Act, co-sponsored by Hinson, would outlaw all abortions with no exceptions in cases of rape, incest or risk to the pregnant person. The bill in question does eliminate the possibility for criminal charges for individuals who receive an abortion, but it does not provide the same guarantees for others. Hinson has never publicly stated she would support legislation that includes criminal penalties for abortions. But the broad scope of the personhood law does have implications for criminalization of abortion.” [Cedar Rapids Gazette, [7/11/22](#)]

Rewire: The Life At Conception Act “Would Effectively Ban Abortion With No Exception For Rape, Incest, Or To Save The Life Of The Pregnant Person.” “H.R. 616 would grant equal protection under the 14th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States for the right to life of each born and ‘preborn’ human person. [...] It would effectively ban abortion with no exception for rape, incest, or to save the life of the pregnant person. It would also ban birth control pills, IUDs, and emergency contraception. In addition, it would eliminate certain medical choices for women, including some cancer treatments and in vitro fertilization.” [Rewire, [9/28/19](#)]

Washington Post: The Life At Conception Act Signaled That Many Members “Would Like To See A Total Ban On Abortion.” “Several abortion bans have already been introduced in Congress. A six-week abortion ban has been introduced in the House, by Rep. Mike Kelly (R-Pa.), and the Life at Conception Act, which would recognize a fetus as a person with equal protections under the 14th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, has been introduced in both chambers. Nineteen Republican senators and well over 100 Republicans in the House have co-sponsored the measure, signaling that many would like to see a total ban on abortion.” [Washington Post, [5/2/22](#)]

The Life At Conception Act Would Grant Equal Protection Under The 14th Amendment To Fetuses, Effectively Banning Abortion With No Exceptions For Rape, Incest, Or Health Of The Woman. “H.R. 616 would grant equal protection under the 14th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States for the right to life of each born and ‘preborn’ human person. ‘Human person’ is defined as: [...] each and every member of the species homo sapiens at all stages of life, including the moment of fertilization, cloning, or other moment at which an individual member of the human species comes into being. The bill would grant constitutional rights to fertilized eggs, embryos, fetuses, and clones. It would effectively ban abortion with no exception for rape, incest, or to save the life of the pregnant person. It would also ban birth control pills, IUDs, and emergency contraception. In addition, it would eliminate certain medical choices for women, including some cancer treatments and in vitro fertilization. The bill would not allow for prosecution of any pregnant person for the ‘death’ of their ‘unborn child.’” [Rewire, [9/28/19](#)]

The Life At Conception Act Implemented Equal Protection For Unborn Fetuses Based On The Idea That Human Life Begins At The Moment Of Conception. “U.S. Senator Rand Paul today introduced the Life at Conception Act. The legislation would implement equal protection under the 14th Amendment for the right to life of each born and unborn human. [...] ‘The Life at Conception Act legislatively declares what most Americans believe and what science has long known - that human life begins at the moment of conception, and therefore, is entitled to legal protection from that point forward.’ [U.S. Senator Rand Paul, Press Release, accessed [6/1/22](#)]

Los Angeles Times: The Life At Conception Act's Language "Leaves Little Room For Ambiguity On Abortion" And Would Constitute A Nationwide Ban On The Practice From The Moment Of Fertilization. “The Life at Conception Act is fewer than 300 words, but its language leaves little room for ambiguity on abortion. The bill, introduced in the U.S. House earlier in the congressional session, seeks ‘equal protection for the right to life of each born and preborn human person,’ specifying that it covers ‘all stages of life, including the moment of fertilization, cloning, or other moment at which an individual member of the human species comes into being.’ Put simply: ‘It would be a nationwide abortion ban,’ said Mary Ziegler, a professor at UC Davis School of Law who studies reproductive rights. Even California, which has positioned itself as a haven for abortion rights, would be affected.” [Los Angeles Times, [8/29/22](#)]

Personhood Bills Like The Life At Conception Act Would Severely Impact, And Potentially Eliminate, In Vitro Fertilization

The Life At Conception Act Would Grant Equal Protection Under The 14th Amendment To Fetuses, Effectively Banning Abortion With No Exceptions And Eliminating Medical Choices Including In Vitro Fertilization. “H.R. 616 would grant equal protection under the 14th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States for the right to life of each born and ‘preborn’ human person. ‘Human person’ is defined as: [...] each and every member of the species homo sapiens at all stages of life, including the moment of fertilization, cloning, or other moment at which an individual member of the human species comes into being. The bill would grant constitutional rights to fertilized eggs, embryos, fetuses, and clones. It would effectively ban abortion with no exception for rape, incest, or to save the life of the pregnant person. It would also ban birth control pills, IUDs, and emergency contraception. In addition, it would eliminate certain medical choices for women, including some cancer treatments and in vitro fertilization. The bill would not allow for prosecution of any pregnant person for the ‘death’ of their ‘unborn child.’” [Rewire, [9/28/19](#)]

Personhood Bills That Define Human Life To Begin At Conception Would Severely Impact Infertility Treatments, Especially IVF. “Personhood bills aim to define human life to begin at the moment of fertilization or conception and grant constitutional rights and privileges to all persons from that moment. If these proposals were to become personhood laws, they would severely impact infertility treatments, especially IVF.” [Arc Fertility, What Do Personhood Bills & Laws Mean in IVF, accessed [2/23/24](#)]

Arc Fertility: If Fertilized Eggs/Embryos Are Considered Full Humans, Anything That Puts An Embryo At Risk Could Be A Criminal Violation, Including IVF Treatments. “As outlined by RESOLVE, with Personhood legislation, however, the legality of effective pro-pregnancy fertility treatments such as IVF could be called into question: if microscopic fertilized eggs/embryos are full humans, anything that puts an embryo at risk could be a criminal violation, even if its goal is the undeniable social good of helping someone have a baby.” [Arc Fertility, What Do Personhood Bills & Laws Mean in IVF, accessed [2/23/24](#)]

The House Version Of The Life At Conception Act Included No Exceptions For IVF

The House Version Of The Life At Conception Act Did Not Include Exceptions For IVF. “This Congress, 125 House Republicans — including Speaker Mike Johnson — have cosponsored the ‘Life at Conception Act,’ which states that the term ‘human being’ includes ‘all stages of life, including the moment of fertilization, cloning, or other moment at which an individual member of the human species comes into being.’ The bill does not include any exception for in vitro fertilization (IVF), a reproductive treatment that allows mothers to fertilize several eggs outside the womb in order to increase the chances of a viable pregnancy.” [Business Insider, [2/23/24](#)]

Washington Post: The Life At Conception Act “Has No Provisions For Processes Like IVF, Meaning Access To The Procedure Would Not Be Protected.” “But many of the same Republicans who are saying Americans should have access to IVF have co-sponsored legislation that employs an argument similar to the one the Alabama Supreme Court used in its ruling. The congressional proposal, known as the Life at Conception Act, defines a ‘human being’ to ‘include each member of the species homo sapiens at all stages of life, including the moment of fertilization or cloning, or other moment at which an individual member of the human species comes into being.’ The bill would also provide equal protection under the 14th Amendment ‘for the right to life of each born and preborn human person.’ The measure has no provisions for processes like IVF, meaning access to the procedure would not be protected. It would ban nearly all abortions nationwide.” [Washington Post, [1/25/24](#)]

An Alabama Ruling That Restricted Access To IVF Was Made Based On The Idea That Life Starts “At Conception”

The Concurring Opinion To Restrict IVF In Alabama Cited Scripture To Apply To “Human Being[s] From The Moment Of Conception.” “Stephanie Sy: Mary, I want to read an excerpt from the chief justice's concurring opinion. ‘The people of Alabama,’ he says, ‘have declared the public policy of this state to be that unborn human life is sacred. We believe that each human being from moment of conception is made in the image of God created by him to reflect his likeness.’ So the chief justice there invoking Scripture from the Bible in a legal ruling.” [PBS News Hour, [2/21/24](#)]

Anti-Choice Susan B. Anthony List: “The Alabama Court Recognized What Is Obvious And A Scientific Fact — Life Begins At Conception.” “Katie Daniel, from the group Susan B. Anthony Pro-Life America — whose mission statement is to end abortion — said Alabama’s high court made the correct decision, but that doesn’t mean all IVF procedures need to end. ‘The Alabama Court recognized what is obvious and a scientific fact — life begins at conception. That does not mean fertility treatment is prohibited. Rather it means fertility treatments need not carelessly or intentionally destroy the new life created,’ Daniel said.” [NBC News, [2/22/24](#)]

D’Esposito Was Endorsed By Rep. Kat Cammack, The Co-Chair Of The Congressional Pro-Life Caucus And Cosponsor Of The Federal 15-Week Ban On Abortion Bill

Cammack Endorsed D’Esposito And Donated \$3,500 To D’Esposito’s Federal Campaign Committee

July 2022: Cammack Endorsed D’Esposito Via Her American GRIT PAC. “Today, Congresswoman Kat Cammack (R-FL-03) released the second round of endorsements for her American GRIT PAC. These endorsements represent another group of energetic conservative candidates whose campaigns match the American GRIT PAC’s mission to elect, mentor, and prepare hardworking conservative patriots to serve in Congress. The following six candidates received endorsements from Rep. Cammack: Eli Crane (AZ-02), Anthony D’Esposito (NY-04), Allan Fung (RI-02), Jen Kiggans (VA-02), Sarah Palin (AK-AL), and Amal Torres (MD-03).” [American GRIT PAC, Press Release, [7/14/22](#)]

2022: American GRIT PAC, Donated \$3,500 To D’Esposito For New York. [FEC Candidate and Committee Viewer, accessed [12/19/23](#)]

Contributions to D’Esposito for New York From American GRIT PAC		
Source	Date	Amount
American GRIT PAC	12/5/22	\$1,000
American GRIT PAC	8/16/22	\$2,500
Total:		\$3,500

[FEC Candidate and Committee Viewer, accessed [12/19/23](#)]

- **American GRIT Pac Was Cammack’s Leadership Pac.** “Florida Rep. Kat Cammack, the youngest Republican woman in Congress, has launched a new leadership political action committee aimed at electing

more blue-collar conservatives to the House. Cammack, 34, will kick off her 'American Grit' PAC Wednesday that will identify, fund and mentor conservative candidates that have non-traditional political backgrounds. Rather than lawyers and career politicians, Cammack says she's looking to endorse moms, vocational workers, first responders and young people who faced adversity." [Fox, [3/16/22](#)]

Cammack Was The Co-Chair Of The Congressional Pro-Life Caucus And Said Abortion Should Only Be Allowed In The First Trimester In Cases Of Rape, Incest, And Life Of The Woman And Hoped Women Did Not Choose Abortion Even In Those Circumstances

Cammack Was The Co-Chair Of The Congressional Pro-Life Caucus. "Congresswoman Kat Cammack serves on the following caucuses: Campus Free Speech Caucus (Co-Chair) Congressional Women's Caucus (Co-Vice Chair) Pro-Life Caucus (Co-Chair) SEC Caucus (Co-Chair) Soils Caucus (Co-Chair) Second Amendment Caucus Working Forests Caucus Law Enforcement Caucus House General Aviation Caucus Rural Broadband Caucus Sportsmen's Caucus Argentina Caucus Albanian Issues Caucus Caucus for the Advancement of Torah Values Blockchain Caucus National Guard and Reserve Components Caucus For more information and a full list of the committees and caucuses on which Representative Cammack is serving, please contact our office." [Rep. Kat Cammack, accessed [12/19/23](#)]

- **The Pro-Life Caucus' Primary Objective Was "To Preserve The Sanctity Of Life."** "The Bipartisan Congressional Pro-Life Caucus works to eliminate taxpayer funding for abortion and preserve pro-life health care providers' rights of conscience. The primary objective of the Caucus is to preserve the sanctity of life." [Rep. Andy Harris, accessed [12/19/23](#)]

Cammack Hoped That Even In Circumstances Of Rape, Incest, Or Life Of The Woman, Women Would Not Abort Their Babies. "Rep.-elect Kat Cammack, the youngest GOP congresswoman elected this year, said she plans to fight for the rights of unborn babies -- just like her mother fought to keep her. [...] Cammack says abortion should only be allowed in extreme cases in the first trimester--such as rape or incest reported to law enforcement, and for the life of the mother. Still, she hopes women in those circumstances would not abort their babies, like her mother chose not to." [Fox, [12/3/20](#)]

Cammack Cosponsored The 2022 Protecting Pain-Capable Unborn Children From Late-Term Abortions Act Which Would Place A Federal 15 Week Ban On Abortion And Jail Offending Physicians For Up To 5 Years

September 2022: Cammack Cosponsored The 2022 Protecting Pain-Capable Unborn Children From Late-Term Abortions Act. According to Congress.gov, Kat Cammack cosponsored the Protecting Pain-Capable Unborn Children From Late-Term Abortions Act on 13th September, 2022. [Congress.gov, H.R. 8814, Cosponsors, [9/13/22](#)]

- **The Act Would Make The Abortion Of A Fetus After 15 Weeks A Criminal Offense.** "This bill establishes a new criminal offense for performing or attempting to perform an abortion if the probable gestational age of the fetus is 15 weeks or more. A violator is subject to criminal penalties—a fine, a prison term of up to five years, or both. The bill provides exceptions for an abortion (1) that is necessary to save the life of the pregnant woman, or (2) when the pregnancy is the result of rape or incest. A physician who performs or attempts to perform an abortion under an exception must comply with specified requirements. A woman who undergoes a prohibited abortion may not be prosecuted for violating or conspiring to violate the provisions of this bill." [Congress.gov, H.R. 8814, [9/13/22](#)]

September 2022: Lindsay Graham Introduced The 2022 Protecting Pain-Capable Unborn Children From Late-Term Abortions Act In The Senate. "U.S. Senator Lindsey Graham (R-South Carolina) today introduced the Protecting Pain-Capable Unborn Children from Late-Term Abortions Act in the United States Senate. The legislation would set a federal minimum protection for unborn children that is in line with European limits and ban abortion after 15 weeks gestation when unborn children can feel pain." [Sen. Lindsay Graham, Press Release, [9/13/22](#)]

- **Physicians Who Violated This Law “Could Face Up To Five Years In Prison.”** “Senate Republicans led by Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.) introduced federal anti-abortion legislation on Tuesday — the first of its kind since the Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade* in June. The Protecting Pain-Capable Unborn Children from Late-Term Abortions Act prohibits abortion after 15 weeks of pregnancy and provides some exceptions in cases of rape, incest and to protect the life of the pregnant person. A physician who violates the law could face up to five years in prison.” [Politico, [9/13/22](#)]
- **Sen. Graham’s Abortion Ban Legislation Did Not “Preempt Or Limit Any Federal, State, Or Local Law That Provides Greater Protections For An Unborn Child” Than Those Provided In The Legislation.** “(g) RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.— 21 “(1) GREATER PROTECTION.—Nothing in this 22 section may be construed to preempt or limit any 23 Federal, State, or local law that provides greater 24 protections for an unborn child than those provided 25 in this section.” [Senator Lindsey Graham, Protecting Pain-Capable Unborn Children from Late-Term Abortions Act, accessed [9/14/22](#)]
- **Vox: A National Ban Would Supersede Even Permissive State Laws In States That Have Been Working To Expand Access To Abortion.** “The repeal of *Roe v. Wade* left the United States with a patchwork of state laws governing abortion. In parts of the South, someone seeking an abortion would need to travel hundreds of miles to get one. But a national ban would supersede even permissive state laws in states that have been working to expand access to abortion. One estimate found that denying all wanted abortions would increase pregnancy-related deaths by 21 percent nationwide if there aren’t effective means for pregnant people to self-manage their abortions.” [Vox, [6/25/22](#)]

D’Esposito Was Endorsed And Funded By The New York State Conservative Party, Which Supported Outlawing All Abortions- Even In Cases Of Rape And Incest

D’Esposito Was Endorsed By The New York State Conservative Party And Was Praised By Their Chairman, Daniel Donovan For Being Aligned With The Party’s Vision

2022: D’Esposito Ran On The Republican And Conservative Party Lines. According to the New York State Board of Elections, D’Esposito was running on the ballot lines for both the Republican and the Conservative Parties. [New York State Board of Elections, Election Results, [11/8/22](#)]

The New York State Conservative Party Endorsed D’Esposito For Re-Election To Town Council In 2018. “Councilman Anthony D’Esposito has secured the Conservative ballot line and party designation for his upcoming re-election campaign, having filed the required number of signatures on nominating petitions with the County Board of Elections. [...] This development marks the second election in which D’Esposito, the Republican nominee for Councilman of the fourth district, has been endorsed by the Conservative Party and will afford him a second ballot line this coming November.” [Councilman Anthony D’Esposito via Wayback Machine, Press Release, archived [9/2/2022](#)]

- **Conservative Party Chairman Daniel Donovan: D’Esposito Was Aligned With “Our Party’s Mission.”** “Conservative Party Chairman Daniel Donovan said, ‘Councilman D’Esposito played a vital role in Supervisor Santino’s deficit reduction initiative in which the Town of Hempstead successfully turned a \$23.5 million budget deficit into a \$5 million budget surplus. [...] Councilman D’Esposito’s strong affinity for the police and fire departments, his endorsement of family values as well as his firm determination to strive for smaller, more efficient government, aligns him to our party’s mission. We are excited to have Councilman D’Esposito run for re-election on our ballot.’” [Councilman Anthony D’Esposito via Wayback Machine, Press Release, archived [9/2/2022](#)]

The Nassau County Conservative Party Donated \$1,135 To D’Esposito’s New York State Campaign Committee

The Nassau County Conservative Party Donated \$1,135 To Citizens For D’Esposito.

Contributions to D'Esposito for New York From The Nassau County Conservative Party		
Source	Date	Amount
Nassau County Conservative Party Committee	3/26/17	\$160
Nassau County Conservative Party Committee	1/18/17	\$250
Nassau County Conservative Party Committee	6/27/16	\$300
Nassau County Conservative Party Committee	4/25/16	\$175
Nassau County Conservative Party Committee	4/21/16	\$250
Total:		\$1,135

[New York State Campaign Finance Search, accessed [12/19/23](#)]

The NY Conservative Party's State Platform Supported Only Allowing Abortion In Cases Of "Clearly Defined Conditions Hazardous To The Life Of The Mother"

The Ny Conservative Party Supports Repealing New York's Law Protecting Abortion Access And Only Allowing Abortion In Cases Of "Clearly Defined Conditions Hazardous To The Life Of The Mother." "We believe that New York's expanded abortion law should be repealed and the legislature should re-adopt the prior statute permitting therapeutic abortions only under the most clearly defined conditions hazardous to the life of the mother. Tax dollars should not be used to prevent or end a pregnancy, nor should they be used for non-residents to travel to NY and pay for their abortion." [Conservative Party of New York State, "2023 Legislative Program," accessed [12/21/23](#)]

The NY Conservative Party Supported Repealing New York's Law Protecting Abortion Access And Only Allowing "Therapeutic Abortion" – When The Woman's Life Is At Risk

The NY Conservative Party Supported Repealing New York's Law Protecting Abortion Access And Only Allowing "Therapeutic Abortion" In Cases Of "Clearly Defined Conditions Hazardous To The Life Of The Mother." "We believe that New York's expanded abortion law should be repealed and the legislature should re-adopt the prior statute permitting therapeutic abortions only under the most clearly defined conditions hazardous to the life of the mother. Tax dollars should not be used to prevent or end a pregnancy, nor should they be used for non-residents to travel to NY and pay for their abortion." [Conservative Party of New York State, "2023 Legislative Program," accessed [12/21/23](#)]

The NY Conservative Party Plank Called For Reversion To A 1965 Law Which Banned Abortion At All Phases Of Pregnancy And Penalized Women With Between 4 Till 20 Years Of Imprisonment For Getting An Abortion

1872: New York Passed A Law Increasing Its Penalty For Abortion To Between Four Years And 20 Years Imprisonment. [New York University Law Review, 66 (6), Samuel Buell, Criminal Abortion Revisited, pgs. 1784-85, [1/1/1991](#)]

prequickening abortion in 1827.⁴¹ And New York adopted its first statute in 1829, elevating postquickening abortion from a misdemeanor to a felony.⁴² Over the next sixty years, other states adopted abortion legislation and increasingly restrictive amendments. By the end of the nineteenth century, every state had criminalized abortion by statute and, with three exceptions, had prohibited it during all phases of pregnancy.⁴³

[...]

the nineteenth century.⁴⁵ New York was the first state to include a therapeutic exception in its statute, and one scholar, Cyril Means, uses this information to argue that New York's legislature was motivated primarily by concern for the woman's life.⁴⁶ In the late 1860s and 1870s, attitudes toward abortion in New York grew increasingly intolerant as the

New York press widely publicized sensational cases of deaths from unskilled abortionists.⁴⁷ The legislature increased the penalty for abortion in 1872 to between four and twenty years imprisonment.⁴⁸

[New York University Law Review, 66 (6), Samuel Buell, Criminal Abortion Revisited, pgs. 1784-85, [1/1/1991](#)]

1965: New York Amended Its Statute To Widen Life Of The Woman Exceptions. [New York University Law Review, 66 (6), Samuel Buell, Criminal Abortion Revisited, pg. 1798, [1/1/1991](#)]

¹³⁰ New York amended its statute in 1965 to widen the therapeutic exceptions. See Means, supra note 25, at 498-500. California adopted the most progressive abortion reform in 1967 to close a perceived gulf between the legal and medical standards concerning justifications for abortion. See George, supra note 50, at 393-402 (discussing perceived gulf); Sands, supra note 52, at 286-88 (same); Note, Abortion Reform, supra note 59, at 530-34 (discussing California legislation); Note, Survey of Abortion Reform Legislation, 43 Wash. L. Rev. 644, 644-54 (1968) (discussing California legislation in comparison with Colorado, North Carolina, and Great Britain legislation). Then Governor Reagan signed the bill only after the legislature eliminated a provision permitting abortion of a greatly deformed child. See Note, Changing Abortion Laws, supra note 30, at 496-97. Arkansas, Colorado, Georgia, Maryland, New Mex-

[New York University Law Review, 66 (6), Samuel Buell, Criminal Abortion Revisited, pg. 1798, [1/1/1991](#)]

Note: The 1965 law did not change previous laws which criminalized abortion

1970: New York State Passed An Abortion Law Which Allowed Abortions To Be Performed Within 24 Weeks Of Pregnancy And Included Exceptions For Health Of The Woman. "Three years before Roe v. Wade established a constitutional right to abortion, New York legalized the procedure in 1970, turning the state into a magnet for women who wanted to terminate their pregnancies but were barred from doing so where they lived. 'I was very relieved because New York was doable. It was 500 miles away,' said Ms. Mason, now 64 and a human resources manager living in New Jersey. The New York law allowed abortions to be performed within 24 weeks of pregnancy and at any time if the woman's life was at risk." [New York Times, [7/19/18](#)]

2017 Conservative Party Of New York Platform: "We Believe That New York's Present Abortion Law Should Be Repealed And Should Re-Adopt The Prior Statute Permitting Therapeutic Abortions Only Under The Most Clearly Defined Conditions Hazardous To The Life Of The Mother." "We firmly reject any attempt to expand the already liberal abortion laws of New York State. We believe that New York's present abortion law should be repealed and should re-adopt the prior statute permitting therapeutic abortions only under the most clearly defined conditions hazardous to the life of the mother." [Conservative Party of New York State, 2017 Legislative Program, archived 1/30/18]

D'Esposito Received The Highest Possible Rating From The National Right To Life Committee

2023-2024 Regular Session: D'Esposito Received A 100% Rating From The National Right To Life Committee. According to the National Right to Life committee, Rep. Anthony D'Esposito was given a 100% rating after voting for the following pieces of legislation: "H.R. 26 Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act," "H.Con.Res. 3 Resolution condemning attacks on pro-life facilities, groups, and churches," "H.R. 2670 Jackson Amendment (#5) to NDAA -- Funding for Abortion Travel in Military," and "HR 2670 Final Passage NDAA -- Funding for Abortion Travel in Military." [National Right to Life Committee, Scorecard, accessed [12/19/23](#)]

Scorecard

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Rep. Anthony D'Esposito
Republican-NY-004

100%

2023-2024 Regular Session (118th)

Result	Name of the Legislation	Vote	Score
Passed	H.R. 26 Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act (Roll no. 29) (1/11/2023)	Y	✓
Passed	H.Con.Res. 3 Resolution condemning attacks on pro-life facilities, groups, and churches (Roll no. 30) (1/11/2023)	Y	✓
Passed	H.R. 2670 Jackson Amendment (#5) to NDAA – Funding for Abortion Travel in Military (7/13/2023)	Y	✓
Passed	HR 2670 Final Passage NDAA – Funding for Abortion Travel in Military (7/14/2023)	Y	✓

[National Right to Life Committee, Scorecard, accessed [12/19/23](#)]

D'Esposito Took Votes To Increase Protections For Pro-Life Facilities And Groups

D'Esposito Voted To Call On The Executive Branch To Use Federal Law-Enforcement Authorities For The Protection Of Pro-Life Facilities And Groups

D'Esposito Voted For Condemning Attacks On Pro-Life Facilities, Groups, And Churches. In January 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Agreement to the concurrent resolution that would state that Congress condemns attacks of vandalism, violence and destruction against pro-life facilities, groups and churches and recognizes 'the sanctity of life and the important role that [such entities] play in supporting pregnant women, infants and families.' It would also call on the Biden administration to use all appropriate law enforcement authorities to protect the rights of such entities." The bill passed by a vote of 222-209. [H.Con.Res. 3, [Vote #30](#), 1/11/23; CQ, [1/11/23](#)]

- The Resolution Also Called On The Biden Administration To Use All Appropriate Law Enforcement Authorities To Protect The Rights Of Such Entities.** In January 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Agreement to the concurrent resolution that would state that Congress condemns attacks of vandalism, violence and destruction against pro-life facilities, groups and churches and recognizes 'the sanctity of life and the important role that [such entities] play in supporting pregnant women, infants and families.' It would also call on the Biden administration to use all appropriate law enforcement authorities to protect the rights of such entities." The bill passed by a vote of 222-209. [H.Con.Res. 3, [Vote #30](#), 1/11/23; CQ, [1/11/23](#)]

D'Esposito Opposed LGBTQ+ Rights During His Time In Congress And Was Endorsed By The New York State Conservative Party Which Opposed Protecting Transgender Rights Under The Human Rights Law

D'Esposito Voted To Limit Transgender Rights Multiple Times Including Cosponsoring A Bill That Banned Children's Ability To Change Gender Markers Without Explicit Parental Consent

D'Esposito Voted For Multiple Amendments To The NDAA That Prohibited The Defense Department From Covering Gender-Affirming Care For Service Members, Including Gender Hormone Treatments And Gender Transition Coverage

D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To The NDAA That Prohibited The Display Of Unapproved Flags At Military Installations, Banning The Flying Of Pride Flags Over Military Bases

D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To The NDAA To Prohibit The Display Of Unapproved Flags. In July 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Norman, R-S.C., amendment no. 34 that would establish a list of flags the Defense Department is allowed to display in any DOD work place, common access area or public area, including the

American flag, a military service flag, and the POW/MIA flag.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 218-213. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #313](#), 7/13/23; CQ, [7/13/23](#)]

House Armed Services Republicans Tweeted That The NDAA Would Prohibit The Display Of Unapproved Flags “Such As The LGBTQ Pride Flag At Military Installations.” [Armed Services GOP, [12/10/23](#)]



[Armed Services GOP, [12/10/23](#)]

- **In A Statement Following The NDAA’s Passage With The Flag Amendment, GOP Rep. Norman Said The Bill Prevented “Rainbow Flag[s] [From] Flying Alongside The American Flag At Our Military Bases.”** “The language in the text is similar to that used in the 2023 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), which restricted military service members and civilian Defense Department employees from displaying pride flags in department workspaces, common areas or public areas. The NDAA text prohibited the display of ‘any flag other than an approved flag’ in those areas, supplying a list of 10 approved flags, excluding the pride flag. In a statement following the bill’s passage in the House, Rep. Ralph Norman (R-S.C.) said the bill would prevent a ‘rainbow flag [from] flying alongside the American Flag at our military bases.’ The move comes after Democrats sent a letter urging party leaders and President Biden to reject an earlier version of the bill including at least 40 anti-LGBTQ provisions in November.” [Congressional Equality Caucus, Press Release, [3/22/24](#)]

D’Esposito Voted For Amendments To The NDAA That Prohibited The Department Of Defense From Covering Gender Transition Coverage For Family Minors, Sex Reassignment Surgeries Or Gender Hormone Treatment

D’Esposito Voted For An Amendment To The NDAA To Prohibit Gender Transition Coverage For Military Family Minors. In July 2023, D’Esposito voted for: “Norman, R-S.C., amendment no. 20 that would prohibit gender transition procedures through the Exceptional Family Member Program for military minor family members, including surgery or medication.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 222-210. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #302](#), 7/13/23; CQ, [7/13/23](#)]

D’Esposito Voted For An Amendment To The NDAA To Prohibit The Defense Department From Covering Sex Reassignment Surgeries And Gender Hormone Treatments. In July 2023, D’Esposito voted for: “Rosendale, R-Mont., amendment no. 10 that would prohibit TRICARE from covering and the Defense Department from furnishing sex reassignment surgeries and gender hormone treatments for transgender individuals.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 222-211. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #301](#), 7/13/23; CQ, [7/13/23](#)]

D’Esposito Voted To Ban Transgender Women And Girls From Competing On Women’s Athletic Teams That Received Federal Funds

D'Esposito Voted For Banning Transgender Women And Girls From Competing On Women's Athletic Teams That Receive Federal Funds. In April 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Passage of the bill, as amended, that would effectively ban transgender women and girls from competing on women's athletic teams that receive federal funds. It would specifically amend existing prohibitions on sex discrimination in federally funded (Title IX) educational programs to also prohibit such programs from allowing persons 'whose sex is male' to participate in athletic programs designed for girls or women. It would specify that, for the purposes of the bill, a sex is 'based solely on a person's reproductive biology and genetics at birth.' The bill would allow Title IX programs to permit males to train or practice with an athletic program designed for girls or women as long as no female is deprived of any benefit of participation, such as a place on a team, scholarship, or the ability to participate in a practice or competition." The bill passed by a vote of 219-203. [H.R. 734, [Vote #192](#), 4/20/23; CQ, [4/20/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Require A Study On The Psychological, Developmental, Participatory, And Sociological Effects Of Permitting Transgender Women In Women's Sports.** In April 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Mace, R-S.C., amendment no. 1 that would require the Government Accountability Office to conduct a study and submit a report to Congress on the psychological, developmental, participatory and sociological effects that permitting trans women to participate in women's and girls' sports has on cis women." The amendment was adopted in the Committee of the Whole by a vote of 216-205. [H.R. 734, [Vote #190](#), 4/20/23; CQ, [4/20/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against A Motion To Recommit The Ban On Transgender Women And Girls From Competing On Women's Athletic Teams.** In April 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Balint, D-Vt., motion to recommit the bill to the House Education and Workforce Committee." The motion was rejected by a vote of 204-218. [H.R. 734, [Vote #191](#), 4/20/23; CQ, [4/20/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted To Consider A Law To Limit Transgender Women's Participation In School Athletics

D'Esposito Voted For Considering Limiting Transgender Women's Participation In School Athletics And Disapproving Of A D.C. Police Reform Law. In April 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Adoption of the rule (H Res 298) that would provide for floor consideration of the bill (HR 734) limiting the participation of transgender women in school athletics and the joint resolution (H J Res 42) disapproving a D.C. policing reform law. The rule would provide for one hour of general debate on each measure. It would make in order floor consideration of two amendments to HR 734." The rule was adopted by a vote of 217-202. [H.Res. 298, [Vote #186](#), 4/18/23; CQ, [4/18/23](#)]

D'Esposito Cosponsored The Parents Bill Of Rights Act, Which Required Schools To Get Parental Consent To Use A Child's Preferred Name Or Pronouns And To Allow A Child To Change Locker Rooms Or Bathrooms

D'Esposito Cosponsored The Parents Bill Of Rights Act

March 3, 2023: D'Esposito Cosponsored H.R.5, The Parents Bill Of Rights Act. On March 3, 2023, D'Esposito cosponsored the Parents Bill of Rights Act, which was sponsored by Rep. Julia Letlow (R-LA). [Congress.gov, H.R.5, Cosponsored [3/3/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Signed On As A Cosponsor Two Days After The Original Bill Was Introduced.** The Parents Bill of Rights Act was introduced on March 1, 2023, and D'Esposito cosponsored the bill on March 3, 2023. [Congress.gov, H.R.5, introduced [3/1/23](#), Cosponsored [3/3/23](#)]

D'Esposito Said He Was "Proud To Have Cosponsored" The Parents Bill Of Rights Act, Calling It A "Crucial Piece Of Legislation"

D'Esposito On The Parents Bill Of Rights Act: "I Am Proud To Have Cosponsored This Crucial Piece Of Legislation." ". @HouseGOP PASSED H.R. 5, the Parents Bill of Rights Act. I am proud to have cosponsored

this crucial piece of legislation that ensures parents have a seat at the table when it comes to their child's education. That's our #CommitmentToAmerica.” [Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, [3/24/23](#)]



[Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, [3/24/23](#)]

D'Esposito Said The Parents Bill Of Rights Act Showed That Republicans Were “Committed To Ensuring Parents’ Voices Are Respected In The School System.” “. @HouseGOP is committed to ensuring parents’ voices are respected in the school system — that’s why we are introducing the Parents Bill of Rights Act. I’m proud to cosponsor this legislation.” [Rep. Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, [3/23/23](#)]



[Rep. Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, [3/23/23](#)]

D'Esposito Said That The Act Would “Ensure Parents Have An All-Important Seat At The Table As Their Child Moves Through The Education System”

D'Esposito On The Parents’ Bill Of Rights Act: “It Is Vital That Parents And Guardians Serve As Partners With Educators In Their Child's Education.” “Congressman Anthony D'Esposito (NY-04) is cosponsoring the Parents Bill of Rights Act - key legislation that ensures parents always have a seat at the table and a voice in their

child's education. The Parents Bill of Rights Act is structured around a set of common-sense principles: * Parents have the right to know what their children are being taught. * Parents have the right to be heard. * Parents have the right to see the school budget and spending. * Parents have the right to protect their child's privacy. * Parents have the right to keep their children safe. 'It is vital that parents and guardians serve as partners with educators in their child's education,' said D'Esposito. 'The Parents Bill of Rights Act will ensure parents have an all-important seat at the table as their child moves through the education system.'" [Rep. D'Esposito, Press Release, [3/23/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Said The Parents' Bill Of Rights Would "Ensure Parents Have An All-Important Seat At The Table As Their Child Moves Through The Education System."** "Congressman Anthony D'Esposito (NY-04) is cosponsoring the Parents Bill of Rights Act - key legislation that ensures parents always have a seat at the table and a voice in their child's education. The Parents Bill of Rights Act is structured around a set of common-sense principles: * Parents have the right to know what their children are being taught. * Parents have the right to be heard. * Parents have the right to see the school budget and spending. * Parents have the right to protect their child's privacy. * Parents have the right to keep their children safe. 'It is vital that parents and guardians serve as partners with educators in their child's education,' said D'Esposito. 'The Parents Bill of Rights Act will ensure parents have an all-important seat at the table as their child moves through the education system.'" [Rep. D'Esposito, Press Release, [3/23/23](#)]

The Parents Bill Of Rights Act Would Require Public Schools To Provide Parents With Class Curriculum Reading Materials

The Parents Bill Of Rights Required Public Schools To Provide Parents With Class Curriculums And A List Of Books Available In School Libraries. "Among other things, H.R. 5, also known as the 'Parents Bill of Rights Act,' would amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to require schools to provide parents with a list of books and reading materials available in the school library as well as posting curriculum publicly." [CNN, [3/2/23](#)]

The Bill Would Require Schools To Obtain Parental Consent To Change A Child's Gender Markers, Pronouns, Or Preferred Name, And To Allow A Child To Change Locker Rooms Or Bathrooms

The Parents Bill Of Rights Act Required Elementary And Middle Schools To Get Parental Consent To Change A Child's Gender Markers, Pronouns, Or Preferred Name, And To Allow A Child To Change Locker Rooms Or Bathrooms. "As a condition of receiving Federal funds, any elementary school (as such term is defined in section 8101 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 25 U.S.C. 7801)) or school that consists of only middle grades (as such term is defined in such section), that receives Federal funds shall be required to obtain parental consent before – (1) changing a minor child's gender markers, pronouns, or preferred name on any school form; or (2) allowing a child to change the child's sex7 based accommodations, including locker rooms or bathroom." [H.R.5, Text, Introduced [3/1/23](#)]

D'Esposito Was Closely Allied With Anti-LGBTQ+ Extremist Speaker Mike Johnson, Who Featured At D'Esposito's Fundraisers, Donated To His Campaign, And "United The Republican Conference" According To D'Esposito

Mike Johnson Donated \$10,000 To D'Esposito For New York

As Of April 2024, American Revival PAC Donated \$10,000 To D'Esposito For New York. [FEC Campaign Finance Data Search, accessed [6/7/24](#); D'Esposito for New York, 2023 Year-End Report, Itemized Receipts, accessed [6/7/24](#)]

Contributions to D'Esposito for New York From American Revival PAC		
Source	Date	Amount
American Revival PAC	3/31/23	\$1,000

American Revival PAC	12/31/23	\$9,000
Total:		\$10,000

[FEC Campaign Finance Data Search, accessed [6/7/24](#); D'Esposito for New York, 2023 Year-End Report, Itemized Receipts, accessed [6/7/24](#)]

- **American Revival PAC Was Mike Johnson's Leadership PAC.** American Revival PAC was the leadership PAC of Louisiana Republican Congressman Mike Johnson. [FEC Committee Profiles, American Revival PAC, accessed [10/27/23](#)]

Mike Johnson Was The Special Guest At A Fundraiser For D'Esposito

HEADLINE: "Speaker Mike Johnson Heads To LI For D'Esposito Fundraiser." [Newsday, [12/1/23](#)]

12/2/23: Mike Johnson Featured As The Special Guest At A Fundraiser For Anthony D'Esposito. "HON. JOSEPH G. CAIRO, JR. INVITES YOU TO SUPPORT CONGRESSMAN ANTHONY D'ESPOSITO WITH SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE MIKE JOHNSON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2023 12:30 PM – 2:30 PM at THE GENERAL 1899 Park Boulevard, East Meadow, NY." [Newsday, [12/1/23](#)]



[Newsday, [12/1/23](#)]

D'Esposito Supported Mike Johnson's Bid For Speakership, Calling Him An "Intelligent Legislator" Who "United The Republican Conference Behind His Vision"

D'Esposito Said Mike Johnson Was His Friend And A "Well Thought Leader Who Lives This Nation." "I'm w/ @MikeJohnson to be 56th Speaker of the House. Mike is my friend, a son of a firefighter, a good family man & a smart, well thought leader who loves this Nation. He understands issues critical @NYGov & @longisland. He will help grow our @HouseGOP majority." [Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, [10/25/23](#)]



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D'Esposito Said He Was “Confident” That Speaker Johnson Would “Advance The Legislative Priorities Of New Yorkers.” “The votes of Long Island's House members to approve Mike Johnson as the new speaker of the House were key to the surprise victory of the 51-year-old Louisiana legislator. Johnson, who sought to overturn the 2020 presidential election in favor of the defeated Donald Trump, is now second in line to the presidency with a very powerful role in shaping government policy, assuming he can hold on to the gavel. Reps. Anthony D'Esposito, Andrew Garbarino and Nick LaLota voted unanimously with the Republican House conference to empower the unknown Johnson. [...] ‘While Speaker Johnson and I won't always agree on everything, I am confident the gentleman from Louisiana will work collaboratively with myself and my colleagues from Long Island to advance the legislative priorities of New Yorkers,’ said D'Esposito.” [Newsday, Op-Ed, [11/14/23](#)]

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D'Esposito On Speaker Johnson: “I’m Confident That He Will Fit Very Nicely Into His New Role And He’ll Be Very Successful At It.” “Rep. Mike Johnson (R-LA 04) yesterday did what no other Republican leader could: ended the weeks-long chaos that halted normal business in the House and united the raucous conference behind his bid to replace the ousted Speaker Kevin McCarthy. [...] ‘Is it a concern? Obviously fundraising is important to any race. Listen, he comes from a district that is a pretty solid district—he didn’t need to focus on fundraising,’ Rep. Anthony D'Esposito (R-NY 04), one of the most vulnerable Republicans in the country, told reporters yesterday.

‘I’m sure that he will realize very quickly that fundraising is important and that it matters, and I’m confident that he will fit very nicely into his new role and he’ll be very successful at it.’” [National Journal, [10/26/23](#)]

Johnson Had A Long Record Of Discrimination Against The LGBTQ+ community, Including Working For A Group That Was Behind Some Of The Country’s Most Restrictive Anti-LGBTQ+ Laws

HEADLINE: “House Speaker Mike Johnson Has Long Opposed Abortion And LGBTQ+ Rights.” [Louisiana Illuminator, [10/29/23](#)]

In Congress, Johnson Introduced A Bill That Would Restrict Discussion With Children Related To Gender Identity And Sexual Orientation Which Was Called A “Don’t Say Gay” Bill By Critics. “Johnson continued once in the House, despite keeping a relatively under-the-radar profile. As vice chair of the House Republican Conference, he made clear that he opposes gender-affirming care for minors. He introduced a bill that would restrict the discussion and programming related to gender identity, sexual orientation and gender dysphoria with children at federally funded institutions — a federal “Don’t Say Gay” bill, according to its critics.” [Louisiana Illuminator, [10/29/23](#)]

Johnson Was Previously Spokesperson And Attorney For Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF), A Group “Behind Dozens Of The Most Restrictive Abortion Laws And Pieces Of Anti-LGBTQ+ Legislation In The Country.” “Before the newly elected U.S. House Speaker Mike Johnson was in public office, the Louisiana Republican’s restrictive stances on gender identity, abortion and sexuality were honed at the conservative Christian legal group Alliance Defending Freedom, where he served as a senior spokesperson and attorney. Alliance Defending Freedom, or ADF, is the legal force behind dozens of the most restrictive abortion laws and pieces of anti-LGBTQ+ legislation in the country.” [Louisiana Illuminator, [10/29/23](#)]

- **While At ADF, Johnson Called Same Sex Marriages “Counterfeit Legal Arrangements” Pushed By “Radical Homosexual Advocacy Groups.”** “Before the newly elected U.S. House Speaker Mike Johnson was in public office, the Louisiana Republican’s restrictive stances on gender identity, abortion and sexuality were honed at the conservative Christian legal group Alliance Defending Freedom, where he served as a senior spokesperson and attorney. [...] Johnson, while at ADF, wrote opinion pieces for the newspaper in his hometown of Shreveport that called same-sex marriages ‘counterfeit legal arrangements’ pushed by ‘radical homosexual advocacy groups’ and opposed the inclusion of sexual orientation and gender identity in employment nondiscrimination policies.” [Louisiana Illuminator, [10/29/23](#)]

2016: Johnson Said He Was On The Front In “The Defense Of Traditional Marriage.” “When Johnson first ran for his House seat in northwest Louisiana in 2016, he told a Baptist website that he felt ‘called to legal ministry,’ saying: ‘I’ve been out on the front lines of the ‘culture war’ defending religious freedom, the sanctity of human life, and biblical values, including the defense of traditional marriage, and other ideals like these when they’ve been under attack.’” [Louisiana Illuminator, [10/29/23](#)]

Johnson Once Favored Criminalizing Gay Sex. “Speaker of the House Mike Johnson has a history of harsh anti-gay language from his time as an attorney for a socially conservative legal group in the mid-2000s. [...] At the time, Johnson was an attorney and spokesman for Alliance Defense Fund, known today as Alliance Defending Freedom, where he also authored his opposition to the Supreme Court ruling in *Lawrence v. Texas* – which overturned state laws that criminalized homosexual activity between consenting adults. ADF wrote an amicus brief in the case which supported maintaining criminalization.” [CNN, [10/27/23](#)]

D’Esposito Was Endorsed By The New York State Conservative Party, Which Opposed Expanding The Human Rights Law To Include Transgender Individuals
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D'Esposito Was Endorsed By The New York State Conservative Party And Was Praised By Their Chairman, Daniel Donovan For Being Aligned With The Party's Vision

2022: D'Esposito Ran On The Republican And Conservative Party Lines. According to the New York State Board of Elections, D'Esposito was running on the ballot lines for both the Republican and the Conservative Parties. [New York State Board of Elections, Election Results, [11/8/22](#)]

The New York State Conservative Party Endorsed D'Esposito For Re-Election In 2018. "Councilman Anthony D'Esposito has secured the Conservative ballot line and party designation for his upcoming re-election campaign, having filed the required number of signatures on nominating petitions with the County Board of Elections. [...] This development marks the second election in which D'Esposito, the Republican nominee for Councilman of the fourth district, has been endorsed by the Conservative Party and will afford him a second ballot line this coming November." [Councilman Anthony D'Esposito via Wayback Machine, Press Release, archived [9/2/2022](#)]

- **Conservative Party Chairman Daniel Donovan: D'Esposito Is Aligned With "Our Party's Mission."** "Conservative Party Chairman Daniel Donovan said, 'Councilman D'Esposito played a vital role in Supervisor Santino's deficit reduction initiative in which the Town of Hempstead successfully turned a \$23.5 million budget deficit into a \$5 million budget surplus. [...] Councilman D'Esposito's strong affinity for the police and fire departments, his endorsement of family values as well as his firm determination to strive for smaller, more efficient government, aligns him to our party's mission. We are excited to have Councilman D'Esposito run for re-election on our ballot.'" [Councilman Anthony D'Esposito via Wayback Machine, Press Release, archived [9/2/2022](#)]

The Nassau County Conservative Party Donated \$975 To D'Esposito's New York State Campaign Committee

The Nassau County Conservative Party Donated \$1,135 To Citizens For D'Esposito.

Contributions to D'Esposito for New York From The Nassau County Conservative Party		
Source	Date	Amount
Nassau County Conservative Party Committee	3/26/17	\$160
Nassau County Conservative Party Committee	1/18/17	\$250
Nassau County Conservative Party Committee	6/27/16	\$300
Nassau County Conservative Party Committee	4/25/16	\$175
Nassau County Conservative Party Committee	4/21/16	\$250
Total:		\$1,135

[New York State Campaign Finance Search, accessed [12/19/23](#)]

The New York State Conservative Party Opposed Expanding The Human Rights Law To Include Transgender Individuals As A Protected Class And Stated That They Did Not Support Any Politicians Who Supported Marriage Equality For LGBTQ+ Individuals

The New York State Conservative Party Opposed Expanding "The Human Rights Law To Include 'Transgender' As A Protected Class." "Legislation must be adopted to protect religious institutions from being required to recognize/perform marriages that are not within their traditional definition of marriage. We do not support legislation that seeks to expand the Human Rights Law to include 'transgender' as a protected class. We reject any effort to detain infected individuals and their contacts in a government and/or private facility. We oppose mandated vaccines for Covid 19 and believe any vaccination for communicable diseases should only be done with parental consent." [New York State Conservative Party via Internet Archive, 2022 Legislative Program, archived [12/7/22](#)]

- **New York's Human Rights Law "Prohibits Discrimination Based On Specific Protected Classes."** "New York State's comprehensive anti-discrimination statute is the New York State Human Rights Law (State

Human Rights Law). The State Human Rights Law prohibits discrimination based on specific protected classes in employment, housing, credit, places of public accommodations, and non-sectarian educational institutions. Under the State Human Rights Law, every citizen has an ‘equal opportunity to enjoy a full and productive life.’” [New York City Equal Employment Practices Commission, accessed [6/14/22](#)]

May 2011: The New York State Conservative Party Declared That Any Politician Who Supported Marriage Equality Could Not Use Their Ballot Line. “Following up on a threat by chairman Mike Long, the state Conservative Party passed a resolution today vowing not to support any politician who supports gay marriage. The resolution, which was unanimously passed by the party’s executive council, is pretty clear cut: ‘... any elected official or potential candidate who does not support marriage as defined between one man and one woman, shall not have their name appear on Row C, the New York State Conservative Party position on election ballots, in any election.’” [Albany Times-Union, [5/12/11](#)]

D’Esposito Aligned Himself With The Big Lie, Closely Associating With Its Propagators, Voicing Opposition To Trump’s Legal Prosecutions, And Supporting An Impeachment Inquiry Into President Biden

D’Esposito Was Closely Associated With Big Lie Propagators, Taking More Than \$250,000 From Members Of Congress Who Voted To Overturn The 2020 Election And Campaigning With Leaders In The Big Lie Movement

D’Esposito Received \$252,630 From Members Of Congress Who Voted To Overturn The 2020 Election

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2022 – 2024 D’Esposito for New York Receipts: Members Who Voted To Overturn The 2020 Election			
Committee	Associated Candidate	Date(s)	Amount(s)
Mike Johnson for Louisiana	Mike Johnson (R-LA)	12/31/23	\$2,000
American Revival PAC	Mike Johnson (R-LA)	12/31/23	\$9,000
		3/31/23	\$1,000
American Security PAC	Mike Rogers (R-AL)	6/30/23	\$5,000
Deliver Excel Believe PAC	Debbie Lesko (R-AZ)	6/30/23	\$1,000
Crawford for Congress	Rick Crawford (R-AR)	3/31/23	\$1,000
Eureka Political Action Committee	Ken Calvert (R-CA)	3/7/24	\$1,500
		6/27/23	\$2,500
		3/21/23	\$1,000
Invest in a Strong and Secure America	Darrell Issa (R-CA)	10/17/22	\$500
Kevin McCarthy for Congress	Kevin McCarthy (R-CA)	6/27/23	\$2,000
Majority Committee PAC – MC PAC	Kevin McCarthy (R-CA)	3/1/23	\$5000
		3/1/23	\$5000
		7/28/22	\$5000
		7/28/22	\$5000
American Grit PAC	Kat Cammack (R-FL)	12/5/22	\$1,000
		8/16/22	\$2,500
Maintaining All Republicans in Office PAC	Mario Diaz-Balart (R-FL)	3/17/23	\$3,000
Byron Donalds for Congress	Byron Donalds (R-FL)	6/30/23	\$1,000
Proven Conservatives PAC	Byron Donalds (R-FL)	3/31/23	\$1,500
Scott Franklin for Congress	Scott Franklin (R-FL)	3/30/23	\$1,000

Carlos Gimenez for Congress	Carlos Gimenez (R-FL)	3/31/23	\$1,000
Mast for Congress	Brian Mast (R-FL)	6/30/23	\$2,000
VALOR PAC	Brian Mast (R-FL)	6/30/23	\$1,000
Rick W. Allen for Congress	Rick Allen (R-GA)	9/30/23	\$1,000
BUDDY PAC	Earl “Buddy” Carter (R-GA)	9/30/23	\$1,000
		6/27/23	\$1,000
		3/31/23	\$1,000
Buddy Carter for Congress	Earl “Buddy” Carter (R-GA)	9/30/23	\$1,000
Greene for Congress	Marjorie Taylor Greene (R-GA)	3/31/23	\$2,000
Loudermilk for Congress	Barry Loudermilk (R-GA)	3/31/23	\$1,500
		7/28/22	\$1,000
Mike Bost for Congress Committee	Mike Bost (R-IL)	3/30/23	\$1,000
Ron Estes for Congress	Ron Estes (R-KS)	3/30/23	\$2,000
		7/28/22	\$1,000
Restoring Our Nation (RON) PAC	Ron Estes (R-KS)	9/30/22	\$2,500
Great Plains PAC	Tracey Mann (R-KS)	11/7/22	\$1,000
Garret Graves for Congress	Garret Graves (R-LA)	9/30/23	\$1,500
		3/31/23	\$500
		3/31/23	\$2,000
Do Right Bayou PAC	Garret Graves (R-LA)	8/31/23	\$2,500
Scalise for Congress	Steve Scalise (R-LA)	6/27/23	\$2,000
		3/17/23	\$2,000
		9/8/22	\$2,000
		7/28/22	\$2,000
Eye of the Tiger PAC	Steve Scalise (R-LA)	3/31/23	\$5,000
		3/17/23	\$5,000
		9/8/22	\$5,000
		7/28/22	\$5,000
Andy Harris for Congress	Andy Harris (R-MD)	3/31/23	\$2,000
Lisa McClain for Congress	Lisa McClain (R-MI)	9/30/23	\$1,000
		6/27/23	\$1,000
Walberg for Congress	Tim Walberg (R-MI)	6/27/23	\$1,000
Truth is Markets Work Fund a/k/a/ Tim W Fund	Tim Walberg (R-MI)	9/30/22	\$1,000
Kelly for Congress	Trent Kelly (R-MS)	3/31/23	\$1,000
Building Leadership and Inspiring New Enterprise PAC	Blaine Luetkemeyer (R-MO)	3/31/23	\$2,000
		8/16/22	\$2,000
Mr. Southern Missourian in the House PAC	Jason Smith (R-MO)	3/31/23	\$2,500
		7/8/22	\$2,000
Victory and Freedom PAC (VAF PAC)	Virginia Foxx (R-NC)	3/7/23	\$2,500
		11/1/22	\$3,000
		9/6/22	\$2,000
Hudson for Congress	Richard Hudson (R-NC)	6/27/23	\$2,000
First in Freedom PAC	Richard Hudson (R-NC)	3/31/23	\$5,000
		10/31/22	\$2,500
Friends to Elect Dr. Greg Murphy to Congress	Greg Murphy (R-NC)	6/27/23	\$1,000
Victory East	Greg Murphy (R-NC)	9/30/23	\$1,000
		3/31/23	\$1,000
David Rouzer for Congress	David Rouzer (R-NC)	6/27/23	\$1,000
		3/31/23	\$1,000
Adrian Smith for Congress	Adrian Smith (R-NE)	6/27/23	\$1,000

		3/31/23 10/23/22	\$1,000 \$1,000
No Nonsense PAC	Nicole Malliotakis (R-NY)	11/8/22 9/30/22	\$1,000 \$1,000
Elise for Congress	Elise Stefanik (R-NY)	6/27/23 6/29/23 11/4/22	\$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000
E-PAC	Elise Stefanik (R-NY)	2/28/23 2/28/23	\$5,000 \$5,000
Leadership America Needs PAC	Former Rep. Lee Zeldin (R-NY)	3/31/23 3/31/24	\$3,300 \$1,000
Jim Jordan for Congress	Jim Jordan (R-OH)	3/31/23	\$2,000
Big Ideas Create Excellence – BICE PAC	Stephanie Bice (R-OK)	3/31/23	\$1,000
Conservative Opportunity Leadership and Enterprise PAC (COLE PAC)	Tom Cole (R-OK)	5/17/24 9/30/23 6/27/23 3/31/23 7/28/22	\$2,000 \$1,000 \$1,000 \$1,000 \$1,000
RE-JOYCE PAC	John Joyce (R-PA)	6/27/23 3/31/23	\$1,000 \$1,000
Meuser for Congress	Dan Meuser (R-PA)	6/27/23	\$1,000
DAN-PAFIRST PAC	Dan Meuser (R-PA)	9/30/23 3/31/23	\$1,500 \$1,000
Guy for Congress	Guy Reschenthaler (R-PA)	3/31/23	\$2,000
Smucker for Congress	Lloyd Smucker (R-PA)	6/27/23	\$1,500
JAM PAC	Lloyd Smucker (R-PA)	3/31/23	\$1,500
Friends of Glenn Thompson	Glenn Thompson (R-PA)	3/31/23	\$2,000
Burchett for Congress	Tim Burchett (R-TN)	6/27/23 3/31/23	\$2,080 \$1,000
Chuck Fleischmann for Congress Committee, Inc.	Chuck Fleischmann (R-TN)	6/30/23 3/31/23	\$2,000 \$2,000
Mark Green for Congress	Mark Green (R-TN)	3/31/23	\$3,750
Diana for Congress	Diana Harshbarger (R-TN)	6/27/23	\$1,000
Republicans Offering Solutions for Everyone PAC	John Rose (R-TN)	6/30/23	\$2,000
Texans for Jodey Arrington	Jodey Arrington (R-TX)	3/31/23	\$1,500
Bulldog PAC	Jodey Arrington (R-TX)	10/22/22 9/30/22	\$1,000 \$2,000
Dr. Brian Babin for Congress	Brian Babin (R-TX)	11/20/23 6/30/23 3/31/23	\$1,000 \$1,000 \$1,000
Patriots Always Triumph	Patrick Fallon (R-TX)	12/28/23 3/31/23	\$3,500 \$1,500
August Pfluger for Congress	August Pfluger (R-TX)	6/27/23	\$2,000
Raptor PAC	August Pfluger (R-TX)	3/31/23 11/4/22 7/28/22	\$5,000 \$1,000 \$1,000
Be Victorious Over Democrats PAC	Beth Van Duyne (R-TX)	9/30/22	\$1,000
Weber for Congress	Randy Weber (R-TX)	9/30/23 6/27/23	\$1,000 \$1,000

		3/31/23	\$1,000
Morgan Griffith for Congress	Morgan Griffith (R-VA)	6/27/23	\$2,000
Rob Wittman for Congress	Rob Wittman (R-VA)	6/30/23	\$1,000
America's First PAC	Rob Wittman (R-VA)	9/30/23	\$1,000
		3/31/23	\$1,000
Conservative Leadership in Elections PAC	Ben Cline (R-VA)	6/30/23	\$1,000
	Carol Miller (R-WV)	9/30/23	\$1,000
Carol for Congress		6/30/23	\$1,000
		3/31/23	\$2,000
Cut the Bull PAC	Carol Miller (R-WV)	9/30/23	\$5,000
		3/29/22	\$1,000
		9/30/22	\$2,000
		Total:	\$252,630

[FEC Candidate and Committee Viewer, accessed [6/28/24](#)]

NOTE: The table above used a [New York Times list](#) of members of the House who voted to overturn the 2020 election, which was crosschecked with receipts from D'Esposito for New York found on FEC.gov.

2023: D'Esposito Received \$2,000 From Jim Jordan, Who Helped Trump's Efforts To Overturn The 2020 Election

March 2023: Jim Jordan For Congress Gave \$2,000 To D'Esposito For New York. According to the Federal Election Commission, Jim Jordan for Congress gave \$2,000 to D'Esposito for New York on March 31, 2023. [FEC Campaign Finance Data Search, accessed [12/4/23](#)]

New York Times: Jordan Was "Deeply Involved" In Trump's Efforts To Overturn The 2020 Election. "The House committee investigating the Capitol attack asked Representative Jim Jordan of Ohio on Wednesday to sit for an interview with its investigators, in the latest step the panel has taken to dig into the role that members of Congress played in trying to undermine the 2020 election. [...] Mr. Jordan, a Republican, was deeply involved in Mr. Trump's effort to fight the election results." [New York Times, [12/22/21](#)]

- **Jordan Participated In Meetings With Trump's Team To Plan A Strategy To Challenge The Election Outcome.** "Mr. Jordan, a Republican, was deeply involved in Mr. Trump's effort to fight the election results. He participated in planning meetings with senior White House officials, including a gathering in November 2020 at Trump campaign headquarters in Arlington, Va., and a meeting at the White House last December, where Republican lawmakers discussed plans with the president's team to use the joint session of Congress on Jan. 6 to challenge the election outcome." [New York Times, [12/22/21](#)]
- **Jordan Spread Conspiracies About Voter Fraud And Supported Lawsuits To Discard The Results Of The 2020 Election.** "In the months leading up to and following the 2020 presidential election, potential House speaker and Ohio Rep. Jim Jordan prolifically pushed false stolen election rhetoric. After then-President Donald Trump lost the election to Joe Biden, Jordan urged Trump not to concede, spread conspiracy theories, supported lawsuits attempting to disqualify the legitimate results and discussed plans to object to the 2020 election results on January 6, 2021. [CNN, [10/9/23](#)]

D'Esposito Was A Close Ally Of Speaker Mike Johnson, Who Perpetuated The Big Lie And Led Legal Efforts To Overturn The 2020 Election

Mike Johnson Donated \$10,000 To D'Esposito For New York

As Of April 2024, American Revival PAC Donated \$10,000 To D'Esposito For New York. [FEC Campaign

Finance Data Search, accessed [6/7/24](#); D'Esposito for New York, 2023 Year-End Report, Itemized Receipts, accessed [6/7/24](#)

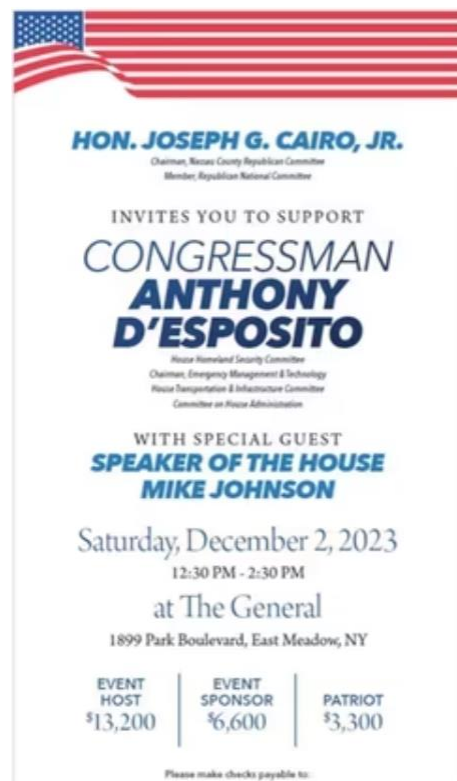
Contributions to D'Esposito for New York From American Revival PAC		
Source	Date	Amount
American Revival PAC	3/31/23	\$1,000
American Revival PAC	12/31/23	\$9,000
Total:		\$10,000

[FEC Campaign Finance Data Search, accessed [6/7/24](#); D'Esposito for New York, 2023 Year-End Report, Itemized Receipts, accessed [6/7/24](#)]

Mike Johnson Was The Special Guest At A Fundraiser For D'Esposito

HEADLINE: “Speaker Mike Johnson Heads To LI For D'Esposito Fundraiser.” [Newsday, [12/1/23](#)]

12/2/23: Mike Johnson Featured As The Special Guest At A Fundraiser For Anthony D'Esposito. “HON. JOSEPH G. CAIRO, JR. INVITES YOU TO SUPPORT CONGRESSMAN ANTHONY D'ESPOSITO WITH SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE MIKE JOHNSON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2023 12:30 PM – 2:30 PM at THE GENERAL 1899 Park Boulevard, East Meadow, NY.” [Newsday, [12/1/23](#)]



[Newsday, [12/1/23](#)]

The Fundraiser Had A Minimum Price Of \$3,300 For Entry And Was Held At The General, A Private Cigar Club And Steakhouse. “Speaker of the House Mike Johnson is heading to Long Island on Saturday to fundraise for Rep. Anthony D'Esposito at an event where CD3 is sure to be a topic of conversation. The fundraiser is scheduled to take place at The General, a private cigar club and steakhouse at Eisenhower Park. The invitation, which came from Nassau County Republican Committee chair Joseph Cairo, features the chance to be an ‘event host’ for \$13,200, an ‘event sponsor’ for \$6,600, or a ‘patriot’ for the low price of just \$3,300. Johnson, who is in New York City this weekend for a House fundraiser, voted to not expel George Santos on Friday, a move that reportedly dismayed some of the New York delegation. D'Esposito worked hard to get Santos off the national

stage.” [Newsday, [12/1/23](#)]

Johnson Repeatedly Perpetuated The Big Lie

After The 2020 Election Was Called, Johnson Went On Radio Interviews To Discuss “Credible Allegations Of Fraud And Irregularity” In The 2020 Election. “Mr. Johnson’s public statements suggest that he initially agreed. ‘There is still reason for hope’ that Mr. Trump might win, he told a conservative Louisiana talk radio host a week after the election, citing ‘credible allegations of fraud and irregularity.’ Charges that voting machines had been ‘rigged’ had ‘a lot of merit,’ he asserted in another radio interview.” [New York Times, [10/3/22](#)]

11/8/20: On The Night After Biden’s 2020 Election Victory, Johnson Talked To Trump About How “Every Instance Of Fraud And Illegality Has Got To Be Prosecuted.” JOHNSON: “Look, I talked to the President last night. Kelly and I were on stage at a local church presenting our God Government seminar and the President called my cell and Kelly, her eyes got real big and she handed it to me. And we were live, in front a bunch of people at this church, and I said ‘y’all can I take this call, it’s the President?’ [...] I was so encouraged, Moon, to hear his resolve last night. The President is dug in on this. He wants to ensure that every single legal vote gets properly counted. And he knows that every instance of fraud and illegality has got to be prosecuted to the full extent of the law because this is bigger than the Trump/Pence campaign, it’s bigger than this election cycle, this is about the American people’s faith in our election system itself.” [Moon Griffon Show, Soundcloud, 4:32, [11/9/20](#)] (AUDIO)

Johnson Was Called “The Most Important Architect Of The Electoral College Objections” After About 75% Of The Republicans Who Objected To The Election Results “Chiefly Relied On Mr. Johnson’s Argument”

New York Times: Johnson Was “The Most Important Architect Of The Electoral College Objections.” “In formal statements justifying their votes, about three-quarters relied on the arguments of a low-profile Louisiana congressman, Representative Mike Johnson, the most important architect of the Electoral College objections.” [New York Times, [10/3/22](#)]

- **Johnson Was Credited With Coming Up With The Option For Republicans To Vote Not To Certify 2020 Election Results On The Grounds Of Changed Voting Procedures During The Pandemic.** “On the eve of the Jan. 6 votes, he presented colleagues with what he called a ‘third option.’ He faulted the way some states had changed voting procedures during the pandemic, saying it was unconstitutional, without supporting the outlandish claims of Mr. Trump’s most vocal supporters. His Republican critics called it a Trojan horse that allowed lawmakers to vote with the president while hiding behind a more defensible case.” [New York Times, [10/3/22](#)]

New York Times: About 75% Of Republican Representatives Who Objected To 2020 Election Results “Chiefly Relied On Mr. Johnson’s Argument.” “In the weeks before Jan. 6, the vast majority of objectors had publicly sympathized with Mr. Trump’s allegations of conspiracy and fraud. Yet when it came time to stake out an official justification for their votes, about three-quarters chiefly relied on Mr. Johnson’s argument, including 35 who signed a statement that he had written and read aloud at the previous day’s meeting.” [New York Times, [10/3/22](#)]

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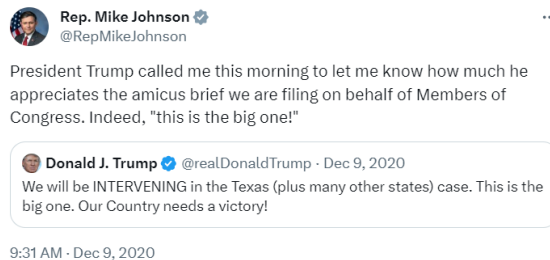
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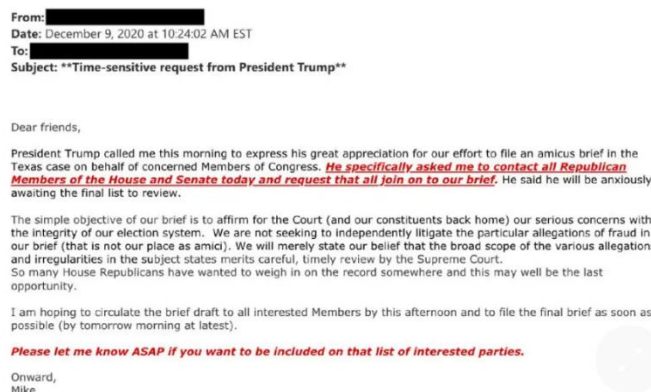
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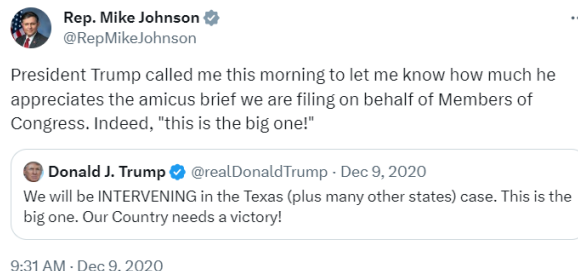
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11/8/20: On The Night Of Biden's 2020 Election Victory, Trump Called Johnson To Discuss Next Steps In The Election Integrity Fight. "Look, I talked to the President last night. Kelly and I were on stage at a local church presenting our God Government seminar and the President called my cell and Kelly, her eyes got real big and she handed it to me. And we were live, in front a bunch of people at this church, and I said 'y'all can I take this call, it's the President?' [...] I was so encouraged, Moon, to hear his resolve last night. The President is dug in on this. He wants to ensure that every single legal vote gets properly counted. And he knows that every instance of fraud and illegality has got to be prosecuted to the full extent of the law because this is bigger than the Trump/Pence campaign, it's bigger than this election cycle, this is about the American people's faith in our election system itself." [Moon Griffon Show, Soundcloud, 4:32, [11/9/20](#)] (AUDIO)

Trump Called Johnson "Wanting To Vent" After Biden Won The 2020 Election. "And on Nov. 8, 2020, the day after Joseph R. Biden Jr. gave a victory speech, the president called again, 'wanting to vent,' Mr. Johnson said in an interview with The Times. 'We have been cheated' and all that — and he believes that to his core today.'" [New York Times, [10/3/22](#)]

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From: [REDACTED]
 Date: December 9, 2020 at 10:24:02 AM EST
 To: [REDACTED]
 Subject: ****Time-sensitive request from President Trump****

Dear friends,

President Trump called me this morning to express his great appreciation for our effort to file an amicus brief in the Texas case on behalf of concerned Members of Congress. ***He specifically asked me to contact all Republican Members of the House and Senate today and request that all join on to our brief.*** He said he will be anxiously awaiting the final list to review.

The simple objective of our brief is to affirm for the Court (and our constituents back home) our serious concerns with the integrity of our election system. We are not seeking to independently litigate the particular allegations of fraud in our brief (that is not our place as amici). We will merely state our belief that the broad scope of the various allegations and irregularities in the subject states merits careful, timely review by the Supreme Court. So many House Republicans have wanted to weigh in on the record somewhere and this may well be the last opportunity.

I am hoping to circulate the brief draft to all interested Members by this afternoon and to file the final brief as soon as possible (by tomorrow morning at latest).

Please let me know ASAP if you want to be included on that list of interested parties.

Onward,
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[New York Times, [10/3/22](#)]

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D'Esposito Touted His Endorsement From Elise Stefanik

July 2022: D'Esposito Thanked Stefanik For Her Endorsement. “Thanks @EliseStefanik! Looking forward to flipping #NY04!” [Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, [7/6/22](#)]



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Donations From Stefanik-Related Committees To D’Esposito For New York			
Elise for Congress	Elise Stefanik (R-NY)	6/27/23	\$2,000
		6/29/23	\$2,000
		11/4/22	\$2,000
E-PAC	Elise Stefanik (R-NY)	2/28/23	\$5,000
		2/28/23	\$5,000
Total:			\$16,000

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HEADLINE: GOP To Invest \$100 Million In N.Y. House Races That May Determine Control Of Congress. [NY1, [8/29/23](#)]

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Stefanik Refused To Confirm That She Would Certify Results Of The 2024 Election And Called January 6th Insurrectionists As “Hostages”

HEADLINE: “Stefanik Condemned For Mimicking Trump By Calling Jan 6 Prisoners ‘Hostages.’” [The Independent, [1/7/24](#)]

Stefanik Said She Had “Concerns About The Treatment Of January 6th Hostages” Days After Trump Used The Same Language. “New York Republican Rep Elise Stefanik is under fire from Democrats for labelling January 6 prisoners ‘hostages,’ echoing Donald Trump. Ahead of the third anniversary of the Capitol riot, in a campaign speech in Sioux Center, Iowa, Mr Trump referred to individuals arrested and charged in connection to the Capitol attack as ‘J6 hostages.’ He claimed, ‘Nobody’s been treated ever in history so badly as those people.’ On Sunday, Congresswoman Stefanik used the same language on NBC’s ‘Meet the Press.’ She said, ‘I have concerns about the treatment of January 6th hostages.’” [The Independent, [1/7/24](#)]

1/7/24: On Meet The Press, Stefanik On Of Whether She Would Certify Results Of The 2024 Election, “We Will See If This Is A Legal And Valid Election.” “Rep. Elise Stefanik (R-N.Y.) on Sunday stopped short of saying she will certify the 2024 election results, saying she will ‘see’ if this year’s election is ‘legal and valid.’ Pressed on NBC News’s ‘Meet the Press’ over whether she will vote to certify the 2024 election results no matter what the result is, Stefanik said, ‘We will see if this is a legal and valid election.’” [The Hill, [1/7/24](#)]

D'Esposito Avoided A Question About The Events That Took Place On January 6th

VIDEO: Asked If What Happened On January 6th Concerned Him, D'Esposito Said, "I Am Confident That The United States Of America Is The Greatest Democracy." "HARLOW: So you're not concerned about what happened on January 6 and what could have happened if Mike Pence didn't do what he did in terms of certifying the vote? None of that concerns you? Just talk about it. D'ESPOSITO: Right now, it -- HARLOW: Yeah, go ahead. D'ESPOSITO: Yeah. Right now, it is -- right now, it is clear we have record debt, we have record spending. Our border is wide open. Communities are less safe than they were before. And it is -- it is very clear -- it is very clear -- HARLOW: I know. They're all issues but that's not what I asked you. I asked you about preserving democracy. D'ESPOSITO: -- that Joe Biden is the President of the United States. And I am confident that the United States of America is the greatest democracy in the country and there will people -- there are people that will continue to fight for that democracy. HARLOW: Congressman Anthony D'Esposito, we'll watch the hearing today. Thank you for joining us." [CNN via internet archive, 0:15, archived [12/5/23](#)] (VIDEO)

D'Esposito Criticized New York District Attorney Alvin Bragg For Indicting Trump In The Hush Money Trial, Saying Bragg Was "A Hack" And "Playing Politics" By Indicting Trump

3/31/23: D'Esposito Criticized Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg For Indicting Donald Trump Saying Bragg Was "A Hack" And "Chooses To Focus His Energy On Playing Politics" "With crime in New York City at record highs & the public safety situation rapidly deteriorating, DA Alvin Bragg chooses to focus his energy on playing politics instead of taking violent criminals off street. Bragg is a hack & should be ashamed." [Anthony D'Esposito, Facebook, [3/31/23](#)]



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- **3/30/23: New York Times Headline: "Trump Indicted In New York"** [New York Times, [3/30/23](#)]
- **3/30/23: A Grand Jury In Manhattan Indicted Donald Trump "For His Role In Paying Hush Money To A Porn Star."** "A Manhattan grand jury indicted Donald J. Trump on Thursday for his role in paying hush money to a porn star, according to people with knowledge of the matter, a historic development that will shake up the 2024 presidential race and forever mark him as the nation's first former president to face criminal charges. On Thursday evening, after news of the charges had been widely reported, the district attorney's office confirmed that Mr. Trump had been indicted and that prosecutors had contacted Mr. Trump's attorney to coordinate his surrender to authorities in Manhattan." [New York Times, [3/30/23](#)]

8/7/23: The Island 360 Editorial Board: D'Esposito Is "Among The Many Republicans Missing By Saying Nothing Yet About The [January 6th] Indictments Against Trump." "GOP Reps. Anthony D'Esposito (NY-4)

and George Santos (NY-3), whose districts include all or some of Nassau County, are among the many Republicans missing by saying nothing yet about the indictments against Trump. The Republicans' silence on the Jan. 6 indictments is in contrast with their response to the 37-count indictment filed against Trump for allegedly stealing documents belonging to the American people from the White House and bringing them to his beach club at Mar-a-Lago." [The Island 360, Editorial, [8/7/23](#)]

- **8/1/23: Trump Was Indicted On Felony Charges For Working To Overturn The 2020 Election In The Run-Up To The January 6th Insurrection.** "Special counsel Jack Smith unveiled his case alleging that former President Donald Trump broke several laws in his attempts to overturn the 2020 election, with a grand jury indictment returned Tuesday that illustrated the depth and breadth of the federal criminal investigation. Prosecutors said in the new charging documents that Trump 'was determined to remain in power' after losing the 2020 election, and that he and six unindicted co-conspirators orchestrated a plot to overturn the results on and leading up to January 6, 2021. Trump, who has derided Smith's case as a politically motivated 'fake indictment,' has been summoned to appear before a magistrate judge on Thursday." [CNN, [8/1/23](#)]

January 2024: D'Esposito Stated He Would Support The Republican Nominee Who, According To D'Esposito, Would Be Donald Trump

VIDEO: D'Esposito: "I Would Say That Donald Trump Will Be The Nominee And I Will Be Supportive Of Whoever The Republican Nominee Is." HOST: "Since we were just talking about Donald Trump, where do you stand on him right now? Do you think he's essentially the presumptive nominee?" D'ESPOSITO: "I would say that Donald Trump will be the nominee and I will be supportive of whoever the Republican nominee is." [NewsNation via YouTube, 0:20, uploaded [1/18/24](#)] (VIDEO)

D'Esposito Voted For An Impeachment Inquiry On President Biden, Which Republicans Conceded To Be A Political Ploy To Exact Revenge For Donald Trump And Hurt Biden's Election Chances

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September 2023: When Asked Why D'Esposito Was Supporting An Impeachment Inquiry On The Verge Of A Shutdown, He Said It Was A Matter Of "Releasing The Information To Other Members Of Congress So That They Can Get An Understanding Of How We Move Forward." PARTICIPANT: "Just wanted to ask you why are you supporting an impeachment inquiry when we're so close to a government shutdown?" D'ESPOSITO: "Sure, so the impeachment inquiry came about a few weeks ago, and I think that this is, as someone who has served a career in the NYPD, conducted hundreds, if not well over a thousand investigations, I realize that the best way to conduct an investigation is a concise, methodic approach to making sure that you gather all the facts and move forward. In this case we've had investigations going on in Congress by different committees of jurisdiction, committees that I don't sit on, but nonetheless there have been investigations, and through those investigations there has been evidence that's found, and I believe that an impeachment inquiry is very different from articles of impeachment, and I believe that an impeachment inquiry allows members of Congress who do not serve on the committees of jurisdiction that are conducting the investigations to receive the information that they need in order to make an educational decision on how to move forward. And that's really what this inquiry is about, it's about sharing information, it's about the committees of jurisdiction releasing the information to other members of Congress so that they can get an understanding of how we move forward, and the results of those, of that inquiry, you know we'll see how the results pan out. Members of Congress could receive evidence and believe that there's no reason to move forward." [D'Esposito Remarks, Telephone Town Hall, 28:38, 9/27/23] (AUDIO)

December 2023: D'Esposito Voted To Authorize The Impeachment Inquiry Into President Biden, Calling Allegations Against Biden “Troubling”

December 2023: D'Esposito Said He Would “Vote To Authorize The Inquiry” For Impeaching President Biden. “House Republicans are securing the support they need to pass a resolution on Wednesday formalizing their impeachment inquiry into President Biden. Why it matters: Republicans say an official vote authorizing the inquiry will give them stronger standing to enforce subpoenas in coming court battles. Driving the news: Several Biden-district Republicans who previously voiced skepticism of impeachment told Axios on Monday they plan to vote for the inquiry. Rep. Mike Garcia (R-Calif.) said there is ‘enough substantiation to move forward’ and ‘the executive branch made clear they’re not going to cooperate with the inquiry unless we formalize it, so let’s formalize it.’ ‘Congress has every responsibility to provide oversight, there are serious questions of impropriety, the White House and the president have yet to comply with requests for information and subpoenas,’ said Rep. Marc Molinaro (R-N.Y.), adding that he is ‘inclined’ to support the measure. Rep. Anthony D’Esposito (R-N.Y.), who represents the most Democratic-leaning district of any Republican, said he will vote to authorize the inquiry.” [Axios, [12/12/23](#)]

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December 2023: D'Esposito Voted For Authorizing An Official Impeachment Inquiry Into President Joe Biden. In December 2023, D’Esposito voted for: “Agreeing to the resolution that would outline procedures and authorize the ongoing investigation by House committees related to the impeachment inquiry into President Joe Biden. Among other provisions, it would authorize continued investigations by the House Judiciary, Oversight and Accountability, and Ways and Means committees, and authorizes hearings and the public disclosure of depositions of witnesses. It would provide for the House Oversight and Accountability and Ways and Means committees to prepare and send to the House Judiciary Committee reports on their findings for consideration by the House Judiciary Committee — including for possible development of articles of impeachment by the committee. It would require the House Judiciary Committee to conduct any impeachment proceedings according to specified procedures, including those that provide for participation by the president and his legal counsel. The resolution would also provide for the automatic adoption of the resolution (H Res 917), which effectively infers House approval for the initiation of legal action to enforce subpoenas by the three committees in federal court.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 221-212. [H. Res. 918, [Vote #720](#), 12/13/23; CQ, [12/13/23](#)]

December 2023: D'Esposito Justified His Vote For An Inquiry Into President Biden, Stating That The Inquiry Was “A Perfect Opportunity” For The House Of Representatives To Evaluate The Evidence Against President Biden And “Conduct Important Oversight Work Into The Executive Branch”

D'Esposito Said He Voted To Formalize The Impeachment Inquiry Into Biden “So That The Full House May Conduct Important Oversight Work Into The Executive Branch.” “Long Island's three Republican congressmen – Reps. Nick LaLota, Anthony D’Esposito, and Andrew Garbarino – all voted with their party to formalize the impeachment inquiry into President Joe Biden on Wednesday. [...] Rep. D’Esposito clarified that this was not immediately a vote in favor of impeaching the president. ‘I voted to open a formal impeachment inquiry into President Biden so that the full House may conduct important oversight work into the Executive Branch,’ D’Esposito said. ‘This was not a vote for impeachment proceedings against President Biden, but rather provides Congress an opportunity to gather the facts about claims made against the president in a transparent manner.’” [Long Island Press, [12/13/23](#)]

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December 2023: D’Esposito Said Hunter Biden Was In Favor Of An Impeachment Inquiry On President Biden Despite Hunter Stating That The Inquiry Was “Shameless” And “Beyond The Absurd”

D’Esposito Stated That Hunter Biden’s Testimony Sounded Like “He’s In Favor Of An Impeachment Inquiry” Against President Biden. “Hunter Biden speaking out Wednesday against House Republicans’ request for closed-door testimony sounds like ‘he’s in favor of an impeachment inquiry’ against his father, President Joe Biden, Rep. Anthony D’Esposito, R-N.Y. told Newsmax Wednesday. ‘He is saying that the facts being presented are not the ones that he believes, so I think that this is a perfect opportunity for the rest of the members of the House of Representatives to see what I believe is the great work that the three committees of jurisdiction have been doing and that’s exactly what an impeachment inquiry does,’ D’Esposito said during an appearance on Newsmax TV’s ‘National Report.’” [WBAP Radio, [12/13/23](#)]

Hunter Biden Called The GOP-Led Impeachment Inquiry “Shameless” And Said That “An Impeachment Inquiry Is Beyond The Absurd.” “Hunter Biden defied a House subpoena Wednesday, using his congressionally mandated trip to Capitol Hill to lash out at Republicans in a rare and dramatic public statement about the toll the GOP-led effort has taken on him and his family. ‘It’s shameless,’ Hunter Biden said outside the Capitol building. ‘There is no evidence to support the allegations that my father was involved in my business because it did not happen.’ ‘During my battle with addiction, my parents were there for me,’ he added. ‘They literally saved my life. They helped me in ways I will never be able to repay. In the depths of my addiction, I was extremely irresponsible with my finances. But, to suggest that is grounds for an impeachment inquiry is beyond the absurd, it is

shameless.” [USAToday, [12/13/23](#)]

Several Republicans Admitted The Impeachment Inquiry Was A Political Ploy To Hurt Biden’s Re-Election Chances And Exact Revenge For The Impeachment Of Donald Trump

Multiple Republicans Admitted The Impeachment Inquiry Was A Means Of Hurting Biden’s Chances In The 2024 Presidential Election

HEADLINE: “GOP Rep. Explains Impeachment Push: ‘Donald J. Trump 2024, Baby!’” [Rolling Stone, [12/13/23](#)]

When Asked What He Was Hoping To Gain From An Impeachment Inquiry, Republican Congressman Troy Nehls Responded “All I Can Say Is: Donald J. Trump 2024, Baby!” “HOUSE REPUBLICANS WILL vote Wednesday on whether to formalize their impeachment inquiry into President Joe Biden. The party has struggled to gin up a legitimate rationale for moving forward with the inquiry, which has yet to produce any credible evidence of wrongdoing, but one Republican is saying the quiet part out loud. When Rep. Troy Nehls (R-Texas) was asked Tuesday on Capitol Hill what he’s hoping to gain from an impeachment inquiry, Nehls responded: ‘All I can say is: Donald J. Trump 2024, baby!’” [Rolling Stone, [12/13/23](#)]

HEADLINE: “House Republican Admits Vote For Biden Impeachment Inquiry Despite Lack Of Evidence Is For Election.” [Salon, [12/12/23](#)]

GOP Rep. Don Bacon On The Impeachment Inquiry: “I Think It's More Important To Have This Information For The Elections.” “Some House Republicans are openly admitting that they have no evidence to impeach President Joe Biden as they prepare to vote to officially launch a probe into him later this week. When asked if Biden committed high crimes or misdemeanors, Rep. Don Bacon, R-Neb., told reporters on Tuesday, ‘Probably not.’ ‘They’re getting millions of dollars off the Biden name,’ Bacon said, but added, ‘that’s not to say there was a crime by the president.’ [...] ‘Frankly, my thought is, and I may be an outlier on this, I think it’s more important to have this information for the elections. Let the voters decide,’ Bacon told Hill reporters. ‘I don’t know that you’re going to see a high crime or misdemeanor, but I think the voters deserve to know what did the Bidens do with \$25 million. Where did it come in from? Where did it go? I think the voters should know what’s going on.’” [Salon, [12/12/23](#)]

House Judiciary Chair Jim Jordan Said An Impeachment Inquiry “Will Help Frame Up The 2024 Race” And Added That “We [Republicans] Need To Make Sure That He [Trump] Wins.” “The Trump era has exacted a toll on political norms. High on the list is this one: Republicans now tie decisions that are supposed to be about sober-minded principles — most notably their new impeachment inquiry of President Biden — to their own political advantage. And some of them aren’t particularly shy about it. [...] Judiciary Committee Chairman Jim Jordan (R-Ohio) last year pitched the investigations expressly as an attempt to influence voters’ 2024 choices. ‘That will help frame up the 2024 race, when I hope and I think President Trump is going to run again,’ Jordan told the Conservative Political Action Conference in Texas. ‘And we need to make sure that he wins.’” [Washington Post, [12/14/23](#)]

9/14/23: Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene Said That Republicans Would “Drag Biden And Everyone Who Covered Up His Crimes Through The Headlines Day After Day” Which Would “Cause Democrats To Lose Big.” “We are going to drag Biden and everyone who covered up his crimes through the headlines day after day, month after month, and prove to the country the entire Democrat party is corrupt and can’t be trusted. So no matter which candidate runs for president if they take Biden out, everyone will know the Democrat party is filled with liars and traitors. That, combined with Bidenomics’ destructive policies, will cause Democrats to lose big.” [Marjorie Taylor Greene, Truth Social, [9/14/23](#)]

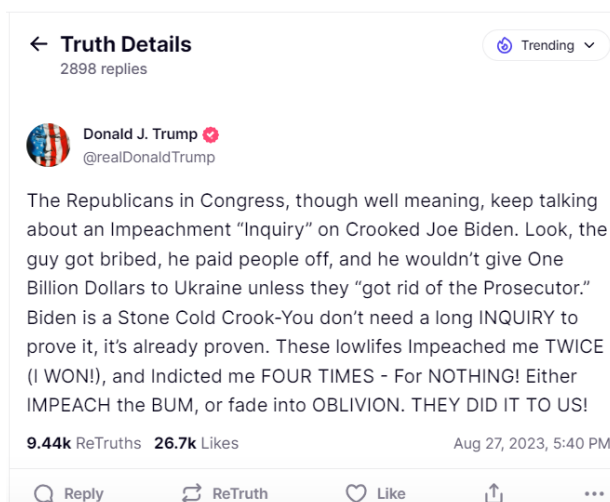


[Marjorie Taylor Greene, Truth Social, [9/14/23](#)]

- 9/12/23: Speaker Kevin McCarthy Announced That He Was Directing The U.S. House Of Representatives To Open An Impeachment Inquiry Into President Biden.** “Speaker Kevin McCarthy announced Tuesday he is directing the U.S. House to open an impeachment inquiry into President Joe Biden over his family’s business dealings, launching historic proceedings ahead of the 2024 election. McCarthy said that House investigations so far ‘paint a picture of a culture of corruption’ around the Biden family as Republicans probe the business dealings of the president’s son, Hunter Biden, from before the Democratic president took office. ‘These are allegations of abuse of power, obstruction and corruption, and they warrant further investigation by the House of Representatives,’ McCarthy, R-Calif., said at the Capitol, announcing he was directing the House led by the Oversight Committee ‘to open a formal impeachment inquiry.’” [AP, [9/12/23](#)]

Donald Trump Called For The Impeachment Of President Biden As Revenge For His Own Impeachment, Saying “THEY DID IT TO US”

Donald Trump Called On Republicans In Congress To Impeach Biden, Writing “THEY DID IT TO US!” “The Republicans in Congress, though well meaning, keep talking about an Impeachment ‘Inquiry’ on Crooked Joe Biden. Look, the guy got bribed, he paid people off, and he wouldn’t give One Billion Dollars to Ukraine unless they ‘got rid of the Prosecutor.’ Biden is a Stone Cold Crook-You don’t need a long INQUIRY to prove it, it’s already proven. These lowlifes Impeached me TWICE (I WON!), and Indicted me FOUR TIMES - For NOTHING! Either IMPEACH the BUM, or fade into OBLIVION. THEY DID IT TO US!” [Donald J. Trump, Truth Social, [8/27/23](#)]



[Donald J. Trump, Truth Social, [8/27/23](#)]

A House Republican Called Impeachment “A Political Exercise” After Impeachment Standards Had “Been Lowered To Such A Degree” In The Aftermath Of The Impeachment Of Donald Trump

GOP Rep. Guy Reschenthaler On The Impeachment Of President Biden: “The Standard Of Impeachment Has Been Lowered To Such A Degree That, Again, It’s Merely At This Point A Political Exercise.” “The House Rules Committee was considering whether to advance a vote on a formal impeachment inquiry to the House floor, which it did along party lines. In the course of the debate, Rep. Joe Neguse (D-Colo.) had a pretty basic question for his Republican colleagues. [...] At another point, immediately after Neguse’s grilling, Reschenthaler seemed to get at the crux of the matter. He pointed to his opposition to Trump’s impeachments. ‘Now we have a situation where the standard of impeachment has been lowered to such a degree that, again, it’s merely at this point a political exercise,’ he said. He quickly added, ‘Not that this is a political exercise, but the bar has been lowered.’” [Washington Post, [12/13/23](#)]

D'Esposito Repeatedly Praised Marjorie Taylor Greene, Who Has Spread Conspiracy Theories Bolstering Antisemitism And Doubting Whether The September 11th Attacks Happened

D'Esposito Repeatedly Praised Marjorie Taylor Greene

April 2024: D'Esposito Said On CNN, “Marjorie Taylor Greene, I Respect Her, I Know That She Works Hard To Represent Her District.” TAPPER: “So Congresswoman Marjorie Taylor Greene is continuing to stand by her threat to oust Speaker Johnson. She posted on Twitter, quote, ‘I filed a motion to vacate because Johnson has become the Democrat Speaker of the House. And with his actions, he’s proving to everyone I was right.’ Do you think that she speaks for more than just a handful of members of Congress? And I should ask, you’ve said that you think there should be repercussions for individuals who stand in the way of the will of the Republican Conference. She’s doing that, and do you think she should face repercussions, and which repercussions?” D’ESPOSITO: “The comments that I made today about repercussion were specifically about those Members on the Rules Committee. [...] Marjorie Taylor Greene, I respect her, I know that she works hard to represent her district. In this situation, we disagree.” [CNN, 3:15, [4/18/24](#)] (VIDEO)

- **January 2024: Asked About Serving On The Homeland Security Committee With Marjorie Taylor Greene, D'Esposito Said, “All The Members Are Good Members Who Are Working Hard For This Country.”** BERMAN: “Before we get to Mayorkas, I just have to ask you, Congressman. How much fun is it on that committee to hang out with Majorie Taylor Greene? I mean that must be—I mean she’s nuts. That must be great.” RIEDEL: “Len—” D’ESPOSITO: “We have uh— all the members are good members who are working

hard for this country.” BERMAN: "Oh boy. What a politician, Congressman." [Len Berman and Michael Riedel in the Morning, :17, [1/30/24](#)] (AUDIO)

Greene Spread Conspiracy Theories Bolstering Antisemitism And Doubting Whether The September 11th Attacks Happened

2018: Greene Posted A YouTube Video In Which She Questioned Whether A Plane Really Flew Into The Pentagon On September 11, 2001. “Marjorie Taylor Greene had just finished questioning whether a plane really flew into the Pentagon on Sept. 11, 2001, and flatly stating that President Barack Obama was secretly Muslim when she paused to offer an aside implicating another former president in a crime. ‘That’s another one of those Clinton murders,’ Ms. Greene said, referring to John F. Kennedy Jr.’s death in a 1999 plane crash, suggesting that he had been assassinated because he was a potential rival to Hillary Clinton for a New York Senate seat. Ms. Greene casually unfurled the cascade of dangerous and patently untrue conspiracy theories in a 40-minute video that was originally posted to YouTube in 2018. It provides a window into the warped worldview amplified by the freshman Republican congresswoman from Georgia, who in the three months since she was elected has created a national brand for herself as a conservative provocateur who has proudly brought the hard-right fringe to the Capitol.” [New York Times, [1/29/21](#)]

2018: Greene Claimed The Rothschild Family Started Wildfires In California Using A Space Laser In An Antisemitic Conspiracy Theory. “The most recent Greene view to be unearthed comes via Eric Hananoki. Just over two years ago, Greene suggested in a Facebook post that wildfires in California were not natural. Forests don’t just catch fire, you know. Rather, the blazes had been started by PG&E, in conjunction with the Rothschilds, using a space laser, in order to clear room for a high-speed rail project. [...] The Rothschild family has featured heavily in anti-Semitic conspiracy theories since at least the 19th century. Anti-Semites have generally updated the theory by replacing the Rothschilds with George Soros, a more contemporary and plausible-seeming mastermind for a global conspiracy to spread left-wing ideology. Greene’s version has instead updated the theory by giving the Rothschilds possession of a secret, powerful space laser.” [Intelligencer, [1/28/21](#)]

Greene Claimed The 2017 Las Vegas Shooting And 2018 Parkland Shooting Were “False Flag” Events. “Greene also began advancing baseless theories that appeal to extreme gun rights advocates: that several mass shootings were ‘false flag’ events that were staged by gun control proponents. Greene said that these included the 2017 massacre in Las Vegas and the 2018 Parkland school shooting.” [Washington Post, [1/30/21](#)]

Greene Rose To Prominence On Social Media As A Supporter Of QAnon. “Soon, however, Greene began filming herself spreading an array of far-right views, laying the groundwork for her political persona. Energized by Trump’s election, she became particularly entranced by QAnon. She adopted the baseless belief an anonymous person called Q was revealing secrets about a child trafficking ring orchestrated by Democrats and global elites. ‘Have you guys been following 4chan? Q? Any of that stuff?’ Greene asked her followers in November 2017. ‘Q is a patriot, we know that for sure. . . . He is someone that very much loves his country, and he’s on the same page as us, and he is very pro-Trump.’ In that video, which Greene has since removed from her social media accounts but has been reposted to YouTube, the future congresswoman told the uninitiated where to go to learn more: AmericanTruthSeekers.com, a now-defunct blog. Greene’s author page on an archived version of the site, highlighted by NBC News in August, says she wrote 59 posts. One is headlined: ‘MUST READ — Democratic Party Involved With Child Sex, Satanism, and The Occult.’ A January 2018 post extolled Q for possessing ‘obvious intelligence beyond the normal person.’ [...] Greene also embraced bogus claims about the 9/11 terrorist attacks, and she has posited that laser beams from space may have started California wildfires, another baseless QAnon theory. In August, Greene told Fox News that she once had supported the theories of QAnon but said she ‘decided that I would choose another path.’ [Washington Post, [1/30/21](#)]

- **QAnon Was A Conspiracy Theory That Speculated That The U.S. Government Was Run By A “Cabal” Of Satan-Worshipping Pedophiles That Trump And His Followers Would Take Down.** “Followers of the tentpole Qanon conspiracy theory believe there is a “deep state” within the US government that is controlled by a cabal of Satan-worshipping pedophiles. According to the theory, the cabal is largely run by Democratic

politicians and liberal celebrities who work to traffic children – and former President Donald Trump is trying to take them down with the help of Qanon ‘patriots.’ Their work will come to fruition on a day known as the ‘Storm,’ when thousands of people will be arrested and face military tribunals and mass executions for their alleged crimes.” [CNN, [5/9/22](#)]

D'Esposito Was A Corrupt Politician Using His Positions In Congress And The Town Council To Line The Pockets Of His Family And Friends

Significant Findings

D'Esposito Boasted That He Laid Off Hempstead Workers To Cut Payroll Costs While He Voted To Raise His Mother's Salary And Protect His Family's Taxpayer Funded Jobs, Helping His Family Earn More Than Half A Million Annually

- ✓ A judge ruled that as a Hempstead Town Councilman, D'Esposito violated ethics rules by voting for a no-layoff clause for Hempstead civil service employees, which included members of his family...
- ✓ December 2017: D'Esposito and a majority of the Hempstead Town Board voted to enact a no-layoff clause that banned civil service layoffs for anything other than "misconduct or incompetence."
- ✓ The no-layoff clause was opposed by a bipartisan group of other Hempstead Town Council members.
- ✓ Hempstead supervisor Laura Gillen said the no-layoff clause "seize[d]" her office's "authority to manage staff and consolidate departments" and protected republican patronage appointments.
- ✓ A Nassau County Supreme Court judge ruled that D'Esposito "violated the 'spirit and intent' of the town's ethics code when" he voted for the no-layoff clause because his mother, brother, and sister-in-law all worked for the town of Hempstead.
- ✓ Residents protested against the measure, calling it "a backroom deal," "a patronage amendment" and a "no layoff clause scam."
- ✓ Editorial: Republicans on the Hempstead Town Board's decision to appeal court ruling striking down the amendment to the union contract "a perfect example of how political machines work."
- ✓ ...and D'Esposito voted for a \$2,500 pay raise for his mother, along with helping the town give away almost \$1 million taxpayer dollars to councilmembers' friends and family...
- ✓ 2020: D'Esposito was part of a group of Hempstead Councilmembers who "gave away almost \$1 million taxpayer dollars to friends and family, while they thought no one was looking."
- ✓ D'Esposito approved his mother's \$2,500 raise and said doing so was "proper and presents absolutely no conflict."
- ✓ Newsday Columnist: "Blurring family lines makes it tough to tell" if D'Esposito's mother deserved a taxpayer-funded raise and "nepotism served neat doesn't help taxpayers."
- ✓ Newsday Editorial: "Councilman Anthony D'Esposito shouldn't be voting on his mother's raises" and "as long as politics and municipal employment are two sides of a family enterprise, taxpayers are the ones getting the business."

- ✓ A legislative counsellor who helped write Nassau County Ethic Code disagreed with D'Esposito's statements, stating "state law is clear; You're not supposed to be voting to give a relative a raise."
- ✓ The town spokesman, Michael Derry, claimed that D'Esposito "received no direct benefit" from voting to raise his mom's salary..
- ✓ ... But D'Esposito also boasted about laying off Hempstead town workers, cutting payroll costs and reducing hours for part-time workers.
- ✓ D'Esposito boasted that he "helped downsize Hempstead town's workforce by 7%" and "cut payroll costs in 2017 by almost \$20 million."
- ✓ D'Esposito boasted that he cut "the number of hours worked by part-time staff" on the Hempstead town payroll.
- ✓ D'Esposito's family made a total of \$573,818 in annual salary from the Town of Hempstead and Nassau County.
- ✓ D'Esposito appeared to be double-dipping on taxpayer money and collecting \$171,000 annually, drawing salaries for a job on the Hempstead Town Council and a job on the Nassau County Board of Elections at the same time.
- ✓ D'Esposito collected a \$100,000 salary as an administrative assistant on the Nassau County Board of Elections at the same time he was drawing a \$71,000 salary as Hempstead Town Councilman.
- ✓ 2018: Upon accepting the Nassau County Board of Elections job, D'Esposito said "he would be a 90% employee" for Board of Elections, leaving only leave 10% of his time for the Hempstead Town Council.
- ✓ D'Esposito "faced backlash from the public for taking a position at the Nassau County Board of Elections" because it was "a patronage job."
- ✓ Town supervisor Laura Gillen said D'Esposito's Board of Elections job was "wholly unethical" and "a patronage hire" and would pull him "away from serving his constituents" on the Town Board.

D'Esposito Was A Member Of The Long Island GOP Machine, Acting As A Rubberstamp For The Republican Ruling Class

- ✓ D'Esposito appeared to succeed his father in leading the Island Park/Lido Beach/Point Lookout Republican Club.
- ✓ D'Esposito has close ties to his father's ex-employer and political hack Anthony Santino, attempting to protect Santino's "inner circle," and aiding Santino in his political feuds.
- ✓ Anthony Santino was a notorious political insider who served on the Hempstead Town Board for more than 20 years and served in various other capacities in Republican offices.
- ✓ Santino was named in a lawsuit for including the private data of special-needs students in his mailings.
- ✓ D'Esposito's father, Stephen D'Esposito, was employed by Anthony Santino, who paid Stephen a \$169,000 salary.

- ✓ Anthony D'Esposito "often accompanied Santino" on his 2015 campaign for Hempstead Town Supervisor.
- ✓ Santino helped appoint D'Esposito to the Hempstead Town Board and later appointed him to be Deputy Supervisor.
- ✓ D'Esposito helped Santino in his political feud against Councilmembers Blakeman and King Sweeney, voting alongside Santino to adjourn debate on the budget despite objections from the two members.
- ✓ D'Esposito was the only Councilmember to vote against the termination of Matthew Coleman, a member of Santino's "inner circle."
- ✓ As a Hempstead Town Councilman, D'Esposito repeatedly put partisan politics over the town's best interests despite claiming to work in a bipartisan fashion.
- ✓ D'Esposito claimed he "always worked in a bipartisan fashion" while serving on the Hempstead Town Council.
- ✓ 2018: D'Esposito voted to block a proposal to hold special elections for vacant town council seats, which Newsday said would have loosened "the grip of the GOP machine on the town."
- ✓ 2017: D'Esposito voted against providing transition funds to then Supervisor-Elect Laura Gillen, a Democrat, even though it could disrupt vital town services like "sanitation and snow removal."
- ✓ D'Esposito blocked the Democratic Town Supervisor's Town Comptroller appointee but supported appointing Republican officials with conflicts of interest and ties to corrupt officials instead.
- ✓ D'Esposito called for an audit of supervisor Laura Gillen's office to confirm the hiring of a receptionist despite voting in favor of 192 personnel changes without a financial audit.
- ✓ D'Esposito voted to raise the salaries of 18 Hempstead Town employees, all of whom were employed by the Republican party.
- ✓ D'Esposito was a good friend of Joe Cairo, a scandal-ridden political machine boss who was previously sued for misusing his legal client's funds.
- ✓ Cairo was a "good friend" of D'Esposito and was extremely happy when announcing D'Esposito's congressional victory.
- ✓ Cairo financially supported D'Esposito's political career and served as a conduit between D'Esposito and Republican leadership for election strategy.
- ✓ Cairo was featured as a speaker at D'Esposito's in-district congressional swearing in.
- ✓ Cairo was a scandal-ridden political machine boss and was sued for misusing legal clients' funds.

D'Esposito Opposed Efforts To Combat Corruption In Hempstead

- ✓ 2017: D'Esposito voted against establishing an independent Inspector General that would "monitor and combat waste, corruption and fraud."

- ✓ 2017: D'Esposito helped hurriedly pass the Hempstead town budget and motioned to adjourn debate “despite loud objections from the audience” and councilmembers wishing to conduct greater oversight.
- ✓ D'Esposito helped hurriedly pass the Hempstead town budget despite other Councilmembers' wish to conduct larger oversight through more questions.
- ✓ Dissenting Councilmembers held a news conference where they accused Santino of silencing them, supported by crowds calling on Santino to let them speak.
- ✓ 2017: D'Esposito motioned to adjourn a hearing “until further notice without public comment” on legislation to restrict Councilmembers from sending mailers, thus enabling his associate Anthony Santino to send out mailers for which Santino was later sued.
- ✓ 10/17/17: D'Esposito motioned to indefinitely postpone a hearing on a mailings legislation to restrict Councilmembers from sending mailers to constituents within 45 days of an election.
- ✓ 10/31/17: Mailings were sent out to family members of anchor program attendees, asking them to vote for Anthony Santino because of his support for the anchor program.
- ✓ November 2017: Santino was named as a defendant in a \$250 million lawsuit alleging that his campaign accessed private town data of citizens with special needs family members to send targeted mailers.
- ✓ 2018: D'Esposito opposed the institution of special elections in Hempstead Town's elective offices after he was appointed to the Town Council by his father's employer.
- ✓ 2016: D'Esposito was appointed to the Town Board.
- ✓ 2018: D'Esposito voted to table the discussion on a local law that would eliminate the Town Board's power to fill vacancies and replace it with a requirement for a special election.
- ✓ 2019: D'Esposito opposed legislation to require commissioners and department heads to choose between participating as a party officer or continue employment with the town.

D'Esposito Administered CARES Act Funding For The Town Of Hempstead, Lauding Its Use To Help Local Businesses All While His “Good Friend” Received \$1 Million In Funding Through A Non-Competitive Contract

- ✓ D'Esposito helped administer the \$133 million the Town of Hempstead received in CARES Act funding.
- ✓ D'Esposito commended the Town of Hempstead for its use of the funding, saying the town board “has really done its due diligence” and was “making sure this money is spent correctly.”
- ✓ \$1 million of the CARES Act funding was given to H2M Architects + Engineers, a company whose senior VP was D'Esposito's “good friend” and contributed \$2,000 to D'Esposito's campaigns in the 6 months preceding the funding disbursement.
- ✓ Michael J. Bonacasa, the senior VP Of H2M Architects + Engineers was D'Esposito “good friend” and donated \$2,000 to D'Esposito's campaigns...
- ✓ ... less than six months after D'Esposito voted to give H2M Architects + Engineering \$1 Million in funds from the CARES Act after an approval from the town's COVID 19 committee...

- ✓ ... despite the town allegedly not providing any records showing that this committee had any members or that any specific work was performed by H2M Architects.

D'Esposito Consistently Sided With Donors Over The People Of Hempstead During His Time At The Town Council, Supporting Contractors That Were Delinquent On Their Fees And Introducing Resolutions That Prioritized Corporations Over People

- ✓ D'Esposito was a stooge for Isaac "Butch" Yamali, taking in more than \$45,000 from Yamali and his family and defending his companies from scrutiny during his time on the Hempstead Town Council.
- ✓ D'Esposito received \$45,500 from Isaac "Butch" Yamali and his wife.
- ✓ D'Esposito hosted an annual clam eating contest with Yamali.
- ✓ July 2019: Hempstead, NY Town Supervisor Laura Gillen criticized other town officials for extending the Dover Group's contract to run Malibu Beach Park even though the group's CEO, Isaac "Butch" Yamali, owed the town \$531,400 in rent.
- ✓ October 2019: Hempstead Town Supervisor Laura Gillen ordered a subsidiary of the Dover Group to stop holding events at a local catering hall, because it had not had "a valid contract with the town since 2011."
- ✓ D'Esposito, who was then serving as a Hempstead Town Councilman, accused Gillen of "playing politics" for trying to crack down on the Dover Group for operating properties without contracts and not paying rent.
- ✓ D'Esposito received more than \$6,000 from marinas and introduced legislation, which was drafted with help from his donors, to increase marina dock space while banning backyard boat docks, a wildly unpopular measure that jeopardized a key source of income for families hurt by hurricanes Sandy and Irene.
- ✓ D'Esposito received more than \$6,000 from marinas and associated organizations.
- ✓ D'Esposito proposed a law, drafted with help from his donors, to ban the renting of dock space on shoreside residential properties.
- ✓ Residents said the law would lead to the loss of a source of income especially for families affected by hurricanes Sandy and Irene.
- ✓ Waterways Commissioner Delanney stated that the law would lead to "one dock for residence" while also "a greater number of docks and floats and slips for commercial marinas."
- ✓ The proposed law drew heavy criticism from Hempstead residents, with several members speaking out against it at the town meeting and a petition to oppose the law getting more than 600 signatures.
- ✓ Residents accused D'Esposito for taking money from marinas and said that his proposed law was just "another game of money" for D'Esposito.

D'Esposito Helped Funnel The Money Of Taxpayers And Supporters To His Friends, Offering Hempstead Town Contracts To Companies That Donated To His Campaigns And Spending His Campaign's Money At Establishments Owned By Family And Friends

- ✓ 2022: Five companies who donated to D'Esposito's campaigns were given fourteen total contracts by the Town of Hempstead.
- ✓ 2022: D'Esposito served on the Town Board as a Councilman.
- ✓ Town Board employees constituted 50% of the committee that reviewed requests for proposals responses and gave recommendations to the Town Board who decided the awardee.
- ✓ 2022: The Town Board awarded 14 contracts to 6 companies who had given a combined \$8,590 to D'Esposito's state and federal campaigns.
- ✓ D'Esposito spent more than \$18,000 of his federal campaign committee funds at restaurants owned by donors of his campaign.
- ✓ D'Esposito for New York spent \$14,905 at Mio Posto Restaurant which was owned by Guy Savia who contributed \$4,750 to D'Esposito for New York.
- ✓ D'Esposito for New York spent \$104.62 at EGP Land and Sea which was owned by Tim Ohagan who contributed \$500 to D'Esposito for New York.
- ✓ D'Esposito for New York spent \$2,297.97 at Franks Steaks which was owned by Chris Meyer who contributed \$6,580 to D'Esposito for New York.

D'Esposito Was A "Good Friend" Of George Santos, Asked New Yorkers To Vote For Santos, And Helped Thwart Democrats' Attempts At Expelling Santos

- ✓ D'Esposito and Santos hosted a joint fundraising committee whose treasurer was Nancy Marks, Santos' previous treasurer who pleaded guilty to conspiracy for defrauding the United States.
- ✓ D'Esposito and Santos were participants of the Santos D'Esposito Nassau Victory Committee.
- ✓ The Santos D'Esposito Nassau Victory Committee's treasurer was Nancy Marks, an ex-treasurer for Santos who pleaded guilty for conspiracy to defraud the U.S. and admitted to falsifying numbers for Santos' campaign.
- ✓ D'Esposito was a "good friend" of Santos and said Santos was a part of a "great team" that helped flip congressional seats in Nassau County red.
- ✓ D'Esposito hosted Santos in D'Esposito's district and attended events featuring "George Santos for Congress" signs.
- ✓ D'Esposito helped McCarthy thwart off an attempt to expel Santos by motioning to refer a resolution on Santos' expulsion to the ethics committee instead of voting for his expulsion.
- ✓ May 2023: Santos faced an immediate vote for expulsion after Democrats introduced a privileged resolution to expel Santos...
- ✓ ... but was saved by D'Esposito, who made a motion to refer a resolution on Santos' expulsion to the House Ethics Committee...
- ✓ ... despite the Ethics Committee having already started an investigation two months prior.

- ✓ D'Esposito, along with other New York Republicans, was accused of side-stepping the vote to expel Santos by referring the matter to the House Ethics Committee.
- ✓ Through his actions, D'Esposito allegedly helped McCarthy thwart off a Democratic attempt to scuttle Santos by referring Santos' expulsion to the Ethics Committee.
- ✓ December 2023: D'Esposito voted to expel George Santos.
- ✓ D'Esposito employed Thomas Datwyler as his treasurer despite Datwyler being involved in George Santos' financial malpractice.
- ✓ Datwyler served as treasurer for multiple committees associated with D'Esposito and has since they launched in 2022.
- ✓ Datwyler allegedly used a friend as a front to act as Santos' treasurer while reconfiguring Santos' financials behind the scenes.

D'Esposito Appeared To Have Flouted FEC And House Ethics Regulations, Mislabeling Disbursements And Being The Subject Of Multiple Complaints

- ✓ April 2024: D'Esposito was subject to an ethics complaint for allegedly subsidizing his campaign with \$20,000 and improperly fundraising in connection to official actions.
- ✓ April 2023: End Citizens United filed a complaint against D'Esposito for using state campaign funds on his 2022 congressional campaign.
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- **D'Esposito Voted In Favor Of The Policy.** "Voting 'aye,' in addition to Santino, were Ed Ambrosino, Anthony D'Esposito and Dennis Dunne Sr." [Garden City Life, [1/3/18](#)]

The No-Layoff Clause Was Opposed By A Bipartisan Group Of Other Hempstead Town Council Members

Republican Town Council Members Bruce Blakeman And Erin King Sweeney Joined Democratic Councilwoman Dorothy Goosby In Voting Against The No-Layoff Clause. “Speaker after speaker had weighed in against the amendment, some warning the only Democrat on the board, Senior Councilwoman Dorothy Goosby, to vote against it. In the end she did, joined by Bruce Blakeman and Erin King Sweeney. [...] Blakeman argued that the resolution represented ‘a sad day for the Republican Party. It’s not in line with our principles and I would urge my Republican colleagues to reconsider.’ In a statement, King Sweeney said, ‘I believe this amendment sets bad policy that limits our ability as policy makers to do our jobs. It could impact our bond rating and will tie the Supervisor-elect’s hands going forward.’” [Garden City Life, [1/3/18](#)]

Hempstead Supervisor Laura Gillen Said The No-Layoff Clause “Seize[d]” Her Office’s “Authority To Manage Staff And Consolidate Departments” And Protected Republican Patronage Appointments

Hempstead Supervisor-Elect Laura Gillen: The Civil Service No-Layoff Clause Seized Her Office’s “Authority To Manage Staff And Consolidate Departments.” “As the Anthony Santino era came to a close in the Town of Hempstead, the outgoing supervisor initiated and town leaders controversially voted to place high-paid employees in other positions and amended the agreement with the civil service union to include a no-layoff clause. Adding to this recent hectic period, Supervisor-elect Laura Gillen called for Santino to immediately resign. [...] Asked about how this resolution, if passed, would impact her ability to manage the budget and serve as the town’s chief financial officer, Gillen had responded, ‘It’s disastrous for the town board. It seizes all our authority to manage staff and consolidate departments.’” [Garden City Life, [1/3/18](#)]

Gillen Said That The No-Layoff Clause Was “Meant To Protect Patronage Employees And Hamstring Her Authority As Supervisor.” “Gillen, a Democrat, and a group of ‘resident taxpayers,’ brought the Article 78 petition last April against the Republican-controlled town board, former Supervisor Anthony Santino, a Republican, and the Civil Service Employees Association. Gillen argued in the suit that the no-layoff clause and personnel transfers passed by the board in December 2017, one month before she took office, were meant to protect patronage employees and hamstring her authority as supervisor.” [Newsday, [4/10/19](#)]

11/7/17: Democrat Laura Gillen Was Elected Hempstead Town Supervisor Over Republican Incumbent Anthony Santino. “In a stunning turn of events, Democratic challenger Laura Gillen has declared victory over incumbent Republican Anthony Santino to take the supervisor seat for the Town of Hempstead. As of midnight, with all of the precincts reporting in, Gillen led Santino 80,214 votes to 77,946 in unofficial results. If the results stand, it would be the first time in history that a Democrat has led the Town of Hempstead.” [Patch, [11/7/17](#)]

- **Gillen Said The No-Layoff Clause “Placed Santino’s Political Allies In Protected Positions.”** “Last month, Gillen filed a suit against Santino, the town’s civil service union and every member of the board, seeking to overturn a series of labor contract changes and personnel moves that she claimed placed Santino’s political allies in protected positions, and tied her hands when it came to lay-offs and managing the town’s budget.” [LI Herald, [5/2/18](#)]

A Nassau County Supreme Court Judge Ruled That D’Esposito “Violated The ‘Spirit And Intent’ Of The Town’s Ethics Code When” He Voted For The No-Layoff Clause Because His Mother, Brother, And Sister-In-Law All Worked For The Hempstead Town Government

Nassau County Supreme Court Judge Randy Sue Marber: D’Esposito “Violated The ‘Spirit And Intent’ Of The Town’s Ethics Code When” He Voted For The No-Layoff Clause Because It Protected His “Mother, Brother And Sister-In-Law [...] From Termination.” “A State Supreme Court judge on Tuesday issued a split decision in Democratic Hempstead Town Supervisor Laura Gillen’s lawsuit against former Supervisor Anthony Santino and the Republican-majority Town Board. Judge Randy Sue Marber found that Santino and Republican Councilman Anthony D’Esposito violated the ‘spirit and intent’ of the town’s ethics code when they voted for a

controversial amendment to the town's labor contract that protected many employees — including Santino's mother and D'Esposito's mother, brother and sister-in-law — from termination. [...] The judge minced no words in evaluating Santino's behavior after he lost the election, either, and Marber said that despite Santino's claim that the no-layoff clause was 'negotiated in good faith' for 'many months,' there was no proof of any negotiation at all." [LI Herald, [3/7/19](#)]

- **Marber: The Resolution “Lacked Any Semblance Of Rationality, And Constituted An Abuse Of Power.”** “The resolution wouldn't have passed without Santino and D'Esposito's votes, Marber noted, and it ‘lacked any semblance of rationality, and constituted an abuse of power.’ ‘The vote that took away my authority to manage the town's workforce and fiscal health was not legal, and violated the town's ethics code,’ Gillen said at a news conference Wednesday.” [LI Herald, [3/7/19](#)]
- **Marber: “The Mere Appearance Of Ethical Impropriety Warranted Abstention By” D'Esposito “And Its Disregard Was An Error.”** “In the order, Nassau County Supreme Court Judge Randy Sue Marber found that the no-layoff clause to the town's collective bargaining agreement with CSEA should not have passed, as Santino and current town Councilman Anthony D'Esposito should have recused themselves from voting on it. Both Santino and D'Esposito had relatives who worked for the town, Marber wrote, making their failure to recuse themselves a violation of the town's ethics code. ‘The mere appearance of ethical impropriety warranted abstention by any affected Board members, and its disregard was an error,’ she wrote. Without their votes, the measure - which was approved 4-3 - would not have passed. The resolution approving the memorandum of agreement that contained the clause ‘must be annulled and vacated,’ Marber wrote.” [Newsday, [3/6/19](#)]
- **Randy Sue Marber Was A Nassau County Supreme Court Judge.** [NY Courts, Nassau County, accessed [8/18/22](#)]

D'Esposito's Mother, Father, Brother, And Sister-In-Law All Worked For The Hempstead Town Government. “Other town board members also have family on the payroll. Councilman Dennis Dunne Sr.'s son is a plans examiner, Councilman Ed Ambrosino's daughter was a summer seasonal employee before she resigned a year ago and Councilman Anthony D'Esposito's mother, father, brother and sister-in-law all work LI Herald the town. D'Esposito voted for a raise for his mother, a secretary in the highway department, in March.” [Newsday, [10/25/17](#)]

Five D'Espositos Were On The Hempstead Payroll, Including Anthony's Father, Stephen D'Esposito, Who Served As “Town Supervisor Anthony Santino's Chief Of Staff” And As Leader Of The “Island Park GOP.” “County GOP chairman Joseph Mondello has had a sister, daughter, son-in-law and other relatives holding local government jobs in recent years. And how about that D'Esposito clan? Five members collect almost a half-million dollars from Hempstead taxpayers; they are town board member Anthony D'Esposito, his mother and father, and his brother and sister-in-law. His father, Stephen D'Esposito, is Town Supervisor Anthony Santino's chief of staff, and also leader of the powerful Island Park GOP.” [Newsday, Editorial, [10/17/17](#)]

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Resident Complained That The Collective Bargaining Agreement Amendment Was “A Backroom Deal That Hurts Taxpayers.” “Helen Manas of Merrick said, ‘I am a union member; I believe in union support. But this 11th-hour amendment to the collective bargaining agreement...is a backroom deal that hurts taxpayers. If the economy implodes, the town board will not be able to reevaluate staffing, which will force an increase in taxes, which residents cannot afford. No responsible elected official would agree to this.’ [Long Island Weekly, [12/22/17](#)]

Residents Argued The Move “Was Sabotage In An Attempt To Bankrupt The Town.” “Efforts to reach Santino and Town Councilman Anthony D'Esposito, who voted in favor of the amendment, were unavailing. At Santino's last town board meeting as acting supervisor in Dec. 2017, he and several other members of the board passed the amendment, transferring 14 employees from his and the clerk's offices to various other departments and

stating they could only be terminated for misconduct or incompetence. There was vocal opposition to the amendment at the meeting, according to court documents, including cries from residents that the move was sabotage in an attempt to bankrupt the town. Town Councilmembers Erin King Sweeney, Bruce Blakeman and Dorothy Goosby voted against the amendment. The amendment passed by a 4-3 vote. According to court documents, Santino and D'Esposito should have both abstained from voting on the amendment, which would have failed without their votes, as they both had family members that stood to gain from the amendment's passing." [The Island Now, [3/6/19](#)]

CBS News: "Angry Town Residents Called The Proceedings" To Amend The Union Contract A "Patronage Amendment" And A "No Layoff Clause Scam." "There's further fallout on sweeping changes made to the union labor contract and personnel moves in the Town of Hempstead, Long Island. On Tuesday, nearly 200 jobs became officially protected by the Republican supervisor who was voted out of office in November. As CBS2's Jennifer McLogan reported, Supervisor Anthony Santino's final Hempstead town board meeting went down with a splash and a groan. 'And now I am inheriting all of this, I don't think we have ever seen a situation where the departing elected official has saddled the newly elected official with almost 200 personnel changes,' Supervisor-elect Laura Gillen told CBS2. Some angry town residents called the proceedings Tuesday a 'patronage amendment' and a 'no layoff clause scam.' Republican Councilman Bruce Blakeman was among those casting a 'no' vote. 'It's unprecedented,' he said. 'I've never seen a government give away such an important tool to a union and get nothing in return for it.'" [CBS News, [12/13/17](#)]

Editorial: Republicans On The Hempstead Town Board's Decision To Appeal Court Ruling Striking Down The Amendment To The Union Contract "A Perfect Example Of How Political Machines Work"

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income or health insurance, the last week of March was Christmastime in Hempstead. Supervisor Don Clavin and Councilpersons Anthony D'Esposito, Dennis Dunne, Tom Muscarella, Bruce Blakeman, Chris Carini and Dorothy Goosby gave away almost \$1 million taxpayer dollars to friends and family, while they thought no one was looking. In an empty, debate-free meeting lasting ten minutes, they doled out political favors while hard-working residents wondered how they will pay their bills. That's right. As approximately 450,000 New Yorkers lined up for initial unemployment assistance, Clavin's cronies, Hempstead GOP club leaders and their kids lined up at town hall to collect unbudgeted raises and promotions. This is not only morally repugnant; it is wildly irresponsible." [The Island Now, Editorial, [4/21/20](#)]

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HEADLINE: "Hempstead Councilman Anthony D'Esposito OKs Mother's Raise." [Newsday, [3/29/17](#)]

D'Esposito's Mother Carmen Received A \$2,500 Raise. "Newsday reported last week that D'Esposito had voted to give his mother, a secretary in the town's highway department, a \$2,500 raise — an action he defended as proper. His father, brother and sister-in-law also work for the town." [Newsday, [4/3/17](#)]

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D'Esposito Said Voting To Give His Mom A Raise Was "Proper And Presents Absolutely No Conflict." "'I have voted on every town board personnel calendar since I have become a member of the board,' Anthony D'Esposito, a Hempstead Town Board member, said in a statement to Newsday last week — in defense of his vote to give his mom a raise. 'Doing so is proper and presents absolutely no conflict,' D'Esposito said." [Newsday, Joye Brown Column, [4/5/17](#)]

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D'Esposito Family Salaries			
Person	Relation To Anthony D'Esposito	Annual Salaries	Source
Anthony D'Esposito	Self	\$171,000	D'Esposito 2022 PFD
Carmen D'Esposito	Mother	\$88,939	Newsday
Stephen D'Esposito	Father	\$169,000	Newsday
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D'Esposito Associated Income (For Filing Year 2022, Covering Jan. 2021-August 2022)			
Source	Type	Amount Current Year to Filing	Amount Preceding Year
Town of Hempstead	Self-Salary	\$71,000	\$71,000
Nassau County	Self-Salary	\$100,000	\$100,000
Deferred Compensation (NYS)	Pay Out	\$12,000	\$12,000
City of New York	Retroactive Pay	N/A	\$15,000

[House Ethics Committee, Anthony P. D'Esposito Personal Financial Disclosure, Filing Year 2022, filed [8/8/22](#)]

2018: Upon Accepting The Nassau County Board of Elections Job, D'Esposito Said “He Would Be A 90% Employee” For Board of Elections, Leaving Only Leave 10% Of His Time For The Hempstead Town Council

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D'Esposito "Faced Backlash From The Public For Recently Taking A Position At The Nassau County Board of Elections" Because It Was "A Patronage Job"

LI Herald: D'Esposito "Faced Backlash From The Public For Recently Taking A Job At The Nassau County Board of Elections ." "D'Esposito also faced backlash from the public for recently taking a job at the county Board of Elections , alongside his fellow Republican Anthony Santino, who lost his re-election bid in November to Gillen. D'Esposito said that he would remain on the board while taking the \$100,000 salaried job at the Board of Elections ." [LI Herald, [3/8/18](#)]

The LI Herald Said That D'Esposito's Job On The Nassau County Board Of Election Was "A Patronage Job" Since Positions Were "Divvied Up By The Parties"

LI Herald: D'Esposito's Job On The Nassau County Board Of Election Was "A Patronage Job" Since Positions Were "Divvied Up By The Parties." "Richard Schurin, of Island Park, which D'Esposito represents, said that even if there was no actual contract of interest, D'Esposito should be aware of the bad optics in him taking the position at the BOE, in what would appear to be a political appointment. 'We know how the BOE works,' Schurin said. 'It's a patronage job; they're divvied up by the parties. It's just not right and it sets a very bad precedent. In a way, it's insulting to all the other public servants who make accommodations in their careers and make great sacrifices.'" [LI Herald, [3/8/18](#)]

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his elected capacity while he accepts a plum, six-figure patronage job from his political party. America's largest township....needs an elected official who is above reproach, not someone indebted to party bosses." [Patch, [2/27/18](#)]

- **Gillen: D'Esposito Serving On Both The Town Council And The Board of Elections "Is Outrageous And Displays Nothing But Contempt For The Taxpayers We Swore An Oath To Serve."** "The councilman should either refuse the political appointment or resign his position on the town board. To work simultaneously in both capacities is outrageous and displays nothing but contempt for the taxpayers we swore an oath to serve." [Patch, [2/27/18](#)]

D'Esposito Was A Member Of The Long Island GOP Machine, Acting On Behalf Of The Republican Ruling Class

D'Esposito Appeared To Succeed His Father In Leading The Island Park/Lido Beach/Point Lookout Republican Club

2017: D'Esposito's Father Was The Leader Of The Island Park/Lido Beach/Point Lookout Republican Club. "D'Esposito's father, Stephen D'Esposito, is Santino's chief of staff and a former Island Park deputy mayor. He previously served as the town's general services commissioner. His 2016 salary was \$169,000 and he began working for the town in 1994. He is also the leader of the Island Park/Lido Beach/Point Lookout Republican Club, according to the Nassau County Republican Committee's website." [Newsday, [3/29/17](#)]

2020: D'Esposito Said He Had Been The Executive Leader Of The Island Park/Lido/Point Lookout Republican Club Within The Last Five Years. When asked to list the political positions D'Esposito had held in the past 5 years, he listed being the executive leader for the Island Park, Lido, Point Lookout Republican Committee. [Hempstead Town Board Financial Disclosure, Anthony D'Esposito, [8/14/20](#)]

8. POLITICAL PARTIES.

List any position you held within the last five years as an officer of any political party, political committee, or political organization. The term "political organization" includes any independent body or any organization that is affiliated with or a subsidiary of a political party. If none, place a check mark in the following box.

☐ none

Island Park, Lido, Point Lookout Republican Committee - Executive Leader.
Judicial Nominating Convention - Delegate

[Hempstead Town Board Financial Disclosure, Anthony D'Esposito, [8/14/20](#)]

D'Esposito Has Close Ties To His Father's Ex-Employer And Political Hack Anthony Santino, Following Santino's Footsteps, Attempting To Enrich Santino's "Inner Circle," And Aiding Santino In His Political Feuds

Anthony Santino Was A Notorious Political Insider Who Served On The Hempstead Town Board For More Than 20 Years And Served In Various Other Capacities In Republican Offices

2015: Anthony Santino Served As A Councilman For Hempstead Town For 22 Years Before Becoming The Hempstead Town Supervisor. "Friday was the last day on the job for Hempstead Town Supervisor Anthony Santino. The Republican lost his bid for re-election to Democrat Laura Gillen last month. [...] Before becoming supervisor in 2015, Santino had been a Hempstead councilman for 22 years and a longtime advisor to Nassau Republican Party Chairman Joe Mondello. That's why many political analysts say it's no surprise that Santino landed softly after losing the election in November." [News 12, [12/29/17](#)]

- **Santino Was An Advisor To Nassau Republican Party Chairman Joe Mondello Before His Time At The Town Council.** “Friday was the last day on the job for Hempstead Town Supervisor Anthony Santino. The Republican lost his bid for re-election to Democrat Laura Gillen last month. [...] Before becoming supervisor in 2015, Santino had been a Hempstead councilman for 22 years and a longtime advisor to Nassau Republican Party Chairman Joe Mondello. That's why many political analysts say it's no surprise that Santino landed softly after losing the election in November.” [News 12, [12/29/17](#)]

Santino Served As A District Director And Executive Assistant To Republican Congressman Norman Lent. Town of Hempstead Supervisor Anthony Santino was recognized for his many years of public service by the Hewlett-based Center for Adult Life Enrichment at its annual gala luncheon at the Seawane Club in Hewlett Harbor on May 18. [...] Santino began his eight-year career on the East Rockaway village board at 22 in 1983. He also served as the deputy mayor for two years. He also served as district director and executive assistant to Congressman Norman F. Lent before joining the staff of the Nassau County Board of Supervisors.” [LI Herald, [6/1/17](#)]

Referring To Santino's Re-Election Loss For Town Supervisor, The LI Herald Wrote “The Days When Political Insiders Ruled With Impunity Were Over.” “In Hempstead, voters ousted Supervisor Anthony Santino, a Republican from East Rockaway who was formerly a Town Board member, and installed Gillen. Cabana defeated Republican Nasrin Ahmad, of East Meadow, a longtime employee of the town clerk's office before she assumed elective office. Voters were clearly sending a message: They were mad as hell, and they weren't going to take it anymore. The days when political insiders ruled with impunity were over.” [LI Herald, [1/4/18](#)]

Santino Was Named In A Lawsuit For Including The Private Data Of Special-Needs Students In His Mailings

Santino Was Named In A Lawsuit Seeking \$250 Million In Damages To Families Of Special-Need Students Who Said Their Personal Information Was Mined By Town Of Hempstead Employees In An Effort To Re-Elect Santino. “Bellmore attorney Jeff Gold is asking a federal judge to award almost \$250 million in damages to families of special-needs students who say their personal information was mined by Town of Hempstead employees in an attempt to re-elect Republican Supervisor Anthony Santino, who lost his re-election bid in November to Rockville Centre attorney Laura Gillen. The lawsuit, filed on Nov. 13, names Santino; his legal counsel, William Muller; Muller's wife, Diana Bianculli-Muller, the deputy town clerk; Town Clerk Nasrin Ahmad; Parks and Recreation Director Michael Zappolo; and Citizens for Santino as defendants.” [LI Herald, [12/7/17](#)]

- **Santino, His Legal Counsel, And His State Campaign Committee Were All Named As Defendants In The Lawsuit.** “Bellmore attorney Jeff Gold is asking a federal judge to award almost \$250 million in damages to families of special-needs students who say their personal information was mined by Town of Hempstead employees in an attempt to re-elect Republican Supervisor Anthony Santino, who lost his re-election bid in November to Rockville Centre attorney Laura Gillen. The lawsuit, filed on Nov. 13, names Santino; his legal counsel, William Muller; Muller's wife, Diana Bianculli-Muller, the deputy town clerk; Town Clerk Nasrin Ahmad; Parks and Recreation Director Michael Zappolo; and Citizens for Santino as defendants.” [LI Herald, [12/7/17](#)]
- **HEADLINE: “Camp Anchor Parents Suing Town For Nearly \$250 Million”** [LI Herald, [12/7/17](#)]

The Lawsuit Alleged That Santino's Legal Counsel, William Muller, Accessed Identities Of Camp Anchor Attendees And Sent Them Mailers To Vote For Santino Because Of His Support For The Camp. “The lawsuit, filed on Nov. 13, names Santino; his legal counsel, William Muller; Muller's wife, Diana Bianculli-Muller, the deputy town clerk; Town Clerk Nasrin Ahmad; Parks and Recreation Director Michael Zappolo; and Citizens for Santino as defendants.[...] Muller allegedly accessed the identities of Camp Anchor attendees and sent letters to their families in the days before the election. According to the suit, nearly 1,200 Camp Anchor attendees' records were accessed in order to target the mailer, which encouraged the families to vote for Santino.” [LI Herald, [12/7/17](#)]

- **Camp Anchor Was A Hempstead Town Program For Individuals With Special Needs.** “Bellmore attorney

Jeff Gold is asking a federal judge to award almost \$250 million in damages to families of special-needs students who say their personal information was mined by Town of Hempstead employees in an attempt to re-elect Republican Supervisor Anthony Santino, who lost his re-election bid in November to Rockville Centre attorney Laura Gillen. During the 2017 election, according to Gold, all or some of the defendants 'hatched a plan to curry the vote of Town of Hempstead families who had a member attending Camp Anchor,' a town-operated program serving children and adults with special needs." [LI Herald, [12/7/17](#)]

The Lawsuit Alleged That This Accessing Of Data Constituted A "An Invasion Of Privacy" And Could Make Families Feel "Beholden To Santino." "Bellmore attorney Jeff Gold is asking a federal judge to award almost \$250 million in damages to families of special-needs students who say their personal information was mined by Town of Hempstead employees in an attempt to re-elect Republican Supervisor Anthony Santino, who lost his re-election bid in November to Rockville Centre attorney Laura Gillen. In the suit, Gold, who ran unsuccessfully this year on the Democratic ticket for the County Legislature's 19th District seat, wrote that Muller's use of the families' personal information was an invasion of privacy against a group of people who 'could be expected to feel beholden to Santino, as they are dependent upon the good will of the Town of Hempstead administration for the continuation of Camp Anchor.'" [LI Herald, [12/7/17](#)]

The Lawsuit Alleged That The Mailing "Done At The Urging Of Santino" And Reflected The Idea That Santino Believed Himself To Be "Above The Law." "Gold said that the mailing was done at the urging of Santino, and that Muller was likely trying to 'curry favor' with Santino and re-elect him because both Muller and his wife faced the possibility of losing their jobs if Santino lost the election. The Camp Anchor letter and prior official Town of Hempstead mailings promoting Santino are 'reflective of the fact that Mr. Santino and his associates believe that they are above the law and can do what they want in order to continue financing their existence on the public dole,' Gold said." [LI Herald, [12/7/17](#)]

Note: As Of January 5th, 2024, the Lawsuit against Santino is still ongoing, most recently having two affidavits submitted on January 5th, 2024. The full docket of the lawsuit can be found on [courtlistener](#).

D'Esposito's Father, Stephen D'Esposito, Was Employed By Anthony Santino Who Paid Stephen A \$169,000 Salary

D'Esposito's Father Stephen Was Hempstead Supervisor Anthony Santino's Chief Of Staff. "D'Esposito's father, Stephen D'Esposito, is Santino's chief of staff and a former Island Park deputy mayor. He previously served as the town's general services commissioner. His 2016 salary was \$169,000 and he began working for the town in 1994. He is also the leader of the Island Park/Lido Beach/Point Lookout Republican Club, according to the Nassau County Republican Committee's website." [Newsday, [3/29/17](#)]

- **2016: Stephen D'Esposito Was Paid \$169,000 As Santino's Chief Of Staff.** "D'Esposito's father, Stephen D'Esposito, is Santino's chief of staff and a former Island Park deputy mayor. He previously served as the town's general services commissioner. His 2016 salary was \$169,000 and he began working for the town in 1994. He is also the leader of the Island Park/Lido Beach/Point Lookout Republican Club, according to the Nassau County Republican Committee's website." [Newsday, [3/29/17](#)]

Anthony D'Esposito "Often Accompanied Santino" On His 2015 Campaign For Hempstead Town Supervisor

2016: According To Newsday, D'Esposito "Often Accompanied Santino On Santino's Campaign Stops Last Fall." It was a family affair Tuesday for new Hempstead Town Board member Anthony D'Esposito of Island Park when he was appointed to the vacancy that occurred when former board member Anthony Santino was elected supervisor of the Republican-controlled town. [...] Anthony D'Esposito, a Republican on leave from his job as a New York City police detective, often accompanied Santino on campaign stops last fall." [Newsday, [2/10/16](#)]

Santino Helped Appoint D'Esposito To The Hempstead Town Board And Later Appointed Him To Be Deputy Supervisor

2016: Santino Voted Along With Other Council Members To Appoint D'Esposito To A Vacant Board Seat

February 2016: Anthony Santino And Other Hempstead Town Council Members Voted For D'Esposito To Fill The Board Seat Being Vacated By Santino. “Former Island Park Fire Chief and NYPD Detective Anthony D'Esposito was appointed Tuesday to fill the Hempstead Town Board seat of newly elected Supervisor Anthony Santino. Town Board members tapped D'Esposito, 33, to fill the remainder of Santino's term until a special election is held in November. He will represent Hempstead's 4th District, which includes Island Park, Oceanside, East Rockaway, Hewlett, Rockville Centre and South Hempstead. His district also includes sections of Baldwin, Cedarhurst, Lynbrook, Malverne, Valley Stream and Woodmere. [...] The Hempstead Town Board members appointed D'Esposito unanimously, but Councilwoman Dorothy Goosby objected to his appointment without an election. ‘He does have the qualifications of a great councilman, but I object to the process of choosing a representative without any input from residents of that district,’ Goosby said. ‘This is not voted on by the people who live there and this is a very undemocratic process.’ Santino said state law requires the board fill his vacancy through an appointment or leave it vacant until the next election.” [Newsday, [2/9/16](#)]

- **November 2016: D'Esposito Won Election To The Hempstead Town Board After Serving In His Appointed Seat For Nearly A Year.** “D'Esposito, an NYPD detective on an unpaid leave of absence, was appointed to fill Santino's 4th District council seat last year when Santino became supervisor. D'Esposito then won the election in November to keep his seat. The district represents East Rockaway, Hewlett, Island Park, South Hempstead, Oceanside and Rockville Centre as well as parts of Baldwin, Cedarhurst, Lynbrook, Malverne, Valley Stream and Woodmere.” [Newsday, [4/3/17](#)]

2017: Santino Appointed D'Esposito To Be Hempstead Deputy Supervisor Despite D'Esposito Being The Most Junior Member Of The Town Council

April 2017: Santino Appointed D'Esposito To Be Hempstead Deputy Supervisor. “Hempstead Town Supervisor Anthony Santino on Monday appointed Councilman Anthony D'Esposito as deputy supervisor, replacing Councilman Edward Ambrosino after his arrest last week, town spokesman Mike Deery said. [...] D'Esposito, an NYPD detective on an unpaid leave of absence, was appointed to fill Santino's 4th District council seat last year when Santino became supervisor. D'Esposito then won the election in November to keep his seat. The district represents East Rockaway, Hewlett, Island Park, South Hempstead, Oceanside and Rockville Centre as well as parts of Baldwin, Cedarhurst, Lynbrook, Malverne, Valley Stream and Woodmere.” [Newsday, [4/3/17](#)]

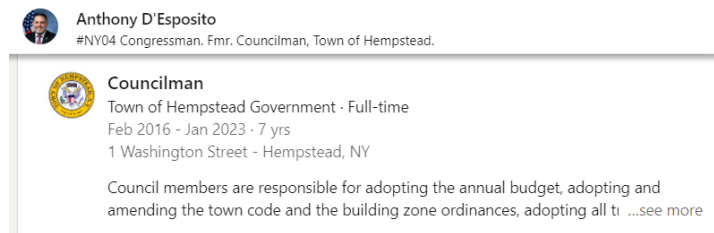
- **D'Esposito Was “The Most Junior Member Of The Town Board” When Appointed.** “Hempstead Supervisor Anthony Santino on Tuesday called on indicted Councilman Ed Ambrosino to resign from his town board seat as he faces tax evasion and wire fraud charges. [...] He had previously served as Santino's deputy supervisor. Santino replaced him in that role Monday with Councilman Anthony D'Esposito, the most junior member of the town board.” [Newsday, [4/4/17](#)]
- **The Deputy Supervisor Would “Serve As Acting Supervisor And Run Meetings” While The Supervisor Was Away.** “Hempstead Town Supervisor Laura Gillen named Republican Councilman Bruce Blakeman as deputy supervisor Saturday, in what she said is a ‘bipartisan’ overture to try to form a coalition on the Republican majority board. [...] As deputy supervisor, Blakeman will serve as acting supervisor and run meetings while Gillen is away.” [Newsday, [1/6/18](#)]

D'Esposito Helped Santino In His Political Feud Against Councilmembers Blakeman And King Sweeney, Voting Alongside Santino To Adjourn Debate On The Budget Despite Objections From The Two Members

D'Esposito and Santino Voted To Pass The 2018 Hempstead Town Budget While Blakeman And King Sweeney Voted Against It

The Hempstead Town Council Voted To Pass The Budget On A 5-2 Vote, With Only Councilwoman Erin King Sweeney And Councilman Bruce Blakeman Opposing The Budget. “A Hempstead Town Board meeting Tuesday on the proposed 2018 budget included shouting from the dais, two news conferences and a walkout by four town board members who left while their colleagues were still speaking. Town Supervisor Anthony Santino, Senior Councilwoman Dorothy Goosby and Councilmen Dennis Dunne Sr. and Anthony D’Esposito voted Tuesday afternoon to adjourn the first of two hearings and left as Councilman Bruce Blakeman was trying to ask questions about the budget. The \$418.6 million budget passed on a 5-2 vote, with Blakeman and Councilwoman Erin King Sweeney opposed.” [Newsday, [10/17/17](#)]

- **1993-2017: Anthony Santino Served On The Hempstead Town Council.** Hempstead Town Supervisor Anthony Santino will step down Friday and take a \$160,000 job as an administrative assistant at the Nassau County Board of Elections, according to town officials and county sources. [...] Santino has worked for the town since 1987. He first was elected to the town board in 1993 and served one, two-year term as supervisor at a salary of \$160,000 annually.” [Newsday, [12/27/17](#)]
- **2016-2023: Anthony D’Esposito Served As A Hempstead Town Councilman.** According to his LinkedIn profile, Anthony D’Esposito worked as a Councilman at the Town of Hempstead Government from February 2016 till January 2023. [Anthony D’Esposito, LinkedIn, accessed [11/24/23](#)]



[Anthony D’Esposito, LinkedIn, accessed [11/24/23](#)]

Santino Was Accused Of Attempting To Silence Councilman Blakeman And Councilwoman King Sweeney In The Aftermath Of A Months-Long Feud Between The Three

Santino Overruled A Request From Councilman Blakeman To Ask Questions About The Town Budget. “A Hempstead Town Board meeting Tuesday on the proposed 2018 budget included shouting from the dais, two news conferences and a walkout by four town board members who left while their colleagues were still speaking. Town Supervisor Anthony Santino, Senior Councilwoman Dorothy Goosby and Councilmen Dennis Dunne Sr. and Anthony D’Esposito voted Tuesday afternoon to adjourn the first of two hearings and left as Councilman Bruce Blakeman was trying to ask questions about the budget. [...] At the 2:30 p.m. portion of the meeting, Santino had overruled a request from Blakeman, who wanted to ask Town Comptroller Kevin Conroy about the budget before members of the public spoke. The town clerk began to call the roll to adjourn the afternoon meeting, despite Blakeman's request to be heard. The four members of the town board, all of whom are up for election in November, left despite shouts from Blakeman and King Sweeney.” [Newsday, [10/17/17](#)]

Councilwoman King Sweeney Accused Santino Of Silencing Her, Councilman Blakeman, And The Voters. “Town Supervisor Anthony Santino, Senior Councilwoman Dorothy Goosby and Councilmen Dennis Dunne Sr. and Anthony D’Esposito voted Tuesday afternoon to adjourn the first of two hearings and left as Councilman Bruce Blakeman was trying to ask questions about the budget. The \$418.6 million budget passed on a 5-2 vote, with Blakeman and Councilwoman Erin King Sweeney opposed. [...] The town clerk began to call the roll to adjourn the afternoon meeting, despite Blakeman's request to be heard. The four members of the town board, all of whom are up for election in November, left despite shouts from Blakeman and King Sweeney. The duo later held a news conference outside Town Hall right before the 7 p.m. portion of the meeting to decry the walkout and what they

called Santino's attempts to keep them from speaking. 'He silenced voters, he silenced the public and he tried to silence Bruce and me,' King Sweeney said at the news conference." [Newsday, [10/17/17](#)]

- **The Alleged 'Silencing' Came In The Aftermath Of A Months-Long Feud Between Blakeman, King Sweeney And Santino Over Ethics Reform Legislation.** "The \$418.6 million budget passed on a 5-2 vote, with Blakeman and Councilwoman Erin King Sweeney opposed. [...] The town clerk began to call the roll to adjourn the afternoon meeting, despite Blakeman's request to be heard. The four members of the town board, all of whom are up for election in November, left despite shouts from Blakeman and King Sweeney. The duo later held a news conference outside Town Hall right before the 7 p.m. portion of the meeting to decry the walkout and what they called Santino's attempts to keep them from speaking. 'He silenced voters, he silenced the public and he tried to silence Bruce and me,' King Sweeney said at the news conference. Santino declined to comment Tuesday night. "He left the meeting this afternoon because it was adjourned," town spokesman Mike Deery said. Blakeman and King Sweeney have been feuding with Santino for months over ethics reform legislation." [Newsday, [10/17/17](#)]
- **Santino Refused To Comment On The Night Of The Incident.** "The \$418.6 million budget passed on a 5-2 vote, with Blakeman and Councilwoman Erin King Sweeney opposed. [...] The town clerk began to call the roll to adjourn the afternoon meeting, despite Blakeman's request to be heard. The four members of the town board, all of whom are up for election in November, left despite shouts from Blakeman and King Sweeney. The duo later held a news conference outside Town Hall right before the 7 p.m. portion of the meeting to decry the walkout and what they called Santino's attempts to keep them from speaking. 'He silenced voters, he silenced the public and he tried to silence Bruce and me,' King Sweeney said at the news conference. Santino declined to comment Tuesday night. "He left the meeting this afternoon because it was adjourned," town spokesman Mike Deery said. Blakeman and King Sweeney have been feuding with Santino for months over ethics reform legislation." [Newsday, [10/17/17](#)]

D'Esposito Voted Alongside Santino To Adjourn A Hearing On The Budget And Subsequently Left While Blakeman Was Attempting To Ask Questions

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On The Same Night, D'Esposito Introduced A Motion To Indefinitely Adjourn A Hearing Despite Objections From Councilman Blakeman, Councilwoman King Sweeney, And Town Citizens

D'Esposito Motioned To Adjourn A Hearing "Until Further Notice Without Public Comment," On Legislation That Would Restrict Councilmembers From Sending Mailers Before Elections. "Town Supervisor Anthony Santino, Senior Councilwoman Dorothy Goosby and Councilmen Dennis Dunne Sr. and Anthony D'Esposito voted Tuesday afternoon to adjourn the first of two hearings and left as Councilman Bruce Blakeman was trying to ask questions about the budget. [...] At the end of the night session, the town board was scheduled to hold a public hearing on mass mailings legislation that would restrict councilmembers from sending out mailers ahead of the election. But D'Esposito made a motion to 'lay it on the table,' which means the hearing would be adjourned until further notice without public comment. The town board voted 5-2 in favor of D'Esposito's motion despite the loud objections from the audience." [Newsday, [10/17/17](#)]

- **D'Esposito's Motion Passed With A 5-2 Vote.** "Town Supervisor Anthony Santino, Senior Councilwoman Dorothy Goosby and Councilmen Dennis Dunne Sr. and Anthony D'Esposito voted Tuesday afternoon to

adjourn the first of two hearings and left as Councilman Bruce Blakeman was trying to ask questions about the budget. [...] At the end of the night session, the town board was scheduled to hold a public hearing on mass mailings legislation that would restrict councilmembers from sending out mailers ahead of the election. But D'Esposito made a motion to 'lay it on the table,' which means the hearing would be adjourned until further notice without public comment. The town board voted 5-2 in favor of D'Esposito's motion despite the loud objections from the audience." [Newsday, [10/17/17](#)]

- **D'Esposito's Motion Received "Loud Objections From The Audience."** "Town Supervisor Anthony Santino, Senior Councilwoman Dorothy Goosby and Councilmen Dennis Dunne Sr. and Anthony D'Esposito voted Tuesday afternoon to adjourn the first of two hearings and left as Councilman Bruce Blakeman was trying to ask questions about the budget. [...] At the end of the night session, the town board was scheduled to hold a public hearing on mass mailings legislation that would restrict councilmembers from sending out mailers ahead of the election. But D'Esposito made a motion to 'lay it on the table,' which means the hearing would be adjourned until further notice without public comment. The town board voted 5-2 in favor of D'Esposito's motion despite the loud objections from the audience." [Newsday, [10/17/17](#)]
- **Councilwoman King Sweeney On The Passing Of D'Esposito's Motion: "Just When I Thought It Couldn't Get Worse."** "At the end of the night session, the town board was scheduled to hold a public hearing on mass mailings legislation that would restrict councilmembers from sending out mailers ahead of the election. But D'Esposito made a motion to 'lay it on the table,' which means the hearing would be adjourned until further notice without public comment. The town board voted 5-2 in favor of D'Esposito's motion despite the loud objections from the audience. Blakeman and King Sweeney, who sponsored the legislation, again voted against the rest. The vote was not on the merits of the legislation but on tabling it. 'Just when I thought it couldn't get worse,' King Sweeney said." [Newsday, [10/17/17](#)]

D'Esposito Was The Only Council Member To Vote Against The Termination Of Matthew Coleman, A Member Of Santino's "Inner Circle"

2011-2018: Matthew Coleman Worked For Anthony Santino, Serving Various Roles Including Being A Special Assistant And A Spokesperson For Santino

2011: Coleman Was Anthony Santino's Special Assistant. "Noelle Ann Campbell and Matthew Reid Coleman were married Saturday evening in Rye, N.Y. Robert P. Astorino, the Westchester county executive, officiated at Wainwright House, a retreat center and event space. [...] Mr. Coleman, 31, is the special assistant to Councilman Anthony J. Santino of the Town of Hempstead, N.Y., on Long Island. In 2008, the bridegroom was the political director of the New York State Senate Republican Campaign Committee under the Senate majority leader, Joseph L. Bruno. He graduated from Tulane University." [New York Times, [9/25/11](#)]

2015: Coleman Was Referred To As Santino's "Public Relations Counsel." "If you have complaints, comments, suggestions or questions about anything related to the Town of Hempstead, councilmen Anthony Santino, Bruce Blakeman, and at least a dozen representatives from different town divisions, will be in Malverne, at the Howard T. Heber Middle School on Monday, May 18 at 7:30 p.m. to discuss them with you. [...] Matt Coleman, Santino's public relations counsel, said these meetings are "government in a nutshell" and representatives from the following town departments would also would be present to answer questions: Received of Taxes Office: Donald Clavin." [LI Herald, [5/13/15](#)]

2017: Coleman Was Referred To As Santino's "Senior Policy Advisor/ Campaign Spokesman" As Well As A Member Of Santino's "Inner Circle." "'Two other members of what was called Santino's 'inner circle,' his senior policy advisor/campaign spokesman Matt Coleman, and executive assistant Theresa Gaffney, were denied transfers to community research assistant positions in the Department of Conservation and Waterways and Department of General Services, Buildings and Grounds Division, respectively. [...] It was at this time that she asked for Santino's 'insiders'—Deery, Coleman and Gaffney—to be voted on separately and claimed that 'they have personally tried to hurt me, and other people on the town board.'" [Long Island Weekly, [12/21/17](#)]

2018: Coleman Was Referred To As Santino's Senior Policy Advisor And Was "Acting As A Spokesman" For Santino. "Former Hempstead Supervisor Anthony Santino's \$150,000-a-year senior policy adviser Matt Coleman is still acting as a spokesman for his former boss although his town job ended Dec. 31. In an email to Newsday Tuesday, Coleman denounced a report by new Democratic Hempstead Supervisor Laura Gillen, who defeated Santino in November, about the town's response to the Jan. 4 blizzard. Three days after Gillen took office, a snowstorm dumped more than a foot of snow in parts of Long Island and generated complaints about snow clearing from residents of both counties." [Newsday, [2/23/18](#)]

Coleman Was Accused Of Conducting Personal Business On Town Time And Was Referred To As "Santino's Boy"

Hempstead Resident Felix Procacci Said He "Showed Evidence" That Coleman Was Conducting Personal Business On "Town Time." PROCACCI: "Felix Procacci. Barns Street, Franklin Square, New York. 1165 Um, there are several problems with keeping Mr. Coleman. [...] Obviously, if he get transferred to whatever Department, he won't have those individual responsibilities which he is Political and I showed evidence that he mails during Town time from his personal email account." [Town of Hempstead, Meeting Verbatim, [1/9/18](#)]

Procacci Called Coleman "Santino's Boy" And Claimed No One At The Hempstead Town Council Would Take Disciplinary Action Against Him. PROCACCI: "If you take disciplinary action, here, is next to nothing. Like Matthew Coleman in the position he was in, no one here would dare even if they wanted to would complain about him because he was Santino's boy. So, they would haven't done it anyway. The notion that his record is clean, like I said, I didn't bring it with me, I should have." [Town of Hempstead, Meeting Verbatim, [1/9/18](#)]

Republican Councilman Bruce Blakeman, Who Served On The Council With Santino, Voted To Terminate Coleman, Stating "Coleman Was Too Close" To Santino

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- **2015-2022: Blakeman Served On The Hempstead Town Council.** "State Assemblywoman Melissa 'Missy' Miller (R-Atlantic Beach) is expected to be appointed to the Town of Hempstead board as the representative for the Third Councilmanic District succeeding Bruce Blakeman who will become the Nassau County executive on Jan. 1. [...] Blakeman in his second stint as a town councilman has been on the board since his appointment in 2015." [LI Herald, [2/9/22](#)]
- **1993-2017: Anthony Santino Served On The Hempstead Town Council.** Hempstead Town Supervisor Anthony Santino will step down Friday and take a \$160,000 job as an administrative assistant at the Nassau County Board of Elections, according to town officials and county sources. [...] Santino has worked for the town since 1987. He first was elected to the town board in 1993 and served one, two-year term as supervisor at a salary of \$160,000 annually." [Newsday, [12/27/17](#)]

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D'Esposito Was The Only Council Member To Vote No On Coleman's Termination. CLERK CABANA: "Councilman Ambrosino?" COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: "Aye." CLERK CABANA: "Councilman Blakeman?" COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: "I would like to explain my vote, again, um, first of all, I think that Mr. Coleman is a very capable, um person when it comes to media issues and media consulting. [...] I felt that, um,

Mr. Coleman was took close to Supervisor Santino and that, um, while he served the Supervisor well, I think that, perhaps we should give Supervisor Gillen a fresh start and not have people who are so close to the past Supervisor, as part of Town Government, so, that is why I vote yes.” CLERK CABANA: “Councilman D’Esposito?” COUNCILMAN D’ESPOSITO: “No.” CLERK CABANA: “Councilman Dunne?” COUNCILMAN DUNNE: “Yes.” CLERK CABANA: “Senior Councilwoman” SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: “Abstain.” CLERK CABANA: “Councilwoman KingSweeney?” COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: “Yes.” CLERK CABANA: “Supervisor Gillen?” SUPERVISOR GILLEN: “Yes.” [Town of Hempstead, Meeting Verbatim, [1/9/18](#)]

As A Hempstead Town Councilman, D’Esposito Repeatedly Put Partisan Politics Over The Town’s Best Interests Despite Claiming To Work In A Bipartisan Fashion

D’Esposito Claimed He “Always Worked In A Bipartisan Fashion” While Serving On The Hempstead Town Council

D’Esposito Said It Is Important To Work With Members “Across The Aisle” And That He “Always Worked In A Bipartisan Fashion” During His Time On The Hempstead Town Council. Q: “Right now everyone’s focused on what the right wing of your party has been able to get, in terms of votes or concessions. Can moderates like you do the same on some of your big priorities, like the SALT deduction?” D’ESPOSITO: “Yeah, I think we can and we have. We’ve utilized this slim majority. Especially the New York delegation, we have a great relationship with leadership — they understand that many of us run in tough districts. You know, I was a councilman in the town of Hempstead, and it’s actually the largest town in the nation. I think I may have lost a few constituents becoming a member of Congress from my last job. So I always worked in a bipartisan fashion. We need to work not only with members of our conference, but across the aisle. We’re part of the bipartisan SALT caucus, and we’ve had conversations that perhaps our first time at bat, we’re not going to hit a grand-slam home run, but let’s start hitting base hits to ease the pain for people back home.” [Rollcall, [9/26/23](#)]

2018: D’Esposito Voted To Block A Proposal To Hold Special Elections For Vacant Town Council Seats, Which Newsday Said Would Have Loosened “The Grip Of The GOP Machine On The Town”

May 2018: Hempstead Town Supervisor Gillen Proposed “Legislation Taking Away The [Hempstead Town Board’s] Power To Fill Vacant [Town Board] Seats With Appointments, And Instead Require Special Elections”

May 2018: Hempstead Town Supervisor Gillen Proposed “Legislation Taking Away The [Hempstead Town Board’s] Power To Fill Vacant [Town Board] Seats With Appointments, And Instead Require Special Elections.” “In a statement Tuesday, Gillen said that she would push for new legislation taking away the board’s power to fill vacant seats with appointments, and instead require special elections. Five of the board’s seven members were appointed rather than elected, which made it easier for them to win as incumbents during regular elections, Gillen said. All of the five are Republicans.” [LI Herald, [5/2/18](#)]

- **Gillen: Appointing Board Members To Vacant Seats Without A Special Election Was A “Protection Program For Party Politicians” That Gave Candidates “The Power Of Incumbency Through Selection.”** “‘It’s disgraceful that whenever there is a vacancy in the Town, voters are robbed of an opportunity to make their voices heard,’ said Gillen, a Democrat, who ousted Republican former Supervisor Tony Santino last year. ‘It’s a protection program for party politicians, where candidates are unfairly given the power of incumbency through selection, when it should be by an election.’” [LI Herald, [5/2/18](#)]

D’Esposito And Other Republican Hempstead Town Board Members Voted To Block Discussion And Public Comment On Gillen’s Legislation To Hold Special Elections For Town Board Vacancies

D’Esposito And Other Republican Hempstead Town Board Members Voted To Block Discussion And Public Comment On Gillen’s Legislation To Hold Special Elections For Town Board Vacancies. “For the third time

in recent months, Hempstead Town Supervisor Laura Gillen tried to open discussion on Tuesday on how the Town Board should fill vacancies when seats open up outside the election season, and for a third — and possibly final — time, Republican members blocked discussion on the subject. [...] Dunne and fellow Republicans Ed Ambrosino, Erin King Sweeney, Bruce Blakeman and Anthony D'Esposito also voted against allowing the public to speak before their vote to table the motion.” [LI Herald, [8/8/18](#)]

- **D'Esposito And Other Republican Members Of The Hempstead Town Board Were First Appointed To Fill Vacant Seats.** “Anthony D'Esposito (R): Appointed to the board in February 2016; elected to a full four-year term in November 2017. [...] The legislation — for which Gillen wanted to call a Sept. 4 public hearing — would be a significant change in the way the town conducts business, with five of the seven members of the Republican-majority board having been appointed to their positions when they first assumed office.” [LI Herald, [8/8/18](#)]
- **The Town Board Voted To Change Its Rules To Only Allow Tabled Items To Be Resurrected Via “A Majority Vote Of The Board,” Which Prevented “Gillen From Bringing Up Special Elections Again.”** “Board members even went a step further, passing a change to the board's procedures that will prevent Gillen from bringing up special elections again. Under the new rule, items that have been tabled will be considered postponed indefinitely, and can only be resurrected by a majority vote of the board. This effectively guaranteed that special elections will not be discussed again until new council members join the board and change the procedure.” [LI Herald, [8/8/18](#)]

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Gillen Accused Republicans On The Hempstead Town Council Of “Politburo Politics” And “Hamstringing Her Power As A Democratic Supervisor.” “Gillen called the votes ‘Politburo politics’ aimed at hamstringing her power as a Democratic supervisor, and a number of residents also spoke up, demanding that the board give the motion an up or down vote. Susan Ryan, of Point Lookout, told board members during the public-comment period— at the end of the meeting, after the board had decided the matter — that she had waited for hours to speak about the issue before it was tabled. ‘This is a democracy,’ Ryan said, addressing the Republicans. ‘Whether you like it or not, Laura Gillen was elected . . . Dorothy Goosby, you were voted in, and so was Laura. The rest of you were part of the Republican theater system, where you don't learn to play well with others. You've had your own way for so long you seem to have no respect for bipartisan government.’” [LI Herald, [8/8/18](#)]

An Opinion Editorial On Newsday Said That Holding Special Elections For Vacant Town Board Seats “Would Loosen The Grip Of The GOP Machine On The Town” And “Stop The Game Of Musical Chairs For GOP Insiders”

Op-Ed: Holding Special Elections For Vacant Town Board Seats “Would Loosen The Grip Of The GOP Machine On The Town” And “Stop The Game Of Musical Chairs For GOP Insiders.” “Gillen is trying to make a critical change that would loosen the grip of the GOP machine on the town. Her democratic idea of having a special election rather than an appointment when a council vacancy occurs is kryptonite to the Republicans. It would stop the game of musical chairs for GOP insiders, where everyone finds a seat, one that pays \$71,000 for a part-time job. [...] Every GOP member of the current five-person majority was initially appointed by a vote of fellow GOP members. That includes King Sweeney, Edward Ambrosino, who is serving despite facing a federal indictment for tax evasion and wire fraud, Bruce Blakeman, Anthony D'Esposito and Dennis Dunne, a county legislator for 22 years. Only Democrats Dorothy Goosby and Gillen had to face voters to win their first seats.” [Newsday, Editorial, [8/5/18](#)]

2017: D'Esposito Voted Against Providing Transition Funds To Then Supervisor-Elect Laura Gillen, A Democrat, Even Though It Could Disrupt Vital Town Services Like “Sanitation And Snow Removal”

November 2017: D'Esposito Voted Against Providing “\$100,000 In Transition Funds To Supervisor-Elect Laura Gillen” Even Though Nassau Republican Chairman Joseph Mondello Supported Doing So. “Nassau Republican Chairman Joseph Mondello said Thursday he supported a failed effort by three Republican members of the Hempstead Town board to provide \$100,000 in transition funds to Supervisor-elect Laura Gillen, the first Democrat elected town supervisor in more than century. Mondello said he made his feelings known to town Republicans, including three who voted against the proposal: Councilmen Anthony D'Esposito and Dennis Dunne and Supervisor Anthony Santino, who lost his bid for re-election last week. ‘My opinion was to everybody that we should cooperate with Ms. Gillen,’ Mondello said in an interview. ‘If we can legally give the money to her, we should do it. As soon as we could legally do it, we should do it.’” [Newsday, [11/16/17](#)]

- **Republican Town Board Member Erin King Sweeney: A Smooth Transition For Gillen Is Vital Because The Services “Hempstead Is Responsible For Are Essential.”** “Republican Town board members Erin King Sweeney, who had feuded with Santino over ethics reform in the past year, and Edward Ambrosino voted for the funding for Gillen, who takes office in January. [...] Said King Sweeney: ‘Clearly we’re in unprecedented times in the Town of Hempstead. We all, Republican and Democrat, need to pull together to make sure this transition happens smoothly. We need to remember that the bulk of the services that the Town of Hempstead is responsible for are essential — sanitation and snow removal. We can’t let petty politics get in the way of serving the people.’” [Newsday, [11/16/17](#)]
- **D'Esposito Declined To Comment On The Matter.** “Nassau Republican Chairman Joseph Mondello said Thursday he supported a failed effort by three Republican members of the Hempstead Town board to provide \$100,000 in transition funds to Supervisor-elect Laura Gillen, the first Democrat elected town supervisor in more than century. Mondello said he made his feelings known to town Republicans, including three who voted against the proposal: Councilmen Anthony D'Esposito and Dennis Dunne and Supervisor Anthony Santino, who lost his bid for re-election last week. [...] Santino, D'Esposito and Dunne declined to comment through a spokesman.” [Newsday, [11/16/17](#)]

D'Esposito Blocked The Democratic Town Supervisor's Town Comptroller Appointee But Supported Appointing Republican Party Officials With Conflicts Of Interest And Ties To Corrupt Officials Instead

D'Esposito Voted Against Gillen's Appointee For Town Comptroller, Averil Smith, After The Previous Town Comptroller Resigned Amid Rumors That He Was Being Investigated By The U.S. Attorney's Office

D'Esposito And Other Hempstead Town Council Republicans Voted “To Nullify Supervisor Laura Gillen's Appointment Of Elmont Resident Averil Smith As The Acting Comptroller.” “The Town of Hempstead Council's Republican majority voted on Sept. 3 to nullify Supervisor Laura Gillen's appointment of Elmont resident Averil Smith as the acting comptroller, saying the appointment violated civil service law. [...] To that end, Councilman Anthony D'Esposito, a Republican from Island Park, proposed an ‘emergency resolution’ at Tuesday's Town Board meeting to change Dominick Longobardi's position from second deputy comptroller to deputy comptroller. Longobardi, a Republican who has worked for the town since 1990, also is mayor of Floral Park. Gillen had previously told the Herald that he had declined the position over worries about a conflict of interest in his role as an elected official. The resolution passed 6-1, with Gillen the sole vote against the measure. D'Esposito then proposed the legislation to declare Smith's appointment ‘null and void.’” [LI Herald, [9/4/19](#)]

- **D'Esposito And Other Hempstead Town Council Republicans Claimed That Smith's Appointment Violated Civil Service Laws “Because She Also Serves As Gillen's Finance Director.”** “Town of Hempstead Republican lawmakers are challenging Supervisor Laura Gillen's selection of Elmont resident Averil Smith as acting town comptroller, claiming the appointment violates civil service law. In an Aug. 29 letter sent to Gillen, Town Board members Bruce Blakeman, Erin King Sweeney, Anthony D'Esposito, Dennis Dunne and Thomas Muscarella, who make up the Republican majority on the board, wrote that the second deputy comptroller is to act as comptroller until the board names a replacement, according to town code. They added that there were ‘serious legal conflicts and ethical issues’ that arose from Smith's appointment, because she also serves as Gillen's finance director.” [LI Herald, [8/29/19](#)]

Gillen Said That Hempstead Town Council Republicans “Want To Stop [Smith] From Uncovering Corruption” As Acting Town Comptroller. “Town of Hempstead Republican lawmakers are challenging Supervisor Laura Gillen's selection of Elmont resident Averil Smith as acting town comptroller, claiming the appointment violates civil service law. [...] Gillen, a Democrat, said the Republicans' accusation is another example of the GOP majority attempting to obstruct her agenda. ‘What we have here is a Town Board majority desperately trying to cover things up,’ she said. ‘They want to stop [Smith] from uncovering corruption.’” [LI Herald, [8/29/19](#)]

- **Hempstead’s Previous Town Comptroller, Kevin Conroy, Resigned Amid Rumors That He Was Under Investigation For Extending The Dover Group’s Contract To Operate The Malibu Shore Club.** “The previous town comptroller, Kevin Conroy, abruptly resigned earlier this month. His departure coincided with reports that the U.S. attorney's office for the Eastern District of New York was investigating him for a controversial contract extension that Conroy reportedly approved for the Dover Group to operate the town's Malibu Shore Club.” [LI Herald, [8/29/19](#)]

Smith “Served As Comptroller For The Town Of North Hempstead, And Oversaw A Credit-Rating Upgrade To AAA By Standard & Poor’s” And “Reportedly Helped To Assemble Hempstead’s Previous Two Budgets.” “‘What they're doing is a great disservice to the taxpayers,’ Gillen said of the Republican board members. ‘The person with the greatest knowledge of the budget is Ms. Averil Smith.’ Smith previously served as comptroller for the Town of North Hempstead, and oversaw a credit-rating upgrade to AAA by Standard & Poor's. She also reportedly helped to assemble Hempstead's previous two budgets.” [LI Herald, [8/29/19](#)]

D’Esposito Proposed Changing “Dominick Longobardi’s Position From Second Deputy Comptroller To Deputy Comptroller,” Which Would Allow Him To Serve As Acting Comptroller. “But according to town code, Republicans said, the board is responsible for naming a replacement. Until then, they said, the deputy comptroller is to fill in as comptroller. To that end, Councilman Anthony D’Esposito, a Republican from Island Park, proposed an ‘emergency resolution’ at Tuesday's Town Board meeting to change Dominick Longobardi's position from second deputy comptroller to deputy comptroller.” [LI Herald, [9/4/19](#)]

- **Longobardi Previously Declined The Position “Over Worries About A Conflict Of Interest In His Role As” A Republican Elected Official.** “Longobardi, a Republican who has worked for the town since 1990, also is mayor of Floral Park. Gillen had previously told the Herald that he had declined the position over worries about a conflict of interest in his role as an elected official. The resolution passed 6-1, with Gillen the sole vote against the measure. D’Esposito then proposed the legislation to declare Smith's appointment ‘null and void.’” [LI Herald, [9/4/19](#)]

D’Esposito Supported The Appointment Of A Corrupt Republican Official Convicted On Counts Of Bribery And Wire Fraud Instead Of Smith

D’Esposito Supported Appointing Timothy Sullivan, Who Served As “Former County Executive Ed Mangano’s Finance Deputy” As Acting Comptroller Instead Of Averil Smith. “In an Aug. 29 letter sent to Gillen, Town Board members Bruce Blakeman, Erin King Sweeney, Anthony D’Esposito, Dennis Dunne and Thomas Muscarella, who make up the Republican majority on the board, wrote that the second deputy comptroller is to act as comptroller until the board names a replacement, according to town code. They added that there were ‘serious legal conflicts and ethical issues’ that arose from Smith's appointment, because she also serves as Gillen's finance director. They instead filed a resolution to appoint Timothy Sullivan, former County Executive Ed Mangano's finance deputy, who served as Nassau University Medical Center's vice president of finance while Freeport-based Dover Gourmet Corp., a subsidiary of the Dover Group, stopped paying the hospital.” [LI Herald, [8/29/19](#)]

- **Mangano, Who Was Described As Part Of “Long Island’s Republican Political Machine,” Was Convicted “On Counts Including Bribery And Wire Fraud.”** “Edward P. Mangano, the former Nassau County executive who for years participated in a bribery and kickback scheme, was sentenced Thursday to 12

years in federal prison for his role in what prosecutors called ‘a culture of corruption’ at the heart of Long Island’s Republican political machine. Mr. Mangano, 60, was convicted in March 2019 on counts including bribery and wire fraud. It was the second trial in the case, after the first ended in a mistrial in 2018. He was acquitted on two counts, including an extortion charge.” [New York Times, [4/14/22](#)]

D'Esposito Called For An Audit Of Supervisor Laura Gillen's Office To Confirm The Hiring Of A Receptionist Despite Voting In Favor Of 192 Personnel Changes Without A Financial Audit

December 2017: D'Esposito Voted In Favor Of The Town Enacting 192 Personnel Changes Despite A Lack Of Financial Impact Analysis

December 2017: The Hempstead Town Board Voted To Enact 192 Personnel Changes Which Drew Condemnation. “Outgoing Hempstead Town Supervisor Anthony Santino presided Tuesday over sweeping changes to the town’s union labor contract and ushered in 192 personnel moves during his final meeting as the head of the town board. [...] The town board voted during a five-hour meeting to approve legislation concerning an inspector general/compliance officer, mass mailing restrictions, the union’s collective bargaining agreement and nearly 200 personnel changes. ‘I’m disappointed but I’m not surprised,’ Gillen said. ‘You can’t make up the stuff that happens at these town board meetings.’ The personnel votes and union changes drew the most condemnation among the town board members and from the audience, some of whom carried signs that said, ‘Vote no to the patronage amendment.’” [Newsday, [12/12/17](#)]

- **D'Esposito Was Not One Of The Two Members That Voted Against The Policy.** “The board members additionally voted 5-2 to grant appointments, promotions, transfers and raises to 161 other employees, including the brother of Councilman Anthony D'Esposito and outgoing Town Clerk Nasrin Ahmad. Blakeman and Councilwoman Dorothy Goosby voted no. D'Esposito recused himself from voting on his brother’s promotion and raise after coming under fire in March for voting in favor of a raise for his mother, a secretary in the highway department.” [Newsday, [12/12/17](#)]

Laura Gillen Claimed D'Esposito Voted In Favor Of These Personnel Changes Without Before The Town Had “Made Any Analysis Of The Financial Impact.” “COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: “Sure, I am not saying it is off the table, I don’t even know the person, all I am saying is that we can’t be told if the money is available, as long as the Comptroller will go forward. I am not going to get myself, like I said, into further litigation.” SUPERVISOR GILLEN: “It is stunning, at the December 12th Board Meeting, when you approved all those personnel changes, Mr. Conroy said he had not made any analysis of the financial impact, but, you voted in favor of it, anyway.” [Town of Hempstead, Meeting Verbatim, [4/24/18](#)]

April 2018: D'Esposito Asked For Gillen's Office To Be Audited To Confirm Fund Availability For Hiring A Receptionist

D'Esposito Asked The Comptroller If The Town Had Enough Funds For Item 43 And Said Gillen's Office Should Be Audited To Ensure Fund Availability. COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: “I have a question on 43, in light of the climate that we are in and the burden that we are saddling, I want to confirm with our Comptroller, Mr. Conroy or somebody from Human Resources, that we have the ability for the funds for this new hire in the Supervisor’s staff?” COMPTROLLER CONROY: “With regard to this item, I have not seen whether or not - - I have not confirmed that the monies are available. I suspect they are available.” COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: “If I may, I think the Supervisor deserves the respect of having her office audited, first, if that is possible.” [Town of Hempstead, Meeting Verbatim, [4/24/18](#)]

- **Item 43 Referred To The Hiring Of Gail Rosenbaum As A Receptionist On The 4th Floor Of The Supervisor's Office.** FELIX PROCACCI: “On Item Number 43, the 4 various Resolutions, Gail Rosenbaum, what was she 5 doing for the Supervisor’s Office?” SUPERVISOR GILLEN: “When I arrived, there was no receptionist on the 4th Floor, so, we had to call DGS to fill in those duties until we found a receptionist, so, Ms. Rosenbaum will be acting as 10 a receptionist for the 4th floor.” [Town of Hempstead, Meeting Verbatim,

4/24/18]

D'Esposito Voted To Raise The Salaries Of 18 Hempstead Town Employees, All Of Whom Were Employed By The Republican Party

D'Esposito Voted For Pay Raises For 18 Employees Of Republican Hempstead Town Board Members. “The Hempstead Town Board voted unanimously to approve 25 personnel moves at Tuesday’s meeting, including raises for 18 people who work for Republican board members. The vote was 6-0 in favor of the raises; Councilman Bruce Blakeman was absent. Supervisor Laura Gillen, a Democrat, said the funds were within the budget for the majority party, the Republicans, according to Newsday. Earlier this month the Town Board voted to consolidate its employees into pools of staff for the majority and minority parties. Each council member currently has \$75,000 for an aide reporting directly to him or her; the rest of the central staff is shared between the members of the party. Councilwoman Dorothy Goosby and Gillen are the only Democrats on the Town Board.” [The Island Now, [1/24/18](#)]

D'Esposito Was A Good Friend Of Joe Cairo, A Scandal-Ridden Political Machine Boss Who Was Previously Sued For Misusing His Legal Client's Funds

Cairo Was A “Good Friend” Of D'Esposito And Was Extremely Happy When Announcing D'Esposito's Congressional Victory

D'Esposito Referred To Cairo As One Of His “Good Friends.” “Pre-#Thanksgiving meal in #NY04 w/good friends @NassauNYGOP Chairman Cairo, @RepPeteKing @sidrosenberg & Rosario & @KingUmberto team! Much to be thankful for.” [Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, [11/22/22](#)]



[Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, [11/22/22](#)]

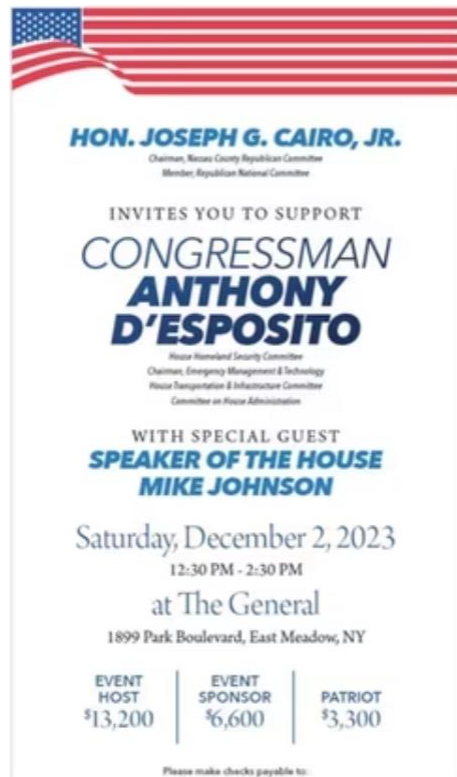
Cairo Was Reportedly “Ebullient” When Announcing D'Esposito Winning The Election. “Nassau County GOP chairman Joe Cairo had planned, if early returns looked good, to zip into Manhattan to join Zeldin, in whom local Republicans invested so much hope. Zeldin had run as strong a campaign as the party could ask for. Cairo's operation had kicked in \$1.5 million and much volunteer sweat equity. [...] Cairo was ebullient in announcing congressional wins for George Santos (nowhere to be found) and hometown (Hempstead) favorite Anthony D'Esposito, who spoke rousing. And Cairo gave the faithful a chance to eat fully of their local bread and butter: State Senate seat-flipping wins for Jack Martins, Steven Rhoads, Patricia Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick, and all Nassau GOP incumbents. A potential Assembly return engagement for Brian Curran and nods for all incumbents.” [Newsday, [11/9/22](#)]

Cairo Financially Supported D'Esposito's Political Career And Served As A Conduit Between D'Esposito And Republican Leadership For Election Strategy

Cairo Hosted An Event Featuring Speaker Johnson In Support Of D'Esposito

HEADLINE: "Speaker Mike Johnson Heads To LI For D'Esposito Fundraiser." [Newsday, [12/1/23](#)]

12/2/23: Cairo Invited Guests To Attend A Fundraiser In Support Of D'Esposito And Featuring Speaker Mike Johnson. "HON. JOSEPH G. CAIRO, JR. INVITES YOU TO SUPPORT CONGRESSMAN ANTHONY D'ESPOSITO WITH SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE MIKE JOHNSON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2023 12:30 PM – 2:30 PM at THE GENERAL 1899 Park Boulevard, East Meadow, NY." [Newsday, [12/1/23](#)]



[Newsday, [12/1/23](#)]

Cairo Donated \$2,000 To D'Esposito's Federal And State Campaigns And Attended D'Esposito's Campaign Events

Cairo Donated \$1,500 To D'Esposito For New York.

Contributions to D'Esposito for New York From Joseph Cairo		
Source	Date	Amount
Joseph G. Cairo Jr.	9/28/22	\$1,000
Joseph G. Cairo Jr.	6/21/22	\$500
Total:		\$1,500

[FEC Candidate and Committee Viewer, accessed [1/5/24](#)]

Cairo Donated \$500 To Citizens For D'Esposito.

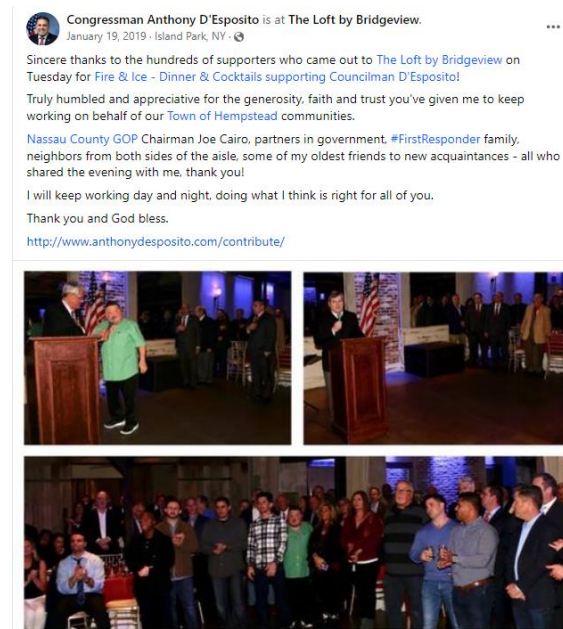
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Source	Date	Amount
Joseph G. Cairo Jr.	9/28/22	\$300
Joseph G. Cairo Jr.	6/21/22	\$200
Total:		\$500

[New York State Board of Elections , Campaign Finance Search, accessed [1/5/24](#)]

Cairo Attended D'Esposito Fire & Ice Event In Support Of D'Esposito's Run For Hempstead Town Council.

“Sincere thanks to the hundreds of supporters who came out to The Loft by Bridgeview on Tuesday for Fire & Ice - Dinner & Cocktails supporting Councilman D'Esposito! Truly humbled and appreciative for the generosity, faith and trust you've given me to keep working on behalf of our Town of Hempstead communities. Nassau County GOP Chairman Joe Cairo, partners in government, #FirstResponder family, neighbors from both sides of the aisle, some of my oldest friends to new acquaintances - all who shared the evening with me, thank you! I will keep working day and night, doing what I think is right for all of you.” [Congressman Anthony D'Esposito, Facebook, [1/19/19](#)]



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Cairo Helped Serve As A Conduit Between D'Esposito And Republican Leadership To Discuss Election Strategy

Cairo Discussed D'Esposito's Election Strategy With Then-NRCC Chairman Tom Emmer.

“. @NassauNYGOP Chairman Joe Cairo & I met w/ @NRCC Chairman @tomemmer this morning to discuss the final 26 days of the campaign. The strategy is set - let's win #NY04, #FlipTheHouse and #FirePelosi.” [Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, [10/12/22](#)]



[Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, [10/12/22](#)]

D'Esposito Repeatedly Thanked And Praised Cairo's Leadership And Contributions To D'Esposito's Campaign

D'Esposito: "North Hempstead Is No Longer A "Democratic Bastion" [Thanks] To Leadership Of Chairman Cairo." "North Hempstead is no longer a 'Democratic bastion' thx to leadership of Chairman Cairo. Excited to celebrate historic @NassauNYGOP wins, esp my friend, Mazi Pilip. Republicans swept @longisland & will continue to win as party of common sense, on right side of issues that matter to neighbors." [Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter [11/22/23](#)]



[Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter [11/22/23](#)]

D'Esposito Praised Cairo's Leadership Of The Nassau County GOP For Bringing Volunteers To His Campaign. "Big crowd @ANTHONYDESPO HQ in #IslandParkNY ready to hit the streets, make those calls & get voters out in #NY04! Under leadership of Chairman Joe Cairo, @NassauNYGOP volunteers will visit [↑](#) 65K doors this weekend." [Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, [10/22/22](#)]



[Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, [10/22/22](#)]

D'Esposito: “If We Stick To Chairman Cairo’s Playbook, [Nassau County GOP] Will Be Catalyst To Change State/USA On 11/8.” “Started day w/#NorthMerrickNY @GOP to thank their leader, Jerry Marino for all his work. Honored to intro my friends, @chriscarini75 @SteveRhoadsLD19 & Tom McKevitt & remind all, if we stick to Chairman Cairo’s playbook, @NassauNYGOP will be catalyst to change State/USA on 11/8.” [Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, [3/5/22](#)]



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past and present – including former United States Senator Al D'Amato, former Congressman Peter King, Deputy Hempstead Town Supervisor Dorothy Goosby, and Nassau County Republican Committee Chairman Joseph G. Cairo, Jr.” [Congressman Anthony D'Esposito, Press Release, [1/17/23](#)]

Cairo Was A Scandal-Ridden Political Machine Boss And Was Sued For Misusing Legal Clients' Funds

Cairo Controlled The Nassau County Republican Party And Ran It Like “An Old-School Political Machine”

Cairo Was The Chair Of The Nassau County Party. “On the heels of pay-to-play corruption scandals that have tarnished the Long Island GOP, the Nassau County Republic Party has elected a one-time disbarred lawyer to be its new leader — and the retirement-age politico intends to collect fat paychecks from three different jobs simultaneously. Joseph Cairo, 72, the new chairman of the Nassau County Republican Party, is also head of the Nassau County Off-Track Betting Corporation. He’s paid \$198,000 at OTB. The long-time No. 2 to former Nassau GOP boss Joe Mondello had his law license yanked in the 1990s for misusing client funds. His license was reinstated and the politically-connected lawyer now has an established law practice, GOP sources said. He also has not ruled out collecting a third paycheck from the Nassau GOP.” [New York Post, [6/10/18](#)]

New York Times: The Nassau County Republican Party Was “Like An Old-School Political Machine.” “Mr. Santos was a political neophyte when he first showed interest in running for a House seat made up of parts of Queens and Nassau County in 2020. His only real electoral experience ended quickly: A year earlier, he was forced to drop his insurgent campaign for a low-level party position in Queens because he lacked enough valid signatures to make the ballot, according to Joann Ariola, a New York City Council member who led the Queens Republican Party at the time. Among the tight-knit Republican circles on Long Island, he was virtually unknown. And in Queens, party leaders were still sour over his initial foray. In normal circumstances, Mr. Santos would have been shooed away. Republicans in Nassau County, which comprises the bulk of New York’s Third Congressional District, have long been famous for exercising tight control over who runs, grooming and rewarding a stable of candidates like an old-school political machine.” [New York Times, [1/13/23](#)]

Cairo Collected Three Salaries At Once, Including \$198,000 From A County Government Job, Despite Ethics Rules Prohibiting County Officials From Overseeing Political Parties

HEADLINE: “Nassau GOP Chair Intends To Collect Fat Paychecks For 3 Jobs.” [New York Post, [6/10/18](#)]

HEADLINE: “1 Man, 3 Full-Time Jobs: Nassau GOP Chairman Also Heads Nassau OTB And Has Private Law Practice.” [CBS, [6/11/18](#)]

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- **Watchdogs Said Arrangements Like Cairo’s Opened The Door To “Conflicts Of Interest And Potential Corruption.”** “Cairo said he was not relinquishing his OTB executive job or suspending his law practice after taking the reins of the GOP. ‘I’ve been at OTB. This is a crucial time at OTB with possibly sports gambling coming so we’re deeply involved with that there now,’ Cairo said. ‘This is a political position. My attorneys tell me there is no conflict and I think having a position in a political party is such that it’s been done in the past by people on both sides of the aisle. And I think it’s currently done, too, in some other counties — their elected officials are also party chairmen,’ he said. But watchdogs have long complained that allowing people to simultaneously hold top positions in government and party leadership opens the door to conflicts of interests and potential corruption.” [New York Post, [6/10/18](#)]

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D’Esposito Opposed Efforts To Combat Corruption In Hempstead

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- **The Town’s Decision Was Opposed By Councilwoman Erin King Sweeney, Who Abstained From Votes**

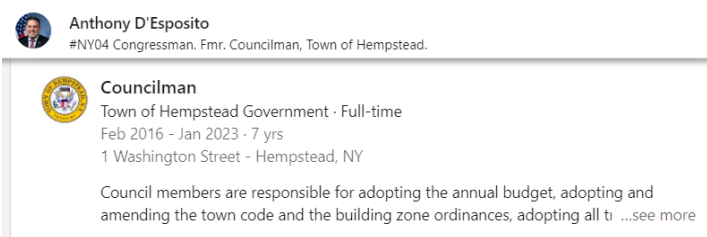
After The Motion Was Defeated And Said She Was “Asking For A Review Of Conflicts Of Interest In Town Contracts” By Abstaining. Two Hempstead Town Board members on Tuesday called for ethics reforms and an inspector general's review of town contracts, but a vote on an emergency resolution for the proposal failed. [...] The push for an immediate vote was defeated 4-3. Supervisor Anthony Santino and council members Dorothy Goosby, Gary Hudes and Anthony D'Esposito voted down adding the motion. Blakeman, King Sweeney and Councilman Ed Ambrosino voted in favor of it. [...] King Sweeney abstained from voting on 13 resolutions after the motion was defeated, which all required the expenditure of town funds. She said she was abstaining from votes while asking for a review of conflicts of interest in town contracts.” [Newsday, [4/25/17](#)]

2017: D'Esposito Helped Hurriedly Pass The Hempstead Town Budget And Motioned To Adjourn Debate Despite Objections From The Audience And Councilmembers Wishing To Conduct Greater Oversight

D'Esposito Helped Hurriedly Pass The Hempstead Town Budget Despite Other Councilmembers' Wishes To Conduct Larger Oversight Through More Questions

The Hempstead Town Council Voted To Pass The Budget On A 5-2 Vote, With Only Councilwoman Erin King Sweeney And Councilman Bruce Blakeman Opposing The Budget. “A Hempstead Town Board meeting Tuesday on the proposed 2018 budget included shouting from the dais, two news conferences and a walkout by four town board members who left while their colleagues were still speaking. Town Supervisor Anthony Santino, Senior Councilwoman Dorothy Goosby and Councilmen Dennis Dunne Sr. and Anthony D'Esposito voted Tuesday afternoon to adjourn the first of two hearings and left as Councilman Bruce Blakeman was trying to ask questions about the budget. The \$418.6 million budget passed on a 5-2 vote, with Blakeman and Councilwoman Erin King Sweeney opposed.” [Newsday, [10/17/17](#)]

- **2016-2023: Anthony D'Esposito Served As A Hempstead Town Councilman.** According to his LinkedIn profile, Anthony D'Esposito worked as a Councilman at the Town of Hempstead Government from February 2016 till January 2023. [Anthony D'Esposito, LinkedIn, accessed [11/24/23](#)]



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2017: D’Esposito Motioned To Adjourn A Hearing “Until Further Notice Without Public Comment” On Legislation To Restrict Councilmembers From Sending Mailers, Thus Enabling His Associate Anthony Santino To Send Out Mailers For Which Santino Was Later Sued

10/17/17: D’Esposito Motioned To Indefinitely Postpone A Hearing On A Mailings Legislation To Restrict Councilmembers From Sending Mailers To Constituents Within 45 Days Of An Election

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10/31/17: Mailings Were Sent Out To Family Members Of Anchor Program Attendees, Asking Them To Vote For Santino Because Of His Support For The Anchor Program

Camp Anchor Was A Hempstead Town Program For Individuals With Special Needs. “Bellmore attorney Jeff Gold is asking a federal judge to award almost \$250 million in damages to families of special-needs students who say their personal information was mined by Town of Hempstead employees in an attempt to re-elect Republican Supervisor Anthony Santino, who lost his re-election bid in November to Rockville Centre attorney Laura Gillen. During the 2017 election, according to Gold, all or some of the defendants ‘hatched a plan to curry the vote of Town of Hempstead families who had a member attending Camp Anchor,’ a town-operated program serving children and adults with special needs.” [LI Herald, [12/7/17](#)]

10/31/17: A Parent Of A Camp Anchor Participant Received A Letter From William Muller And Diana Muller Soliciting The Parent’s Vote For Anthony Santino. “I am the parent of RD in the above referenced matter. [...] RD is a participant in the Camp Anchor, which is run by the Town of Hempstead (“TOH”) Department of Parks and Recreation. On or about November 3, 2017, just a few short days prior to the November 7, 2017 election, I received a letter dated October 31, 2017, from Defendants William Muller And Diana Muller, soliciting my vote for then candidate Town of Hempstead Supervisor Anthony Santino.” [District Court of the Eastern

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- **11/7/17: Santino's Election For Town Supervisor Against Laura Gillen Took Place.** "In a stunning turn of events, Democratic challenger Laura Gillen has declared victory over incumbent Republican Anthony Santino to take the supervisor seat for the Town of Hempstead. As of midnight, with all of the precincts reporting in, Gillen led Santino 80,214 votes to 77,946 in unofficial results. If the results stand, it would be the first time in history that a Democrat has led the Town of Hempstead." [Patch, [11/7/17](#)]

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November 2017: Santino Was Named As A Defendant In A \$250 Million Lawsuit Alleging That His Campaign Accessed Private Town Data Of Citizens With Special Needs Family Members To Send Targeted Mailers

Santino Was Named In A Lawsuit Seeking \$250 Million In Damages To Families Of Special-Need Students Who Said Their Personal Information Was Mined By Town Of Hempstead Employees In An Effort To Re-Elect Santino. "Bellmore attorney Jeff Gold is asking a federal judge to award almost \$250 million in damages to families of special-needs students who say their personal information was mined by Town of Hempstead employees in an attempt to re-elect Republican Supervisor Anthony Santino, who lost his re-election bid in November to Rockville Centre attorney Laura Gillen. The lawsuit, filed on Nov. 13, names Santino; his legal counsel, William Muller; Muller's wife, Diana Bianculli-Muller, the deputy town clerk; Town Clerk Nasrin Ahmad; Parks and Recreation Director Michael Zappolo; and Citizens for Santino as defendants." [LI Herald, [12/7/17](#)]

- **Santino, His Legal Counsel, And His State Campaign Committee Were All Named As Defendants In The Lawsuit.** "Bellmore attorney Jeff Gold is asking a federal judge to award almost \$250 million in damages to families of special-needs students who say their personal information was mined by Town of Hempstead employees in an attempt to re-elect Republican Supervisor Anthony Santino, who lost his re-election bid in November to Rockville Centre attorney Laura Gillen. The lawsuit, filed on Nov. 13, names Santino; his legal counsel, William Muller; Muller's wife, Diana Bianculli-Muller, the deputy town clerk; Town Clerk Nasrin Ahmad; Parks and Recreation Director Michael Zappolo; and Citizens for Santino as defendants." [LI Herald, [12/7/17](#)]
- **HEADLINE: "Camp Anchor Parents Suing Town For Nearly \$250 Million"** [LI Herald, [12/7/17](#)]

The Lawsuit Alleged That Santino's Legal Counsel, William Muller, Accessed Identities Of Camp Anchor Attendees And Sent Them Mailers To Vote For Santino Because Of His Support For The Camp. "The lawsuit, filed on Nov. 13, names Santino; his legal counsel, William Muller; Muller's wife, Diana Bianculli-Muller,

the deputy town clerk; Town Clerk Nasrin Ahmad; Parks and Recreation Director Michael Zappolo; and Citizens for Santino as defendants.[...] Muller allegedly accessed the identities of Camp Anchor attendees and sent letters to their families in the days before the election. According to the suit, nearly 1,200 Camp Anchor attendees' records were accessed in order to target the mailer, which encouraged the families to vote for Santino.” [LI Herald, [12/7/17](#)]

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The Lawsuit Alleged That The Mailing “Done At The Urging Of Santino” And Reflected The Idea That Santino Believed Himself To Be “Above The Law.” “Gold said that the mailing was done at the urging of Santino, and that Muller was likely trying to ‘curry favor’ with Santino and re-elect him because both Muller and his wife faced the possibility of losing their jobs if Santino lost the election. The Camp Anchor letter and prior official Town of Hempstead mailings promoting Santino are ‘reflective of the fact that Mr. Santino and his associates believe that they are above the law and can do what they want in order to continue financing their existence on the public dole,’ Gold said.” [LI Herald, [12/7/17](#)]

The Legislation That D’Esposito Helped Indefinitely Postpone Would Have Made Both The Aforementioned Mailings Illegal

Mailings From Santino And Muller Were Both Within The 45-Day Period Under Which The Mailings Legislation Sought To Ban Any Mailers From Incumbents.

Day Of Mailer	Mail Sent By:	Day Of Election	Days Between Mailer And Election	Would it be banned under the mailings legislation?
10/13/17	Anthony Santino	11/7/17	25	Yes
10/31/17	William Muller	11/7/17	7	Yes

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2018: D’Esposito Opposed The Institution Of Special Elections In Hempstead Town’s Elective Offices After He Was Appointed To The Town Council By His Father’s Employer

2016: D’Esposito Was Appointed To The Town Board

2016: D’Esposito Was Appointed Unanimously To The Board. “Former Island Park Fire Chief and NYPD Detective Anthony D’Esposito was appointed Tuesday to fill the Hempstead Town Board seat of newly elected

Supervisor Anthony Santino. Town Board members tapped D'Esposito, 33, to fill the remainder of Santino's term until a special election is held in November. He will represent Hempstead's 4th District, which includes Island Park, Oceanside, East Rockaway, Hewlett, Rockville Centre and South Hempstead. His district also includes sections of Baldwin, Cedarhurst, Lynbrook, Malverne, Valley Stream and Woodmere. [...] The Hempstead Town Board members appointed D'Esposito unanimously, but Councilwoman Dorothy Goosby objected to his appointment without an election. 'He does have the qualifications of a great councilman, but I object to the process of choosing a representative without any input from residents of that district,' Goosby said. 'This is not voted on by the people who live there and this is a very undemocratic process.' Santino said state law requires the board fill his vacancy through an appointment or leave it vacant until the next election." [Newsday, [2/9/16](#)]

2018: D'Esposito Voted To Table The Discussion On A Local Law That Would Eliminate The Town Board's Power To Fill Vacancies And Replace It With A Requirement For A Special Election

2018: A Law Entitled "Filling Vacancies In Elective Office By Special Election" Was Proposed. "A LOCAL LAW ESTABLISHING CHAPTER ' 16A OF THE CODE -OF THE TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD ENTITLED 'FILLING. VACANCIES IN ELECTIVE OFFICE BY SPECIAL ELECTION.'" [Town of Hempstead, Meeting Agenda, [5/22/18](#)]

- **The Law Called For The Elimination Of "The Town Board's Power To Fill Vacancies By Appointment In Elective Offices" And Instead Instituted Special Elections To Fill Such Vacancies.** "The Board finds that it is in the best interests of the Town of Hempstead to supersede Town Law Section 64(5) by eliminating the Town Board's power to fill vacancies by appointment in elective offices and instead grant that power to the eligible voters of the Town by requiring a special election to fill the vacancy." [Town of Hempstead, Meeting Agenda, [5/22/18](#)]
- **The Law Would Apply To The Office Of The Supervisor, The Town Board, The Town Clerk, And The Receiver Of Taxes.** "The Board finds that it is in the best interests of the Town of Hempstead to supersede Town Law Section 64(5) by eliminating the Town Board's power to fill vacancies by appointment in elective offices and instead grant that power to the eligible voters of the Town by requiring a special election to fill the vacancy. [...] The elective offices affected by this Chapter are the Office of the Supervisor, the Town Board, the Town Clerk, and the Receiver of Taxes." [Town of Hempstead, Meeting Agenda, [5/22/18](#)]

D'Esposito Voted To "Table Item 58 Indefinitely." COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Yes, Supervisor, I would like to sever Item 58. Madam Supervisor, I will amend that. I would like to table Item 58 indefinitely, that is my Motion." [...] SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Madam Clerk, would you, please, call the roll. CLERK CABANA: Councilman Blakeman? COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: On the postponement, I vote aye. CLERK CABANA: Councilman D'Esposito? COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye." [Town of Hempstead, Meeting Verbatim, [5/22/18](#)]

- **Item 58 Referred To "The Resolution Referring To Special Elections."** SUPERVISOR GILLEN: "Before we call the roll on this, I would like to point out that Item 58 is the Resolution relating to special elections. I would urge the Members of this Board to reconsider and leave this item on the agenda." [Town of Hempstead, Meeting Verbatim, [5/22/18](#)]

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2019: D'Esposito Opposed Legislation To Require Commissioners And Department Heads To Choose Between Participating As A Party Officer Or Continue Employment With The Town. "The legislation would require commissioners and department heads to choose between participating as a party officer or continue employment with the town. She said the legislation would not restrict other employees from participating in political events. She described the legislation akin to the Hatch Act, which prohibits the U.S. president's administration from using government resources to campaign. The legislation would have to be approved by the

Republican-controlled Town Board and Gillen said she will seek a vote after the Nov. 5 election. Republican Councilman Anthony D'Esposito questioned whether Gillen would expand her legislation to the elected town board and signaled her bill may be a non-starter. 'I suggest Laura Gillen read the Constitution of the United States, which guarantees its citizens the right to participate in the political process,' D'Esposito said. 'If she lost her copy, I'd be more than happy to loan her mine.'" [Newsday, [10/3/19](#)]

- **This Legislation Sought To “Eliminate” The Town’s “Pay-To-Play” Culture.** “Hempstead Town Supervisor Laura Gillen is proposing a ban on town department heads leading political committees as a way to help eliminate a ‘pay-to-play’ culture. Gillen said she will propose legislation next month to amend the ethics code to ban town commissioners from also serving as heads of local political clubs or committees. She said about half of the town’s department chiefs, including nearly every commissioner and town attorney, are leaders of local Republican clubs. Gillen, a Democrat, is running for her second term next month against Republican Receiver of Taxes Don Clavin. Gillen said whistleblowers have come forward and claimed they were required to carry petitions, participate in Republican club activities or make campaign donations in order to advance within departments or get a raise.” [Newsday, [10/3/19](#)]

D'Esposito Criticized The Measure, Saying It Ignored That The Constitution Of The United States “Guarantees Its Citizens The Right To Participate In The Political Process.” “Republican Councilman Anthony D'Esposito questioned whether Gillen would expand her legislation to the elected town board and signaled her bill may be a non-starter. 'I suggest Laura Gillen read the Constitution of the United States, which guarantees its citizens the right to participate in the political process,' D'Esposito said. 'If she lost her copy, I'd be more than happy to loan her mine.'" [Newsday, [10/3/19](#)]

D'Esposito Administered CARES Act Funding For The Town Of Hempstead, Lauding Its Use To Help Local Businesses All While His “Good Friend” Received \$1 Million In Funding Through A Non-Competitive Contract

D'Esposito Helped Administer The \$133 Million The Town Of Hempstead Received In CARES Act Funding

Hempstead Received \$133 Million In CARES Act Funding. “Hempstead received \$133 million last year in federal COVID-19 CARES funding for pandemic-related expenses, based on its population of nearly 800,000 residents. Town Board members voted to use \$70.1 million on payroll expenses for sanitation workers, public safety and other departments they said were essential workers during the pandemic. Town officials said they were told the funding was properly used, but the town’s use of CARE funding is still under investigation in a U.S. Treasury audit.” [Newsday, [10/21/21](#)]

D'Esposito Helped Administer CARES Act Funds Given To Hempstead. “At Vision Long Island’s 19th annual Smart Growth Summit, which was held virtually because of the coronavirus pandemic, Lynbrook Mayor Alan Beach was one of many mayors and town supervisors who spoke about overcoming difficulties during the coronavirus pandemic. [...] Beach spoke during the first day of the event, and said the village was greatly helped by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (or CARES Act), through the help of Hempstead Town Supervisor Donald Clavin and Town Councilman Anthony D'Esposito. He added that village officials have worked with the school district and other communities to try and bolster resources.” [LI Herald, [12/10/20](#)]

D'Esposito Commended The Town of Hempstead For Its Use Of The Funding, Saying The Town Board “Has Really Done Its Due Diligence” And Was “Making Sure This Money Is Spent Correctly”

D'Esposito Commended The Town Of Hempstead For “Correctly Utilizing” CARES Act Funding, Calling It A “Job Well Done.” COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: “Supervisor, I think we will all say that Senior

Councilwoman Goosby is living proof that early testing, early detection and quality healthcare without a doubt saves lives. [...] Like I said, it is clear that testing does save lives and I am glad to see that leadership here in the Town of Hempstead is utilizing the Federal CARES money for the right reasons and we are making sure that people throughout the Township, the largest Township in America, a diverse Township that whether it is in the Five Towns or Levittown or down in the barrier island or up North in the Town of Hempstead or anywhere in the middle, there is opportunity for the Town of Hempstead residents to be tested and to make sure that we continue to flatten the curve here in New York and make sure we don't see a spike in coronavirus. Job well done in utilizing, correctly utilizing the CARES funding to make sure we continue to keep people safe." [Town of Hempstead, Meeting Verbatim, [7/28/20](#)]

D'Esposito: "The Town Board Has Really Done Their Due Diligence With This CARES Act Money."

COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: "Supervisor, if I could add to that, I also want to point out the Town Board has really done their due diligence with this CARES Act money. [...] So, to suggest that we are only supporting with this money certain communities is, quite frankly, ridiculous, um, the fire department that have served some of the hardest hit communities, whether it is in Senior Councilwoman Goosby's District, down in the Five Towns where Councilman Blakeman and I share or any of the Council Members' Districts, they have all been contacted by the Town of Hempstead and we are working with them to make sure we can make them whole regarding the thousands upon thousands of dollars they spent on PPE to answer the countless amount of 911 calls transporting people to the hospital pronouncing people that weren't able to live there through the COVID 19 virus." [Town of Hempstead, Meeting Verbatim, [8/4/20](#)]

D'Esposito On CARES Act Funding: "We Are Making Sure This Money Is Spent Correctly, That It Is Open, That It Is Transparent." COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: "Supervisor, if I could add to that, I also want to point out the Town Board has really done their due diligence with this CARES Act money. [...] We are making sure this money is spent correctly, that it is open, that it is transparent and that we are doing our best to make sure that maybe not all the nearly eight hundred thousand residents can utilize some sort of this CARES Act money but, we are definitely damn well trying our best." [Town of Hempstead, Meeting Verbatim, [8/4/20](#)]

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D'Esposito Said The Town Was Putting The CARES Act Funding Toward "Helping Local Businesses."

"Hempstead, the largest town in the U.S., received \$133 million in federal CARES Act funding that it has put toward helping local businesses, including several in Oceanside, Hempstead Town Councilman Anthony D'Esposito said, noting that the goal was to continue helping businesses survive the pandemic. 'We spent about \$3.5 million on [personal protective equipment] kits that were delivered to business owners, churches, libraries and many other places,' D'Esposito said." [LI Herald, [2/4/21](#)]

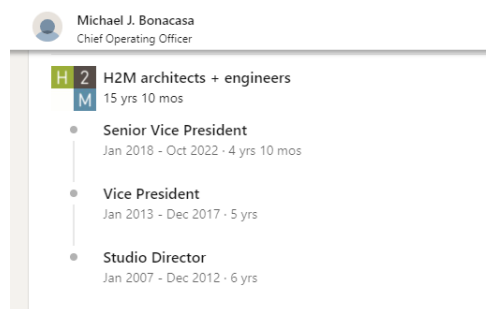
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\$1 Million Of The CARES Act Funding Was Given To H2M Architects + Engineers, A Company Whose Senior Vice President Was D'Esposito's "Good Friend" And Contributed \$2,000 To D'Esposito Campaign In The 6 Months Proceeding The Funding Disbursement

Michael J. Bonacasa, The Senior Vice President Of H2M Architects And Engineers Was D'Esposito's "Good Friend" And Donated \$2,000 To D'Esposito's Campaigns...

Michael J. Bonacasa Was A Senior Vice President At H2M Architects + Engineers

2018-2022: Michael J. Bonacasa Was A Senior Vice President At H2M Architects + Engineers. According to his LinkedIn profile, Michael J. Bonacasa served as a Senior vice president at H2M architects + engineers from January 2018 till October 2022. Previously, he also served as the company's vice president and studio director, being an employee of the company since January 2007. [Michael J. Bonacasa, LinkedIn, accessed [1/4/24](#)]



[Michael J. Bonacasa, LinkedIn, accessed [1/4/24](#)]

Bonacasa Was D'Esposito's "Good Friend"

D'Esposito Referred To Bonacasa As His "Good Friend." "October highlights an opportunity to salute our #ItalianHeritage here @HempsteadTown! My good friend Mike Bonacasa & his team from Italian Americans in Govt recognized Bill Bonesso & Ed Grilli - 2 men who live & work representing our values & preserving history! Salute!" [Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, [10/4/18](#)]



[Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, [10/4/18](#)]

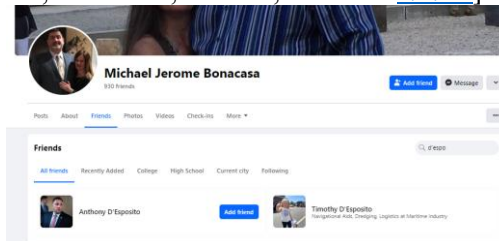
D'Esposito Thanked Bonacasa "For Working So Hard To Preserve And Celebrate Our" Italian-American Heritage. "Supervisor Joseph Saladino, Councilwoman Michele Johnson, Councilman Thomas Muscarella and I

snuck our friend, Town of Hempstead Receiver of Taxes Don Clavin 🍀 into Italian-Americans in Government, Inc. 38th Annual #ColumbusDay Dinner honoring two of our dear friends, Chris Coschignano and Anthony Capetola. Thank you to Michael Jerome Bonacasa for working so hard to preserve and celebrate our #ItalianAmerican heritage!" [Congressman Anthony D'Esposito, Facebook, [10/2/19](#)]



[Congressman Anthony D'Esposito, Facebook, [10/2/19](#)]

Michael Bonacasa Was Facebook Friends With Anthony D'Esposito And His Brother, Timothy D'Esposito. According to his Facebook profile, Michael Jerome Bonacasa was friends with Anthony D'Esposito and Timothy D'Esposito. [Michael Jerome Bonacasa, Facebook, Friends, accessed [1/4/24](#)]



[Michael Jerome Bonacasa, Facebook, Friends, accessed [1/4/24](#)]

- **Timothy D'Esposito Was Congressman Anthony D'Esposito's Brother.** "Hempstead Town Councilman Anthony D'Esposito voted Tuesday to give a raise to his mother, a secretary in the town's highway department, a spokesman said Wednesday.. [...] The councilman's brother, Timothy D'Esposito, and sister-in-law, Danielle D'Esposito, also work for the town. Timothy D'Esposito is a captain in the department of conservation and waterways. His 2016 salary was \$92,411 and he was hired in 2008. Danielle D'Esposito works as a tax clerk for the town's receiver of taxes, according to the payroll data. She was hired in 2014 and her 2016 salary was \$52,468." [Newsday, [3/29/17](#)]

December 2020- March 2021: Bonacasa Contributed \$2,000 To D'Esposito's State Campaign Committee

12/20/20-3/1/21: Michael J. Bonacasa Contributed \$2,000 To Citizens For D'Esposito.

Contributions to Citizens for D'Esposito From Michael J. Bonacasa			
Source	Source Address	Date	Amount

Michael J. Bonacasa	338 St. Marks Avenue, Bellmore, NY	12/20/20	\$500
Michael J. Bonacasa	338 St. Marks Avenue, Bellmore, NY	3/1/21	\$1,500
Total:			\$2,000

[New York Board of Elections , Campaign Finance Search, accessed [11/18/23](#)]

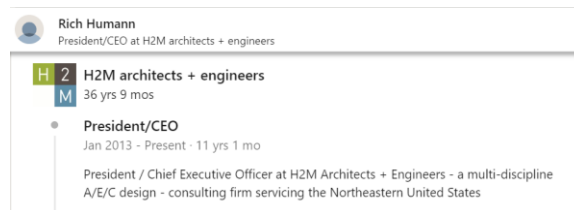
Bonacasa's Wife And Other H2M Employees Were Also D'Esposito's Donors, Donating \$4,150 To His State And Federal Campaigns Combined

Richard Humann And H2M Architects Contributed \$2,650 To Citizens For D'Esposito.

Contributions to Citizens for D'Esposito From H2M And Its CEO		
Source	Date	Amount
H2M Architects	5/13/22	\$1,650
H2M Architects & Engineers	1/18/17	\$500
Richard W Humann	4/21/16	\$500
Total:		\$2,650

[New York State Board of Elections , Campaign Finance Search, accessed [1/5/24](#)]

- **2013- Present: Richard Humann Was The CEO Of H2M Architects And Engineering.** According to his LinkedIn Profile, Rich Humann served as the President/CEO of H2m architects + engineers since January 2013. [Rich Humann, LinkedIn, accessed [1/5/24](#)]



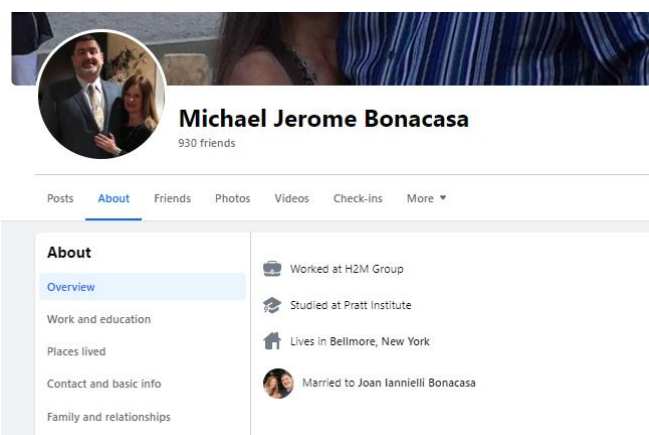
[Rich Humann, LinkedIn, accessed [1/5/24](#)]

Joan Bonacasa Donated \$1,500 To D'Esposito For New York.

Contributions to Citizens for D'Esposito From H2M And Its CEO		
Source	Date	Amount
Joan Bonacasa	3/7/23	\$1,000
Joan Bonacasa	6/26/22	\$500
Total:		\$1,500

[FEC Candidate and Committee Viewer, accessed [1/5/24](#)]

- **Michael Bonacasa Was Married To Joan Bonacasa.** According to his Facebook profile, Michael Jerome Bonacasa was married to Joan Iannielli Bonacasa. [Michael Jerome Bonacasa, Facebook, accessed [1/4/24](#)]



[Michael Jerome Bonacasa, Facebook, accessed [1/4/24](#)]

... Less Than Six Months After D'Esposito Voted To Give H2M Architects + Engineering \$1 Million In Funds From The CARES Act After An Approval From The Town's COVID 19 Committee...

9/8/20: The Hempstead Town Board Introduced A Resolution To Disburse \$1 Million To H2M Architects + Engineers. “WHEREAS, the Town Board has created a COVID 19 Committee to review and approve such expenditures. In their due diligence, the Committee has approved COVID 19 related expenditures in the amount of \$1,000,000 to be distributed to H2M Architects and Engineers for a total amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 that have been determined to be lawful, proper use of funds, in the public interest, and in compliance with the Treasury's promulgated guidance; and NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Comptroller of the Town of Hempstead be and hereby is authorized to transfer funds received per the ‘CARES Act’ in the amount of \$1,000,000.” [Town of Hempstead, Resolutions, [9/8/20](#)]

- **The Resolution Claimed That The Town Board Created A COVID 19 Committee Which Did Due Diligence And Approved The Disbursement To H2M Architects + Engineers.** “WHEREAS, the Town Board has created a COVID 19 Committee to review and approve such expenditures. In their due diligence, the Committee has approved COVID 19 related expenditures in the amount of \$1,000,000 to be distributed to H2M Architects and Engineers for a total amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 that have been determined to be lawful, proper use of funds, in the public interest, and in compliance with the Treasury's promulgated guidance; and NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Comptroller of the Town of Hempstead be and hereby is authorized to transfer funds received per the ‘CARES Act’ in the amount of \$1,000,000.” [Town of Hempstead, Resolutions, [9/8/20](#)]

D'Esposito Voted “Aye” On The Resolution To Approve The Entire Administrative Calendar.

SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: “If not, may I have a Motion on the Administrative Calendar”. SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: “I move the Administrative Calendar.” [...] CLERK MURRAY: “Councilman D'Esposito?” COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: “Aye.” [Town of Hempstead, Meeting verbatim, [9/8/20](#)]

The Resolution To Disburse \$1 Million To H2M Architects + Engineers Was Item Number 38 On The Administrative Calendar. “ADMINISTRATIVE CALENDAR [...] Resolution - Authorizing the transfer of monies received by the Town of Hempstead through the ‘CARES ACT’, to fund unbudgeted necessary expenses incurred directly related to the Covid-19 pandemic related expenditures to be distributed to H2M ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS (\$1,000,000) - TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD” [Town of Hempstead, Agenda, [9/8/20](#)]

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38. Resolution - Authorizing the transfer of monies received by the Town of Hempstead through the "CARES ACT", to fund unbudgeted necessary expenses incurred directly related to the Covid-19 pandemic related expenditures to be distributed to H2M ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS (\$1,000,000) - TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD

[Town of Hempstead, Agenda, [9/8/20](#)]

... Despite The Town Allegedly Not Providing Any Records Showing That This Committee Had Any Members Or That The Town Followed The CARES Act's Requirement Of Ensuring H2M Provided Records Of The Work Done

According To Just The Facts Media, The Town Of Hempstead Did Not Provide Any Records Showing Specific Tasks Performed By H2M Architects + Engineers, A Possible Violation Of The CARES Act.

9/9/20: A Hempstead Resident Requested All Records Relating To The \$1 Million Contract Given To H2M Architects + Engineers. "Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Law, I am requesting records that show the following information regarding the work done and proposed by H2M Architects and Engineers specified or implied by the following resolution passed on September 8, 2020 by the Hempstead Town Board : 1. All Contracts relating to the work performed. 2. Description of all work performed and to be performed. 3. All Estimates for work. 4. All Requests for Proposals 5. All receipts and claim forms 6. All payments made to H2M including the Date, Description, and Amount." [Just the Facts Media, FOIL Request #202005426, [9/9/20](#)]

- **According To Just The Facts Media, The Town's Response To The Freedom Of Information Law (FOIL) Request Did Not Contain Records Of Any Specific Task Being Performed. A Possible Violation Of CARES Act Requirements.** "On September 8, 2020, the Hempstead Town Board approved \$995k of payments of Federal CARES (COVID-19 aide) funds to Architect and Engineering firm H2M. The Town DID NOT require H2M to provide records showing the actual work performed, as required by the Federal CARES Act. The resolution states that the Town's COVID-19 committee reviewed each expenditure, but Town Records provided in response to a Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) request DO NOT show any specific task performed." [Just the Facts Media, accessed [1/4/24](#)]

The CARES Act Required Governments To Keep Records "Sufficient To Demonstrate" That Disbursed Funds Were "In Accordance With Section 601(D) Of The Social Security Act." "The Department of the Treasury (Treasury) is re-publishing in final form the guidance it previously made available on its website regarding the Coronavirus Relief Fund for States, tribal governments, and certain eligible local governments. [...]
2. What records must be kept by governments receiving payment? A government should keep records sufficient to demonstrate that the amount of Fund payments to the government has been used in accordance with section 601(d) of the Social Security Act." [Department of Treasury, Coronavirus Relief Fund program guidance, [1/15/21](#)]

Section 601(D) Of The Social Security Act Required Funds To Be Used For Matters That Were Necessary Expenditures Incurred Due To Covid, Which Had Not Previously Been Accounted For And Were Incurred Between 3/1/20 And 12/31/21. "SEC. 601. ø42 U.S.C. 801; CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND. [...] (d) USE OF FUNDS.—A State, Tribal government, and unit of local government shall use the funds provided under a payment made under this section to cover only those costs of the State, Tribal government, or unit of local government that— (1) are necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID–19); (2) were not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of the date of enactment of this section for the State or government; and (3) were incurred during the period that begins on March 1, 2020, and ends on December 31, 2021." [U.S. Government Publishing Office, Social Security Act, accessed [1/4/24](#)]

According To Just The Facts Media, The Town Of Hempstead Claimed That No Members Were Assigned To The COVID-19 Committee

According To Just The Facts Media, The Town Of Hempstead Stated That No Members Were Assigned To The COVID-19 Committee Tasked With The Due Diligence Of CARES Act Expenditures. “On September 8, 2020, the Hempstead Town Board approved \$995k of payments of Federal CARES (COVID-19 aide) funds to Architect and Engineering firm H2M. The Town DID NOT require H2M to provide records showing the actual work performed, as required by the Federal CARES Act. The resolution states that the Town's COVID-19 committee reviewed each expenditure, but Town Records provided in response to a Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) request DO NOT show any specific task performed. In response to FOIL request #202007902, requesting the members of the Town's COVID-19 committee, the Town's response was that no one was assigned to the COVID-19 committee.” [Just the Facts Media, accessed [1/22/24](#)]

D'Esposito Consistently Sided With Donors Over The People Of Hempstead During His Time At The Town Council, Supporting Contractors That Were Delinquent On Their Fees And Introducing Resolutions That Prioritized Corporations Over People

D'Esposito Was A Stooge For Isaac “Butch” Yamali, Taking In More Than \$45,000 From Yamali And His Family And Defending His Companies From Scrutiny During His Time On The Hempstead Town Council

D'Esposito Received \$45,500 From Isaac “Butch” Yamali And His Wife

D'Esposito's Federal Campaign Committee, D'Esposito For New York, Received \$27,000 From Isaac “Butch” Yamali And His Wife, Linda Yamali

D'Esposito Received \$25,700 In Federal Contributions From Isaac “Butch” Yamali And His Wife, Linda Yamali. [FEC Candidate and Committee Viewer, accessed [12/5/23](#)]

Contributions to D'Esposito for New York From Isaac “Butch” Yamali And Linda Yamali		
Source	Date	Amount
Isaac Yamali	6/28/23	\$6,600
Linda Yamali	6/28/23	\$6,600
Isaac Yamali	10/23/22	\$2,900
Linda Yamali	6/30/22	\$5,800
Butch Yamali	4/6/22	\$2,900
Butch Yamali	4/6/22	\$2,900
Total:		\$27,700

- **Isaac Yamali's Was Also Known As Isaac “Butch” Yamali.** “Nassau County legislators on Monday are expected to vote on a legal settlement with food vendor Dover Gourmet, owned by Isaac ‘Butch’ Yamali, that would reinstate the company as concessionaire at county parks, golf courses and beaches for the next five years.” [Newsday, [4/23/22](#)]
- **Linda Yamali Was Isaac “Butch” Yamali's Wife.** “An innovator in the catering, food service, restaurant, public events and entertainment industries, Butch Yamali is an entrepreneur, intense in focus and philanthropic by nature. [...] Yamali, is the proud father of three and grandfather of two and resides in Merrick with his wife Linda.” [The Island 360, [4/3/23](#)]

D'Esposito's State Campaign Committee, Citizens For D'Esposito, Received \$12,000 From Isaac “Butch” Yamali And His Wife, Linda Yamali

Contributions to Citizens for D'Esposito From Michael J. Bonacasa			
Source	Source Address	Date	Amount
Butch Yamali	2153 Vine Drive, Merrick, NY	3/29/16	\$1,000
Issac Yamali	2153 Vine Drive, Merrick, NY	5/16/21	\$5,000
Linda Yamali	2153 Vine Drive, Merrick, NY	10/24/17	\$5,000
Linda Yamali	2153 Vine Drive, Merrick, NY	5/23/21	\$750
Linda Yamali	2153 Vine Drive, Merrick, NY	5/25/21	\$250
Total:			\$12,000

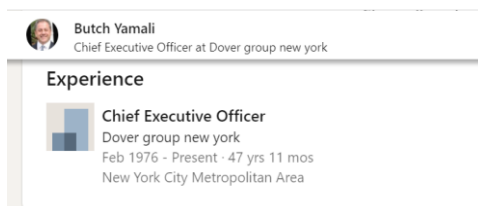
[New York Board of Elections , Campaign Finance Search, accessed [11/18/23](#)]

D'Esposito's State Campaign Committee, Citizens For D'Esposito, Received \$5,800 From Subsidiaries Of Yamali's Company, Dover Group

2016: D'Esposito Received \$2,000 From Dover Caterers. According to the New York State Board of Elections , Dover Caterers contributed \$2,000 to Citizens for D'Esposito on September 27th, 2016. [New York State Campaign Finances, Anthony P. D'Esposito, accessed [12/8/23](#)]

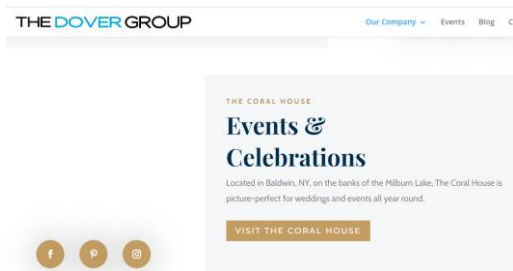
2016: D'Esposito Received \$3,800 From Coral House. According to the New York State Board of Elections , Coral House contributed \$3,800 to Citizens for D'Esposito on September 24th, 2017. [New York State Campaign Finances, Anthony P. D'Esposito, accessed [12/8/23](#)]

- **Butch Yamali Was The CEO Of Dover Group New York.** According to his LinkedIn profile, Butch Yamali has served as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Dover Group New York since February 1976 and currently serves in the role. [Butch Yamali, LinkedIn, accessed [12/5/23](#)]



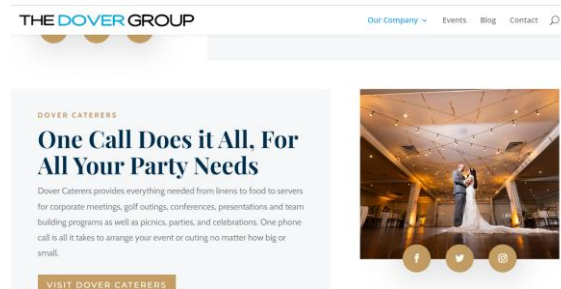
[Butch Yamali, LinkedIn, accessed [12/5/23](#)]

- **Coral House Was Listed As One Of The Dover Group's Brands On The Latter's Website.** The Coral House was listed under the "our brands" section of the Dover Group website with the description "Located in Baldwin, NY, on the banks of the Milburn Lake, The Coral House is picture-perfect for weddings and events all year round." [Dover Group, Our Brands, accessed [12/8/23](#)]



[Dover Group, Our Brands, accessed [12/8/23](#)]

- Dover Caterers Was Listed As One Of The Dover Group's Brands On The Latter's Website.** The Coral House was listed under the "our brands" section of the Dover Group website with the description "Dover Caterers provides everything needed from linens to food to servers for corporate meetings, golf outings, conferences, presentations and team building programs as well as picnics, parties, and celebrations. One phone call is all it takes to arrange your event or outing no matter how big or small." [Dover Group, Our Brands, accessed [12/8/23](#)]



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D'Esposito Hosted An Annual Clam Eating Contest With Butch Yamali

2021: D'Esposito Co-Hosted A Clam Eating Contest With Butch Yamali. "We are days away from the Peter's Clam Bar #clameatingcontest! Hempstead Town Supervisor Don Clavin, Hon. Chief Butch Yamali, Chief John Briguglio, Island Park Volunteer Fire Department and I invite you to support the Nassau County Firefighters Pipes & Drums. Drink specials, live music, fresh seafood and lots of fun!" [Congressman Anthony D'Esposito, Facebook, [8/10/21](#)]



[Congressman Anthony D'Esposito, Facebook, [8/10/21](#)]

July 2019: Hempstead Town Supervisor Laura Gillen Criticized Other Town Officials For Extending The Dover Group's Contract To Run Malibu Beach Park Even Though The Group's CEO, Isaac "Butch" Yamali, Owed The Town \$531,400 In Rent

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extension Hempstead officials offered Yamali to run another town property, Malibu Beach Park, although Yamali had not paid the town rent on Malibu in seven months. Yamali, who has held numerous municipal concessions contracts on Long Island, has dismissed Gillen's actions as political grandstanding. He asked a state Supreme Court in Nassau County in August to confirm the Malibu contract extension was legal. The litigation is ongoing.” [Newsday, [10/22/19](#)]

- **July 2019: The U.S. Attorney For The Eastern District Of New York Subpoenaed Hempstead For Records On The Dover Group After It Was Reported That The Town Had Not Paid \$531,400 In Rent To Hempstead.** “Gillen also said Sands is rarely booked for events. In 2018, she said, Dover hosted eight functions at the venue and paid the town \$20,000. Records indicate Dover is to provide the town 10% of its sales revenue at Sands, she said. [...] Newsday reported in July that Yamali had not paid the town rent on the property for nearly a year, accumulating a balance at that time of \$531,400. The U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of New York then subpoenaed the town for records on Dover. Yamali has said he has not paid rent on Malibu because the town owes him for capital improvements, and town officials instructed him not to pay until the two sides came to terms.” [Newsday, [10/22/19](#)]

October 2019: Hempstead Town Supervisor Laura Gillen Ordered A Subsidiary Of The Dover Group To Stop Holding Events At A Local Catering Hall, Because It Had Not Had “A Valid Contract With The Town Since 2011”

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- **2019: The Sands’ Current Vendor, “Dover Sands Inc. — Owned By The Dover Group [...] Has Not Had A Valid Contract With The Town Since 2011.”** “At a news conference in front of the facility, Gillen told reporters that the operator of the facility, Dover Sands Inc. — owned by the Dover Group, based in Freeport — has not had a valid contract with the town since 2011, and called on the company to cease operations. Since the agreement expired eight years ago, the arrangement between Dover and the town, Gillen said, appeared to be a ‘verbal or oral agreement’ and she described it as ‘highly questionable.’” [LI Herald, [10/24/19](#)]

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Gillen: The Lack Of Contract For The Dover Group Meant That There Was “Nothing In Place Protecting The Town And The Town Taxpayers From Potential Liability At” The Sands On Lido Beach. “Dover Sands Inc. has hosted weddings and other events at the Sands on Lido Beach by an apparent ‘verbal deal’ with town officials since 2011, Gillen said at a news conference in front of the waterfront catering hall. She called the

arrangement 'extremely troubling.' 'There is nothing in place protecting the town and the town taxpayers from potential liability at this facility,' she said." [Newsday, [10/22/19](#)]

D'Esposito, Who Was Then Serving As A Hempstead Town Councilman, Accused Gillen Of "Playing Politics" For Trying To Crack Down On The Dover Group For Operating Properties Without Contracts And Not Paying Rent

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D'Esposito Accused Hempstead Town Supervisor Laura Gillen Of "Playing Politics" For Going After The Dover Group For Operating Properties Without Contracts And Not Paying Rents. A spokesman for Yamali said Tuesday Dover does have a contract and insurance to operate Sands and is up-to-date on any payments on the facility owed to the town. 'The supervisor would be well served to review town records before attacking a well-respected vendor who has provided four decades of quality services to Hempstead residents,' said the spokesman, Brian Finnegan. Finnegan did not respond to a request to provide Newsday a copy of the contract. Republican Hempstead Councilman Anthony D'Esposito said through a spokeswoman Tuesday Gillen's staff 'received copies of contracts and related materials for the Sands and the Malibu' shortly after she took office in 2018. He accused her of 'playing politics.' The spokeswoman could not say whether the materials Gillen received included a Sands contract." [Newsday, [10/22/19](#)]

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- **Gillen Responded That D'Esposito's Focus Wasn't "On How The Taxpayers Have Been Getting The Raw End Of What Looks Like A Clearly Illegal Deal."** "Mike Fricchione a spokesman for Gillen responded to D'Esposito's claims. 'Supervisor Gillen has been actively cooperating with law enforcement since last year to bring about much-needed change in the town, so it's a little surprising that the councilman's focus isn't on how the taxpayers have been getting the raw end of what looks like a clearly illegal deal,' Fricchione said. He added that if Dover and D'Esposito have a contract, they should produce it." [LI Herald, [10/24/19](#)]

The Hempstead Town Comptroller, Kevin Conroy Was Allegedly Under Investigation By The U.S. Attorney's Office For Extending The Dover Group's Contract And Resigned Shortly After

Hempstead's Town Comptroller, Kevin Conroy, Resigned Amid Rumors That He Was Under Investigation For Extending The Dover Group's Contract To Operate The Malibu Shore Club. "The previous town comptroller, Kevin Conroy, abruptly resigned earlier this month. His departure coincided with reports that the U.S. attorney's office for the Eastern District of New York was investigating him for a controversial contract extension that Conroy reportedly approved for the Dover Group to operate the town's Malibu Shore Club." [LI Herald, [8/29/19](#)]

D'Esposito Received More Than \$6,000 From Marinas And Introduced Legislation, Which Was Drafted With Help From Donors, To Increase Marina Dock Space While Banning Backyard Boat
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Docks, A Wildly Unpopular Measure That Jeopardized A Key Source Of Income For Families Hurt By Hurricanes Sandy And Irene

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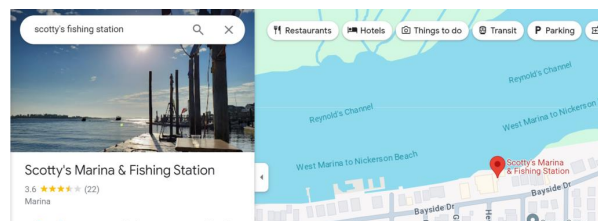
2016-2022: Marinas And Associated Organizations Contributed \$6,285 To Citizens For D'Esposito.

Contributions to Citizens for D'Esposito From Marinas And Associated Organizations			
Source	Source Address	Date	Amount
Scotty's Fishing Station, Inc.	72 Bayside Drive, Point Lookout, NY	5/19/22	\$2,150
All Island Marine Corporation	3510 Ann St, Oceanside, NY	5/13/22	\$150
Scotty's Fishing Station, Inc.	72 Bayside Drive, Point Lookout, NY	5/24/21	\$1,800
Commercial Marine Industries Inc.	160 Denton Ave, Lynbrook, NY	4/23/21	\$750
All Island Marine Corporation	3510 Ann St, Oceanside, NY	4/23/21	\$125
Scotty's Fishing Station, Inc.	72 Bayside Drive, Point Lookout, NY	8/20/20	\$100
All Island Marine Corporation	3510 Ann St, Oceanside, NY	1/15/19	\$125
The New York Marine Trades Association	188 Park Ave Ste E, Amityville, NY	7/11/17	\$585
Scotty's Fishing Station	72 Bayside Drive, Point Lookout, NY	4/12/16	\$500
Total:			\$6,285

[New York Board of Elections , Campaign Finance Search, accessed [11/18/23](#)]

Scotty's Fishing Station Was Also Known As Scotty's Marina And Fishing Station And Was Located At 72 Bayside Drive

Scotty's Fishing Station Was Listed On Google As "Scotty's Marina & Fishing Station." According to google maps, Scotty's Marina & Fishing Station was a marina located at 72 Bayside Drive, Point Lookout, NY. [Scotty's Marina & Fishing Station, Google Maps, accessed [12/8/23](#)]



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represents businesses — including marinas — on Long Island. That organization worked with the town to draft the proposed revision to the ordinance, according to Newsday, looking for clarification on the difference between a residential and a commercial property that has to do things that homeowners with boat slips do not, such as investing in training and systems.” [Soundings, [8/1/18](#)]

All Island Marine Was A Marina With A “Central On Water Location” And Had 250 Boat Slips Available For Rental

All Island Marine Was Housed At The Bay Park Yacht Harbor And Had A “Central On Water Location. “Bay Park Yacht Harbor is the waterfront home of All Island Marine. All Island Marine has one central on water location in scenic Oceanside, Long Island, New York that is convenient to get to by both land and water. Our 3-acre complex stores over 200 boats on land for winter storage and 250 slips for dockage in the summer. A factory trained service department with five mechanics employed full-time An indoor/outdoor new and used boat showroom Bay Park Fishing Station (bait, fuel, ice, food and beverages, and a tackle store with all of your fishing needs) A stocked parts department with an integrated warehouse to supply you with any parts you need for repair, or just toys to enhance your boating experience.” [All Island Marine, Marina, accessed [1/8/24](#)]

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D’Esposito Proposed A Law, Drafted with Help From Donors, To Ban The Renting Of Dock Space On Shoreside Residential Properties

5/11/18: D’Esposito Proposed A Law To Ban The Renting Of Dock Space On Shoreside Residential Properties. “Residents of waterfront communities, including Oceanside and Island Park, criticized a proposed law, which would ban the practice of renting out dock space on shoreside residential properties, at a May 22 Hempstead Town Board meeting. [...] The proposed law was introduced at a May 11 news conference in Bellmore hosted by Town Councilman Anthony D’Esposito, which Town Supervisor Laura Gillen said at the meeting was the first time she had heard of it. D’Esposito maintained that the measure was not intended to penalize homeowners with multiple boats docked in their backyards, but rather to crack down on the practice of operating unregulated marinas on residential property.” [LI Herald, [6/6/18](#)]

- **Gillen Criticized The Legislation, Saying It “Was Clearly Rushed And Crafted In Secret Without Any Community Input.”** “Responding to the confusion, D’Esposito admitted that the law could be reworked, and agreed to hold hearings on it and postpone the vote. The council unanimously agreed to table the discussion, and responding to resident requests, Gillen said she would consider holding a nighttime hearing at a later date so more people could attend. Afterward she issued a statement critical of D’Esposito and the legislation, which, she said ‘was clearly rushed and crafted in secret without any community input.’ She added, ‘Any new proposal that hurts working-class families — many still rebounding from Hurricane Sandy — will not have my support.’” [LI Herald, [6/6/18](#)]

The New York Marine Trades Association And “Worked With The Town To Draft” D’Esposito’s Proposed Law. “Those in favor of limiting the number of slips behind homes in Hempstead include the bay constable, who told CBS News in New York that many of the homes ‘were designed in the 1920s, very narrow, designed for one boat behind the house.’ Another proponent of the change is Chris Squeri, executive director of the New York Marine Trades Association, which represents businesses — including marinas — on Long Island. That

organization worked with the town to draft the proposed revision to the ordinance, according to Newsday, looking for clarification on the difference between a residential and a commercial property that has to do things that homeowners with boat slips do not, such as investing in training and systems.” [Soundings, [8/1/18](#)]

- **July 2017: The New York Marine Trades Association Donated \$585 To D'Esposito's Campaign.** According to the New York State Board of Elections , the New York Marine Trades Association donated \$585 to Citizens for D'Esposito on July 11th, 2017. [New York State Board of Elections , Campaign Finance search, accessed [11/18/23](#)]

Residents Said The Law Would Lead To The Loss Of A Source Of Income Especially For Families Affected By Hurricanes Sandy And Irene

Resident Fredi Vuckovic: “When You Put In This Law, You Will Get Rid Of Ten Thousand People That Can’t Take Care Of Their Families On Beautiful Long Island.” FREDI VUCKOVIC: A guy having his family come and enjoy the waterways, now, when you put in this law, you will get rid of ten thousand people that can’t take care of their families on beautiful Long Island.” [Town of Hempstead, Meeting Verbatim, [5/22/18](#)]

Residents Said Boat Slips Were “A Lifeblood Of Income” To Help Them “Recover Financially From The Devastation Of 2011’s Hurricane Irene And 2012’s Hurricane Sandy.” “The town of Hempstead, New York, at least for the near future, is allowing the continuation of boating as usual. But a late May meeting of the Town Board in this southern Long Island community brought extensive media attention, making Hempstead the latest battleground in America between boaters who have long had private slips and lawmakers who want to regulate them. [...] ‘This affects a lot of people’s livelihood,’ one resident said. ‘You act like dictators there that think you can get away with anything you want, and unless people come down en masse, you don’t respond.’ Several residents said they’re still trying to recover financially from the devastation of 2011’s Hurricane Irene and 2012’s Hurricane Sandy, and that renting boat slips behind their properties is a lifeblood of income.” [LI Herald, [6/6/18](#)]

Resident Lisa Panella Said That Waterfront Homes’ “Taxes Increased Tremendously” In The Near Past, Leading To Financial Issues For Her And Other Homeowners. “LISA PANELLA: “Okay, we have been living there for thirteen years. Waterfront homes have decreased tremendously but our taxes increased tremendously and we deserve a break.” [Town of Hempstead, Meeting Verbatim, [5/22/18](#)]

- **Panella Said That The Town Cannot “Take Away [Her] Rights” To Boat Slips After Her And Others’ “Homes Were Destroyed By Sandy.”** LISA PANELLA: “Lisa Panella, Oceanside, New York. I am a waterfront homeowner and I get the understanding of the adjournment. [...] Um, there are thousands of homes, waterfront homes in Nassau County with three hundred complaints that is not - - (Whereupon, applause from the audience was heard. After, the following ensued.) Kind of come in, take away our rights that we have had for one hundred years and decided this is what you are going to do after being - - our homes were destroyed by Sandy.” [Town of Hempstead, Meeting Verbatim, [5/22/18](#)]

Homeowners Criticized The Measure And Characterized It Was “Government Outreach Harmful To The Livelihoods Of Families Still Recovering From Hurricane Sandy.” “Residents of waterfront communities, including Oceanside and Island Park, criticized a proposed law, which would ban the practice of renting out dock space on shoreside residential properties, at a May 22 Hempstead Town Board meeting. Homeowners blasted the measure, characterizing it as government overreach harmful to the livelihoods of families still recovering from Hurricane Sandy. They also cited confusion over the resolution, asking for a public hearing on the matter before the town board considered its passage.” [LI Herald, [6/6/18](#)]

Waterways Commissioner Delanney Stated That The Law Would Lead To “One Dock For Residence” While Also “A Greater Number Of Docks And Floats And Slips For Commercial Marinas”

Don Delanney, The Hempstead Commissioner Of Conservation And Waterways, Stated That There Would

Be “One Dock For Residence” And “A Greater Number Of Docks And Floats And Slips For Commercial Marinas” Under The Proposed Law. COMMISSIONER DELANNEY: “Good Morning, 25 Supervisor, Members of the Town Board: My name is Don Delanney. I am Commissioner of Conservation and Waterways. [...] Just to clarify a few things, I know there is a little confusion but this law that has been worked on five or six years or more. [...] One dock for residence, means that one slip for each twenty feet of shoreline frontage. Allows a greater number of docks and floats and slips for commercial marinas but limited one slip for parking space.” [Town of Hempstead, Meeting Verbatim, [5/22/18](#)]

The Proposed Law Drew Heavy Criticism From Hempstead Residents, With Several Members Speaking Out Against It At The Town Meeting And A Petition To Oppose The Law Getting More Than 600 Signatures

5/22/18: Town Members Accused D'Esposito Of “Making False Accusations” Against Residents In His Announcement Of The Law And Asked Him To “Stop Attacking” Them At The Town Meeting. DEBBIE WILSON: “I watched the video and it really upset me.” (Whereupon, applause from the audience was heard. After, the following ensued.) COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: “Which video?” DEBBIE WILSON: “The video on the news when you stood there like this making false accusations against these waterfront homeowners. I am asking you between now and then tone down the rhetoric. Stop attacking these resident because they are not doing anything wrong.” [Town of Hempstead, Meeting Verbatim, [5/22/18](#)]

- **The Town Meeting Reportedly “Grew Downright Fiery” With Complaints Against D'Esposito’s Proposal “Drawing Raucous Gallery Applause.”** “The town of Hempstead, New York, at least for the near future, is allowing the continuation of boating as usual. But a late May meeting of the Town Board in this southern Long Island community brought extensive media attention, making Hempstead the latest battleground in America between boaters who have long had private slips and lawmakers who want to regulate them. The Hempstead meeting grew downright fiery — with one woman breaking down in tears and outraged complaints drawing raucous gallery applause — as residents denounced a proposal by Councilman Anthony D'Esposito to limit the number of boat slips they can rent out behind their homes.” [LI Herald, [6/6/18](#)]
- **More Than 600 Hempstead Residents Signed A Petition To Stop The Proposed Law From Being Enacted And Refused To Allow The Town Meeting To Be Adjourned.** “The board members tried for the better part of a half hour to adjourn the public hearing and go back to the drawing board on the proposal, which so enraged community members that more than 600 signed a petition to stop it from becoming law. Residents at the meeting refused to allow a vote on adjourning the hearing. They kept walking up to the microphone to be heard, one after the next, whether the board members liked it or not.” [LI Herald, [6/6/18](#)]

Gillen Said Her Office, Along With Other Council Members’, “Was Flooded With Complaints” And Said That The Council Needs To “Make This Law Clearer Or Better.” SUPERVISOR GILLEN: “Right, part of the reason I called Commissioner Delanney up was because the law was published. A change.org petition was organized and my office was flooded with complaints and some of the other Council Members’ offices were flooded with complaints. So, in response to those complaints, we decided that it is better to adjourn it, take into consideration some of these complaints.” [Town of Hempstead, Meeting Verbatim, [5/22/18](#)]

Residents Accused D'Esposito For Taking Money From Marinas And Said That His Proposed Law Was Just “Another Game Of Money” For D'Esposito

Resident Domenica Califano On The Proposal: “Anthony D'Esposito, This Is Just Another Game Of Money For You And Your Whole Entire Family.” DOMENICA CALIFANO: “Domenica Califano, 4043 Long Beach Road, Island Park. You all know me very well, here. Anthony D'Esposito, this is just another game of money for you and your whole entire family. (Whereupon, applause from the audience was heard. After, the following ensued.)” [Town of Hempstead, Meeting Verbatim, [5/22/18](#)]

Califano Asked If D'Esposito Introduced The Laws “Because Marinas Gave To His Campaign.”

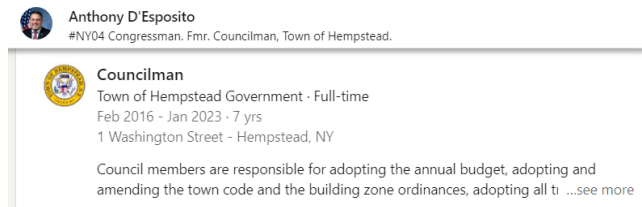
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D'Esposito Helped Funnel The Money Of Taxpayers And Supporters To His Friends, Offering Hempstead Town Contracts To Companies That Donated To His Campaigns And Spending His Campaign's Money At Establishments Owned By Family And Friends

2022: Five Companies Who Donated To D'Esposito's Campaigns Were Given Fourteen Total Contracts By The Town Of Hempstead

2022: D'Esposito Served On The Town Board As A Councilman

2016-2023: Anthony D'Esposito Served As A Hempstead Town Councilman. According to his LinkedIn profile, Anthony D'Esposito worked as a Councilman at the Town of Hempstead Government from February 2016 till January 2023. [Anthony D'Esposito, LinkedIn, accessed [11/24/23](#)]



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Town Board Employees Constituted 50% Of The Committee That Reviewed Requests For Proposals Responses And Gave Recommendations To The Town Board Who Decided The Awardee

The Committee To Review Request For Proposals Responses Contained 4 Members, 2 Of Whom Were The Chiefs Of Staff Of The Town Supervisor And Town Board Respectively. "A Committee is formed to review all responses and make a recommendation to award the RFP. • The Committee will be comprised of two designees of the Commissioner for the department from which the RFP is generated, the Supervisor's Chief of Staff or his/her designee and the Town Board Chief of Staff or his/her designee." [Town of Hempstead, Responding to Town Requests for Proposals, accessed [1/8/24](#)]

- **The Supervisor Presided Over All Town Board Meetings And Directed "The Legislative And Administrative Functions Of That Body."** "Responsibilities of Office The Supervisor serves as the Chief Executive Officer of the town government. He presides at all Town Board meetings, directing the legislative and administrative functions of that body. The Supervisor also oversees the day-to-day operations of a municipal government of 24 departments, employing just under 2,000 people, and providing services to over 760,000 residents. As the Chief Financial Officer of the township, the Supervisor is responsible for the implementation of the town's budget." [Town of Hempstead, Town Supervisor, accessed [1/8/24](#)]

The Town Board Decided The Award Of Request For Proposals And "Reserve[D] The Right To Reject Any And All Bids, And To Accept The Bid That Is Deemed Most Favorable To The Interests Of The Town." "*** TOWN BOARD TO MAKE AWARD *** Bids may be picked up only between 9:00 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. at the Department of Purchasing, 350 Front Street, Hempstead, N.Y. 11550. All bids must be made on bidding sheets furnished by the Director of Finance of the Town of Hempstead and subject to all specifications, terms, and

conditions stated therein. The Director of Finance and/or the Town Board reserve the right to reject any and all bids, and to accept the bid that is deemed most favorable to the interests of the Town.” [Town of Hempstead, Responding to Town Requests for Proposals, accessed [1/8/24](#)]

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Stasi Brothers Asphalt Corp.	CONCRETE REQUIREMENTS SAW CUTS, SIDEWALKS, ETC	11/17/2020 - 10/31/2021	12/6/16- 4/18/22	Company- \$3,600	Joseph Stasi (President)- \$2,500 Francesca Stasi (Controller)- \$1,000	\$7,100
Brookside Auto Center	BODY SHOP REPAIRS	9/23/2021- 8/31/2022	6/21/17- 8/20/20	Company- \$210	-	\$210
Chief Equipment Inc.	GENUINE REPLACEMENT PARTS & LABOR FOR ENGINES	8/1/2019- 7/31/2020	3/21/16	Company- \$500	-	\$500
Chief Equipment Inc.	OFF-THE-ROAD EQUIP. REPLACEMENT PARTS/LABOR	2/15/2022- 1/31/2023	-	-	-	-
Chief Equipment Inc.	REPLMT. PARTS/ VARIOUS LAWN & TURF EQUIP.	8/3/2021- 7/31/2022	-	-	-	-
Chief Equipment Inc.	VARIOUS BRANDS OF NEW COMPLETE SMALL ENGINES	7/1/2020- 6/30/2022	-	-	-	-
Chief Equipment Inc.	VARIOUS BRANDS OF NEW COMPLETE SMALL ENGINES	12/10/2020- 11/30/2021	-	-	-	-
Trius Inc.	PARTS & LAB.STETCO, VAC CON & HARBEN PUMPS	07/06/2020 - 06/30/2021	10/23/17	Company- \$250	-	-
Trius Inc.	PARTS & LABOR FOR TYMCO HEAVY DUTY SWEEPERS	04/26/2022 - 03/31/2023	-	-	-	-
Trius Inc.	PARTS FOR MOTOR POWERED LIFTGATES	09/06/2019 - 08/31/2020	-	-	-	-

Trius Inc.	PIONEER & PULL TARP COVERS & PARTS	09/23/2021 - 10/31/2022	-	-	-	-
Trius Inc.	SWEEPER/PLOW/ LEAF/SPREADER PARTS & LABOR	03/23/2021 – 02/28/2022	-	-	-	-
Trius Inc.	TYMCO HEAVY DUTY SWEEPER PARTS & LABOR	08/12/2016 - 07/31/2017	-	-	-	-
A & M Supplies Network	PRINTED ENVELOPES	06/10/2019 – 05/31/2022	8/9/16-6/21/17	Company- \$220 Mitchell Skoller (CEO)- \$160	Mitchell Skoller (CEO)- \$100	\$380
All Island Marine Corp.	VARIOUS BRANDS OF NEW COMPLETE SMALL ENGINES	07/01/2020 – 06/30/2022	1/15/19- 5/13/22	\$400.00	-	\$400
Total:						\$8,590

[Town of Hempstead, 2022 Contracts, accessed [1/8/24](#); FEC Candidate and Committee Viewer, accessed [1/8/24](#); New York State Board of Elections , Campaign Finance Search, accessed [11/18/23](#)]

NOTE: The Town of Hempstead website only displays contracts awarded for the past 2 years (2022 and 2023)- these contracts are sourced solely from the list of 2022 contracts given that Anthony D'Esposito left his position as Town councilman in January, 2023. Contracts from previous years of D'Esposito's Councilman tenure (2016-2021) must be requested via a FOIL request

- **Joe Stasi Was The President Of Stasi Brothers Asphalt Corporation.** On the Stasi Brothers Asphalt Corporation's website, Joe Stasi is listed as the company's "president." [Stasi Brothers, Team Stasi, accessed [1/8/24](#)]



> Joe Stasi – President
 > Sandy Stasi – Accounting
 > Francesca Stasi – Controller

[Stasi Brothers, Team Stasi, accessed [1/8/24](#)]

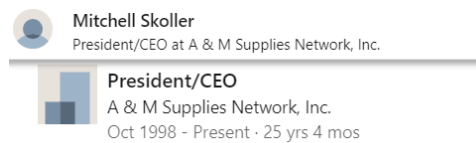
- **Francesca Stasi Was A Controller At Stasi Brothers Asphalt Corporation.** On the Stasi Brothers Asphalt Corporation's website, Francesca Stasi is listed as a "Controller" for the company [Stasi Brothers, Team Stasi, accessed [1/8/24](#)]



> Joe Stasi - President
 > Sandy Stasi - Accounting
 > Francesca Stasi - Controller

[Stasi Brothers, Team Stasi, accessed [1/8/24](#)]

- Mitchell Skoller Was The President And CEO Of A & M Suppliers Network, Inc.** According to his LinkedIn profile, Mitchell Skoller has served as the President/CEO of A & M Suppliers Network, Inc. since October 1998 and currently still serves in that role. [Mitchell Skoller, LinkedIn, accessed [1/8/24](#)]



[Mitchell Skoller, LinkedIn, accessed [1/8/24](#)]

D'Esposito Spent More Than \$18,000 Of His Federal Campaign Committee Funds At Restaurants Owned By Donors Of His Campaign

D'Esposito For New York Spent \$14,905 At Mio Posto Restaurant Which Was Owned By Guy Savia Who Contributed \$4,750 To D'Esposito For New York

D'Esposito For New York Spent \$14,905 At Mio Posto Restaurant. [FEC Candidate and Committee Viewer, accessed [12/6/23](#)]

Expenditure by D'Esposito for New York at Mio Posto Restaurant			
Recipient	Date	Description	Amount
Mio Posto Restaurant	8/20/23	Food and Beverage Fundraiser	\$680.00
Mio Posto Restaurant	7/7/23	Food and Beverage Fundraiser	\$1,325.00
Mio Posto Restaurant	4/20/23	Food and Beverage Scalise Fundraiser	\$120.00
Mio Posto Restaurant	4/10/23	Food and Beverage Scalise Fundraiser	\$12,500.00
Mio Posto Restaurant	2/15/23	Food and Beverage	\$140.00
Mio Posto Restaurant	2/15/23	Food and Beverage	\$140.00
Total:			\$14,905.00

[FEC Candidate and Committee Viewer, accessed [12/6/23](#)]

Guy Savia Was The Owner Of Mio Posto Restaurant. “Merrick is about to get a new Italian joint, according to a report. Mio Posto, with a location on West Beech Street in Long Beach, will open a new location this week in Merrick, Newsday reported. The official grand opening will be held Saturday. Owner Guy Savia told the newspaper the reputation of Mio Posto is ‘second to none.’” [Patch, [9/30/19](#)]

Guy Savia Contributed \$4,750 To D'Esposito For New York. [FEC Candidate and Committee Viewer, accessed [12/6/23](#)]

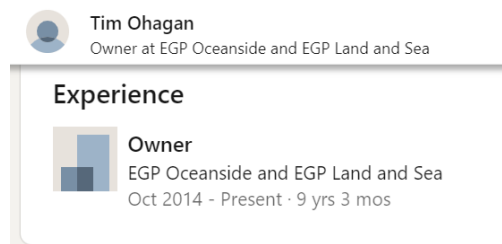
Contributions to D'Esposito for New York From Guy Savia		
Source	Date	Amount
Guy Savia	3/17/23	\$1,500
Guy Savia	10/24/22	\$2,500
Guy Savia	6/30/22	\$350
Guy Savia	6/26/22	\$400
Total:		\$4,750

[FEC Candidate and Committee Viewer, accessed [12/6/23](#)]

D'Esposito For New York Spent \$104.62 At EGP Land And Sea, Which Was Owned By Tim Ohagan Who Contributed \$500 To D'Esposito For New York

D'Esposito Spent \$104.62 At EGP Land And Sea. According to the Federal Election Commission, D'Esposito for new York spent \$104.62 At EGP Land and Sea on May 25th, 2023. The description of the expense was "Food and Beverage." [FEC Candidate and Committee Viewer, accessed [12/6/23](#)]

Tim Ohagan Was The Owner Of EGP Land And Sea. According to his LinkedIn profile, Tim Ohagan is the Owner of EGP Oceanside and EGP Land and Sea and has owned the entities since October 2014. [Tim Ohagan, LinkedIn, accessed [12/6/23](#)]



[Tim Ohagan, LinkedIn, accessed [12/6/23](#)]

Tim Ohagan Contributed \$500 To D'Esposito For New York. According to the Federal Election Commission, Timothy Ohagan contributed \$500 to D'Esposito for New York on September 28th, 2022. [FEC Candidate and Committee Viewer, accessed [12/6/23](#)]

D'Esposito For New York Spent \$2,297.97 At Franks Steaks, Which Was Owned By Chris Meyer Who Contributed \$6,580 To D'Esposito For New York

D'Esposito For New York Spent \$2,297.97 At Franks Steaks. [FEC Candidate and Committee Viewer, accessed [12/6/23](#)]

Expenditure by D'Esposito for New York at Franks Steaks			
Recipient	Date	Description	Amount
Franks Steaks	7/2/23	Food and Beverage Fundraiser	\$124.16
Franks Steaks	6/9/23	Food and Beverage Fundraiser	\$412.30
Franks Steaks	4/17/23	Food and Beverage Scalise Fundraiser	\$368.55
Franks Steaks	4/5/23	Food and Beverage Scalise Fundraiser	\$282.49
Franks Steaks	4/3/23	Food and Beverage	\$815.01
Franks Steaks	12/9/22	Food and Beverage	\$295.46
Total:			\$2,297.97

[FEC Candidate and Committee Viewer, accessed [12/6/23](#)]

Chris Meyer Was The Owner Of Franks Steaks. "Frank's Steaks is a Rockville Centre community staple that has been delighting local palettes for lo these past 20 years. Located at 54 Lincoln Avenue, this family-owned and operated steak house is the full package, providing customers with incredible food, service, and ambiance. Chris

Meyer, the owner, general manager, and pastry chef at Frank's Steaks said that this year has been a momentous one for the restaurant. This year, the establishment has celebrated several firsts, such as the addition of a new on-staff sommelier, their first-ever Cabaret night, and the addition of a new outdoor patio." [LI Herald, [11/17/22](#)]

Christopher Meyer Donated \$6,580.00 To D'Esposito For New York. [FEC Candidate and Committee Viewer, accessed [12/6/23](#)]

Contributions to D'Esposito for New York From Chris Meyer		
Source	Date	Amount
Chris A Meyer	9/29/23	\$100.00
Chris A Meyer	8/25/23	\$100.00
Christopher Meyer	6/26/23	\$500.00
Chris A Meyer	4/30/23	\$200.00
Christopher Meyer	3/31/23	\$200.00
Christopher Meyer	3/14/23	\$500.00
Chris A Meyer	3/1/23	\$200.00
Chris A Meyer	1/30/23	\$200.00
Chris A Meyer	1/7/23	\$250.00
Christopher A Meyer	9/8/22	\$200.00
Christopher A Meyer	6/30/22	\$60.00
Christopher A Meyer	6/30/22	\$250.00
Christopher A Meyer	6/30/22	\$200.00
Christopher A Meyer	6/28/22	\$100.00
Christopher A Meyer	6/27/22	\$60.00
Christopher A Meyer	6/27/22	\$250.00
Christopher A Meyer	6/21/22	\$200.00
Christopher A Meyer	6/21/22	\$200.00
Christopher A Meyer	5/31/22	\$250.00
Christopher A Meyer	5/31/22	\$60.00
Christopher A Meyer	5/31/22	\$250.00
Christopher A Meyer	5/10/22	\$2,250.00
Total:		\$6,580.00

[FEC Candidate and Committee Viewer, accessed [12/6/23](#)]

D'Esposito Was A "Good Friend" Of George Santos, Asked New Yorkers To Vote For Santos, And Helped Thwart Democrats' Attempts At Expelling Santos

D'Esposito And Santos Hosted A Joint Fundraising Committee Whose Treasurer Was Nancy Marks, Santos' Previous Treasurer Who Later Pleaded Guilty To Conspiracy For Defrauding The United States

D'Esposito And Santos Were Participants Of The Santos D'Esposito Nassau Victory Committee

The Santos D'Esposito Nassau Victory Committee Was A Joint Fundraising Committee. According to the Federal Election Commission, the Santos D'Esposito Nassau Victory Committee was a joint fundraising committee and registered on October 31st, 2022. [FEC, Committee Profile, ID #C00827725, accessed [1/22/24](#)]

SANTOS D'ESPOSITO NASSAU VICTORY COMMITTEE

● ACTIVE - QUARTERLY | PAC - NONQUALIFIED - JOINT FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE | ID: C00827725 |
REGISTRATION DATE: OCTOBER 31, 2022

[FEC, Committee Profile, ID #C00827725, accessed [1/22/24](#)]

D'Esposito For New York And Devolder-Santos For Congress Were Fundraising Participants Of The Santos D'Esposito Nassau Victory Committee. According to the Federal Election Commission, The Santos D'Esposito Nassau Victory Committee had three joint fundraising participant- Devolder-Santos for Congress, Desposito for New York, and NRCC. [FEC, Committee Profile, ID #C00827725, accessed [1/22/24](#)]

Committees	
Current joint fundraising participants:	
•	DEVOLDER-SANTOS FOR CONGRESS
•	DESPOSITO FOR NEW YORK
•	NRCC

[FEC, Committee Profile, ID #C00827725, accessed [1/22/24](#)]

The D'Esposito Santos Nassau Victory Committee's Treasurer Was Nancy Marks, An Ex-Treasurer For Santos Who Later Pleaded Guilty For Conspiracy To Defraud The U.S. And Admitted To Falsifying Numbers For Santos' Campaign

The D'Esposito Santos Nassau Victory Committee's Treasurer Was Nancy Marks. According to the Federal Elections Commission, Nancy Marks was the treasurer for the Santos D'Esposito Nassau Victory Committee. [FEC, Committee Profile, ID #C00827725, accessed [1/22/24](#)]

Committee information	
Committee name:	SANTOS D'ESPOSITO NASSAU VICTORY COMMITTEE
Mailing address:	47 FLINTLOCK DR SHIRLEY, NY 11967
Treasurer:	MARKS, NANCY
Committee type:	PAC - Nonqualified
Committee designation:	Joint fundraising committee
Statement of organization:	Current version (PDF) FEC-1690190 Filed 02/20/2023

[FEC, Committee Profile, ID #C00827725, accessed [1/22/24](#)]

Marks Was Previously A Treasurer For Santos Until January 2023 When She Was Replaced By Thomas Datwyler. “First, the lawyer Santos paid is not some neophyte outsider; he’s a well-known GOP attorney and political operative named Charlie Spies, the Republican National Lawyers Association 2023 Lawyer of The Year. [...] After The New York Times first exposed Santos as a serial liar to a national audience last December, the Dickinson Wright payments stopped showing up in the campaign’s expenses. But Spies apparently kept working for the campaign without getting paid, according to internal communications and sources with knowledge of the interactions. The scope of that work is unclear, but a Jan. 17 email shows Spies communicating on behalf of the campaign to its old treasurer, Nancy Marks, quarterbacking the transition to Datwyler. ‘The Santos campaign has engaged a new Treasurer—Thomas Datwyler—who is ready to replace Ms. Marks as Treasurer for the campaign,’ Spies wrote to Marks’ attorney, Ray Perini.” [Daily Beast, [10/19/23](#)]

- October 2023: Marks Pleaded Guilty To One Felony Count Of Conspiracy To Defraud The U.S. And Admitted To Falsifying Numbers In Conjunction With Santos.** “The treasurer who oversaw the finances of Representative George Santos’s political campaigns surrendered to federal prosecutors on Thursday afternoon and admitted to her role in fraudulently reporting a fictional \$500,000 loan that Mr. Santos claimed to have made to his campaign. The bookkeeper, Nancy Marks, pleaded guilty to one felony count of conspiracy to defraud the United States. She also admitted to falsifying and inflating financial numbers and making numerous false statements in conjunction with Mr. Santos, a Republican from New York. Under the terms of her deal, she faces a recommended sentence of between three and four years in prison.” [New York Times, [10/5/23](#)]
- Marks Admitted To Making Reports Of False Donations And That The \$500,000 Loan Santos Claimed To Have Made Was Fraudulent.** “Appearing before the same judge who is presiding over Mr. Santos’s case, Ms. Marks, 58, looked stoic and composed in the courtroom in Central Islip, N.Y. She admitted to making reports of false donations and said that the \$500,000 loan Mr. Santos claimed to have made was fraudulent. ‘I knew that the loan had not been made,’ Ms. Marks told the court.” [New York Times, [10/5/23](#)]

D'Esposito Was A “Good Friend” Of Santos And Said Santos Was A Part Of A “Great Team” That Helped Flip Congressional Seats In Nassau County Red

Santos Called D'Esposito A “Good Friend.” “I couldn’t be happier to be in DC representing #NY03 alongside my good friend from #NY04 @ANTHONYDESPO . I have full confidence that together we will bring prosperity back to our constituents.” [George Santos, Twitter, [11/17/22](#)]



[George Santos, Twitter, [11/17/22](#)]

- D'Esposito Liked The Tweet.** According to Twitter, Anthony D'Esposito (@ANTHONYDESPO) liked Santos’ tweet. [George Santos, Twitter, [11/17/22](#)]



[George Santos, Twitter, [11/17/22](#)]

D'Esposito Retweeted A Post Telling New Yorkers To Vote Early For George Santos. D'Esposito retweeted a tweet which stated “New Yorkers, please vote early for: @nicklalota in #NY01 @Santos4Congress in #NY03 @ANTHONYDESPO in #NY04 @lawler4ny in #NY17 @colinschmitt in #NY18 @MarcMolinaroNY in #NY19 @LizLemeryJoy in #NY20 @Brandon4ny22 in #NY22 @LaRon4Congress in #NY25 #RedWave #SaveOurState.” [Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter via Internet Archive, archived [1/11/22](#)]



[Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter via Internet Archive, archived [1/11/22](#)]

November 2022: When Asked About His Thoughts On The Congressional Races In New York, D'Esposito Said Cairo Assembled A “Great Team” In Nassau County. HOST: “There were a number of statewide races that defied the odds that the GOP picked up in the house and even came within striking distance when you look at the Governor’s race, something that has been unheard of in the empire state in decades. What are your thoughts on

the New York races this year?” D’ESPOSITO: “Listen we had a lot of good victories especially here in Nassau county. Chairman Cairo put together a great team and we delivered... uh victories, flipping senate seats. And listen, Lee Zeldin ran a fantastic campaign.” [Newsmax via YouTube, 1:40, uploaded [11/12/22](#)] (VIDEO)

- **New York’s Third Congressional District Contained Parts Of Nassau County.** “The first ballots in a closely watched New York special election were cast on Saturday, for the first day of early voting. New York’s 3rd Congressional district covers parts of Queens and Nassau County. Democrat Tom Suozzi, who previously represented the area before George Santos, is looking to win back the seat.” [NY1, [2/3/24](#)]

D’Esposito Hosted Santos In D’Esposito’s District And Attended Events Featuring “George Santos For Congress” Signs

VIDEO: D’Esposito: “We Are Going To Send D’Esposito And Santos To Washington D.C.” D’Esposito uploaded a video to his Facebook account where he stated “from democrat to republican, we are going to send D’Esposito and Santos to Washington D.C. and we are going to pry that gavel right from the hands of Nancy Pelosi.” He captioned the video “Our team is ready to #WIN in #NY04 and #FlipTheHouse on Election Day! We have the chance to fight rising crime, end out of control inflation, and prevent ‘Defund the Police’ advocates like Laura Gillen from enacting their radical agenda in Washington.” [Anthony D’Esposito, Facebook, 0:00 [11/3/22](#)] (VIDEO)

November 2022: D’Esposito Welcomed George Santos To The Winter Wonderland At Milleridge Village In His District. “It’s the most wonderful time of the year and as tradition has it, Milleridge Village has been transformed into a #WinterWonderland! Always a blast welcoming the huge the crowd to The Milleridge Inn and an honor to join Butch Yamali, Supervisor Joseph Saladino and government partners to #FlipTheSwitch and light their famous #ChristmasTree! 🎄 Visit the Milleridge Village Holiday Attractions and get your friends, family and loved ones into the holiday spirit! cc: D’Esposito for Congress, George Santos for Congress NY-3, Jake Blumencranz for State Assembly, Councilwoman Vicki Walsh, Legislator Rose Marie Walker, The Dover Group, The Milleridge Village.” [Facebook, Congressman Anthony D’Esposito, [11/27/22](#)]



[Facebook, Congressman Anthony D’Esposito, [11/27/22](#)]

- **D’Esposito’s Post Featured A Picture Of Him And Santos, Along With Other Guests At The Festival.** [Facebook, Congressman Anthony D’Esposito, [11/27/22](#)]



[Facebook, Congressman Anthony D'Esposito, [11/27/22](#)]

D'Esposito Was Pictured With Santos At An Event With A “George Santos For Congress” Sign In The Background. “Long Island’s next Congressmen under @RepTomEmmer’s leadership 🙌 Grateful to @nicklalota , @Santos4Congress , @ANTHONYDESPO , for putting in the hard work, and for their partnership - 27 days until Long Island turns red.” [Theresa Winegar, Twitter, [10/12/22](#)]



[Theresa Winegar, Twitter, [10/12/22](#)]

D'Esposito Attended A Roundtable Event With George Santos. “W/my #LawEnforcement family @NYCPDDEA for roundtable w/ @kevinomccarthy & @NMalliotakis . Glad @EspositoforNY & I could discuss our time @NYPDnews & provide insight to issues plaguing communities.” [Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, [8/5/22](#)]



[Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, [8/5/22](#)]

D'Esposito Was Pictured With Santos At An Event Where He Congratulated Lee Zeldin For Winning The Republican Primary For The Governor Of New York Race. “Congrats to my friend Lee Zeldin on taking the primary this evening! Now it’s on to November! Lets unite, take back the #EmpireState & #FlipTheHouse!”
[Anthony D'Esposito, Facebook, [6/29/22](#)]



[Anthony D'Esposito, Facebook, [6/29/22](#)]

D'Esposito Helped McCarthy Thwart Off An Attempt To Expel Santos By Motioning To Refer A Resolution On Santos' Expulsion To The Ethics Committee Instead Of Voting For His Expulsion

May 2023: Santos Faced An Immediate Vote For Expulsion After Democrats Introduced A Privileged Resolution To Expel Santos...

May 2023: Democrats Moved To Consider A Resolution To Expel Santos As A Privileged Resolution

February 2023: Congressman Robert Garcia Introduced A Resolution To Expel George Santos. 2/9/23- Rep. Robert Garcia introduced: “In the matter of George Santos. Resolved, That, pursuant to article I, section 5, clause 2 of the Constitution of the United States, Representative George Santos, be, and he hereby is, expelled from the House of Representatives.” [Congress.gov, H. Res. 114, Actions, [2/9/23](#)]

May 2023: Garcia Moved To Consider The Resolution As A Privileged Resolution, Which Was Accepted By The Chair. “05/16/2023-2:18pm NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO OFFER RESOLUTION - Mr. Robert Garcia (CA) notified the House of his intent to offer a privileged resolution pursuant to clause 2(a)(1) of rule IX. The Chair announced that a determination will be made at the time designated for consideration of the resolution. 05/17/2023-5:02pm QUESTION OF THE PRIVILEGES OF THE HOUSE - Mr. Robert Garcia (CA) rose to a question of the privileges of the House and offered the resolution. The Chair directed the Clerk to report the resolution. Upon examination of the resolution, the Chair determined that the resolution did constitute a question of the privileges of the House. 05/17/2023-5:02pm Considered as privileged matter.” [Congress.gov, H. Res. 114, Actions, [2/9/23](#)]

Privileged Resolutions Must Be Called To A Vote Within Two Days Of Introduction

Roll Call: When A Member Raises A Question Of Privilege On The Floor, Leaders Must Schedule A Vote On It Within Two Legislative Days. “As they look to the second session of the 118th Congress, lawmakers in the House are frustrated with what some say is an overuse of a procedural tool allowing any member to sidestep

leadership and bring a resolution to the floor. House rules allow certain resolutions, such as censures and expulsions, to be considered privileged. When a member raises a question of privilege on the floor, leaders must schedule a vote on it within two legislative days. That was what was used to oust Kevin McCarthy from the speakership, as well as to expel former Rep. George Santos, a New York Republican, from office. The same procedural maneuver led to the censures of Democratic Reps. Rashida Tlaib and Jamaal Bowman.” [Roll Call, [12/18/23](#)]

... But Was Saved By D'Esposito, Who Made A Motion To Refer A Resolution On Santos' Expulsion To The House Ethics Committee...

5/17/23: D'Esposito Made A Motion To Refer A Resolution On Whether Santos Should Be Expelled To The House Ethics Committee. “Rep. Anthony D'Esposito, R-N.Y., made the motion to refer the expulsion resolution to the ethics panel. He said he was personally in favor of Santos being expelled, but added that ‘regrettably,’ there were not enough votes to meet the two-thirds threshold necessary. ‘I firmly believe this is the quickest way of ridding the House of Representatives of this scourge on government,’ D'Esposito said.” [Associated Press, [5/17/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Said He Was In Favor Of Expelling Santos, But Added, “Regrettably, However, I'm In The Understanding That We Currently Do Not Have The Two-Thirds Support” To Do So.** “Republicans backed the House Ethics referral along party lines, though some in Santos' own conference spoke out against him. ‘I was one of the first members of this body to call on the subject of this resolution to resign. And I am personally in favor of this individual's expulsion from this house. Regrettably, however, I'm in the understanding that we currently do not have the two-thirds support from members in this house to expel that individual,’ Rep. Anthony D'Esposito, R-N.Y., said right before the vote, explaining why an Ethics Committee referral [sic] was necessary. ‘I believe that this individual is a stain on this institution, a stain on the state of New York, a stain on [Long Island] and a stain on the beloved Nassau County.’” [NY1, [5/17/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito On Referring The Resolution To The House Ethics Committee: “I Firmly Believe This Is The Quickest Way Ridding The House Of Representatives Of This Scourge On Government.”** “Rep. Anthony D'Esposito, R-N.Y., made the motion to refer the expulsion resolution to the ethics panel. He said he was personally in favor of Santos being expelled, but added that ‘regrettably,’ there were not enough votes to meet the two-thirds threshold necessary. ‘I firmly believe this is the quickest way of ridding the House of Representatives of this scourge on government,’ D'Esposito said.” [ABC, [5/17/23](#)]

Santos Thanked Republican Leadership For Voting For D'Esposito's Motion, Calling It “The Appropriate Way To Do This.” “The House of Representatives on Wednesday voted in favor of referring a Democratic-led motion to expel Rep. George Santos, R-N.Y., from Congress to the Ethics Committee. The vote, 221-204, was along party lines, with Republicans voting in favor and Democrats preferring an immediate vote to expel him, a move that would require a two-thirds majority [sic]. A handful of Democrats voted present and Santos himself voted to put his potential expulsion in the hands of the Ethics Committee. Speaking to reporters after the vote, Santos thanked Republican leadership ‘for allowing this procedure.’ ‘The reality is there is a procedure, you can't be judge, jury and executioner,’ Santos said Wednesday. ‘I have a right a constitutional right to defend myself. And I will do that. And I look forward to doing that I look forward to seeing the process play out. And if the Ethics Committee finds a reason to remove me, that is the process.’ ‘This is the appropriate way to do this. I think that this was the right decision for all of us. And I look forward to continuing to defend myself,’ he added. ‘Again, innocent until proven guilty. That is a right that we all have.’” [NY1, [5/17/23](#)]

... Despite The Ethics Committee Having Already Started An Investigation Two Months Prior

February 2023: The Resolution To Expel George Santos Was Referred To The House Committee On Ethics. 2/9/23- the resolution: “In the matter of George Santos. Resolved, That, pursuant to article I, section 5, clause 2 of the Constitution of the United States, Representative George Santos, be, and he hereby is, expelled from the House of Representatives.” Was referred to the House Committee on Ethics. [Congress.gov, H. Res. 114, Actions, [2/9/23](#)]

March 2023: HEADLINE: “George Santos Now Under Investigation By House Ethics Panel.” [NY1, [3/2/23](#)]

- **March 2023: The House Ethics Committee Launched Its Investigation Into Santos.** “The House Ethics Committee announced Thursday it is launching an investigation into embattled Republican Rep. George Santos, the New York congressman whose lies and embellishments about his resume and personal life have drawn deep scrutiny. The investigation appears to be far reaching. It seeks to determine whether Santos ‘may have engaged in unlawful activity with respect to his 2022 congressional campaign’ among other actions, the committee said in a statement.” [NY1, [3/2/23](#)]

D’Esposito, Along With Other New York Republicans, Was Accused Of Side-Stepping The Vote To Expel Santos By Referring The Matter To The House Ethics Committee

HEADLINE: “What Happened To Dealing With George Santos Quickly?” [Vanity Fair, [8/16/23](#)]

- **Vanity Fair: “Not That Long Ago All [New York Vulnerable Freshmen Republicans] Were Going Scorched Earth Against Santos—That Is Until House Republicans Side-Stepped An Up-Down Vote On Whether Santos Should Keep His Seat.”** “But unfortunately for Republicans, Santos staying in the seat in the short term could very well bite them in a year’s time. New York Republicans nearly swept the tossup races in the 2022 midterms, playing a major role in clinching the House majority. But that also means five other Republican congressmen from the New York delegation now occupy swingy purple seats in districts that Joe Biden won or nearly won. Covering for Santos won’t do them any good. LaLota won by about 35,000 votes. D’Esposito won by about 10,000 votes. Republican Mike Lawler won by about 2,000 votes, Marc Molinaro won by about 6,000 votes, and Brandon Williams won by about 3,000 votes. Not that long ago all of them were going scorched earth against Santos—that is until House Republicans side-stepped an up-down vote on whether Santos should keep his seat.” [Vanity Fair, [8/16/23](#)]

A Representative Of Concerned Citizens Of NY-03 Called On D’Esposito To “Do More Than Pay Lip Service” On The Expulsion Of George Santos. “The representative for New York’s 3rd Congressional District was likely referring to a resolution to expel him from Congress that fellow Long Island GOP Rep. Anthony D’Esposito introduced Thursday, along with four other Empire State Republican co-sponsors. [...] Jody Kass Finkel, a coordinator for the group Concerned Citizens of NY-03, held a brief press conference demanding D’Esposito do more than pay “lip service” and follow through on his pledge to expel Santos. ‘They have five votes, and Republicans in Congress have a margin of four, Finkel said. Members of the left-leaning Empire State Voices and Move-On also denounced Santos and called for his immediate resignation.’ [New York Post, [10/27/23](#)]

Through His Actions, D’Esposito Allegedly Helped McCarthy Thwart A Democratic Attempt To Scuttle Santos By Referring Santos’ Expulsion To The Ethics Committee

Newsday: McCarthy Scuttled A Democratic Attempt To Expel Santos In May By Having D’Esposito Refer The Matter To The House Ethics Committee. “D’Esposito and five other first-year New York GOP members of Congress introduced a motion to expel Santos Wednesday, a day after federal prosecutors hit the scandal-plagued lawmaker with 10 additional criminal charges alleging he filed fraudulent fundraising reports. Santos denies the charges. The vote cannot be held until House Republicans elect a new speaker. McCarthy scuttled a Democratic attempt to expel Santos in May by having D’Esposito refer the matter to the House Ethics Committee. McCarthy (R-Calif.), who was ousted as speaker on Oct. 3, could not afford to see his slim majority trimmed. Now, Republicans can lose four votes on legislation and as they try to install a new speaker. Without Santos, it would be three.” [Newsday, [10/15/23](#)]

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D'Esposito Employed Thomas Datwyler As His Treasurer Despite Datwyler Being Involved In George Santos' Financial Malpractice

Datwyler Served As Treasurer For Multiple Committees Associated With D'Esposito, And Has Since They Launched In 2022; The Committees Have Paid His Firms Nearly \$20,000

Datwyler Serves As D'Esposito's Campaign's “Designated Agent” With The Title Of Treasurer, And Has Since Shortly After He First Launched His Campaign In 2022

According To Desposito For New York's Most-Recently Filed Statement Of Organization, From June 2023, Datwyler Serves As Its “Designated Agent” And His Title Is “Treasurer.” [FEC, Statement of Organization, filed [6/29/23](#)]

Designated Agent(s):

Thomas Datwyler
PO Box 183
Hudson, Wisconsin 54016
Title: Treasurer
Phone # (715) 338-8544

[FEC, Statement of Organization, filed [6/29/23](#)]

Previous Iterations Of Desposito For New York's Statement Of Organization, From May 2022 Onwards, Datwyler Has Been Listed As A Designated Agent With The Title Of Treasurer. [FEC, Statement of Organization, filed [4/22/23](#); filed [4/18/23](#); filed [2/23/23](#); filed [1/28/23](#); filed [10/27/22](#); filed [9/27/22](#); filed [9/26/22](#); filed [5/10/22](#)]

From Desposito For New York's Launch In March 2022, Its Statement Of Organization Has Listed tcdatwyler@gmail.com As A Campaign Email, But Datwyler Was Not Listed As A Treasurer Until May 2022. [FEC, Statement of Organization, filed [5/10/22](#); filed [3/28/22](#); filed [3/17/22](#); filed [3/16/22](#)]

Datwyler Served As Treasurer For D'Esposito [Sic] Victory Fund, And Has Since It First Launched In 2022

According To Desposito [Sic] Victory Fund's Only Filed Statement Of Organization, From May 2022, Datwyler Serves As Its Treasurer. [FEC, Statement of Organization, filed [5/10/22](#)]

Datwyler Serves As D'Esposito's Leadership PAC's Treasurer, And Has Since It First Launched In April 2022

Empire Strike PAC Is D'Esposito's Leadership PAC. [FEC, About This Committee, accessed [10/19/23](#)]

According To Empire Strike PAC's Most-Recently Filed Statement Of Organization, From July 2022, Datwyler Serves As Its Treasurer. [FEC, Statement of Organization, filed [7/25/22](#)]

In Empire Strike PAC's Only Prior Statement Of Organization, In May 2022, Under Its Previous Name, “DESP4NY PAC (Dedicated To Ensuring Safety And Providing 4 New York),” Datwyler Was Listed As Its Treasurer. [FEC, Statement of Organization, filed [5/10/22](#)]

D'Esposito Appeared To Have Flouted FEC And House Ethics Regulations, Mislabeling Disbursements And Being The Subject Of Multiple Complaints

April 2024: D'Esposito Was Subject To An Ethics Complaint For Allegedly Subsidizing His Campaign With \$20,000 And Improperly Fundraising In Connection To Official Actions

April 2024: The Island 360 Headline: “Merrick Resident Alleges D’Esposito Subsidized \$20,000 For Campaign Committee” [The Island 360, [4/25/24](#)]

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ECU Complaint: D’Esposito’s State Campaign Committee Transferred \$1,000 To His Federal Campaign Committee In Spring 2022 In Violation Of Campaign Finance Law. “In the spring of 2022, while still serving as a member of the Hempstead Town Council, Mr. D’Esposito transferred \$1,000 from his State Committee to his Federal Committee.⁸ The transfer appears on the State Committee's report with a date of April 20, 2022 but on the Federal Committee's FEC reports as occurring earlier, on March 1, 2022. [...] The Act prohibits federal candidates from transferring funds or assets from their state committees to their federal committees.¹⁹ The Commission considers direct contributions from a federal candidate's state committee to his federal committee to be a ‘transfer’ of funds.’ Here, there is irrefutable evidence that Mr. D’Esposito's State Committee directly transferred \$1,000 to the Federal Committee.²¹ The transfer prohibition is a bright-line rule under 11 C.F.R. § 110.3(d), which Mr. D’Esposito and his Committees appear to have violated.” [End Citizens United, *Muller v. D’Esposito et al*, Complaint, [4/11/23](#)]

ECU Complaint: D’Esposito’s State Campaign Committee Reported Expenses For Office Rent, Ads, Cell Phones, Volunteers, And Fundraising That Appeared To Be For His Federal Campaign. “After Mr. D’Esposito declared his congressional run, his State Committee reported expenses for a Washington, D.C. P.O. Box. The State Committee additionally reported expenses for ‘print ads,’ ‘online ads,’ ‘cell phone[s],’ ‘office rent,’ and ‘volunteer’ expenses.’ Federal Committee did not make any expenditures for ‘phones’ until June 2022, and did not have any expenditures for office space or rent until September 2022.¹² Mr. D’Esposito's State Committee also paid a printing and fundraising vendor, Minuteman Press, \$2,119.91 for fundraising on April 30, 2022.¹³ In August and November 2022, the Federal Committee paid that same vendor \$17,348.29 for ‘printing.’ Additionally, the State Committee spent at least \$97,850.63 on a golf fundraiser,¹⁵ which was held after Mr. D’Esposito's announcement of his congressional candidacy on May 19, 2022.¹⁶ The fundraiser was publicly reported to have been used to get attendees ‘all fired up for the November elections where [they] would] elect Anthony D’Esposito to represent [them] in Washington D.C.’” [End Citizens United, *Muller v. D’Esposito et al*, Complaint, [4/11/23](#)]

Federal Regulations Prohibited Transfers From Federal Candidates’ State To Federal Committees Through In-Kind Contributions, Which D’Esposito Appeared To Have Violated. “The Commission's regulation at 11 C.F.R. § 110.3(d) likewise prohibits transfers from a federal candidate's state to federal committee made through in-kind conveyances of goods or services. Here, since Mr. D’Esposito became a federal candidate, his State Committee paid at least \$23,247.90 for print and online advertising, rent, cell phones, volunteer expenses, and mail services in Washington D.C.,²⁴ as well as over \$2,119.91 for fundraising services to a vendor that would later be paid by his Federal Committee.²⁵ Additionally, the State Committee spent over \$97,000 in connection with a golf fundraiser reported to have a speaker advocating for Mr. D’Esposito's election to U.S. Congress. Despite spending thousands of dollars on these expenses from his State Committee, Mr. D’Esposito was neither campaigning for, nor was he seeking ballot access for, any New York state or local office in the 2022 election cycle. In fact, Mr. D’Esposito's next election for Hempstead Town Council was scheduled over three years away, in 2025.” [End Citizens United, *Muller v. D’Esposito et al*, Complaint, [4/11/23](#)]

D'Esposito Was An Unprofessional Policeman And An Unproductive Legislator

Significant Findings

April 2024: The New York Daily News Reported On The Lowlights Of D'Esposito's Record In The NYPD

- ✓ The New York Daily News reported the NYPD found a 2011 complaint alleging D'Esposito took property from an arrestee and failed to properly invoice it “partially substantiated.”
- ✓ D'Esposito was also reportedly subject to complaints finding he was “sometimes driving while intoxicated and disgracing the uniform,” acting “reckless,” and was “known for flashing his gun around.”

D'Esposito Was Named As A Defendant In Three Separate Lawsuits Against The City Of New York, Costing The City More Than \$300,000 in Settlements For Conducting Allegedly Unlawful Actions Including Violating Citizens' Human Rights, Using False And Fabricated Evidence, And Committing Assault And Battery

- ✓ D'Esposito cost the City of New York \$332,500 in three settlements for court cases that named him as a defendant.
- ✓ 2015: D'Esposito was named as a defendant in a lawsuit in which plaintiffs alleged that he and other officers had their civil rights and used “false and fabricated evidence” against them, costing the City of New York \$37,500 in a settlement.
- ✓ 2015: D'Esposito was named as a defendant in Campbell et al v. The City of New York et al.
- ✓ The plaintiffs accused D'Esposito and other officers of violating their 4th, 5th, and 14th Amendment rights and using “fabricated and false evidence” against them.
- ✓ The plaintiffs specifically alleged that they “were falsely arrested and taken into custody without probable cause.”
- ✓ The City of New York paid the plaintiffs \$37,500 in total in its settlement.
- ✓ 2014: D'Esposito was named as a defendant in the case Bethea v. City of New York, et al, costing the city \$45,000 in a settlement.
- ✓ D'Esposito was named as a defendant in the Bethea v. City of New York case and was being sued “in his individual and office capacities.”
- ✓ D'Esposito and other police officers were accused of taking the plaintiff, Vaughan Bethea, to the police precinct “without probable cause” and “unlawfully conduct[ing] a strip search of Bethea.”
- ✓ D'Esposito and other police officers were accused of “malicious prosecution” for falsely informing the district attorney's office that Bethea was in criminal possessions of a controlled substance.
- ✓ D'Esposito and other police officers were accused of violating the 4th and 14th Amendments as well as violating Bethea's right to a free trial and engaging in “malicious prosecution” against Bethea.

- ✓ D'Esposito, along with other police officers, was accused of “having assaulted and battered” Bethea and inflicting “emotional distress upon” Bethea.
- ✓ In their statement, D'Esposito and the other police officers denied violating any civil rights and stated that any sustained injuries “resulted from plaintiff’s own culpable or negligent conduct.”
- ✓ The court case was allegedly settled for \$45,000.
- ✓ 2013: D'Esposito and the NYPD were sued by a man who accused D'Esposito of false arrest and imprisonment, costing the City of New York \$250,000 in a settlement.
- ✓ December 2013: Gregory Crockett sued D'Esposito and the NYPD for false arrest and imprisonment and malicious prosecution.
- ✓ Gregory Crockett, the plaintiff in the case had been charged on Dec. 13, 2011 “with multiple felonies” related to the criminal possession of weapons and illegal drugs.
- ✓ In his lawsuit, Crockett accused D'Esposito of knowingly lying to a district attorney and grand jury when D'Esposito provided information to connect Crockett to the illegal drugs and weapons.
- ✓ Crockett further alleged that he had been arrested and prosecuted as a result of D'Esposito’s false testimony, that the arrest had been “effectuated” without a warrant or probable cause, and that D'Esposito knew there was no probable cause to initiate or continue prosecution of Crockett.
- ✓ To bolster his claims, Crockett pointed to the fact that “on February 7, 2013, all criminal charges against plaintiff were dismissed and the criminal prosecution terminated favorably to plaintiff.”
- ✓ April 2023: The City of New York and D'Esposito agreed to pay Crockett \$250,000 in a settlement agreement.

D'Esposito Was Punished By The NYPD For Moonlighting As A DJ For More Than A Year And Losing His Gun After Leaving It Unattended In His Car

- ✓ 2008: D'Esposito was forced to forfeit 15 vacation days after he was caught for having worked as a DJ and served alcohol without prior permission.
- ✓ 2007-2008: Anthony D'Esposito worked as a DJ and served alcohol on “approximately four occasions.”
- ✓ D'Esposito pleaded guilty and forfeited 15 vacation days as a result.
- ✓ 2015: D'Esposito was punished by the NYPD after he failed to safeguard his firearm, which was subsequently stolen.
- ✓ 6/3/15: Anthony D'Esposito left his firearm unattended in a car which led to the firearm’s theft.
- ✓ D'Esposito pleaded guilty to the allegations and forfeited 20 vacation days as a result.

D'Esposito Had A History Of Being An Unproductive Legislator, Taking A Second “Patronage Job” During His Tenure On The Hempstead Town Council And Missing Votes On Plans For Multimillion Dollar Investments Into The Town’s Public Services, And In Congress, He Has Been No Less

Unproductive

- ✓ D'Esposito took up a "patronage job" at the Nassau Board of Elections during his time on town council and worked as a "90% employee" for the board.
- ✓ D'Esposito earned a \$100,000 salary as an administrative assistant on the Nassau County Board of Elections at the same time he was earning a \$71,000 salary as Hempstead Town Councilman.
- ✓ 2018: Upon accepting the Nassau County Board of Elections job, D'Esposito said "he would be a 90% employee" for the Board of Elections, leaving only leave 10% of his time for the Hempstead Town Council.
- ✓ D'Esposito "faced backlash from the public for recently taking a position at the Nassau County Board of Elections" because it was "a patronage job."
- ✓ Town Supervisor Laura Gillen said D'Esposito's Board of Elections job was "wholly unethical" and "a patronage hire" and would pull him "away from serving his constituents" on the town board.
- ✓ D'Esposito said he considered his position on the Town Council "a part time" job.
- ✓ D'Esposito's "patronage job" gave him unfettered access to security arrangements for his own elections which was called "a clear conflict of interest that will undoubtedly lead to voter suppression."
- ✓ 2018: D'Esposito accepted a full-time position as an administrative assistant on the Nassau County Board of Elections.
- ✓ D'Esposito dealt with election cyber-security at the Nassau County Board of Elections and allegedly "could count ballots for [his] own election."
- ✓ Gillen called the position "entirely unethical" and raised concerns that D'Esposito's position would "give him unfettered access to ballots."
- ✓ Indivisible of Rockville Centre (RVC): Having elected officials like D'Esposito oversee election integrity "is a clear conflict of interest that will undoubtedly lead to voter suppression or worse."
- ✓ D'Esposito missed a vote on a five-year capital plan for Hempstead that invested \$112 million in highway improvements, \$4.8 million worth of heavy equipment in the sanitation department, and \$18 million for town parks.
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- ✓ D'Esposito did not sponsor a single bill that was signed into law and only co-sponsored one bill, which had over 300 cosponsors that was signed into law.
- ✓ D'Esposito sponsored no bills that became law and only co-sponsored one bill that became law.
- ✓ The only bill that D'Esposito co-sponsored and became law was H.R. 1096, a bill that established a commemorative coin for the 250th anniversary for the Marine Corps which was co-sponsored by more than 300 Members of Congress.

April 2024: The New York Daily News Detailed Some Of The Lowlights Of D'Esposito's NYPD Record

The New York Daily News Reported The NYPD Found A 2011 Complaint Alleging D'Esposito Took Property From An Arrestee And Failed To Properly Invoice It Partially Substantiated.

A Veteran Criminal Defense Attorney Reportedly “Said D'Esposito's History Suggests Cause For Concern.” “Joel Berger, a veteran criminal defense attorney who's won more than \$9 million from the city in lawsuits alleging false arrest, malicious prosecution and excessive force, said D'Esposito's history suggests cause for concern. ‘It's not the worst, but it's not good either,’ Berger told The News.” [New York Daily News, [7/8/24](#)]

2023: New York City Settled A Lawsuit Alleging D'Esposito Lied To A Grand Jury And A District Attorney, Resulting In A Defendant Spending 22 Days In Jail Before Charges Were Dropped, For \$250,000. “More recently — just last year — the city settled a lawsuit alleging D'Esposito lied in 2011 to a grand jury and then-Manhattan District Attorney Cy Vance Jr. about a suspect named Gregory Crockett residing in a house where illegal weapons were kept. Two years later, in 2013, after Crockett had spent 22 days in jail, all of the charges against him were dropped. Later that year, Crockett sued the city and D'Esposito. As part of the settlement, the city had to pay out \$250,000, but admitted no wrongdoing in the case.” [New York Daily News, [7/8/24](#)]

2011: D'Esposito Faced A Complaint For Allegedly Taking An Arrestee's Gold Chain, A Corruption Case The NYPD Internally Found “Partially Substantiated.” “A Daily News review of police and court records shows that in April 2011, when the federal lawmaker served as detective in Brooklyn's 73rd Precinct, a defendant named Donald James claimed D'Esposito seized a white gold chain from him during his arrest and that it wasn't returned. James made a complaint, which was assigned an NYPD internal affairs tracking number and labeled a ‘corruption case,’ according to department records obtained by The News. A year later, the complaint was ‘partially substantiated,’ though it is not clear if any consequences accompanied that finding.” [New York Daily News, [7/8/24](#)]

D'Esposito Was Also Reportedly Subject To Complaints Finding He Was “Sometimes Driving While Intoxicated And Disgracing The Uniform,” Acting “Reckless,” And Was “Known For Flashing His Gun Around”

D'Esposito Also Faced Complaints For “Flashing His Gun Around,” Being “Reckless,” And “Sometimes Driving While Intoxicated And Disgracing The Uniform,” Which Were Found To Be Unsubstantiated. “During his time at the same Brownsville precinct, D'Esposito faced another complaint in 2007 stemming from his bartender moonlighting gig, which The News reported in 2022. Previously unreported is the allegation that, while moonlighting, he was ‘known for flashing his gun around’ and being ‘reckless.’ That complaint found its way to the internal affairs division, too, and was filed under ‘misconduct.’ While records list the ‘disposition’ of that situation as ‘unsubstantiated,’ the allegations are described as ‘partially substantiated.’ Records show D'Esposito was ultimately docked 15 vacation days for ‘wrongfully’ working as a disc jockey and serving alcoholic beverages ‘without authority or permission to do so.’ That same year, internal affairs also began looking into another misconduct complaint alleging D'Esposito was ‘sometimes driving while intoxicated and disgracing the uniform,’ but records show that claim was ultimately determined to be ‘unsubstantiated.’” [New York Daily News, [7/8/24](#)]

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Cases Which Named D'Esposito As A Defendant

Name	Date Of Settlement	Settlement Amount
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Bethea vs City of New York, et al.	10/17/14	\$45,000
Total:		\$332,500

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D'Esposito Was Named As One Of The Defendants In Campbell Et Al V. The City Of New York Et Al. "At all times hereinafter mentioned, the individually named defendants: Sergeant Neil Casey; Detective Anthony Desposito; and Sergeant Matthew Woods were duly sworn police officers of said department and were acting under the supervision of said department and according to their official duties." [United States District Court Eastern District Of New York, June Campbell, Cherell Tillman, and Dawn Tillman vs. The City Of New York, a municipal corporation; SGT. Neil Casey (Shield No. 4332), in his individual and official capacities; DET. Anthony D'Esposito (Tax ID 940085), in his individual and official capacities; and SGT. Matthew Woods (Shield No.754), in his individual and official capacities. [United States District Court Of The Eastern District Of New York, Case 1:15-cv-01786-ARR-VVP, filed [4/2/15](#)]

The Plaintiffs Accused D'Esposito And Other Officers Of Violating Their Fourth, Fifth, And 14th Amendment Rights And Using "Fabricated And False Evidence" Against Them

The Plaintiffs Accused D'Esposito And The Other Officers Of Subjecting Them "To Illegal, Improper, And False Arrests" And Violating Their Fourth Amendment Rights. "FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION [...] 42 U.S.C. § 1983 -Fourth and Fourteenth Amendment Violations On Behalf of all Plaintiffs for Unreasonable Seizure and False Arrest (Against the Individual Officer Defendants) [...] As a result of defendants' aforementioned conduct, the plaintiffs were subjected to illegal, improper, and false arrests by the Individual Officer Defendants. The plaintiffs were taken into custody and caused to be falsely imprisoned, detained, confined, and incarcerated. In the above-mentioned actions, defendants acted intentionally, willfully, with malice, and without probable cause, privilege or consent. [...] As a result of the foregoing, plaintiffs' liberty was restricted in filthy and degrading conditions for an extended period of time, plaintiffs were put in fear for their safety, were humiliated and subjected to handcuffing, and other physical restraints, without probable cause. [...] By virtue of the foregoing, the defendants deprived the plaintiffs of their Fourth Amendment rights under the United States Constitution to be free from unreasonable seizures of his person and are liable to plaintiffs under 42 U.S.C. §1983." [United States District Court Eastern District Of New York, June Campbell, Cherell Tillman, and Dawn Tillman vs. The City Of New York, a municipal corporation; SGT. Neil Casey (Shield No. 4332), in his individual and official capacities; DET. Anthony D'Esposito (Tax ID 940085), in his individual and official capacities; and SGT. Matthew Woods (Shield No.754), in his individual and official capacities. [United States District Court Of The Eastern District Of New York, Case 1:15-cv-01786-ARR-VVP, filed [4/2/15](#)]

The Plaintiffs Accused D'Esposito And The Other Officers Of Depriving "Their Fourth Amendment Rights Under The United States Constitution To Be Free From Unreasonable Searches Of Their Person."

“SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION [...] 42 U.S.C. § 1983 -Fourth and Fourteenth Amendment Violations On Behalf of all Plaintiffs for the Failure to Intervene (Against the Individual Officer Defendants) [...] The defendants who were present but did not actively participate in the unlawful actions alleged herein and who observed and had an opportunity to prevent such conduct and failed to intervene. [...] By virtue of the foregoing, the defendants who failed to intervene deprived the plaintiffs of their Fourth Amendment rights under the United States Constitution to be free from unreasonable searches of their person and are liable to plaintiffs under 42 U.S.C. §1983.” [United States District Court Eastern District Of New York, June Campbell, Cherell Tillman, and Dawn Tillman vs. The City Of New York, a municipal corporation; SGT. Neil Casey (Shield No. 4332), in his individual and official capacities; DET. Anthony D’Esposito (Tax ID 940085), in his individual and official capacities; and SGT. Matthew Woods (Shield No.754), in his individual and official capacities. [United States District Court Of The Eastern District Of New York, Case 1:15-cv-01786-ARR-VVP, filed [4/2/15](#)]

The Plaintiffs Accused D’Esposito And The Other Officers Of Using “Fabricated And False Evidence” Against Them And Violating Their Fifth And Fourteenth Amendment Rights. “THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION [...] 42 U.S.C. § 1983-Fifth and Fourteenth Amendment Violations On Behalf of Cherell and Dawn Tillman for Fabrication of Evidence (Against the Individual Officer Defendants) [...] The Individual Officer Defendants create false evidence against plaintiffs Cherell and Dawn Tillman and drafted or signed sworn criminal complaints and false police reports. [...] The Individual Officer Defendants forwarded to prosecutors fabricated and false evidence that was likely to influence a jury’s decision. [...] The Individual Officer Defendants knowingly and intentionally provided false evidence against plaintiffs Cherell Tillman and Dawn Tillman in legal proceedings. [...] By virtue of the foregoing, the Individual Officer Defendants deprived the plaintiffs Cherell Tillman and Dawn Tillman of their Fifth and Fourteenth Amendment rights under the United States Constitution to due process and to a fair trial and are liable to plaintiffs under 42 U.S.C. §1983.” [United States District Court Eastern District Of New York, June Campbell, Cherell Tillman, and Dawn Tillman vs. The City Of New York, a municipal corporation; SGT. Neil Casey (Shield No. 4332), in his individual and official capacities; DET. Anthony D’Esposito (Tax ID 940085), in his individual and official capacities; and SGT. Matthew Woods (Shield No.754), in his individual and official capacities, [United States District Court Of The Eastern District Of New York, Case 1:15-cv-01786-ARR-VVP, filed [4/2/15](#)]

The Plaintiffs Specifically Alleged That They “Were Falsely Arrested And Taken Into Custody Without Probable Cause”

June Campbell Claimed She And The Other Plaintiffs “Were Falsely Arrested And Taken Into Custody Without Probable Cause” And The Case Was Settled For \$37,500. [CAPstat, accessed [8/5/22](#)]

Campbell et al v. The City of New York et al

CASE NUMBER	15CV01786	COURT DISTRICT	United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York
PLAINTIFF GENDER, SPECIFIED IN LAWSUIT	Female	PLAINTIFF RACE, SPECIFIED IN LAWSUIT	Black or African American
INCIDENT DATE	May 31, 2012	INCIDENT TIME	3:30PM
STOP LOCATION	Residence	INCIDENT COUNTY	Kings (Brooklyn)
PRECINCT TAKEN TO	73rd Precinct	SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$37,500
OUTCOME	Settled		

Summary

Plaintiffs were falsely arrested and taken into custody without probable cause .

[CAPstat, accessed [8/5/22](#)]

The City Of New York Paid The Plaintiffs \$37,500 In Total In Its Settlement

The City Of New York Agreed To Pay June Campbell \$7,5000, Cherell Tillman \$17,5000, And Dawn Tillman \$20,000. “NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED, by and between the undersigned, as follows: I. The above-referenced action is hereby dismissed against defendants, with prejudice, and without costs, expenses, or attorneys' fees except as specified in paragraph "2" below. 2. Defendant City of New York hereby agrees to pay plaintiff June Campbell the sum of Seven Thousand Five Hundred (\$7,500.00) Dollars, plaintiff Cherell Tillman the sum of Seventeen Thousand Five Hundred (\$17,500.00) Dollars, and plaintiff Dawn Tillman the sum of Twenty Thousand (\$20,000.00) Dollars in full satisfaction of all claims, including claims for costs, expenses and attorneys' fees.” [United States District Court Of The Eastern District Of New York, Case 1:15-cv-01786-ARR-PK, filed [3/10/16](#)]

- **Sums Being Paid To The Plaintiffs Were “In Full Satisfaction Of All Claims, Including Claims For Costs, Expenses And Attorneys' Fees.”** “NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED, by and between the undersigned, as follows: I. The above-referenced action is hereby dismissed against defendants, with prejudice, and without costs, expenses, or attorneys' fees except as specified in paragraph "2" below. 2. Defendant City of New York hereby agrees to pay plaintiff June Campbell the sum of Seven Thousand Five Hundred (\$7,500.00) Dollars, plaintiff Cherell Tillman the sum of Seventeen Thousand Five Hundred (\$17,500.00) Dollars, and plaintiff Dawn Tillman the sum of Twenty Thousand (\$20,000.00) Dollars in full satisfaction of all claims, including claims for costs, expenses and attorneys' fees.” [United States District Court Of The Eastern District Of New York, Case 1:15-cv-01786-ARR-PK, filed [3/10/16](#)]

The Plaintiffs Agreed To Dismiss All Claims Against The City Of New York And D'Esposito “In Consider For The Payment” Of The Settlement. “In consideration for the payment of these sums, plaintiffs agree to dismissal of all the claims against the defendants and to release defendants City of New York, Sergeant Casey, Detective Desposito and Sergeant Woods; their successors or assigns; and all past and present officials, employees, representatives, and agents of the City of New York or any entity represented by the Office of the Corporation Counsel, from any and all liability, claims, or rights of action alleging a violation of plaintiffs' civil rights and any and all related state law claims, from the beginning of the world to the date of the General Releases, including claims for costs, expenses, and attorneys' fees.” [United States District Court Of The Eastern District Of New York, Case 1:15-cv-01786-ARR-PK, filed [3/10/16](#)]

2014: D'Esposito Was Named As A Defendant In The Case Bethea V. City Of New York, Et Al, Costing The City \$45,000 In A Settlement

D'Esposito Was Named As A Defendant In The Bethea V. City Of New York Case And Was Being Sued “In His Individual And Office Capacities”

4/3/14: Vaughan Bethea Filed A Lawsuit Against The City Of New York And Various Police Officers. According to the United States District Court Eastern District of New York, on April 3rd, 2014, Vaughan Bethea filed a complaint against the City of New York, Detective Anthony [sic] Desposito and John and Jane Doe 1 through 10. A Jury trial was demanded for the case. [United States District Court Of The Eastern District Of New York, Case 1:14-cv-02134-FB-CLP, filed [4/3/14](#)]

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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VAUGHAN BETHEA,

Plaintiff,

-against-

CITY OF NEW YORK; Detective ANTHONY
DESPOSITO, Shield No. 6370; and JOHN and
JANE DOE 1 through 10, individually and in their
official capacities (the names John and Jane Doe
being fictitious, as the true names are presently
unknown),

Defendants.

COMPLAINT

14 CV 2134

Jury Trial Demanded

[United States District Court Of The Eastern District Of New York, Case 1:14-cv-02134-FB-CLP, filed [4/3/14](#)]

- **D'Esposito Was Named As A Defendant And Was Being “Sued In His Individual And Official Capacities.”** “8. Defendant City of New York is a municipal corporation organized under the laws of the State of New York. It operates the NYPD, a department or agency of defendant City of New York responsible for the appointment, training, supervision, promotion and discipline of police officers and supervisory police officers, including the individually named defendants herein. 9. Defendant Detective Anthony Desposito, Shield No. 6370 (‘Desposito’), at all times relevant herein, was an officer, employee and agent of the NYPD. Defendant Desposito is sued in his individual and official capacities.” [United States District Court Of The Eastern District Of New York, Case 1:14-cv-02134-FB-CLP, filed [4/3/14](#)]

D'Esposito And Other Police Officers Were Accused Of Taking The Plaintiff, Vaughan Bethea, To The Police Precinct “Without Probable Cause” And “Unlawfully Conduct[ing] A Strip Search Of Bethea”

The Plaintiff, Vaughan Bethea, Accused D'Esposito And Other Police Officers Of Unlawfully Demanding His Identification And Subsequently Unlawfully Searching The Plaintiff Without Finding Any Contraband. “7. Plaintiff Vaughan Bethea (‘plaintiff’ or ‘Mr. Bethea’) is a resident of Kings County in the City and State of New York. [...] 13. At approximately 12:00 p.m. on December 3, 2013, plaintiff was lawfully in the area of 1808 St. Johns Place in Brooklyn, New York. 14. Defendants approached Mr. Bethea and unlawfully demanded his identification. 15. Mr. Bethea complied and produced his identification. 16. Defendants unlawfully searched Mr. Bethea and no contraband was recovered.” [United States District Court Of The Eastern District Of New York, Case 1:14-cv-02134-FB-CLP, filed [4/3/14](#)]

Bethea Accused D'Esposito And Other Police Officers Of Taking Bethea To The Police Precinct “Without Probable Cause” Where They “Unlawfully Conducted A Strip Search.” “17. Without probable cause, or arguable probable cause, to believe he had committed any crime or offense, Mr. Bethea was handcuffed and taken to the 73rd Precinct. 18. At the precinct, defendants unlawfully conducted a strip search of Mr. Bethea and no contraband was recovered.” [United States District Court Of The Eastern District Of New York, Case 1:14-cv-02134-FB-CLP, filed [4/3/14](#)]

D'Esposito And Other Police Officers Were Accused Of “Malicious Prosecution” For Falsely Informing The District Attorney’s Office That Bethea Was In Criminal Possessions Of A Controlled Substance

According To The Lawsuit’s Statement Of Facts, D'Esposito And Other Police Officers “Falsely Informed Employees Of The Kings County District Attorney’s Office That They Had Observed Plaintiff In Criminal Possession Of A Controlled Substance.” “18. At the precinct, defendants unlawfully conducted a strip search of Mr. Bethea and no contraband was recovered. 19. Defendants falsely informed employees of the Kings County District Attorney’s Office that they had observed plaintiff in criminal possession of a controlled substance and prepared false paperwork including an arrest report. 20. At no point did the officers observe plaintiff commit a

crime.” [United States District Court Of The Eastern District Of New York, Case 1:14-cv-02134-FB-CLP, filed [4/3/14](#)]

According To The Lawsuit’s Statement Of Facts, Bethea Was Held At Rikers Island For Approximately Six Days Due To Not Being Able To Make Bail, After Which “The Grand Jury Returned A No True Bill And The Charges Against Bethea Were Dismissed In Their Entirety.” “21. Mr. Bethea was taken to Brooklyn Central Booking and arraigned in Kings County Criminal Court. 22. At plaintiff’s arraignment, bail was set. Because Mr. Bethea could not make bail he was taken to Rikers Island where he was held for approximately six days. 23. A grand jury was convened and Mr. Bethea testified. The grand jury returned a no true bill and the charges against Mr. Bethea were dismissed in their entirety.” [United States District Court Of The Eastern District Of New York, Case 1:14-cv-02134-FB-CLP, filed [4/3/14](#)]

- **A No True Bill Was “A Legal Procedure To Dismiss Charges Against A Defendant” After The Grand Jury Found There To Be Insufficient Evidence.** “No true bill (definition) A legal procedure to dismiss charges against a defendant when the grand jury does not find enough evidence to charge the defendant with violating a law. Also called a ‘no bill.’” [Lawserver, accessed [1/10/24](#)]

According To The Lawsuit’s Allegations, The Defendants, Including D’Esposito, Were Liable “For Having Committed Malicious Prosecution.” “47. Defendants maliciously commenced criminal proceeding against plaintiff, charging him with inter alia, criminal possession of a controlled substance. Defendants falsely and without probable cause charged plaintiff with violations of the laws of the State of New York. 48. The commencement and continuation of the criminal proceedings against plaintiff was malicious and without probable cause. 49. All charges were terminated in plaintiff’s favor.” [United States District Court Of The Eastern District Of New York, Case 1:14-cv-02134-FB-CLP, filed [4/3/14](#)]

D’Esposito And Other Police Officers Were Accused Of Violating The 4th And 14th Amendments As Well As Violating Bethea’s Right To A Free Trial And Engaging In “Malicious Prosecution” Against Bethea

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According To The Lawsuit’s Allegations, D’Esposito And Other Police Officers Violated The 4th And 14th Amendment Because “They Stopped And Searched [Bethea] Without Reasonable Suspicion.” “14. Defendants approached Mr. Bethea and unlawfully demanded his identification. 15. Mr. Bethea complied and produced his identification. 16. Defendants unlawfully searched Mr. Bethea and no contraband was recovered. [...] 28. Plaintiff repeats and realleges each and every allegation as if fully set forth herein. 29. Defendants violated the Fourth and Fourteenth Amendments because they stopped and searched plaintiff without reasonable suspicion.” [United States District Court Of The Eastern District Of New York, Case 1:14-cv-02134-FB-CLP, filed [4/3/14](#)]

According To The Lawsuit’s Allegations, D’Esposito And Other Police Officers Violated The 4th And 14th Amendments Because “They Arrested [Bethea] Without Probable Cause.” “17. Without probable cause, or arguable probable cause, to believe he had committed any crime or offense, Mr. Bethea was handcuffed and taken to the 73rd Precinct. [...] 31. Plaintiff repeats and realleges each and every allegation as if fully set forth herein. 32. Defendants violated the Fourth and Fourteenth Amendments because they arrested plaintiff without probable cause.” [United States District Court Of The Eastern District Of New York, Case 1:14-cv-02134-FB-CLP, filed [4/3/14](#)]

According To The Lawsuit’s Allegations, D’Esposito And Other Police Officers Violated Bethea’s Right To

A Free Trials By “Creating False Evidence” And “Forwarding False Information To Prosecutors.” “57. The individual defendants created false evidence against plaintiff. 58. The individual defendants forwarded false evidence to prosecutors in the Kings County District Attorney’s office. 59. In creating false evidence against plaintiff, and in forwarding false information to prosecutors, the individual defendants violated plaintiff’s right to a fair trial under the Due Process Clause of the Fifth, Sixth and Fourteenth Amendments of the United States Constitution.” [United States District Court Of The Eastern District Of New York, Case 1:14-cv-02134-FB-CLP, filed [4/3/14](#)]

D’Esposito, Along With Other Police Officers, Was Accused Of “Having Assaulted And Battered” Bethea And Inflicting “Emotional Distress Upon” Bethea

According To The Lawsuit’s Allegations, D’Esposito And Other Police Officers Were Accused Of “Having Assaulted And Battered [Bethea]” “52. Plaintiff repeats and realleges each and every allegation as if fully set forth herein. 53. By their conduct, as described herein, the defendants are liable to plaintiff for having assaulted and battered him. 54. Defendant City of New York, as an employer of the individual defendant officers, is responsible for their wrongdoing under the doctrine of respondeat superior. 55. As a direct and proximate result of the misconduct and abuse of authority stated above, plaintiff sustained the damages alleged herein.” [United States District Court Of The Eastern District Of New York, Case 1:14-cv-02134-FB-CLP, filed [4/3/14](#)]

According To The Lawsuit’s Allegations, D’Esposito And Other Police Officers “Were Negligent In Committing Conduct That Inflicted Emotional Distress Upon” Bethea. “67. Plaintiff repeats and realleges each and every allegation as if fully set forth herein. 68. By reason of the foregoing, and by assaulting, battering, and using gratuitous, excessive, brutal, sadistic, and unconscionable force, failing to prevent other defendants from doing so, or causing an unlawful seizure and extended detention without due process, the defendants, acting in their capacities as NYPD officers, and within the scope of their employment, each were negligent in committing conduct that inflicted emotional distress upon plaintiff.” [United States District Court Of The Eastern District Of New York, Case 1:14-cv-02134-FB-CLP, filed [4/3/14](#)]

In Their Statement, D’Esposito And The Other Police Officers Denied Violating Any Civil Rights And Stated That Any Sustained Injuries “Resulted From Plaintiff’s Own Culpable Or Negligent Conduct”

In Their Statement, D’Esposito And Other Police Officers Stated That They Had “Not Violated Any Right, Privileges Or Immunities.” “77. Defendants have not violated any rights, privileges or immunities under the Constitution or laws of the United States or the State of New York or any political subdivision thereof, or any act of Congress providing for the protection of civil rights.” [United States District Court Of The Eastern District Of New York, Case 1:14-cv-02134-FB-CLP, Answer On Behalf of Defendants, filed 7/8/14]

In Their Statement, D’Esposito And Other Police Officers Stated That Bethea’s Alleged Injuries “Resulted From [Bethea’s] Own Culpable Or Negligent Conduct.” “78. Any injury alleged to have been sustained resulted from plaintiff’s own culpable or negligent conduct or the culpable or negligent conduct of other parties for whom the City of New York defendants.” [United States District Court Of The Eastern District Of New York, Case 1:14-cv-02134-FB-CLP, Answer On Behalf of Defendants, filed 7/8/14]

The Court Case Was Allegedly Settled For \$45,000

The Bethea Vs City Of New York, Et Al. Case Was Allegedly Settled For \$45,000. According to 50-a, the court case “Bethea, Vaughan vs City of New York, et al.” (Case # 14CV02134, U.S. District Court - Eastern District NY) had a \$45,000 settlement. [50-a, Officer Anthony Desposito, accessed [1/10/24](#)]

Lawsuits

Named in 3 known lawsuits, \$82,500 total settlements.

[Campbell, June, et al. vs City of New York, et al.](#)

Case # 15CV01786, U.S. District Court - Eastern District NY, April 15, 2015, ended February 23, 2016
\$37,500 Settlement

[Complaint](#)

Description: Plaintiffs were falsely arrested and taken into custody without probable cause .

[Bethea, Vaughan vs City of New York, et al.](#)

Case # 14CV02134, U.S. District Court - Eastern District NY, April 4, 2014, ended October 17, 2014
\$45,000 Settlement

[Complaint](#)

[50-a, Officer Anthony Desposito, accessed [1/10/24](#)]

NOTE: The Dismissal order for the Bethea vs City of New York Case notes that a settlement agreement was reached upon by the parties but did not list the terms of the agreement.

2013: D'Esposito And The NYPD Were Sued By A Man Who Accused D'Esposito Of False Arrest And Imprisonment, Costing The City Of New York \$250,000 In A Settlement

2023: New York City Settled A Lawsuit Alleging D'Esposito Lied To A Grand Jury And A District Attorney, Resulting In A Defendant Spending 22 Days In Jail Before Charges Were Dropped, For \$250,000. “More recently — just last year — the city settled a lawsuit alleging D’Esposito lied in 2011 to a grand jury and then-Manhattan District Attorney Cy Vance Jr. about a suspect named Gregory Crockett residing in a house where illegal weapons were kept. Two years later, in 2013, after Crockett had spent 22 days in jail, all of the charges against him were dropped. Later that year, Crockett sued the city and D’Esposito. As part of the settlement, the city had to pay out \$250,000, but admitted no wrongdoing in the case.” [New York Daily News, [7/8/24](#)]

December 2013: Gregory Crockett Sued D'Esposito And The NYPD For False Arrest And Imprisonment And Malicious Prosecution

Crockett Accused D'Esposito Of Falsely Arresting And Imprisoning Him, Which Violated His Rights Under “The Fourth And Fourteenth Amendments To the U.S. Constitution.” “FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION AGAINST DESPOSITO [...] (False Arrest/Imprisonment Under 42 U.S.c. § 1983) [...] Plaintiff repeats and realleges each and every allegation set forth above as though fully set forth herein. [...] That the aforementioned actions of Desposito constitute a false arrest and false imprisonment of plaintiff, and thus an unlawful seizure of plaintiff in violation of the Fourth and Fourteenth Amendments to the U.S. Constitution, and entitle plaintiff to recover damages against Desposito pursuant to 42 U.S.c. § 1983.” [Supreme Court of the State of New York, County Of New York, Gregory Crockett vs. The City of New York and NYPD Detective Anthony D’Esposito, Index No. 161857/2013 , Summons and Verified Complaint, filed [12/26/13](#)]

Crockett Accused D'Esposito And The City Of New York Of Maliciously Prosecuting Him Under New York State Law. SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION AGAINST THE CITY and DESPOSITO [...] (Malicious Prosecution Under NY State Law) [...] Plaintiff repeats and realleges each and every allegation set forth above as though fully set forth herein. [...] That the aforementioned actions of Desposito constitute a malicious prosecution of plaintiff under New York State law, for which Desposito is answerable in damages and for which the City is vicariously liable under the doctrine of respondeat superior.” [Supreme Court of the State of New York, County Of New York, Gregory Crockett vs. The City of New York and NYPD Detective Anthony D’Esposito, Index No. 161857/2013 , Summons and Verified Complaint, filed [12/26/13](#)]

Crockett Accused D'Esposito Of Maliciously Prosecuting Him Under Federal Law. “THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION AGAINST DESPOSITO [...] (Malicious Prosecution Under 42 U.S.c. § 1983) [...] Plaintiff repeats and realleges each and every allegation set forth above as though fully set forth herein. [...] That the aforementioned actions of Desposito constitute a malicious prosecution of plaintiff, and thus an unlawful seizure of plaintiff in violation of the Fourth and Fourteenth Amendments to the U.S. Constitution, and entitle plaintiff to recover

damages against Desposito pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983. [...] That all of the causes of action pleaded herein fall within one or more of the exceptions set forth in New York's Civil Practice Law & Rules § 1602 with respect to joint and several liability.” [Supreme Court of the State of New York, County Of New York, Gregory Crockett vs. The City of New York and NYPD Detective Anthony D'Esposito, Index No. 161857/2013 , Summons and Verified Complaint, filed [12/26/13](#)]

Gregory Crockett, The Plaintiff In The Case Had Been Charged On Dec. 13, 2011 “With Multiple Felonies” Related To The Criminal Possession Of Weapons And Illegal Drugs

Dec. 13, 2011: The Plaintiff, Gregory Crockett, Was Charged “With Multiple Felonies” Related To The Criminal Possession Of Weapons And Illegal Drugs. “Gregory Crockett, Plaintiff, -against-The City Of New York and NYPD Detective Anthony D'Esposito [...] That on or about December 13, 2011, plaintiff was charged in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of New York, with multiple felonies and other crimes, including conspiracy in the fourth degree, criminal possession of a weapon in the second degree, criminal possession of a weapon in the third degree, criminal possession of a weapon in the fourth degree, criminal possession of a controlled substance in the third degree, unlawful possession of marijuana, and criminally using drug paraphernalia in the second degree.” [Supreme Court of the State of New York, County Of New York, Gregory Crockett vs. The City of New York and NYPD Detective Anthony D'Esposito, Index No. 161857/2013 , Summons and Verified Complaint, filed [12/26/13](#)]

In His Lawsuit, Crockett Accused D'Esposito Of Knowingly Lying To A District Attorney And Grand Jury When D'Esposito Provided Information To Connect Crockett To The Illegal Drugs And Weapons

D'Esposito Claimed That Crockett Said He Used The House Where “Illegal Drugs And Weapons Allegedly Were Recovered [...] As His Primary Residence And That He Stayed Over Or Slept At The House Several Times Per Week.” “That at all times herein mentioned, Desposito had spearheaded the investigation into the facts and events underlying the aforesaid prosecution of plaintiff. [...] That in support of the prosecution, Desposito made verbal representations to the Office of the New York County District Attorney regarding plaintiffs connection to a house in which illegal drugs and weapons allegedly were recovered. [...] That among the verbal representations made by Desposito were that plaintiff stated to Desposito that he used the house as his primary residence and that he stayed over or slept at the house several times per week.” [Supreme Court of the State of New York, County Of New York, Gregory Crockett vs. The City of New York and NYPD Detective Anthony D'Esposito, Index No. 161857/2013 , Summons and Verified Complaint, filed [12/26/13](#)]

- **Crockett Alleged That He Made No Such Statements And That D'Esposito Knowingly Lied To A District Attorney And Grand Jury About Them.** “That plaintiff in fact never made any such statements to Desposito, and Desposito knew that plaintiff had not made any such statements to him nor to anyone else. [...] That when he made the aforementioned representations to the District Attorney, Desposito knew that those representations were false. [...] That on or about December 13, 2011, Desposito repeated those false representations in testimony before a Grand Jury. [...] That at all times herein mentioned, Desposito knew that there did not exist probable cause for plaintiff to be charged with any crimes.” [Supreme Court of the State of New York, County Of New York, Gregory Crockett vs. The City of New York and NYPD Detective Anthony D'Esposito, Index No. 161857/2013 , Summons and Verified Complaint, filed [12/26/13](#)]

Crockett Further Alleged That He Had Been Arrested And Prosecuted As A Result Of D'Esposito's False Testimony, That The Arrest Had Been “Effectuated” Without A Warrant Or Probable Cause, And That D'Esposito Knew There Was No Probable Cause To Initiate Or Continue Prosecution Of Crockett

Crockett Alleged That He Was Indicted, Arrested, And Prosecuted “As A Result Of D'Esposito's Intentional Misrepresentations Both To The District Attorney And To The Grand Jury.” “That as a result of Desposito's intentional misrepresentations both to the District Attorney and to the Grand Jury, plaintiff was indicted on the aforementioned criminal charges. [...] That as a result of Desposito's intentional misrepresentations both to the District Attorney and to the Grand Jury, plaintiff was arrested on December 14, 2011. [...] That over the ensuing

fourteen months, plaintiff was criminally prosecuted and was compelled to appear in court on numerous occasions to defend against the criminal charges that had been initiated by Desposito.” [Supreme Court of the State of New York, County Of New York, Gregory Crockett vs. The City of New York and NYPD Detective Anthony D’Esposito, Index No. 161857/2013 , Summons and Verified Complaint, filed 12/26/13, accessed [8/15/22](#)]

Crockett Alleged That He Was “Effectuated” And Imprisoned “Without A Warrant And Without Probable Cause To Believe That Plaintiff Had Committed Any Crime.” “That the arrest of plaintiff was effectuated without a warrant and without probable cause to believe that plaintiff had committed any crime. [...] That following his arrest plaintiff was forcibly confined and imprisoned for a period of approximately twenty-two days.” [Supreme Court of the State of New York, County Of New York, Gregory Crockett vs. The City of New York and NYPD Detective Anthony D’Esposito, Index No. 161857/2013 , Summons and Verified Complaint, filed 12/26/13, accessed [8/15/22](#)]

Crockett Alleged “That D’Esposito Knew That There Was No Probable Cause To Initiate Or Continue The Prosecution Of Plaintiff.” “That Desposito knew that there was no probable cause to initiate or continue the prosecution of plaintiff.” [Supreme Court of the State of New York, County Of New York, Gregory Crockett vs. The City of New York and NYPD Detective Anthony D’Esposito, Index No. 161857/2013 , Summons and Verified Complaint, filed 12/26/13, accessed [8/15/22](#)]

To Bolster His Claims, Crockett Pointed To The Fact That “On February 7, 2013, All Criminal Charges Against Plaintiff Were Dismissed And The Criminal Prosecution Terminated Favorably To Plaintiff”

According To Crockett’s Lawsuit, Crockett Was Arrested On Dec. 14, 2011, But “On February 7, 2013, All Criminal Charges Against Plaintiff Were Dismissed And The Criminal Prosecution Terminated Favorably To Plaintiff.” “That as a result of Desposito's intentional misrepresentations both to the District Attorney and to the Grand Jury, plaintiff was indicted on the aforementioned criminal charges. [...] That as a result of Desposito's intentional misrepresentations both to the District Attorney and to the Grand Jury, plaintiff was arrested on December 14, 2011. [...] That on February 7, 2013, all criminal charges against plaintiff were dismissed and the criminal prosecution terminated favorably to plaintiff. [...] That on February 19, 2013, the Clerk of the Court of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of New York, certified the dismissal of the criminal charges against plaintiff.” [Supreme Court of the State of New York, County Of New York, Gregory Crockett vs. The City of New York and NYPD Detective Anthony D’Esposito, Index No. 161857/2013 , Summons and Verified Complaint, filed 12/26/13, accessed [8/15/22](#)]

April 2023: The City Of New York Agreed To Pay Crockett \$250,000 In A Settlement Agreement

The City Of New York Agreed To Pay Crockett \$250,000 In A Settlement Action. “GREGORY CROCKETT, Plaintiff(s), -against- THE CITY OF NEW YORK and NYPD DETECTIVE ANTHONY DESPOSITO, Defendant(s). [...] IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the undersigned attorneys of record, based upon full authority given by the respective parties, that this action is settled for the total amount of Two hundred and fifty thousand Dollars (\$250,000 00), inclusive of costs, interest, attorney's fees, and disbursements, and subject to statutory liens, encumbrances, and/or statutory rights to reimbursement, including Medicaid, Medicare, Medicare Advantage Plans (MAPs), and attorneys liens, and that for purposes of Medicaid, Medicare, and any other statutory right of reimbursement, this settlement includes compensation for medical expenses.” [Supreme Court of the State of New York of the County of New York, Stipulation of Settlement, Index# 161857/2013, filed 4/3/23]

Per The Stipulations Of The Settlement, Crockett Agreed To Hold D’Esposito “Harmless” Of All Previous Claims. “GREGORY CROCKETT, Plaintiff(s), -against- THE CITY OF NEW YORK and NYPD DETECTIVE ANTHONY DESPOSITO, Defendant(s). [...] IT IS FURTHER STIPULATED AND AGREED that plaintiff agrees to hold harmless and indemnify the City of New York [and NYPD DETECTIVE ANTHONY DESPOSITO and its/their past and present officers, managers, administrators, employees, agents, and representatives, and all other individually named defendants and entities represented and/or indemnified by the City

of New York, regarding any liens, claims, or past and future Medicare or secondary payments, presently known or unknown in connection with this matter.” [Supreme Court of the State of New York of the County of New York, Stipulation of Settlement, Index# 161857/2013, filed 4/3/23]

D'Esposito Was Punished By The NYPD For Moonlighting As A DJ For Over A Year And Losing His Gun After Leaving It Unattended In His Car

2008: D'Esposito Was Forced To Forfeit 15 Vacation Days After He Was Caught For Having Worked As A DJ And Served Alcohol Without Prior Permission

2007-2008: Anthony D'Esposito Worked As A DJ And Served Alcohol On “Approximately Four Occasions”

4/26/07-7/15/08: D'Esposito Engaged In Behavior “Prejudicial To The Good Order, Efficiency Or Discipline Of Wit” Of An NYPD Officer. “1.SAID POLICE OFFICER ANTHONY D'ESPOSITO WHILE ASSIGNED TO THE 73RD PRECINCT, WHILE OFF DUTY, ON OR ABOUT AND BETWEEN APRIL 26, 2007 AND JULY 15, 2008, DID WRONGFULLY ENGAGE IN CONDUCT PREJUDICIAL TO THE GOOD ORDER, EFFICIENCY OR DISCIPLINE OF THE DEPARTMENT, TO WIT: SAID S/O ON APPROXIMATELY FOUR OCCASIONS, DID WRONGFULLY WORK AS A DISC JOCKEY, SERVE FOOD, AND HANDLE AND SERVE ALCHOLIC BEVERAGES AT A PREMISE LICENSED BY THE NEW YORK STATE LIQUOR AUTHORITY DURING THE ABOVE-MENTIONED TIME PERIOD WITHOUT AUTHORITY OR PERMISSION TO DO SO.” [NYPD, Round Robin Report, Anthony Desposito (Tax Number: 940085), Internal Investigation- Serial Number M07-9082, accessed 6/1/22]

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***DISPOSITION:1.GUILTY. (PLEA). RESPONDENT SHALL FORFEIT FIFTEEN (15) VACATION DAYS.”** [NYPD, Round Robin Report, Anthony Desposito (Tax Number: 940085), Internal Investigation- Serial Number M07-9082, accessed 6/1/22]

2015: D'Esposito Was Punished By The NYPD After He Failed To Safeguard His Firearm, Which Was Subsequently Stolen

6/3/15: Anthony D'Esposito Left His Firearm Unattended In A Car Which Led To The Firearm's Theft

6/3/15: Anthony D'Esposito "Failed To Safeguard His Firearm" By Leaving It Unattended In A Car And Subsequently Had It Stolen. "1. SAID DETECTIVE ANTHONY DESPOSITO, ON OR ABOUT JUNE 3, 2015, WHILE ASSIGNED TO THE 73RD DETECTIVE SQUAD, FAILED TO SAFEGUARD HIS FIREARM BY LEAVING SAID FIREARM INSIDE OF AN UNATTENDED VEHICLE, RESULTING IN THEFT OF SAID FIREARM." [NYPD, Round Robin Report, Anthony Desposito (Tax Number: 940085), DADS #2015-14024, accessed 6/1/22]

D'Esposito Pleaded Guilty To The Allegations And Forfeited 20 Vacation Days As A Result

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- **D'Esposito Was Docked 20 Vacation Days As A Result Of The Incident.** "ANTHONY D'ESPOSITO IS running to replace retiring Rep. Kathleen Rice in New York's 4th Congressional District. D'Esposito is a former New York City cop marketing himself as a law-and-order Republican, but as the New York Daily News reported on Monday, he had some issues following the rules when he was on the force. Records obtained by the Daily News show that in 2015 D'Esposito's gun was stolen after he left it unattended in a car. He was found guilty of failing to secure a firearm and had to fork over 20 vacation days as punishment." [Rolling Stone, [10/11/22](#)]

D'Esposito Had A History Of Being An Unproductive Legislator, Taking A Second "Patronage Job" During His Tenure On The Hempstead Town Council And Missing Votes On Plans For Multimillion Dollar Investments Into The Town's Public Services, And In Congress He Has Been No Less Unproductive

D'Esposito Took Up A "Patronage Job" At The Nassau Board Of Elections During His Time On Town Council, Which He Considered A "Part Time" Job

D'Esposito Collected A \$100,000 Salary As An Administrative Assistant On The Nassau County Board Of Elections At The Same Time He Was Drawing A \$71,000 Salary As Hempstead Town Councilman

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the move as a patronage hire that would pull D'Esposito, a republican from Island Park, away from serving his constituents.” [Long Island Herald, [2/27/18](#)]

2022: D'Esposito's Personal Financial Disclosure Showed That As Of 2022, He Was Still Being Paid The \$100,000 Nassau County Salary And \$71,000 Town Of Hempstead Salary

D'Esposito Associated Earned Income (For Filing Year 2022, Covering Jan. 2021-August 2022)			
Source	Type	Amount Current Year to Filing	Amount Preceding Year
Town of Hempstead	Self-Salary	\$71,000	\$71,000
Nassau County	Self-Salary	\$100,000	\$100,000
Deferred Compensation (NYS)	Pay Out	\$12,000	\$12,000
City of New York	Retroactive Pay	N/A	\$15,000

[House Ethics Committee, Anthony P. D'Esposito Personal Financial Disclosure, Filing Year 2022, filed [8/8/22](#)]

2018: Upon Accepting The Nassau County Board Of Elections Job, D'Esposito Said “He Would Be A 90% Employee” For The Board Of Elections, Leaving Only Leave 10% Of His Time For The Hempstead Town Council

2018: D'Esposito Said “He Would Be A 90% Employee” For The Nassau County Board Of Elections. “A Republican from Island Park, D'Esposito told Newsday that he would be a ‘90 percent employee,’ leaving himself time to still perform his duties at a town councilman. But in a statement, Gillen said that wasn't good enough for the people of Hempstead Town. ‘Hempstead residents are sick and tired of the rampant and shameful abuse of their taxpayer dollars. It is wholly unethical and a clear conflict of interest for Councilman D'Esposito to continue serving in his elected capacity while he accepts a plum, six-figure patronage job from his political party,’ Gillen said. ‘America's largest township deserves and requires more than '10 percent' of the councilman's time. It needs an elected official who is above reproach, not someone indebted to party bosses.” [Patch, [2/27/18](#)]

D'Esposito “Faced Backlash From The Public For Recently Taking A Position At The Nassau County Board Of Elections” Because It Was “A Patronage Job”

Bellmore Herald: D'Esposito “Faced Backlash From The Public For Recently Taking A Job At The Nassau County Board Of Elections.” “D'Esposito also faced backlash from the public for recently taking a job at the county Board of Elections, alongside his fellow Republican Anthony Santino, who lost his re-election bid in November to Gillen. D'Esposito said that he would remain on the board while taking the \$100,000 salaried job at the Board of Elections.” [Bellmore Herald, 3/8/18]

The Bellmore Herald Said That D'Esposito's Job On The Nassau County Board Of Election Was “A Patronage Job” Since Positions Were “Divvied Up By The Parties”

Bellmore Herald: D'Esposito's Job On The Nassau County Board Of Election Was “A Patronage Job” Since Positions Were “Divvied Up By The Parties.” “Richard Schurin, of Island Park, which D'Esposito represents, said that even if there was no actual contract of interest, D'Esposito should be aware of the bad optics in him taking the position at the BOE, in what would appear to be a political appointment. ‘We know how the BOE works,’ Schurin said. ‘It's a patronage job; they're divvied up by the parties. It's just not right and it sets a very bad precedent. In a way, it's insulting to all the other public servants who make accommodations in their careers and make great sacrifices.’” [Bellmore Herald, 3/8/18]

D'Esposito's "Patronage Job" Gave Him Unfettered Access To Security Arrangements For His Own Elections which Was Called "A Clear Conflict Of Interest That Will Undoubtedly Lead To Voter Suppression"

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D'Esposito Dealt With Election Cyber-Security At The Nassau County Board Of Elections And Allegedly "Could Count Ballots For [His] Own Election"

D'Esposito Was Tasked With Dealing With Election Cyber-Security At The Nassau County Board Of Elections While Running For Congress. "Aside from being the Republican nominee in the race to control the 4th Congressional District, Anthony D'Esposito also holds a position involving polling place and cyber security at the Board of Elections - a post his opponent Laura Gillen, a Democrat, has homed in on as akin to 'the fox guarding the henhouse.' [...] 'It should come to your attention that Anthony D'Esposito is not only a county employee, but is my political opponent running for an open congressional seat this year,' Gillen wrote in the letter to Adams. 'According to county records, Anthony D'Esposito is paid approximately \$100,000 a year for helping deal with 'election cyber-security' amongst other tasks. This is not only a potential conflict of interest but is entirely unethical and poses a severe risk to the voters' faith in a fair and accurate vote count.' The county attorney did not respond to queries from The News. Nor did the county Board of Elections." [New York Daily News, [11/4/22](#)]

- **Rachel Fauss, Senior Policy Adviser Of Reinvent Albany, On D'Esposito's Position On The Board Of Elections: It's Definitely A Conflict Of Interest With Running For Office For Sure.** "Aside from being the Republican nominee in the race to control the 4th Congressional District, Anthony D'Esposito also holds a position involving polling place and cyber security at the Board of Elections - a post his opponent Laura Gillen, a Democrat, has homed in on as akin to 'the fox guarding the henhouse.' [...] Gillen isn't the only one sounding alarm bells about D'Esposito's role at the Nassau Board of Elections, either. Rachel Fauss, a senior policy adviser at the good-government group, Reinvent Albany, called it a conflict and described it as symptomatic of a much larger problem. Positions on the Nassau board are essentially political appointments that are divided evenly between Democrats and Republicans, as opposed to civil servant posts, Fauss noted. 'This begs the question: should we be running elections by boards that are appointed by the two parties?' she said. 'It's definitely a conflict with running for office for sure,' she added, referring to D'Esposito's role on the board." [New York Daily News, [11/4/22](#)]

2018: As A Nassau County Board Of Elections Employee, D'Esposito Could Be In A Role To "Count Ballots For [His] Own Election." "Hempstead Town Councilman Anthony D'Esposito said he has been hired at the Nassau County Board of Elections as a \$100,000 administrative assistant whose focus will draw on his experience as an NYPD detective to deal with polling place security and elections cybersecurity. D'Esposito, a Republican from Island Park, began working at the elections board on Monday, he said Tuesday. He said he will be a '90 percent' employee so he can take time off for town board meetings. There is no law preventing elected officials from working at a municipal board office - even in a role where they could count ballots for their own election, according to State Board of Elections spokesman John Conklin. The state board has no say in the hiring decisions of local boards of elections." [Newsday, [2/27/18](#)]

Gillen Called The Position “Entirely Unethical” And Raised Concerns That D’Esposito’s Position Would “Give Him Unfettered Access To Ballots”

Gillen’s Campaign Raised Concerns About D’Esposito’s Position On The Board Of Elections, Calling It “Entirely Unethical.” “A Long Island congressional candidate has prompted protests from his Democratic rival over his job at the Nassau County Board of Elections — and his apparent refusal to recuse himself during an election in which his name appears on the ballot. [...] Gillen made those concerns known to Nassau County Attorney Thomas Adams in a letter dated Oct. 27. According to Fricchione, the county’s attorney has not responded to her. ‘It should come to your attention that Anthony D’Esposito is not only a county employee, but is my political opponent running for an open congressional seat this year,’ Gillen wrote in the letter to Adams. ‘According to county records, Anthony D’Esposito is paid approximately \$100,000 a year for helping deal with ‘election cyber-security’ amongst other tasks. This is not only a potential conflict of interest but is entirely unethical and poses a severe risk to the voters’ faith in a fair and accurate vote count.’ The county attorney did not respond to queries from The News. Nor did the county Board of Elections.” [New York Daily News, [11/4/22](#)]

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Indivisible Of Rockville Centre (RVC): Having Elected Officials Like D’Esposito Oversee Election Integrity “Is A Clear Conflict Of Interest That Will Undoubtedly Lead To Voter Suppression Or Worse.” “We the people of Town of Hempstead are asking for Council Member Anthony D’Esposito to resign immediately. Mr. D’Esposito has accepted a 6-figure patronage job with the Board of Elections from his buddy, former TOH Supervisor Anthony Santino. While town council members often have outside jobs, this one is unacceptable. Elected officials should never be charged with directly overseeing election integrity. It is a clear conflict of interest that will undoubtedly lead to voter suppression or worse. It may be legal but it sure isn’t ethical. When it comes to the integrity of the vote, even the appearance of impropriety is unacceptable. Enough already.” [Indivisible of RVC, Change.org, accessed [8/8/22](#)]

D’Esposito Missed A Vote On A Five-Year Capital Plan For Hempstead That Invested \$112 Million In Highway Improvements, \$4.8 Million Worth Of Heavy Equipment In The Sanitation Department, And \$18 Million For Town Parks

6/5/18: D’Esposito Was Absent From The Hempstead Town Board Meeting

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- February 2018: D'Esposito Announced He Had Accepted A Full-Time Position As An Administrative Assistant At The Nassau County Board Of Elections.** “Hempstead Town Councilman Anthony D’Esposito announced on Tuesday that he had accepted a full-time position at the Nassau County Board of Elections as an administrative assistant specializing in security assessments of polling areas. The \$100,000 salaried job comes in addition to the \$71,000 he collects for his council seat. The move drew fire from Democratic Town Supervisor Laura Gillen, who released a statement the same day criticizing the move as a patronage hire that would pull D’Esposito, a republican from Island Park, away from serving his constituents.” [LI Herald, [2/27/18](#)]

6/5/18: The Hempstead Town Council Passed A Five-Year Capital Plan That Invested \$112 Million In Highway Improvements, \$4.8 Million Worth Of Heavy Equipment In The Sanitation Department, And \$18 Million For Town Parks

6/5/18: The Town Council Proposed A Multi-Year Capital Plan That Would Invest \$242 Million Into The Town Of Hempstead Over The Next 5 Years. “The age and span of the Town's infrastructure, however, demands a comprehensive multi-year Capital Plan (the ‘Proposed Plan’) a useful document to show how the Town's government plans to invest in, and improve its capital assets. [...] The Proposed Plan seeks new authorizations of around \$242 million over the next five years. We expect to borrow more than 50% of the existing ‘available for borrowing’ dollars (above) and around \$6 million from the 2018 new authorizations, for capital projects Town wide.” [Town of Hempstead, Meeting Resolutions, [6/5/18](#)]

- The Proposed Plan Included A \$112 Million Investment Into Highway Improvements, A \$18 Million Investment Into Hempstead Parks, And A \$4.8 Million Investment Into Heavy Equipment For Sanitation.**

Town of Hempstead Multi-Year Capital Plan Proposed Investments						
Description	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Total
Highway improvement	\$0	\$26,000,000	\$26,000,000	\$30,000,000	\$26,000,000	\$112,000,000
Improvements-TOH Parks	\$3,305,000	\$4,915,000	\$3,267,450	\$3,855,000	\$3,570,000	\$18,912,450
Heavy Equipment Purchase-Sanitation	\$1,210,000	\$880,800	\$913,983	\$915,772	\$953,500	\$4,874,055

[Town of Hempstead, Meeting Resolutions, [6/5/18](#)]

6/5/18: The 2018-2022 Multi-Year Capital Plan Passed With A Vote Of 6-0. CLERK CABANA: “To consider the adoption of the Town of Hempstead’s 2018 Capital Plan & the 2018 to 2022 multi-year Capital Plan – Town of Hempstead.” [...] SUPERVISOR GILLEN: “Thank you, Mr. Ramos. Madam Clerk, please, call the roll.” CLERK CABANA: “Councilman Ambrosino?” COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: “Aye.” CLERK CABANA: “Councilman Blakeman?” COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: “Aye.” CLERK CABANA: “Councilman Dunne?” COUNCILMAN DUNNE: “Aye.” CLERK CABANA: “Councilman King-Sweeney?” COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: “I know we put a lot of pressure on you to cut costs and I think it is in the best interests of the taxpayer and I vote aye.” CLERK CABANA: “Senior Councilwoman Goosby?” SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: “Aye.” CLERK CABANA: “Supervisor Gillen?” SUPERVISOR GILLEN: “I vote aye.” [Town of Hempstead, Meeting Verbatim, [6/5/18](#)]

<p>In Congress, D'Esposito Did Not Sponsor A Single Bill That Was Signed Into Law And Only Co-Sponsored One Bill, Which Had Over 300 Cosponsors That Was Signed Into Law</p>

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D'Esposito Sponsored 16 Bills In The 118th Congress, 0 Of Which Became Law. [Congress.gov, accessed [12/4/23](#)]

As Of December 2023, D'Esposito Co-sponsored 210 Pieces Of Legislation; 1 Or 0.47 Percent Of Became Law. [Congress.gov, accessed [12/4/23](#)]

D'Esposito Co-Sponsorship Toplines			
	# of Co-sponsorships	# Became Law	Percentage Became Law
118th Congress (2023 - 2024)	210	1	0.47%
TOTAL			

[Congress.gov, accessed [12/4/23](#)]

The Only Bill That D'Esposito Co-Sponsored And Became Law Was H.R. 1096, A Bill That Established A Commemorative Coin For The 250th Anniversary For The Marine Corps, Which Was Co-Sponsored By More Than 300 Members Of Congress

D'Esposito Co-Sponsored H.R. 1096, The 250th Anniversary Of The United States Marine Corps Commemorative Coin Act. [Congress.Gov, H.R. 1096, Cosponsors, [2/17/23](#)]

H.R. 1096 Called On The Treasury To Mint Coins To Celebrate The 250th Anniversary Of The United States Marine Corps. “This bill directs the Department of the Treasury to mint and issue not more than 50,000 \$5 gold coins, 400,000 \$1 silver coins, and 750,000 half-dollar clad coins emblematic of the 250th anniversary of the United States Marine Corps. All surcharges received by Treasury from the sale of such coins must be paid to the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation and shall only be used for the purposes of supporting the mission of the Marine Corps Heritage Center.” [Congress.Gov, H.R. 1096, [2/17/23](#)]

H.R. 1096 Was Co-Sponsored By 301 Members Of The House Of Representatives. According to Congress.gov, 301 Congressional members co-sponsored H.R. 1096. [Congress.Gov, H.R. 1096, Cosponsors, [2/17/23](#)]

D'Esposito Was An Out-Of-Touch Elitist Who Disregarded New Yorkers' Needs And Voted Against Their Safety And Prosperity

Significant Findings

Despite Claiming He Would Increase The SALT Deduction, D'Esposito Was Unable To Enact Any Change For SALT And Allied Himself With Opponents Of SALT

- ✓ D'Esposito repeatedly claimed that he would deliver on SALT, featuring it on his campaign website and posting it on his social media.
- ✓ D'Esposito was a close ally of Speaker Mike Johnson, who wanted to make the current SALT deduction cap permanent.
- ✓ D'Esposito was a close ally of Johnson's, calling him "an intelligent legislator" and someone who "united the Republican conference."
- ✓ Johnson voted for the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act which capped the SALT Deduction to \$10,000 and co-sponsored a bill which would make the deduction cap permanent.
- ✓ Despite D'Esposito claiming that he would secure SALT in a tax package in the 118th Congress, D'Esposito was unable to bring any action on SALT or include it in the Bipartisan Tax Agreement.
- ✓ March 2023: D'Esposito claimed that Congress would be "steps closer to restoring that [SALT] deduction."
- ✓ October 2023: D'Esposito made multiple claims that he secured SALT concessions from Speaker Johnson and that a tax package would include SALT relief.
- ✓ November 2023: D'Esposito pledged to vote against any Republican tax bill that lacked a SALT fix.
- ✓ January 2024: Senate and House Leaders agreed on a bipartisan tax agreement which included increases in the Child Tax Credit and Housing Tax Credit...
- ✓ ... But did not include SALT Relief, leading to unanswered protests from the SALT Caucus.

Despite Representing One Of The Largest Jewish Districts, D'Esposito Voted To Cut Funding For Measures Combating Antisemitism And Allied Himself With Members Of Congress Who Had Spouted Antisemitic Messaging

- ✓ D'Esposito's district had the 8th highest Jewish adult population in the country and was home to almost 100,000 Jewish adults in 2020.
- ✓ D'Esposito repeatedly talked about America's commitment to Israel, stating "Israel's safety must be America's priority" and that he would "always stand up" for Israel.
- ✓ D'Esposito voted to cut security assistance to Israel by nearly \$1 billion as well as cutting millions in funding to combat antisemitic hate crimes.

- ✓ September 2023: D'Esposito voted in favor of the Republican-backed Continuing Resolution.
- ✓ The Continuing Resolution would have reduced funding for all government programs by 29.9%.
- ✓ Current spending levels provided \$3.3 billion in assistance to Israel through the Foreign Military Financing Program.
- ✓ The bill did not make any exceptions for the Military Financing Program, which provides assistance to Israel.
- ✓ The continuing resolution cut over \$7 million in funding to combat hate crime and would have negative effects on “combatting antisemitism, holocaust education, and law enforcement measures against hate crimes.”
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- ✓ D'Esposito was allied with multiple congressional members that had antisemitic ties.
- ✓ D'Esposito allied with Marjorie Taylor Greene who made repeated antisemitic statements and espoused antisemitic conspiracy theories.
- ✓ D'Esposito was closely allied to Speaker Mike Johnson, who represented a school board against a lawsuit from Jewish parents who alleged religious discrimination; Johnson called the lawsuit “spiritual warfare.”
- ✓ D'Esposito refused to explicitly condemn the Proud Boys after Proud Boys marches in his council district featured an open call for the murder of Jewish people.
- ✓ 2016-2023: D'Esposito was a town councilman, representing Hempstead's 4th district.
- ✓ Rockville Centre was a part of Hempstead's 4th District and had been represented by D'Esposito.
- ✓ 2022: Proud Boys conducted several marches in Rockville Centre and featured hats with calls for the killing of more Jewish people.
- ✓ D'Esposito did not explicitly condemn the Proud Boys when specifically asked about them and referred reporters to a previous comment about division and bigotry.

D'Esposito Opposed Measures To Lower Medical Costs And Threatened Funding For Medicare And Social Security After Saying He Would Never Support Cuts To Either

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- ✓ D'Esposito claimed he would “ensure that federal health care policy... lowers the cost of prescription medications.”
- ✓ D'Esposito opposed the Inflation Reduction Act, despite the act lowering medical costs for at least 270,000 New Yorkers.
- ✓ D'Esposito called the Inflation Reduction Act “a tax on nearly every American.”
- ✓ The Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) did not raise taxes on families making less than \$400,000 a year.

- ✓ The Inflation Reduction Act allowed Medicare to negotiate for lower drug costs and capped insulin at \$35 per month – which benefitted approximately 196,000 New Yorkers.
- ✓ An estimated 74,000 New Yorkers would benefit from the provision of the IRA that capped Medicare beneficiary out-of-pocket costs at \$2,000 annually.
- ✓ D'Esposito voted on 18 separate occasions to block consideration of a resolution to protect Social Security and Medicare.
- ✓ D'Esposito voted for the Republican Continuing Resolution which would have increased wait-times for Social Security benefits and cut funding for health centers like ones that served more than 200,000 of D'Esposito's constituents.
- ✓ D'Esposito voted for a Continuing Resolution with Republican riders that would enact a 30% cut nearly across the entire government.
- ✓ D'Esposito criticized Democrats for voting against the Continuing Resolution, claiming they were voting against “securing our border and reigning in spending.”
- ✓ The Continuing Resolution would have led to the closure of Social Security field offices and increase wait times for claim-processing.
- ✓ The Continuing Resolution would eliminate community health centers like the one in D'Esposito's district which received more than \$19 million in federal funds and served more than 200,000 of his constituents.
- ✓ The Continuing Resolution would cut 38% in funding for the 988 suicide and crisis lifeline that was used by over 100,000 New Yorkers in the span of a year.
- ✓ D'Esposito voted against an amendment on the CHOICE Arrangement Act, which would delay the implementation of health care flexibilities to avoid higher costs for older workers.
- ✓ D'Esposito voted and expressed support for the Debt Limit Suspension Bill, which enacted cuts on health insurance and Medicaid.
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- ✓ The Debt Limit Suspension Bill would leave more than half a million of the poorest Americans without health insurance and increase restrictions on requirements for Medicaid eligibility.

D'Esposito Opposed Measures To Lower Nassau County Families' Housing, Energy, Grocery, And Health Care Costs

- ✓ D'Esposito opposed the Inflation Reduction Act, which was expected to lower prescription drug costs by capping insulin at \$35 for seniors and allowing Medicare to negotiate for lower prices.
- ✓ The IRA extended subsidies that save average ACA marketplace enrollees \$800 annually on health insurance premiums.
- ✓ The IRA was expected to save families \$1,800 annually on energy costs.
- ✓ D'Esposito voted to give oil and gas companies a massive tax break instead of holding them accountable for price gouging and to eliminate programs that help families save on utilities.

- ✓ D'Esposito voted to gut rental assistance that more than 67,000 New York families rely on for housing.

D'Esposito Voted To Cut More Than \$15 Million In Funding For Public Safety Programs And Opposed Gun Safety Legislation, Claiming Its Advocates Were Ignorant

- ✓ D'Esposito voted for a Republican Continuing Resolution which proposed cuts of more than \$15 million, including thousands of dollars for D'Esposito's district, for public safety programs.
- ✓ D'Esposito voted for a Continuing Resolution with Republican riders which would enact a 29.9% cut nearly across the entire government.
- ✓ The Continuing Resolution would have cut almost \$9 Million in funding used to provide police officers with bulletproof vests, including thousands of dollars for D'Esposito's district.
- ✓ D'Esposito claimed advocates for assault weapon bans and against mass shooting were ignorant on gun safety issues.
- ✓ January 2024: D'Esposito said advocates for an assault weapons ban did not know what assault weapons were and that advocates against mass shootings only addressed gun violence after "what they say is a mass shooting," using air quotes around "mass shooting."
- ✓ April 2023: D'Esposito faced protests from Long Island mothers urging him to combat gun violence and support an assault weapons ban.
- ✓ April 2023: In response to the protest, a D'Esposito spokesperson said he "remains committed to seeking bipartisan solutions" to gun violence.
- ✓ D'Esposito claimed to support background checks instead of an assault weapons ban but refused to sign onto efforts to vote on bills that expanded background checks.
- ✓ While defending his opposition to an assault weapons ban, D'Esposito claimed he supports background checks.
- ✓ D'Esposito did not sign onto efforts to force votes on bills to expand background checks.
- ✓ D'Esposito claimed to support "some sort of background checks" when asked why he refused to sign the discharge petitions.
- ✓ D'Esposito blamed "Socialist Democrats" for a shooting in Brooklyn but responded to the Uvalde with "prayers" only a month later.
- ✓ April 2022: D'Esposito blamed "Socialist Democrats & their pro-criminal agenda" for a shooting in Brooklyn.
- ✓ May 2022: D'Esposito, in response to the Uvalde shooting: "my prayers are with the students and teachers."
- ✓ Despite claiming he would take multiple initiatives to combat gun violence, D'Esposito "did not press for new gun legislation."

- ✓ 2022: D'Esposito discussed initiatives he would introduce in Congress to combat gun violence.
- ✓ LI Herald: D'Esposito was “soft on common sense gun control” and “did not press for new gun legislation” during his time in Congress.

D'Esposito Failed To Safeguard The Border, Promoting Hyperpartisan, Ineffective Measures Instead Of Bipartisan Reforms And Voting To Cut Billions For Border Security While Praising Busing Of Migrants To New York

- ✓ D'Esposito opposed the bipartisan immigration deal negotiated in the Senate after President Trump urged Republicans to block it to avoid granting Democrats a political win.
- ✓ In April 2023, D'Esposito voted for budget cuts that would have slashed CBP and ICE budgets by billions.
- ✓ April 2024: D'Esposito praised Texas Gov. Abbott, who led the busing of nearly 40,000 migrants to New York, saying he “found a solution to a problem that his state was facing.”
- ✓ D'Esposito voted for and touted HR 2 as a solution to the border crisis.
 - HR 2 would require asylum claimants to first claim asylum in any country they reached before the U.S. – eliminating access to the asylum process for anyone with a layover flight or not coming directly from Canada or Mexico.
 - HR 2 would roll back effective means of limiting illegal immigration, including programs allowing people fleeing violence to enter the U.S. with American sponsorship rather than through illegal border crossings.
 - HR 2 would not hire more immigration judges, the primary cause of New York’s immigration court backlog.

D'Esposito's Federal Campaign Committee Received Almost \$50,000 From The Oil Industry And D'Esposito Took Multiple Votes To Repeal Renewable Energy Initiatives And Loosen Curtailments On Oil Companies Engaging In Price Gouging

- ✓ D'Esposito's federal campaign committee received almost \$50,000 from the oil and gas industry.
- ✓ D'Esposito took multiple votes to repeal provisions related to climate change and renewable energy, including those that promoted jobs.
- ✓ D'Esposito voted for several amendments to the environmental appropriations bill which prohibited funds from being used for climate change and renewable energy related initiatives.
- ✓ D'Esposito voted for an amendment to stop the Military Construction-VA Appropriations Bill from promoting jobs in clean energy industries.
- ✓ D'Esposito voted for amendments to prohibit the Energy Department Appropriations Bills' funds from being used for the department's energy efficiency and renewable energy programs.

- ✓ D'Esposito voted against an amendment to the Strategic Production Response Act which would prohibit leasing by oil and gas price gougers.

D'Esposito Took Votes That Jeopardized American Disaster Response Capabilities, And As A Councilman Introduced Legislation That Could Hurt Post-Hurricane Economic Recovery

- ✓ D'Esposito voted for a Republican Continuing Resolution that failed to support America's natural disaster recovery capabilities.
- ✓ D'Esposito voted for a Continuing Resolution with Republican Riders that would enact a nearly 30% cut across the entire government.
- ✓ The Continuing Resolution would jeopardize American natural disaster response readiness.
- ✓ As a councilman, D'Esposito introduced a resolution that would limit backyard boat docks, an unpopular measure that jeopardized a key source of income for homes affected by hurricanes Sandy and Irene.
- ✓ D'Esposito proposed a law to ban the renting of dock space on shoreside residential properties.
- ✓ Residents said the law would lead to the loss of a source of income especially for families affected by hurricanes Sandy and Irene.
- ✓ Despite claiming 9/11 victim compensation was a key issue, D'Esposito closely allied himself to Speaker Johnson who questioned the fiscal implications of reauthorizing funding for the 9/11 Victim Compensation Fund.
- ✓ D'Esposito repeatedly stated his commitment to compensation for 9/11 victims.
- ✓ D'Esposito was a close ally of Speaker Mike Johnson.
- ✓ Johnson questioned the financial implications of the 9/11 Victim Compensation Fund and defended members of congress who did not attend the hearing.

D'Esposito Took Multiple Votes That Cut Funding For Nutritional Services For Hundreds Of Thousands Of New Yorkers And Food Stamps For Thousands Of Residents In D'Esposito's District

- ✓ D'Esposito voted for a Republican Continuing Resolution that would cut funding for nutrition services, affecting hundreds of thousands of women and children in New York.
- ✓ D'Esposito voted for a Continuing Resolution with Republican riders which would enact a 30% cut nearly across the entire government.
- ✓ D'Esposito criticized Democrats for voting against the Continuing Resolution, claiming they were voting against "securing our border and reigning in spending."
- ✓ The Continuing Resolution would cut funding for the Women Infants and Children Program by 30 percent, jeopardizing the food source of more than 120,000 New Yorkers.
- ✓ The Continuing Resolution would cut funding for programs increasing food accessibility for over one million seniors and food safety services which could lead to an increase in prices.

- ✓ D'Esposito voted for the Republican Debt Limit Bill, which would cut food stamps for thousands of residents in D'Esposito's district.
- ✓ D'Esposito voted for the Republican Debt Limit Bill, which enacted a 22% cut across the federal government.
- ✓ A 22% cut to federal food stamps would acutely affect D'Esposito's district, with approximately 3,700 households losing access to food stamps.

D'Esposito Took Votes That Threatened Jobs In The Infrastructure Sector And Stopped The Promotion Of Jobs In The Energy Industry

- ✓ D'Esposito voted for a Republican Continuing Resolution that would threaten jobs in the infrastructure sector and cut assistance for small businesses.
- ✓ D'Esposito voted for a Continuing Resolution with Republican riders that would enact a nearly 30% cut across the entire government.
- ✓ The Continuing Resolution would cut assistance from the Small Business Administration for more than 25,000 New York small businesses according to an estimate.
- ✓ The Continuing Resolution derailed approvals for infrastructure and energy projects and threatened jobs and economic growth associated with the projects.
- ✓ D'Esposito voted for an amendment to stop the Military Construction-VA Appropriations Bill from promoting jobs in clean energy industries.

Despite Claiming He Would Increase The SALT Deduction, D'Esposito Was Unable To Enact Any Change For SALT And Allied Himself With Opponents Of SALT

D'Esposito Repeatedly Claimed That He Would Deliver On SALT, Featuring It On His Campaign Website And Posting It On His Social Media

D'Esposito Said On His Campaign Website That He Would Fight To “Restor[e] The State And Local Tax (SALT) Exemption.” “As Hempstead Town Councilman, Anthony worked hand-in-hand with our local businesses to help them grow and prosper. And, in Congress, Anthony will fight to lower federal taxes and protect property taxpayers by restoring the State and Local Tax (SALT) exemption.” [D'Esposito for Congress, accessed [1/24/24](#)]

February 2023: D'Esposito: “We MUST Restore The Full State And Local Tax (SALT) Deduction!” “We MUST restore the full State and Local Tax (SALT) deduction! Proud to announce I joined the #SALT Caucus - a bipartisan group of reps determined to lift the \$10,000 SALT cap for taxpayers filing their federal income returns. New Yorkers are taxed enough. SALT cap must go.” [Rep. Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, [2/8/23](#)]



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March 2023: D'Esposito On The SALT Deduction: “In The Next Few Months, You Will See That We Will Be Steps Closer To Restoring That Deduction Than We Are Right Now.” “D'Esposito, of Island Park, agreed, saying House members from New York State recently joined members from Florida to defeat an amendment from a Texas member that would have potentially limited the amount of federal recovery dollars for areas harmed by natural disasters and acts of terrorism. ‘In the next few months, you will see that we will be steps closer to restoring that deduction than we are right now,’ D'Esposito said. Experts who follow tax policy were skeptical. ‘SALT is not really going to have any likelihood of changing in this Congress,’ which adjourns in late 2024, said Will McBride, vice president of federal tax policy at the Tax Foundation, a think tank in Washington.” [Newsday, [3/3/23](#)]

March 2023: D'Esposito Stated That The Current Salt Deduction Cap Was “BAD” And That He Was “Working To Fix It.” “The current state & local tax (SALT) deduction cap is BAD @longisland taxpayers, and I am working to fix it. I’m a proud member of the bipartisan #SALTcaucus, & have been working collaboratively w/ @RepGarbarino & @RepLaLota to deliver financial relief to #NY04 neighbors by eliminating the cap.” [Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, [3/3/23](#)]



[Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, [3/3/23](#)]

June 2023: D'Esposito: We Must Fully Restore The SALT Deduction To Lessen The Tax Burden On Long Islanders. “We must fully restore the SALT deduction to lessen the tax burden on Long Islanders. I’m proud to serve as Vice-Chair of the SALT Caucus — a bipartisan coalition working to bring this deduction back. NYers deserve financial relief, not heavy handed federal taxes.” [Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, [6/8/23](#)]



[Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, [6/8/23](#)]

October 2023: D'Esposito: “Restoring The SALT Deduction, Safeguarding 9/11 Victim Support Funding, And Investing In Critical Infrastructure Are Our Priorities.” “Rep. Anthony D'Esposito outlined his logic in voting for Zeldin in a statement. ‘I want a Speaker who understands Long Island's unique needs,’ D'Esposito said. ‘Restoring the SALT deduction, safeguarding 9/11 victim support funding, and investing in critical infrastructure are our priorities. I look forward to discussions with candidates.’” [Long Island Press, [10/20/23](#)]

D'Esposito Was A Close Ally Of Speaker Mike Johnson, Who Wanted To Make The Current SALT Deduction Cap Permanent

D'Esposito Was A Close Ally Of Johnson's, Calling Him “An Intelligent Legislator” And Someone Who “United The Republican Conference”

Mike Johnson Was The Special Guest At A Fundraiser For D'Esposito

HEADLINE: “Speaker Mike Johnson Heads To LI For D’Esposito Fundraiser.” [Newsday, [12/1/23](#)]

12/2/23: Mike Johnson Featured As The Special Guest At A Fundraiser For Anthony D’Esposito. “HON. JOSEPH G. CAIRO, JR. INVITES YOU TO SUPPORT CONGRESSMAN ANTHONY D’ESPOSITO WITH SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE MIKE JOHNSON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2023 12:30 PM – 2:30 PM at THE GENERAL 1899 Park Boulevard, East Meadow, NY.” [Newsday, [12/1/23](#)]



[Newsday, [12/1/23](#)]

The Fundraiser Had A Minimum Price Of \$3,300 For Entry And Was Held At The General, A Private Cigar Club And Steakhouse. “Speaker of the House Mike Johnson is heading to Long Island on Saturday to fundraise for Rep. Anthony D’Esposito at an event where CD3 is sure to be a topic of conversation. The fundraiser is scheduled to take place at The General, a private cigar club and steakhouse at Eisenhower Park. The invitation, which came from Nassau County Republican Committee chair Joseph Cairo, features the chance to be an ‘event host’ for \$13,200, an ‘event sponsor’ for \$6,600, or a ‘patriot’ for the low price of just \$3,300. Johnson, who is in New York City this weekend for a House fundraiser, voted to not expel George Santos on Friday, a move that reportedly dismayed some of the New York delegation. D’Esposito worked hard to get Santos off the national stage.” [Newsday, [12/1/23](#)]

D'Esposito Supported Mike Johnson's Bid For Speakership, Calling Him An "Intelligent Legislator" Who "United The Republican Conference Behind His Vision"

D'Esposito Said Mike Johnson Was His Friend And A "Well Thought Leader Who Lives This Nation." "I'm w/ @MikeJohnson to be 56th Speaker of the House. Mike is my friend, a son of a firefighter, a good family man & a smart, well thought leader who loves this Nation. He understands issues critical @NYGov & @longisland. He will help grow our @HouseGOP majority." [Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, [10/25/23](#)]



[Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, [10/25/23](#)]

D'Esposito Called Speaker Johnson "A Family Man, Intelligent Legislator And Proud American." "Rep. Mike Johnson (R-Louisiana), who voted against certifying Joe Biden's victory over Donald Trump in the 2020 presidential election, was elected Speaker of the House on Wednesday. Reps. Andrew Garbarino, Nick LaLota, Anthony D'Esposito, and George Santos, all Republicans from Long Island, voted for Johnson's speakership. [...] Rep. D'Esposito acknowledged policy differences between Johnson and himself, but expressed support for him. 'Speaker Johnson is a family man, intelligent legislator and proud American who has united the Republican Conference behind his bold vision of a strong, free and prosperous United States,' D'Esposito said. 'This servant leader is the right man at the right time to lead our chamber as America confronts a litany of threats, including wars overseas, an unstable southern border, and a cost of living crisis. While Speaker Johnson and I won't always agree on everything, I am confident the gentleman from Louisiana will work collaboratively with myself and my colleagues from Long Island to advance the legislative priorities of New Yorkers.'" [Long Island Press, [10/25/23](#)]

D'Esposito Said He Was "Confident" That Speaker Johnson Would "Advance The Legislative Priorities Of New Yorkers." "The votes of Long Island's House members to approve Mike Johnson as the new speaker of the House were key to the surprise victory of the 51-year-old Louisiana legislator. Johnson, who sought to overturn the 2020 presidential election in favor of the defeated Donald Trump, is now second in line to the presidency with a very powerful role in shaping government policy, assuming he can hold on to the gavel. Reps. Anthony D'Esposito, Andrew Garbarino and Nick LaLota voted unanimously with the Republican House conference to empower the unknown Johnson. [...] 'While Speaker Johnson and I won't always agree on everything, I am confident the gentleman from Louisiana will work collaboratively with myself and my colleagues from Long Island to advance the legislative priorities of New Yorkers,' said D'Esposito." [Newsday, Op-Ed, [11/14/23](#)]

D'Esposito Said Speaker Johnson "United The Republican Conference Behind His Vision Of A Strong, Free And Prosperous United States." "Rep. Mike Johnson (R-Louisiana), who voted against certifying Joe Biden's victory over Donald Trump in the 2020 presidential election, was elected Speaker of the House on Wednesday. Reps. Andrew Garbarino, Nick LaLota, Anthony D'Esposito, and George Santos, all Republicans from Long Island, voted for Johnson's speakership. [...] Rep. D'Esposito acknowledged policy differences between Johnson and himself, but expressed support for him. 'Speaker Johnson is a family man, intelligent legislator and proud American who has united the Republican Conference behind his bold vision of a strong, free and prosperous United States,'

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Johnson Voted For The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act, Which Capped The SALT Deduction At \$10,000 And Co-Sponsored A Bill Which Would Make The Deduction Cap Permanent

Johnson Voted For Final Passage Of The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act (TCJA) By Concurring With A Senate Amendment. In December 2017, Johnson voted for "Brady, R-Texas, motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the tax overhaul that would revise the federal income tax system by: lowering the corporate tax rate from 35 percent to 21 percent; lowering individual tax rates through 2025; limiting state and local deductions to \$10,000 through 2025; decreasing the limit on deductible mortgage debt through 2025; and creating a new system of taxing U.S. corporations with foreign subsidiaries. Specifically, it would repeal personal exemptions and would roughly double the standard deduction through 2025. It would raise the child tax credit to \$2,000 through 2025, would repeal the alternative minimum tax for corporations and provide for broader exemptions to the tax for individuals through 2025. It would double individual exemptions to the estate tax and gift tax through 2025, and would establish a new top tax rate for "pass-through" business income through 2025. It would effectively eliminate the penalty for not purchasing health insurance under the 2010 health care overhaul law in 2019. It would also open portions of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil and gas drilling." The motion was passed 224-201. [HR 1, [Vote #699](#), 12/20/17; CQ Floor Votes, [12/20/17](#)]

- **The TCJA Placed A \$10,000 Cap On The SALT Deduction, Leading To The Average Deduction Falling By 80%.** "In 2017, the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA) placed a limit on the total amount that taxpayers can deduct for state and local taxes. That 'cap' was set to \$10,000 for both single taxpayers and those filing jointly starting in tax year 2018 and expiring at the end of 2025. The cap on SALT deductions, in addition to other tax provisions implemented in the TCJA, contributed to a decline in the share of taxpayers claiming that deduction. Prior to the cap, about 30 percent of taxpayers claimed the SALT deduction; that number fell by about two-thirds after the TCJA was implemented, reaching 11 percent in 2018. The average SALT deduction benefit fell by 80 percent over that period." [Peter G. Peterson Foundation, [1/12/24](#)]

Johnson Co-Sponsored The TCJA Permanency Act. [Congress, H.R. 976, Co-Sponsors, accessed [1/24/24](#)]

- **The TCJA Would Make The \$10,000 Cap On The SALT Deduction Permanent.** "Efforts to make the SALT deduction cap permanent are also ongoing. Led by Rep. Vern Buchanan (R-Fla.), the TCJA Permanency Act (H.R. 976) would make nearly all the tax provisions of the TCJA, including the \$10,000 cap on the SALT deduction, permanent. Other TCJA provisions that would be made permanent include changes to the child tax credit, small business deductions and the standard deduction. In total, 35 federal tax provisions (many of which were enacted through the TCJA) are set to expire at the end of 2025." [National Association of Counties, [3/1/23](#)]

Despite D'Esposito Claiming That He Would Secure SALT In A Tax Package In The 118th Congress And Not Vote For Any Tax Package Without SALT, D'Esposito Voted For The Bipartisan Tax Agreement That Included No Mention Of SALT

March 2023: D'Esposito Claimed That Congress Would Be "Steps Closer To Restoring That [SALT] Deduction"

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October 2023: D'Esposito Made Multiple Claims That He Secured SALT Concessions From Speaker Johnson And That A Tax Package Would Include SALT Relief

D'Esposito: "Speaker Johnson Has Assured Me Throughout This Process That The SALT Cap Will Be Addressed In A Substantive Way... During Upcoming Tax Negotiations." "The lawmakers who voted for Johnson on Wednesday are blue-state Republicans in a notoriously high-tax state and include Reps. Anthony D'Esposito (R-NY), Mike Lawler (R-NY), Andrew Garbarino (R-NY), and Nick LaLota (R-NY). D'Esposito told the Washington Examiner after the Wednesday vote that before voting, he had "lengthy conversations" with Johnson about changes to the SALT cap, ensuring 9/11 healthcare funding is preserved, and federal flood insurance. 'Speaker Johnson has assured me throughout this process that the SALT cap will be addressed in a substantive way that benefits overtaxed Long Islanders during upcoming tax package negotiations, and I look forward to working with the Speaker to get that done,' D'Esposito said in a statement. D'Esposito isn't alone in getting assurances about changes to the \$10,000 cap on SALT deductions imposed as part of the 2017 Trump tax overhaul." [Washington Examiner, [10/25/23](#)]

D'Esposito Claimed That Johnson Had Conversations With The SALT Caucus In Which "He Promised Any Major Tax Package Would Include A Raise In The SALT Cap." "In the hours before he was elected House speaker, Rep. Mike Johnson, R-La., promised blue-state Republicans that a tax bill wouldn't see a floor vote this Congress without a raise in the cap for the state and local tax deduction. Johnson had conversations with members of the SALT Caucus the evening of Oct. 24 and the morning of Oct. 25, in which he promised any major tax package would include a raise in the SALT cap, according to caucus member Anthony D'Esposito, R-N.Y. 'I trust that it's not going to make it to the floor unless the SALT relief is in there, because he's going to need those votes,' D'Esposito told reporters Oct. 25." [CBIZ, accessed [1/28/24](#)]

November 2023: D'Esposito Pledged To Vote Against Any Republican Tax Bill That Lacked A SALT Fix

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January 2024: Senate And House Leaders Agreed On A Bipartisan Tax Agreement That Included Increases In The Child Tax Credit And Housing Tax Credit...

HEADLINE: “Wyden, Smith Announce Agreement On Tax Framework To Help Families And Main Street Businesses.” [U.S. Senate Committee on Finance, Press Release, [1/16/24](#)]

Senate Finance Chair Ron Wyden And House Ways And Means Chair Jason Smith Announced A Bipartisan Tax Framework. “Senate Finance Committee Chairman Ron Wyden (D-Ore.) and House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Jason Smith (R-Mo.) announced a commonsense, bipartisan, bicameral tax framework that promotes the financial security of working families, boosts growth and American competitiveness, and strengthens communities and Main Street businesses.” [U.S. Senate Committee on Finance, Press Release, [1/16/24](#)]

- **The Agreement Included An Enhanced Child Tax Credit And Low-Income Housing Tax Credit.** “The plan, which will be introduced as The Tax Relief for American Families and Workers Act of 2024: Supports working families with an enhanced Child Tax Credit Expands innovation and competitiveness with pro-growth economic policies like R&D expensing Builds up Main Street by cutting red tape and rebuilds communities struck by disasters with tax relief Enhances the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Eliminates fraud and waste by ending the Employee Retention Tax Credit program For a technical summary, click here.” [U.S. Senate Committee on Finance, Press Release, [1/16/24](#)]

... But Did Not Include SALT Relief, Leading To Unanswered Protests From The SALT Caucus

The Bipartisan Tax Agreement Did “Not Provide Any Relief For The \$10,000 SALT Cap. “This morning, Senate Finance Committee Chair Ron Wyden (D-OR) and House Ways and Means Committee Chair Jason Smith (R-MO) announced the framework of a bipartisan, bicameral tax package. [...] The bill does not yet have the momentum it needs to be signed into law. Notably, the ranking members of the bicameral committees, Senate Finance Committee ranking member Mike Crapo (R-ID) and Ways and Means Committee ranking member Richard Neal (D-MA), have not signed on to the compromise. Additionally, the bipartisan state and local tax (SALT) caucus is likely to take issue with the current proposal, as it does not provide any relief for the \$10,000 SALT cap. Even if negotiators can secure widespread support, the bill will either need to pass as a standalone measure, which would likely require two-thirds approval in the House, or it would need to attach to another legislative vehicle.” [Baker Tilly, [1/16/24](#)]

The SALT Caucus Held A Call With Chair Smith And Speaker Johnson Which Featured “Lots Of Yelling.” “A bipartisan deal that would reduce business taxes while expanding the child tax credit has set up a political dilemma for Speaker Mike Johnson (R-La.) as he weighs whether to bypass objections from within his own ranks to bring it to the floor as soon as next week. [...] A source familiar with the call said there was ‘lots of yelling,’ mostly directed at Smith, with Johnson ‘trying and failing to keep the peace.’ Other sources on the call, though, said that Rep. Nick LaLota (R-N.Y.) was the only member yelling. The call ended with the bill expected to come up under a fast-track process next week, with most of the SALT Caucus members on the call expected to vote against it if so.” [Hill, [1/26/24](#)]

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Despite Representing One Of The Largest Jewish Districts, D'Esposito Voted To Cut Funding For Measures Combating Antisemitism And Allied Himself With Members Of Congress Who Had Spouted Antisemitic Messages

D'Esposito's District Had The 8th Highest Jewish Adult Population In The Country And Was Home To Almost 100,000 Jewish Adults In 2020

2020: New York's 4th Congressional District Was Ranked As Having The 8th Highest Jewish Adult Population In The Country, Having 92,000 Jewish Adult Constituents.

Congressional Districts With The Largest Jewish Adult Populations		
District	Jewish Adults	% Jewish
FL-21	152,000	24.3%
NY-10	151,000	24.4%
NY-3	117,000	20.5%
NY-12	113,000	20.2%
CA-33	111,000	17.3%
CA-30	105,000	17.9%
NY-17	102,000	18.4%
NY-4	92,000	15.9%

[Jewish Electoral Institute, 2020 National Profile, [8/25/20](#)]

2022: According To The Times Of Israel, A “Large Portion” Of Long Island’s Jewish Community, Which Comprised 12% Of Its Population, Lived In New York’s 4th Congressional District. “Long Island’s population is about 12% Jewish, with some 46,000 of them living in the area of Oceanside, Long Beach, Valley Stream and West Hempstead. A large portion of these communities are part of District 4, which is represented by Kathleen Rice, a Democrat who is not running for reelection. This puts her seat up for grabs in a suburban area that’s home to a swath of Republican Jewish voters. Last year, in a sign of how right-wing the local Jewish population leans, the 5 Towns Jewish Times published a photo of a columnist at the January 6 insurrection at the Capitol. An investigative piece by Haaretz in 2019 showed that hard-right Orthodox leaders still maintain control over a large majority of the population, which means there is a chance that Rice’s Democratic seat could turn red.” [Times of Israel, [5/31/22](#)]

D'Esposito: “We Also Have One Of The Largest Jewish Populations In The Country.” Q: “Your district backed Joe Biden by double digits in 2020. So what do you need from McCarthy to be able to convince voters to split their tickets next year, especially if you don’t have progress on SALT?” D’ESPOSITO: “Many people feel the Democrats in New York have gone too far to the left. They’ve seen the implementation of cashless bail. They’ve seen the state legislature really try to change suburban communities into what we see in the five boroughs. I mean, many of our families moved out of the five boroughs onto Long Island because they wanted a better quality of life. [...] My district is very diverse. We have a corridor that is a majority-minority community. We also have one of the largest Jewish populations in the country and the Catholic Diocese of Rockville Centre. The relationship that the United States has with Israel is very important in my district, and I think that’s one of the reasons the speaker recently named me to the parliamentary working group between the Knesset and the House of Representatives.” [Rollcall, [9/26/23](#)]

D'Esposito Repeatedly Talked About America’s Commitment To Israel, Stating “Israel’s Safety Must Be America’s Priority” And That He Would “Always Stand Up” For Israel

In An Op-Ed, D'Esposito Said “Israel’s Safety Must Be America’s Priority.” “As a Member of Congress, I will continue to do everything in my power to provide Israel the tools necessary to ensure the blue and white banner forever flies high over the country’s eternal capital of Jerusalem. Israel will remain.” [5TJT, Opinion-Editorial, Anthony D'Esposito [5/16/23](#)]

D'Esposito: “I Always Stand Up For Our Greatest Ally Israel.” “I recently spoke with the Jewish Home to discuss my continued support for Israel here in Congress and the various actions I have taken in the several months of my term. I will always stand up for our great ally Israel.” [Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, [8/23/22](#)]



[Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, [8/23/22](#)]

Anthony D'Esposito: “We Must Hold Our Bond With Israel Strong And Will Never Stop Supporting Them.” “I had the chance to see the types of training used to protect Israel @ElbitSystemsLtd - training center. We must hold our bond with Israel strong and will never stop supporting them.” [Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, [9/13/22](#)]



[Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, [9/13/22](#)]

D'Esposito Called Israel “Our Nation’s Greatest Ally” And Said He Would Be “One Of The Loudest Voices” Supporting Israel In Washington D.C. “We are here to stand up for our nation’s greatest ally, Israel. We’ve been

told we should stay away from mass gatherings. We've had threats on our schools and our yeshivas and our shuls. We were told not to stand together. Well, to all those that intimidated us — look at us now. We will not stand down. We will not cower. We will not stay quiet. We will not stay quiet here, and we will not stay quiet in our nation's capital. I'm on the next flight back to Washington DC because I am going to be one of the loudest voices in that city against individuals who are calling for the hatred of Israel.” [Jewish Star, [10/19/23](#)]

August 2022: D'Esposito Said He Would “Work To Strengthen The Iron Dome To Help Protect The Israeli People” If Elected To Congress. “Israel has an unequivocal right to defend itself and the United States and all free people must stand with Israel as it combats the terrorist threat from Palestinian Islamic Jihad and its patrons in Tehran. As a member of Congress, I will work to strengthen the Iron Dome to help protect the Israeli people from continued attacks and support additional collaboration and funding to ensure Israel has access to the most advanced technology to defeat Iran-sponsored, Palestinian aggression. I will also hold Iran directly responsible for these attacks and any loss of life they cause.” [Anthony D'Esposito, Facebook, [8/7/22](#)]

D'Esposito On The American-Israeli Alliance: “It Is Not A Partisan Issue; It Is An American Issue.” “Congressman D'Esposito reports that a lot was accomplished in the short time span. ‘Many view the relationship between President Biden and his administration and Prime Minister Netanyahu, and it is not what they expect it should be. This trip is a clear indicator. There are Democrats and Republicans who stand with Israel as our greatest ally. This was an opportunity for Democrats and Republicans to show our relationship and mutual respect. It is not a partisan issue; it is an American issue.’” [5 Towns Jewish Times, [5/10/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted To Cut Security Assistance To Israel By Nearly \$1 Billion As Well As Cutting Millions In Funding To Combat Antisemitic Hate Crimes

September 2023: D'Esposito Voted In Favor Of The Republican-Backed Continuing Resolution

9/29/23: D'Esposito Voted For Passing The Republican-Backed Continuing Resolution. In September 2023, D'Esposito voted for “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would provide funding for federal government operations and services through Oct. 31, 2023, with a 29.9 percent cut from fiscal 2023 levels for most programs. It would fund veterans' programs, the Department of Homeland Security, national security programs and disaster assistance at full fiscal 2023 levels. It would also implement nearly all provisions of House Republicans' border security and immigration bill (HR 2), which the House passed in May 2023. It would provide an increase in funding for the Defense Department at rates set forth in House Republicans' fiscal 2024 defense appropriations bill (HR 4365), which would provide for a 3.6 percent funding increase over fiscal 2023. It would also provide funding increases for the Agriculture Department and provide an additional \$220 million above fiscal 2023 levels for Energy Department nuclear programs. Among its border security and immigration provisions, it would require DHS, within seven days of enactment, to resume all activities related to “border wall” construction on the U.S.-Mexico border that were underway or planned prior to Jan. 20, 2021; require DHS to reopen or restore, no later than Sept. 30, 2023, the use of all Immigration and Customs Enforcement detention facilities that were in operation on Jan. 20, 2021; and require DHS to return all unaccompanied children to their country of origin, regardless of whether they are from a contiguous country to the U.S. In addition to provisions of HR 2, it would place limitations on the use of DHS funding provided by the bill, including prohibitions on removing existing U.S.-Mexico border barriers, transporting inadmissible adults into the U.S., and the use of Customs and Border Protection's “CBP One” app to facilitate the parole of an individual into the U.S. It also would prohibit the use of funds provided by the bill to initiate or resume any project or activity not funded during fiscal 2023 and would establish a congressional fiscal commission tasked with identifying policies to “improve the fiscal situation.” The bill was rejected by a vote of 198-232. [H.R. 5525, [Vote #511](#), 9/29/23; CQ, [9/29/23](#)]

- **9/29/23: The CR Failed By A Vote Of 198-232.** [H.R. 5525, [Vote #511](#), 9/29/23; CQ, [9/29/23](#)]

The Continuing Resolution Would Have Reduced Funding For All Government Programs By 29.9%

The Continuing Resolution Would Have Cut Funding For All Government Programs By 29.9%, With Exceptions For U.S. Defense, Department Of Veterans Affairs, And Disaster Relief Programs. “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would provide funding for federal government operations and services through Oct. 31, 2023, with a 29.9 percent cut from fiscal 2023 levels for most programs [...] It would provide an increase in funding for the Defense Department at rates set forth in House Republicans’ fiscal 2024 defense appropriations bill (HR 4365), which would provide for a 3.6 percent funding increase over fiscal 2023. It would also provide funding increases for the Agriculture Department and provide an additional \$220 million above fiscal 2023 levels for Energy Department nuclear programs.” [H.R. 5525, CQ, [9/29/23](#)]

Current Spending Levels Provided \$3.3 Billion In Assistance To Israel Through The Foreign Military Financing Program

Fiscal Year 23 Appropriations Provided \$3.3 Billion Dollars In Assistance To Israel. “ISRAEL.—Of the funds appropriated by this Act under the heading ‘Foreign Military Financing Program’, not less than \$3,300,000,000 shall be available for grants only for Israel which shall be disbursed within 30 days of enactment of this Act.” [H.R. 2617, [12/29/22](#)]

The Foreign Military Financing Program Provides Bilateral Security Assistance To Israel, Allowing It Access To Advanced Military Equipment. “Israel is the leading global recipient of Title 22 U.S. security assistance under the Foreign Military Financing (FMF) program. This has been formalized by a 10-year (2019-2028) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Consistent with the MOU, the United States annually provides \$3.3 billion in FMF and \$500 million for cooperative programs for missile defense. Since FY 2009, the United States has provided Israel with \$3.4 billion in funding for missile defense, including \$1.3 billion for Iron Dome support starting in FY 2011. Through FMF, the United States provides Israel with access to some of the most advanced military equipment in the world, including the F-35 Lightning.” [Department Of State, [7/30/21](#)]

The Bill Did Not Make Any Exceptions For The Military Financing Program, Which Provided Assistance To Israel

The Text Of The Bill Did Not Make Any Exceptions For The Military Financing Program. “SEC. 104. Except as otherwise provided in section 102, no appropriation or funds made available or authority granted pursuant to section 101 shall be used to initiate or resume any project or activity for which appropriations, funds, or other authority were not available during fiscal year 2023. [...] Such amounts as may be necessary, at a rate for operations as provided in the applicable appropriations Acts for fiscal year 2023 and under the authority and conditions provided in such Acts, for continuing projects or activities.” [H.R. 5525, Introduced [9/18/23](#)]

There Was No Mention Of Keeping Spending Levels To Israel Or The Foreign Military Financing Program At Normal Levels In The Continuing Resolution. [H.R. 5525, Introduced [9/18/23](#)]

Foreign Military Financing, Including To Israel, Was Appropriated Through The Department Of State And Foreign Operations Budget, Rather Than Through The Department Of Defense. “Israel.—Of the funds appropriated by this Act under the heading ‘Foreign Military Financing Program’, not less than \$3,300,000,000 shall be available for grants only for Israel which shall be disbursed within 30 days of enactment of this Act: Provided, That to the extent that the Government of Israel requests that funds be used for such purposes, grants made available for Israel under this heading shall, as agreed by the United States and Israel, be available for advanced weapons systems, of which not less than \$725,300,000 shall be available for the procurement in Israel of defense articles and defense services, including research and development.” [H.R.4665, Introduced [7/17/23](#)]

The Continuing Resolution Cut Over \$7 Million In Funding To Combat Hate Crime And Would Have Negative Effects On “Combatting Antisemitism, Holocaust Education, And Law Enforcement Measures Against Hate Crimes”

The Continuing Resolution Would Have Cut 29.9% Of The Funding Of The Commerce, Justice, Science, And Related Agencies Appropriations Act Of 2023...

The Continuing Resolution Would Have Subjected Funding Through The Commerce, Justice, Science, And Related Agencies Appropriations Act Of 2023 To Cuts. “Sec. 101. (a) Such amounts as may be necessary, at a rate for operations as provided in the applicable appropriations Acts for fiscal year 2023 and under the authority and conditions provided in such Acts, for continuing projects or activities (including the costs of direct loans and loan guarantees) that are not otherwise specifically provided for in this Act, that were conducted in fiscal year 2023, and for which appropriations, funds, or other authority were made available in the following appropriations Acts: (1) The Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2023 (division A of Public Law 117–328). (2) The Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2023 (division B of Public Law 117–328). (3) The Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2023 (division C of Public Law 117–328). (4) The Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2023 (division D of Public Law 117–328), except the first proviso under the heading ‘Department of Energy—Energy Programs—SPR Petroleum Account’. (5) The Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2023 (division E of Public Law 117–328). (6) The Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2023 (division F of Public Law 117–328), including title III of division O of Public Law 117–328. (7) The Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2023 (division G of Public Law 117–328). (8) The Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2023 (division H of Public Law 117–328). (9) The Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2023 (division I of Public Law 117–328). (10) The Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2023 (division J of Public Law 117–328). (11) The Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2023 (division K of Public Law 117–328). (12) The Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2023 (division L of Public Law 117–328).” [HR 5525, Introduced [9/18/23](#)]

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...Which Provided Over \$25 Million To Programs Combatting Hate Crimes, Cutting Over \$7 Million In Funding For These Programs

The Commerce, Justice, Science, And Related Agencies Appropriations Act Of 2023 Allocated \$25 Million To Help State And Local Law Enforcement Conduct Outreach On Hate Crimes And To Investigate And Prosecute Them. “(19) \$25,000,000 for grants to State, local, and Tribal law enforcement agencies to conduct educational outreach and training on hate crimes and to investigate and prosecute hate crimes, as authorized by section 4704 of the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act (Public Law 111–84);” [Public Law 117–328, Division B, Commerce, Justice, Science, And Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2023, [12/29/22](#)]

Haaretz: The Republican Continuing Resolution Would Impede Efforts Of “Combatting Antisemitism, Holocaust Education, And Law Enforcement Measures Against Hate Crimes”

Haaretz: The Republican Continuing Resolution Proposed Cuts Would Cut “Combatting Antisemitism, Holocaust Education, And Law Enforcement Measures Against Hate Crimes.” “Kevin McCarthy's short reign as speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives came to an embarrassing end on Tuesday, concluding a saga lasting several days. It nearly resulted in the slashing of \$1 billion in U.S. military aid to Israel in an effort to avert a

government shutdown. The proposed cuts would have gone beyond Israel. They would have also significantly affected other areas of significant importance to the Jewish community -- including combatting antisemitism, Holocaust education and law enforcement measures against hate crimes at a time of pronounced domestic antisemitism. The Republicans who voted in favor of the continuing resolution included six Republican lawmakers from New York in competitive 2024 races, all of whom have portrayed themselves as pro-Israel while attacking their Democratic counterparts: Republicans Nick LaLota, George Santos, Anthony D'Esposito, Mike Lawler, Marc Molinaro and Brandon Williams.” [Haaretz, [10/4/23](#)]

D'Esposito Was Allied With Multiple Members Of Congress That Had Antisemitic Ties

D'Esposito Allied With Marjorie Taylor Greene Who Made Repeated Antisemitic Statements And Espoused Antisemitic Conspiracy Theories

D'Esposito Received \$2,000 From Marjorie Taylor Greene

D'Esposito For New York Received \$2,000 From Greene For Congress. According to the Federal Election Commission, Greene for Congress contributed \$2,000 to D'Esposito for New York on March 31st, 2023. [FEC Candidate and Committee Viewer, accessed [2/7/24](#)]

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Marjorie Taylor Greene Made Multiple Antisemitic Statements, Targeting George Soros And The Rothschild Family

In 2018, Marjorie Taylor Greene Shared A Video Claiming That There Was A Jewish Plan To Destroy Europe Through A Great Replacement Theory Style Takeover. “A 2015 video, which appeared to be the result of a collaboration between 4chan and 8chan users — both message forums which lean heavily toward fringe conspiracy theories — spliced Barbara Lerner Spectre, an Israeli-American academic, out of context so that she appeared to be discussing a Jewish plan to destroy Europe. The video also quoted Nick Griffin, a former leader of far-right British political party, warning about an ‘unholy alliance of leftists, capitalists and Zionist supremacists’ plotting to destroy European society by ‘breeding us out of existence in our own homelands.’ Greene shared the video in 2018, complaining that she had been censored from speaking about the issue of ‘illegal invaders.’” [Haaretz, [2/4/21](#)]

During An Hourslong Rant, Greene Accused George Soros Of Collaborating With Nazis And “[Turning] In His Own People Over To The Nazis.” “Greene, on a now defunct site called American TruthSeekers, wrote that Q is a “patriot.” She also wrote that the secret, Satanist cabal Q believes rules the world is funded by George Soros and the Rothschilds, both frequent targets of antisemitic allegations of global control and domination. [...] In videos unearthed by Politico, Greene goes on hours long rants against Muslims, Democrats and Soros. Frustrated with his criticisms of Trump, Greene accused the billionaire Holocaust survivor of collaborating with Nazis and ‘[turning] in his own people over to the Nazis.’ Later, she called Soros ‘the Nazi himself trying to continue what was not finished.’” [Haaretz, [2/4/21](#)]

Greene Alleged That A 2017 Neo-Nazi Rally In Charlottesville Was A False Flag Operation And That George Soros Had Paid A Man To Drive His Car Into Peaceful Counter-Protestors. “Writing on American Truthseekers in 2017, Greene theorized that James Alex Fields Jr., who drove his car into a crowd of peaceful counter-protestors at the Unite the Right rally in Charlottesville, Virginia, was actually a Democrat on the payroll of George Soros. She further alleged that Heather Heyer’s death was an inside job and that the entire neo-Nazi rally was a false flag operation to ‘further the agenda of the elites.’” [Haaretz, [2/4/21](#)]

Greene Posted An Antisemitic Theory Suggesting The Rothschilds Were Profiting Off Of California Wildfires. “Republican Representative Marjorie Taylor Greene of Georgia’s ‘Jewish space lasers’ conspiracy has reemerged during a contentious interview with British broadcaster Piers Morgan. [...] Greene’s post touted a theory that suggested the Rothschilds, a wealthy Jewish banking family who are often central figures in antisemitic conspiracies, were profiting off of California wildfires supposedly caused by ‘lasers or blue beams of light’ from space. On Tuesday, Greene appeared in an interview on Piers Morgan Uncensored that featured several minutes of arguments and denials concerning the infamous theory. Greene, who was promoting her new book MTG, become visibly annoyed after Morgan suggested that she could be a ‘conspiracy theory wack job.’” [Newsweek, [11/14/23](#)]

D’Esposito Was Closely Allied To Speaker Mike Johnson, Who Represented A School Board Against A Lawsuit From Jewish Parents Who Alleged Religious Discrimination; Johnson Called The Lawsuit “Spiritual Warfare”

Mike Johnson Donated \$10,000 To D’Esposito For New York

American Revival PAC Donated \$10,000 To D’Esposito For New York. [FEC Campaign Finance Data Search, accessed [2/7/24](#); D’Esposito for New York, 2023 Year-End Report, Itemized Receipts, accessed [2/7/24](#)]

Contributions to D’Esposito for New York From American Revival PAC		
Source	Date	Amount
American Revival PAC	3/31/23	\$1,000
American Revival PAC	12/31/23	\$9,000
Total:		\$10,000

[FEC Campaign Finance Data Search, accessed [2/7/24](#); D’Esposito for New York, 2023 Year-End Report, Itemized Receipts, accessed [2/7/24](#)]

- **American Revival PAC Was Mike Johnson’s Leadership PAC.** American Revival PAC was the leadership PAC of Louisiana Republican Congressman Mike Johnson. [FEC Committee Profiles, American Revival PAC, accessed [10/27/23](#)]

Johnson Represented A Schoolboard Against A Lawsuit From Jewish Parents Who Said The School Promoted Christian Activities Leading To Antisemitic Ridicule; Johnson Called The Lawsuit “Spiritual Warfare”

A Jewish Family Sued Stockwell Place Elementary After Their Children Were Bullied For Not Singing Christian Songs And Were Told By The School Principal To “Deal With” The Bullying

April 2004: The McBrides Sued To Stop Religious Activities At Stockwell Place Elementary. “At least one other family has approached the ACLU with concerns about religious expression at Bossier’s Stockwell Place Elementary School, lawyer Clay Walker said after news of a lawsuit was made public Wednesday. A Bossier family filed suit in federal court Tuesday. They are not seeking any money, just that the school stop activities they say promote Christianity. [...] David and Sandra McBride of Bossier City approached the ACLU in this case as a last resort, Walker said. The McBrides are Jewish. ‘They have a respect for other religions, but they don’t feel any religious practices are proper in a school setting,’ Walker said. ‘That’s what church and home are for.’ The McBrides started raising questions at the beginning of the school year when their second-grade daughter’s teacher

hung a cross on the door. After complaining to the Anti-Defamation League, it was removed.” [Shreveport Times via Newspapers.com, [4/15/04](#)]

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Johnson Represented The School Board And Equated The Lawsuit With “Spiritual Warfare” By “The Radical Left” And “The Enemy” In “A Battle That Cannot Be Lost”

April 2004: The Bossier School Board Voted To Accept Johnson As Its Attorney Against The McBrides’ Lawsuit. “The lawsuit filed by David and Sandra McBride, who have two children at the school, alleges that Stockwell Place Elementary violated students’ First Amendment rights by incorporating prayer and Christian references into school activities. [...] The Bossier School Board voted unanimously Thursday night to accept Alliance attorney Mike Johnson as its legal representative.” [Shreveport Times via Newspapers.com, [4/23/04](#)]

Johnson Said Of The Stockwell Place Lawsuit And Others Like It, “The Ultimate Goal Of The Enemy Is Silencing The Gospel” And “This Is Spiritual Warfare.” “In a session that was part Bible study and part pep rally, the congregation of Airline Drive Church of Christ heard first hand about the lawsuit filed against Stockwell Place Elementary School. Attorney Mike Johnson, who will most likely defend the case, spoke about current court cases involving morality and those involving church and state issues, such as the Stockwell case. ‘The ultimate goal of the enemy is silencing the gospel,’ he said. ‘This is spiritual warfare.’ The lawsuit filed earlier this month alleges the school violated students’ First Amendment rights by incorporating prayer and Christian references into school activities.” [Shreveport Times via Newspapers.com, [4/26/04](#)]

The Lawsuit Was Settled And The Family Moved Out Of The State

August 2005: The Bossier School Board And The McBrides Settled Their Lawsuit. “The Bossier School Board and parents of former Stockwell Place Elementary students have settled a lawsuit involving religious expression at the Bossier City school. A consent order filed Friday requires no major change for the school system. It does, however, clarify what forms of religious expression are allowed and outlines a grievance process if children feel bullied or pressured because of their faith. ‘We are presently satisfied with the School Board’s stated resolve to respect the constitutional rights and the religious beliefs of all of their students and personnel,’ said Clay Walker, the plaintiffs’ attorney. The petition was filed in April 2004 by a Jewish family who complained about a Nativity scene in the school library at Christmas, a group called Stallions for Christ that met at recess and a Christmas program.” [Shreveport Times via Newspapers.com, [8/13/05](#)]

April 2005: Part Of The Case Was Dismissed Because The Family Moved Out Of The State. “In April, the rest of the case was dismissed because the family moved out of state. The American Civil Liberties Union was not officially a party to the case and did not sign off on the agreement, said Joe Cook, executive director of the organization’s Louisiana’s affiliate. ‘The ACLU believes (the complaints) were meritorious and had the plaintiffs remained in the state, they would have been found meritorious,’ he said. ‘If (the school system) continues in the manner they have in the past, I hope there will be other parents that will come forward and complain.’” [Shreveport Times via Newspapers.com, [8/13/05](#)]

D’Esposito Refused To Explicitly Condemn The Proud Boys After Proud Boys Marches In His Council District Featured An Open Call For The Murder Of Jewish People

2016-2023: D’Esposito Was A Town Councilman, Representing Hempstead’s 4th District

2016-2023: Anthony D’Esposito Served As A Hempstead Town Councilman. According to his LinkedIn profile, Anthony D’Esposito worked as a Councilman at the Town of Hempstead Government from February 2016 till January 2023. [Anthony D’Esposito, LinkedIn, accessed [11/24/23](#)]



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D'Esposito Represented Hempstead's 4th District, Which Included Rockville Centre. "The race for the Town of Hempstead 4th Council District is set between incumbent republican Anthony D'Esposito and democratic challenger Aaron Meyer. The Herald asked both candidates questions tackling the candidates' priorities and issues in the district, which encompasses East Rockaway, Hewlett, Island Park, South Hempstead, Oceanside, and Rockville Centre and portions of Baldwin, Cedarhurst, Lynbrook, Malverne, Valley Stream, and Woodmere." [LI Herald, [10/25/21](#)]

2022: Proud Boys Conducted Several Marches In Rockville Centre And Featured Hats With Calls For The Killing Of More Jewish People

The Proud Boys Conducted Several Marches In Rockville Centre

May 2022: Proud Boys Conducted A March Through Rockville Centre. "Members of an all-male extremist group stepped out again on Saturday, May 21, drawing criticism from neighbors and from many local leaders. A group of as many as 20 men dressed as Proud Boys, i.e. wearing and bearing a combination of the hate group's signature outfits and slogans, paraded through Rockville Centre in Nassau County, possibly in response to results of school board elections in late May. The 'Western Chauvinist' group was accompanied by a large yellow pickup truck bearing a sign that reads 'Law And Order,' a sight that witnesses of prior marches have often recalled." [Nassau Illustrated, [6/17/22](#)]

"6MWE" Was An Acronym For "6 Million [Jews Killed In The Holocaust] Wasn't Enough," A Neo-Nazi Do Whistle Calling For The Death Of Jewish Individuals

January- June 2022: Proud Boys Held Several Events In Rockville Center, Some Which Featured Hats With The Phrase "6MWE." "Proud Boy events have previously been spotted in and around Nassau in the past six months or so, including last November during a Small Business Saturday event in Rockville Centre. In the weeks that followed that event, Mayor Francis Murray said his office would leverage its full weight against members of the all-male group if they marched in the streets again without a permit. [...] In reference to the strong reaction that so-called Proud Boys, Oath Keepers, and similar extremists have elicited from community and religious groups, anti-racists, feminists, and immigration advocates, Rattner commented that when she's seen young men of Nassau at previous Proud Boy marches wearing hats that say 6MWE, which stands for 'Six million [Jews killed in the Holocaust] wasn't enough,' she too experienced 'fierce feelings' in response." [Nassau Illustrated, [6/17/22](#)]

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D'Esposito Did Not Explicitly Condemn The Proud Boys When Specifically Asked About Them And Referred Reporters To A Previous Comment About Division And Bigotry

June 2022: D'Esposito Refused To Explicitly Condemn The Proud Boys When Asked About Them And Referred Members To A Previous Statement On Division And Bigotry. “When asked for comment on local Proud Boys' marches in Nassau County, Councilman Anthony D'Esposito, who is running for Congress in New York's fourth congressional district, said in a statement: ‘I will always fight for a shared vision of an inclusive, safe and prosperous Long Island, and reject any group that attempts to sow the seeds of division, hate or bigotry in our society.’ When asked for follow-up comment on the seeming prevalence of Proud Boys participation among members of law enforcement, a representative for D'Esposito referred Anton Media Group to the above statement. Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman did not respond to requests for comment.” [Nassau Illustrated, [6/17/22](#)]

- **D'Esposito Said He Would “Reject Any Group That Attempts To Sow The Seeds Of Division, Hate Or Bigotry In Our Society” When Asked About The Proud Boys Marches.** “When asked for comment on local Proud Boys' marches in Nassau County, Councilman Anthony D'Esposito, who is running for Congress in New York's fourth congressional district, said in a statement: ‘I will always fight for a shared vision of an inclusive, safe and prosperous Long Island, and reject any group that attempts to sow the seeds of division, hate or bigotry in our society.’ When asked for follow-up comment on the seeming prevalence of Proud Boys participation among members of law enforcement, a representative for D'Esposito referred Anton Media Group to the above statement. Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman did not respond to requests for comment.” [Nassau Illustrated, [6/17/22](#)]

D'Esposito Opposed Measures To Lower Medical Costs And Threatened Funding For Medicare And Social Security Despite Saying He Would Never Support Cuts To Either

D'Esposito Claimed He Would “Ensure That Federal Health Care Policy... Lowers The Cost Of Prescription Medications”

D'Esposito Claimed He Would “Ensure That Federal Health Care Policy... Lowers The Cost Of Prescription Medications.” “Empire State Voices, a nonprofit formed in February focused on affordable housing, health care costs and access to benefits, shared the first ad it plans to run in the Long Island market as part of year-long media effort targeting D'Esposito. It features a mother and daughter from the village of Uniondale, which is in the 4th District. The daughter, Alexis, describes the costs associated with her Type I diabetes, even with health insurance, while the mother Olivia denounced D'Esposito's position in Congress. ‘No one should have to choose between paying the bills and life-saving medicine,’ Olivia said in the ad. ‘Tell D'Esposito: ‘Stop voting to raise our costs.’ D'Esposito has not taken any direct votes since taking office this year related to drug costs, but said on the campaign trail last year that he opposed the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022, which allowed Medicare to directly negotiate drug prices with pharmaceutical companies to lower prices both for recipients and across the board. On his campaign website, D'Esposito said that he would ‘ensure that federal health care policy... lowers the cost of prescription medications,’ although he has received criticism from Democrats for his silence over a lawsuit challenging the Medicare negotiation provision of the Inflation Reduction Act.” [City and State New York, [9/20/23](#)]

D'Esposito Opposed The Inflation Reduction Act, Despite The Act Lowering Medical Costs For At Least 270,000 New Yorkers

D'Esposito Called The Inflation Reduction Act “A Tax On Nearly Every American”

D'Esposito Tweeted That The Inflation Reduction Act Would Raise \$16.7 Billion In Taxes “In 2023 On Americans Earning Less Than \$200,000 A Year.” “‘Taxes will rise by \$16.7 billion in 2023 on Americans earning less than \$200,000 a year.’ ‘...The reality is that the Schumer-Manchin bill is a tax increase on nearly every American.’” [Anthony P. D'Esposito, Twitter, [8/1/22](#)]



[Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, [8/1/22](#)]

The Inflation Reduction Act Allowed Medicare To Negotiate For Lower Drug Costs And Capped Insulin At \$35 Per Month – Which Benefitted Approximately 196,000 New Yorkers

The Inflation Reduction Act Capped Drug Prices For Seniors, Including Capping Insulin Costs At \$35 Per Month For Seniors. “The Inflation Reduction Act will help close the gap in access to medication by improving prescription drug coverage and lowering drug prices in Medicare. The law: Caps the amount that seniors will have to pay for prescription drugs they buy at the pharmacy at \$2,000 a year, giving peace of mind to seniors who no longer have to worry about spending thousands and thousands more on prescription drugs. Caps the amount that seniors will have to pay for insulin at \$35 for a month’s supply. Provides access to a number of additional free vaccines, including the shingles vaccine, for Medicare beneficiaries. Will further lower prescription drug costs for seniors by allowing Medicare to negotiate the price of high-cost drugs and requiring drug manufacturers to pay Medicare a rebate when they raise prices faster than inflation.” [White House, Press Release, [8/16/22](#)]

- **The Insulin Cap Could Benefit Approximately 196,000 New York Medicare Beneficiaries Who Used The Drug.** “Saving New York Medicare Beneficiaries Money by Capping Insulin Copays at \$35 per Month. Drug manufacturers have raised insulin prices so rapidly over the last few decades that some Medicare beneficiaries struggle to afford this life-saving drug that costs less than \$10 a vial to manufacture. Starting in 2023, the legislation will cap the out-of-pocket cost of insulin for Medicare beneficiaries at no more than \$35 for a month’s supply. Some 196,000 New York Medicare beneficiaries used insulin in 2020.” [White House, accessed [11/16/23](#)]

The Inflation Reduction Act Allowed Medicare To “Negotiate The Price Of High-Cost Drugs.” “The Inflation Reduction Act will help close the gap in access to medication by improving prescription drug coverage and lowering drug prices in Medicare. The law: Caps the amount that seniors will have to pay for prescription drugs they buy at the pharmacy at \$2,000 a year, giving peace of mind to seniors who no longer have to worry about spending thousands and thousands more on prescription drugs. Caps the amount that seniors will have to pay for insulin at \$35 for a month’s supply. Provides access to a number of additional free vaccines, including the shingles vaccine, for Medicare beneficiaries. Will further lower prescription drug costs for seniors by allowing Medicare to negotiate the price of high-cost drugs and requiring drug manufacturers to pay Medicare a rebate when they raise prices faster than inflation.” [White House, Press Release, [8/16/22](#)]

An Estimated 74,000 New Yorkers Would Benefit From The Provision Of The IRA That Capped Medicare Beneficiary Out-Of-Pocket Costs At \$2,000 Annually

Kaiser Family Foundation: “The Inflation Reduction Act Finally Takes On This Problem By Allowing Medicare To Negotiate Prices For High-Cost Drugs. It also provides seniors and people with disabilities who have Medicare coverage with new protections against unaffordable prescription drug bills. [...] The Act will require Part D plans to offer improved financial protections that would phase in starting in 2024, with the \$2,000 out-of-pocket cap taking effect in 2025. Each year, that will benefit about 74,000 New York Medicare beneficiaries who would otherwise have out-of-pocket costs above the cap, according to estimates from the Kaiser Family Foundation (KFF).” [White House, accessed [11/16/23](#)]

D’Esposito Voted On 18 Separate Occasions To Block Consideration Of A Resolution To Protect Social Security And Medicare

11/2/23: D’Esposito Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Resolution Stating That The House Would Not Cut Money From Social Security Or Medicare. In November 2023, D’Esposito voted for: “Fishbach, R-Minn, motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Congressional Record, Rep. McGovern said, “Madam Speaker, if we defeat the previous question, I will offer a resolution to state unequivocally that the House won’t cut a single cent from these crucial programs that so many of our constituents rely on.” A vote *for the motion* was a vote to block consideration of the bill. The motion was rejected by a vote of 213-200. [H.Res. 838, [Vote #565](#), 11/2/23; CQ, [11/2/23](#); Congressional Record, [11/2/23](#)]

9/19/23: D’Esposito Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Resolution To Protect Social Security And Medicare. In September 2023 D’Esposito voted for: “Cole, R-Okla., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Congressional Record, Rep. Fernandez said, “I am going to offer my friends, my dear friends, a chance to show the American people that they are serious about preserving Social Security and Medicare. I urge you all to join us in defeating the previous question. If we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to provide for consideration of a resolution which plainly states that the people’s House won’t cut a single cent from these crucial programs that so many of my constituents, so many of your constituents, rely on.” A vote *for the motion* was a vote to block consideration of the resolution. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 217-209. [H. Res. 680, [Vote #397](#), 9/19/23; CQ, [9/19/23](#); Congressional Record, [9/19/23](#)]

7/26/23: D’Esposito Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Resolution Protecting Social Security And Medicare. In July 2023, D’Esposito voted for: “Reschenthaler, R-Pa., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Congressional Record, Rep. Neguse said, “Mr. Speaker, if we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment that we have offered before to the rule to provide for consideration of a resolution which unambiguously states that it is the House’s duty to keep our solemn promise to American workers and seniors to protect and preserve Social Security and Medicare and reject any cuts to these critical programs.” A vote *for the motion* was a vote to block consideration of the bill. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 208-191. [H.Res. 614, [Vote #367](#), 7/26/23; CQ, [7/26/23](#); Congressional Record, [7/26/23](#)]

7/18/23: D'Esposito Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Resolution To Protect Social Security and Medicare. In July 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Houchin, R-Ind motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment)." According to the Congressional Record, Rep. Scanlon, D-___ said, "Mr. Speaker, if we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to provide for consideration of a resolution which unequivocally states that it is the House's duty to keep our sacred promise to American workers and seniors to protect and preserve Social Security and Medicare and reject any cuts to those essential programs." A vote *for the motion* was a vote to block consideration of the bill. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 213-207. [H.Res. 597, [Vote #331](#), 7/18/23; CQ, [7/18/23](#); Congressional Record, [7/18/23](#)]

6/22/23: D'Esposito Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Resolution Stating It Is The House's Responsibility To Provide Social Security And Medicaid And To Reject Cuts To The Programs. In June 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Roy, R,Texas., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and the possibility of amendment)." According to the Congressional Record, Rep McGovern said, "Mr. Speaker, I urge that we defeat the previous question, and I will offer an amendment to the rule to provide for consideration of a resolution assuring our constituents that the people's House will protect and preserve Social Security and Medicare for our future generations and reject any cuts to these essential programs." A vote *for the motion* was a vote to block consideration of the resolution. The motion was agreed to 214-206. [H.Res. 463, [Vote #284](#), 6/22/23; CQ, [6/22/23](#); Congressional Record, [6/22/23](#)]

6/6/23: D'Esposito Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Resolution Stating It's The House's Responsibility To Protect And Preserve Social Security And Medicaid And To Reject Cuts To The Programs. In February 2019, D'Esposito voted for: "Massie, R-Ky, motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and the possibility of amendment)." According to the Congressional Record, Rep. Scanlon said "Mr. Speaker, if we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to provide for consideration of a resolution which states that it is the House's responsibility to protect and preserve Social Security and Medicaid for our future generations and reject any cuts to these essential programs." A vote *for the motion* was a vote to block consideration of the bill. The motion was agreed to 215-203. [H. Res. 463, [Vote #247](#), 6/6/23; CQ, [6/6/23](#); Congressional Record, [6/6/23](#)]

5/23/23: D'Esposito Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Resolution Protecting Social Security And Medicare And Rejecting Cuts To The Programs. In May 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Burgess, R-Texas, motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment)." According to the Congressional Record, Rep. Leger Fernandez said, "Madam Speaker, I point out that if we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to provide for consideration of a resolution, which states that it is the House's responsibility to protect and preserve Social Security and Medicare for future generations and reject any cuts to these essential programs." A vote *for the motion* was a vote to block consideration of the bill. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 219-208. [H.Res. 429, [Vote #230](#), 5/23/23; CQ, [5/23/23](#); Congressional Record, [5/23/23](#)]

5/16/23: D'Esposito Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Resolution Protecting Social Security And Medicare And Rejecting Cuts To The Programs. In May 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Fischbach, R-Minn, motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment)." According to the Congressional Record, Rep. McGovern said, "Mr. Speaker, I urge that we defeat the previous question. If we do, I will offer an amendment to the rule for consideration of a resolution which states that it is the House's responsibility to protect and preserve Social Security and Medicare for future generations and reject any cuts to these essential programs." A vote *for the motion* was a vote to block consideration of the bill. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 220-209. [H.Res. 398, [Vote #215](#), 5/16/23; CQ, [5/16/23](#); Congressional Record, [5/16/23](#)]

5/10/23: D'Esposito Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Resolution Protecting Social Security And Medicare And Rejecting Cuts To The Programs. In May 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Roy, R-Texas, motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment)." According to the Congressional Record, Rep. Scanlon said, "Mr. Speaker, if we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to provide for consideration of a resolution which states that it is the House's responsibility to protect and preserve

Social Security and Medicare for our future generations and reject any cuts to these essential programs.” A vote *for the motion* was a vote to block consideration of the bill. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 215-211. [H.Res.383, [Vote #205](#), 5/10/23; CQ, [5/10/23](#); Congressional Record, [5/10/23](#)]

4/26/23: D'Esposito Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Resolution Stating Responsibility To Defend And Preserve Social Security And Medicare And Reject Cuts To The Programs. In April 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Cole, R-Okla., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Congressional Record, Rep. McGovern said, “Mr. Speaker, I urge that we defeat the previous question. If we do, then I will offer an amendment to the rule to provide for consideration of a resolution that allows the House to state unequivocally that it is our responsibility to defend and preserve Social Security and Medicare for generations to come and reject any cuts to these vital programs.” A vote *for the motion* was a vote to block consideration of the bill. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 218-210. [H. Res. 327, [Vote #195](#), 4/26/23; CQ, [4/26/23](#); Congressional Record, [4/26/23](#)]

4/18/23: D'Esposito Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Resolution Affirming Commitment To Protect And Strengthen Social Security And Medicare And Reject Cuts To The Programs. In April 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Houchin, R-Ind., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Congressional Record, Rep. Leger Fernandez said, “Mr. Speaker, if we defeat the previous question, which I hope we do, I will offer an amendment to the rule to provide for consideration of a resolution that affirms the House’s unwavering commitment to protect and strengthen Social Security and Medicare and states that it is the position of the House to reject any cuts to the program.” A vote *for the motion* was a vote to block consideration of the bill. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 218-203. [H.Res. 298, [Vote #185](#), 4/18/23; CQ, [4/18/23](#); Congressional Record, [4/18/23](#)]

3/28/23: D'Esposito Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Resolution Affirming Commitment To Protect And Strengthen Social Security And Medicare. In March 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Reschenthaler, R-Pa., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Congressional Record, Rep. McGovern said, “Mr. Speaker, I urge that we defeat the previous question. If we do, I will offer an amendment to the rule to provide for consideration of a resolution that affirms the House’s unwavering commitment to protect and strengthen Social Security and Medicare, and states that it is the position of the House of Representatives to reject any cuts to these programs.” A vote *for the motion* was a vote to block consideration of the bill. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 218-203. [H.Res. 260, [Vote #165](#), 3/28/23; CQ, [3/28/23](#); Congressional Record, [3/28/23](#)]

3/23/23: D'Esposito Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Resolution To Defend And Preserve Social Security And Medicare And Reject Cuts To The Programs. In March 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Houchin, R-Ind., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Congressional Record, Rep. Scanlon said, “Mr. Speaker, if we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to provide for consideration of a resolution that states the House’s unyielding responsibility to defend and preserve Social Security and Medicare for generations to come and to affirm that it is the position of the House to reject any cuts to these vital programs.” A vote *for the motion* was a vote to block consideration of the bill. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 219-204. [H.Res. 241, [Vote #146](#), 3/23/23; CQ, [3/23/23](#); Congressional Record, [3/23/23](#)]

3/8/23: D'Esposito Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Resolution Affirming Commitment To Protect Social Security And Medicare And To Reject Cuts To The Programs. In March 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Massie, R-Ky., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Congressional Record, Rep. McGovern said, “Madam Speaker, I urge that we defeat the previous question, and if we do, I will offer an amendment to the rule to provide for consideration of a resolution that affirms the House’s unwavering commitment to protect and strengthen Social Security and Medicare and states that it is the position of the House to reject any cuts in the program.” A vote *for the motion* was a vote to block consideration of the bill. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 217-205. [H.Res. 199, [Vote #134](#), 3/8/23; CQ, [3/8/23](#); Congressional Record, [3/8/23](#)]

2/28/23: D'Esposito Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Resolution Affirming Commitment To Protect And Strengthen Social Security And Medicare And Reject Cuts To The Programs. In February 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Burgess, R-Texas, motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Congressional Record, Rep. McGovern said, “Mr. Speaker, if we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to provide for consideration of a resolution that affirms the House’s unwavering commitment to protect and strengthen Social Security and Medicare and states that it is the position of the House to reject any cuts to the programs.” A vote *for the motion* was a vote to block consideration of the bill. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 213-201. [H.Res. 166, [Vote #122](#), 2/28/23; CQ, [2/28/23](#); Congressional Record, [2/28/23](#)]

2/7/23: D'Esposito Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Resolution Certifying That A Bill Won't Decrease Social Security Benefits Before It Can Take Effect. In February 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Langworthy, R-N.Y., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Congressional Record, Rep. Scanlon said, “Mr. Speaker, if we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to ensure that H.R. 185 does not take effect unless it is certified that it won't decrease Social Security benefits.” A vote *for the motion* was a vote to block consideration of the bill. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 217-208. [H.Res. 97, [Vote #108](#), 2/7/23; CQ, [2/7/23](#); Congressional Record, [2/7/23](#)]

2/1/23: D'Esposito Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Resolution Preventing Bills Under Consideration From Decreasing Social Security Benefits. In January 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Reschenthaler, R-Pa., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Congressional Record, Rep. McGovern said, “Mr. Speaker, if we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to this rule to include this important amendment and give every Member on the floor the opportunity to clarify that existing Federal programs like Social Security and Medicare are not under attack by this new Congress.” A vote *for the motion* was a vote to block consideration of the bill. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 219-207. [H. Res. 83, [Vote #101](#), 2/1/23; CQ, [2/1/23](#); Congressional Record, [2/1/23](#)]

1/31/23: D'Esposito Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Resolution Preventing Bills Under Consideration From Decreasing Social Security Benefits. In January 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Burgess, R-Texas, motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Congressional Record, Rep. McGovern said, “Madam Speaker, if we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to ensure that none of the bills in this rule take effect unless it is certified that they do not decrease Social Security benefits.” A vote *for the motion* was a vote to block consideration of the bill. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 218-209. [H.Res. 75, [Vote #95](#), 1/31/23; CQ, [1/31/23](#); Congressional Record, [1/31/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For The Republican Continuing Resolution. Which Would Have Increased Wait-Times For Social Security Benefits And Cut Funding For Health Centers Like Ones That Served Over 200,000 Of D'Esposito's Constituents

D'Esposito Voted For A Continuing Resolution With Republican Riders That Would Enact A 30% Cut Nearly Across The Entire Government

D'Esposito Voted For A Continuing Resolution With Republican Riders And Nearly 30% Cuts Across The Government. In September 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would provide funding for federal government operations and services through Oct. 31, 2023, with a 29.9 percent cut from fiscal 2023 levels for most programs. It would fund veterans’ programs, the Department of Homeland Security, national security programs and disaster assistance at full fiscal 2023 levels. It would also implement nearly all provisions of House Republicans’ border security and immigration bill (HR 2), which the House passed in May 2023. It would provide an increase in funding for the Defense Department at rates set forth in House Republicans’ fiscal 2024 defense appropriations bill (HR 4365), which would provide for a 3.6 percent funding increase over fiscal 2023. It would also provide funding increases for the Agriculture Department and provide an additional \$220 million above

fiscal 2023 levels for Energy Department nuclear programs. Among its border security and immigration provisions, it would require DHS, within seven days of enactment, to resume all activities related to “border wall” construction on the U.S.-Mexico border that were underway or planned prior to Jan. 20, 2021; require DHS to reopen or restore, no later than Sept. 30, 2023, the use of all Immigration and Customs Enforcement detention facilities that were in operation on Jan. 20, 2021; and require DHS to return all unaccompanied children to their country of origin, regardless of whether they are from a contiguous country to the U.S. In addition to provisions of HR 2, it would place limitations on the use of DHS funding provided by the bill, including prohibitions on removing existing U.S.-Mexico border barriers, transporting inadmissible adults into the U.S., and the use of Customs and Border Protection’s “CBP One” app to facilitate the parole of an individual into the U.S. It also would prohibit the use of funds provided by the bill to initiate or resume any project or activity not funded during fiscal 2023 and would establish a congressional fiscal commission tasked with identifying policies to “improve the fiscal situation.” The bill was rejected by a vote of 198-232. [H.R. 5525, [Vote #511](#), 9/29/23; CQ, [9/29/23](#)]

- D’Esposito Voted To Block Consideration For A Bipartisan Continuing Resolution To Prevent A Government Shutdown.** In September 2023, D’Esposito voted for: “Reschenthaler, R-Pa. motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Congressional Record, Rep. McGovern said, “Madam Speaker, I am urging that we defeat the previous question, and if we do, I will offer an amendment to the rule for swift consideration of the Senate’s bipartisan continuing resolution to fund the government after they send it to the House.” A vote *for the motion* was a vote to block consideration of the bill. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 217-207. [H.Res. 741, [Vote #508](#), 9/29/23; CQ, [9/29/23](#); Congressional Record, [9/29/23](#)]

The Continuing Resolution Would Have Cut Funding For All Government Programs By 29.9%, With Exceptions For U.S. Defense, Department Of Veterans Affairs, And Disaster Relief Programs. “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would provide funding for federal government operations and services through Oct. 31, 2023, with a 29.9 percent cut from fiscal 2023 levels for most programs [...] It would provide an increase in funding for the Defense Department at rates set forth in House Republicans’ fiscal 2024 defense appropriations bill (HR 4365), which would provide for a 3.6 percent funding increase over fiscal 2023. It would also provide funding increases for the Agriculture Department and provide an additional \$220 million above fiscal 2023 levels for Energy Department nuclear programs.” [H.R. 5525, CQ, [9/29/23](#)]

D’Esposito Criticized Democrats For Voting Against The Continuing Resolution, Claiming They Were Voting Against “Securing Our Border And Reigning In Spending”

9/29/23: On Twitter, D’Esposito Criticized Democrats For Voting Against “Reigning In Spending.” “You do realize that every Democrat in the House voted against keeping the government open today, right? Oh, they also voted against securing our border and reigning in spending. But don’t let facts get in your way.” [Anthony D’Esposito, Twitter, [9/29/23](#)]



[Anthony D’Esposito, Twitter, [9/29/23](#)]

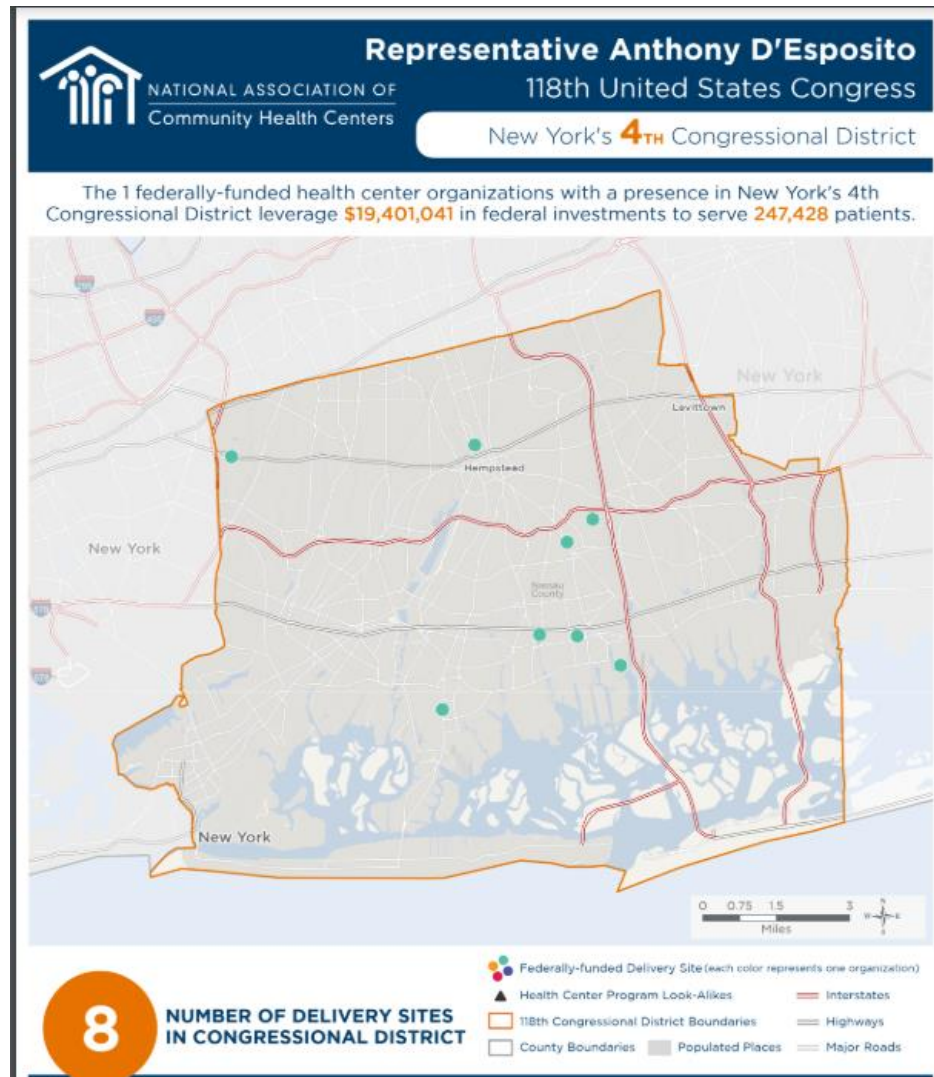
The Continuing Resolution Would Have Led To The Closure Of Social Security Field Offices And Increase Wait Times For Claim-Processing

The Continuing Resolution Would Force The Social Security Administration To Close Field Offices, Leading To Longer Wait Times For Claim-Processing. “With the introduction of this even more unreasonable Continuing Resolution, House Republicans are still more focused on introducing extreme funding bills than working on a bipartisan solution that could be enacted. Their funding bill would only keep the government open until October 31, 2023. This deadline guarantees Congress will need to pass another Continuing Resolution (CR) and means that either House Republicans will slash critical resources again at the end of October or the dangerous cuts in this extreme bill will be in place until Congress is able to pass all 12 full-year bills. [...] Closing Social Security Administration Field Offices. The Social Security Administration would be forced to close field offices and reduce access to in-person services, and people applying for disability benefits would wait additional months for processing of claims.” [House Committee on Appropriations, Ranking Member Rosa DeLauro, accessed [1/23/24](#)]

The Continuing Resolution Would Eliminate Community Health Centers Like The One In D'Esposito's District Which Received Over \$19 Million In Federal Funds And Served Over 200,000 Of His Constituents

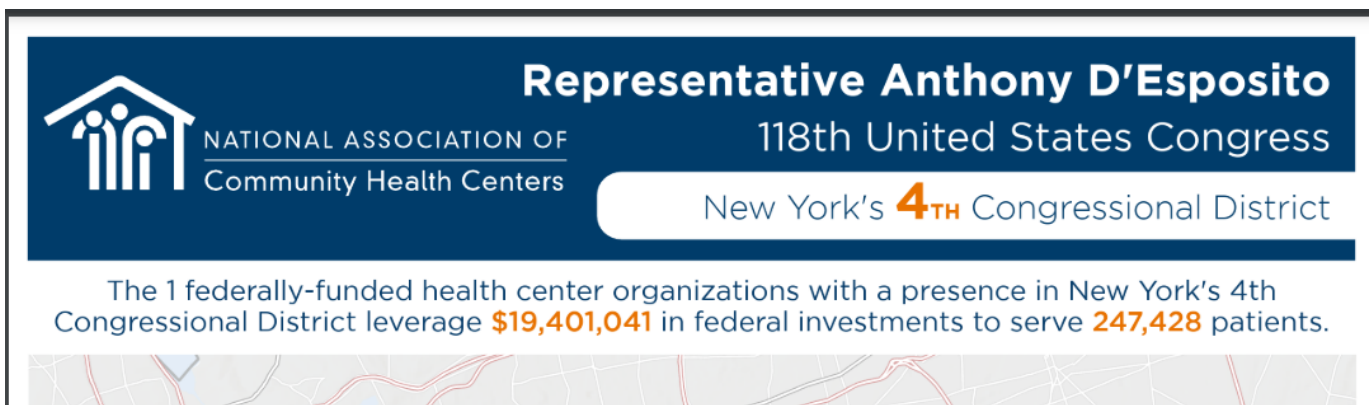
The Continuing Resolution Would Eliminate Community Health Centers, Causing Over 2 Million Americans To Lose Access To Vital Healthcare Services. “With the introduction of this even more unreasonable Continuing Resolution, House Republicans are still more focused on introducing extreme funding bills than working on a bipartisan solution that could be enacted. Their funding bill would only keep the government open until October 31, 2023. This deadline guarantees Congress will need to pass another Continuing Resolution (CR) and means that either House Republicans will slash critical resources again at the end of October or the dangerous cuts in this extreme bill will be in place until Congress is able to pass all 12 full-year bills. [...] Eliminating health care services for rural and underserved families. More than 2 million vulnerable individuals and families, including rural and underserved populations, would lose access to health care services through Community Health Centers.” [House Committee on Appropriations, Ranking Member Rosa DeLauro, accessed [1/23/24](#)]

According To The National Association Of Community Health Centers, New York's 4th Congressional District Contained One Community Health Center And Eight Federally Funded Delivery Sites. [National Association of Community Health Centers, accessed [5/6/24](#)]



[National Association of Community Health Centers, accessed [5/6/24](#)]

The Community Health Center Leveraged \$19,401,041 And Served 247,428 Patients. [National Association of Community Health Centers, accessed [5/6/24](#)]



[National Association of Community Health Centers, accessed [5/6/24](#)]

The Continuing Resolution Would Cut 38% In Funding For The 988 Suicide And Crisis Lifeline That Was Used By Over 100,000 New Yorkers In The Span Of A Year

The Continuing Resolution Would Cut 38% In Funding For The 988 Suicide And Crisis Lifeline And Enact Cuts For Opioid Use Disorder Treatment. “With the introduction of this even more unreasonable Continuing Resolution, House Republicans are still more focused on introducing extreme funding bills than working on a bipartisan solution that could be enacted. Their funding bill would only keep the government open until October 31, 2023. This deadline guarantees Congress will need to pass another Continuing Resolution (CR) and means that either House Republicans will slash critical resources again at the end of October or the dangerous cuts in this extreme bill will be in place until Congress is able to pass all 12 full-year bills. [...] Slashing resources for the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline and Opioid Use Disorder treatment. The Republican CR cuts funding for the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline by 38 percent. More than 1 million people facing a suicidal or mental health crisis would be unable to access support services through the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, and tens of thousands of individuals would be denied admission to opioid use disorder treatment, denying them a potentially life-saving path to recovery.” [House Committee on Appropriations, Ranking Member Rosa DeLauro, accessed [1/23/24](#)]

- **2020: New York State Received 142,827 Calls On The 988 Crisis Helpline.** “Statistics on New York/National 988 Call Volume Between 2005 and 2020, the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline received a total of 20,478,698 calls. In 2019, the NSPL received 137,481 calls originating from New York, a 73 percent increase since 2016. In 2020, NYS received 142,827 calls, a 13 percent increase in just one year. New York's robust investments and advanced planning will ensure that calls originating from New York are answered by a local 988 crisis contact center and that we are prepared for the significant increase in call volume that is expected over the next five years.” [Governor of New York, Press Release, [7/13/22](#)]

D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment On The CHOICE Arrangement Act, Which Would Delay The Implementation Of Health Care Flexibilities To Avoid Higher Costs For Older Workers

D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment On The CHOICE Arrangement Act To Delay Implementing Providing Health Care Flexibilities To Avoid Higher Premium Rates For Older Workers. In June 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Hayes, D-Conn., amendment no. 1 that would delay the effective date of the bill's provisions until the Labor Department certifies that they would not result in higher premium rates for older workers.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 211-220. [H.R. 3799, [Vote #278](#), 6/21/23; CQ, [6/21/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted And Expressed Support For The Debt Limit Suspension Bill, Which Enacted Cuts On Health Insurance And Medicaid

D'Esposito Voted And Expressed Support For The Debt Limit Suspension Bill

D'Esposito Voted For The Limit, Save, Grow Act To Suspend The Debt Limit Through March 2024 Or Until \$1.5 Trillion Has Been Reached And Capping Federal Spending For FY 2024 At 2022 Levels With A Capped 1% Per Year Growth. In April 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would suspend the statutory limit on federal debt through March 31, 2024, or until an additional \$1.5 trillion has been borrowed — whichever occurs first. It would also include a range of provisions to limit federal spending, as well as the text of a previously passed energy and permitting policy package. The bill would set base discretionary spending limits through fiscal 2033, capping spending for fiscal 2024 at the fiscal 2022 level of \$1.47 trillion — a reduction from current spending levels — and raising the cap by 1 percent annually through fiscal 2033. It would also include similar annual cap adjustments for specified programs, including for wildfire suppression, disability reviews and redeterminations, health care fraud and abuse control, and disaster reemployment services and eligibility assessments. The bill would rescind unobligated amounts from various funds provided by the fiscal 2022 reconciliation package (PL 117-169) for COVID-19 relief, IRS enforcement, and certain climate- and infrastructure-focused initiatives, as well as all unobligated funding from the March 2021 coronavirus relief reconciliation package (PL 117-2) and earlier coronavirus response laws. The bill would expand or establish work

requirements for Medicaid beneficiaries aged 19 to 55 and raise from 49 to 55 the oldest age at which existing work requirements would apply for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program beneficiaries. It would also modify various work standards for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program, including to update the baseline for calculating certain state workforce participation standards and require states to collect certain data related to work outcomes for TANF participants. To limit regulatory spending, the bill would nullify pending executive actions suspending student loan payments and prohibit the Education Department from implementing any substantially similar actions without congressional approval. It would also establish a process to require congressional approval of all “major” federal rules that would have an annual impact of at least \$100 million, cause a major increase in prices, or cause significant adverse effects to economic competitiveness. Among energy- and climate-focused provisions, the bill would repeal, phase out or narrow a variety of climate-focused tax credits under the fiscal 2022 reconciliation package, including repealing new credits for solar and wind projects, sustainable aviation fuel and clean fuel production. It would also include the full text of the House-passed energy and permitting package (HR 1) that would require a number of actions to boost the domestic production of fossil fuels and certain critical minerals and accelerate the construction of natural gas pipelines and other energy infrastructure, while reversing or repealing certain presidential actions taken and laws enacted during the Biden administration related to energy policy and climate change.” The bill passed by a vote of 217-215. [H.R. 2811, [Vote #199](#), 4/26/23; CQ, [4/26/23](#)]

The Debt Limit Suspension Bill Would Leave More Than Half A Million Of The Poorest Americans Without Health Insurance And Increase Restrictions On Requirements For Medicaid Eligibility

The Republican Debt Limit Plan Was Expected To Leave Over Half A Million Of The Poorest Americans Without Health Insurance. “More than a half million of the poorest Americans could be left without health insurance under legislation passed by House Republicans that would require people to work in exchange for health care coverage through Medicaid. It's one of dozens of provisions tucked into a GOP bill that would allow for an increase in the debt limit but curb government spending over the next decade. The bill is unlikely to become law, though. It is being used by House Republicans to draw Democrats to the negotiating table and avoid a debt default.” [ABC News, [4/30/23](#)]

The Debt Limit Bill Toughened Work Requirements For Antipoverty Programs, Including Medicaid. “The U.S. House of Representatives on Wednesday narrowly passed a bill to raise the government's \$31.4 trillion debt ceiling that includes sweeping spending cuts over the next decade. [...] The House bill would increase Washington's borrowing authority by \$1.5 trillion or until March 31, whichever comes first, raising the specter of another round of negotiations during the 2024 presidential campaign. The bill would pare spending to 2022 levels and then cap growth at 1% a year, repeal some tax incentives for renewable energy and stiffen work requirements for some antipoverty programs. [...] The overnight changes removed a provision that would have ended a tax credit for biofuels that was part of Biden's climate change initiatives in the 2022 Inflation Reduction Act. Bending to the far-right wing of the party, Republicans also accelerated some new, tougher work requirements for receiving Medicaid healthcare benefits for the poor, angering Democrats.” [Reuters, [4/27/23](#)]

D'Esposito Opposed Measures To Lower Costs For Nassau County Families

D'Esposito Opposed A Historic Measure To Reduce Prescription Drug Costs And Health Insurance Premiums For Seniors And Working Families

D'Esposito Opposed The Inflation Reduction Act

D'Esposito Tweeted That The Inflation Reduction Act Would Raise \$16.7 Billion In Taxes “In 2023 On Americans Earning Less Than \$200,000 A Year.” [Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, [8/1/22](#)]



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The IRA Was Expected To Lower Prescription Drug Costs By Capping Them For Seniors, Allowing Medicare To Negotiate With Drug Companies, And Capping The Price Of Insulin For Seniors

NBC: The Inflation Reduction Act “Is Set To Lower The Cost Of Prescription Drugs.” “The Inflation Reduction Act, signed into law by President Joe Biden, is set to lower the cost of prescription drugs — including cancer medications, blood thinners and insulin — for millions of Americans, experts say. Exorbitant drug prices in the United States are a key reason many people in the U.S. are forced to skip or delay filling their needed prescriptions. A Kaiser Family Foundation poll published last month found that nearly 1 in 2 adults report difficulty affording their health care expenses, including their prescribed medications.” [NBC, [8/16/22](#)]

The Inflation Reduction Act Capped Out-Of-Pocket Costs At \$2,000 For Seniors Under Medicare Part D. “Medicare is poised to renegotiate the prices of some of its most expensive drugs through a historic expansion of its power, which could reduce costs for many seniors as well as federal spending on its prescription drug plan. The changes are tucked inside a massive spending-and-tax bill in Congress that includes \$433 billion in investments in health-care and clean energy. House Democrats passed the Inflation Reduction Act on Friday in a 220 to 207 vote along party lines, ending a tortured legislative process that took more than a year. The bill empowers the Health and Human Services Secretary to negotiate prices for certain drugs covered under two different parts of Medicare and punish pharmaceutical companies that don’t play by the rules. The legislation also caps out-of-pocket costs at \$2,000 starting in 2025 for people who participate in Medicare Part D, the prescription drug plan for seniors.” [CNBC, [8/12/22](#)]

- **AARP CEO Jo Ann Jenkins On The Inflation Reduction Act: Millions Of Older Adults Are Now “One Step Closer To Real Relief From Out-Of-Control Prescription Drug Prices.”** “Medicare is poised to renegotiate the prices of some of its most expensive drugs through a historic expansion of its power, which could reduce costs for many seniors as well as federal spending on its prescription drug plan. The changes are tucked inside a massive spending-and-tax bill in Congress that includes \$433 billion in investments in health-care and clean energy. House Democrats passed the Inflation Reduction Act on Friday in a 220 to 207 vote along party lines, ending a tortured legislative process that took more than a year. [...] The American Association of Retired Persons, which represents 38 million people, described the legislation as a historic victory for older adults. AARP CEO Jo Ann Jenkins said the group has fought for nearly two decades to allow

Medicare to negotiate drug prices. Millions of older adults are now “one step closer to real relief from out-of-control prescription drug prices,” Jenkins said earlier this week.” [CNBC, [8/12/22](#)]

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The IRA Required Drug Companies That Raised Prices More Than The Rate Of Inflation To Rebate Medicare The Amount Over The Inflation Rate. “President Joe Biden signed the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 on Aug. 16. This historic legislation will help millions of Medicare enrollees better afford their life-sustaining medications, and millions more Americans will be able to pay their Affordable Care Act premiums. [...] Here are the main elements of the health care portions of the new law. [...] Beginning in October, if the price of a Part D prescription drug is raised by more than the rate of general inflation, the drugmaker will have to rebate to Medicare the amount of the increase above the inflation rate. Rebates for higher-than-inflation price hikes for medications covered under Medicare Part B (usually office-based infusions, such as for cancer drugs) will begin in January 2023.” [AARP, [8/16/22](#)]

IRA Capped Copays For Insulin At \$35 For Medicare Patients. “A new legislative package signed into law by President Joe Biden on Tuesday is a big win for Medicare patients who struggle to cover the cost of insulin to manage their diabetes. But the bill, called the Inflation Reduction Act, falls short of applying those cost controls to the broader patient population who rely on insulin. The bill limits insulin copays to \$35 per month for Medicare Part D beneficiaries starting in 2023. Notably, seniors covered by Medicare also have a \$2,000 annual out-of-pocket cap on Part D prescription drugs starting in 2025. Medicare will also now have the ability to negotiate the costs of certain prescription drugs.” [CNBC, [8/16/22](#)]

The IRA’s Extension Of ACA Subsidies Was Expected To Save Marketplace Enrollees \$800 Annually On Health Insurance Premiums

The IRA Extended Expanded Affordable Care Act Subsidies For Three More Years Helping Low- And Middle-Income Families Afford Healthcare. “One way Obamacare expanded health care coverage was by creating marketplaces for people to purchase insurance and offering federal subsidies to help low- and middle-income households afford it. Households making up to 400 percent of the federal poverty line — about \$106,000 for a family of four — could get federal help to pay their premiums. After that, they were on their own. But in 2021, Congress eliminated those caps, instead saying that no household should have to pay more than 8.5 percent of their income for health insurance. The change had the biggest effect on people making between 400 and 600 percent of the federal poverty line (for the same household of four, that would be up to \$159,000 per year). As Vox’s Dylan Scott previously reported, the changes also enabled roughly 7 million people to qualify for free health insurance under the ACA. Those policies, however, were set to sunset by the end of this year, leaving millions of people to face much higher health care expenses moving forward. The Inflation Reduction Act extends these subsidies for three years through the end of 2025, ensuring that people won’t face that surge for a while yet. That extension is expected to cost \$64 billion, according to a projection from the Congressional Budget Office.” [Vox, [7/28/22](#)]

The IRA Will Save Average Marketplace Enrollees \$800 A Year By Extending Premium Tax Credits Through 2025 Initially Made Available By The American Rescue Plan. “The Inflation Reduction Act lowers costs for millions of people who purchase health coverage on their own by extending the enhanced financial

assistance made available through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARP) through 2025. By making premium tax credits newly available to more middle-class families and improving the generosity of financial help for those previously eligible, the ARP helped drive marketplace enrollment to a record high of 14.5 million and the U.S. uninsurance rate to an all-time low of just 8 percent. Thanks to the ARP, the average marketplace enrollee saves \$800 per year.” [Center for American Progress, [8/12/22](#)]

D'Esposito Opposed A Measure To Save Families \$1,800 Annually On Energy Costs And Voted To Give Oil And Gas Companies Billions In Tax Cuts, Rather Than Holding Them Accountable For Price Gouging, While Raising Utility Costs

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The IRA Could Save Each American Household \$1,800 Annually On Energy Costs By A Home Improvement Credit For Energy Efficiency. “The Inflation Reduction Act that was passed by the Senate on Sunday could lower electricity bills for consumers and the prices of things like rooftop solar panels, energy-efficient appliances and electric vehicles, Democrats and some energy experts said. Under the legislation, a home improvement credit for energy efficiency would allow households to deduct from their taxes up to 30 percent of the cost of upgrades like heat pumps and insulation. Another provision extends a program that allows households that are installing solar or battery storage systems to deduct 30 percent of the cost of those projects from their taxes. Rewiring America, a nonprofit group that promotes energy efficiency, said it estimated that those and other measures in the legislation could save households \$1,800 a year.” [New York Times, [8/7/22](#)]

D'Esposito Voted To Give Oil And Gas Companies Billions In Tax Cuts While Raising Utility Costs

March 2023: D'Esposito Voted For H.R. 1, The Lower Energy Costs Act. In March 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would require a number of actions to boost the domestic production of fossil fuels and critical minerals, accelerate the construction of natural gas pipelines and other energy infrastructure,

and reverse or repeal certain recent policies related to energy and climate change. Among provisions to boost oil and gas leasing and production, the bill would require the Interior Department to resume quarterly oil and gas lease sales on federal lands; complete certain proposed sales on the Outer Continental Shelf; and implement at least two lease sales per year in each of the Gulf of Mexico and the Alaska regions of the Shelf. It would roll back increased fees and royalties for onshore and offshore oil and gas development and production established by the 2022 budget reconciliation package (PL 117-69). It would adjust revenue sharing requirements for onshore and offshore production to generally decrease federal shares and increase state shares, particularly for coastal states. It would also require annual geothermal lease sales; terminate a moratorium on new coal leasing; and provide for final approval of previously authorized coal leases. It would prohibit the president from declaring a moratorium on the use of hydraulic fracturing and from taking any action that would delay new leases, sales and drill permits for oil and gas, coal or mineral exploration. It would remove restrictions on the import and export of liquified natural gas and prohibit the Chinese Communist Party or a person acting on its behalf from acquiring any interest with respect to lands leased for oil or gas. Among provisions to streamline the permitting process under the National Environmental Policy Act, the bill would set deadlines for the completion of NEPA environmental reviews and adjust thresholds for levels of review; limit the scope of reviews to 'reasonably foreseeable' effects and codify 2020 regulations removing requirements to consider climate change impacts in the review process; and direct agencies to use previously completed reviews to satisfy NEPA requirements for substantially similar proposed actions. For oil and gas projects, it would limit the scope of environmental reviews to areas within or immediately adjacent to affected plots and prohibit the consideration of downstream, indirect effects of oil and gas consumption. To expedite certain energy production and infrastructure projects, it would establish procedures and a 120-day expedited deadline for federal agencies to review applications for cross-border oil and natural gas pipelines; and expand the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's role as the lead agency for natural gas pipeline permitting. To address critical mineral supply, the bill would require the Energy Department to conduct ongoing assessments of and develop strategies to strengthen domestic supply chains for critical energy resources, including through increased mining and processing and permit the EPA to temporarily waive certain pollution regulation requirements for processing and refining projects at critical energy resource facilities to address supply chain concerns. It would make coal and critical mineral mining projects eligible for certain expedited infrastructure permitting processes; provide for appointment of a lead agency to coordinate the permitting process for mineral exploration; and limit the withdrawal of federal lands and waters from mineral leasing. The bill would also repeal certain climate-related programs established by the 2022 budget reconciliation package, including the \$27 billion 'Greenhouse Gas Reduction' fund to support low- and zero-carbon projects, a program imposing fees on methane emissions from oil and gas drilling sites on federal lands, and energy rebate programs to incentivize energy-efficient homes and buildings." The bill passed by a vote of 225-204, with 221 Republicans and 4 Democrats voting for the bill, 1 Republican and 203 Democrats voting against the bill, and six Democrats not voting. [H.R. 1, [Vote #182](#), 3/20/23; CQ, [3/30/23](#)]

The Bill Repealed A Tax On Methane Emissions Expected To Cost The Oil And Gas Industry More Than \$6 Billion Over A Decade. "The Lower Energy Costs Act passed 225-204 in a vote that saw four Democrats side with Republicans, and one Republican vote against it. [...] It prohibits a ban on hydraulic fracturing in a bid to reject Biden's decision in his first week in office to ban new fracking on federal land. It kills a moratorium on coal leases on federal land that started in the Obama administration and was revived by the Biden administration. It repeals a tax created by the Inflation Reduction Act on methane emissions that is expected to ding the oil and gas industry for more than \$6 billion over the next decade." [Fox News, [3/30/23](#)]

White House: H.R.1 Doubled The Cost Of Energy Efficiency Upgrades To Reduce Household Energy Bills. "This Administration is making unprecedented progress in protecting America's energy security and reducing energy costs for Americans – in their homes and at the pump. H.R. 1 would do just the opposite, replacing pro-consumer policies with a thinly veiled license to pollute. It would raise costs for American families by repealing household energy rebates and rolling back historic investments to increase access to cost-lowering clean energy technologies. Instead of protecting American consumers, it would pad oil and gas company profits – already at record levels – and undercut our public health and environment. The Administration strongly opposes this bill. H.R. 1 would double the cost of energy efficiency upgrades that families need to reduce household bills and would

repeal the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund that will cut energy costs and boost economic development in rural and urban communities across the country.” [White House, Statement of Administration Policy, [3/27/23](#)]

- **Joseph Minott Op-Ed: H.R. 1 Eliminated The Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund, Which Helped Families Reduce Energy Consumption And Therefore Their Energy Bills.** “In addition to a series of handouts to fossil fuel corporations and the removal of vital environmental protections, H.R. 1 truly takes money away from the communities that need it most by eliminating both the Methane Emissions Reduction Program (MERP) and the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund, both passed within the Inflation Reduction Act last August. [...] EPA is proposing to allow third-party air monitoring experts to help communities identify and resolve pollution incidents, but the SERP needs MERP to fund that air monitoring. Without it, it is unclear how air monitoring experts will work with local communities. In addition, MERP funds can be used to update ventilation systems and improve insulation in homes, businesses and public spaces impacted by the gas industry, truly reducing energy consumption and utility expenses. The Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund could also be used to upgrade ventilation and improve overall energy efficiency in low-income communities across the country, in addition to supporting clean energy like rooftop solar and geothermal heating systems.” [Executive Director of Clean Air Council Joseph Minnott Op-Ed, Pennsylvania Capital-Star, Op-Ed, [4/2/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted Against Holding Big Oil Price Gougers Accountable

January 2023: D'Esposito Voted Against Amendment No. 92 To The Strategic Production Response Act To Prohibit Leasing By Contributors To Oil And Gas Price-Gouging. In January 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Bowman, D-N.Y., amendment no. 92 that would prohibit the oil and gas leasing plan required by the bill from authorizing the participation, including in any lease auction, of any corporation or entity that the Energy Department determines to have contributed to oil and gas price-gouging in 2022.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 201-229. [H.R. 21, [Vote #88](#), 1/27/23; CQ, [1/27/23](#)]

February 2023: Reuters Headline: “Big Oil Doubles Profits In Blockbuster 2022” [Reuters, [2/8/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted To Raise Housing Costs

April 2023: Molinaro Voted For The Default On America Act [DOA] – Suspending The Debt Limit Through March 2024 Or Until \$1.5 Trillion Has Been Reached And Capping Federal Spending For FY 2024 At 2022 Levels With A Capped 1% Per Year Growth. In April 2023, Molinaro voted for: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would suspend the statutory limit on federal debt through March 31, 2024, or until an additional \$1.5 trillion has been borrowed — whichever occurs first. It would also include a range of provisions to limit federal spending, as well as the text of a previously passed energy and permitting policy package. The bill would set base discretionary spending limits through fiscal 2033, capping spending for fiscal 2024 at the fiscal 2022 level of \$1.47 trillion — a reduction from current spending levels — and raising the cap by 1 percent annually through fiscal 2033. It would also include similar annual cap adjustments for specified programs, including for wildfire suppression, disability reviews and redeterminations, health care fraud and abuse control, and disaster reemployment services and eligibility assessments. The bill would rescind unobligated amounts from various funds provided by the fiscal 2022 reconciliation package (PL 117-169) for COVID-19 relief, IRS enforcement, and certain climate- and infrastructure-focused initiatives, as well as all unobligated funding from the March 2021 coronavirus relief reconciliation package (PL 117-2) and earlier coronavirus response laws. The bill would expand or establish work requirements for Medicaid beneficiaries aged 19 to 55 and raise from 49 to 55 the oldest age at which existing work requirements would apply for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program beneficiaries. It would also modify various work standards for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program, including to update the baseline for calculating certain state workforce participation standards and require states to collect certain data related to work outcomes for TANF participants. To limit regulatory spending, the bill would nullify pending executive actions suspending student loan payments and prohibit the Education Department from implementing any substantially similar actions without congressional approval. It would also establish a process to require congressional approval of all “major” federal rules that would have an annual impact of at least \$100

million, cause a major increase in prices, or cause significant adverse effects to economic competitiveness. Among energy- and climate-focused provisions, the bill would repeal, phase out or narrow a variety of climate-focused tax credits under the fiscal 2022 reconciliation package, including repealing new credits for solar and wind projects, sustainable aviation fuel and clean fuel production. It would also include the full text of the House-passed energy and permitting package (HR 1) that would require a number of actions to boost the domestic production of fossil fuels and certain critical minerals and accelerate the construction of natural gas pipelines and other energy infrastructure, while reversing or repealing certain presidential actions taken and laws enacted during the Biden administration related to energy policy and climate change.” The bill passed by a vote of 217-215. [H.R. 2811, [Vote #199](#), 4/26/23; CQ, [4/26/23](#)]

The Default On America Act Would Raise Housing Costs For 67,300 New York Families By Gutting Access To Rental Assistance. “Raise Housing Costs for 67,300 New Yorkers. Under the Default on America Act, 67,300 families in New York would lose access to rental assistance, including older adults, persons with disabilities, and families with children, who without rental assistance would be at risk of homelessness. The House Republican Default on America Act would also mean as many as 9,910 families across New York who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, or attempting to flee domestic violence would lose access to emergency housing vouchers.” [White House, [May 2023](#)]

D’Esposito Voted To Cut More Than \$15 Million In Funding For Public Safety Programs And Opposed Gun Safety Legislation, Claiming Its Advocates Were Ignorant

D’Esposito Voted For A Republican Continuing Resolution Which Proposed Cuts Of More Than \$15 Million, Including Thousands Of Dollars For D’Esposito’s District, For Public Safety Programs

D’Esposito Voted For A Continuing Resolution With Republican Riders Which Would Enact A 29.9% Cut Nearly Across The Entire Government

D’Esposito Voted For A Continuing Resolution With Republican Riders And Nearly 30% Cuts Across The Government. In September 2023, D’Esposito voted for: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would provide funding for federal government operations and services through Oct. 31, 2023, with a 29.9 percent cut from fiscal 2023 levels for most programs. It would fund veterans’ programs, the Department of Homeland Security, national security programs and disaster assistance at full fiscal 2023 levels. It would also implement nearly all provisions of House Republicans’ border security and immigration bill (HR 2), which the House passed in May 2023. It would provide an increase in funding for the Defense Department at rates set forth in House Republicans’ fiscal 2024 defense appropriations bill (HR 4365), which would provide for a 3.6 percent funding increase over fiscal 2023. It would also provide funding increases for the Agriculture Department and provide an additional \$220 million above fiscal 2023 levels for Energy Department nuclear programs. Among its border security and immigration provisions, it would require DHS, within seven days of enactment, to resume all activities related to “border wall” construction on the U.S.-Mexico border that were underway or planned prior to Jan. 20, 2021; require DHS to reopen or restore, no later than Sept. 30, 2023, the use of all Immigration and Customs Enforcement detention facilities that were in operation on Jan. 20, 2021; and require DHS to return all unaccompanied children to their country of origin, regardless of whether they are from a contiguous country to the U.S. In addition to provisions of HR 2, it would place limitations on the use of DHS funding provided by the bill, including prohibitions on removing existing U.S.-Mexico border barriers, transporting inadmissible adults into the U.S., and the use of Customs and Border Protection’s “CBP One” app to facilitate the parole of an individual into the U.S. It also would prohibit the use of funds provided by the bill to initiate or resume any project or activity not funded during fiscal 2023 and would establish a congressional fiscal commission tasked with identifying policies to “improve the fiscal situation.” The bill was rejected by a vote of 198-232. [H.R. 5525, [Vote #511](#), 9/29/23; CQ, [9/29/23](#)]

The Continuing Resolution Would Have Cut Almost \$9 Million In Funding Used To Provide Police Officers With Bulletproof Vests, Including Thousands Of Dollars For D’Esposito’s District

The CR Would Have Cut 29.9% Of The Funding Of The Commerce, Justice, Science, And Related Agencies Appropriations Act Of 2023...

The CR Would Have Subjected Funding Through The Commerce, Justice, Science, And Related Agencies Appropriations Act Of 2023 To Cuts. “Sec. 101. (a) Such amounts as may be necessary, at a rate for operations as provided in the applicable appropriations Acts for fiscal year 2023 and under the authority and conditions provided in such Acts, for continuing projects or activities (including the costs of direct loans and loan guarantees) that are not otherwise specifically provided for in this Act, that were conducted in fiscal year 2023, and for which appropriations, funds, or other authority were made available in the following appropriations Acts: (1) The Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2023 (division A of Public Law 117–328). (2) The Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2023 (division B of Public Law 117–328). (3) The Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2023 (division C of Public Law 117–328). (4) The Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2023 (division D of Public Law 117–328), except the first proviso under the heading ‘Department of Energy—Energy Programs—SPR Petroleum Account’. (5) The Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2023 (division E of Public Law 117–328). (6) The Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2023 (division F of Public Law 117–328), including title III of division O of Public Law 117–328. (7) The Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2023 (division G of Public Law 117–328). (8) The Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2023 (division H of Public Law 117–328). (9) The Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2023 (division I of Public Law 117–328). (10) The Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2023 (division J of Public Law 117–328). (11) The Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2023 (division K of Public Law 117–328). (12) The Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2023 (division L of Public Law 117–328).” [HR 5525, Introduced [9/18/23](#)]

- **The Continuing Resolution Would Have Cut Funding For All Government Programs By 29.9%, With Exceptions For U.S. Defense, Department Of Veterans Affairs, And Disaster Relief Programs.** “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would provide funding for federal government operations and services through Oct. 31, 2023, with a 29.9 percent cut from fiscal 2023 levels for most programs [...] It would provide an increase in funding for the Defense Department at rates set forth in House Republicans’ fiscal 2024 defense appropriations bill (HR 4365), which would provide for a 3.6 percent funding increase over fiscal 2023. It would also provide funding increases for the Agriculture Department and provide an additional \$220 million above fiscal 2023 levels for Energy Department nuclear programs.” [H.R. 5525, CQ, [9/29/23](#)]

...Which Provided \$30 Million For Bulletproof Vests For Law Enforcement – Including Thousands Of Dollars In D’Esposito’s District

The Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program Reimburses Municipal Governments For Up To 50 Percent Of The Costs Of Bulletproof Vests For Law Enforcement. “The Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) Program, administered by the Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), reimburses states, units of local government, and federally recognized Indian tribes for up to 50 percent of the cost of body armor vests purchased for law enforcement officers. Since 1999, more than 13,000 jurisdictions have participated in the BVP Program, with a total of \$573 million in federal funds for the purchase of more than 1.5 million body armor vests. See the BVP program resources page for detailed award history.” [Department of Justice, [April 2023](#)]

The Commerce, Justice, Science, And Related Agencies Appropriations Act Of 2023 Allocated \$30 Million For The Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program. “\$30,000,000 for the Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program, as authorized by section 2501 of title I of the 1968 Act: Provided, That \$1,500,000 shall be transferred directly to the National Institute of Standards and Technology’s Office of Law Enforcement Standards for research, testing, and evaluation programs;” [Public Law 117–328, Division B, Commerce, Justice, Science, And Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2023, [12/29/22](#)]

In FY 2023, NY-04 Municipalities Were Allocated Approximately \$29,670.85 Through The Federal Bulletproof Vest Partnership. [Department of Justice, Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership Awards, [FY 2023](#); New York Redistricting and You, accessed [10/10/23](#)]

The Republican Continuing Resolution Would Cut \$8,871.58 In Funding For The Bulletproof Vest Partnership In D'Esposito's District.

Bulletproof Vest Partnership FY 2023 Allocations To New York Municipalities				
Municipality	Congressional District	Region	Amount Allocated	CR Cut
Freeport Village	NY-04	Long Island	\$6,125.40	\$1,831.49
Hempstead Village	NY-04	Long Island	\$14,757.25	\$4,412.42
Long Beach City	NY-04	Long Island	\$1,800.00	\$538.20
Malverne Village	NY-04	Long Island	\$496.26	\$148.38
NEW YORK TOTAL			\$29,670.85	\$8,871.58

[Department of Justice, Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership Awards, [FY 2023](#); New York Redistricting and You, accessed [10/10/23](#)]

D'Esposito Claimed Advocates For Assault Weapon Bans And Against Mass Shooting Were Ignorant On Gun Safety Issues

January 2024: D'Esposito Said Advocates For An Assault Weapons Ban Did Not Know What Assault Weapons Were And That Advocates Against Mass Shootings Only Addressed Gun Violence After "What They Say Is A Mass Shooting," Using Air Quotes Around "Mass Shooting"

January 2024: D'Esposito Said Advocates For An Assault Weapons Ban "Can't Explain What An Assault Weapon Is." LiPETRI: "You know, so many times the left will target – specifically the extreme left, this is the extreme left – that will target Republicans and you saying, gun violence, gun violence, gun violence, and right here is your plan to show, hey – " D'ESPOSITO: "I've had these, you know, I've had people in my office who have come and they, you need to ban assault weapons." LiPETRI: "Right." D'ESPOSITO: "Okay, first of all, let's sit down and let's have a conversation. Let's talk about guns. Most of the time they don't even – they can't explain what an assault weapon is. You know, they actually think an AR stands for assault rifle, so there's a lot, there's a lot of individuals who don't understand guns. They don't understand that right now the focus should be on targeting illegal firearms and getting them off the street and I'm not one of those people – Listen, I own guns, I've trained on guns for years. I am not one of those people who thinks, you know, we should just go to the store and buy this. There should be background check, there should, you know, and some of the stuff that the state legislature has put in place, I think some of it's logical, you know, recently checking people's social media tells a lot about people, right. There's a lot of people who tell their whole life on social media. So I don't think it's a bad thing, but what we need to focus on is the illegal firearms." [Mike LiPetri Show, YouTube, 22:20, [1/14/24](#)] (VIDEO)

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September 2022: D'Esposito Said “There Needs To Be More Education” And Called For “Proper Background Checks” When Asked About Assault Weapons. “Gillen makes clear she thinks guns are a major problem and that assault weapons should be prohibited. ‘I’m a mother of four,’ Gillen said. ‘I am the only candidate (in this race) who will stand up to the gun lobby.’ D’Esposito falls back on his law enforcement background. ‘When it comes to guns, there is one person in this race who has spent 29 years taking guns away from people,’ citing as a cop, he made ‘1,000 seizures of illegal guns’ and ‘600 arrests’ in connection with murders and shootings. ‘What we need to do is focus on prosecution of people who have guns and no licenses,’ D’Esposito said. When it comes to assault weapons: ‘There needs to be more education in place’ about such weapons. ‘And proper background checks.’” [LI Herald, [9/8/22](#)]

D'Esposito Did Not Sign Onto Efforts To Force Votes On Bills To Expand Background Checks

June 2023: D'Esposito Did Not Sign Onto The Discharge Petition To Force A Vote To Improve Background Checks By Closing The Gun Show Loophole

June 2023: LaLota, D'Esposito, Santos, Lawler, Molinaro, And Williams Did Not Sign Onto The Discharge Petition To Force A Vote On The Bipartisan Background Checks Act. D’Esposito did not sign onto the discharge petition reading: “Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XV, I, Mike Thompson, move to discharge the Committee on Rules from the consideration of the resolution (H.Res. 454) entitled, a resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 715) to require a background check for every firearm sale, which was referred to said committee May 26th, 2023, in support of which motion the undersigned Members of the House of Representatives affix their signatures, to wit:” [H.Res. 454, [6/13/23](#)]

The Bipartisan Background Checks Act Would Close The Gun Show Loophole That Allowed People Purchasing Firearms Via Private Sales To Forego Background Checks. “Giffords, a former congresswoman from Arizona, was shot in the head by a mass shooter during a 2011 meeting with constituents and has advocated for gun-violence prevention ever since. She was chosen to drop the bill, called the Bipartisan Background Checks Act of 2019, into the ‘hopper’ where all bills start, as lawmakers introduced it. [...] The bill, however, would close the infamous ‘gun show loophole,’ which allows people purchasing firearms via private sales, typically at gun shows, to forgo a background check. Under the legislation, anyone who’s not a licensed firearms dealer would not be able to exchange weapons, which would ensure that all sales run through the national criminal background check system — with a few exceptions.” [Vice News, [1/8/19](#)]

June 2023: D'Esposito Did Not Sign Onto The Discharge Petition To Force A Vote To Improve Background Checks By Closing The Charleston Loophole

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The Enhanced Background Checks Act Changed The Background Check Requirement To Give Law Enforcement A Minimum Of 20 Days To Complete A Background Check. “To address the deadly Charleston Loophole, Rep. James Clyburn (D-SC) introduced the Enhanced Background Checks Act of 2023 to provide the FBI with additional time to complete the background checks before guns may be sold. This legislation changes the background check requirement such that the FBI would have a minimum of 20 days to complete a background check before an FFL can transfer a firearm to a prospective purchaser. It establishes due process protections for

firearm purchasers and prevents indefinite bureaucratic delays by simply giving the FBI additional time to fully investigate incomplete background checks.” [Brady United, accessed [5/3/24](#)]

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April 2022: D'Esposito Commented On A Shooting In Brooklyn, Saying “This Is Where Our Outrage Should Be - A Shooting Gallery Created By Socialist Democrats & Their Pro-Criminal Agenda.” “This is where our outrage should be - a shooting gallery created by socialist Democrats & their pro-criminal agenda. It's killing children & destroying communities. But, let's focus on Will Smith...” [Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, [4/21/22](#)]



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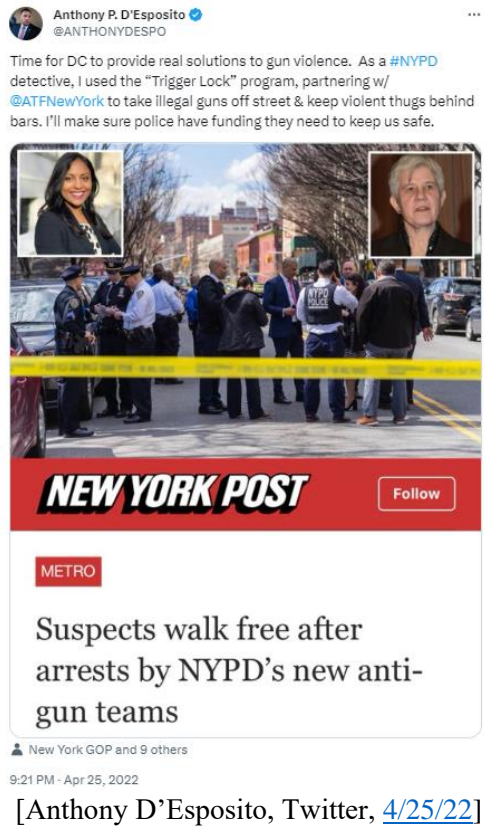
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Despite Claiming He Would Take Multiple Initiatives To Combat Gun Violence, D'Esposito "Did Not Press For New Gun Legislation"

2022: D'Esposito Discussed Initiatives He Would Introduce In Congress To Combat Gun Violence

D'Esposito Said That Creating More Task Forces "On Issues Like Guns" Was Something He Would Act On Once Sworn In To Congress. CAVUTO: "So, to make crime an issue, you want to act on it. What are some of the things you would act on?" D'ESPOSITO: "So, I think what's most important is, we have a lot of opportunities to provide federal funding to create task force, to create or implement more programs. One that I used when I was a New York City detective was something called Trigger Lock. It was a partnership with the ATF that focused on taking illegal guns off the street. So, I think there's a lot of opportunities. We talk about the Joint Terrorist Task Force, something that's been great in thwarting terrorist activity all across the nation, but specifically here in New York City. And I think that that's something that we can broaden on and start focusing on issues like guns, issues like gangs." [Fox via CQ, [11/10/22](#)]

April 2022: D'Esposito Said It Was "Time For DC To Provide Real Solution To Gun Violence" And Touted New York's "Trigger Lock" Program. "Time for DC to provide real solutions to gun violence. As a #NYPD detective, I used the 'Trigger Lock' program, partnering w/ @ATFNewYork to take illegal guns off street & keep violent thugs behind bars. I'll make sure police have funding they need to keep us safe." [Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, [4/25/22](#)]



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D'Esposito Failed To Safeguard The Border, Promoting Hyperpartisan, Ineffective Measures Instead Of Bipartisan Reforms And Voting To Cut Billions For Border Security While Praising Busing Of Migrants To New York

February 2024: D'Esposito Opposed The Bipartisan Immigration Deal Negotiated In The Senate After Trump Urged Republicans To Avoid Granting Democrats A Political Win

January 2024: CNN Headline: "GOP Senators Seethe As Trump Blows Up Delicate Immigration Compromise" [CNN, [1/25/24](#)]

- **January 2024: Trump Lobbied Republicans To Oppose The Bipartisan Immigration Deal To Avoid Granting Democrats A Political Win.** "Senior Senate Republicans are furious that Donald Trump may have killed an emerging bipartisan deal over the southern border, depriving them of a key legislative achievement on

a pressing national priority and offering a preview of what's to come with Trump as their likely presidential nominee. In recent weeks, Trump has been lobbying Republicans both in private conversations and in public statements on social media to oppose the border compromise being delicately hashed out in the Senate, according to GOP sources familiar with the conversations – in part because he wants to campaign on the issue this November and doesn't want President Joe Biden to score a victory in an area where he is politically vulnerable.” [CNN, [1/25/24](#)]

2/5/24: D'Esposito Called The Senate Immigration Deal “A \$118 Billion Spineless Sellout That Incentivizes The Invasion Or Surrender That We Have At Our Border.” ROSENBERG: “You can probably guess what Bannon thinks about this \$118 billion bill [...] He doesn't even think it even makes it through the Senate. You guys in the House, of course, hate it. But he doesn't even think it's going to get through the Senate. What do you think about that?” D'ESPOSITO: “I think – I agree. It's a \$118 billion spineless sellout that incentivizes the invasion or surrender that we have at our border, and I think that our Majority Leader Steve Scalise said it best that it won't even make it to the floor for consideration.” [Sid and Friends in the Morning, WABC, 2:48, [2/5/24](#)] (AUDIO)

April 2024: D'Esposito Praised Texas Gov. Greg Abbott, Who Led The Busing Of Nearly 40,000 Migrants To New York, Saying “He Found A Solution To A Problem That His State Was Facing”

April 2024: At A NY GOP Gala Featuring Abbott, D'Esposito Said He Did Not Blame Him For Busing Migrants To New York, Saying, “He Found A Solution To A Problem That His State Was Facing.” “[CAPTION:] Texas Gov. Greg Abbott speaks at the New York State Republican Party's annual gala on April 4, 2024. [...] D'Esposito, the lone member of Congress in the room, told City & State that he did not blame Abbott for sending the migrants to the city. ‘While I would rather the migrants not be shipped to New York, when you're elected into office, your job is to find solutions to problems and that's exactly what he did,’ he said. ‘He found a solution to a problem that his state was facing by taking migrants and placing them into a sanctuary city. Unfortunately, here in New York City, there (were) no plans in place to actually serve as that sanctuary.’” [City & State, [4/10/24](#)]

February 2024: Abbott Touted Having Worked To Transport More Than 37,800 Migrants To New York Since August 2022. “Governor Greg Abbott, the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS), and the Texas National Guard continue to work together to secure the border; stop the smuggling of drugs, weapons, and people into Texas; and prevent, detect, and interdict transnational criminal activity between ports of entry. Since the launch of Operation Lone Star, the multi-agency effort has led to over 498,300 illegal immigrant apprehensions and more than 39,200 criminal arrests, with more than 35,400 felony charges. In the fight against the fentanyl crisis, Texas law enforcement has seized over 458 million lethal doses of fentanyl during this border mission. Texas has also transported: Over 12,500 migrants to Washington, D.C. since April 2022 Over 37,800 migrants to New York City since August 2022.” [Gov. Greg Abbott, Press Release, [2/9/24](#)]

April 2023: D'Esposito Voted To Cut Billions For Border Security

April 2023: D'Esposito Voted For Suspending The Debt Limit Through March 2024 Or Until \$1.5 Trillion Has Been Reached And Capping Federal Spending For FY 2024 At 2022 Levels With A Capped 1% Per Year Growth. In April 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would suspend the statutory limit on federal debt through March 31, 2024, or until an additional \$1.5 trillion has been borrowed — whichever occurs first. It would also include a range of provisions to limit federal spending, as well as the text of a previously passed energy and permitting policy package. The bill would set base discretionary spending limits through fiscal 2033, capping spending for fiscal 2024 at the fiscal 2022 level of \$1.47 trillion — a reduction from current spending levels — and raising the cap by 1 percent annually through fiscal 2033. It would also include similar annual cap adjustments for specified programs, including for wildfire suppression, disability reviews and redeterminations, health care fraud and abuse control, and disaster reemployment services and eligibility assessments. The bill would rescind unobligated amounts from various funds provided by the fiscal 2022 reconciliation package (PL 117-169) for COVID-19 relief, IRS enforcement, and certain climate- and

infrastructure-focused initiatives, as well as all unobligated funding from the March 2021 coronavirus relief reconciliation package (PL 117-2) and earlier coronavirus response laws. The bill would expand or establish work requirements for Medicaid beneficiaries aged 19 to 55 and raise from 49 to 55 the oldest age at which existing work requirements would apply for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program beneficiaries. It would also modify various work standards for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program, including to update the baseline for calculating certain state workforce participation standards and require states to collect certain data related to work outcomes for TANF participants. To limit regulatory spending, the bill would nullify pending executive actions suspending student loan payments and prohibit the Education Department from implementing any substantially similar actions without congressional approval. It would also establish a process to require congressional approval of all “major” federal rules that would have an annual impact of at least \$100 million, cause a major increase in prices, or cause significant adverse effects to economic competitiveness. Among energy- and climate-focused provisions, the bill would repeal, phase out or narrow a variety of climate-focused tax credits under the fiscal 2022 reconciliation package, including repealing new credits for solar and wind projects, sustainable aviation fuel and clean fuel production. It would also include the full text of the House-passed energy and permitting package (HR 1) that would require a number of actions to boost the domestic production of fossil fuels and certain critical minerals and accelerate the construction of natural gas pipelines and other energy infrastructure, while reversing or repealing certain presidential actions taken and laws enacted during the Biden administration related to energy policy and climate change.” The bill passed by a vote of 217-215. [H.R. 2811, [Vote #199](#), 4/26/23; CQ, [4/26/23](#)]

- **HEADLINE: “GOP-Led House Passes Bill To Hike Debt Limit And Slash Spending.”** [CBS News, [4/26/23](#)]
- **New York Times: The Republican Debt Limit Bill Did Not Include Many Specifics On What Government Spending Would Be Cut.** “Their bill, which would raise the country’s borrowing limit for a year in exchange for a decade of spending reductions, does not include many specifics. It achieves most of its savings with spending caps for discretionary spending — the part of the budget allocated annually by Congress that is not automatic like Social Security payments — but it doesn’t say what discretionary programs should be cut and which ones should be spared.” [New York Times, [5/8/23](#)]
- **The House Republican Debt Limit Plan Was Expected To Force 22% In Cuts Across The Federal Government.** “The legislation Congressional Republicans introduced sets overall appropriations for Fiscal Year 2024 at the same level as FY 2022. At this level, all appropriated funding—including both defense and domestic programs—would be cut deeply. However, Congressional Republicans have indicated that they are not willing to cut defense funding at all, which means that everything else in annual appropriations—from cancer research, to education, to veterans’ health care—would be cut by much more. The math is simple, but unforgiving. At their proposed topline funding level—and with defense funding left untouched as Republicans have proposed—everything else is forced to suffer enormous cuts. In fact, their bill would force a cut of 22 percent—cuts that would grow deeper and deeper with each year of their plan.” [The White House, [4/20/23](#)]

The Default On America Cut Would Have Cut \$3.8 Billion From CBP And \$2 Billion From ICE. “The GOP Default on America Act’s 22% spending cut would slash nearly \$17 billion in funding for federal law enforcement, courts, and prisons that support public safety. Republicans are gambling with Americans’ safety by threatening to not raise the debt limit. [...] After endless rhetoric about the border, the GOP plan guts funding for border security. The bill cuts over \$3.8 billion in funding for U.S. Customs and Border Protection and almost \$2 billion from U.S. Immigrations and Customs Enforcement. The DOA would reject President Biden’s \$4.7 billion proposed investment to strengthen security at the Southwestern Border. This plan shrinks investments in the science and technology that make the Department of Homeland Security more effective by almost \$200 million.” [Joint Economic Committee, Press Release, [4/26/23](#)]

D'Esposito Touted HR 2, A Hyperpartisan Immigration Bill That Would Arbitrarily Limit Pathways To Asylum While Rolling Back Effective Means To Combat Illegal Immigration**D'Esposito Voted For And Touted HR 2**

May 2023: D'Esposito Voted For HR 2, The "Secure The Border Act," A Bill Requiring Homeland Security To Take Actions To Limit Illegal Immigration And Resuming Construction Of The "Border Wall" At The Southwestern Border. In May 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Passage of the bill, as amended, that would require the Homeland Security Department to take a number of actions to limit illegal immigration into the United States, including by resuming construction of the 'border wall' along the southwestern border, bolstering Customs and Border Protection, reopening border detention facilities, limiting asylum applications and eligibility, and establishing a mandatory employment verification system. To enhance physical border security, the bill would require DHS to resume all previously planned border wall construction on the U.S.-Mexico border. It would require DHS to design, install and operate at least 900 total miles of physical barriers and other infrastructure and technology along the border, until the department achieves 'operational control' of the border, defined under current law as the prevention of all unlawful entries into the country. To bolster operations and capacity of Customs and Border Protection, the bill would require CBP to maintain at least 22,000 full-time agents by Sept. 30, 2025, and authorize up to \$100 million for agent retention bonuses. It would authorize \$110 million annually through fiscal 2028 for new DHS grants to law enforcement agencies in border states to assist with CBP operations. It would authorize funding for CBP to upgrade license plate readers and install cameras, microphones, and surveillance and intrusion detection systems at the northern and southern borders. It would require CBP to issue and regularly update a strategic plan to enhance U.S. border security, including to address security gaps between ports of entry, staffing requirements and information sharing. It would require DHS to ensure that the CBP Air and Marine Operations carries out at least 110,000 flight hours annually and operates unmanned aircraft systems over the southern border 24 hours per day. As amended, the bill would require Congress to commission a report that contains a national strategy to address Mexican drug cartels, including a determination of whether there should be a designation established to address such cartels. Among provisions limiting eligibility for asylum within the United States, the bill would specify that noncitizens are eligible for asylum only if they arrived at an official U.S. port of entry. It would tighten standards for determining whether an individual has a 'credible fear of persecution' and is persecuted as part of a 'social group' or based on a 'political opinion.' It would expand reasons disqualifying individuals from asylum eligibility, including convictions for certain offenses such as using a false ID, domestic violence, child abuse, certain drug possession or trafficking, and repeated or serious driving while intoxicated; traveling through but not seeking asylum in at least one other country party to certain refugee protection treaties; and ability to avoid persecution by relocating to another part of their home country. It would require DHS to return asylum seekers who cannot be detained to a safe third country during their immigration proceedings. Among other immigration enforcement provisions, the bill would require DHS to reopen or restore the use of all Immigration and Customs Enforcement detention facilities that were in operation on Jan. 20, 2021. It would require DHS to detain parents and their children together and return all unaccompanied children to their country of origin. It would limit 'parole' authority allowing noncitizens to temporarily live and work in the U.S. allowing DHS to grant parole only on a case-by-case individual basis. The bill would require DHS to create a system based on the E-Verify pilot program to verify whether prospective employees are eligible to work in the U.S. and gradually require all employers to begin using the new system over 24 months, with 36-month deadline for agricultural sector employers." The bill passed by a vote of 219-213. [H.R. 2, [Vote #209](#), 5/11/23; CQ, [5/11/23](#)]

8/29/23: D'Esposito Touted The House's Passage Of HR 2 And Blamed Sec. Mayorkas And Biden For Inaction On Border Security. [Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, [8/29/23](#)]



[Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, [8/29/23](#)]

HR 2 Would Arbitrarily Limit Pathways To Asylum

The Hill Headline: “GOP Border Bill Would Gut Pathways To Asylum” [The Hill, [5/10/23](#)]

In Some Cases, HR 2 Borrowed Language Directly From A Trump-Era Asylum Regulation That Was Struck Down In Court. “A Republican border and immigration bill set to come to the House floor Thursday would represent one of the biggest clawbacks of asylum rights in decades if enacted, experts warn. The GOP is aiming to pass the bill May 11 — the same day President Biden is set to lift Title 42. [...] The security measures are paired with provisions gutting asylum rights, in some cases borrowing word-for-word from a Trump-era asylum regulation struck down in court.” [The Hill, [5/10/23](#)]

The Bill Would Require Asylum-Seekers To Apply For Asylum In Any Other Country They Pass Through En Route To The U.S., Allowing Only Those Who Faced Denials To Apply To The U.S. “The bill requires those seeking asylum to first apply at any other country they pass through, allowing only those who receive denials to try the U.S. That language largely bars anyone who cannot directly come to a U.S. port of entry, essentially limiting asylum to Mexicans, Canadians, and those who already have hard-to-secure tourism visas who can hop a direct flight to the U.S.” [The Hill, [5/10/23](#)]

- **The Bill Would Allow Only Mexican And Canadian Nationals Or Those With “Hard-To-Secure Tourism Visas” Seeking Asylum To Apply For U.S. Asylum – Even If They Faced Persecution.** “Aaron Reichlin-Melnick, policy director at the American Immigration Council, said the bill would ‘effectively end the system of asylum that we’ve had for the last 43 years.’ [...] The bill requires those seeking asylum to first apply at any other country they pass through, allowing only those who receive denials to try the U.S. That language largely bars anyone who cannot directly come to a U.S. port of entry, essentially limiting asylum to Mexicans, Canadians, and those who already have hard-to-secure tourism visas who can hop a direct flight to the U.S. Reichlin-Melnick said anyone with a layover would be barred from seeking asylum, as would anyone south of Mexico traveling by car, if they don’t first seek and get denied asylum on the way. ‘Say [Russian opposition leader Alexei] Navalny is released from Russian prison today. And he gets on a flight and it stops in an airport in another country before getting here,’ he said. ‘Well, he is not eligible for asylum after this bill because he didn’t apply for asylum in the country in which he stopped on the layover.’” [The Hill, [5/10/23](#)]
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- **The Bill Would Require Those Who Do Apply For Asylum In The U.S. To Pass An Initial Screening Proving They Would Likely Earn It And Place Additional Barriers On Those Who Do Not Pass.** "Even the bar for the initial screening ahead of seeking asylum has been raised — would-be applicants must show they are more likely than not to be granted the status, rather than a 'significant possibility' they could qualify — meaning fewer applicants would get a chance to make their case. Many may not even make it to the initial screening, as citizens from a number of countries are effectively blocked from seeking asylum. [...] Those who do manage to make it to a port of entry and who do pass the initial screening would be met with another round of limitations placed on existing asylum protections." [The Hill, [5/10/23](#)]

The Bill Would Limit Justifications For Asylum To Those Fleeing As A Targeted "Social Group" And Political Persecution Based On Challenges To A State's Leadership. "The bill narrows protections for those fleeing from political persecution as well as those who are targeted as members of a 'social group,' a category that can be used for those persecuted due to their sexuality. The legislation would grant asylum only to those whose political activity is a challenge to current state leadership rather than a cause in general, meaning that women in Saudi Arabia pushing for the expansion of women's rights but uninterested in overthrowing the monarchy would not qualify." [The Hill, [5/10/23](#)]

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The Bill Would Deny Asylum To Those Seeking Refuge From Unfair Laws That Are "Infrequently Enforced" – Leaving Ambiguity For Laws Enforced Rarely Or Selectively Against Minorities. "It also would deem someone eligible for asylum if they violate laws that are 'unenforced or infrequently enforced' unless they can demonstrate that they could be personally impacted by it. Reichlin-Melnick said while that language appears to guard against an applicant seeking to use an obscure law to gain asylum protections, it's written so broadly it could present hurdles for a number of groups. 'What does it mean for a law to be frequently enforced? Well, what if you are a small ethnic minority? How can a law be frequently enforced against your group if there's only a handful?' he asked. He also pointed to a recently passed law in Uganda that makes homosexuality illegal and calls for the death penalty in some cases. Under the bill, a Ugandan national would need to show 'credible evidence that such a law or policy has been or would be applied to the applicant personally.'" [The Hill, [5/10/23](#)]

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passed law in Uganda that makes homosexuality illegal and calls for the death penalty in some cases. Under the bill, a Ugandan national would need to show ‘credible evidence that such a law or policy has been or would be applied to the applicant personally.’” [The Hill, [5/10/23](#)]

HR 2 Would Roll Back Effective Means To Combat Illegal Immigration

HR 2 Would Prohibit The DHS From Using “Eligibility Criteria Describing An Entire Class Of Potential Parole Recipients” Of Entry Into The U.S. “The House bill (Title VII) would severely limit an administration’s ability to use parole to allow into the United States individuals in need of humanitarian protection. The language in the House bill prohibits the Secretary of Homeland Security from using ‘eligibility criteria describing an entire class of potential parole recipients.’” [Forbes, [5/10/23](#)]

Parole In Immigration Law Is Distinct From Parole In Criminal Justice – It Allows Noncitizens To Be Granted U.S Entry Without Existing Legal Basis, Including Due To Humanitarian Crises. “Under U.S. immigration law, the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has discretion to grant ‘parole’ to certain noncitizens to allow them to enter or temporarily remain in the United States for specific reasons. Parole under immigration law is very different than in the criminal justice context. This fact sheet explains the nature of parole, how parole requests are considered, who may qualify, and what parole programs currently exist. What is Parole? The Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) authorizes the Secretary of Homeland Security to exercise discretion to temporarily allow certain noncitizens to physically enter or remain in the United States if they are applying for admission but do not have a legal basis for being admitted. DHS may only grant parole if the agency determines that there are urgent humanitarian or significant public benefit reasons for a person to be in the United States and that person merits a favorable exercise of discretion. Grants of parole are made for limited periods of time, often to accomplish a discrete purpose, and individuals are typically expected to depart the United States when the authorized period expires unless another form of status or relief is conferred.” [American Immigration Council, [1/10/23](#)]

Parole Programs For Cuba, Venezuela, Haiti, And Nicaragua Reduced Illegal Immigration By Allowing Immigrants To Enter The U.S. With An American Sponsor Rather Than Crossing The Border Illegally. Parole programs for Cuba, Venezuela, Haiti and Nicaragua were the primary target of House Republicans in restricting the use of parole. However, Border Patrol data show these parole programs have been effective in reducing illegal entry. ‘In January 2023, as a way to provide legal pathways, the Biden administration announced parole programs for up to 30,000 individuals a month from Cuba, Haiti, Nicaragua and Venezuela to enter the United States with a U.S. sponsor,’ noted a recent NFAP report. ‘The parole programs produced dramatic results and almost unprecedented effectiveness in reducing illegal entry as measured by encounters with Border Patrol agents.’” [Forbes, [5/10/23](#)]

- **The Number Of Border Patrol Encounters At The Southwest Border Decreased By 95 Percent For Immigrants Of Countries In The Parole Programs.** “The number of Border Patrol encounters at the Southwest border declined by 95% for Cuba, Haiti, Nicaragua and Venezuela as a group between December 2022 and March 2023. Border Patrol encounters for all other countries not in the parole programs increased by 15% during this period. The parole policies represented a humane alternative to forcing individuals to seek protection by entering through dangerous routes between ports of entry because legal access to the United States is blocked.” [Forbes, [5/10/23](#)]
- **Ending Parole Programs Would Also Prevent War Victims, Including Ukrainians Under The Uniting For Ukraine Program, To Receive Parole In The Future.** “Under Uniting for Ukraine, Americans have sponsored more than 200,000 Ukrainians who have fled Russia’s invasion, primarily Ukrainian women and children. The Biden administration also paroled thousands of Afghans into the United States after the fall of Kabul. The new restrictions in the House bill would prevent a repeat of such efforts, even though hundreds of thousands of Americans are eager to help people in unfortunate circumstances. A House source confirmed the bill would cut off future parole programs for war victims. Current parolees would be forced to leave the United States after their parole expires. They would only be allowed to renew once for a year (Section 701).

Ukrainians (and other parolees) could only stay if they were approved for a different immigration status. It would be challenging for many Ukrainians to obtain asylum under current law, and the House bill makes it more difficult for anyone to be approved for asylum.” [Forbes, [5/10/23](#)]

The Bill Would Also End The Use Of A CBP App For Asylum Seekers To Schedule Appointments, Forcing Them To Instead Present Themselves At The Border Or Point Of Entry, Increasing Unlawful Entry. The bill (Section 122) would also end using the CBP One app for asylum applicants to schedule an appointment at a port of entry. The alternative to applying for asylum at a port of entry is for individuals to cross the border and present themselves. Banning the use of the app, as the bill does, would almost certainly increase unlawful entry, as would ending the parole programs.” [Forbes, [5/10/23](#)]

HR 2 Would Not Increase The Number Of Immigration Judges To Address A Backlog Of Cases

HR 2 Would Not Increase Numbers Of Asylum Officers Or Immigration Judges. “While some elements of the proposed legislation might prove effective and helpful, like additional investments in personnel and technology at ports of entry, the bill’s enforcement-only focus and failure to address lawful pathways is deeply flawed. The bill’s overarching focus on physical barriers and deterrence measures — but not increased numbers of asylum officers or immigration judges — presents a vision of the U.S.’s southern border where people fleeing violence and persecution would be quickly removed, without meaningful access to protection.” [National Immigration Forum, [5/8/23](#)]

A Shortage Of Immigration Judges Leaves Migrants In Legal Limbo And Has Created A Backlog Of More Than Two Million Cases. “President Biden’s attempt to deal efficiently with a new surge of migration following the end of Title 42 pandemic restrictions has focused new attention on a severe shortage of judges, the result of longstanding neglect that has overwhelmed the immigration court system with a backlog of more than two million cases. The court system is riddled with yearslong delays and low morale as a work force of about 650 judges struggles to keep up with the volume of immigration cases, leaving undocumented immigrants who have long waited in the United States in limbo.” [New York Times, [5/12/23](#)]

New York City Faced A Shortage Of Immigration Judges. “While an abrupt shift in the federal administration’s immigration policy has slowed down the daily arrival of migrants, more than 21,000 people are already in New York City and many hope to gain legal status through the asylum process. They will join a line that already includes about 180,000 pending cases in New York State immigration courts, which are handled by 88 judges. [...] Mr. Marku said he’s never seen the city’s immigration courts as busy in his 27-year career as an immigration attorney. ‘They don’t have enough judges, they don’t have enough government attorneys, they don’t have the support staff to get it done,’ he said.” [New York Times, [11/3/22](#)]

- **November 2022: New York Times Headline: “Migrants Encounter ‘Chaos And Confusion’ In New York Immigration Courts”** [New York Times, [11/3/22](#)]

D’Esposito’s Federal Campaign Committee Received Almost \$50,000 From The Oil Industry, And D’Esposito Took Multiple Votes To Repeal Renewable Energy Initiatives And Loosen Curtailments On Oil Companies Engaging In Price Gouging

D’Esposito’s Federal Campaign Committee Received Almost \$50,000 From The Oil And Gas Industry

2023-2024: D’Esposito Received \$49,811 From The Oil And Gas Industry. According to OpenSecrets, FEC Campaign Committees related to Anthony D’Esposito (which included his principal campaign committee, D’Esposito for New York, and his leadership PAC, Empire Strike PAC) received \$49,811 from individuals and PACs in the Oil & Gas Industry. [OpenSecrets, accessed [5/3/24](#)]

D'Esposito Took Multiple Votes To Repeal Provisions Related To Climate Change And Renewable Energy, Including Those That Promoted Jobs

D'Esposito Voted For Several Amendments To The Environmental Appropriations Bill Which Prohibited Funds From Being Used For Renewable Energy Related Initiatives

D'Esposito Voted For Passing FY 2024 Interior And Environment Appropriations With Republican Riders.

In November 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Passage of the bill, as amended, that would provide \$37.7 billion in discretionary spending, including \$25.4 billion subject to the measure's discretionary cap and \$9.4 billion offset by rescissions. It would provide \$14.6 billion for the Interior Department, including \$3 billion for the National Park Service; \$1.5 billion for the Fish and Wildlife Service; \$1.3 billion for the U.S. Geological Survey; and \$1.3 billion for the Bureau of Land Management. It would provide approximately \$11.2 billion for Native American programs in fiscal 2024, including \$2.6 billion for the Bureau of Indian Affairs, \$1.4 billion for the Bureau of Indian Education and \$7.1 billion for the Health and Human Services Department's Indian Health Service (an IHS total that includes \$5.1 billion in advance appropriations enacted in the fiscal 2023 spending measure). The bill would provide an additional \$5.9 billion in fiscal 2025 advance appropriations for IHS. The bill would provide \$6.2 billion for the EPA, which includes \$2.4 billion for environmental programs and management and \$561 million for science and technology. It would provide \$8 billion for the Forest Service, including \$4.4 billion for wildfire management and response. Between the Forest Service and Interior Department, it would provide \$619 million for wildfire preparedness and \$1.4 billion for fire suppression activities. The bill would also provide \$960 million for the Smithsonian Institution; \$178 million for the National Gallery of Art; and \$373 million combined for the National Endowment for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Humanities. Among its policy provisions, it would prohibit the use of funds to promote "critical race theory"; block a January 2023 EPA and Army Corps of Engineers rule on the definition of "Waters of the United States"; prohibit the EPA from issuing a waiver to allow California to issue its own emissions standards for small off-road vehicle engines; require the Interior Department to conduct quarterly onshore oil and gas lease sales; and prohibit the use of funds to implement certain regulations under the Endangered Species Act, including protections for the lesser prairie-chicken and the northern long-eared bat. It would rescind \$9.4 billion in funding for the EPA, Interior Department and Council on Environmental Quality provided under the fiscal 2022 budget reconciliation bill (PL 117-169), including \$7.8 billion for renewable energy projects and \$1.4 billion for environmental and climate justice projects. As amended, the bill would bar the use of funds provided by the bill for the American Climate Corps; prohibit the use of funds provided by the bill to enforce any COVID-19 mask mandates; bar the use of funds provided by the bill to implement, administer, apply, enforce or carry out any plastic straw prohibitions; prohibit the use of funds provided by the bill for the cancellation or suspension of oil and gas leases in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge or the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska; and prohibit the use of funds provided by the bill to reduce the number of oil and gas leases issued by the Interior Department, among other provisions." The bill passed by a vote of 213-203. [H.R. 4821, [Vote #597](#), 11/3/23; CQ, [11/3/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Voted For Prohibiting Using Funds For Oil And Gas Royalty Enforcements From The Inflation Reduction Act.** In November 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Ogles, R-Tenn., amendment no. 120 that would prohibit the use of funds provided by the bill to implement, administer or enforce a section of the Inflation Reduction Act (PL 117-169) related to increasing onshore oil and gas royalty rates, minimum bid requirements and rental fees." The amendment was adopted by a vote of 213-204. [H.R. 4821, [Vote #593](#), 11/3/23; CQ, [11/3/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For Defunding The EPA's Clean School Bus Program.** In November 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Nehls, R-Texas, amendment no. 107 that would prohibit the use of funds provided by the bill for the EPA's Clean School Bus Program." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 196-222. [H.R. 4821, [Vote #587](#), 11/2/23; CQ, [11/2/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For Defunding Executive Orders Promoting The Use Of Clean Energy And Environmental Justice.** In November 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "McCormick, R-Ga., amendment no. 102

that would prohibit the use of funds provided by the bill to implement Executive Order 14037, related to strengthening American leadership in clean cars and trucks; EO 14057, related to catalyzing clean energy industries and jobs through federal sustainability; and EO 14096, relating to revitalizing U.S. commitment to environmental justice for all.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 217-202. [H.R. 4821, [Vote #585](#), 11/2/23; CQ, [11/2/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Stop The Military Construction-VA Appropriations Bill From Promoting Jobs In Clean Energy Industries

D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To The Military Construction-VA Appropriations Bill To Ban Funds From The Bill From Being Used To Promote Clean Energy Industries And Jobs. In July 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Zinke, R-Mont., amendment no. 41 that would bar the use of funds provided by the bill to implement the December 2021 Biden administration executive order regarding the promotion of clean energy industries and jobs.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 222-212. [H.R. 4366, [Vote #378](#), 7/26/23; CQ, [7/26/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For Amendments To Prohibit The Energy Department Appropriations Bills' Funds From Being Used For The Department's Energy Efficiency And Renewable Energy Programs

D'Esposito Voted For FY 2024 Appropriations For The Energy Department, Including Republican Riders. In October 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would provide \$60 billion in fiscal 2024 funding for the Energy Department, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Bureau of Reclamation and independent federal agencies. It would provide \$49 billion for the Energy Department, \$24 billion for the National Nuclear Security Administration, and \$2.8 billion for the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund. Within NNSA funding, it would provide \$19.1 billion appropriated for weapons activities, \$1.9 billion for naval reactors and \$2.4 billion for defense nuclear nonproliferation. The bill would provide \$2 billion for the Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Office. It would redirect \$3.6 billion in unobligated funds previously appropriated by the 2021 bipartisan infrastructure law for advanced nuclear reactor demonstration programs, including \$2.4 billion for advanced nuclear fuel and \$1.2 billion for small modular reactor research and development. The funding for each would be evenly distributed over the next three fiscal years. It would provide \$470 million for the Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy, \$281 million for the Strategic Petroleum Reserve and \$858 million for the Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management. The bill would provide \$9.6 billion for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. For programs within the Interior Department, the bill would provide \$1.9 billion, including \$1.7 billion for the Bureau of Reclamation and \$23 million for the Central Utah Project. It would also prohibit the use of funds provided by the bill to finalize an Energy Department rule proposed in February 2023, on energy conservation standards for gas ranges and ovens, or any rule that would directly or indirectly limit consumer access to gas kitchen ranges or ovens.” The bill passed by a vote of 210-199. [H.R. 4394, [Vote #558](#), 10/26/23; CQ, [10/26/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Eliminate All Bill Funding For Energy Department Energy Efficiency And Renewable Energy Programs.** In October 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Roy, R-Texas, amendment no.16 that would eliminate all funding in the bill for the DOE energy efficiency and renewable energy programs.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 137-287. [H.R. 4394, [Vote #533](#), 10/26/23; CQ, [10/26/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To The Strategic Production Response Act That Would Prohibit Leasing By Oil And Gas Price Gougers

D'Esposito Voted For The Strategic Production Response Act To Prohibit Oil Drawdowns From The Strategic Petroleum Reserve Until The Department Of Energy Develops A Plan To Expand Energy Leasing For Oil Equal To The Amount Drawn From The Reserve. In January 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would prohibit the Department of Energy, after the bill’s enactment, from executing a first drawdown of petroleum products from the U.S. Strategic Petroleum Reserve for sale, exchange or loan until the DOE first develops a plan — in consultation with the Agriculture, Interior and Defense departments — to increase

the percentage of federal lands leased for oil and gas production by an amount equal to the percentage of petroleum in the Reserve that would be drawn down, up to a maximum of 15 percent. The bill would provide an exception to the planning requirement if the president determines a drawdown is required due to a severe energy supply interruption, defined as an emergency situation reducing the supply of petroleum products and resulting in price increases that would have a major adverse impact on the national economy. Prior to passage, the House adopted 12 amendments to the bill. As amended, the bill would also apply the oil and gas leasing plan requirement retroactively to drawdowns initiated on Jan. 21, 2021, and afterward; require DOE to ensure that such plans would not result in the sale of drawn-down petroleum products to Iran, China, North Korea or Russia; and require DOE to submit such plans to Congress, among other provisions.” The bill passed by a vote of 221-205. [H.R. 21, [Vote #93](#), 1/27/23; CQ, [1/27/23](#)]

- **D’Esposito Voted Against An Amendment The Strategic Production Response Act To Prohibit Leasing By Contributors To Oil And Gas Price-Gouging.** In January 2023, D’Esposito voted against: “Bowman, D-N.Y., amendment no. 92 that would prohibit the oil and gas leasing plan required by the bill from authorizing the participation, including in any lease auction, of any corporation or entity that the Energy Department determines to have contributed to oil and gas price-gouging in 2022.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 201-229. [H.R. 21, [Vote #88](#), 1/27/23; CQ, [1/27/23](#)]

D’Esposito Took Votes That Jeopardized American Disaster Response Capabilities And As A Councilman Introduced Legislation That Could Hurt Post-Hurricane Economic Recovery

D’Esposito Voted For A Republican Continuing Resolution That Failed To Support America’s Natural Disaster Recovery Capabilities

D’Esposito Voted For A Continuing Resolution With Republican Riders That Would Enact A 30% Nearly Cut Across The Entire Government

D’Esposito Voted For A Continuing Resolution With Republican Riders And Nearly 30% Cuts Across The Government. In September 2023, D’Esposito voted for: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would provide funding for federal government operations and services through Oct. 31, 2023, with a 29.9 percent cut from fiscal 2023 levels for most programs. It would fund veterans’ programs, the Department of Homeland Security, national security programs and disaster assistance at full fiscal 2023 levels. It would also implement nearly all provisions of House Republicans’ border security and immigration bill (HR 2), which the House passed in May 2023. It would provide an increase in funding for the Defense Department at rates set forth in House Republicans’ fiscal 2024 defense appropriations bill (HR 4365), which would provide for a 3.6 percent funding increase over fiscal 2023. It would also provide funding increases for the Agriculture Department and provide an additional \$220 million above fiscal 2023 levels for Energy Department nuclear programs. Among its border security and immigration provisions, it would require DHS, within seven days of enactment, to resume all activities related to “border wall” construction on the U.S.-Mexico border that were underway or planned prior to Jan. 20, 2021; require DHS to reopen or restore, no later than Sept. 30, 2023, the use of all Immigration and Customs Enforcement detention facilities that were in operation on Jan. 20, 2021; and require DHS to return all unaccompanied children to their country of origin, regardless of whether they are from a contiguous country to the U.S. In addition to provisions of HR 2, it would place limitations on the use of DHS funding provided by the bill, including prohibitions on removing existing U.S.-Mexico border barriers, transporting inadmissible adults into the U.S., and the use of Customs and Border Protection’s “CBP One” app to facilitate the parole of an individual into the U.S. It also would prohibit the use of funds provided by the bill to initiate or resume any project or activity not funded during fiscal 2023 and would establish a congressional fiscal commission tasked with identifying policies to “improve the fiscal situation.” The bill was rejected by a vote of 198-232. [H.R. 5525, [Vote #511](#), 9/29/23; CQ, [9/29/23](#)]

The Continuing Resolution Would Jeopardize American Natural Disaster Response Readiness

The Continuing Resolution Jeopardized FEMA’s Readiness To Respond To Natural Disaster By Not

Addressing The Call For Additional Disaster Relief Funds To Solve Existing Shortfalls Within The Agency.

“With the introduction of this even more unreasonable Continuing Resolution, House Republicans are still more focused on introducing extreme funding bills than working on a bipartisan solution that could be enacted. Their funding bill would only keep the government open until October 31, 2023. This deadline guarantees Congress will need to pass another Continuing Resolution (CR) and means that either House Republicans will slash critical resources again at the end of October or the dangerous cuts in this extreme bill will be in place until Congress is able to pass all 12 full-year bills. [...] Failing to support communities recovering from natural disasters. In the midst of hurricane season and with several response and recovery efforts to major disasters underway, this bill harms FEMA’s readiness by failing to address the urgent need for additional Disaster Relief Funds to address existing shortfalls and respond to future unknown disasters.” [House Committee on Appropriations, Ranking Member Rosa DeLauro, accessed [1/23/24](#)]

As A Councilman, D’Esposito Introduced A Resolution That Would Limit Backyard Boat Docks, An Unpopular Measure That Jeopardized A Key Source Of Income For Homes Affected By Hurricanes Sandy And Irene

D’Esposito Proposed A Law To Ban The Renting Of Dock Space On Shoreside Residential Properties

May 2018: D’Esposito Proposed A Law To Ban The Renting Of Dock Space On Shoreside Residential Properties. “Residents of waterfront communities, including Oceanside and Island Park, criticized a proposed law, which would ban the practice of renting out dock space on shoreside residential properties, at a May 22 Hempstead Town Board meeting. [...] The proposed law was introduced at a May 11 news conference in Bellmore hosted by Town Councilman Anthony D’Esposito, which Town Supervisor Laura Gillen said at the meeting was the first time she had heard of it. D’Esposito maintained that the measure was not intended to penalize homeowners with multiple boats docked in their backyards, but rather to crack down on the practice of operating unregulated marinas on residential property.” [LI Herald, [6/6/18](#)]

- **Town Supervisor Laura Gillen Criticized The Legislation, Saying It “Was Clearly Rushed And Crafted In Secret Without Any Community Input.”** “The proposed law was introduced at a May 11 news conference in Bellmore hosted by Town Councilman Anthony D’Esposito, which Town Supervisor Laura Gillen said at the meeting was the first time she had heard of it. D’Esposito maintained that the measure was not intended to penalize homeowners with multiple boats docked in their backyards, but rather to crack down on the practice of operating unregulated marinas on residential property. [...] Responding to the confusion, D’Esposito admitted that the law could be reworked, and agreed to hold hearings on it and postpone the vote. The council unanimously agreed to table the discussion, and responding to resident requests, Gillen said she would consider holding a nighttime hearing at a later date so more people could attend. Afterward she issued a statement critical of D’Esposito and the legislation, which, she said ‘was clearly rushed and crafted in secret without any community input.’ She added, ‘Any new proposal that hurts working-class families — many still rebounding from Hurricane Sandy — will not have my support.’” [LI Herald, [6/6/18](#)]

Residents Said The Law Would Lead To The Loss Of A Source Of Income Especially For Families Affected By Hurricanes Sandy And Irene

Resident Fredi Vuckovic: “When You Put In This Law, You Will Get Rid Of Ten Thousand People That Can’t Take Care Of Their Families On Beautiful Long Island.” FREDI VUCKOVIC: A guy having his family come and enjoy the waterways, now, when you put in this law, you will get rid of ten thousand people that can’t take care of their families on beautiful Long Island.” [Town of Hempstead, Meeting Verbatim, [5/22/18](#)]

Residents Said Boat Slips Were “A Lifeblood Of Income” To Help Them “Recover Financially From The Devastation Of 2011’s Hurricane Irene And 2012’s Hurricane Sandy.” “The town of Hempstead, New York, at least for the near future, is allowing the continuation of boating as usual. But a late May meeting of the Town Board in this southern Long Island community brought extensive media attention, making Hempstead the latest

battleground in America between boaters who have long had private slips and lawmakers who want to regulate them. [...] ‘This affects a lot of people’s livelihood,’ one resident said. ‘You act like dictators there that think you can get away with anything you want, and unless people come down en masse, you don’t respond.’ Several residents said they’re still trying to recover financially from the devastation of 2011’s Hurricane Irene and 2012’s Hurricane Sandy, and that renting boat slips behind their properties is a lifeblood of income.” [LI Herald, [6/6/18](#)]

Resident Lisa Panella Said That Waterfront Homes’ “Taxes Increased Tremendously” In The Near Past, Leading To Financial Issues For Her And Other Homeowners. LISA PANELLA: “Okay, we have been living there for thirteen years. Waterfront homes have decreased tremendously but our taxes increased tremendously and we deserve a break.” [Town of Hempstead, Meeting Verbatim, [5/22/18](#)]

- **Panella Said That The Town Cannot “Take Away [Her] Rights” To Boat Slips After Her And Others’ “Homes Were Destroyed By Sandy.”** LISA PANELLA: “Lisa Panella, Oceanside, New York. I am a waterfront homeowner and I get the understanding of the adjournment. [...] Um, there are thousands of homes, waterfront homes in Nassau County with three hundred complaints that is not - - (Whereupon, applause from the audience was heard. After, the following ensued.) Kind of come in, take away our rights that we have had for one hundred years and decided this is what you are going to do after being - - our homes were destroyed by Sandy.” [Town of Hempstead, Meeting Verbatim, [5/22/18](#)]




Homeowners Criticized The Measure And Characterized It Was “Government Outreach Harmful To The Livelihoods Of Families Still Recovering From Hurricane Sandy.” “Residents of waterfront communities, including Oceanside and Island Park, criticized a proposed law, which would ban the practice of renting out dock space on shoreside residential properties, at a May 22 Hempstead Town Board meeting. Homeowners blasted the measure, characterizing it as government overreach harmful to the livelihoods of families still recovering from Hurricane Sandy. They also cited confusion over the resolution, asking for a public hearing on the matter before the town board considered its passage.” [LI Herald, [6/6/18](#)]

Despite Claiming 9/11 Victim Compensation Was A Key Issue, D’Esposito Closely Allied Himself To Speaker Johnson, Who Questioned The Fiscal Implications Of Reauthorizing Funding For The 9/11 Victim Compensation Fund

D’Esposito Repeatedly Stated His Commitment To Compensation For 9/11 Victims

D’Esposito Said He Would “Always Advocate” For First Responder Communities, Including Safeguarding The World Trade Center Health Program. “I will ALWAYS advocate for #NY04’s first responder community in the halls of Congress — that includes safeguarding the federal @WTCHealthPrgm to ensure those who ran into harm’s way to save others on 9/11 have the healthcare they need.” [Anthony D’Esposito, Twitter, [10/21/23](#)]

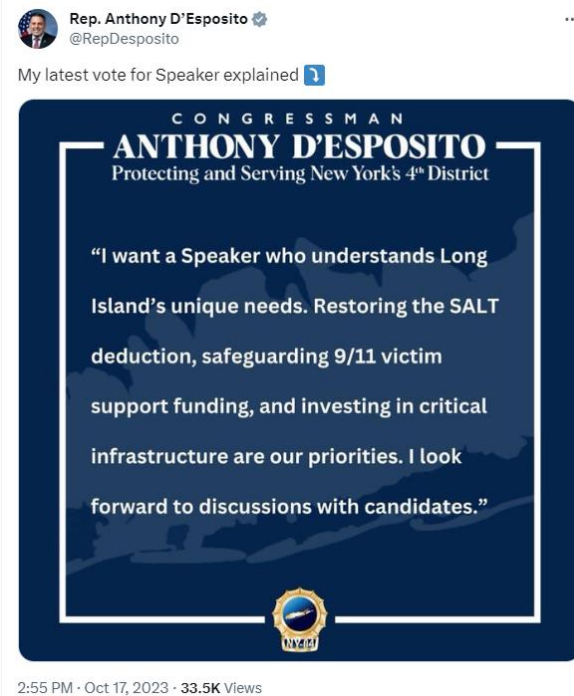


D'Esposito Said He Spoke To Constituents About “Providing Enhanced 9/11 First Responder Healthcare Funding” During His TeleTownhall. “Spoke directly to #NY04 neighbors during my #TeleTownhall about my priorities in Congress, including.  Protecting Social Security, Medicare, & Medicaid.  Eliminating the current #SALT cap.  Providing enhanced 9/11 first responder healthcare funding. ...and much more.” [Rep. D'Esposito, Twitter, [4/4/23](#)]



D'Esposito: “Restoring The SALT Deduction, Safeguarding 9/11 Victim Support Funding, And Investing In Critical Infrastructure Are Our Priorities.” “Rep. Anthony D'Esposito outlined his logic in voting for Zeldin in a statement. ‘I want a Speaker who understands Long Island's unique needs,’ D'Esposito said. ‘Restoring the SALT deduction, safeguarding 9/11 victim support funding, and investing in critical infrastructure are our priorities. I look forward to discussions with candidates.’” [Long Island Press, [10/20/23](#)]

D'Esposito Said He Wanted To Elect A Speaker Who Prioritized “Restoring The SALT Deduction, Safeguarding 9/11 Victim Support Funding, And Investing In Critical Infrastructure.” [Rep. Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, [10/17/23](#)]



[Rep. Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, [10/17/23](#)]

LaLota, D'Esposito, And Garbarino Issued A Joint Statement Stating Their Prioritization Of 9/11 Healthcare Funding. [Rep. Nick LaLota, Twitter, [10/19/23](#)]



[Rep. Nick LaLota, Twitter, [10/19/23](#)]

Johnson Questioned The Financial Implications Of The 9/11 Victim Compensation Fund And Defended Members Of Congress Who Did Not Attend The Hearing

Johnson Questioned The Financial Implications Of The 9/11 Victim Compensation Fund And Said The Program Must Be Funded In A Way That Funds For Future First Responders Is Available

VIDEO: In His Opening Remarks At A Subcommittee Hearing On The Need To Reauthorize The September 11th Victim Compensation Fund, Johnson Said He Supported The September 11th Victim Compensation Fund “In A Manner That Is Fair To Everyone.” JOHNSON: “After 9/11, a federally funded program was created to compensate and pay medical expenses for those who developed respiratory and other illnesses related primarily to the rehabilitation of the site of the former World Trade Center. Payments made from the fund are administered by a special master who has announced that the fund is running out of money and with some current and future claims that are yet unpaid. That fund was authorized in the manner in which all Federal programs should be authorized, namely for a limited duration within which time Congress is able to periodically revisit the program's operation and fiscal solvency before potentially reauthorizing and funding it further as it goes forward into the future. The special master who runs this program and who is with us here today is a very well regarded public servant, and I am aware of no problems with the program's Administration. We have a lot of confidence in this program. So, I support reauthorizing the program in a manner that is fair to everyone. This is unquestionably the right thing to do, and I expect that this bill will pass with broad bipartisan support.” [U.S. Government Publishing Office, The Need to Reauthorize the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund Hearing Before the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Justice of the Committee on the Judiciary, 8:12, [6/11/19](#)] (VIDEO)

- **Johnson Continued To Say That “The Only Concern We Have Here” Is That The Proposal To Reauthorize The Program “Creates An Unlimited Authorization For Appropriations For The Fund” Until 2090.** JOHNSON: “The only concern we have here, and you will hear people talk about it, is just the latest proposal to reauthorize the program, H.R. 1327, creates an unlimited authorization for appropriations for the fund and extends it until the year 2090. The Congressional Budget Office isn't able to determine the cost of such an extended program. Of course, its rules limit it to predicting costs just 10 years out.” [U.S. Government Publishing Office, The Need to Reauthorize the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund Hearing Before the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Justice of the Committee on the Judiciary, 9:37, [6/11/19](#)] (VIDEO)
- **Johnson: “We Have To Approach The Reauthorization Of This Fund Today ... In A Way Capable Of Making Future Funds Available For Future Heroes As Well.”** JOHNSON: “Our objective, of course, is fairness to all. By all, we mean all Americans, including first responders nationwide who have heeded the call to service through the smoldering remains of terrorist attacks but also through the dense wildfire smoke of California and the wreckage following a Kansas tornado and the floods in Louisiana and all other disasters and tragedies everywhere. We have to approach the reauthorization of this fund today in the same way we would approach any fund designed to compensate first responders nationwide and other similar circumstances in a way capable of making future funds available for future heroes as well.” [U.S. Government Publishing Office, The Need to Reauthorize the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund Hearing Before the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Justice of the Committee on the Judiciary, 10:13, [6/11/19](#)] (VIDEO)

VIDEO: Johnson Said That The Fund Was A “Top Priority” But That Members Of Congress Needed To Know The “Ultimate Number” Of What It Would Cost. JOHNSON: “The only question is, if we authorize it to 2090, do we have any idea what that is going to cost. Just because we need to know because we are doing budgeting, not because it is not the top priority and should be, Jon. We are just saying, to be good fiscal stewards of all this, do we even have an idea of what that ultimate number might be. I will leave it--that is the final question. Ms. Bhattacharyya. You know, the problem is, I think as Dr. Moline has described, there is no way for us to know how many people were exposed. CBO originally estimated somewhere between 685 and 500,000 people. There is

no way for us to know how many of those exposed will actually get sick, partly because of the latency periods associated with cancer. So, unfortunately, we have not been able to make those projections beyond December 18, 2020. Mr. Johnson of Louisiana. I just want to say, even if it is--I am done, Mr. Chairman. I am out of time. Even if it is an astronomical number, it is a responsibility of the government. We know that. The question is, can we just figure out what that number is, and that is it." [U.S. Government Publishing Office, The Need to Reauthorize the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund Hearing Before the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Justice of the Committee on the Judiciary, 1:48:58, [6/11/19](#)] (VIDEO)

Johnson Defended His Fellow Members Of Congress Who Did Not Attend The Meeting After Jon Stewart Called The Nearly Empty Showing "An Embarrassment"

VIDEO: Jon Stewart Began His Remarks By Pointing Out That 9/11 Survivors Undergoing Serious Illnesses Were Speaking Before A "Nearly Empty Congress," Calling It "An Embarrassment." JON STEWART: "Mr. Stewart. I want to thank Mr. Collins and Mr. Nadler for putting this together, but as I sit here today, I can't help but think what an incredible metaphor this room is for the entire process that getting healthcare and benefits for 9/11 first responders have come to: Behind me, a filled room of 9/11 first responders; and in front of me, a nearly empty Congress. Sick and dying, they brought themselves down here to speak--to no one. It is shameful. It is an embarrassment to the country, and it is a stain on this institution. You should be ashamed of yourselves, for those that aren't here, but you won't be, because accountability doesn't appear to be something that occurs in this chamber." [U.S. Government Publishing Office, The Need to Reauthorize the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund Hearing Before the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Justice of the Committee on the Judiciary, 1:28:51, [6/11/19](#)] (VIDEO)

VIDEO: Johnson Said He "Would Not Interpret Some Of The Empty Chairs" In The Room As "Indifference" Of Members Of Congress Towards 9/11 Survivors. "Mr. Johnson of Louisiana. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank all of you. There are too few issues today that draw everybody in Congress together. This is one of them. Mr. Stewart, what you said is exactly right. I would not interpret some of the empty chairs as indifference. By virtue of its jurisdiction, this is a Subcommittee of House Judiciary. If it were the full committee, you would have many more Members here. Because we are a subcommittee, sometimes the scheduling gets crossed with other larger full Committee hearings. Some of them are there this morning and they send their regrets. We are going to make them all watch this tape, because the testimony was so compelling. I have been in politics a while. I can't recall being so moved by testimony as I was today. I cried through most of this. All of us did. It is just incomprehensible, what the terrorists did to our Nation and the harm that it continues to inflict." [U.S. Government Publishing Office, The Need to Reauthorize the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund Hearing Before the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Justice of the Committee on the Judiciary, [6/11/19](#)] (VIDEO)

VIDEO: Johnson Said Attendance Was Low Because The Hearing Was For A Subcommittee, Rather Than A Full Committee, And That Subcommittee Leadership Would Make Members Who Missed The Hearing Watch It. "Mr. Johnson of Louisiana. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank all of you. There are too few issues today that draw everybody in Congress together. This is one of them. Mr. Stewart, what you said is exactly right. I would not interpret some of the empty chairs as indifference. By virtue of its jurisdiction, this is a Subcommittee of House Judiciary. If it were the full committee, you would have many more Members here. Because we are a subcommittee, sometimes the scheduling gets crossed with other larger full Committee hearings. Some of them are there this morning and they send their regrets. We are going to make them all watch this tape, because the testimony was so compelling. I have been in politics a while. I can't recall being so moved by testimony as I was today. I cried through most of this. All of us did. It is just incomprehensible, what the terrorists did to our Nation and the harm that it continues to inflict." [U.S. Government Publishing Office, The Need to Reauthorize the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund Hearing Before the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Justice of the Committee on the Judiciary, 1:44:26, [6/11/19](#)] (VIDEO)

D'Esposito Took Multiple Votes To Cut Funding For Nutritional Services For Hundreds Of Thousands Of New Yorkers And Food Stamps For Thousands Of Residents In D'Esposito's District

D'Esposito Voted For A Republican Continuing Resolution That Would Cut Funding For Nutrition Services, Affecting Hundreds Of Thousands Of Women And Children In New York

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- **D'Esposito Voted To Block Consideration For A Bipartisan Continuing Resolution To Prevent A Government Shutdown.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Reschenthaler, R-Pa. motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment)." According to the Congressional Record, Rep. McGovern said, "Madam Speaker, I am urging that we defeat the previous question, and if we do, I will offer an amendment to the rule for swift consideration of the Senate's bipartisan continuing resolution to fund the government after they send it to the House." A vote *for the motion* was a vote to block consideration of the bill. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 217-207. [H.Res. 741, [Vote #508](#), 9/29/23; CQ, [9/29/23](#); Congressional Record, [9/29/23](#)]

The Continuing Resolution Would Have Cut Funding For All Government Programs By 29.9%, With Exceptions For U.S. Defense, Department Of Veterans Affairs, And Disaster Relief Programs. "Passage of the bill, as amended, that would provide funding for federal government operations and services through Oct. 31, 2023, with a 29.9 percent cut from fiscal 2023 levels for most programs [...] It would provide an increase in funding for the Defense Department at rates set forth in House Republicans' fiscal 2024 defense appropriations bill (HR 4365), which would provide for a 3.6 percent funding increase over fiscal 2023. It would also provide funding increases for the Agriculture Department and provide an additional \$220 million above fiscal 2023 levels for Energy Department nuclear programs." [H.R. 5525, CQ, [9/29/23](#)]

D'Esposito Criticized Democrats For Voting Against The Continuing Resolution, Claiming They Were Voting Against “Securing Our Border And Reigning In Spending”

9/29/23: On Twitter, D'Esposito Criticized Democrats For Voting Against “Reigning In Spending.” “You do realize that every Democrat in the House voted against keeping the government open today, right? Oh, they also voted against securing our border and reigning in spending. But don’t let facts get in your way.” [Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, [9/29/23](#)]



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The Continuing Resolution Would Cut Funding For The Women Infants And Children Program By 30 Percent, Jeopardizing The Food Source Of Over 120,000 New Yorkers

The Continuing Resolution Would Cut Funding For The Special Supplement Nutrition Program For Women, Infants, And Children (WIC) By 30%. “With the introduction of this even more unreasonable Continuing Resolution, House Republicans are still more focused on introducing extreme funding bills than working on a bipartisan solution that could be enacted. Their funding bill would only keep the government open until October 31, 2023. This deadline guarantees Congress will need to pass another Continuing Resolution (CR) and means that either House Republicans will slash critical resources again at the end of October or the dangerous cuts in this extreme bill will be in place until Congress is able to pass all 12 full-year bills. [...] Taking food out of the mouths of children, families, and seniors. “With the sharp increase in caseload, the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) has barely half of the resources it needs to keep feeding people. The program needs a 32 percent increase. Instead, House Republicans are cutting it by 30 percent. Other nutrition services, such as Meals on Wheels, would also be cut for more than 1 million seniors.”[House Committee on Appropriations, Ranking Member Rosa DeLauro, accessed [1/23/24](#)]

January 2024: According To The U.S. Department Of Agriculture, 433,105 New Yorkers Were Enrolled In The WIC Program. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, New York had 433,105 enrollees in the WIC program as of January 2024. This was a 5.4% Year Over Year increase from January 2023, when New York had 410,721 enrollees. [Department of Agriculture, WIC Program: Total Participation, [4/12/24](#)]

- **30% Of 433,105 Was 129,931.5.**

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The Continuing Resolution Would Cut Funding For The Food Safety And Inspection Service, Leading To The Closing Of Food Production Plants And A Subsequent Rise In Food Prices. “With the introduction of this even more unreasonable Continuing Resolution, House Republicans are still more focused on introducing extreme funding bills than working on a bipartisan solution that could be enacted. Their funding bill would only keep the government open until October 31, 2023. This deadline guarantees Congress will need to pass another Continuing Resolution (CR) and means that either House Republicans will slash critical resources again at the end of October or the dangerous cuts in this extreme bill will be in place until Congress is able to pass all 12 full-year bills. [...] Raising the costs of food by threatening food safety and supply. House Republicans are threatening public health by cutting Food Safety and Inspection Service by 30 percent. This cut makes our meat and poultry less safe to consume. Plants that produce these products provide jobs in rural communities. Without adequate federal inspection staffing, plants will be statutorily required to close or reduce operating hours, thus hurting workers’ paychecks, reducing the meat and poultry supply, and raising the cost of food.” [House Committee on Appropriations, Ranking Member Rosa DeLauro, accessed [1/23/24](#)]

D’Esposito Voted For The Republican Debt Limit Bill, Which Would Cut Food Stamps For Thousands Of Residents In D’Esposito’s District

D’Esposito Voted For The Republican Debt Limit Bill, Which Enacted A 22% Cut Across The Federal Government

D’Esposito Voted For Suspending The Debt Limit Through March 2024 Or Until \$1.5 Trillion Has Been Reached And Capping Federal Spending For FY 2024 At 2022 Levels With A Capped 1% Per Year Growth. In April 2023, D’Esposito voted for: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would suspend the statutory limit on federal debt through March 31, 2024, or until an additional \$1.5 trillion has been borrowed — whichever occurs first. It would also include a range of provisions to limit federal spending, as well as the text of a previously passed energy and permitting policy package. The bill would set base discretionary spending limits through fiscal 2033, capping spending for fiscal 2024 at the fiscal 2022 level of \$1.47 trillion — a reduction from current spending levels — and raising the cap by 1 percent annually through fiscal 2033. It would also include similar annual cap adjustments for specified programs, including for wildfire suppression, disability reviews and redeterminations, health care fraud and abuse control, and disaster reemployment services and eligibility assessments. The bill would rescind unobligated amounts from various funds provided by the fiscal 2022 reconciliation package (PL 117-169) for COVID-19 relief, IRS enforcement, and certain climate- and infrastructure-focused initiatives, as well as all unobligated funding from the March 2021 coronavirus relief reconciliation package (PL 117-2) and earlier coronavirus response laws. The bill would expand or establish work requirements for Medicaid beneficiaries aged 19 to 55 and raise from 49 to 55 the oldest age at which existing work requirements would apply for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program beneficiaries. It would also modify various work standards for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program, including to update the baseline for calculating certain state workforce participation standards and require states to collect certain data related to work outcomes for TANF participants. To limit regulatory spending, the bill would nullify pending executive actions suspending student loan payments and prohibit the Education Department from implementing any substantially similar actions without congressional approval. It would also establish a process to require congressional approval of all “major” federal rules that would have an annual impact of at least \$100 million, cause a major increase in prices, or cause significant adverse effects to economic competitiveness. Among energy- and climate-focused provisions, the bill would repeal, phase out or

narrow a variety of climate-focused tax credits under the fiscal 2022 reconciliation package, including repealing new credits for solar and wind projects, sustainable aviation fuel and clean fuel production. It would also include the full text of the House-passed energy and permitting package (HR 1) that would require a number of actions to boost the domestic production of fossil fuels and certain critical minerals and accelerate the construction of natural gas pipelines and other energy infrastructure, while reversing or repealing certain presidential actions taken and laws enacted during the Biden administration related to energy policy and climate change.” The bill passed by a vote of 217-215. [H.R. 2811, [Vote #199](#), 4/26/23; CQ, [4/26/23](#)]

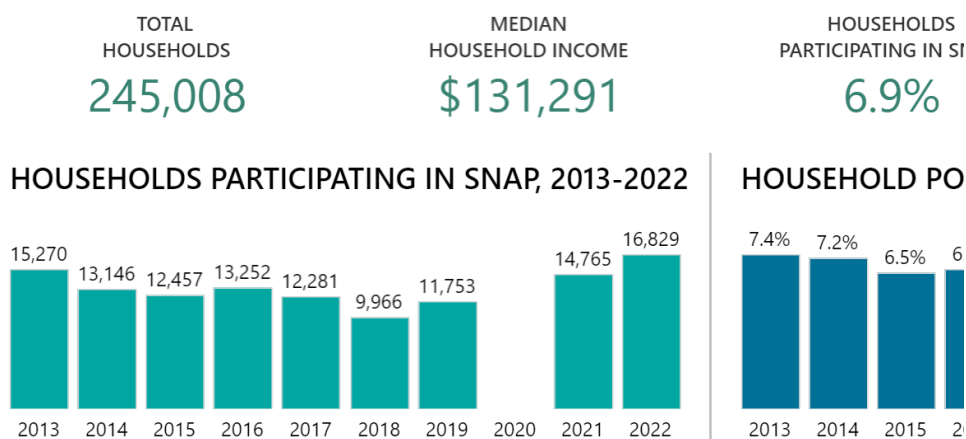
The House Republican Debt Limit Plan Was Expected To Force 22% In Cuts Across The Federal Government. “The legislation Congressional Republicans introduced sets overall appropriations for Fiscal Year 2024 at the same level as FY 2022. At this level, all appropriated funding—including both defense and domestic programs—would be cut deeply. However, Congressional Republicans have indicated that they are not willing to cut defense funding at all, which means that everything else in annual appropriations—from cancer research, to education, to veterans’ health care—would be cut by much more. The math is simple, but unforgiving. At their proposed topline funding level—and with defense funding left untouched as Republicans have proposed—everything else is forced to suffer enormous cuts. In fact, their bill would force a cut of 22 percent—cuts that would grow deeper and deeper with each year of their plan.” [The White House, [4/20/23](#)]

A 22% Cut To Federal Food Stamps Would Acutely Affect D’Esposito’s District, With Approximately 3,700 Households Losing Access To Food Stamps

The Republican Debt Limit Plan Was Expected To Cause Hundreds Of Thousands Of Americans To Lose Access To Food Stamps. “House Republicans passed a debt ceiling bill last week with a provision to enact new work requirements for those seeking federal assistance, claiming the measure would help cut federal spending. The Congressional Budget Office (CBO), a nonpartisan agency, said last week that the stricter work requirements proposed by the House GOP would reduce federal spending by \$120 billion over the next decade, a small portion of the roughly \$4.8 trillion in savings the bill would generate. About 600,000 Americans would lose health insurance, while about 275,000 Americans a month would lose access to food stamps, the CBO said.” [Time, [5/1/23](#)]

2022: According To The U.S. Department Of Agriculture, 16,829 Households From New York’s 4th Congressional District Participated In The Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP). [U.S. Department of Agriculture, SNAP Community Characteristics: Congressional District Dashboard, accessed [5/6/24](#)]

Snapshot: Congressional District 4 (118th Congress), New York



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- **SNAP Was Previously Known As The Food Stamps Program.** “The District of Columbia’s (District)

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) (formerly known as Food Stamps) helps low-income individuals and families by providing monthly benefits to purchase food. SNAP benefits are provided on an Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) card, that is used as a debit card. EBT cards are accepted at most grocery stores, some farmers' markets, convenience, big box stores, and some online stores. SNAP benefits generally cannot be used to buy prepared foods, vitamins, alcohol/tobacco, and non-food items (like soap or toothpaste)." [D.C. Department of Human Services, accessed [5/6/24](#)]

- 22% Of 16,829 Was 3,702.89.

D'Esposito Took Votes That Threatened Jobs In The Infrastructure Sector And Stopped The Promotion Of Jobs In The Energy Industry

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The Continuing Resolution Would Cut Assistance From The Small Business Administration For More Than 25,000 New York Small Businesses According To An Estimate

New York Housed Over 6.6% Of All Small Business In The United States, Indicating That Over 25,000 New York Small Businesses Would No Longer Receive Assistance From The Small Business Administration

2023: According To The U.S. Small Business Administration's Office Of Advocacy, New York Contained 2.2 Million Small Businesses. [Small Business Administration, New York- 2023 Small Business Profile, accessed [5/6/24](#)]

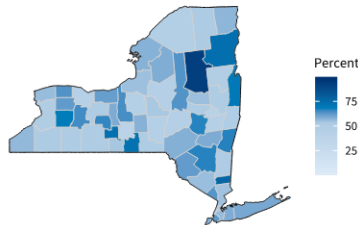
2023 Small Business Profile

U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
OFFICE OF ADVOCACY
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New York

2.2 million small businesses
99.8 percent of New York businesses

4.1 million small business employees
47.1 percent of New York employees



Share of employees working at small businesses by county
Source of original data: [Statistics of US Businesses](#) (Census)

[Small Business Administration, New York- 2023 Small Business Profile, accessed [5/6/24](#)]

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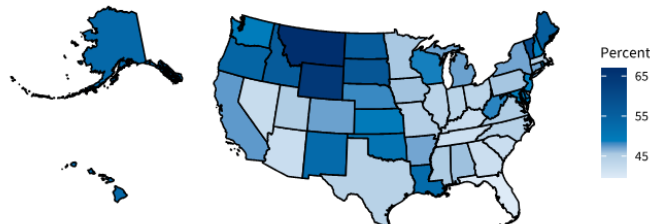
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Share of employees working at small businesses by state
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- **6.61% Of 33.3 Million Was 2.2 Million.**

The Republican Continuing Resolution Would Cut Small Business Administration’s Entrepreneurial Development Programs By 30%, Causing An Estimated 26,000 Fewer New York Small Businesses To Get Assistance

The Republican Continuing Resolution Would Cut Small Business Administration’s Entrepreneurial Development Programs By 30%, Causing 400,000 Fewer Small Businesses To Get Assistance. “With the introduction of this even more unreasonable Continuing Resolution, House Republicans are still more focused on introducing extreme funding bills than working on a bipartisan solution that could be enacted. Their funding bill would only keep the government open until October 31, 2023. This deadline guarantees Congress will need to pass another Continuing Resolution (CR) and means that either House Republicans will slash critical resources again at

the end of October or the dangerous cuts in this extreme bill will be in place until Congress is able to pass all 12 full-year bills. [...] Turning their backs on America's small businesses. The Small Business Administration (SBA), Entrepreneurial Development Programs would be cut by 30 percent. This means approximately 400,000 fewer small businesses would be assisted. This would have a significant impact on underserved communities such as Veterans, Women, and Native American entrepreneurs." [House Committee on Appropriations, Ranking Member Rosa DeLauro, accessed [1/23/24](#)]

- **Entrepreneurial Development Programs Included Entrepreneurship Education And The Expansion Of Broadband Service Delivery Networks.** "The Office of Entrepreneurial Development (OED) oversees a network of programs and services that support the training and counseling needs of small business. It is the U.S. Small Business Administration's (SBA) technical assistance arm with resource partners located throughout the country. Programs and services within OED's network include: Small Business Development Centers (SBDCs) – A broadband service delivery network of 63 lead centers and more than 900 service centers designed to make a significant, strategic investment in building and enhancing local economies within the United States. Women's Business Centers (WBCs) – With more than 100 locations, WBCs promote the growth of women-owned businesses through programs that address business training and technical assistance, and provide access to credit and capital, federal contracts, and international trade opportunities. Entrepreneurship Education – The Office of Entrepreneurship Education (OEE) administers programs and activities designed to provide information, education, and training to prospective and existing small business owners." [Small Business Administration, Office of Entrepreneurial Development, accessed [5/6/24](#)]
- **6.6% Of 400,000 Was 26,400.**

The Continuing Resolution Derailed Approvals For Infrastructure And Energy Projects And Threatened Jobs And Economic Growth Associated With The Projects

The Republican Continuing Resolution Would Derail Approvals For Infrastructure And Energy Projects, Threatening The Jobs And Economic Growth Promised Through Those Projects. "With the introduction of this even more unreasonable Continuing Resolution, House Republicans are still more focused on introducing extreme funding bills than working on a bipartisan solution that could be enacted. Their funding bill would only keep the government open until October 31, 2023. This deadline guarantees Congress will need to pass another Continuing Resolution (CR) and means that either House Republicans will slash critical resources again at the end of October or the dangerous cuts in this extreme bill will be in place until Congress is able to pass all 12 full-year bills. [...] Curtailing mineral and energy development impacting jobs and local economies. A reduction of 30 percent would impact onshore oil and gas operations and inspections for the roughly 34,400 Federal onshore oil and gas leases and the roughly 30,000 inspections done across 32 States. This would increase public safety and health risks and delay work needed to maintain oil and gas programs. It would also derail permitting for energy and other infrastructure and renewable energy projects bringing the associated jobs and economic growth to a standstill." [House Committee on Appropriations, Ranking Member Rosa DeLauro, accessed [1/23/24](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Stop The Military Construction-VA Appropriations Bill From Promoting Jobs In Clean Energy Industries

D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To The Military Construction-VA Appropriations Bill To Ban Funds From The Bill From Being Used To Promote Clean Energy Industries And Jobs. In July 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Zinke, R-Mont., amendment no. 41 that would bar the use of funds provided by the bill to implement the December 2021 Biden administration executive order regarding the promotion of clean energy industries and jobs." The amendment was adopted by a vote of 222-212. [H.R. 4366, [Vote #378](#), 7/26/23; CQ, [7/26/23](#)]

Key Visuals

Video

Trump

VIDEO: D'Esposito: "I Would Say That Donald Trump Will Be The Nominee And I Will Be Supportive Of Whoever The Republican Nominee Is." HOST: "Since we were just talking about Donald Trump, where do you stand on him right now? Do you think he's essentially the presumptive nominee?" D'ESPOSITO: "I would say that Donald Trump will be the nominee and I will be supportive of whoever the Republican nominee is." [NewsNation via YouTube, 0:20, uploaded [1/18/24](#)] (VIDEO)

VIDEO: When Asked About Trump's Characterization Of Migrants As "Poisoning The Blood Of Our Country" – A Phrase Hitler Used Repeatedly – D'Esposito Called It "Perhaps Not The Best Choice Of Words." BURNETT: "I want to ask you one other question tonight, about former President Trump. He's coming under fire for making anti-immigrant comments in an interview. Some of this comes and echoes language used by white supremacists. I want to play for you what he said." [BEGIN VIDEO CLIP] TRUMP: "Nobody has ever seen anything like we are witnessing right now. It is a very sad thing for our country. It's poisoning the blood of our country. It's so bad. And people are coming in with disease, people are coming in with every possible thing that you can have." [END VIDEO CLIP] BURNETT: "Just to be clear, Congressman, the specific reference to poisoning the blood, blood poisoning was a phrase that was used repeatedly by Hitler, very specifically, blood poisoning. So, what's this -- what's your reaction when you hear this sort of language? What he said, altogether, from the former president?" D'ESPOSITO: "Well, perhaps not the best choice of words. But, I believe that what we are seeing at the southern border is unprecedented I think that we need now seen across this country Democrats and Republicans. I mean, look at -- look at New York, for example. I mean, the mayor has flat out said that what's happening at the southern border is going to destroy New York City." [CNN via internet archive, 0:00, archived [10/6/23](#)]

January 6th

VIDEO: When Asked If What Happened On January 6th Concerned Him, D'Esposito Said, "I Am Confident

That The United States Of America Is The Greatest Democracy.” HARLOW: “So you're not concerned about what happened on January 6 and what could have happened if Mike Pence didn't do what he did in terms of certifying the vote? None of that concerns you? Just talk about it.” D’ESPOSITO: “Right now, it --” HARLOW: “Yeah, go ahead.” D’ESPOSITO: “Yeah. Right now, it is -- right now, it is clear we have record debt, we have record spending. Our border is wide open. Communities are less safe than they were before. And it is -- it is very clear -- it is very clear --” HARLOW: “I know. They're all issues but that's not what I asked you. I asked you about preserving democracy.” D’ESPOSITO: “-- that Joe Biden is the President of the United States. And I am confident that the United States of America is the greatest democracy in the country and there will people -- there are people that will continue to fight for that democracy.” HARLOW: “Congressman Anthony D’Esposito, we'll watch the hearing today. Thank you for joining us.” [CNN via internet archive, 0:15, archived [12/5/23](#)] (VIDEO)

Santos

VIDEO: D’Esposito Said “We Are Going To Send D’Esposito And Santos To Washington D.C.” D’Esposito uploaded a video to his Facebook account where he said “from democrat to republican, we are going to send D’Esposito and Santos to Washington D.C. and we are going to pry that gavel right from the hands of Nancy Pelosi.” He captioned the video “Our team is ready to #WIN in #NY04 and #FlipTheHouse on Election Day! We have the chance to fight rising crime, end out of control inflation, and prevent ‘Defund the Police’ advocates like Laura Gillen from enacting their radical agenda in Washington.” [Anthony D’Esposito, Facebook, 0:00 [11/3/22](#)] (VIDEO)

VIDEO: When Asked About His Thoughts On The Congressional Races In New York, D’Esposito Said Cairo Assembled A “Great Team” In Nassau County. HOST: “There were a number of statewide races that defied the odds that the GOP picked up in the house and even came within striking distance when you look at the Governor’s race, something that has been unheard of in the empire state in decades. What are your thoughts on the New York races this year?” D’ESPOSITO: “Listen we had a lot of good victories especially here in Nassau county. Chairman Cairo put together a great team and we delivered... uh victories, flipping senate seats. And listen, Lee Zeldin ran a fantastic campaign.” [Newsmax via YouTube, 1:40, uploaded [11/12/22](#)] (VIDEO)

- **New York’s Third Congressional District Contained Parts Of Nassau County.** “The first ballots in a closely watched New York special election were cast on Saturday, for the first day of early voting. New York’s 3rd Congressional district covers parts of Queens and Nassau County. Democrat Tom Suozzi, who previously represented the area before George Santos, is looking to win back the seat.” [NY1, [2/3/24](#)]

Johnson

VIDEO: When Asked About Johnson’s Positions On Abortion, LGBTQ Rights, And The 2020 Election, D’Esposito Said, “He Has A Very Good Understanding Of What Beliefs Members Have Throughout This Conference.” D’ESPOSITO: “When you become speaker, you don't get more votes than anybody else, so I think that he has a very good understanding of what beliefs members have throughout this conference. He understands that it is a unique situation with a very slim majority.” [Kevin Frey, Twitter, 0:00, [10/25/23](#)] (VIDEO)



[Kevin Frey, Twitter, 0:00 [10/25/23](#)]

Assault Weapons

VIDEO: D'Esposito Said People That Call For Assault Weapons Ban “Can’t Explain What An Assault Weapon Is” And Instead Called For Limiting Illegal Guns. LiPETRI: “You know, so many times the left will target – specifically the extreme left, this is the extreme left – that will target Republicans and you saying, gun violence, gun violence, gun violence, and right here is your plan to show, hey – ” D’ESPOSITO: “I’ve had these, you know, I’ve had people in my office who have come and they, you need to ban assault weapons.” LiPETRI: “Right.” D’ESPOSITO: “Okay, first of all, let’s sit down and let’s have a conversation. Let’s talk about guns. Most of the time they don’t even – they can’t explain what an assault weapon is. You know, they actually think an AR stands for assault rifle, so there’s a lot, there’s a lot of individuals who don’t understand guns. They don’t understand that right now the focus should be on targeting illegal firearms and getting them off the street and I’m not one of those people – Listen, I own guns, I’ve trained on guns for years. I am not one of those people who thinks, you know, we should just go to the store and buy this. There should be background check, there should, you know, and some of the stuff that the state legislature has put in place, I think some of it’s logical, you know, recently checking people’s social media tells a lot about people, right. There’s a lot of people who tell their whole life on social media. So I don’t think it’s a bad thing, but what we need to focus on is the illegal firearms.” [Mike LiPetri Show, YouTube, 22:20, [1/14/24](#)] (VIDEO)

VIDEO: D'Esposito Continued To Criticize Advocates For An Assault Weapons Ban And Said They Only Addressed Gun Violence After “What They Say Is A Mass Shooting,” Using Air Quotes Around “Mass Shooting.” D’ESPOSITO: “I’ve had these, you know, I’ve had people in my office who have come and they, you need to ban assault weapons. [...] You hear it often whenever there’s, you know, God forbid, some sort of what they say is a mass shooting [air quotes], you know, ban weapons. You guys are failing the people. You have blood on your hands. Well, what about – and I’ve done this – you know, I take out some pictures of, oh what are you showing me? Well, these are individuals that I’ve identified as you know when I was in law enforcement. Bodies that I had to identify in in the morgue, you know, I block them out so they can’t really – well, why you show me that? Because you keep talking about these mass shootings that sometimes are not even mass, they’re just multiple people shot but you never once mentioned the 11 people that were shot across New York City last night just 10 minutes from where we are, you know, not from where we are. In my district in 10 minutes you could be in Queens or in Brooklyn. There’s no discussion of that and then when you when you say that to them, they say, well that’s not I’m not talking about those guns. Why? Those illegal firearms are killing people every day.” [Mike LiPetri Show, YouTube, 23:41, [1/14/24](#)] (VIDEO)

Photo

Mike Johnson

D'Esposito Wished Mike Johnson Happy Birthday. [Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, [1/30/24](#)]



[Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, [1/30/24](#)]

Santos

Santos Called D'Esposito A “Good Friend.” “I couldn’t be happier to be in DC representing #NY03 alongside my good friend from #NY04 @ANTHONYDESPO. I have full confidence that together we will bring prosperity back to our constituents.” [George Santos, Twitter, [11/17/22](#)]



[George Santos, Twitter, [11/17/22](#)]

D'Esposito Was Pictured With Santos At An Event With A “George Santos For Congress” Sign In The Background. “Long Island’s next Congressmen under @RepTomEmmer’s leadership 🙌 Grateful to @nicklalota , @Santos4Congress , @ANTHONYDESPO , for putting in the hard work, and for their partnership - 27 days until Long Island turns red.” [Theresa Winegar, Twitter, [10/12/22](#)]



[Theresa Winegar, Twitter, [10/12/22](#)]

D'Esposito Attended An Event For Lee Zeldin With George Santos. “Congrats to my friend Lee Zeldin on taking the primary this evening! Now it’s on to November! Lets unite, take back the #EmpireState & #FlipTheHouse!” [Anthony D’Esposito, Facebook, [6/29/22](#)]



[Anthony D'Esposito, Facebook, [6/29/22](#)]

Audio

Biden Impeachment

AUDIO: 9/27/23: D'Esposito Defended An Impeachment Inquiry On The Verge Of A Shutdown As A Matter Of "Releasing The Information To Other Members Of Congress So That They Can Get An Understanding Of How We Move Forward." PARTICIPANT: "Just wanted to ask you why are you supporting an impeachment inquiry when we're so close to a government shutdown?" D'ESPOSITO: "Sure, so the impeachment inquiry came about a few weeks ago, and I think that this is, as someone who has served a career in the NYPD, conducted hundreds, if not well over a thousand investigations, I realize that the best way to conduct an investigation is a concise, methodic approach to making sure that you gather all the facts and move forward. In this case we've had investigations going on in Congress by different committees of jurisdiction, committees that I don't sit on, but nonetheless there have been investigations, and through those investigations there has been evidence that's found, and I believe that an impeachment inquiry is very different from articles of impeachment, and I believe that an impeachment inquiry allows members of Congress who do not serve on the committees of jurisdiction that are conducting the investigations to receive the information that they need in order to make an educational decision on how to move forward. And that's really what this inquiry is about, it's about sharing information, it's about the committees of jurisdiction releasing the information to other members of Congress so that they can get an understanding of how we move forward, and the results of those, of that inquiry, you know we'll see how the results pan out. Members of Congress could receive evidence and believe that there's no reason to move forward." [D'Esposito Remarks, Telephone Town Hall, 28:38, 9/27/23] (AUDIO)

- **9/27/23: HEADLINE: As Shutdown Looms, House Impeachment Inquiry Of Biden Commences.** [Washington Post, [9/27/23](#)]

- 9/27/23: The Chairs Of The House Committees On Oversight, Judiciary, And Ways And Means Released A Scoping Memorandum For The Biden Impeachment Inquiry.** “For the past several months, the House Committees on Oversight and Accountability (Oversight Committee), Ways and Means (Ways and Means Committee), and the Judiciary (Judiciary Committee) (collectively, Committees) have been investigating (1) foreign money received by the Biden family, (2) President Joe Biden’s involvement in his family’s foreign business entanglements, and (3) steps taken by the Biden Administration to slow, hamper, or otherwise impede the criminal investigation of the President’s son, Robert Hunter Biden, which involves funds received by the Biden family from foreign sources. As a result of these investigations, the Committees have uncovered significant new information that raises serious concerns as to whether the President has abused his federal office to enrich his family and conceal his and/or his family’s misconduct.” [House Judiciary Committee, Scoping Memorandum Re: Impeachment Inquiry, [9/27/23](#)]

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Committee on Oversight and Accountability, Committee on Judiciary, and Committee on Ways and Means
FROM: Chairman James Comer, Chairman Jim Jordan, and Chairman Jason Smith
DATE: September 27, 2023
RE: Impeachment Inquiry

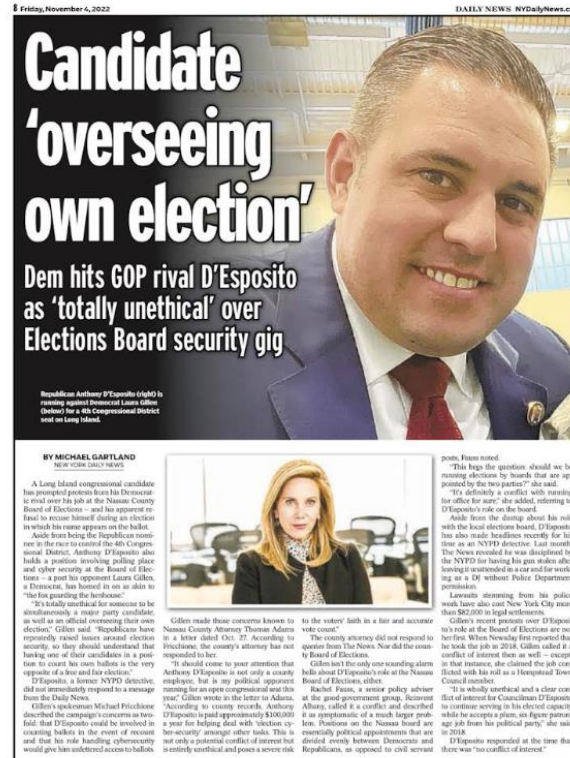
I. Introduction

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[House Judiciary Committee, Scoping Memorandum Re: Impeachment Inquiry, [9/27/23](#)]

Newspaper Images/Front Page

HEADLINE: Candidate ‘Overseeing Own Election.’ [NY Daily News via Twitter, [11/4/22](#)]



[NY Daily News via Twitter, [11/4/22](#)]

Headlines

Gun Safety

HEADLINE: “‘Enough Is Enough.’ Long Islanders Rally Outside Rep. D’Esposito’s Office To Call For Safer Gun Laws.” [News12, [4/3/23](#)]

Corruption

HEADLINE: “Hempstead Councilman Anthony D’Esposito OKs Mother’s Raise.” [Newsday, [3/29/17](#)]

HEADLINE: “Gillen Says D’Esposito Should Resign Or Turn Down New Job.” [Patch, [2/27/18](#)]

HEADLINE: “Hempstead’s Clubhouse Antics Continue During Pandemic.” [The Island Now, [4/21/20](#)]

HEADLINE: “Candidate ‘Overseeing Own Election.’” [NY Daily News, [11/4/22](#)]

George Santos

HEADLINE: “N.Y. Republicans Oppose Santos’ Immediate Expulsion From Congress—Despite Calling On Him To Resign.” [Forbes, [5/17/23](#)]

HEADLINE: “What Happened To Dealing With George Santos Quickly?” [Vanity Fair, [8/16/23](#)]

HEADLINE: “New York GOPers Not Holding George Santos Against His Booster Elise Stefanik” [HuffPost, [12/9/23](#)]

SALT

HEADLINE: “SALT Yes, Impeachment No: Reps. Andrew Garbarino, Nick Lalota And Anthony D’Esposito Chicken Out.” [NY Daily News, Editorial, [2/1/24](#)]

HEADLINE: “SALT Cap Haunts GOP House Candidates As Democrats Turn Tables.” [Bloomberg, [10/16/23](#)]

HEADLINE: “Rep. D’Esposito Says New House Speaker Agreed To Include SALT In Next Tax Package.” [News12, [10/25/23](#)]

Mike Johnson

HEADLINE: “Speaker Mike Johnson Heads To LI For D’Esposito Fundraiser.” [Newsday, [12/1/23](#)]

HEADLINE: “Long Island Congressmen Vote Election Denier Mike Johnson For House Speaker” [Long Island Press, [10/25/23](#)]

HEADLINE: “Speaker Mike Johnson Hauls In \$1 Million For NY GOP, Talks Biden Impeachment.” [NY Post, [12/3/23](#)]

NYPD

HEADLINE: “GOP Candidate Punished By NYPD For Losing Gun, Going Rogue As A DJ.” [Rolling Stone, [10/11/22](#)]

HEADLINE: “Retired NYPD Detective Anthony D’Esposito Racked Up Lawsuits That Cost NYC More Than \$80K: Records.” [NY Daily News, [11/1/22](#)]

Republican Party

HEADLINE: “Congressman Anthony D’Esposito Says The Republican Party Is Not In Chaos” [LI Herald, [10/19/23](#)]

Personal & Professional History

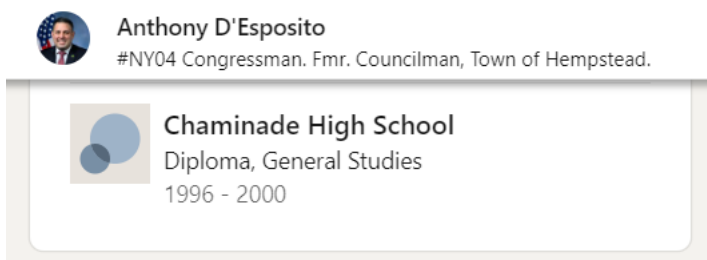
Biography

This section provides background information on D'Esposito's personal life, including education, personal finances, criminal and civil record, and other areas. Searches were conducted with various local media in Nassau County, media outlets including the Long Island Herald, Newsday, as well as a number of other online resources, including Lexis-Nexis.

Education

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[Anthony D'Esposito, LinkedIn, accessed [1/24/24](#)]

- **2022: D'Esposito Was Listed As A Class Of 2000 Alumni In Chaminade High School's Annual Report.** According to Chaminade High School's annual report for 2022 which listed all alumni donors, Anthony D'Esposito was listed as a "Flyer Members" donor under the Class of 2000. [Chaminade High School via Issuu, 2022 Annual Report, pg. 18, uploaded [2/14/23](#)]

Class of 2000**Fortes in Unitate****Members**

John Alusick

Flyer Members

Christopher Arzberger

Daniel Aversano

Anthony D'Esposito

Kyle Haug

Christopher Haunss

Chaminade**Medallion Society**

Andrew Benazzi

Stefan Borovina

Joseph Giardina

Meribah Associates

Anonymous

Domenic Cervoni

Christopher Curtin

Ralph De Biasi

Joseph Mulhall

Joseph Munda

Brendan Narell

Edward Ra

The Century Club

Sean Belfi

Ian Callery

Timothy Casale

Daniel Conway

Richard Coppola

James Dunne

David Fisher

Terence Fitzgibbon

Michael Ganzi

Robert Harper

Michael Iannuzzi

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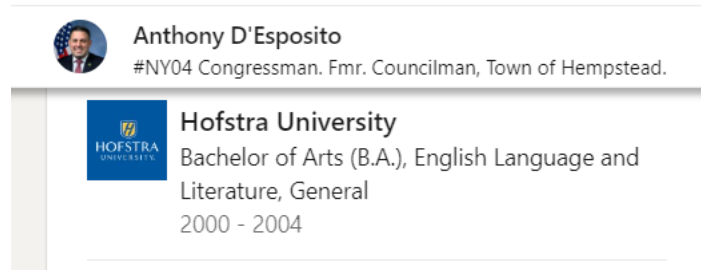
- **Chaminade High School Was An All-Boys Private Catholic School.** “Chaminade High School has been serving the Long Island community since its founding in 1930. The school is owned and operated by the Society of Mary, the Marianists, and is named after Blessed William Joseph Chaminade. Blessed Chaminade founded the order as a priest working to evangelize post-revolutionary France. Our 1,700 men study a rigorous co-curricular, liberal-arts curriculum in an atmosphere that emphasizes the development of Christian community and education of the heart. That program consists of four years of the core subjects, physical education, three years of fine arts, and one year of health. Chaminade graduates are fully prepared for the most demanding of college curricula, and, each year, 100% of Chaminade graduates attend colleges, universities, prep schools, and service academies.” [Chaminade High School, About, accessed [1/24/24](#)]
- **2023-2024: Tuition For Chaminade High School Was \$18,680.** “All arrangements concerning finances are handled through the Office of the Treasurer. The total tuition for the 2023-2024 school year is \$18,680. The Torch Fund contribution for the 2023-2024 school year is \$2,340 per student. The parent portion of tuition is \$16,340.” [Chaminade High School, Tuition, accessed [1/24/24](#)]

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2016: D'Esposito's Appointment To The Hempstead Town Board Featured On The 2004 Class Notes Page Of The Hofstra University Website. "Anthony P. D'Esposito (BA, English) of Island Park, NY, was appointed to the Hempstead Town Board." [Hofstra University, Class Notes- 2004, [2/29/16](#)]



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[Hofstra University, Class Notes- 2004, [2/29/16](#)]

D'Esposito Said His Time At NYPD Gave Him "The Greatest Education"

D'Esposito Said Working In NYPD "Was Far And Away The Greatest Education" But He Didn't "Say It Too Loud In Front Of My Parents, Because They Paid For It." "Q: You were a cop before you got into politics. Was that good preparation — as tough as a town hall can be, it's not as bad as responding to a dispute? D'ESPOSITO: I don't say it too loud in front of my parents, because they paid for it. But being part of law enforcement, and specifically being in the NYPD working in the communities that I did and investigating the crimes that I did, was far and away the greatest education." [Roll Call, [9/26/23](#)]

Career

The following provides a brief overview of D'Esposito's professional career:

Political

- 2023- Present: U.S. Representative for New York's 4th Congressional District
- 2016-2023: Town Councilman for Hempstead's 4th Council District

Professional

- 2018-2022: Administrative Assistant, Nassau County Board of Elections
- 2006-2020: Detective, 73rd Precinct, NYPD
- 2000-2016: Fire Chief, Island Park Fire Department

Associated Entities

The following provides a brief overview of D'Esposito's associated entities:

Non-Profits

- Jimi Gubelli Foundation (Founder)
- Nassau County Firefighters Museum & Education Center (Member, Board of Trustees)
- LimbKind (Member, Board of Trustees)
- Island Park Volunteer Fire Department (Former Chief; Council Member)
- United States Holocaust Memorial Museum (Member, Board of Trustees)
- RVC Blue Speakers (Member, Board of Directors)
- Knights of Columbus (Third Degree Knights)
- Order Sons of Italy in America (Member)
- Nassau County Firefighters Pipes and Drums (Honorary Member)
- New York Association of Fire Chiefs (Member)

Personal Finance & Personal Political Donations

In 2022, D'Esposito had an estimated net worth of between \$30,004 and \$224,999.

According to D'Esposito's federal personal financial disclosures, his 2022 annual unearned income was between \$1,001 and \$2,500. D'Esposito also earned \$174,000 in salary from the U.S. House of Representatives. D'Esposito's assets totaled between \$95,004 and \$250,000. D'Esposito had between \$25,001 And \$65,001 in liabilities.

NOTE: For detailed descriptions of D'Esposito's personal financial disclosures by year, see Appendix 1 – Personal Financial Disclosures.

D'Esposito's Federal Personal Financial Disclosure Summary

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Year	Earned Income	Asset Value		Unearned Income		Transactions		Liabilities	
		MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX	MIN	MAX
2022 Mem.	\$4,965.34	\$95,004	\$250,000	\$1,001	\$2,500	N/A	N/A	\$25,001	\$65,001
2022 Can.	\$183,000	\$116,004	\$265,000	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$15,001	\$50,000

[Anthony P. D'Esposito 2022 Public Financial Disclosure Candidate Report, filed [8/8/22](#); 2022 Public Financial Disclosure Member Report, filed [6/20/23](#)]

Taxpayer Funded Salaries

2023: D'Esposito Earned \$174,000 In Salary As A Member Of Congress

When D'Esposito first took office in Congress, he earned \$174,000 as a Congressional salary.

Over his year in Congress, D'Esposito had earned a total of \$174,000 in taxpayer-funded salary.

Year	Congressional Salary
2023	\$174,000
TOTAL	\$174,000

[Congressional Research Service, [9/19/23](#)]

Personal Political Donations

D'Esposito Has Given \$500 To Federal Political Candidates

According to the Federal Election Commission, D'Esposito has given \$500 to federal political candidates.

Anthony D'Esposito Political Giving History - Federal			
Date	Candidate (Office Sought) or Committee	Party	Amount
10/27/20	Elect Tuman	R	\$250
10/15/14	Blakeman 2014 Inc.	R	\$250
		Total	\$500

[FEC, Individual Contribution Search, accessed [1/25/24](#)]

Note: The [contribution](#) made to Elect Tuman was under the name "Anthony Esposito." However, the contributor's occupation (Hempstead Town Councilman) was consistent with our knowledge of D'Esposito's address and occupation at the time.

D'Esposito Has Given \$15,090 To State-Level Political Candidates

According to New York State Board of Elections, D'Esposito has given \$2,505 to state-level candidates.

D'Esposito Political Giving History - State			
Date	Candidate (Office Sought) or Committee	Party	Amount
Multiple dates	Nassau County Republican Committee	R	\$11,110
6/2/2022; 6/25/2015; 3/8/2018	Friends To Elect Brian Curran	R	\$550
7/7/2021	Nassau County Young Republicans	R	\$75
9/30/2020	Friends Of Missy Miller	R	\$250
9/1/2020	NVS Victory Campaign Fund	R	\$500
11/9/2019	East Rockaway Republican Committee	R	\$500
5/2/2019	Seaford Republican Club	R	\$150

3/25/2019	Friends Of Laura Schaefer	R	\$150
8/10/2017	Friends Of Leah Rosensweig Tozer	R	\$100
8/6/2016	Citizens for D'Esposito	R	\$5
10/9/2015	Friends For Kate Murray	R	\$300
8/5/2015	Citizens for Santino	R	\$500
7/6/2015; 7/1/2015	Five Towns Republican Clubs	R	\$200
8/8/2014; 8/22/2013	Kate Murray For Supervisor	R	\$350
8/19/2013	Friends Of Ed Mangano	R	\$100
9/15/2011	Howard Kopel For Legislature	R	\$150
8/21/2000	Friends Of Robert J. Dicarlo	R	\$100
		Total	\$15,090

[New York State Board of Elections, Contributions accessed [1/25/24](#)]

Professional Career

Significant Findings

D'Esposito Had A Long And Storied History As A First Responder

- ✓ January 2006-July 2020: D'Esposito served as a detective for the NYPD.
- ✓ D'Esposito “made more than 600 arrests” as a New York City police detective.
- ✓ 2000-2016: D'Esposito Served as the chief of the Island Park Fire Department.

April 2024: The New York Daily News Reported On The Lowlights Of D'Esposito's Record In The NYPD

- ✓ The New York Daily News reported the NYPD found a 2011 complaint alleging D'Esposito took property from an arrestee and failed to properly invoice it “partially substantiated.”
- ✓ D'Esposito was also reportedly subject to complaints finding he was “sometimes driving while intoxicated and disgracing the uniform,” acting “reckless,” and was “known for flashing his gun around.”

D'Esposito Was Named As A Defendant In Three Separate Lawsuits Against The City Of New York, Costing The City More Than \$300,000 in Settlements For Conducting Allegedly Unlawful Actions Including Violating Citizens' Human Rights, Using False And Fabricated Evidence, And Committing Assault And Battery

- ✓ D'Esposito cost the City of New York \$332,500 in three settlements for court cases that named him as a defendant.
- ✓ 2015: D'Esposito was named as a defendant in a lawsuit in which plaintiffs alleged that he and other officers had their civil rights and used “false and fabricated evidence” against them, costing the City of New York \$37,500 in a settlement.
- ✓ 2015: D'Esposito was named as a defendant in Campbell et al v. The City of New York et al.

- ✓ The plaintiffs accused D'Esposito and other officers of violating their 4th, 5th, and 14th Amendment rights and using "fabricated and false evidence" against them.
- ✓ The plaintiffs specifically alleged that they "were falsely arrested and taken into custody without probable cause."
- ✓ The City of New York paid the plaintiffs \$37,500 in total in its settlement.
- ✓ 2014: D'Esposito was named as a defendant in the case *Bethea v. City of New York, et al*, costing the city \$45,000 in a settlement.
 - ✓ D'Esposito was named as a defendant in the *Bethea v. City of New York* case and was being sued "in his individual and office capacities."
 - ✓ D'Esposito and other police officers were accused of taking the plaintiff, Vaughan Bethea, to the police precinct "without probable cause" and "unlawfully conduct[ing] a strip search of Bethea."
 - ✓ D'Esposito and other police officers were accused of "malicious prosecution" for falsely informing the district attorney's office that Bethea was in criminal possessions of a controlled substance.
 - ✓ D'Esposito and other police officers were accused of violating the 4th and 14th Amendments as well as violating Bethea's right to a free trial and engaging in "malicious prosecution" against Bethea.
 - ✓ D'Esposito, along with other police officers, was accused of "having assaulted and battered" Bethea and inflicting "emotional distress upon" Bethea.
 - ✓ In their statement, D'Esposito and the other police officers denied violating any civil rights and stated that any sustained injuries "resulted from plaintiff's own culpable or negligent conduct."
 - ✓ The court case was allegedly settled for \$45,000.
- ✓ 2013: D'Esposito and the NYPD were sued by a man who accused D'Esposito of false arrest and imprisonment, costing the City of New York \$250,000 in a settlement.
 - ✓ December 2013: Gregory Crockett sued D'Esposito and the NYPD for false arrest and imprisonment and malicious prosecution.
 - ✓ Gregory Crockett, the plaintiff in the case had been charged on Dec. 13, 2011 "with multiple felonies" related to the criminal possession of weapons and illegal drugs.
 - ✓ In his lawsuit, Crockett accused D'Esposito of knowingly lying to a district attorney and grand jury when D'Esposito provided information to connect Crockett to the illegal drugs and weapons.
 - ✓ Crockett further alleged that he had been arrested and prosecuted as a result of D'Esposito's false testimony, that the arrest had been "effectuated" without a warrant or probable cause, and that D'Esposito knew there was no probable cause to initiate or continue prosecution of Crockett
 - ✓ To bolster his claims, Crockett pointed to the fact that "on February 7, 2013, all criminal charges against plaintiff were dismissed and the criminal prosecution terminated favorably to plaintiff."
 - ✓ April 2023: The City of New York and D'Esposito agreed to pay Crockett \$250,000 in a settlement agreement.

D'Esposito Was Punished By The NYPD For Moonlighting As A DJ For More Than A Year And Losing His Gun After Leaving It Unattended In His Car

- ✓ 2008: D'Esposito was forfeited 15 vacation days after he was caught for having worked as a DJ and served alcohol without prior permission.
- ✓ 2007-2008: Anthony D'Esposito worked as a DJ and served alcohol on “approximately four occasions.”
- ✓ D'Esposito pleaded guilty and forfeited 15 vacation days as a result.
- ✓ 2015: D'Esposito was punished by the NYPD after he failed to safeguard his firearm, which was subsequently stolen.
- ✓ 6/3/15: Anthony D'Esposito left his firearm unattended in a car which led to the firearm's theft.
- ✓ D'Esposito pleaded guilty to the allegations and forfeited 20 vacation days as a result.

D'Esposito Was The President Of A New York-Based Company That Had Seemingly No Information About Its Work Or Employees

- ✓ D'Esposito was the president of Halligan Strategies, LLC, a New York-based company that did not list its employees or line of work.
 - ✓ 2016: D'Esposito listed his position as the president of Halligan Strategies, LLC.
 - ✓ 2014- Present: Halligan Strategies, LLC was a limited liability company registered with the New York Department of State but did not list any employees or line of work.

D'Esposito Served As A Director Of Security For Watchguard 24/7, A Security Company Started By Ex-NYPD Colleague John Rafferty

- ✓ D'Esposito was the Director of Security for Watchguard 24/7, a security company started by ex-NYPD Lieutenant John Rafferty.
- ✓ Lieutenant John Rafferty served with D'Esposito in NYPD's 73rd Precinct.

2015: D'Esposito Served As A Community Liaison For The New York Assembly

- ✓ D'Esposito listed a position of community liaison for the New York Assembly, a position he reportedly quit in December 2015.

D'Esposito Had A Long And Checkered History As A First Responder**January 2006-July 2020: D'Esposito Served As A Detective For The NYPD**

January 2006-July 2020: D'Esposito Served As A Detective For The NYPD. According to his LinkedIn profile, Anthony D'Esposito started serving in the New York City Police Department in January 2006 and continued to serve till July 2020. [Anthony D'Esposito, LinkedIn, accessed [1/26/24](#)]


Anthony D'Esposito

#NY04 Congressman. Fmr. Councilman, Town of Hempstead.


Detective

New York City Police Department · Full-time

Jan 2006 - Jul 2020 · 14 yrs 7 mos

Brooklyn, New York, United States · On-site

[Anthony D'Esposito, LinkedIn, accessed [1/26/24](#)]

2016: D'Esposito Went On Unpaid Leave From NYPD After Being Appointed To The Town Board.

“Hempstead Town Councilman Anthony D'Esposito said he has been hired at the Nassau County Board of Elections as a \$100,000 administrative assistant whose focus will draw on his experience as an NYPD detective to deal with polling place security and elections cybersecurity. [...] D'Esposito, who won his bid for re-election in November for a four-year term, has been on unpaid leave from his job as an NYPD detective since his appointment to the town board in 2016. He said he will retire from the NYPD and plans to defer collecting his police pension. His town board salary is \$71,000.” [Newsday, [2/27/22](#)]

- February 2016: Anthony Santino And Other Hempstead Town Council Members Voted For D'Esposito To Fill The Board Seat Being Vacated By Santino.** “Former Island Park Fire Chief and NYPD Detective Anthony D'Esposito was appointed Tuesday to fill the Hempstead Town Board seat of newly elected Supervisor Anthony Santino. Town Board members tapped D'Esposito, 33, to fill the remainder of Santino's term until a special election is held in November. He will represent Hempstead's 4th District, which includes Island Park, Oceanside, East Rockaway, Hewlett, Rockville Centre and South Hempstead. His district also includes sections of Baldwin, Cedarhurst, Lynbrook, Malverne, Valley Stream and Woodmere. [...] The Hempstead Town Board members appointed D'Esposito unanimously, but Councilwoman Dorothy Goosby objected to his appointment without an election. ‘He does have the qualifications of a great councilman, but I object to the process of choosing a representative without any input from residents of that district,’ Goosby said. ‘This is not voted on by the people who live there and this is a very undemocratic process.’ Santino said state law requires the board fill his vacancy through an appointment or leave it vacant until the next election.” [Newsday, [2/9/16](#)]

D'Esposito “Made More Than 600 Arrests” As A New York City Police Detective

D'Esposito Claimed He “Made More Than 600 Arrests” As A New York City Police Detective. “Earlier in his career, Anthony fought crime on the streets of New York as an NYPD Detective for more than a decade — making over 600 arrests in connection with murders, shootings, assaults and illegal firearms. Anthony's first responder experience also extends to the fire service, where he served as Chief of the Island Park Fire Department – notably leading the volunteer organization through the aftermath of Superstorm Sandy.” [Rep. Anthony D'Esposito, About, accessed [1/26/24](#)]

2000-2016: D'Esposito Served As The Chief Of The Island Park Fire Department

2000-2016: D'Esposito Served As The Chief Of The Island Park Fire Department. According to his LinkedIn profile, D'Esposito served as the chief of the Island Park Fire Department from 2000 till November 2016. [Anthony D'Esposito, LinkedIn, accessed [1/26/24](#)]


Anthony D'Esposito

#NY04 Congressman. Fmr. Councilman, Town of Hempstead.


Chief of Department

Island Park Fire Department

2000 - Nov 2016 · 16 yrs 11 mos

Island Park, New York

[Anthony D'Esposito, LinkedIn, accessed [1/26/24](#)]

2013-2015: Anthony D'Esposito Served A Chief Of The Island Park Fire Department. According to the Island Park Fire Department's website, Anthony D'Esposito was a former chief for the department and served between 2013 and 2015. [2nd Battalion, Island Park Department, accessed [1/4/24](#)]

FORMER CHIEFS

2021-22	John Briguglio	
2020-21		
2019-20		
2018-19		
2017-18		
2016-17	James Sarro	
2015-16	Edward Madden	
2013-15	Anthony D'Esposito	
2012-13	Steve Ruscio	
2011-12	Nicholas Lettini	
2010-11	Edward Madden	
2009-10	James Ruzicka Jr.	
2008-09	Michael Gagliardi	Former Chairman

[2nd Battalion, Island Park Department, accessed [1/4/24](#)]

April 2024: The New York Daily News Detailed Some Of The Lowlights Of D'Esposito's NYPD Record

The New York Daily News Reported The NYPD Found A 2011 Complaint Alleging D'Esposito Took Property From An Arrestee And Failed To Properly Invoice It Partially Substantiated

A Veteran Criminal Defense Attorney Reportedly "Said D'Esposito's History Suggests Cause For Concern." "Joel Berger, a veteran criminal defense attorney who's won more than \$9 million from the city in lawsuits alleging false arrest, malicious prosecution and excessive force, said D'Esposito's history suggests cause for concern. 'It's not the worst, but it's not good either,' Berger told The News." [New York Daily News, [7/8/24](#)]

2023: New York City Settled A Lawsuit Alleging D'Esposito Lied To A Grand Jury And A District Attorney, Resulting In A Defendant Spending 22 Days In Jail Before Charges Were Dropped, For \$250,000. "More

recently — just last year — the city settled a lawsuit alleging D'Esposito lied in 2011 to a grand jury and then-Manhattan District Attorney Cy Vance Jr. about a suspect named Gregory Crockett residing in a house where illegal weapons were kept. Two years later, in 2013, after Crockett had spent 22 days in jail, all of the charges against him were dropped. Later that year, Crockett sued the city and D'Esposito. As part of the settlement, the city had to pay out \$250,000, but admitted no wrongdoing in the case.” [New York Daily News, [7/8/24](#)]

2011: D'Esposito Faced A Complaint For Allegedly Taking An Arrestee's Gold Chain, A Corruption Case The NYPD Internally Found “Partially Substantiated.” “A Daily News review of police and court records shows that in April 2011, when the federal lawmaker served as detective in Brooklyn's 73rd Precinct, a defendant named Donald James claimed D'Esposito seized a white gold chain from him during his arrest and that it wasn't returned. James made a complaint, which was assigned an NYPD internal affairs tracking number and labeled a ‘corruption case,’ according to department records obtained by The News. A year later, the complaint was ‘partially substantiated,’ though it is not clear if any consequences accompanied that finding.” [New York Daily News, [7/8/24](#)]

D'Esposito Was Also Reportedly Subject To Complaints Finding He Was “Sometimes Driving While Intoxicated And Disgracing The Uniform,” Acting “Reckless,” And Was “Known For Flashing His Gun Around”

D'Esposito Also Faced Complaints For “Flashing His Gun Around,” Being “Reckless,” And “Sometimes Driving While Intoxicated And Disgracing The Uniform,” Which Were Found To Be Unsubstantiated. “During his time at the same Brownsville precinct, D'Esposito faced another complaint in 2007 stemming from his bartender moonlighting gig, which The News reported in 2022. Previously unreported is the allegation that, while moonlighting, he was ‘known for flashing his gun around’ and being ‘reckless.’ That complaint found its way to the internal affairs division, too, and was filed under ‘misconduct.’ While records list the ‘disposition’ of that situation as ‘unsubstantiated,’ the allegations are described as ‘partially substantiated.’ Records show D'Esposito was ultimately docked 15 vacation days for ‘wrongfully’ working as a disc jockey and serving alcoholic beverages ‘without authority or permission to do so.’ That same year, internal affairs also began looking into another misconduct complaint alleging D'Esposito was ‘sometimes driving while intoxicated and disgracing the uniform,’ but records show that claim was ultimately determined to be ‘unsubstantiated.’” [New York Daily News, [7/8/24](#)]

D'Esposito Was Named As A Defendant In Three Separate Lawsuits Against The City Of New York, Costing The City More Than \$300,000 For Conducting Allegedly Unlawful Actions Including Violating Citizens' Human Rights, Using False And Fabricated Evidence, And Committing Assault And Battery

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Cases Which Named D'Esposito As A Defendant

Name	Date Of Settlement	Settlement Amount
Campbell vs City of New York, et al.	2/23/16	\$37,500
Crockett vs City of New York, et al.	4/3/23	\$250,000
Bethea vs City of New York, et al.	10/17/14	\$45,000
Total:		\$332,500

2015: D'Esposito Was Named As A Defendant In A Lawsuit In Which Plaintiffs Alleged That He And Other Officers Had Their Civil Rights And Used "False And Fabricated Evidence" Against Them, Costing The City \$37,500 In A Settlement

2015: D'Esposito Was Named As One Of The Defendants In Campbell Et Al V. The City Of New York Et Al

D'Esposito Was Named As One Of The Defendants In Campbell Et Al V. The City Of New York Et Al. "At all times hereinafter mentioned, the individually named defendants: Sergeant Neil Casey; Detective Anthony Desposito; and Sergeant Matthew Woods were duly sworn police officers of said department and were acting under the supervision of said department and according to their official duties." [United States District Court Eastern District Of New York, June Campbell, Cherell Tillman, and Dawn Tillman vs. The City Of New York, a municipal corporation; SGT. Neil Casey (Shield No. 4332), in his individual and official capacities; DET. Anthony D'Esposito (Tax ID 940085), in his individual and official capacities; and SGT. Matthew Woods (Shield No.754), in his individual and official capacities. [United States District Court Of The Eastern District Of New York, Case 1:15-cv-01786-ARR-VVP, filed [4/2/15](#)]

The Plaintiffs Accused D'Esposito And Other Officers Of Violating Their 4th, 5th, And 14th Amendment Rights And Using "Fabricated And False Evidence" Against Them

The Plaintiffs Accused D'Esposito And The Other Officers Of Subjecting Them "To Illegal, Improper, And False Arrests" And Violating Their Fourth Amendment Rights. "FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION [...] 42 U.S.C. § 1983 -Fourth and Fourteenth Amendment Violations On Behalf of all Plaintiffs for Unreasonable Seizure and False Arrest (Against the Individual Officer Defendants) [...] As a result of defendants' aforementioned conduct, the plaintiffs were subjected to illegal, improper, and false arrests by the Individual Officer Defendants. The plaintiffs were taken into custody and caused to be falsely imprisoned, detained, confined, and incarcerated. In the above-mentioned actions, defendants acted intentionally, willfully, with malice, and without probable cause, privilege or consent. [...] As a result of the foregoing, plaintiffs' liberty was restricted in filthy and degrading conditions for an extended period of time, plaintiffs were put in fear for their safety, were humiliated and subjected to handcuffing, and other physical restraints, without probable cause. [...] By virtue of the foregoing, the defendants deprived the plaintiffs of their Fourth Amendment rights under the United States Constitution to be free from unreasonable seizures of his person and are liable to plaintiffs under 42 U.S.C. §1983." [United States District Court Eastern District Of New York, June Campbell, Cherell Tillman, and Dawn Tillman vs. The City Of New York, a municipal corporation; SGT. Neil Casey (Shield No. 4332), in his individual and official capacities; DET. Anthony D'Esposito (Tax ID 940085), in his individual and official capacities; and SGT. Matthew Woods (Shield No.754), in his individual and official capacities. [United States District Court Of The Eastern District Of New York, Case 1:15-cv-01786-ARR-VVP, filed [4/2/15](#)]

The Plaintiffs Accused D'Esposito And The Other Officers Of Depriving "Their Fourth Amendment Rights Under The United States Constitution To Be Free From Unreasonable Searches Of Their Person."

"SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION [...] 42 U.S.C. § 1983 -Fourth and Fourteenth Amendment Violations On Behalf of all Plaintiffs for the Failure to Intervene (Against the Individual Officer Defendants) [...] The defendants who were present but did not actively participate in the unlawful actions alleged herein and who observed and had an opportunity to prevent such conduct and failed to intervene. [...] By virtue of the foregoing, the defendants who failed to intervene deprived the plaintiffs of their Fourth Amendment rights under the United States Constitution to be free from unreasonable searches of their person and are liable to plaintiffs under 42 U.S.C. §1983." [United States District Court Eastern District Of New York, June Campbell, Cherell Tillman, and Dawn Tillman vs. The City Of New York, a municipal corporation; SGT. Neil Casey (Shield No. 4332), in his individual and official capacities; DET. Anthony D'Esposito (Tax ID 940085), in his individual and official capacities; and SGT. Matthew Woods (Shield No.754), in his individual and official capacities. [United States District Court Of The Eastern District Of New York, Case 1:15-cv-01786-ARR-VVP, filed [4/2/15](#)]

The Plaintiffs Accused D'Esposito And The Other Officers Of Using “Fabricated And False Evidence” Against Them And Violating Their Fifth And Fourteenth Amendment Rights. “THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION [...] 42 U.S.C. § 1983-Fifth and Fourteenth Amendment Violations On Behalf of Cherell and Dawn Tillman for Fabrication of Evidence (Against the Individual Officer Defendants) [...] The Individual Officer Defendants create false evidence against plaintiffs Cherell and Dawn Tillman and drafted or signed sworn criminal complaints and false police reports. [...] The Individual Officer Defendants forwarded to prosecutors fabricated and false evidence that was likely to influence a jury’s decision. [...] The Individual Officer Defendants knowingly and intentionally provided false evidence against plaintiffs Cherell Tillman and Dawn Tillman in legal proceedings. [...] By virtue of the foregoing, the Individual Officer Defendants deprived the plaintiffs Cherell Tillman and Dawn Tillman of their Fifth and Fourteenth Amendment rights under the United States Constitution to due process and to a fair trial and are liable to plaintiffs under 42 U.S.C. §1983.” [United States District Court Eastern District Of New York, June Campbell, Cherell Tillman, and Dawn Tillman vs. The City Of New York, a municipal corporation; SGT. Neil Casey (Shield No. 4332), in his individual and official capacities; DET. Anthony D’Esposito (Tax ID 940085), in his individual and official capacities; and SGT. Matthew Woods (Shield No.754), in his individual and official capacities, [United States District Court Of The Eastern District Of New York, Case 1:15-cv-01786-ARR-VVP, filed [4/2/15](#)]

The Plaintiffs Specifically Alleged That They “Were Falsely Arrested And Taken Into Custody Without Probable Cause”

June Campbell Claimed She And The Other Plaintiffs “Were Falsely Arrested And Taken Into Custody Without Probable Cause” And The Case Was Settled For \$37,500. [CAPstat, accessed [8/5/22](#)]

Campbell et al v. The City of New York et al

CASE NUMBER	15CV01786	COURT DISTRICT	United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York
PLAINTIFF GENDER, SPECIFIED IN LAWSUIT	Female	PLAINTIFF RACE, SPECIFIED IN LAWSUIT	Black or African American
INCIDENT DATE	May 31, 2012	INCIDENT TIME	3:30PM
STOP LOCATION	Residence	INCIDENT COUNTY	Kings (Brooklyn)
PRECINCT TAKEN TO	73rd Precinct	SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$37,500
OUTCOME	Settled		

Summary

Plaintiffs were falsely arrested and taken into custody without probable cause .

[CAPstat, accessed [8/5/22](#)]

The City Of New York Paid The Plaintiffs \$37,500 In Total In Its Settlement

The City Of New York Agreed To Pay June Campbell \$7,5000, Cherell Tillman \$17,5000, And Dawn Tillman \$20,000. “NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED, by and between the undersigned, as follows: I. The above-referenced action is hereby dismissed against defendants, with prejudice, and without costs, expenses, or attorneys' fees except as specified in paragraph "2' below. 2. Defendant City of New York hereby agrees to pay plaintiff June Campbell the sum of Seven Thousand Five Hundred (\$7,500.00) Dollars, plaintiff Cherell Tillman the sum of Seventeen Thousand Five Hundred (\$17,500.00) Dollars, and plaintiff Dawn Tillman the sum of Twenty Thousand (\$20,000.00) Dollars in full satisfaction of all claims, including claims for costs, expenses and attorneys' fees.” [United States District Court Of The Eastern District Of New York, Case 1:15-cv-01786-ARR-PK, filed [3/10/16](#)]

- **Sums Being Paid To The Plaintiffs Were “In Full Satisfaction Of All Claims, Including Claims For**

Costs, Expenses And Attorneys' Fees.” “NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED, by and between the undersigned, as follows: I. The above-referenced action is hereby dismissed against defendants, with prejudice, and without costs, expenses, or attorneys' fees except as specified in paragraph "2" below. 2. Defendant City of New York hereby agrees to pay plaintiff June Campbell the sum of Seven Thousand Five Hundred (\$7,500.00) Dollars, plaintiff Cherell Tillman the sum of Seventeen Thousand Five Hundred (\$17,500.00) Dollars, and plaintiff Dawn Tillman the sum of Twenty Thousand (\$20,000.00) Dollars in full satisfaction of all claims, including claims for costs, expenses and attorneys' fees.” [United States District Court Of The Eastern District Of New York, Case 1:15-cv-01786-ARR-PK, filed [3/10/16](#)]

The Plaintiffs Agreed To Dismiss All Claims Against The City Of New York And D'Esposito “In Consider For The Payment” Of The Settlement. “In consideration for the payment of these sums, plaintiffs agree to dismissal of all the claims against the defendants and to release defendants City of New York, Sergeant Casey, Detective Desposito and Sergeant Woods; their successors or assigns; and all past and present officials, employees, representatives, and agents of the City of New York or any entity represented by the Office of the Corporation Counsel, from any and all liability, claims, or rights of action alleging a violation of plaintiffs' civil rights and any and all related state law claims, from the beginning of the world to the date of the General Releases, including claims for costs, expenses, and attorneys' fees.” [United States District Court Of The Eastern District Of New York, Case 1:15-cv-01786-ARR-PK, filed [3/10/16](#)]

2014: D'Esposito Was Named As A Defendant In The Case Bethea V. City Of New York, Et Al, Costing The City \$45,000 In A Settlement

D'Esposito Was Named As A Defendant In The Bethea V. City Of New York Case And Was Being Sued “In His Individual And Office Capacities”

4/3/14: Vaughan Bethea Filed A Lawsuit Against The City Of New York And Various Police Officers.

According to the United States District Court Eastern District of New York, on April 3rd, 2014, Vaughan Bethea filed a complaint against the City of New York, Detective Anthony [sic] Desposito and John and Jane Doe 1 through 10. A Jury trial was demanded for the case. [United States District Court Of The Eastern District Of New York, Case 1:14-cv-02134-FB-CLP, filed [4/3/14](#)]

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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VAUGHAN BETHEA,

Plaintiff,

-against-

CITY OF NEW YORK; Detective ANTHONY DESPOSITO, Shield No. 6370; and JOHN and JANE DOE 1 through 10, individually and in their official capacities (the names John and Jane Doe being fictitious, as the true names are presently unknown),

Defendants.

COMPLAINT

14 CV 2134

Jury Trial Demanded

[United States District Court Of The Eastern District Of New York, Case 1:14-cv-02134-FB-CLP, filed [4/3/14](#)]

- **D'Esposito Was Named As A Defendant And Was Being “Sued In His Individual And Official Capacities.”** “8. Defendant City of New York is a municipal corporation organized under the laws of the State of New York. It operates the NYPD, a department or agency of defendant City of New York responsible for the appointment, training, supervision, promotion and discipline of police officers and supervisory police officers, including the individually named defendants herein. 9. Defendant Detective Anthony Desposito, Shield No. 6370 (‘Desposito’), at all times relevant herein, was an officer, employee and agent of the NYPD. Defendant

Desposito is sued in his individual and official capacities.” [United States District Court Of The Eastern District Of New York, Case 1:14-cv-02134-FB-CLP, filed [4/3/14](#)]

D'Esposito And Other Police Officers Were Accused Of Taking The Plaintiff, Vaughan Bethea, To The Police Precinct “Without Probable Cause” And “Unlawfully Conduct[ing] A Strip Search Of Bethea”

The Plaintiff, Vaughan Bethea, Accused D'Esposito And Other Police Officers Of Unlawfully Demanding His Identification And Subsequently Unlawfully Searching The Plaintiff Without Finding Any Contraband.

“7. Plaintiff Vaughan Bethea (“plaintiff” or “Mr. Bethea”) is a resident of Kings County in the City and State of New York. [...] 13. At approximately 12:00 p.m. on December 3, 2013, plaintiff was lawfully in the area of 1808 St. Johns Place in Brooklyn, New York. 14. Defendants approached Mr. Bethea and unlawfully demanded his identification. 15. Mr. Bethea complied and produced his identification. 16. Defendants unlawfully searched Mr. Bethea and no contraband was recovered.” [United States District Court Of The Eastern District Of New York, Case 1:14-cv-02134-FB-CLP, filed [4/3/14](#)]

Bethea Accused D'Esposito And Other Police Officers Of Taking Bethea To The Police Precinct “Without Probable Cause” Where They “Unlawfully Conducted A Strip Search.” “17. Without probable cause, or arguable probable cause, to believe he had committed any crime or offense, Mr. Bethea was handcuffed and taken to the 73rd Precinct. 18. At the precinct, defendants unlawfully conducted a strip search of Mr. Bethea and no contraband was recovered.” [United States District Court Of The Eastern District Of New York, Case 1:14-cv-02134-FB-CLP, filed [4/3/14](#)]

D'Esposito And Other Police Officers Were Accused Of “Malicious Prosecution” For Falsely Informing The District Attorney’s Office That Bethea Was In Criminal Possessions Of A Controlled Substance

According To The Lawsuit’s Statement Of Facts, D'Esposito And Other Police Officers “Falsely Informed Employees Of The Kings County District Attorney’s Office That They Had Observed Plaintiff In Criminal Possession Of A Controlled Substance.” “18. At the precinct, defendants unlawfully conducted a strip search of Mr. Bethea and no contraband was recovered. 19. Defendants falsely informed employees of the Kings County District Attorney’s Office that they had observed plaintiff in criminal possession of a controlled substance and prepared false paperwork including an arrest report. 20. At no point did the officers observe plaintiff commit a crime.” [United States District Court Of The Eastern District Of New York, Case 1:14-cv-02134-FB-CLP, filed [4/3/14](#)]

According To The Lawsuit’s Statement Of Facts, Bethea Was Held At Rikers Island For Approximately Six Days Due To Not Being Able To Make Bail, After Which “The Grand Jury Returned A No True Bill And The Charges Against Bethea Were Dismissed In Their Entirety.” “21. Mr. Bethea was taken to Brooklyn Central Booking and arraigned in Kings County Criminal Court. 22. At plaintiff’s arraignment, bail was set. Because Mr. Bethea could not make bail he was taken to Rikers Island where he was held for approximately six days. 23. A grand jury was convened and Mr. Bethea testified. The grand jury returned a no true bill and the charges against Mr. Bethea were dismissed in their entirety.” [United States District Court Of The Eastern District Of New York, Case 1:14-cv-02134-FB-CLP, filed [4/3/14](#)]

- **A No True Bill Was “A Legal Procedure To Dismiss Charges Against A Defendant” After The Grand Jury Found There To Be Insufficient Evidence.** “No true bill (definition) A legal procedure to dismiss charges against a defendant when the grand jury does not find enough evidence to charge the defendant with violating a law. Also called a ‘no bill.’” [Lawserver, accessed [1/10/24](#)]

According To The Lawsuit’s Allegations, The Defendants, Including D'Esposito, Were Liable “For Having Committed Malicious Prosecution.” “47. Defendants maliciously commenced criminal proceeding against plaintiff, charging him with inter alia, criminal possession of a controlled substance. Defendants falsely and without probable cause charged plaintiff with violations of the laws of the State of New York. 48. The commencement and continuation of the criminal proceedings against plaintiff was malicious and without probable

cause. 49. All charges were terminated in plaintiff's favor." [United States District Court Of The Eastern District Of New York, Case 1:14-cv-02134-FB-CLP, filed [4/3/14](#)]

D'Esposito And Other Police Officers Were Accused Of Violating The 4th And 14th Amendments As Well As Violating Bethea's Right To A Free Trial And Engaging In "Malicious Prosecution" Against Bethea

According To The Lawsuit's Allegations, The Defendants, Including D'Esposito, Were Liable "For Having Committed Malicious Prosecution." "47. Defendants maliciously commenced criminal proceeding against plaintiff, charging him with inter alia, criminal possession of a controlled substance. Defendants falsely and without probable cause charged plaintiff with violations of the laws of the State of New York. 48. The commencement and continuation of the criminal proceedings against plaintiff was malicious and without probable cause. 49. All charges were terminated in plaintiff's favor." [United States District Court Of The Eastern District Of New York, Case 1:14-cv-02134-FB-CLP, filed [4/3/14](#)]

According To The Lawsuit's Allegations, D'Esposito And Other Police Officers Violated The 4th And 14th Amendment Because "They Stopped And Searched [Bethea] Without Reasonable Suspicion." "14. Defendants approached Mr. Bethea and unlawfully demanded his identification. 15. Mr. Bethea complied and produced his identification. 16. Defendants unlawfully searched Mr. Bethea and no contraband was recovered. [...] 28. Plaintiff repeats and realleges each and every allegation as if fully set forth herein. 29. Defendants violated the Fourth and Fourteenth Amendments because they stopped and searched plaintiff without reasonable suspicion." [United States District Court Of The Eastern District Of New York, Case 1:14-cv-02134-FB-CLP, filed [4/3/14](#)]

According To The Lawsuit's Allegations, D'Esposito And Other Police Officers Violated The 4th And 14th Amendments Because "They Arrested [Bethea] Without Probable Cause." "17. Without probable cause, or arguable probable cause, to believe he had committed any crime or offense, Mr. Bethea was handcuffed and taken to the 73rd Precinct. [...] 31. Plaintiff repeats and realleges each and every allegation as if fully set forth herein. 32. Defendants violated the Fourth and Fourteenth Amendments because they arrested plaintiff without probable cause." [United States District Court Of The Eastern District Of New York, Case 1:14-cv-02134-FB-CLP, filed [4/3/14](#)]

According To The Lawsuit's Allegations, D'Esposito And Other Police Officers Violated Bethea's Right To A Free Trials By "Creating False Evidence" And "Forwarding False Information To Prosecutors." "57. The individual defendants created false evidence against plaintiff. 58. The individual defendants forwarded false evidence to prosecutors in the Kings County District Attorney's office. 59. In creating false evidence against plaintiff, and in forwarding false information to prosecutors, the individual defendants violated plaintiff's right to a fair trial under the Due Process Clause of the Fifth, Sixth and Fourteenth Amendments of the United States Constitution." [United States District Court Of The Eastern District Of New York, Case 1:14-cv-02134-FB-CLP, filed [4/3/14](#)]

D'Esposito, Along With Other Police Officers, Was Accused Of "Having Assaulted And Battered" Bethea And Inflicting "Emotional Distress Upon" Bethea

According To The Lawsuit's Allegations, D'Esposito And Other Police Officers Were Accused Of "Having Assaulted And Battered [Bethea]." "52. Plaintiff repeats and realleges each and every allegation as if fully set forth herein. 53. By their conduct, as described herein, the defendants are liable to plaintiff for having assaulted and battered him. 54. Defendant City of New York, as an employer of the individual defendant officers, is responsible for their wrongdoing under the doctrine of respondeat superior. 55. As a direct and proximate result of the misconduct and abuse of authority stated above, plaintiff sustained the damages alleged herein." [United States District Court Of The Eastern District Of New York, Case 1:14-cv-02134-FB-CLP, filed [4/3/14](#)]

According To The Lawsuit's Allegations, D'Esposito And Other Police Officers "Were Negligent In Committing Conduct That Inflicted Emotional Distress Upon" Bethea. "67. Plaintiff repeats and realleges each and every allegation as if fully set forth herein. 68. By reason of the foregoing, and by assaulting, battering, and

using gratuitous, excessive, brutal, sadistic, and unconscionable force, failing to prevent other defendants from doing so, or causing an unlawful seizure and extended detention without due process, the defendants, acting in their capacities as NYPD officers, and within the scope of their employment, each were negligent in committing conduct that inflicted emotional distress upon plaintiff.” [United States District Court Of The Eastern District Of New York, Case 1:14-cv-02134-FB-CLP, filed [4/3/14](#)]

In Their Statement, D’Esposito And The Other Police Officers Denied Violating Any Civil Rights And Stated That Any Sustained Injuries “Resulted From Plaintiff’s Own Culpable Or Negligent Conduct”

In Their Statement, D’Esposito And Other Police Officers Stated That They Had “Not Violated Any Right, Privileges Or Immunities.” “77. Defendants have not violated any rights, privileges or immunities under the Constitution or laws of the United States or the State of New York or any political subdivision thereof, or any act of Congress providing for the protection of civil rights.” [United States District Court Of The Eastern District Of New York, Case 1:14-cv-02134-FB-CLP, Answer On Behalf of Defendants, filed 7/8/14]

In Their Statement, D’Esposito And Other Police Officers Stated That Bethea’s Alleged Injuries “Resulted From [Bethea’s] Own Culpable Or Negligent Conduct.” “78. Any injury alleged to have been sustained resulted from plaintiff’s own culpable or negligent conduct or the culpable or negligent conduct of other parties for whom the City of New York defendants.” [United States District Court Of The Eastern District Of New York, Case 1:14-cv-02134-FB-CLP, Answer On Behalf of Defendants, filed 7/8/14]

The Court Case Was Allegedly Settled For \$45,000

The Bethea Vs City Of New York, Et Al. Case Was Allegedly Settled For \$45,000. According to 50-a, the court case “Bethea, Vaughan vs City of New York, et al.” (Case # 14CV02134, U.S. District Court - Eastern District NY) had a \$45,000 settlement. [50-a, Officer Anthony Desposito, accessed [1/10/24](#)]

Lawsuits

Named in 3 known lawsuits, \$82,500 total settlements.

[Campbell, June, et al. vs City of New York, et al.](#)

Case # 15CV01786, U.S. District Court - Eastern District NY, April 15, 2015, ended February 23, 2016

\$37,500 Settlement

[Complaint](#)

Description: Plaintiffs were falsely arrested and taken into custody without probable cause .

[Bethea, Vaughan vs City of New York, et al.](#)

Case # 14CV02134, U.S. District Court - Eastern District NY, April 4, 2014, ended October 17, 2014

\$45,000 Settlement

[Complaint](#)

[50-a, Officer Anthony Desposito, accessed [1/10/24](#)]

NOTE: The Dismissal order for the Bethea vs City of New York Case notes that a settlement agreement was reached upon by the parties but did not list the terms of the agreement.

2013: D’Esposito And The NYPD Were Sued By A Man Who Accused D’Esposito Of False Arrest And Imprisonment, Costing The City Of New York \$250,000 In A Settlement

2023: New York City Settled A Lawsuit Alleging D’Esposito Lied To A Grand Jury And A District Attorney, Resulting In A Defendant Spending 22 Days In Jail Before Charges Were Dropped, For \$250,000. “More recently — just last year — the city settled a lawsuit alleging D’Esposito lied in 2011 to a grand jury and then-Manhattan District Attorney Cy Vance Jr. about a suspect named Gregory Crockett residing in a house where illegal weapons were kept. Two years later, in 2013, after Crockett had spent 22 days in jail, all of the charges against him were dropped. Later that year, Crockett sued the city and D’Esposito. As part of the settlement, the city had to pay out \$250,000, but admitted no wrongdoing in the case.” [New York Daily News, [7/8/24](#)]

December 2013: Gregory Crockett Sued D'Esposito And The NYPD For False Arrest And Imprisonment And Malicious Prosecution

Crockett Accused D'Esposito Of Falsely Arresting And Imprisoning Him, Which Violated His Rights Under "The Fourth And Fourteenth Amendments To the U.S. Constitution." "FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION AGAINST DESPOSITO [...] (False Arrest/Imprisonment Under 42 U.S.c. § 1983) [...] Plaintiff repeats and realleges each and every allegation set forth above as though fully set forth herein. [...] That the aforementioned actions of Desposito constitute a false arrest and false imprisonment of plaintiff, and thus an unlawful seizure of plaintiff in violation of the Fourth and Fourteenth Amendments to the U.S. Constitution, and entitle plaintiff to recover damages against Desposito pursuant to 42 U.S.c. § 1983." [Supreme Court of the State of New York, County Of New York, Gregory Crockett vs. The City of New York and NYPD Detective Anthony D'Esposito, Index No. 161857/2013 , Summons and Verified Complaint, filed [12/26/13](#)]

Crockett Accused D'Esposito And The City Of New York Of Maliciously Prosecuting Him Under New York State Law. SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION AGAINST THE CITY and DESPOSITO [...] (Malicious Prosecution Under NY State Law) [...] Plaintiff repeats and realleges each and every allegation set forth above as though fully set forth herein. [...] That the aforementioned actions of Desposito constitute a malicious prosecution of plaintiff under New York State law, for which Desposito is answerable in damages and for which the City is vicariously liable under the doctrine of respondeat superior." [Supreme Court of the State of New York, County Of New York, Gregory Crockett vs. The City of New York and NYPD Detective Anthony D'Esposito, Index No. 161857/2013 , Summons and Verified Complaint, filed [12/26/13](#)]

Crockett Accused D'Esposito Of Maliciously Prosecuting Him Under Federal Law. "THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION AGAINST DESPOSITO [...] (Malicious Prosecution Under 42 U.S.c. § 1983) [...] Plaintiff repeats and realleges each and every allegation set forth above as though fully set forth herein. [...] That the aforementioned actions of Desposito constitute a malicious prosecution of plaintiff, and thus an unlawful seizure of plaintiff in violation of the Fourth and Fourteenth Amendments to the U.S. Constitution, and entitle plaintiff to recover damages against Desposito pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983. [...] That all of the causes of action pleaded herein fall within one or more of the exceptions set forth in New York's Civil Practice Law & Rules § 1602 with respect to joint and several liability." [Supreme Court of the State of New York, County Of New York, Gregory Crockett vs. The City of New York and NYPD Detective Anthony D'Esposito, Index No. 161857/2013 , Summons and Verified Complaint, filed [12/26/13](#)]

Gregory Crockett, The Plaintiff In The Case Had Been Charged On Dec. 13, 2011 "With Multiple Felonies" Related To The Criminal Possession Of Weapons And Illegal Drugs

Dec. 13, 2011: The Plaintiff, Gregory Crockett, Was Charged "With Multiple Felonies" Related To The Criminal Possession Of Weapons And Illegal Drugs. "Gregory Crockett, Plaintiff, -against-The City Of New York and NYPD Detective Anthony D'Esposito [...] That on or about December 13, 2011, plaintiff was charged in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of New York, with multiple felonies and other crimes, including conspiracy in the fourth degree, criminal possession of a weapon in the second degree, criminal possession of a weapon in the third degree, criminal possession of a weapon in the fourth degree, criminal possession of a controlled substance in the third degree, unlawful possession of marijuana, and criminally using drug paraphernalia in the second degree." [Supreme Court of the State of New York, County Of New York, Gregory Crockett vs. The City of New York and NYPD Detective Anthony D'Esposito, Index No. 161857/2013 , Summons and Verified Complaint, filed [12/26/13](#)]

In His Lawsuit, Crockett Accused D'Esposito Of Knowingly Lying To A District Attorney And Grand Jury When D'Esposito Provided Information To Connect Crockett To The Illegal Drugs And Weapons

D'Esposito Claimed That Crockett Said He Used The House Where “Illegal Drugs And Weapons Allegedly Were Recovered [...] As His Primary Residence And That He Stayed Over Or Slept At The House Several Times Per Week.” “That at all times herein mentioned, Desposito had spearheaded the investigation into the facts and events underlying the aforesaid prosecution of plaintiff. [...] That in support of the prosecution, Desposito made verbal representations to the Office of the New York County District Attorney regarding plaintiff's connection to a house in which illegal drugs and weapons allegedly were recovered. [...] That among the verbal representations made by Desposito were that plaintiff stated to Desposito that he used the house as his primary residence and that he stayed over or slept at the house several times per week.” [Supreme Court of the State of New York, County Of New York, Gregory Crockett vs. The City of New York and NYPD Detective Anthony D'Esposito, Index No. 161857/2013 , Summons and Verified Complaint, filed [12/26/13](#)]

- **Crockett Alleged That He Made No Such Statements And That D'Esposito Knowingly Lied To A District Attorney And Grand Jury About Them.** “That plaintiff in fact never made any such statements to Desposito, and Desposito knew that plaintiff had not made any such statements to him nor to anyone else. [...] That when he made the aforementioned representations to the District Attorney, Desposito knew that those representations were false. [...] That on or about December 13, 2011, Desposito repeated those false representations in testimony before a Grand Jury. [...] That at all times herein mentioned, Desposito knew that there did not exist probable cause for plaintiff to be charged with any crimes.” [Supreme Court of the State of New York, County Of New York, Gregory Crockett vs. The City of New York and NYPD Detective Anthony D'Esposito, Index No. 161857/2013 , Summons and Verified Complaint, filed [12/26/13](#)]

Crockett Further Alleged That He Had Been Arrested And Prosecuted As A Result Of D'Esposito's False Testimony, That The Arrest Had Been “Effectuated” Without A Warrant Or Probable Cause, And That D'Esposito Knew There Was No Probable Cause To Initiate Or Continue Prosecution Of Crockett

Crockett Alleged That He Was Indicted, Arrested, And Prosecuted “As A Result Of D'Esposito's Intentional Misrepresentations Both To The District Attorney And To The Grand Jury.” “That as a result of Desposito's intentional misrepresentations both to the District Attorney and to the Grand Jury, plaintiff was indicted on the aforementioned criminal charges. [...] That as a result of Desposito's intentional misrepresentations both to the District Attorney and to the Grand Jury, plaintiff was arrested on December 14, 2011. [...] That over the ensuing fourteen months, plaintiff was criminally prosecuted and was compelled to appear in court on numerous occasions to defend against the criminal charges that had been initiated by Desposito.” [Supreme Court of the State of New York, County Of New York, Gregory Crockett vs. The City of New York and NYPD Detective Anthony D'Esposito, Index No. 161857/2013 , Summons and Verified Complaint, filed 12/26/13, accessed [8/15/22](#)]

Crockett Alleged That He Was “Effectuated” And Imprisoned “Without A Warrant And Without Probable Cause To Believe That Plaintiff Had Committed Any Crime.” “That the arrest of plaintiff was effectuated without a warrant and without probable cause to believe that plaintiff had committed any crime. [...] That following his arrest plaintiff was forcibly confined and imprisoned for a period of approximately twenty-two days.” [Supreme Court of the State of New York, County Of New York, Gregory Crockett vs. The City of New York and NYPD Detective Anthony D'Esposito, Index No. 161857/2013 , Summons and Verified Complaint, filed 12/26/13, accessed [8/15/22](#)]

Crockett Alleged “That D'Esposito Knew That There Was No Probable Cause To Initiate Or Continue The Prosecution Of Plaintiff.” “That Desposito knew that there was no probable cause to initiate or continue the prosecution of plaintiff.” [Supreme Court of the State of New York, County Of New York, Gregory Crockett vs. The City of New York and NYPD Detective Anthony D'Esposito, Index No. 161857/2013 , Summons and Verified Complaint, filed 12/26/13, accessed [8/15/22](#)]

To Bolster His Claims, Crockett Pointed To The Fact That “On February 7, 2013, All Criminal Charges Against Plaintiff Were Dismissed And The Criminal Prosecution Terminated Favorably To Plaintiff”

According To Crockett's Lawsuit, Crockett Was Arrested On Dec. 14, 2011, But "On February 7, 2013, All Criminal Charges Against Plaintiff Were Dismissed And The Criminal Prosecution Terminated Favorably To Plaintiff." "That as a result of Desposito's intentional misrepresentations both to the District Attorney and to the Grand Jury, plaintiff was indicted on the aforementioned criminal charges. [...] That as a result of Desposito's intentional misrepresentations both to the District Attorney and to the Grand Jury, plaintiff was arrested on December 14, 2011. [...] That on February 7, 2013, all criminal charges against plaintiff were dismissed and the criminal prosecution terminated favorably to plaintiff. [...] That on February 19, 2013, the Clerk of the Court of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of New York, certified the dismissal of the criminal charges against plaintiff." [Supreme Court of the State of New York, County Of New York, Gregory Crockett vs. The City of New York and NYPD Detective Anthony D'Esposito, Index No. 161857/2013, Summons and Verified Complaint, filed 12/26/13, accessed [8/15/22](#)]

April 2023: The City Of New York Agreed To Pay Crockett \$250,000 In A Settlement Agreement

The City Of New York Agreed To Pay Crockett \$250,000 In A Settlement Action. "GREGORY CROCKETT, Plaintiff(s), -against- THE CITY OF NEW YORK and NYPD DETECTIVE ANTHONY DESPOSITO, Defendant(s). [...] IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the undersigned attorneys of record, based upon full authority given by the respective parties, that this action is settled for the total amount of Two hundred and fifty thousand Dollars (\$250,000 00), inclusive of costs, interest, attorney's fees, and disbursements, and subject to statutory liens, encumbrances, and/or statutory rights to reimbursement, including Medicaid, Medicare, Medicare Advantage Plans (MAPs), and attorneys liens, and that for purposes of Medicaid, Medicare, and any other statutory right of reimbursement, this settlement includes compensation for medical expenses." [Supreme Court of the State of New York of the County of New York, Stipulation of Settlement, Index# 161857/2013, filed 4/3/23]

Per The Stipulations Of The Settlement, Crockett Agreed To Hold D'Esposito "Harmless" Of All Previous Claims. "GREGORY CROCKETT, Plaintiff(s), -against- THE CITY OF NEW YORK and NYPD DETECTIVE ANTHONY DESPOSITO, Defendant(s). [...] IT IS FURTHER STIPULATED AND AGREED that plaintiff agrees to hold harmless and indemnify the City of New York [and NYPD DETECTIVE ANTHONY DESPOSITO and its/their past and present officers, managers, administrators, employees, agents, and representatives, and all other individually named defendants and entities represented and/or indemnified by the City of New York, regarding any liens, claims, or past and future Medicare or secondary payments, presently known or unknown in connection with this matter." [Supreme Court of the State of New York of the County of New York, Stipulation of Settlement, Index# 161857/2013, filed 4/3/23]

D'Esposito Was Punished By The NYPD For Moonlighting As A DJ For More Than A Year And Losing His Gun After Leaving It Unattended In His Car

2008: D'Esposito Forfeited 15 Vacation Days After He Was Caught For Having Worked As A DJ And Served Alcohol Without Prior Permission

2007-2008: Anthony D'Esposito Worked As A DJ And Served Alcohol On "Approximately Four Occasions"

4/26/07-7/15/08: D'Esposito Engaged In Behavior "Prejudicial To The Good Order, Efficiency Or Discipline Of Wit" Of An NYPD Officer. "1.SAID POLICE OFFICER ANTHONY D'ESPOSITO WHILE ASSIGNED TO THE 73RD PRECINCT, WHILE OFF DUTY, ON OR ABOUT AND BETWEEN APRIL 26, 2007 AND JULY 15, 2008, DID WRONGFULLY ENGAGE IN CONDUCT PREJUDICIAL TO THE GOOD ORDER, EFFICIENCY OR DISCIPLINE OF THE DEPARTMENT, TO WIT: SAID S/O ON APPROXIMATELY FOUR OCCASIONS, DID WRONGFULLY WORK AS A DISC JOCKEY, SERVE FOOD, AND HANDLE AND SERVE ALCHOLIC BEVERAGES AT A PREMISE LICENSED BY THE NEW YORK STATE LIQUOR AUTHORITY DURING THE ABOVE-MENTIONED TIME PERIOD WITHOUT AUTHORITY OR PERMISSION TO DO SO." [NYPD, Round Robin Report, Anthony Desposito (Tax Number: 940085), Internal

Investigation- Serial Number M07-9082, accessed 6/1/22]

- **D'Esposito Worked As A DJ, Served Food, And Handled And Served Alcohol Without Prior Permission From The NYPD.** "1.SAID POLICE OFFICER ANTHONY D'ESPOSITO WHILE ASSIGNED TO THE 73RD PRECINCT, WHILE OFF DUTY, ON OR ABOUT AND BETWEEN APRIL 26, 2007 AND JULY 15, 2008, DID WRONGFULLY ENGAGE IN CONDUCT PREJUDICIAL TO THE GOOD ORDER, EFFICIENCY OR DISCIPLINE OF THE DEPARTMENT, TO WIT: SAID S/O ON APPROXIMATELY FOUR OCCASIONS, DID WRONGFULLY WORK AS A DISC JOCKEY, SERVE FOOD, AND HANDLE AND SERVE ALCHOLIC BEVERAGES AT A PREMISE LICENSED BY THE NEW YORK STATE LIQUOR AUTHORITY DURING THE ABOVE-MENTIONED TIME PERIOD WITHOUT AUTHORITY OR PERMISSION TO DO SO."[NYPD, Round Robin Report, Anthony Desposito (Tax Number: 940085), Internal Investigation- Serial Number M07-9082, accessed 6/1/22]

D'Esposito Pleaded Guilty And Forfeited 15 Vacation Days As A Result

HEADLINE: "GOP Candidate Punished by NYPD for Losing Gun, Going Rogue As A DJ." [Rolling Stone, [10/11/22](#)]

D'Esposito Pleaded Guilty To The Violation And Forfeited 15 Vacation Days As A Result. "1.SAID POLICE OFFICER ANTHONY D'ESPOSITO WHILE ASSIGNED TO THE 73RD PRECINCT, WHILE OFF DUTY, ON OR ABOUT AND BETWEEN APRIL 26, 2007 AND JULY 15, 2008, DID WRONGFULLY ENGAGE IN CONDUCT PREJUDICIAL TO THE GOOD ORDER, EFFICIENCY OR DISCIPLINE OF THE DEPARTMENT, TO WIT: SAID S/O ON APPROXIMATELY FOUR OCCASIONS, DID WRONGFULLY WORK AS A DISC JOCKEY, SERVE FOOD, AND HANDLE AND SERVE ALCHOLIC BEVERAGES AT A PREMISE LICENSED BY THE NEW YORK STATE LIQUOR AUTHORITY DURING THE ABOVE-MENTIONED TIME PERIOD WITHOUT AUTHORITY OR PERMISSION TO DO SO.

*DISPOSITION:1.GUILTY. (PLEA). RESPONDENT SHALL FORFEIT FIFTEEN (15) VACATION DAYS." [NYPD, Round Robin Report, Anthony Desposito (Tax Number: 940085), Internal Investigation- Serial Number M07-9082, accessed 6/1/22]

2015: D'Esposito Was Punished By The NYPD And Docked 20 Vacation After He Failed To Safeguard His Firearm, Which Was Subsequently Stolen

6/3/15: Anthony D'Esposito Left His Firearm Unattended In A Car Which Led To The Firearm's Theft

6/3/15: Anthony D'Esposito "Failed To Safeguard His Firearm" By Leaving It Unattended In A Car And Subsequently Had It Stolen. "1. SAID DETECTIVE ANTHONY DESPOSITO, ON OR ABOUT JUNE 3, 2015, WHILE ASSIGNED TO THE 73RD DETECTIVE SQUAD, FAILED TO SAFEGUARD HIS FIREARM BY LEAVING SAID FIREARM INSIDE OF AN UNATTENDED VEHICLE, RESULTING IN THEFT OF SAID FIREARM." [NYPD, Round Robin Report, Anthony Desposito (Tax Number: 940085), DADS #2015-14024, accessed 6/1/22]

D'Esposito Pleaded Guilty To The Allegations And Forfeited 20 Vacation Days As A Result

D'Esposito Pleaded Guilty To The Allegations And The Report Recommended That He Forfeit 20 Vacation Days As Punishment. "1. SAID DETECTIVE ANTHONY DESPOSITO, ON OR ABOUT JUNE 3, 2015, WHILE ASSIGNED TO THE 73RD DETECTIVE SQUAD, FAILED TO SAFEGUARD HIS FIREARM BY LEAVING SAID FIREARM INSIDE OF AN UNATTENDED VEHICLE, RESULTING IN THEFT OF SAID FIREARM. **DISPOSITION: 1. GUILTY. (PLEA). VACATION DAYS 20.00 - IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE RESPONDENT FORFEIT THE AMOUNT OF VACATION DAYS AS INDICATED." [NYPD, Round Robin Report, Anthony Desposito (Tax Number: 940085), DADS #2015-14024, accessed 6/1/22]

- **D'Esposito Was Docked 20 Vacation Days As A Result Of The Incident.** “ANTHONY D'ESPOSITO IS running to replace retiring Rep. Kathleen Rice in New York's 4th Congressional District. D'Esposito is a former New York City cop marketing himself as a law-and-order Republican, but as the New York Daily News reported on Monday, he had some issues following the rules when he was on the force. Records obtained by the Daily News show that in 2015 D'Esposito's gun was stolen after he left it unattended in a car. He was found guilty of failing to secure a firearm and had to fork over 20 vacation days as punishment.” [Rolling Stone, [10/11/22](#)]

D'Esposito Was The President Of A New York-Based Company That Had Seemingly No Information About Its Work Or Employees

D'Esposito Was The President Of Halligan Strategies, LLC, A New York-Based Company That Did Not List Its Employees Or Line Of Work

2016: D'Esposito Listed His Position As The President Of Halligan Strategies, LLC

D'Esposito Listed His Position As The President Of Halligan Strategies, LLC. On his 2016 Town of Hempstead Annual Statement of Finance, D'Esposito listed his position as “President” of “Halligan Strategies, LLC.” [Town of Hempstead Annual Statement of Financial Disclosure- 2016 via FOIL, received 6/26/24]

Position	Organization	State or Local Agency
President	Halligan Strategies, LLC	No

[Town of Hempstead Annual Statement of Financial Disclosure- 2016 via FOIL, received 6/26/24]

2014- Present: Halligan Strategies, LLC Was A Limited Liability Company Registered With The New York Department Of State But Did Not List Any Employees Or Line Of Work

2014: Halligan Strategies, LLC Filed Its Articles Of Organization. According to the New York Department of State, on August 7th, 2014, Halligan Strategies, LLC filed its articles of organization. [New York Department of State, Corporation and Business Entity Database, DOS ID #4618384, filed [8/7/14](#)]

Entity Details

ENTITY NAME: HALLIGAN STRATEGIES, LLC

FOREIGN LEGAL NAME:

ENTITY TYPE: DOMESTIC LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

SECTIONOF LAW: 203 LLC - LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW

DATE OF INITIAL DOS FILING: 08/07/2014

EFFECTIVE DATE INITIAL FILING: 08/07/2014

FOREIGN FORMATION DATE:

COUNTY: NASSAU

JURISDICTION: NEW YORK, UNITED STATES

DOS ID: 4618384

FICTITIOUS NAME:

DURATION DATE/LATEST DATE OF DISSOLUTION:

ENTITY STATUS: ACTIVE

REASON FOR STATUS:

INACTIVE DATE:

STATEMENT STATUS: PAST DUE DATE

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[New York Department of State, Corporation and Business Entity Database, DOS ID #4618384, filed [8/7/14](#)]

Note: As of June 28th, 2024, the New York Department of State listed Halligan Strategies as an Active entity.

Halligan Strategies Did Not List A Chief Executive Officer Or An Office Address And Listed Its Registered Agent As “UNITED STATES CORPORATIONS AGENTS, INC.” [New York Department of State, Corporation and Business Entity Database, DOS ID #4618384, accessed [6/28/24](#)]

Chief Executive Officer's Name and Address

Name:

Address:

Principal Executive Office Address

Address:

Registered Agent Name and Address

Name: UNITED STATES CORPORATION AGENTS, INC.

Address: 7014 13TH AVENUE, SUITE 202, BROOKLYN, NY, 11228

Entity Primary Location Name and Address

Name:

Address:

[New York Department of State, Corporation and Business Entity Database, DOS ID #4618384, accessed [6/28/24](#)]

Note: Searches for Halligan Strategies in New York did not yield any substantive results on google or LexisNexis' Comprehensive Business Search- no information about the company's industry, revenue, employees, or clients was found.

D'Esposito Served As A Director Of Security For Watchguard 24/7, A Security Company Started By Ex-NYPD Colleague John Rafferty

D'Esposito Was The Director Of Security For Watchguard 24/7, A Security Company Started By Ex-NYPD Lieutenant John Rafferty

D'Esposito Listed His Position As The Director Of Security For Watchguard 24/7. On his 2016 Town of Hempstead Annual Statement of Finance, D'Esposito listed his position as “Director of Security” of “Watchguard 24/7.” In the description of his position, D'Esposito clarified he was “no longer employed” by the company. [Town of Hempstead Annual Statement of Financial Disclosure- 2016 via FOIL, received 6/26/24]

Position	Name/Address of Organization	Description	State or Local Agency
Detective	NYPD - 1 Police Plaza NY NY	Leave	City of New York
Director of Security	WatchGuard 24/7	No longer employed	
Community Liaison	NYS Assembly	- resigned on 12/2015	NYS

[Town of Hempstead Annual Statement of Financial Disclosure- 2016 via FOIL, received 6/26/24]

Watchguard 24/7 Was A Security Guarding Company Created By NYPD Lieutenant John Rafferty.

“WATCH GUARD 24/7 was created in 2009 by Ret. NYPD lieutenant, John Rafferty, to be a solution-based security guarding company in an increasingly smaller market of larger providers. With that in mind, we focus on flexibly building and enriching our capabilities, communications and culture to enable customization of our offerings, thereby, creating effective security guarding solutions. This has been the cornerstone of WATCH GUARD 24/7’s successful business model. Our experiences over the years, coupled with an experienced and professional staff, welcomes the challenges of providing services that resolve issues and maximize a clients’ security investment.” [Watchguard 24/7, About, accessed 6/28/24]

Lieutenant John Rafferty Served With D’Esposito In NYPD’s 73rd Precinct

Lieutenant John Rafferty Served With D’Esposito In The NYPD And Was Charged Along With D’Esposito In A Civilian Complaint. According to the Civilian Complaint Review Board investigation report received in response to a FOIL request, POM Anthony Desposito, LT John Rafferty, and POM Robert Beierle of the 73rd precinct were investigated by the Civilian Complaint Review Board after a civilian filed a complaint against the three. [CCRB Case # 20081436 accessed via FOIL Request 2022-054-00353, Investigator’s Report, filed 4/7/10]

CCRB INVESTIGATIVE RECOMMENDATION

Investigator: Eric Black	Team: Team # 6	CCRB Case #: 200814636	<input type="checkbox"/> Force <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Abuse	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Discourt. <input type="checkbox"/> O.L.	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S. <input type="checkbox"/> Injury
Incident Date(s) Tuesday, 10/07/2008 10:30 AM	Location of Incident: § 87(2)(b)	Precinct: 67	18 Mo. SOL 4/7/2010	EO SOL 4/7/2010	
Date/Time CV Reported Fri, 10/10/2008 11:59 AM	CV Reported At: CCRB	How CV Reported: Phone	Date/Time Received at CCRB Fri, 10/10/2008 11:59 AM		
Complainant/Victim	Type	Home Address			
Subject Officer(s)	Shield	TaxID	Command		
1. POM Anthony Desposito	29737	940085	073 PCT		
2. LT John Rafferty	00000	918191	073 PCT		
3. POM Robert Beierle	31963	932313	073 PCT		
Officer(s)	Allegation	Investigator Recommendation			
A.LT John Rafferty	Abuse: Lt. John Rafferty stopped § 87(2)(b)				
B.POM Anthony Desposito	Abuse: PO Anthony Desposito frisked § 87(2)(b)				
C.POM Anthony Desposito	Abuse: PO Anthony Desposito searched § 87(2)(b)				

[CCRB Case # 20081436 accessed via FOIL Request 2022-054-00353, Investigator’s Report, filed 4/7/10]

2015: D’Esposito Served As A Community Liaison For The New York Assembly

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Position	Name/Address of Organization	Description	State or Local Agency
Detective	NYPD - 1 Police Plaza NY NY	Leave	City of New York
Director of Security	WatchGuard 24/7	No longer employed	
Community Liaison	NYS Assembly	- resigned on 12/2015	NYS

[Town of Hempstead Annual Statement of Financial Disclosure, 2016, accessed 6/26/24]

According To The New York State Assembly, Constituent Liaisons Dealt With Issues In The District, Maintained Engagement Programs, And Sustained A Volunteer Base. “A Constituent Liaison is a critical part of our Constituent Services Team. This person manages, keeps track of, and resolves issues and also builds and maintains an engaged constituency in the district, identifying and organizing around unaddressed issues affecting the community. The Constituent Liaison is also tasked with building, managing, and sustaining a volunteer base and empowering highly engaged volunteers to take on leadership roles within the office. They will also work closely with community leaders and constituents on a daily basis and provide the rest of the team with key insights and recommendations based on these relationships. The Liaison will also plan and organize the implementation of data-informed community events, programs and resources appropriate for the neighborhood.” [New York State Assembly, Constituent Liaison Position Summary, accessed [6/28/24](#)]

Political Career

This section provides an overview of D'Esposito's political career, from 2016 to 2023.

Partisanship

As Of January 2024, D'Esposito Voted With The Republican Party 82.1% Of The Time. According to ProPublica, as of January 29th, 2024, D'Esposito voted against members of the Republican party 17.9% of the time. Accordingly, he had voted with members of the Republican party 82.1% of the time. [ProPublica, Members of the 118th Congress, accessed [1/29/24](#)]

Speakership Votes

January 2023: D'Esposito Voted 15 Times To Elect Kevin McCarthy As Speaker Of The House

D'Esposito Voted For Electing Kevin McCarthy As Speaker Of The House On The First Vote. In January 2023, Anthony D'Esposito voted for: electing Kevin McCarthy as Speaker of the House. The vote results were: McCarthy-203, Jeffries-212 votes, Biggs-10, Jordan-6, Banks-1, Zeldin-1, and Donalds-1. [Election of the Speaker, [Vote #2](#), 1/4/23; CQ, 1/4/23]

D'Esposito Voted For Electing Kevin McCarthy As Speaker Of The House On The Second Vote. In January 2023, Anthony D'Esposito voted for: electing Kevin McCarthy as Speaker of the House. The vote results were: McCarthy-203, Jeffries-212, and Jordan-19. [Election of the Speaker, [Vote #3](#), 1/4/23; CQ, 1/4/23]

D'Esposito Voted For Electing Kevin McCarthy As Speaker Of The House On The Third Vote. In January 2023, Anthony D'Esposito voted for: electing Kevin McCarthy as Speaker of the House. The vote results were: McCarthy-202, Jeffries-212, and Jordan-20. [Election of the Speaker, [Vote #4](#), 1/4/23; CQ, 1/4/23]

D'Esposito Voted For Electing Kevin McCarthy As Speaker Of The House On The Fourth Vote. In January 2023, Anthony D'Esposito voted for: electing Kevin McCarthy as Speaker of the House. The vote results were: McCarthy-201, Jeffries-212, and Donalds-20 with one member voting present. [Election of the Speaker, [Vote #5](#), 1/4/23; CQ, 1/4/23]

D'Esposito Voted For Electing Kevin McCarthy As Speaker Of The House On The Fifth Vote. In January 2023, Anthony D'Esposito voted for: electing Kevin McCarthy as Speaker of the House. The vote results were: McCarthy-201, Jeffries-212, and Donalds-20 with one member voting present. [Election of the Speaker, [Vote #6](#), 1/4/23; CQ, 1/4/23]

D'Esposito Voted For Electing Kevin McCarthy As Speaker Of The House On The Sixth Vote. In January 2023, Anthony D'Esposito voted for: electing Kevin McCarthy as Speaker of the House. The vote results were: McCarthy-201, Jeffries-212, and Donalds-20 with one member voting present. [Election of the Speaker, [Vote #7](#), 1/4/23; CQ, 1/4/23]

D'Esposito Voted For Electing Kevin McCarthy As Speaker Of The House On The Seventh Vote. In January 2023, Anthony D'Esposito voted for: electing Kevin McCarthy as Speaker of the House. The vote results were: McCarthy-201, Jeffries-212, Donalds-19, and Trump-1 with one member voting present. [Election of the Speaker, [Vote #9](#), 1/5/23; CQ, 1/5/23]

D'Esposito Voted For Electing Kevin McCarthy As Speaker Of The House On The Eight Vote. In January 2023, Anthony D'Esposito voted for: electing Kevin McCarthy as Speaker of the House. The vote results were:

McCarthy-201, Jeffries-212, Donalds-17, Hern-2, and Trump-1 with one member voting present. [Election of the Speaker, [Vote #10](#), 1/5/23; CQ, 1/5/23]

D'Esposito Voted For Electing Kevin McCarthy As Speaker Of The House On The Ninth Vote. In January 2023, Anthony D'Esposito voted for: electing Kevin McCarthy as Speaker of the House. The vote results were: McCarthy-200, Jeffries-212, Donalds-17, and Hern-3 with one member voting present and one member not voting. [Election of the Speaker, [Vote #11](#), 1/5/23; CQ, 1/5/23]

D'Esposito Voted For Electing Kevin McCarthy As Speaker Of The House On The Tenth Vote. In January 2023, Anthony D'Esposito voted for: electing Kevin McCarthy as Speaker of the House. The vote results were: McCarthy-200, Jeffries-212, Donalds-13, and Hern-7 with one member voting present and one member not voting. [Election of the Speaker, [Vote #12](#), 1/5/23; CQ, 1/5/23]

D'Esposito Voted For Electing Kevin McCarthy As Speaker Of The House On The Eleventh Vote. In January 2023, Anthony D'Esposito voted for: electing Kevin McCarthy as Speaker of the House. The vote results were: McCarthy-200, Jeffries-212, Donalds-12, Hern-7, and Trump-1 with one member voting present and one member not voting. [Election of the Speaker, [Vote #13](#), 1/5/23; CQ, 1/5/23]

D'Esposito Voted For Electing Kevin McCarthy As Speaker Of The House On The Twelfth Vote. In January 2023, Anthony D'Esposito voted for: electing Kevin McCarthy as Speaker of the House. The vote results were: McCarthy-213, Jeffries-211, Jordan-4, and Hern-3 with three members not voting. [Election of the Speaker, [Vote #15](#), 1/6/23; CQ, 1/6/23]

D'Esposito Voted For Electing Kevin McCarthy As Speaker Of The House On The Thirteenth Vote. In January 2023, Anthony D'Esposito voted for: electing Kevin McCarthy as Speaker of the House. The vote results were: McCarthy-214, Jeffries-212, and Jordan-6 with two members not voting. [Election of the Speaker, [Vote #16](#), 1/6/23; CQ, 1/6/23]

D'Esposito Voted For Electing Kevin McCarthy As Speaker Of The House On The Fourteenth Vote. In January 2023, Anthony D'Esposito voted for: electing Kevin McCarthy as Speaker of the House. The vote results were: McCarthy-216, Jeffries-212, Jordan-2, and Biggs-2 with two members voting present. [Election of the Speaker, [Vote #18](#), 1/6/23; CQ, 1/6/23]

D'Esposito Voted For Electing Kevin McCarthy As Speaker Of The House On The Fifteenth And Final Vote. In January 2023, Anthony D'Esposito voted for: electing Kevin McCarthy as Speaker of the House. The vote results were: McCarthy-216 and Jeffries-212 with six members voting present. [Election of the Speaker, [Vote #20](#), 1/7/23; CQ, 1/7/23]

Attendance Record

D'Esposito Voting Attendance Record – GovTrack.US				
Time Period	Votes Eligible	Missed Votes	Percent	Percentile
Jan. – Jan. 2024	19	0	9.0%	0 th
Oct. – Dec. 2023	211	28	13.3%	93 rd
July – Sep. 2023	224	4	1.8%	72 nd
April – June 2023	107	5	4.7%	77 th
Jan. – March 2023	182	1	0.5%	38 th
Total:	743	38	5.1%	

[GovTrack.us, Anthony D'Esposito, accessed [1/29/24](#)]

NOTE: Table updated as of January 29th, 2024.

Committees

Note: Committees and subcommittees listed in italics represent chairmanships.

D'Esposito Committees		
Years	Committees	Subcommittees
2023	House Committee on Homeland Security	<i>Emergency Management and Technology, Chairman</i>
		<i>Counterterrorism, Law Enforcement, and Intelligence</i>
	House Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure	Aviation
		Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management
		Highways and Transit
	House Committee on Administration	Oversight
		Elections

[Congressman Anthony D'Esposito, Committees and Caucuses, accessed [1/28/24](#); Homeland Security Committee, accessed [1/28/24](#); Admin Committee, accessed [1/28/24](#); Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, accessed [1/28/24](#)]

Caucuses

D'Esposito is a member of, but not limited to, the following caucuses:

D'Esposito Caucuses	
Name	Years
Climate Solutions Caucus	2023
Congressional Fire Services Caucus	2023
Congressional First Responders Caucus (Chairman)	2023
Congressional Hispanic Conference	2023
Crime Survivors and Justice Caucus (Co-Chair)	2023
Italian-American Congressional Delegation	2023
Main Street Caucus	2023
Problem Solvers Caucus	2023
Republican Governance Group	2023
SALT Caucus (Vice Chair)	2023

[Congressman Anthony D'Esposito, Committees and Caucuses, accessed [1/28/24](#)]

Campaigns

Election History

Rep. Anthony D'Esposito Electoral History				
Year	Office	Candidates	Results	D'Esposito's Margin
2022	U.S. House (NY-04)	Anthony D'Esposito (R)	51.8%	+3.6%
		Lauren Gillen (D)	48.2%	
2021	Hempstead Town Council (4 th District)	Anthony D'Esposito (R)	68%	+36%
		Aaron Meyer (D)	32%	
2017		Anthony D'Esposito (R)	57.60%	+15.26%

	Hempstead Town Council (4 th District)	Douglas Mayer (D)	42.34%	
2017	Hempstead Town Council (4 th District)	Anthony D'Esposito (R)	62%	+24%
		Douglas Mayer (D)	38%	

[New York Times, accessed 1/29/24; The Island Now, [11/3/21](#); Levittown Tribune, [11/15/17](#); Long Island Herald, [11/9/16](#)]

Note: Hempstead Town Council results were not available on the Nassau County Board of Elections website and must be requested through a FOIL request.

Note: The New York State Board of Elections' page for the 2022 election results was down as of January 29th, 2024.

Congressional Record

D'Esposito Did Not Sponsor A Single Bill That Was Signed Into Law And Only Co-Sponsored One Bill, Which Had More Than 300 Cosponsors That Was Signed Into Law

D'Esposito Sponsored No Bills That Became Law And Only Co-Sponsored One Bill That Became Law

D'Esposito Sponsored 16 Bills In The 118th Congress, 0 Of Which Became Law. [Congress.gov, accessed [12/4/23](#)]

As Of December 2023, D'Esposito Co-sponsored 210 Pieces Of Legislation; 1 Or 0.47 Percent Of Became Law. [Congress.gov, accessed [12/4/23](#)]

D'Esposito Co-Sponsorship Toplines			
	# of Co-sponsorships	# Became Law	Percentage Became Law
118th Congress (2023 - 2024)	210	1	0.47%
TOTAL			

[Congress.gov, accessed [12/4/23](#)]

The Only Bill That D'Esposito Co-Sponsored And Became Law Was H.R. 1096, A Bill That Established A Commemorative Coin For The 250th Anniversary For The Marine Corps Which Was Co-Sponsored By More Than 300 Members Of Congress

D'Esposito Co-Sponsored H.R. 1096, The 250th Anniversary Of The United States Marine Corps Commemorative Coin Act. [Congress.Gov, H.R. 1096, Cosponsors, [2/17/23](#)]

H.R. 1096 Called On The Treasury To Mint Coins To Celebrate The 250th Anniversary Of The United States Marine Corps. “This bill directs the Department of the Treasury to mint and issue not more than 50,000 \$5 gold coins, 400,000 \$1 silver coins, and 750,000 half-dollar clad coins emblematic of the 250th anniversary of the United States Marine Corps. All surcharges received by Treasury from the sale of such coins must be paid to the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation and shall only be used for the purposes of supporting the mission of the Marine Corps Heritage Center.” [Congress.Gov, H.R. 1096, [2/17/23](#)]

H.R. 1096 Was Co-Sponsored By 301 Members Of The House Of Representatives. According to Congress.gov, 301 Congressional members co-sponsored H.R. 1096. [Congress.Gov, H.R. 1096, Cosponsors, [2/17/23](#)]

Hempstead Town Council Record

D'Esposito Boasted That He Laid Off Hempstead Workers To Cut Payroll Costs While He Voted To Raise His Mother's Salary And Protect His Family's Taxpayer Funded Jobs Which Earned His Family More Than Half A Million Annually

A Judge Ruled That As A Hempstead Town Councilman, D'Esposito Violated Ethics Rules By Voting For A No-Layoff Clause For Hempstead Civil Service Employees, Which Included Members Of His Family...

December 2017: D'Esposito And A Majority Of The Hempstead Town Board Voted To Enact A No-Layoff Clause That Banned Civil Service Layoffs For Anything Other Than "Misconduct Or Incompetence"

December 2017: The Hempstead Town Board Voted To Enact A No-Layoff Clause That Banned Civil Service Layoffs For Anything Other Than "Misconduct Or Incompetence." "As the Anthony Santino era came to a close in the Town of Hempstead, the outgoing supervisor initiated and town leaders controversially voted to place high-paid employees in other positions and amended the agreement with the civil service union to include a no-layoff clause. [...] An overflowing, at times rowdy crowd and heavy media presence characterized the last town board meeting of the year on Dec. 12. [...] The most contentious item was a memorandum of agreement amending the collective bargaining agreement with the Civil Service Employees Association (CSEA) Local 880. It stated that 'no employee shall be terminated for reasons due to budgetary, economy, consolidation, abolition of functions, abolition of position or curtailment of activities but may be terminated only for misconduct or incompetence.'" [Garden City Life, [1/3/18](#)]

- **D'Esposito Voted In Favor Of The Policy.** "Voting 'aye,' in addition to Santino, were Ed Ambrosino, Anthony D'Esposito and Dennis Dunne Sr." [Garden City Life, [1/3/18](#)]

The No-Layoff Clause Was Opposed By A Bipartisan Group Of Other Hempstead Town Council Members

Republican Town Council Members Bruce Blakeman And Erin King Sweeney Joined Democratic Councilwoman Dorothy Goosby In Voting Against The No-Layoff Clause. "Speaker after speaker had weighed in against the amendment, some warning the only Democrat on the board, Senior Councilwoman Dorothy Goosby, to vote against it. In the end she did, joined by Bruce Blakeman and Erin King Sweeney. [...] Blakeman argued that the resolution represented 'a sad day for the Republican Party. It's not in line with our principles and I would urge my Republican colleagues to reconsider.' In a statement, King Sweeney said, 'I believe this amendment sets bad policy that limits our ability as policy makers to do our jobs. It could impact our bond rating and will tie the Supervisor-elect's hands going forward.'" [Garden City Life, [1/3/18](#)]

Hempstead Supervisor Laura Gillen Said The No-Layoff Clause "Seize[d]" Her Office's "Authority To Manage Staff And Consolidate Departments" And Protected Republican Patronage Appointments

Hempstead Supervisor-Elect Laura Gillen: The Civil Service No-Layoff Clause Seized Her Office's "Authority To Manage Staff And Consolidate Departments." "As the Anthony Santino era came to a close in the Town of Hempstead, the outgoing supervisor initiated and town leaders controversially voted to place high-paid employees in other positions and amended the agreement with the civil service union to include a no-layoff clause. Adding to this recent hectic period, Supervisor-elect Laura Gillen called for Santino to immediately resign. [...] Asked about how this resolution, if passed, would impact her ability to manage the budget and serve as the town's chief financial officer, Gillen had responded, 'It's disastrous for the town board. It seizes all our authority to manage staff and consolidate departments.'" [Garden City Life, [1/3/18](#)]

Gillen Said That The No-Layoff Clause Was "Meant To Protect Patronage Employees And Hamstring Her Authority As Supervisor." "Gillen, a Democrat, and a group of 'resident taxpayers,' brought the Article 78 petition last April against the Republican-controlled town board, former Supervisor Anthony Santino, a Republican,

and the Civil Service Employees Association. Gillen argued in the suit that the no-layoff clause and personnel transfers passed by the board in December 2017, one month before she took office, were meant to protect patronage employees and hamstringing her authority as supervisor.” [Newsday, [4/10/19](#)]

11/7/17: Democrat Laura Gillen Was Elected Hempstead Town Supervisor Over Republican Incumbent

Anthony Santino. “In a stunning turn of events, Democratic challenger Laura Gillen has declared victory over incumbent Republican Anthony Santino to take the supervisor seat for the Town of Hempstead. As of midnight, with all of the precincts reporting in, Gillen led Santino 80,214 votes to 77,946 in unofficial results. If the results stand, it would be the first time in history that a Democrat has led the Town of Hempstead.” [Patch, [11/7/17](#)]

- **Gillen Said The No-Layoff Clause “Placed Santino’s Political Allies In Protected Positions.”** “Last month, Gillen filed a suit against Santino, the town's civil service union and every member of the board, seeking to overturn a series of labor contract changes and personnel moves that she claimed placed Santino's political allies in protected positions, and tied her hands when it came to lay-offs and managing the town's budget.” [LI Herald, [5/2/18](#)]

A Nassau County Supreme Court Judge Ruled That D’Esposito “Violated The ‘Spirit And Intent’ Of The Town’s Ethics Code When” He Voted For The No-Layoff Clause Because His Mother, Brother, And Sister-In-Law All Worked For The Hempstead Town Government

Nassau County Supreme Court Judge Randy Sue Marber: D’Esposito “Violated The ‘Spirit And Intent’ Of The Town’s Ethics Code When” He Voted For The No-Layoff Clause Because It Protected His “Mother, Brother And Sister-In-Law [...] From Termination.” “A State Supreme Court judge on Tuesday issued a split decision in Democratic Hempstead Town Supervisor Laura Gillen's lawsuit against former Supervisor Anthony Santino and the Republican-majority Town Board. Judge Randy Sue Marber found that Santino and Republican Councilman Anthony D’Esposito violated the ‘spirit and intent’ of the town's ethics code when they voted for a controversial amendment to the town's labor contract that protected many employees — including Santino's mother and D’Esposito's mother, brother and sister-in-law — from termination. [...] The judge minced no words in evaluating Santino’s behavior after he lost the election, either, and Marber said that despite Santino’s claim that the no-layoff clause was ‘negotiated in good faith’ for ‘many months,’ there was no proof of any negotiation at all.” [LI Herald, [3/7/19](#)]

- **Marber: The Resolution “Lacked Any Semblance Of Rationality, And Constituted An Abuse Of Power.”** “The resolution wouldn't have passed without Santino and D’Esposito's votes, Marber noted, and it ‘lacked any semblance of rationality, and constituted an abuse of power.’ ‘The vote that took away my authority to manage the town's workforce and fiscal health was not legal, and violated the town's ethics code,’ Gillen said at a news conference Wednesday.” [LI Herald, [3/7/19](#)]
- **Marber: “The Mere Appearance Of Ethical Impropriety Warranted Abstention By” D’Esposito “And Its Disregard Was An Error.”** “In the order, Nassau County Supreme Court Judge Randy Sue Marber found that the no-layoff clause to the town's collective bargaining agreement with CSEA should not have passed, as Santino and current town Councilman Anthony D’Esposito should have recused themselves from voting on it. Both Santino and D’Esposito had relatives who worked for the town, Marber wrote, making their failure to recuse themselves a violation of the town's ethics code. ‘The mere appearance of ethical impropriety warranted abstention by any affected Board members, and its disregard was an error,’ she wrote. Without their votes, the measure - which was approved 4-3 - would not have passed. The resolution approving the memorandum of agreement that contained the clause ‘must be annulled and vacated,’ Marber wrote.” [Newsday, [3/6/19](#)]
- **Randy Sue Marber Was A Nassau County Supreme Court Judge.** [NY Courts, Nassau County, accessed [8/18/22](#)]

D’Esposito’s Mother, Father, Brother, And Sister-In-Law All Worked For The Hempstead Town

Government. “Other town board members also have family on the payroll. Councilman Dennis Dunne Sr.'s son is

a plans examiner, Councilman Ed Ambrosino's daughter was a summer seasonal employee before she resigned a year ago and Councilman Anthony D'Esposito's mother, father, brother and sister-in-law all work LI Herald the town. D'Esposito voted for a raise for his mother, a secretary in the highway department, in March." [Newsday, [10/25/17](#)]

Five D'Espositos Were On The Hempstead Payroll, Including Anthony's Father, Stephen D'Esposito, Who Served As "Town Supervisor Anthony Santino's Chief Of Staff" And As Leader Of The "Island Park GOP." "County GOP chairman Joseph Mondello has had a sister, daughter, son-in-law and other relatives holding local government jobs in recent years. And how about that D'Esposito clan? Five members collect almost a half-million dollars from Hempstead taxpayers; they are town board member Anthony D'Esposito, his mother and father, and his brother and sister-in-law. His father, Stephen D'Esposito, is Town Supervisor Anthony Santino's chief of staff, and also leader of the powerful Island Park GOP." [Newsday, Editorial, [10/17/17](#)]

Residents Protested Against The Measure, Calling It "A Backroom Deal," "A Patronage Amendment" And A "No Layoff Clause Scam"

Resident Complained That The Collective Bargaining Agreement Amendment Was "A Backroom Deal That Hurts Taxpayers." "Helen Manas of Merrick said, 'I am a union member; I believe in union support. But this 11th-hour amendment to the collective bargaining agreement...is a backroom deal that hurts taxpayers. If the economy implodes, the town board will not be able to reevaluate staffing, which will force an increase in taxes, which residents cannot afford. No responsible elected official would agree to this.'" [Long Island Weekly, [12/22/17](#)]

Residents Argued The Move "Was Sabotage In An Attempt To Bankrupt The Town." "Efforts to reach Santino and Town Councilman Anthony D'Esposito, who voted in favor of the amendment, were unavailing. At Santino's last town board meeting as acting supervisor in Dec. 2017, he and several other members of the board passed the amendment, transferring 14 employees from his and the clerk's offices to various other departments and stating they could only be terminated for misconduct or incompetence. There was vocal opposition to the amendment at the meeting, according to court documents, including cries from residents that the move was sabotage in an attempt to bankrupt the town. Town Councilmembers Erin King Sweeney, Bruce Blakeman and Dorothy Goosby voted against the amendment. The amendment passed by a 4-3 vote. According to court documents, Santino and D'Esposito should have both abstained from voting on the amendment, which would have failed without their votes, as they both had family members that stood to gain from the amendment's passing." [The Island Now, [3/6/19](#)]

CBS News: "Angry Town Residents Called The Proceedings" To Amend The Union Contract A "Patronage Amendment" And A "No Layoff Clause Scam." "There's further fallout on sweeping changes made to the union labor contract and personnel moves in the Town of Hempstead, Long Island. On Tuesday, nearly 200 jobs became officially protected by the Republican supervisor who was voted out of office in November. As CBS2's Jennifer McLogan reported, Supervisor Anthony Santino's final Hempstead town board meeting went down with a splash and a groan. 'And now I am inheriting all of this, I don't think we have ever seen a situation where the departing elected official has saddled the newly elected official with almost 200 personnel changes,' Supervisor-elect Laura Gillen told CBS2. Some angry town residents called the proceedings Tuesday a 'patronage amendment' and a 'no layoff clause scam.' Republican Councilman Bruce Blakeman was among those casting a 'no' vote. 'It's unprecedented,' he said. 'I've never seen a government give away such an important tool to a union and get nothing in return for it.'" [CBS News, [12/13/17](#)]

Editorial: Republicans On The Hempstead Town Board's Decision To Appeal Court Ruling Striking Down The Amendment To The Union Contract "A Perfect Example Of How Political Machines Work"

Editorial: Hempstead Town Board's Decision To Appeal Court Ruling Striking Down Amendment To Collective Bargaining Agreement Was "A Perfect Example Of How Political Machines Work." "This is a perfect example of how political machines work. Taxpayer money is used to give jobs to political supporters regardless of their qualifications. In turn, the political supporters and their families vote for the party's candidates,

hand out their campaign literature and man the phone banks. Great for the party, bad for the taxpayer. Don't think so? Time to check your next tax bill. But the Republicans on the Hempstead Town Council were not done with serving their shaky political machine. [...] Whether legal or not, the behavior of Hempstead Republicans is corrupt." [The Island Now, Editorial, [8/16/19](#)]

Editorial: "Republicans On The Hempstead Town Board Added A New Chapter To Their Ongoing Master Class In How Political Machines Operate And Why They Are Bad For Taxpayers." "Republicans on the Hempstead Town Board added a new chapter to their ongoing master class in how political machines operate and why they are bad for taxpayers. First, they filed a notice of appeal to a court ruling that voided a no-layoff clause they had approved to the town's collective bargaining agreement. The court ruling was the result of a lawsuit filed by Laura Gillen, the first Democrat to be elected town supervisor in more than 100 years in 2017. Gillen had filed suit against the no-layoff clause and 197 personnel transfers passed by the board in December 2017, one month before she took office. In his last days in office, outgoing Town Supervisor Anthony Santino and the town board had handed out \$4 million in raises to 197 employees and moved his top political allies to permanent positions in the next administration." [The Island Now, Editorial, [8/16/19](#)]

...And D'Esposito Voted For A \$2,500 Pay Raise For His Mother Along With Helping The Town Give Away Almost \$1 Million Taxpayer Dollars To Councilmembers' Friends And Family ...

2020: D'Esposito Was Part Of A Group Of Hempstead Councilmembers Who "Gave Away Almost \$1 Million Taxpayer Dollars To Friends And Family, While They Thought No One Was Looking"

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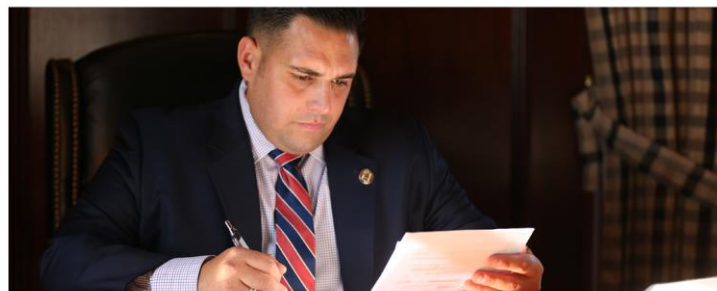
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D'Esposito Family Salaries			
Person	Relation To Anthony D'Esposito	Annual Salaries	Source
Anthony D'Esposito	Self	\$171,000	D'Esposito 2022 PFD
Carmen D'Esposito	Mother	\$88,939	Newsday
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alarm bells about D'Esposito's role at the Nassau Board of Elections, either. Rachel Fauss, a senior policy adviser at the good-government group, Reinvent Albany, called it a conflict and described it as symptomatic of a much larger problem. Positions on the Nassau board are essentially political appointments that are divided evenly between Democrats and Republicans, as opposed to civil servant posts, Fauss noted. 'This begs the question: should we be running elections by boards that are appointed by the two parties?' she said. 'It's definitely a conflict with running for office for sure,' she added, referring to D'Esposito's role on the board." [New York Daily News, [11/4/22](#)]

2018: As A Nassau County Board Of Elections Employee, D'Esposito Could Be In A Role To "Count Ballots For [His] Own Election." "Hempstead Town Councilman Anthony D'Esposito said he has been hired at the Nassau County Board of Elections as a \$100,000 administrative assistant whose focus will draw on his experience as an NYPD detective to deal with polling place security and elections cybersecurity. D'Esposito, a Republican from Island Park, began working at the elections board on Monday, he said Tuesday. He said he will be a '90 percent' employee so he can take time off for town board meetings. There is no law preventing elected officials from working at a municipal board office - even in a role where they could count ballots for their own election, according to State Board of Elections spokesman John Conklin. The state board has no say in the hiring decisions of local boards of elections." [Newsday, [2/27/18](#)]

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Gillen's Campaign Raised Concerns About D'Esposito's Position On The Board Of Elections, Calling It "Entirely Unethical." "A Long Island congressional candidate has prompted protests from his Democratic rival over his job at the Nassau County Board of Elections — and his apparent refusal to recuse himself during an election in which his name appears on the ballot. [...] Gillen made those concerns known to Nassau County Attorney Thomas Adams in a letter dated Oct. 27. According to Fricchione, the county's attorney has not responded to her. 'It should come to your attention that Anthony D'Esposito is not only a county employee, but is my political opponent running for an open congressional seat this year,' Gillen wrote in the letter to Adams. 'According to county records, Anthony D'Esposito is paid approximately \$100,000 a year for helping deal with 'election cyber-security' amongst other tasks. This is not only a potential conflict of interest but is entirely unethical and poses a severe risk to the voters' faith in a fair and accurate vote count.' The county attorney did not respond to queries from The News. Nor did the county Board of Elections." [New York Daily News, [11/4/22](#)]

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Supervisor Anthony Santino. While town council members often have outside jobs, this one is unacceptable. Elected officials should never be charged with directly overseeing election integrity. It is a clear conflict of interest that will undoubtedly lead to voter suppression or worse. It may be legal but it sure isn't ethical. When it comes to the integrity of the vote, even the appearance of impropriety is unacceptable. Enough already.” [Indivisible of RVC, Change.org, accessed [8/8/22](#)]

2017: D'Esposito Voted Against Establishing An Independent Inspector General That Would “Monitor And Combat Waste, Corruption And Fraud”

2017: D'Esposito Voted Against Establishing An Independent Inspector General That Would “Monitor And Combat Waste, Corruption And Fraud.” “At the April 25 Town Board meeting, Councilman Bruce Blakeman attempted to add a ‘hand-up,’ or emergency resolution to the calendar. ‘I submitted the resolution to all the town board members and the town clerk,’ stated Blakeman, whose law’s intent was to ‘establish an independent inspector general to monitor and combat waste, corruption and fraud.’ Supervisor Anthony Santino called on Town Attorney Joseph Ra to explain what would happen next. ‘Under our rules, the vote we are about to take is on whether or not this matter should be considered an emergency...resolution on today’s calendar—and not on the merits of the item,’ Ra said. Santino then called for the vote, and as the first to be polled gave an emphatic ‘no.’ He was joined by Senior Councilwoman Dorothy Goosby, Anthony D'Esposito and Gary Hudes. Siding with Blakeman were Ed Ambrosino and Erin King Sweeney. The vote to add the measure to the calendar thus failed.” [Levittown Tribune via Internet Archive, archived [5/21/17](#)]

- **The Town’s Decision Was Opposed By Councilwoman Erin King Sweeney, Who Abstained From Votes After The Motion Was Defeated And Said She Was “Asking For A Review Of Conflicts Of Interest In Town Contracts” By Abstaining.** Two Hempstead Town Board members on Tuesday called for ethics reforms and an inspector general's review of town contracts, but a vote on an emergency resolution for the proposal failed. [...] The push for an immediate vote was defeated 4-3. Supervisor Anthony Santino and council members Dorothy Goosby, Gary Hudes and Anthony D'Esposito voted down adding the motion. Blakeman, King Sweeney and Councilman Ed Ambrosino voted in favor of it. [...] King Sweeney abstained from voting on 13 resolutions after the motion was defeated, which all required the expenditure of town funds. She said she was abstaining from votes while asking for a review of conflicts of interest in town contracts.” [Newsday, [4/25/17](#)]

2017: D'Esposito Motioned To Adjourn A Hearing “Until Further Notice Without Public Comment” On Legislation To Restrict Councilmembers From Sending Mailers, Thus Enabling His Associate Anthony Santino To Send Out Mailers For Which Santino Was Later Sued

10/17/17: D'Esposito Motioned To Indefinitely Postpone A Hearing On A Mailings Legislation To Restrict Councilmembers From Sending Mailers To Constituents Within 45 Days Of An Election

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The Hempstead Town Board Proposed Legislation To Restrict Incumbents From Sending Mailers To Constituents Within 45 Days To Their Election. “The Hempstead Town Board is to hold public hearings Tuesday on the proposed 2018 budget and legislation that restricts mass mailings, according to the town board’s agenda. [...] The mass mailers legislation is sponsored by town board members Erin King Sweeney and Bruce Blakeman and would restrict incumbents who want to send out mailers to their constituents within 45 days of an election. The town’s Board of Ethics could require town board members to hand over copies of mailings for review, and fines could be levied for violations of the law, if it is passed.” [Newsday, [10/17/17](#)]

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10/17/17: D'Esposito Motioned To Adjourn The Hearing On The Mailings Legislation "Until Further Notice Without Public Comment" Despite Objection From The Audience And Fellow Councilmembers

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Councilwoman King Sweeney On The Passing Of D'Esposito's Motion: "Just When I Thought It Couldn't Get Worse." "At the end of the night session, the town board was scheduled to hold a public hearing on mass mailings legislation that would restrict councilmembers from sending out mailers ahead of the election. But D'Esposito made a motion to 'lay it on the table,' which means the hearing would be adjourned until further notice without public comment. The town board voted 5-2 in favor of D'Esposito's motion despite the loud objections from the audience. Blakeman and King Sweeney, who sponsored the legislation, again voted against the rest. The vote was not on the merits of the legislation but on tabling it. 'Just when I thought it couldn't get worse,' King Sweeney said." [Newsday, [10/17/17](#)]

10/31/17: Mailings Were Sent Out To Family Members Of Anchor Program Attendees, Asking Them To Vote For Santino Because Of His Support For The Anchor Program

Camp Anchor Was A Hempstead Town Program For Individuals With Special Needs. "Bellmore attorney Jeff Gold is asking a federal judge to award almost \$250 million in damages to families of special-needs students who say their personal information was mined by Town of Hempstead employees in an attempt to re-elect Republican Supervisor Anthony Santino, who lost his re-election bid in November to Rockville Centre attorney Laura Gillen.

During the 2017 election, according to Gold, all or some of the defendants ‘hatched a plan to curry the vote of Town of Hempstead families who had a member attending Camp Anchor,’ a town-operated program serving children and adults with special needs.” [LI Herald, [12/7/17](#)]

10/31/17: A Parent Of A Camp Anchor Participant Received A Letter From William Muller And Diana Muller Soliciting The Parent’s Vote For Anthony Santino. “I am the parent of RD in the above referenced matter. [...] RD is a participant in the Camp Anchor, which is run by the Town of Hempstead (“TOH”) Department of Parks and Recreation. On or about November 3, 2017, just a few short days prior to the November 7, 2017 election, I received a letter dated October 31, 2017, from Defendants William Muller And Diana Muller, soliciting my vote for then candidate Town of Hempstead Supervisor Anthony Santino.” [District Court of the Eastern District of New York via courtlistener, case #2:17-cv-06625, complaint (document #1) filed [11/15/17](#)]

- **William Muller Was Anthony Santino’s Legal Counsel.** “Bellmore attorney Jeff Gold is asking a federal judge to award almost \$250 million in damages to families of special-needs students who say their personal information was mined by Town of Hempstead employees in an attempt to re-elect Republican Supervisor Anthony Santino, who lost his re-election bid in November to Rockville Centre attorney Laura Gillen. The lawsuit, filed on Nov. 13, names Santino; his legal counsel, William Muller; Muller’s wife, Diana Bianculli-Muller, the deputy town clerk; Town Clerk Nasrin Ahmad; Parks and Recreation Director Michael Zappolo; and Citizens for Santino as defendants.” [LI Herald, [12/7/17](#)]
- **11/7/17: Santino’s Election For Town Supervisor Against Laura Gillen Took Place.** “In a stunning turn of events, Democratic challenger Laura Gillen has declared victory over incumbent Republican Anthony Santino to take the supervisor seat for the Town of Hempstead. As of midnight, with all of the precincts reporting in, Gillen led Santino 80,214 votes to 77,946 in unofficial results. If the results stand, it would be the first time in history that a Democrat has led the Town of Hempstead.” [Patch, [11/7/17](#)]

10/13/17: Anthony Santino Sent The Parent Of A Camp Anchor Attendee A Letter Informing Them That “Camp Anchor Services Had Been Significantly Expanded.” I am the parent of RD in the above referenced matter. [...] RD is a participant in the Camp Anchor, which is run by the Town of Hempstead (“TOH”) Department of Parks and Recreation. On or about November 3, 2017, just a few short days prior to the November 7, 2017 election, I received a letter dated October 31, 2017, from Defendants William Muller And Diana Muller, soliciting my vote for then candidate Town of Hempstead Supervisor Anthony Santino. Prior to that, I also received a letter from Supervisor Anthony Santino on his official “Office of the Supervisor” stationary, dated October 13, 2017, informing me that the Camp Anchor services has been significantly expanded. [District Court of the Eastern District of New York via courtlistener, case #2:17-cv-06625, complaint (document #1) filed [11/15/17](#)]

November 2017: Santino Was Named As A Defendant In A \$250 Million Lawsuit Alleging That His Campaign Accessed Private Town Data Of Citizens With Special Needs Family Members To Send Targeted Mailers.

Santino Was Named In A Lawsuit Seeking \$250 Million In Damages To Families Of Special-Need Students Who Said Their Personal Information Was Mined By Town Of Hempstead Employees In An Effort To Re-Elect Santino. “Bellmore attorney Jeff Gold is asking a federal judge to award almost \$250 million in damages to families of special-needs students who say their personal information was mined by Town of Hempstead employees in an attempt to re-elect Republican Supervisor Anthony Santino, who lost his re-election bid in November to Rockville Centre attorney Laura Gillen. The lawsuit, filed on Nov. 13, names Santino; his legal counsel, William Muller; Muller’s wife, Diana Bianculli-Muller, the deputy town clerk; Town Clerk Nasrin Ahmad; Parks and Recreation Director Michael Zappolo; and Citizens for Santino as defendants.” [LI Herald, [12/7/17](#)]

- **Santino, His Legal Counsel, And His State Campaign Committee Were All Named As Defendants In The Lawsuit.** “Bellmore attorney Jeff Gold is asking a federal judge to award almost \$250 million in damages to families of special-needs students who say their personal information was mined by Town of Hempstead employees in an attempt to re-elect Republican Supervisor Anthony Santino, who lost his re-election bid in

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- **HEADLINE: "Camp Anchor Parents Suing Town For Nearly \$250 Million"** [LI Herald, [12/7/17](#)]

The Lawsuit Alleged That Santino's Legal Counsel, William Muller, Accessed Identities Of Camp Anchor Attendees And Sent Them Mailers To Vote For Santino Because Of His Support For The Camp. "The lawsuit, filed on Nov. 13, names Santino; his legal counsel, William Muller; Muller's wife, Diana Bianculli-Muller, the deputy town clerk; Town Clerk Nasrin Ahmad; Parks and Recreation Director Michael Zappolo; and Citizens for Santino as defendants.[...] Muller allegedly accessed the identities of Camp Anchor attendees and sent letters to their families in the days before the election. According to the suit, nearly 1,200 Camp Anchor attendees' records were accessed in order to target the mailer, which encouraged the families to vote for Santino." [LI Herald, [12/7/17](#)]

- **Camp Anchor Was A Hempstead Town Program For Individuals With Special Needs.** "Bellmore attorney Jeff Gold is asking a federal judge to award almost \$250 million in damages to families of special-needs students who say their personal information was mined by Town of Hempstead employees in an attempt to re-elect Republican Supervisor Anthony Santino, who lost his re-election bid in November to Rockville Centre attorney Laura Gillen. During the 2017 election, according to Gold, all or some of the defendants 'hatched a plan to curry the vote of Town of Hempstead families who had a member attending Camp Anchor,' a town-operated program serving children and adults with special needs." [LI Herald, [12/7/17](#)]

The Lawsuit Alleged That This Accessing Of Data Constituted A "An Invasion Of Privacy" And Could Make Families Feel "Beholden To Santino." "Bellmore attorney Jeff Gold is asking a federal judge to award almost \$250 million in damages to families of special-needs students who say their personal information was mined by Town of Hempstead employees in an attempt to re-elect Republican Supervisor Anthony Santino, who lost his re-election bid in November to Rockville Centre attorney Laura Gillen. In the suit, Gold, who ran unsuccessfully this year on the Democratic ticket for the County Legislature's 19th District seat, wrote that Muller's use of the families' personal information was an invasion of privacy against a group of people who 'could be expected to feel beholden to Santino, as they are dependent upon the good will of the Town of Hempstead administration for the continuation of Camp Anchor.'" [LI Herald, [12/7/17](#)]

The Lawsuit Alleged That The Mailing "Done At The Urging Of Santino" And Reflected The Idea That Santino Believed Himself To Be "Above The Law." "Gold said that the mailing was done at the urging of Santino, and that Muller was likely trying to 'curry favor' with Santino and re-elect him because both Muller and his wife faced the possibility of losing their jobs if Santino lost the election. The Camp Anchor letter and prior official Town of Hempstead mailings promoting Santino are 'reflective of the fact that Mr. Santino and his associates believe that they are above the law and can do what they want in order to continue financing their existence on the public dole,' Gold said." [LI Herald, [12/7/17](#)]

Note: As Of January 5th, 2024, the Lawsuit against Santino is still ongoing, most recently having two affidavits submitted on January 5th, 2024. The full docket of the lawsuit can be found on [courtlister](#).

The Legislation That D'Esposito Helped Indefinitely Postpone Would Have Made Both The Aforementioned Mailings Illegal

Mailings From Santino And Muller Were Both Within The 45-Day Period Under Which The Mailings Legislation Sought To Ban Any Mailers From Incumbents.

Day Of Mailer	Mail Sent By:	Day Of Election	Days Between Mailer And Election	Would it be banned under the mailings
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				legislation?
10/13/17	Anthony Santino	11/7/17	25	Yes
10/31/17	William Muller	11/7/17	7	Yes

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2018: D'Esposito Opposed The Institution Of Special Elections In Hempstead Town's Elective Offices After He Was Appointed To The Town Council By His Father's Employer

2016: D'Esposito Was Appointed To The Town Board

2016: D'Esposito Was Appointed Unanimously To The Board. "Former Island Park Fire Chief and NYPD Detective Anthony D'Esposito was appointed Tuesday to fill the Hempstead Town Board seat of newly elected Supervisor Anthony Santino. Town Board members tapped D'Esposito, 33, to fill the remainder of Santino's term until a special election is held in November. He will represent Hempstead's 4th District, which includes Island Park, Oceanside, East Rockaway, Hewlett, Rockville Centre and South Hempstead. His district also includes sections of Baldwin, Cedarhurst, Lynbrook, Malverne, Valley Stream and Woodmere. [...] The Hempstead Town Board members appointed D'Esposito unanimously, but Councilwoman Dorothy Goosby objected to his appointment without an election. 'He does have the qualifications of a great councilman, but I object to the process of choosing a representative without any input from residents of that district,' Goosby said. 'This is not voted on by the people who live there and this is a very undemocratic process.' Santino said state law requires the board fill his vacancy through an appointment or leave it vacant until the next election." [Newsday, [2/9/16](#)]

2018: D'Esposito Voted To Table The Discussion On A Local Law That Would Eliminate The Town Board's Power To Fill Vacancies And Replace It With A Requirement For A Special Election

2018: A Law Entitled "Filling Vacancies In Elective Office By Special Election" Was Proposed. "A LOCAL LAW ESTABLISHING CHAPTER ' 16A OF THE, CODE -OF THE TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD ENTITLED 'FILLING. VACANCIES IN ELECTIVE OFFICE BY SPECIAL ELECTION.'" [Town of Hempstead, Meeting Agenda, [5/22/18](#)]

- **The Law Called For The Elimination Of "The Town Board's Power To Fill Vacancies By Appointment In Elective Offices" And Instead Instituted Special Elections To Fill Such Vacancies.** "The Board finds that it is in the best interests of the Town of Hempstead to supersede Town Law Section 64(5) by eliminating the Town Board's power to fill vacancies by appointment in elective offices and instead grant that power to the eligible voters of the Town by requiring a special election to fill the vacancy." [Town of Hempstead, Meeting Agenda, [5/22/18](#)]
- **The Law Would Apply To The Office Of The Supervisor, The Town Board, The Town Clerk, And The Receiver Of Taxes.** "The Board finds that it is in the best interests of the Town of Hempstead to supersede Town Law Section 64(5) by eliminating the Town Board's power to fill vacancies by appointment in elective offices and instead grant that power to the eligible voters of the Town by requiring a special election to fill the vacancy. [...] The elective offices affected by this Chapter are the Office of the Supervisor, the Town Board, the Town Clerk, and the Receiver of Taxes." [Town of Hempstead, Meeting Agenda, [5/22/18](#)]

D'Esposito Voted To "Table Item 58 Indefinitely." COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Yes, Supervisor, I would like to sever Item 58. Madam Supervisor, I will amend that. I would like to table Item 58 indefinitely, that is my Motion." [...] SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Madam Clerk, would you, please, call the roll. CLERK CABANA: Councilman Blakeman? COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: On the postponement, I vote aye. CLERK CABANA: Councilman D'Esposito? COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye." [Town of Hempstead, Meeting Verbatim, [5/22/18](#)]

- **Item 58 Referred To "The Resolution Referring To Special Elections."** SUPERVISOR GILLEN: "Before

we call the roll on this, I would like to point out that Item 58 is the Resolution relating to special elections. I would urge the Members of this Board to reconsider and leave this item on the agenda.” [Town of Hempstead, Meeting Verbatim, [5/22/18](#)]

2019: D'Esposito Opposed Legislation To Require Commissioners And Department Heads To Choose Between Participating As A Party Officer Or Continue Employment With The Town

2019: D'Esposito Opposed Legislation To Require Commissioners And Department Heads To Choose Between Participating As A Party Officer Or Continue Employment With The Town. “The legislation would require commissioners and department heads to choose between participating as a party officer or continue employment with the town. She said the legislation would not restrict other employees from participating in political events. She described the legislation akin to the Hatch Act, which prohibits the U.S. president’s administration from using government resources to campaign. The legislation would have to be approved by the Republican-controlled Town Board and Gillen said she will seek a vote after the Nov. 5 election. Republican Councilman Anthony D’Esposito questioned whether Gillen would expand her legislation to the elected town board and signaled her bill may be a non-starter. ‘I suggest Laura Gillen read the Constitution of the United States, which guarantees its citizens the right to participate in the political process,’ D’Esposito said. ‘If she lost her copy, I’d be more than happy to loan her mine.’” [Newsday, [10/3/19](#)]

- **This Legislation Sought To “Eliminate” The Town’s “Pay-To-Play” Culture.** “Hempstead Town Supervisor Laura Gillen is proposing a ban on town department heads leading political committees as a way to help eliminate a ‘pay-to-play’ culture. Gillen said she will propose legislation next month to amend the ethics code to ban town commissioners from also serving as heads of local political clubs or committees. She said about half of the town’s department chiefs, including nearly every commissioner and town attorney, are leaders of local Republican clubs. Gillen, a Democrat, is running for her second term next month against Republican Receiver of Taxes Don Clavin. Gillen said whistleblowers have come forward and claimed they were required to carry petitions, participate in Republican club activities or make campaign donations in order to advance within departments or get a raise.” [Newsday, [10/3/19](#)]

D'Esposito Criticized The Measure, Saying It Ignored That The Constitution Of The United States “Guarantees Its Citizens The Right To Participate In The Political Process.” “Republican Councilman Anthony D’Esposito questioned whether Gillen would expand her legislation to the elected town board and signaled her bill may be a non-starter. ‘I suggest Laura Gillen read the Constitution of the United States, which guarantees its citizens the right to participate in the political process,’ D’Esposito said. ‘If she lost her copy, I’d be more than happy to loan her mine.’” [Newsday, [10/3/19](#)]

Ethics

Significant Findings

D'Esposito Administered CARES Act Funding For The Town Of Hempstead, Lauding Its Use To Help Local Businesses All While His “Good Friend” Received \$1 Million In Funding Through A Non-Competitive Contract

- ✓ D'Esposito helped administer the \$133 million the Town of Hempstead received in CARES Act funding.
- ✓ D'Esposito commended the Town of Hempstead for its use of the funding, saying the town board “has really done its due diligence” and was “making sure this money is spent correctly.”
- ✓ \$1 million of the CARES Act funding was given to H2M Architects + Engineers, a company whose senior VP was D'Esposito's “good friend” and contributed \$2,000 to D'Esposito's campaigns in the 6 months preceding the funding disbursement.
- ✓ Michael J. Bonacasa, the senior VP Of H2M Architects + Engineers was D'Esposito “good friend” and donated \$2,000 to D'Esposito's campaigns...
- ✓ ... less than 6 months after D'Esposito voted to give H2M Architects + Engineering \$1 Million in funds from the CARES Act after an approval from the town's COVID 19 committee...
- ✓ ... despite the town allegedly not providing any records showing that this committee had any members or that any specific work was performed by H2M Architects.

D'Esposito Consistently Sided With Donors Over The People Of Hempstead During His Time At The Town Council, Supporting Contractors That Were Delinquent On Their Fees And Introducing Resolutions That Prioritized Corporations Over People

- ✓ D'Esposito was a stooge for Isaac “Butch” Yamali, taking in more than \$45,000 from Yamali and his family and defending his companies from scrutiny during his time on the Hempstead town council
- ✓ D'Esposito received \$45,500 from Isaac “butch” Yamali and his wife.
- ✓ D'Esposito hosted an annual clam eating contest with Yamali.
- ✓ July 2019: Hempstead, NY Town Supervisor Laura Gillen criticized other town officials for extending the dover group's contract to run Malibu Beach Park even though the group's CEO, Isaac “Butch” Yamali, owed the town \$531,400 in rent.
- ✓ October 2019: Hempstead Town Supervisor Laura Gillen ordered a subsidiary of the Dover Group to stop holding events at a local catering hall, because it had not had “a valid contract with the town since 2011.”
- ✓ D'Esposito, who was then serving as a Hempstead Town Councilman, accused Gillen of “playing politics” for trying to crack down on the dover group for operating properties without contracts and not paying rent.

D'Esposito Helped Funnel The Money Of Taxpayers And Supporters To His Friends, Offering Hempstead Town Contracts To Companies That Donated To His Campaigns And Spending His

Campaign's Money At Establishments Owned By Friends And Family

- ✓ 2022: Five companies who donated to D'Esposito's campaigns were given fourteen total contracts by the Town of Hempstead.
- ✓ 2022: D'Esposito served on the town board as a councilman.
- ✓ Town board employees constituted 50% of the committee that reviewed requests for proposals responses and gave recommendations to the town board who decided the awardee.
- ✓ 2022: The town board awarded 14 contracts to 6 companies who had given a combined \$8,590 to D'Esposito's state and federal campaigns.
- ✓ D'Esposito spent more than \$18,000 of his federal campaign committee funds at restaurants owned by donors of his campaign.
- ✓ D'Esposito for New York spent \$14,905 at Mio Posto Restaurant which was owned by Guy Savia who contributed \$4,750 to D'Esposito for New York.
- ✓ D'Esposito for New York spent \$104.62 at EGP Land and Sea which was owned by Tim Ohagan who contributed \$500 to D'Esposito for New York.
- ✓ D'Esposito for New York spent \$2,297.97 at Franks Steaks which was owned by Chris Meyer who contributed \$6,580 to D'Esposito for New York.

D'Esposito Appeared To Be Funding His Federal Reelection Campaign With State Campaign Funds, Leading To An FEC Complaint Being Filed Against Him

- ✓ April 2023: End Citizens United filed a complaint against D'Esposito for using state campaign funds on his 2022 congressional campaign.

D'Esposito Administered CARES Act Funding For The Town Of Hempstead, Lauding Its Use To Help Local Businesses All The While His "Good Friend" Received \$1 Million In Funding Through A Non-Competitive Contract**D'Esposito Helped Administer The \$133 Million The Town Of Hempstead Received In CARES Act Funding**

Hempstead Received \$133 Million In CARES Act Funding. "Hempstead received \$133 million last year in federal COVID-19 CARES funding for pandemic-related expenses, based on its population of nearly 800,000 residents. Town Board members voted to use \$70.1 million on payroll expenses for sanitation workers, public safety and other departments they said were essential workers during the pandemic. Town officials said they were told the funding was properly used, but the town's use of CARE funding is still under investigation in a U.S. Treasury audit." [Newsday, [10/21/21](#)]

D'Esposito Helped Administer CARES Act Funds Given To Hempstead. "At Vision Long Island's 19th annual Smart Growth Summit, which was held virtually because of the coronavirus pandemic, Lynbrook Mayor Alan Beach was one of many mayors and town supervisors who spoke about overcoming difficulties during the coronavirus pandemic. [...] Beach spoke during the first day of the event, and said the village was greatly helped by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (or CARES Act), through the help of Hempstead Town

Supervisor Donald Clavin and Town Councilman Anthony D'Esposito. He added that village officials have worked with the school district and other communities to try and bolster resources.” [LI Herald, [12/10/20](#)]

D'Esposito Commended The Town of Hempstead For Its Use Of The Funding, Saying The Town Board “Has Really Done Its Due Diligence” And Was “Making Sure This Money Is Spent Correctly”

D'Esposito Commended The Town Of Hempstead For “Correctly Utilizing” CARES Act Funding, Calling It A “Job Well Done.” COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: “Supervisor, I think we will all say that Senior Councilwoman Goosby is living proof that early testing, early detection and quality healthcare without a doubt saves lives. [...] Like I said, it is clear that testing does save lives and I am glad to see that leadership here in the Town of Hempstead is utilizing the Federal CARES money for the right reasons and we are making sure that people throughout the Township, the largest Township in America, a diverse Township that whether it is in the Five Towns or Levittown or down in the barrier island or up North in the Town of Hempstead or anywhere in the middle, there is opportunity for the Town of Hempstead residents to be tested and to make sure that we continue to flatten the curve here in New York and make sure we don't see a spike in coronavirus. Job well done in utilizing, correctly utilizing the CARES funding to make sure we continue to keep people safe.” [Town of Hempstead, Meeting Verbatim, [7/28/20](#)]

D'Esposito: “The Town Board Has Really Done Their Due Diligence With This CARES Act Money.” COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: “Supervisor, if I could add to that, I also want to point out the Town Board has really done their due diligence with this CARES Act money. [...] So, to suggest that we are only supporting with this money certain communities is, quite frankly, ridiculous, um, the fire department that have served some of the hardest hit communities, whether it is in Senior Councilwoman Goosby's District, down in the Five Towns where Councilman Blakeman and I share or any of the Council Members' Districts, they have all been contacted by the Town of Hempstead and we are working with them to make sure we can make them whole regarding the thousands upon thousands of dollars they spent on PPE to answer the countless amount of 911 calls transporting people to the hospital pronouncing people that weren't able to live there through the COVID 19 virus.” [Town of Hempstead, Meeting Verbatim, [8/4/20](#)]

D'Esposito On CARES Act Funding: “We Are Making Sure This Money Is Spent Correctly, That It Is Open, That It Is Transparent.” COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: “Supervisor, if I could add to that, I also want to point out the Town Board has really done their due diligence with this CARES Act money. [...] We are making sure this money is spent correctly, that it is open, that it is transparent and that we are doing our best to make sure that maybe not all the nearly eight hundred thousand residents can utilize some sort of this CARES Act money but, we are definitely damn well trying our best.” [Town of Hempstead, Meeting Verbatim, [8/4/20](#)]

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D'Esposito Said The Town Was Putting The CARES Act Funding Toward “Helping Local Businesses.” “Hempstead, the largest town in the U.S., received \$133 million in federal CARES Act funding that it has put toward helping local businesses, including several in Oceanside, Hempstead Town Councilman Anthony D'Esposito said, noting that the goal was to continue helping businesses survive the pandemic. ‘We spent about

\$3.5 million on [personal protective equipment] kits that were delivered to business owners, churches, libraries and many other places,' D'Esposito said." [LI Herald, [2/4/21](#)]

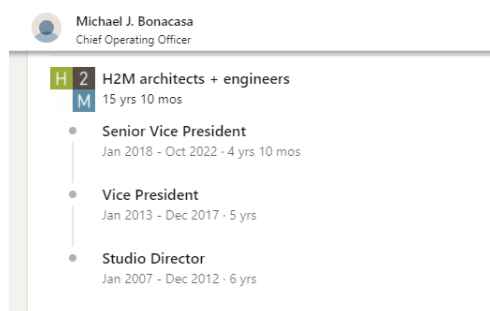
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\$1 Million Of The CARES Act Funding Was Given To H2M Architects + Engineers, A Company Whose Senior Vice President Was D'Esposito's "Good Friend" And Contributed \$2,000 To D'Esposito Campaign In The 6 Months Proceeding The Funding Disbursement

Michael J. Bonacasa, The Senior Vice President Of H2M Architects And Engineers Was D'Esposito's "Good Friend" And Donated \$2,000 To D'Esposito's Campaigns...

Michael J. Bonacasa Was A Senior Vice President At H2M Architects + Engineers

2018-2022: Michael J. Bonacasa Was A Senior Vice President At H2M Architects + Engineers. According to his LinkedIn profile, Michael J. Bonacasa served as a Senior vice president at H2M architects + engineers from January 2018 till October 2022. Previously, he also served as the company's vice president and studio director, being an employee of the company since January 2007. [Michael J. Bonacasa, LinkedIn, accessed [1/4/24](#)]



[Michael J. Bonacasa, LinkedIn, accessed [1/4/24](#)]

Bonacasa Was D'Esposito's "Good Friend"

D'Esposito Referred To Bonacasa As His "Good Friend." "October highlights an opportunity to salute our #ItalianHeritage here @HempsteadTown ! My good friend Mike Bonacasa & his team from Italian Americans in Govt recognized Bill Bonesso & Ed Grilli - 2 men who live & work representing our values & preserving history! Salute!" [Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, [10/4/18](#)]



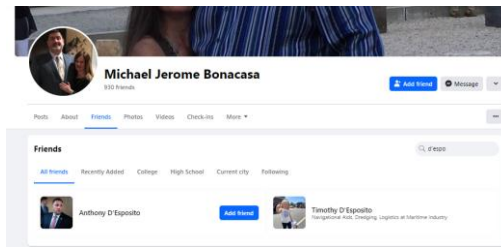
[Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, [10/4/18](#)]

D'Esposito Thanked Bonacasa “For Working So Hard To Preserve And Celebrate Our” Italian-American Heritage. “Supervisor Joseph Saladino, Councilwoman Michele Johnson, Councilman Thomas Muscarella and I snuck our friend, Town of Hempstead Receiver of Taxes Don Clavin 🍀 into Italian-Americans in Government, Inc. 38th Annual #ColumbusDay Dinner honoring two of our dear friends, Chris Coschignano and Anthony Capetola. Thank you to Michael Jerome Bonacasa for working so hard to preserve and celebrate our #ItalianAmerican heritage!” [Congressman Anthony D'Esposito, Facebook, [10/2/19](#)]



[Congressman Anthony D'Esposito, Facebook, [10/2/19](#)]

Michael Bonacasa Was Facebook Friends With Anthony D'Esposito And His Brother, Timothy D'Esposito. According to his Facebook profile, Michael Jerome Bonacasa was friends with Anthony D'Esposito and Timothy D'Esposito. [Michael Jerome Bonacasa, Facebook, Friends, accessed [1/4/24](#)]



[Michael Jerome Bonacasa, Facebook, Friends, accessed [1/4/24](#)]

- Timothy D'Esposito Was Congressman Anthony D'Esposito's Brother.** "Hempstead Town Councilman Anthony D'Esposito voted Tuesday to give a raise to his mother, a secretary in the town's highway department, a spokesman said Wednesday.. [...] The councilman's brother, Timothy D'Esposito, and sister-in-law, Danielle D'Esposito, also work for the town. Timothy D'Esposito is a captain in the department of conservation and waterways. His 2016 salary was \$92,411 and he was hired in 2008. Danielle D'Esposito works as a tax clerk for the town's receiver of taxes, according to the payroll data. She was hired in 2014 and her 2016 salary was \$52,468." [Newsday, [3/29/17](#)]

December 2020- March 2021: Bonacasa Contributed \$2,000 To D'Esposito's State Campaign Committee

12/20/20-3/1/21: Michael J. Bonacasa Contributed \$2,000 To Citizens For D'Esposito.

Contributions to Citizens for D'Esposito From Michael J. Bonacasa			
Source	Source Address	Date	Amount
Michael J. Bonacasa	338 St. Marks Avenue, Bellmore, NY	12/20/20	\$500
Michael J. Bonacasa	338 St. Marks Avenue, Bellmore, NY	3/1/21	\$1,500
Total:			\$2,000

[New York Board of Elections , Campaign Finance Search, accessed [11/18/23](#)]

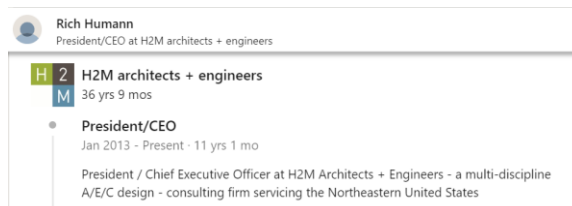
Bonacasa's Wife And Other H2M Employees Were Also D'Esposito's Donors, Donating \$4,150 To His State And Federal Campaigns Combined

Richard Humann And H2M Architects Contributed \$2,650 To Citizens For D'Esposito.

Contributions to Citizens for D'Esposito From H2M And Its CEO		
Source	Date	Amount
H2M Architects	5/13/22	\$1,650
H2M Architects & Engineers	1/18/17	\$500
Richard W Humann	4/21/16	\$500
Total:		\$2,650

[New York State Board of Elections , Campaign Finance Search, accessed [1/5/24](#)]

- 2013- Present: Richard Humann Was The CEO Of H2M Architects And Engineering.** According to his LinkedIn Profile, Rich Humann served as the President/CEO of H2m architects + engineers since January 2013. [Rich Humann, LinkedIn, accessed [1/5/24](#)]



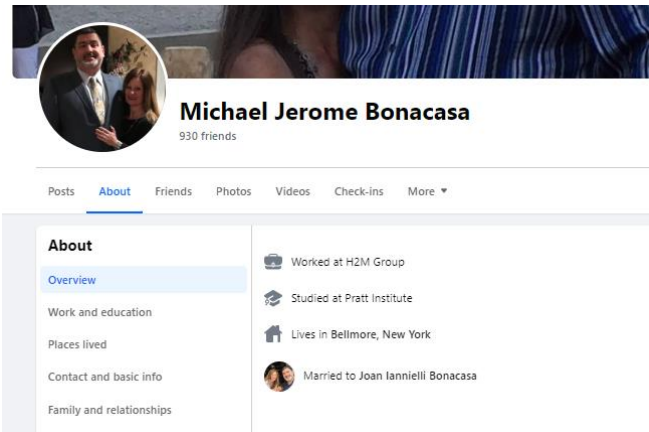
[Rich Humann, LinkedIn, accessed [1/5/24](#)]

Joan Bonacasa Donated \$1,500 To D'Esposito For New York.

Contributions to Citizens for D'Esposito From H2M And Its CEO		
Source	Date	Amount
Joan Bonacasa	3/7/23	\$1,000
Joan Bonacasa	6/26/22	\$500
Total:		\$1,500

[FEC Candidate and Committee Viewer, accessed [1/5/24](#)]

- **Michael Bonacasa Was Married To Joan Bonacasa.** According to his Facebook profile, Michael Jerome Bonacasa was married to Joan Iannielli Bonacasa. [Michael Jerome Bonacasa, Facebook, accessed [1/4/24](#)]



[Michael Jerome Bonacasa, Facebook, accessed [1/4/24](#)]

... Less Than 6 Months After D'Esposito Voted To Give H2M Architects + Engineering \$1 Million In Funds From The CARES Act After An Approval From The Town's COVID 19 Committee...

9/8/20: The Hempstead Town Board Introduced A Resolution To Disburse \$1 Million To H2M Architects + Engineers. “WHEREAS, the Town Board has created a COVID 19 Committee to review and approve such expenditures. In their due diligence, the Committee has approved COVID 19 related expenditures in the amount of \$1,000,000 to be distributed to H2M Architects and Engineers for a total amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 that have been determined to be lawful, proper use of funds, in the public interest, and in compliance with the Treasury's promulgated guidance; and NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Comptroller of the Town of Hempstead be and hereby is authorized to transfer funds received per the ‘CARES Act’ in the amount of \$1,000,000.” [Town of Hempstead, Resolutions, [9/8/20](#)]

- **The Resolution Claimed That The Town Board Created A COVID 19 Committee Which Did Due Diligence And Approved The Disbursement To H2M Architects + Engineers.** “WHEREAS, the Town Board has created a COVID 19 Committee to review and approve such expenditures. In their due diligence, the Committee has approved COVID 19 related expenditures in the amount of \$1,000,000 to be distributed to H2M Architects and Engineers for a total amount not to exceed \$1,000,000 that have been determined to be lawful, proper use of funds, in the public interest, and in compliance with the Treasury's promulgated guidance; and NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Comptroller of the Town of Hempstead be and hereby is authorized to transfer funds received per the ‘CARES Act’ in the amount of \$1,000,000.” [Town of Hempstead, Resolutions, [9/8/20](#)]

D'Esposito Voted “Aye” On The Resolution To Approve The Entire Administrative Calendar.

SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: “If not, may I have a Motion on the Administrative Calendar”. SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: “I move the Administrative Calendar.” [...] CLERK MURRAY: “Councilman D'Esposito?” COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: “Aye.” [Town of Hempstead, Meeting verbatim, [9/8/20](#)]

The Resolution To Disburse \$1 Million To H2M Architects + Engineers Was Item Number 38 On The Administrative Calendar. “ADMINISTRATIVE CALENDAR [...] Resolution - Authorizing the transfer of monies received by the Town of Hempstead through the ‘CARES ACT’, to fund unbudgeted necessary expenses incurred directly related to the Covid-19 pandemic related expenditures to be distributed to H2M ARCHITECTS AND ENGINEERS (\$1,000,000) - TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD” [Town of Hempstead, Agenda, [9/8/20](#)]

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[Town of Hempstead, Agenda, [9/8/20](#)]

... Despite The Town Allegedly Not Providing Any Records Showing That This Committee Had Any Members Or That The Town Followed The CARES Act’s Requirement Of Ensuring H2M Provided Records Of The Work Done

According To Just The Facts Media, The Town Of Hempstead Did Not Provide Any Records Showing Specific Tasks Performed By H2M Architects + Engineers, A Possible Violation Of The CARES Act.

9/9/20: A Hempstead Resident Requested All Records Relating To The \$1 Million Contract Given To H2M Architects + Engineers. “Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Law, I am requesting records that show the following information regarding the work done and proposed by H2M Architects and Engineers specified or implied by the following resolution passed on September 8, 2020 by the Hempstead Town Board : 1. All Contracts relating to the work performed. 2. Description of all work performed and to be performed. 3. All Estimates for work. 4. All Requests for Proposals 5. All receipts and claim forms 6. All payments made to H2M including the Date, Description, and Amount.” [Just the Facts Media, FOIL Request #202005426, [9/9/20](#)]

- **According To Just The Facts Media, The Town’s Response To The Freedom Of Information Law (FOIL) Request Did Not Contain Records Of Any Specific Task Being Performed. A Possible Violation Of CARES Act Requirements.** “On September 8, 2020, the Hempstead Town Board approved \$995k of payments of Federal CARES (COVID-19 aide) funds to Architect and Engineering firm H2M. The Town DID NOT require H2M to provide records showing the actual work performed, as required by the Federal CARES Act. The resolution states that the Town’s COVID-19 committee reviewed each expenditure, but Town Records provided in response to a Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) request DO NOT show any specific task performed.” [Just the Facts Media, accessed [1/4/24](#)]

The CARES Act Required Governments To Keep Records “Sufficient To Demonstrate” That Disbursed Funds Were “In Accordance With Section 601(D) Of The Social Security Act.” “The Department of the Treasury (Treasury) is re-publishing in final form the guidance it previously made available on its website regarding the Coronavirus Relief Fund for States, tribal governments, and certain eligible local governments. [...] 2. What records must be kept by governments receiving payment? A government should keep records sufficient to demonstrate that the amount of Fund payments to the government has been used in accordance with section 601(d) of the Social Security Act.” [Department of Treasury, Coronavirus Relief Fund program guidance, [1/15/21](#)]

Section 601(D) Of The Social Security Act Required Funds To Be Used For Matters That Were Necessary Expenditures Incurred Due To Covid, Which Had Not Previously Been Accounted For And Were Incurred Between 3/1/20 And 12/31/21. “SEC. 601. ø42 U.S.C. 801; CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND. [...] (d) USE OF FUNDS.—A State, Tribal government, and unit of local government shall use the funds provided under a payment made under this section to cover only those costs of the State, Tribal government, or unit of local government that— (1) are necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to the

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19); (2) were not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of the date of enactment of this section for the State or government; and (3) were incurred during the period that begins on March 1, 2020, and ends on December 31, 2021.” [U.S. Government Publishing Office, Social Security Act, accessed [1/4/24](#)]

According To Just The Facts Media, The Town Of Hempstead Claimed That No Members Were Assigned To The COVID-19 Committee

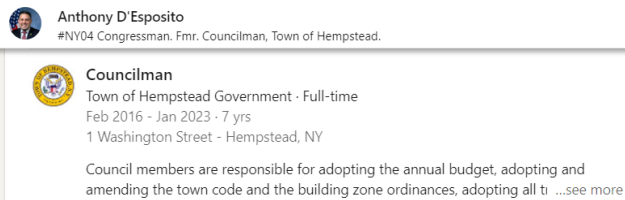
According To Just The Facts Media, The Town Of Hempstead Stated That No Members Were Assigned To The COVID-19 Committee Tasked With The Due Diligence Of CARES Act Expenditures. “On September 8, 2020, the Hempstead Town Board approved \$995k of payments of Federal CARES (COVID-19 aide) funds to Architect and Engineering firm H2M. The Town DID NOT require H2M to provide records showing the actual work performed, as required by the Federal CARES Act. The resolution states that the Town's COVID-19 committee reviewed each expenditure, but Town Records provided in response to a Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) request DO NOT show any specific task performed. In response to FOIL request #202007902, requesting the members of the Town's COVID-19 committee, the Town's response was that no one was assigned to the COVID-19 committee.” [Just the Facts Media, accessed [1/22/24](#)]

D'Esposito Helped Funnel The Money Of Taxpayers And Supporters To His Friends, Offering Hempstead Town Contracts To Companies That Donated To His Campaigns And Spending His Campaign's Money At Establishments Owned By Friends And Family

2022: Five Companies Who Donated To D'Esposito's Campaigns Were Given Fourteen Total Contracts By The Town Of Hempstead

2022: D'Esposito Served On The Town Board As A Councilman

2016-2023: Anthony D'Esposito Served As A Hempstead Town Councilman. According to his LinkedIn profile, Anthony D'Esposito worked as a Councilman at the Town of Hempstead Government from February 2016 till January 2023. [Anthony D'Esposito, LinkedIn, accessed [11/24/23](#)]



[Anthony D'Esposito, LinkedIn, accessed [11/24/23](#)]

Town Board Employees Constituted 50% Of The Committee That Reviewed Requests For Proposals Responses And Gave Recommendations To The Town Board Who Decided The Awardee

The Committee To Review Request For Proposals Responses Contained 4 Members, 2 Of Whom Were The Chiefs Of Staff Of The Town Supervisor And Town Board Respectively. “A Committee is formed to review all responses and make a recommendation to award the RFP. • The Committee will be comprised of two designees of the Commissioner for the department from which the RFP is generated, the Supervisor's Chief of Staff or his/her designee and the Town Board Chief of Staff or his/her designee.” [Town of Hempstead, Responding to Town Requests for Proposals, accessed [1/8/24](#)]

- **The Supervisor Presided Over All Town Board Meetings And Directed “The Legislative And Administrative Functions Of That Body.”** “Responsibilities of Office The Supervisor serves as the Chief

Executive Officer of the town government. He presides at all Town Board meetings, directing the legislative and administrative functions of that body. The Supervisor also oversees the day-to-day operations of a municipal government of 24 departments, employing just under 2,000 people, and providing services to over 760,000 residents. As the Chief Financial Officer of the township, the Supervisor is responsible for the implementation of the town's budget.” [Town of Hempstead, Town Supervisor, accessed [1/8/24](#)]

The Town Board Decided The Award Of Request For Proposals And “Reserve[D] The Right To Reject Any And All Bids, And To Accept The Bid That Is Deemed Most Favorable To The Interests Of The Town.” “* TOWN BOARD TO MAKE AWARD ***** Bids may be picked up only between 9:00 a.m. and 4:15 p.m. at the Department of Purchasing, 350 Front Street, Hempstead, N.Y. 11550. All bids must be made on bidding sheets furnished by the Director of Finance of the Town of Hempstead and subject to all specifications, terms, and conditions stated therein. The Director of Finance and/or the Town Board reserve the right to reject any and all bids, and to accept the bid that is deemed most favorable to the interests of the Town.” [Town of Hempstead, Responding to Town Requests for Proposals, accessed [1/8/24](#)]

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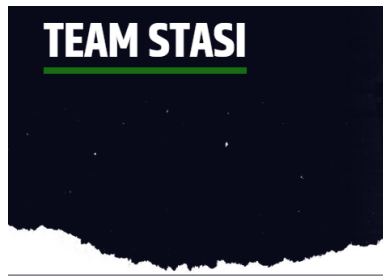
Company Name	Contract Description	Period Covered By Contract	Dates Of Contributions	Amount Given (State Campaign)	Amount Given (Federal Campaign)	Amount Given (Total)
Stasi Brothers Asphalt Corp.	CONCRETE REQUIREMNTS SAW CUTS, SIDEWALKS, ETC	11/17/2020 - 10/31/2021	12/6/16- 4/18/22	Company- \$3,600	Joseph Stasi (President)- \$2,500 Francesca Stasi (Controller)- \$1,000	\$7,100
Brookside Auto Center	BODY SHOP REPAIRS	9/23/2021- 8/31/2022	6/21/17- 8/20/20	Company- \$210	-	\$210
Chief Equipment Inc.	GENUINE REPLACEMENT PARTS & LABOR FOR ENGINES	8/1/2019- 7/31/2020	3/21/16	Company- \$500	-	\$500
Chief Equipment Inc.	OFF-THE-ROAD EQUIP. REPLACEMENT PARTS/LABOR	2/15/2022- 1/31/2023	-	-	-	-
Chief Equipment Inc.	REPLMT. PARTS/ VARIOUS LAWN & TURF EQUIP.	8/3/2021- 7/31/2022	-	-	-	-
Chief Equipment Inc.	VARIOUS BRANDS OF NEW COMPLETE SMALL ENGINES	7/1/2020- 6/30/2022	-	-	-	-
Chief Equipment Inc.	VARIOUS BRANDS OF NEW COMPLETE SMALL ENGINES	12/10/2020- 11/30/2021	-	-	-	-

Trius Inc.	PARTS & LAB.STETCO, VAC CON & HARBEN PUMPS	07/06/2020 – 06/30/2021	10/23/17	Company-\$250	-	-
Trius Inc.	PARTS & LABOR FOR TYMCO HEAVY DUTY SWEEPERS	04/26/2022 – 03/31/2023	-	-	-	-
Trius Inc.	PARTS FOR MOTOR POWERED LIFTGATES	09/06/2019 – 08/31/2020	-	-	-	-
Trius Inc.	PIONEER & PULL TARP COVERS & PARTS	09/23/2021 - 10/31/2022	-	-	-	-
Trius Inc.	SWEEPER/PLOW/ LEAF/SPREADER PARTS & LABOR	03/23/2021 – 02/28/2022	-	-	-	-
Trius Inc.	TYMCO HEAVY DUTY SWEEPER PARTS & LABOR	08/12/2016 - 07/31/2017	-	-	-	-
A & M Supplies Network	PRINTED ENVELOPES	06/10/2019 – 05/31/2022	8/9/16-6/21/17	Company-\$220 Mitchell Skoller (CEO)-\$160	Mitchell Skoller (CEO)-\$100	\$380
All Island Marine Corp.	VARIOUS BRANDS OF NEW COMPLETE SMALL ENGINES	07/01/2020 – 06/30/2022	1/15/19-5/13/22	\$400.00	-	\$400
Total:						\$8,590

[Town of Hempstead, 2022 Contracts, accessed [1/8/24](#); FEC Candidate and Committee Viewer, accessed [1/8/24](#); New York State Board of Elections , Campaign Finance Search, accessed [11/18/23](#)]

Note: The Town of Hempstead website only displays contracts awarded for the past 2 years (2022 and 2023)- these contracts are sourced solely from the list of 2022 contracts given that Anthony D'Esposito left his position as Town councilman in January, 2023. Contracts from previous years of D'Esposito's Councilman tenure (2016-2021) must be requested via a FOIL request

- **Joe Stasi Was The President Of Stasi Brothers Asphalt Corporation.** On the Stasi Brothers Asphalt Corporation's website, Joe Stasi is listed as the company's "president." [Stasi Brothers, Team Stasi, accessed [1/8/24](#)]



> Joe Stasi - President
 > Sandy Stasi - Accounting
 > Francesca Stasi - Controller

[Stasi Brothers, Team Stasi, accessed [1/8/24](#)]

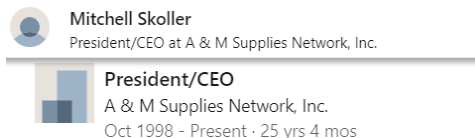
- Francesca Stasi Was A Controller At Stasi Brothers Asphalt Corporation.** On the Stasi Brothers Asphalt Corporation's website, Francesca Stasi is listed as a "Controller" for the company [Stasi Brothers, Team Stasi, accessed [1/8/24](#)]



> Joe Stasi - President
 > Sandy Stasi - Accounting
 > Francesca Stasi - Controller

[Stasi Brothers, Team Stasi, accessed [1/8/24](#)]

- Mitchell Skoller Was The President And CEO Of A & M Suppliers Network, Inc.** According to his LinkedIn profile, Mitchell Skoller has served as the President/CEO of A & M Suppliers Network, Inc. since October 1998 and currently still serves in that role. [Mitchell Skoller, LinkedIn, accessed [1/8/24](#)]



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D'Esposito Spent More Than \$18,000 Of His Federal Campaign Committee Funds At Restaurants Owned By Donors Of His Campaign

D'Esposito For New York Spent \$14,905 At Mio Posto Restaurant, Which Was Owned By Guy Savia Who Contributed \$4,750 To D'Esposito For New York

D'Esposito For New York Spent \$14,905 At Mio Posto Restaurant. [FEC Candidate and Committee Viewer, accessed [12/6/23](#)]

Expenditure by D'Esposito for New York at Mio Posto Restaurant

Recipient	Date	Description	Amount
Mio Posto Restaurant	8/20/23	Food and Beverage Fundraiser	\$680.00
Mio Posto Restaurant	7/7/23	Food and Beverage Fundraiser	\$1,325.00
Mio Posto Restaurant	4/20/23	Food and Beverage Scalise Fundraiser	\$120.00
Mio Posto Restaurant	4/10/23	Food and Beverage Scalise Fundraiser	\$12,500.00
Mio Posto Restaurant	2/15/23	Food and Beverage	\$140.00
Mio Posto Restaurant	2/15/23	Food and Beverage	\$140.00
Total:			\$14,905.00

[FEC Candidate and Committee Viewer, accessed [12/6/23](#)]

Guy Savia Was The Owner Of Mio Posto Restaurant. “Merrick is about to get a new Italian joint, according to a report. Mio Posto, with a location on West Beech Street in Long Beach, will open a new location this week in Merrick, Newsday reported. The official grand opening will be held Saturday. Owner Guy Savia told the newspaper the reputation of Mio Posto is ‘second to none.’” [Patch, [9/30/19](#)]

Guy Savia Contributed \$4,750 To D'Esposito For New York. [FEC Candidate and Committee Viewer, accessed [12/6/23](#)]

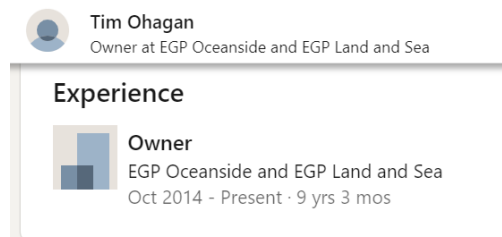
Contributions to D'Esposito for New York From Guy Savia		
Source	Date	Amount
Guy Savia	3/17/23	\$1,500
Guy Savia	10/24/22	\$2,500
Guy Savia	6/30/22	\$350
Guy Savia	6/26/22	\$400
Total:		\$4,750

[FEC Candidate and Committee Viewer, accessed [12/6/23](#)]

D'Esposito For New York Spent \$104.62 At EGP Land And Sea, Which Was Owned By Tim Ohagan Who Contributed \$500 To D'Esposito For New York

D'Esposito Spent \$104.62 At EGP Land And Sea. According to the Federal Election Commission, D'Esposito for new York spent \$104.62 At EGP Land and Sea on May 25th, 2023. The description of the expense was “Food and Beverage.” [FEC Candidate and Committee Viewer, accessed [12/6/23](#)]

Tim Ohagan Was The Owner Of EGP Land And Sea. According to his LinkedIn profile, Tim Ohagan is the Owner of EGP Oceanside and EGP Land and Sea and has owned the entities since October 2014. [Tim Ohagan, LinkedIn, accessed [12/6/23](#)]



[Tim Ohagan, LinkedIn, accessed [12/6/23](#)]

Tim Ohagan Contributed \$500 To D'Esposito For New York. According to the Federal Election Commission, Timothy Ohagan contributed \$500 to D'Esposito for New York on September 28th, 2022. [FEC Candidate and Committee Viewer, accessed [12/6/23](#)]

D'Esposito For New York Spent \$2,297.97 At Franks Steaks, Which Was Owned By Chris Meyer Who Contributed \$6,580 To D'Esposito For New York

D'Esposito For New York Spent \$2,297.97 At Franks Steaks. [FEC Candidate and Committee Viewer, accessed [12/6/23](#)]

Expenditure by D'Esposito for New York at Franks Steaks			
Recipient	Date	Description	Amount
Franks Steaks	7/2/23	Food and Beverage Fundraiser	\$124.16
Franks Steaks	6/9/23	Food and Beverage Fundraiser	\$412.30
Franks Steaks	4/17/23	Food and Beverage Scalise Fundraiser	\$368.55
Franks Steaks	4/5/23	Food and Beverage Scalise Fundraiser	\$282.49
Franks Steaks	4/3/23	Food and Beverage	\$815.01
Franks Steaks	12/9/22	Food and Beverage	\$295.46
Total:			\$2,297.97

[FEC Candidate and Committee Viewer, accessed [12/6/23](#)]

Chris Meyer Was The Owner Of Franks Steaks. “Frank’s Steaks is a Rockville Centre community staple that has been delighting local palettes for lo these past 20 years. Located at 54 Lincoln Avenue, this family-owned and operated steak house is the full package, providing customers with incredible food, service, and ambiance. Chris Meyer, the owner, general manager, and pastry chef at Frank’s Steaks said that this year has been a momentous one for the restaurant. This year, the establishment has celebrated several firsts, such as the addition of a new on-staff sommelier, their first-ever Cabaret night, and the addition of a new outdoor patio.” [LI Herald, [11/17/22](#)]

Christopher Meyer Donated \$6,580.00 To D'Esposito For New York. [FEC Candidate and Committee Viewer, accessed [12/6/23](#)]

Contributions to D'Esposito for New York From Chris Meyer		
Source	Date	Amount
Chris A Meyer	9/29/23	\$100.00
Chris A Meyer	8/25/23	\$100.00
Christopher Meyer	6/26/23	\$500.00
Chris A Meyer	4/30/23	\$200.00
Christopher Meyer	3/31/23	\$200.00
Christopher Meyer	3/14/23	\$500.00
Chris A Meyer	3/1/23	\$200.00
Chris A Meyer	1/30/23	\$200.00
Chris A Meyer	1/7/23	\$250.00
Christopher A Meyer	9/8/22	\$200.00
Christopher A Meyer	6/30/22	\$60.00
Christopher A Meyer	6/30/22	\$250.00
Christopher A Meyer	6/30/22	\$200.00
Christopher A Meyer	6/28/22	\$100.00
Christopher A Meyer	6/27/22	\$60.00
Christopher A Meyer	6/27/22	\$250.00
Christopher A Meyer	6/21/22	\$200.00
Christopher A Meyer	6/21/22	\$200.00
Christopher A Meyer	5/31/22	\$250.00
Christopher A Meyer	5/31/22	\$60.00
Christopher A Meyer	5/31/22	\$250.00
Christopher A Meyer	5/10/22	\$2,250.00
Total:		\$6,580.00

[FEC Candidate and Committee Viewer, accessed [12/6/23](#)]

D'Esposito Consistently Sided With Donors Over The People Of Hempstead During His Time At The Town Council, Supporting Contractors That Were Delinquent On Their Fees And Introducing Resolutions That Prioritized Corporations Over People

D'Esposito Was A Stooge For Isaac “Butch” Yamali, Taking In More Than \$45,000 From Yamali And His Family And Defending His Companies From Scrutiny During His Time On The Hempstead Town Council

D'Esposito Received \$45,500 From Isaac “Butch” Yamali And His Wife

D'Esposito's Federal Campaign Committee, D'Esposito For New York, Received \$27,000 From Isaac “Butch” Yamali And His Wife, Linda Yamali

D'Esposito Received \$25,700 In Federal Contributions From Isaac “Butch” Yamali And His Wife, Linda Yamali. [FEC Candidate and Committee Viewer, accessed [12/5/23](#)]

Contributions to D'Esposito for New York From Isaac “Butch” Yamali And Linda Yamali		
Source	Date	Amount
Isaac Yamali	6/28/23	\$6,600
Linda Yamali	6/28/23	\$6,600
Isaac Yamali	10/23/22	\$2,900
Linda Yamali	6/30/22	\$5,800
Butch Yamali	4/6/22	\$2,900
Butch Yamali	4/6/22	\$2,900
Total:		\$27,700

- **Isaac Yamali's Was Also Known As Isaac “Butch” Yamali.** “Nassau County legislators on Monday are expected to vote on a legal settlement with food vendor Dover Gourmet, owned by Isaac ‘Butch’ Yamali, that would reinstate the company as concessionaire at county parks, golf courses and beaches for the next five years.” [Newsday, [4/23/22](#)]
- **Linda Yamali Was Isaac “Butch” Yamali's Wife.** “An innovator in the catering, food service, restaurant, public events and entertainment industries, Butch Yamali is an entrepreneur, intense in focus and philanthropic by nature. [...] Yamali, is the proud father of three and grandfather of two and resides in Merrick with his wife Linda.” [The Island 360, [4/3/23](#)]

D'Esposito's State Campaign Committee, Citizens For D'Esposito, Received \$12,000 From Isaac “Butch” Yamali And His Wife, Linda Yamali

Contributions to Citizens for D'Esposito From Michael J. Bonacasa			
Source	Source Address	Date	Amount
Butch Yamali	2153 Vine Drive, Merrick, NY	3/29/16	\$1,000
Issac Yamali	2153 Vine Drive, Merrick, NY	5/16/21	\$5,000
Linda Yamali	2153 Vine Drive, Merrick, NY	10/24/17	\$5,000
Linda Yamali	2153 Vine Drive, Merrick, NY	5/23/21	\$750
Linda Yamali	2153 Vine Drive, Merrick, NY	5/25/21	\$250
Total:			\$12,000

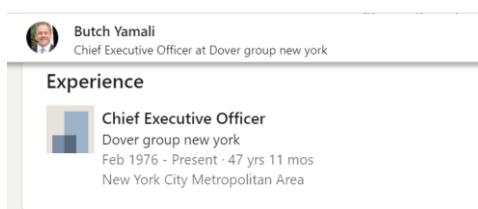
[New York Board of Elections , Campaign Finance Search, accessed [11/18/23](#)]

D'Esposito's State Campaign Committee, Citizens For D'Esposito, Received \$5,800 From Subsidiaries Of Yamali's Company, Dover Group

2016: D'Esposito Received \$2,000 From Dover Caterers. According to the New York State Board of Elections , Dover Caterers contributed \$2,000 to Citizens for D'Esposito on September 27th, 2016. [New York State Campaign Finances, Anthony P. D'Esposito, accessed [12/8/23](#)]

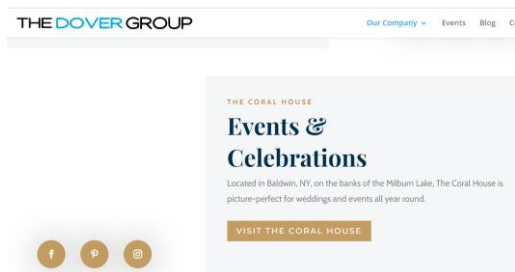
2016: D'Esposito Received \$3,800 From Coral House. According to the New York State Board of Elections , Coral House contributed \$3,800 to Citizens for D'Esposito on September 24th, 2017. [New York State Campaign Finances, Anthony P. D'Esposito, accessed [12/8/23](#)]

- **Butch Yamali Was The CEO Of Dover Group New York.** According to his LinkedIn profile, Butch Yamali has served as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Dover Group New York since February 1976 and currently serves in the role. [Butch Yamali, LinkedIn, accessed [12/5/23](#)]



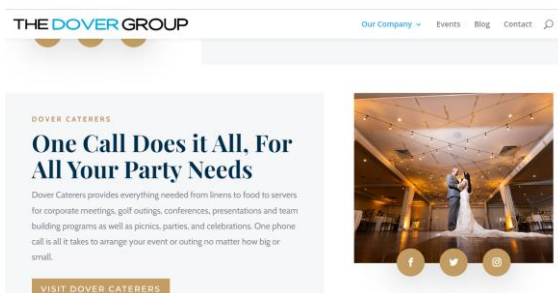
[Butch Yamali, LinkedIn, accessed [12/5/23](#)]

- **Coral House Was Listed As One Of The Dover Group's Brands On The Latter's Website.** The Coral House was listed under the "our brands" section of the Dover Group website with the description "Located in Baldwin, NY, on the banks of the Milburn Lake, The Coral House is picture-perfect for weddings and events all year round." [Dover Group, Our Brands, accessed [12/8/23](#)]



[Dover Group, Our Brands, accessed [12/8/23](#)]

- **Dover Caterers Was Listed As One Of The Dover Group's Brands On The Latter's Website.** The Coral House was listed under the "our brands" section of the Dover Group website with the description "Dover Caterers provides everything needed from linens to food to servers for corporate meetings, golf outings, conferences, presentations and team building programs as well as picnics, parties, and celebrations. One phone call is all it takes to arrange your event or outing no matter how big or small." [Dover Group, Our Brands, accessed [12/8/23](#)]



[Dover Group, Our Brands, accessed [12/8/23](#)]

D'Esposito Hosted An Annual Clam Eating Contest With Butch Yamali

2021: D'Esposito Co-Hosted A Clam Eating Contest With Butch Yamali. “We are days away from the Peter's Clam Bar #clameatingcontest! Hempstead Town Supervisor Don Clavin, Hon. Chief Butch Yamali, Chief John Briguglio, Island Park Volunteer Fire Department and I invite you to support the Nassau County Firefighters Pipes & Drums. Drink specials, live music, fresh seafood and lots of fun!” [Congressman Anthony D'Esposito, Facebook, [8/10/21](#)]



[Congressman Anthony D'Esposito, Facebook, [8/10/21](#)]

July 2019: Hempstead Town Supervisor Laura Gillen Criticized Other Town Officials For Extending The Dover Group's Contract To Run Malibu Beach Park Even Though The Group's CEO, Isaac "Butch" Yamali, Owed The Town \$531,400 In Rent

July 2019: Hempstead Town Supervisor Gillen Criticized Other Hempstead Officials For Extending The Dover Group's Contract To Run Malibu Beach Park Even Though It Had Not Paid The Town Rent On Malibu In Seven Months

July 2019: Hempstead Town Supervisor Laura Gillen Criticized Hempstead Officials For Extending The Dover Group's Contract To Run Malibu Beach Park Even Though It "Had Not Paid The Town Rent On Malibu In Seven Months." “Hempstead Town Supervisor Laura Gillen said Tuesday she has ordered a vendor facing scrutiny from law enforcement to cease operations at a town-owned catering hall in Lido Beach after discovering the company does not have a contract to operate the facility and rarely hosts events there. [...] Gillen's order widens her dispute with Dover chief executive Butch Yamali. In July, she decried a ‘sweetheart’ contract extension Hempstead officials offered Yamali to run another town property, Malibu Beach Park, although Yamali had not paid the town rent on Malibu in seven months. Yamali, who has held numerous municipal concessions contracts on Long Island, has dismissed Gillen's actions as political grandstanding. He asked a state Supreme Court in Nassau County in August to confirm the Malibu contract extension was legal. The litigation is ongoing.” [Newsday, [10/22/19](#)]

- **July 2019: The U.S. Attorney For The Eastern District Of New York Subpoenaed Hempstead For Records On The Dover Group After It Was Reported That The Town Had Not Paid \$531,400 In Rent To Hempstead.** “Gillen also said Sands is rarely booked for events. In 2018, she said, Dover hosted eight functions at the venue and paid the town \$20,000. Records indicate Dover is to provide the town 10% of its sales revenue at Sands, she said. [...] Newsday reported in July that Yamali had not paid the town rent on the property for nearly a year, accumulating a balance at that time of \$531,400. The U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of New York then subpoenaed the town for records on Dover. Yamali has said he has not paid rent on Malibu because the town owes him for capital improvements, and town officials instructed him not to pay until the two sides came to terms.” [Newsday, [10/22/19](#)]

October 2019: Hempstead Town Supervisor Laura Gillen Ordered A Subsidiary Of The Dover Group To Stop Holding Events At A Local Catering Hall, Because It Had Not Had “A Valid Contract With The Town Since 2011”

October 2019: Hempstead Supervisor Laura Gillen Announced That The Town Was Seeking A New Vendor To Run The Sands In Lido Beach, A Local Catering Hall, Because Its Current Vendor “Dover Sands Inc. — Owned By The Dover Group [...] Has Not Had A Valid Contract With The Town Since 2011”

October 2019: Supervisor Laura Gillen Announced That Hempstead “Was Seeking A New Partner To Run The Sands In Lido Beach And That The Current Vendor Did Not Have A Contract With The Town To Run The Catering Hall.” “Hempstead Town Supervisor Laura Gillen announced on Tuesday that the town was seeking a new partner to run the Sands in Lido Beach, and that the current vendor did not have a contract with the town to run the catering hall.” [LI Herald, [10/24/19](#)]

- **2019: The Sands’ Current Vendor, “Dover Sands Inc. — Owned By The Dover Group [...] Has Not Had A Valid Contract With The Town Since 2011.”** “At a news conference in front of the facility, Gillen told reporters that the operator of the facility, Dover Sands Inc. — owned by the Dover Group, based in Freeport — has not had a valid contract with the town since 2011, and called on the company to cease operations. Since the agreement expired eight years ago, the arrangement between Dover and the town, Gillen said, appeared to be a ‘verbal or oral agreement’ and she described it as ‘highly questionable.’” [LI Herald, [10/24/19](#)]

Gillen Alleged The Dover Group’s Lack Of Contract For The Sands Was Illegal And Meant There Was “Nothing In Place Protecting The Town And The Town Taxpayers From Potential Liability At” The Sands

Gillen: It Was Illegal For The Dover Group To Operate The Sands In Lido Beach Without A Contract. “Hempstead Town Supervisor Laura Gillen announced on Tuesday that the town was seeking a new partner to run the Sands in Lido Beach, and that the current vendor did not have a contract with the town to run the catering hall. [...] Since the agreement expired eight years ago, the arrangement between Dover and the town, Gillen said, appeared to be a ‘verbal or oral agreement’ and she described it as ‘highly questionable.’ ‘To be absolutely clear, it is illegal under New York state law to authorize a deal such as this one without a properly executed contract,’ Gillen said, ‘and without a public vote.’” [LI Herald, [10/24/19](#)]

Gillen: The Lack Of Contract For The Dover Group Meant That There Was “Nothing In Place Protecting The Town And The Town Taxpayers From Potential Liability At” The Sands On Lido Beach. “Dover Sands Inc. has hosted weddings and other events at the Sands on Lido Beach by an apparent ‘verbal deal’ with town officials since 2011, Gillen said at a news conference in front of the waterfront catering hall. She called the arrangement ‘extremely troubling.’ ‘There is nothing in place protecting the town and the town taxpayers from potential liability at this facility,’ she said.” [Newsday, [10/22/19](#)]

D'Esposito, Who Was Then Serving As A Hempstead Town Councilman, Accused Gillen Of “Playing Politics” For Trying To Crack Down On The Dover Group For Operating Properties Without Contracts And Not Paying Rent

D'Esposito Accused Hempstead Town Supervisor Laura Gillen Of “Playing Politics” For Going After The Dover Group For Operating Properties Without Contracts And Not Paying Rents

D'Esposito Accused Hempstead Town Supervisor Laura Gillen Of “Playing Politics” For Going After The Dover Group For Operating Properties Without Contracts And Not Paying Rents. A spokesman for Yamali said Tuesday Dover does have a contract and insurance to operate Sands and is up-to-date on any payments on the facility owed to the town. ‘The supervisor would be well served to review town records before attacking a well-respected vendor who has provided four decades of quality services to Hempstead residents,’ said the spokesman, Brian Finnegan. Finnegan did not respond to a request to provide Newsday a copy of the contract. Republican Hempstead Councilman Anthony D'Esposito said through a spokeswoman Tuesday Gillen's staff ‘received copies of contracts and related materials for the Sands and the Malibu’ shortly after she took office in 2018. He accused her of ‘playing politics.’ The spokeswoman could not say whether the materials Gillen received included a Sands contract.” [Newsday, [10/22/19](#)]

D'Esposito Claimed That Gillen Had Received Copies Of The Dover Group’s Contracts For The Sands And Malibu Properties, But D'Esposito’s Office Was Unable To Produce Copies Of The Contracts

D'Esposito Claimed That Gillen Received Copies Of The Dover Group’s Contracts For The Sands And Malibu Properties, But D'Esposito’s Office Was Unable To Produce Copies Of The Contracts. “Through a spokeswoman, Susan Trenkle-Pokalsky, Republican Town Councilman Anthony D'Esposito said that Gillen and her staff received ‘copies of contracts and related materials for the Sands and the Malibu’ two weeks after taking office in 2018. He also accused Gillen of ‘playing politics.’ When asked for copies of the contract and additional information, Trenkle-Pokalsky was unable to provide the documents, but directed the Herald to file a Freedom of Information Law request.” [LI Herald, [10/24/19](#)]

- **Gillen Responded That D'Esposito’s Focus Wasn’t “On How The Taxpayers Have Been Getting The Raw End Of What Looks Like A Clearly Illegal Deal.”** “Mike Fricchione a spokesman for Gillen responded to D'Esposito's claims. ‘Supervisor Gillen has been actively cooperating with law enforcement since last year to bring about much-needed change in the town, so it's a little surprising that the councilman's focus isn't on how the taxpayers have been getting the raw end of what looks like a clearly illegal deal,’ Fricchione said. He added that if Dover and D'Esposito have a contract, they should produce it.” [LI Herald, [10/24/19](#)]

The Hempstead Town Comptroller, Kevin Conroy Was Allegedly Under Investigation By The U.S. Attorney’s Office For Extending The Dover Group’s Contract And Resigned Shortly After

Hempstead’s Town Comptroller, Kevin Conroy, Resigned Amid Rumors That He Was Under Investigation For Extending The Dover Group’s Contract To Operate The Malibu Shore Club. “The previous town comptroller, Kevin Conroy, abruptly resigned earlier this month. His departure coincided with reports that the U.S. attorney's office for the Eastern District of New York was investigating him for a controversial contract extension that Conroy reportedly approved for the Dover Group to operate the town's Malibu Shore Club.” [LI Herald, [8/29/19](#)]

D'Esposito Appeared To Be Funding His Federal Reelection Campaign With State Campaign Funds, Leading To An FEC Complaint Being Filed Against Him

April 2023: End Citizens United Filed A Complaint Against D'Esposito For Using State Campaign Funds On His 2022 Congressional Campaign

April 2023: End Citizens United Filed A Complaint Against D'Esposito For Using State Campaign Funds On His 2022 Federal Campaign, Both By Directly Contributing And Through In-Kinds. “This complaint is filed under 52 U.S.C. § 30109(a)(1) against Anthony D'Esposito, D'Esposito for New York and Claudia Armendinger in her official capacity as treasurer the ‘Federal Committee’), and Citizens for D'Esposito (the ‘State Committee’), collectively the ‘Respondents,’ for violating the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended (the ‘Act’) and Federal Election Commission (the ‘FEC’ or ‘Commission’) regulations. Mr. D'Esposito not only made a direct contribution from his State Committee to his Federal Committee, but also used his State Committee to pay the expenses of his federal campaign.” [End Citizens United, *Muller v. D'Esposito et al*, Complaint, [4/11/23](#)]

ECU Complaint: D'Esposito's State Campaign Committee Transferred \$1,000 To His Federal Campaign Committee In Spring 2022 In Violation Of Campaign Finance Law. “In the spring of 2022, while still serving as a member of the Hempstead Town Council, Mr. D'Esposito transferred \$1,000 from his State Committee to his Federal Committee.⁸ The transfer appears on the State Committee's report with a date of April 20, 2022 but on the Federal Committee's FEC reports as occurring earlier, on March 1, 2022. [...] The Act prohibits federal candidates from transferring funds or assets from their state committees to their federal committees.¹⁹ The Commission considers direct contributions from a federal candidate's state committee to his federal committee to be a ‘transfer’ of funds.’ Here, there is irrefutable evidence that Mr. D'Esposito's State Committee directly transferred \$1,000 to the Federal Committee.²¹ The transfer prohibition is a bright-line rule under 11 C.F.R. § 110.3(d), which Mr. D'Esposito and his Committees appear to have violated.” [End Citizens United, *Muller v. D'Esposito et al*, Complaint, [4/11/23](#)]

ECU Complaint: D'Esposito's State Campaign Committee Reported Expenses For Office Rent, Ads, Cell Phones, Volunteers, And Fundraising That Appeared To Be For His Federal Campaign. “After Mr. D'Esposito declared his congressional run, his State Committee reported expenses for a Washington, D.C. P.O. Box. The State Committee additionally reported expenses for ‘print ads,’ ‘online ads,’ ‘cell phone[s],’ ‘office rent,’ and ‘volunteer’ expenses.’ Federal Committee did not make any expenditures for ‘phones’ until June 2022, and did not have any expenditures for office space or rent until September 2022.¹² Mr. D'Esposito's State Committee also paid a printing and fundraising vendor, Minuteman Press, \$2,119.91 for fundraising on April 30, 2022.¹³ In August and November 2022, the Federal Committee paid that same vendor \$17,348.29 for ‘printing.’ Additionally, the State Committee spent at least \$97,850.63 on a golf fundraiser,¹⁵ which was held after Mr. D'Esposito's announcement of his congressional candidacy on May 19, 2022.¹⁶ The fundraiser was publicly reported to have been used to get attendees ‘all fired up for the November elections where [they] would] elect Anthony D'Esposito to represent [them] in Washington D.C.’” [End Citizens United, *Muller v. D'Esposito et al*, Complaint, [4/11/23](#)]

- **Federal Regulations Prohibit Transfers From Federal Candidates' State To Federal Committees Through In-Kind Contributions, Which D'Esposito Appeared To Have Violated.** “The Commission's regulation at 11 C.F.R. § 110.3(d) likewise prohibits transfers from a federal candidate's state to federal committee made through in-kind conveyances of goods or services. Here, since Mr. D'Esposito became a federal candidate, his State Committee paid at least \$23,247.90 for print and online advertising, rent, cell phones, volunteer expenses, and mail services in Washington D.C.,²⁴ as well as over \$2,119.91 for fundraising services to a vendor that would later be paid by his Federal Committee.²⁵ Additionally, the State Committee spent over \$97,000 in connection with a golf fundraiser reported to have a speaker advocating for Mr. D'Esposito's election to U.S. Congress. Despite spending thousands of dollars on these expenses from his State Committee, Mr. D'Esposito was neither campaigning for, nor was he seeking ballot access for, any New York state or local office in the 2022 election cycle. In fact, Mr. D'Esposito's next election for Hempstead Town Council was scheduled over three years away, in 2025.” [End Citizens United, *Muller v. D'Esposito et al*, Complaint, [4/11/23](#)]

D'Esposito Failed To File Personal Financial Disclosures Or Extension Requests By The House Ethics Committee Deadline, Filing It More Than A Month Late

The House Ethics Committee Required Members Of Congress To Submit Personal Financial Disclosures By May 15, 2023

The House Ethics Committee Required Members Of Congress To Submit Personal Financial Disclosures (PFDs) By May 15, 2023. “The following individuals are required to file FD Statements on or before May 15, 2023. Members. Every Member of the House of Representatives, Delegate to Congress, and the Resident Commissioner of Puerto Rico must file an FD Statement on or before May 15 of each calendar year. For CY 2022 FD Statements only, the due date is May 15, 2023. New Members. New Members (i.e., those sworn in between November 2, 2022, and April 15, 2023) must file on or before May 15, 2023. New Members must complete Schedules A, C, D, E, F, and J in the online filing system or a paper Form B.” [House Ethics Committee, accessed [1/2/24](#)]


- **The House Ethics Committee Granted Extensions For PFD Filing Of Up To 90 Days By The Filing Deadline.** “On or before the date on which an FD Statement or a required Amendment is due, the Committee may grant reasonable extensions of time for the filing. Under the law, the total of such extensions for one filing in a calendar year may not exceed 90 days. No extensions for PTRs will be allowed. No such extensions are permitted by the terms of the STOCK Act.” [House Ethics Committee, accessed [1/2/24](#)]

Note: The House Clerk website did not show that D'Esposito had filed a request for extension. These results can be found by searching D'Esposito's name [here](#) on the Clerk website.

6/20/23: D'Esposito Filed His Personal Financial Disclosure, Over A Month After It Was Due

6/20/23: D'Esposito Filed His Personal Financial Disclosure. According to D'Esposito's financial disclosure report, the New Filer report was filed on June 20th, 2023. [Clerk of the House of Representatives, [6/20/23](#)]

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Status: Member
State/District: NY04

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Filing Type: New Filer Report
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Filing Date: 06/20/2023

SCHEDULE A: ASSETS AND "UNEARNED" INCOME
 [Clerk of the House of Representatives, [6/20/23](#)]

- **A Former Judge Wrote In A Letter To The Editor That She Was “Stunned By The Flouting Of Clear Financial Disclosure Rules,” Including D'Esposito's Late Filing.** “Lack of disclosure stuns former judge I continue to be stunned by the flouting of clear financial disclosure rules for members of Congress [‘Santos charges highlight disclosure flaws,’ News, June 26]. Rep. Nick LaLota (R-Amityville) did not file legally required information about his consulting firm and assets in his 2022 financial disclosure report. And Rep. Anthony D'Esposito (R-Island Park) is the only member of New York's congressional delegation who didn't file his by the May 15 deadline and complied on June 20, only after contacted by Newsday. When I was an immigration judge for the U.S. Department of Justice, I and all my colleagues on the bench had to file these annual disclosures. The instructions on the form are clear and

obvious, and the penalties for noncompliance are also clear on the form. — Terry Bain, Rockville Centre”
[Newsday, Terry Bain Letter to the Editor, [7/11/23](#)]

Political Relationships

Significant Findings

Joe Biden

- ✓ D'Esposito voted for an impeachment inquiry on President Biden and said he was “eager to find out the truth” regarding the impeachment.
 - ✓ April 2023: D'Esposito said that Chinese officials’ deals with the Bidens “stinks of influence peddling” and that Biden was “putting us [America] at risk.”
 - ✓ September 2023: D'Esposito backed the impeachment inquiry and said he was “eager to find out the truth” surrounding the impeachment inquiry into President Biden.
 - ✓ September 2023: D'Esposito defended the impeachment inquiry even while the government was on the verge of a shutdown.
 - ✓ December 2023: D'Esposito voted to authorize the impeachment inquiry on President Biden, calling allegations against Biden “troubling.”
 - ✓ December 2023: D'Esposito justified his vote for the inquiry, stating that it was “a perfect opportunity” for the House of Representatives to evaluate the evidence against President Biden and “conduct important oversight work into the executive branch.”
 - ✓ December 2023: D'Esposito said Hunter Biden was in favor of an impeachment inquiry on President Biden despite Hunter stating that the inquiry was “shameless” and “beyond the absurd.”

Mike Johnson

- ✓ D'Esposito supported Mike Johnson’s bid for speakership, calling him an “intelligent legislator” who “united the republican conference behind his vision.”
- ✓ Mike Johnson’s Leadership PAC contributed \$10,000 to D'Esposito for New York.
- ✓ December 2023: Mike Johnson was the special guest at a fundraiser for D'Esposito.

George Santos

- ✓ D'Esposito and Santos hosted a joint fundraising committee whose treasurer was Nancy Marks, Santos’ previous treasurer who later pleaded guilty to conspiracy for defrauding the United States.
 - ✓ D'Esposito and Santos were participants of the Santos D'Esposito Nassau Victory Committee.
 - ✓ The D'Esposito Santos Nassau Victory Committee’s treasurer was Nancy Marks, an ex-treasurer for Santos who later pleaded guilty for conspiracy to Defraud The U.S. and admitted to falsifying numbers for Santos’ campaign.
- ✓ D'Esposito was a “good friend” of Santos and said Santos was a part of a “great team” that helped flip congressional seats in Nassau County red.

- ✓ D'Esposito hosted Santos in D'Esposito's district and attended events featuring "George Santos for Congress" signs.
- ✓ D'Esposito helped McCarthy thwart off an attempt to expel Santos by motioning to refer a resolution on Santos' expulsion to the Ethics Committee instead of voting for his expulsion.
 - ✓ May 2023: Santos faced an immediate vote for expulsion after Democrats introduced a privileged resolution to expel Santos...
 - ✓ ... But was saved by D'Esposito who made a motion to refer a resolution on Santos' expulsion to the House Ethics Committee...
 - ✓ ... Despite the Ethics Committee having already started an investigation two months prior
 - ✓ D'Esposito, along with other New York Republicans, was accused of side-stepping the vote to expel Santos by referring the matter to the House Ethics Committee.
 - ✓ December 2023: D'Esposito voted to expel George Santos.

Lee Zeldin

- ✓ D'Esposito voted to elect Lee Zeldin as the Speaker of the House three times.
- ✓ D'Esposito called Lee Zeldin "my friend" and congratulated him for winning the Governor primary.
- ✓ Zeldin endorsed and campaigned with D'Esposito.
- ✓ D'Esposito said Zeldin "inspired" and "energized" voters and "ran one of the finest campaigns we've seen in decades."

Marjorie Taylor Greene

- ✓ D'Esposito repeatedly praised Marjorie Taylor Greene, saying, "I respect her" and calling her a "good [member]" who is "working hard for this country."
- ✓ Greene has spread conspiracy theories promoting antisemitism and questioning whether the September 11th attacks happened.

Joe Biden

D'Esposito Voted For An Impeachment Inquiry Into President Biden And Said He Was "Eager To Find Out The Truth" Regarding The Impeachment

April 2023: D'Esposito Said That Chinese Officials' Deals With The Bidens "Stinks Of Influence Peddling" And That Biden Was "Putting Us [America] At Risk"

D'Esposito Said Chinese Officials' Deals With The Biden Family "Stinks Of Influence Peddling" And That The Family Was "Putting Us [America] At Risk." BARTIROMO: "So Congressman, we are trying to understand what exactly China and the officials who sent millions of dollars to Biden family accounts, what were they paying for? And I'm told there was a Memorandum of Understanding signed on May 7th, 2013, between the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board and the Chinese Regulatory Commission to waive US Federal auditing

requirements for hundreds of Chinese companies listed on U.S. exchanges. Is that one of the things then Vice President Joe Biden was being paid for?" D'ESPOSITO: "I think we are all trying to figure out what exactly the Biden family and their dealings are with Communist China and other countries. The influence peddling that Chairman Comer refers to, he's done a great job, him and his committee, doing their best to hold everyone accountable. And listen, as someone who spent most of his adult life investigating crimes as a proud New York City detective, this case screams, and it stinks of influence peddling. And I'm looking forward to those being held accountable over the next few weeks and the months to come, because we need to put America first, and quite frankly, they're putting us at risk." [Fox via CQ, [4/24/23](#)]

September 2023: D'Esposito Backed the Impeachment Inquiry And Said He Was "Eager To Find Out The Truth" Surrounding The Impeachment Inquiry Into President Biden

New York Daily News: "Rep. Anthony D'Esposito Backed The Inquiry" Into President Biden. "Most New York-area Republican lawmakers vulnerable to a primary next year sought Tuesday to dodge questions about House Speaker Kevin McCarthy's decision to launch an impeachment inquiry into President Biden. Out of five first-term GOP representatives in the New York suburbs and one in New Jersey, only three responded to Daily News requests for comment. Long Island lawmakers Rep. George Santos and Rep. Anthony D'Esposito backed the inquiry, although they both sought to hedge their bets a bit by suggesting they aren't on board with impeaching Biden yet. 'I am eager to find out exactly what the truth is behind the allegations surrounding President Biden and his family,' said D'Esposito, who represents a South Shore district that voted for Biden by 12% in 2020. He asserted he lacks enough evidence to decide whether a probe is warranted. 'I'll decide when presented with facts,' D'Esposito added." [New York Daily News, [9/12/23](#)]

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- **September 2023: D'Esposito Asserted He Lacked Enough Evidence To Decide Whether A Probe Into Biden Was Warranted And Stated "I'll Decide When Presented With Facts."** "Most New York-area Republican lawmakers vulnerable to a primary next year sought Tuesday to dodge questions about House Speaker Kevin McCarthy's decision to launch an impeachment inquiry into President Biden. Out of five first-term GOP representatives in the New York suburbs and one in New Jersey, only three responded to Daily News requests for comment. Long Island lawmakers Rep. George Santos and Rep. Anthony D'Esposito backed the inquiry, although they both sought to hedge their bets a bit by suggesting they aren't on board with impeaching Biden yet. 'I am eager to find out exactly what the truth is behind the allegations surrounding President Biden and his family,' said D'Esposito, who represents a South Shore district that voted for Biden by 12% in 2020. He asserted he lacks enough evidence to decide whether a probe is warranted. 'I'll decide when presented with facts,' D'Esposito added." [New York Daily News, [9/12/23](#)]

September 2023: D'Esposito Defended The Impeachment Inquiry Even While The Government Was On The Verge Of A Shutdown

September 2023: When Asked Why D'Esposito Was Supporting An Impeachment Inquiry On The Verge Of A Shutdown, He Said It Was A Matter Of "Releasing The Information To Other Members Of Congress So That They Can Get An Understanding Of How We Move Forward." PARTICIPANT: "Just wanted to ask you why are you supporting an impeachment inquiry when we're so close to a government shutdown?" D'ESPOSITO:

“Sure, so the impeachment inquiry came about a few weeks ago, and I think that this is, as someone who has served a career in the NYPD, conducted hundreds, if not well over a thousand investigations, I realize that the best way to conduct an investigation is a concise, methodic approach to making sure that you gather all the facts and move forward. In this case we’ve had investigations going on in Congress by different committees of jurisdiction, committees that I don’t sit on, but nonetheless there have been investigations, and through those investigations there has been evidence that’s found, and I believe that an impeachment inquiry is very different from articles of impeachment, and I believe that an impeachment inquiry allows members of Congress who do not serve on the committees of jurisdiction that are conducting the investigations to receive the information that they need in order to make an educational decision on how to move forward. And that’s really what this inquiry is about, it’s about sharing information, it’s about the committees of jurisdiction releasing the information to other members of Congress so that they can get an understanding of how we move forward, and the results of those, of that inquiry, you know we’ll see how the results pan out. Members of Congress could receive evidence and believe that there’s no reason to move forward.” [D’Esposito Remarks, Telephone Town Hall, 28:38, 9/27/23] (AUDIO)

December 2023: D’Esposito Voted To Authorize The Impeachment Inquiry On President Biden, Calling Allegations Against Biden “Troubling”

December 2023: D’Esposito Said He Would “Vote To Authorize The Inquiry” For Impeaching President Biden. “House Republicans are securing the support they need to pass a resolution on Wednesday formalizing their impeachment inquiry into President Biden. Why it matters: Republicans say an official vote authorizing the inquiry will give them stronger standing to enforce subpoenas in coming court battles. Driving the news: Several Biden-district Republicans who previously voiced skepticism of impeachment told Axios on Monday they plan to vote for the inquiry. Rep. Mike Garcia (R-Calif.) said there is ‘enough substantiation to move forward’ and ‘the executive branch made clear they’re not going to cooperate with the inquiry unless we formalize it, so let’s formalize it.’ ‘Congress has every responsibility to provide oversight, there are serious questions of impropriety, the White House and the president have yet to comply with requests for information and subpoenas,’ said Rep. Marc Molinaro (R-N.Y.), adding that he is ‘inclined’ to support the measure. Rep. Anthony D’Esposito (R-N.Y.), who represents the most Democratic-leaning district of any Republican, said he will vote to authorize the inquiry.” [Axios, [12/12/23](#)]

December 2023: D’Esposito Said He Supported “Advancing This Inquiry In A Level-Headed Manner,” Calling Allegations About Biden “Troubling.” “Rep. Nick LaLota posted on social media that he will support an impeachment inquiry. And a spokesman for Rep. Anthony D’Esposito said he is in favor of ‘advancing this inquiry in a level-headed manner,’ labeling the claims about Biden ‘troubling.’” [Spectrum News, [12/11/23](#)]

December 2023: D’Esposito Voted For Authorizing An Official Impeachment Inquiry Into President Joe Biden. In December 2023, D’Esposito voted for: “Agreeing to the resolution that would outline procedures and authorize the ongoing investigation by House committees related to the impeachment inquiry into President Joe Biden. Among other provisions, it would authorize continued investigations by the House Judiciary, Oversight and Accountability, and Ways and Means committees, and authorizes hearings and the public disclosure of depositions of witnesses. It would provide for the House Oversight and Accountability and Ways and Means committees to prepare and send to the House Judiciary Committee reports on their findings for consideration by the House Judiciary Committee — including for possible development of articles of impeachment by the committee. It would require the House Judiciary Committee to conduct any impeachment proceedings according to specified procedures, including those that provide for participation by the president and his legal counsel. The resolution would also provide for the automatic adoption of the resolution (H Res 917), which effectively infers House approval for the initiation of legal action to enforce subpoenas by the three committees in federal court.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 221-212. [H. Res. 918, [Vote #720](#), 12/13/23; CQ, [12/13/23](#)]

December 2023: D’Esposito Justified His Vote For An Inquiry Into President Biden, Stating That The Inquiry Was “A Perfect Opportunity” For The House Of Representatives To Evaluate The Evidence Against President Biden And “Conduct Important Oversight Work Into The Executive Branch”

D'Esposito Said He Voted To Formalize The Impeachment Inquiry Into Biden “So That The Full House May Conduct Important Oversight Work Into The Executive Branch.” “Long Island's three Republican congressmen – Reps. Nick LaLota, Anthony D'Esposito, and Andrew Garbarino – all voted with their party to formalize the impeachment inquiry into President Joe Biden on Wednesday. [...] Rep. D'Esposito clarified that this was not immediately a vote in favor of impeaching the president. ‘I voted to open a formal impeachment inquiry into President Biden so that the full House may conduct important oversight work into the Executive Branch,’ D'Esposito said. ‘This was not a vote for impeachment proceedings against President Biden, but rather provides Congress an opportunity to gather the facts about claims made against the president in a transparent manner.’” [Long Island Press, [12/13/23](#)]

D'Esposito On The Impeachment Inquiry: I Think That This Is A Perfect Opportunity For [Congress] To See What I Believe Is The Great Work That The Three Committees Of Jurisdiction Have Been Doing.” “Hunter Biden speaking out Wednesday against House Republicans’ request for closed-door testimony sounds like ‘he’s in favor of an impeachment inquiry’ against his father, President Joe Biden, Rep. Anthony D'Esposito, R-N.Y. told Newsmax Wednesday. ‘He is saying that the facts being presented are not the ones that he believes, so I think that this is a perfect opportunity for the rest of the members of the House of Representatives to see what I believe is the great work that the three committees of jurisdiction have been doing and that’s exactly what an impeachment inquiry does,’ D'Esposito said during an appearance on Newsmax TV’s ‘National Report.’ ‘It gives us the ability ... this is a step following the investigations that have been conducted by the Judiciary, Oversight, Ways and Means committees and I look forward to seeing, especially as investigator, someone who has spent his career in the NYPD as a detective, I look forward to seeing the results of their investigations.’” [WBAP Radio, [12/13/23](#)]

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December 2023: D'Esposito Said Hunter Biden Was In Favor Of An Impeachment Inquiry Into President Biden Despite Hunter Stating That The Inquiry Was “Shameless” And “Beyond The Absurd”

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Hunter Biden Called The GOP-Led Impeachment Inquiry "Shameless" And Said That "An Impeachment Inquiry Is Beyond The Absurd." "Hunter Biden defied a House subpoena Wednesday, using his congressionally mandated trip to Capitol Hill to lash out at Republicans in a rare and dramatic public statement about the toll the GOP-led effort has taken on him and his family. 'It's shameless,' Hunter Biden said outside the Capitol building. 'There is no evidence to support the allegations that my father was involved in my business because it did not happen.' 'During my battle with addiction, my parents were there for me,' he added. 'They literally saved my life. They helped me in ways I will never be able to repay. In the depths of my addiction, I was extremely irresponsible with my finances. But, to suggest that is grounds for an impeachment inquiry is beyond the absurd, it is shameless.'" [USAToday, [12/13/23](#)]

D'Esposito Blamed Biden For Increases In Cost Of Living, Inflation, And Higher Gas Costs

October 2022: D'Esposito Blamed "Failed Policies Of Joe Biden And The Democrats" For Increases In The Cost Of Living. "Democrat Laura Gillen and Republican Anthony D'Esposito, candidates for Congress in New York's Fourth District, tangled over issues such as gun control, taxes and crime during a NewsdayTV debate taped Wednesday night. [...] D'Esposito, 40, of Island Park, said voters should ask themselves: 'Are you better off today than you were when Joe Biden took office?' '... The cost of groceries, the cost of gas, the cost of living has gone through the roof' because of the 'failed policies of Joe Biden and the Democrats, both here in New York and in the United States,' D'Esposito said." [Newsday, [10/13/22](#)]

D'Esposito Blamed High Inflation On "The Biden Administration's Out-Of-Control Spending, Failed Policies And Inability To Solve Disruptions To The Supply Chain." "With inflation at a 40-year high, hardworking Nassau County families are facing a hidden inflation tax on everything they buy—from gasoline for their cars to milk at the grocery store. The inflation crisis was caused by the Biden Administration's out-of-control spending, failed policies and inability to solve disruptions to the supply chain. Unlike Nancy Pelosi and the Democrats in Congress who have been a rubberstamp for the Biden agenda, Anthony will stand up for taxpayers and put an end to wasteful government spending." [D'Esposito for Congress, accessed [7/15/22](#)]

D'Esposito Said "Biden & House Democrats' Out-Of-Control Spending To Fund Their Far-Left Agenda Has Caused Historical Inflation." "Biden & House Democrats' out-of-control spending to fund their far-left agenda has caused historical inflation. My neighbors/business owners in #NY04 can't afford one-party rule on Capitol Hill. Elect me your Congressman and let's #FlipTheHouse." [Anthony P. D'Esposito, Twitter, [6/1/22](#)]



[Anthony P. D'Esposito, Twitter, [6/1/22](#)]

D'Esposito Said America Achieved Energy Independence Under Trump And That “The Biden Administration’s Failed Policies” Were Responsible For Rising Gas Prices. “Two short years ago, America achieved energy independence. After less than one year of the Biden Administration’s failed policies, however, gas prices have soared to a 15-year high and we are once again reliant on foreign nations to meet our energy needs.” [D'Esposito for Congress, accessed [1/29/24](#)]

- **D'Esposito Said “To Restore Our Energy Independence And Lower Costs For Hardworking Families, We Need An All Of The Above Strategy.”** “To restore our energy independence and lower costs for hardworking families, we need an all of the above strategy that leverages both our natural resources and American innovation to fuel our country and ensure we are never again reliant on hostile countries like Iran, Venezuela and Russia.” [D'Esposito for Congress, accessed [1/29/24](#)]

Mike Johnson

D'Esposito Supported Mike Johnson’s Bid For Speakership, Calling Him An “Intelligent Legislator” Who “United The Republican Conference Behind His Vision”

D'Esposito Said Mike Johnson Was His Friend And A “Well Thought Leader Who Lives This Nation.” “I’m w/ @MikeJohnson to be 56th Speaker of the House. Mike is my friend, a son of a firefighter, a good family man & a smart, well thought leader who loves this Nation. He understands issues critical @NYGov & @longisland. He will help grow our @HouseGOP majority.” [Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, [10/25/23](#)]



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D'Esposito Called Speaker Johnson “A Family Man, Intelligent Legislator And Proud American” Who “United The Republican Conference Behind His Vision Of A Strong, Free And Prosperous United States.”

“Rep. Mike Johnson (R-Louisiana), who voted against certifying Joe Biden's victory over Donald Trump in the 2020 presidential election, was elected Speaker of the House on Wednesday. Reps. Andrew Garbarino, Nick LaLota, Anthony D'Esposito, and George Santos, all Republicans from Long Island, voted for Johnson's speakership. [...] Rep. D'Esposito acknowledged policy differences between Johnson and himself, but expressed support for him. ‘Speaker Johnson is a family man, intelligent legislator and proud American who has united the Republican Conference behind his bold vision of a strong, free and prosperous United States,’ D'Esposito said. ‘This servant leader is the right man at the right time to lead our chamber as America confronts a litany of threats, including wars overseas, an unstable southern border, and a cost of living crisis. While Speaker Johnson and I won't always agree on everything, I am confident the gentleman from Louisiana will work collaboratively with myself and my colleagues from Long Island to advance the legislative priorities of New Yorkers.’” [Long Island Press, [10/25/23](#)]

D'Esposito Said He Was “Confident” That Speaker Johnson Would “Advance The Legislative Priorities Of New Yorkers.” “The votes of Long Island's House members to approve Mike Johnson as the new speaker of the House were key to the surprise victory of the 51-year-old Louisiana legislator. Johnson, who sought to overturn the 2020 presidential election in favor of the defeated Donald Trump, is now second in line to the presidency with a very powerful role in shaping government policy, assuming he can hold on to the gavel. Reps. Anthony D'Esposito, Andrew Garbarino and Nick LaLota voted unanimously with the Republican House conference to empower the unknown Johnson. [...] ‘While Speaker Johnson and I won't always agree on everything, I am confident the gentleman from Louisiana will work collaboratively with myself and my colleagues from Long Island to advance the legislative priorities of New Yorkers,’ said D'Esposito.” [Newsday, Op-Ed, [11/14/23](#)]

D'Esposito On Speaker Johnson: “I’m Confident That He Will Fit Very Nicely Into His New Role And He’ll Be Very Successful At It.” “Rep. Mike Johnson (R-LA 04) yesterday did what no other Republican leader could: ended the weeks-long chaos that halted normal business in the House and united the raucous conference behind his bid to replace the ousted Speaker Kevin McCarthy. [...] ‘Is it a concern? Obviously fundraising is important to any race. Listen, he comes from a district that is a pretty solid district—he didn’t need to focus on fundraising,’ Rep. Anthony D'Esposito (R-NY 04), one of the most vulnerable Republicans in the country, told reporters yesterday. ‘I’m sure that he will realize very quickly that fundraising is important and that it matters, and I’m confident that he will fit very nicely into his new role and he’ll be very successful at it.’” [National Journal, [10/26/23](#)]

Mike Johnson’s Leadership PAC Contributed \$10,000 To D’Esposito For New York

As Of April 2024, American Revival PAC Donated \$10,000 To D’Esposito For New York. [FEC Campaign Finance Data Search, accessed [6/7/24](#) D’Esposito for New York, 2023 Year-End Report, Itemized Receipts, accessed [6/7/24](#)]

Contributions to D’Esposito for New York From American Revival PAC		
Source	Date	Amount

American Revival PAC	3/31/23	\$1,000
American Revival PAC	12/31/23	\$9,000
Total:		\$10,000

[FEC Campaign Finance Data Search, accessed 6/7/24; D'Esposito for New York, 2023 Year-End Report, Itemized Receipts, accessed 6/7/24]

- **American Revival PAC Was Mike Johnson's Leadership PAC.** American Revival PAC was the leadership PAC of Louisiana Republican Congressman Mike Johnson. [FEC Committee Profiles, American Revival PAC, accessed [10/27/23](#)]

December 2023: Mike Johnson Was The Special Guest At A Fundraiser For D'Esposito

HEADLINE: "Speaker Mike Johnson Heads To LI For D'Esposito Fundraiser." [Newsday, [12/1/23](#)]

12/2/23: Mike Johnson Featured As The Special Guest At A Fundraiser For D'Esposito. "HON. JOSEPH G. CAIRO, JR. INVITES YOU TO SUPPORT CONGRESSMAN ANTHONY D'ESPOSITO WITH SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE MIKE JOHNSON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2023 12:30 PM – 2:30 PM at THE GENERAL 1899 Park Boulevard, East Meadow, NY." [Newsday, [12/1/23](#)]



[Newsday, [12/1/23](#)]

- **The Fundraiser Had A Minimum Price Of \$3,300 For Entry And Was Held At The General, A Private Cigar Club And Steakhouse.** "Speaker of the House Mike Johnson is heading to Long Island on Saturday to fundraise for Rep. Anthony D'Esposito at an event where CD3 is sure to be a topic of conversation. The fundraiser is scheduled to take place at The General, a private cigar club and steakhouse at Eisenhower Park. The invitation, which came from Nassau County Republican Committee chair Joseph Cairo, features the chance to be an 'event host' for \$13,200, an 'event sponsor' for \$6,600, or a 'patriot' for the low price of just \$3,300. Johnson, who is in New York City this weekend for a House fundraiser, voted to not expel George Santos on Friday, a move that reportedly dismayed some of the New York delegation. D'Esposito worked hard to get Santos off the national stage." [Newsday, [12/1/23](#)]

Andrew Cuomo

2019: D'Esposito Criticized Cuomo's Proposed Budget, Claiming It Cut \$20 Million In Funding For Long Island And Almost \$4 Million In Funding For Hempstead Town

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[Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, [1/23/19](#)]

D'Esposito Said Cuomo Was An "Advocate For Criminals"

D'Esposito Said Cuomo Was An "Advocate For Criminals." ". @NYSenate that rep @HempsteadTown , before you proudly voted 'aye' to further Cuomo's agenda & advocate for criminals, did you once ask victims that live in your district what they think of rapists, murderers & other career criminals sitting on juries?" [Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, [5/9/19](#)]



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George Santos

D'Esposito And Santos Hosted A Joint Fundraising Committee Whose Treasurer Was Nancy Marks, Santos' Previous Treasurer Who Later Pleaded Guilty To Conspiracy For Defrauding The United States

D'Esposito And Santos Were Participants Of The Santos D'Esposito Nassau Victory Committee

The Santos D'Esposito Nassau Victory Committee Was A Joint Fundraising Committee. According to the Federal Election Commission, the Santos D'Esposito Nassau Victory Committee was a joint fundraising committee and registered on October 31st, 2022. [FEC, Committee Profile, ID #C00827725, accessed [1/22/24](#)]

SANTOS D'ESPOSITO NASSAU VICTORY COMMITTEE

● ACTIVE - QUARTERLY | PAC - NONQUALIFIED - JOINT FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE | ID: C00827725 |
REGISTRATION DATE: OCTOBER 31, 2022 |

[FEC, Committee Profile, ID #C00827725, accessed [1/22/24](#)]

D'Esposito For New York And Devolder-Santos For Congress Were Fundraising Participants Of The Santos D'Esposito Nassau Victory Committee. According to the Federal Election Commission, The Santos D'Esposito Nassau Victory Committee had three joint fundraising participant- Devolder-Santos for Congress, Desposito for New York, and NRCC. [FEC, Committee Profile, ID #C00827725, accessed [1/22/24](#)]

Committees

Current joint fundraising participants:

- [DEVOLDER-SANTOS FOR CONGRESS](#)
- [DESPOSITO FOR NEW YORK](#)
- [NRCC](#)

[FEC, Committee Profile, ID #C00827725, accessed [1/22/24](#)]

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Committee information

Committee name:	SANTOS D'ESPOSITO NASSAU VICTORY COMMITTEE
Mailing address:	47 FLINTLOCK DR SHIRLEY, NY 11967
Treasurer:	MARKS, NANCY
Committee type:	PAC - Nonqualified
Committee designation:	Joint fundraising committee
Statement of organization:	Current version (PDF) FEC-1690190 Filed 02/20/2023

[FEC, Committee Profile, ID #C00827725, accessed [1/22/24](#)]

Marks Was Previously A Treasurer For Santos Until January 2023 When She Was Replaced By Thomas Datwyler. “First, the lawyer Santos paid is not some neophyte outsider; he’s a well-known GOP attorney and political operative named Charlie Spies, the Republican National Lawyers Association 2023 Lawyer of The Year. [...] After The New York Times first exposed Santos as a serial liar to a national audience last December, the Dickinson Wright payments stopped showing up in the campaign’s expenses. But Spies apparently kept working for the campaign without getting paid, according to internal communications and sources with knowledge of the interactions. The scope of that work is unclear, but a Jan. 17 email shows Spies communicating on behalf of the campaign to its old treasurer, Nancy Marks, quarterbacking the transition to Datwyler. ‘The Santos campaign has engaged a new Treasurer—Thomas Datwyler—who is ready to replace Ms. Marks as Treasurer for the campaign,’ Spies wrote to Marks’ attorney, Ray Perini.” [Daily Beast, [10/19/23](#)]

- **October 2023: Marks Pleaded Guilty To One Felony Count Of Conspiracy To Defraud The U.S. And Admitted To Falsifying Numbers In Conjunction With Santos.** “The treasurer who oversaw the finances of Representative George Santos’s political campaigns surrendered to federal prosecutors on Thursday afternoon and admitted to her role in fraudulently reporting a fictional \$500,000 loan that Mr. Santos claimed to have made to his campaign. The bookkeeper, Nancy Marks, pleaded guilty to one felony count of conspiracy to defraud the United States. She also admitted to falsifying and inflating financial numbers and making numerous false statements in conjunction with Mr. Santos, a Republican from New York. Under the terms of her deal, she faces a recommended sentence of between three and four years in prison.” [New York Times, [10/5/23](#)]
- **Marks Admitted To Making Reports Of False Donations And That The \$500,000 Loan Santos Claimed To Have Made Was Fraudulent.** “Appearing before the same judge who is presiding over Mr. Santos’s case, Ms. Marks, 58, looked stoic and composed in the courtroom in Central Islip, N.Y. She admitted to making reports of false donations and said that the \$500,000 loan Mr. Santos claimed to have made was fraudulent. ‘I knew that the loan had not been made,’ Ms. Marks told the court.” [New York Times, [10/5/23](#)]

D’Esposito Was A “Good Friend” Of Santos And Said Santos Was A Part Of A “Great Team” That Helped Flip Congressional Seats In Nassau County Red

Santos Called D’Esposito A “Good Friend.” “I couldn’t be happier to be in DC representing #NY03 alongside my good friend from #NY04 @ANTHONYDESPO . I have full confidence that together we will bring prosperity back to our constituents.” [George Santos, Twitter, [11/17/22](#)]



[George Santos, Twitter, [11/17/22](#)]

- **D'Esposito Liked The Tweet.** According to Twitter, Anthony D'Esposito (@ANTHONYDESPO) liked Santos' tweet. [George Santos, Twitter, [11/17/22](#)]



[George Santos, Twitter, [11/17/22](#)]

D'Esposito Retweeted A Post Telling New Yorkers To Vote Early For George Santos. D'Esposito retweeted a tweet which stated “New Yorkers, please vote early for: @nicklalota in #NY01 @Santos4Congress in #NY03 @ANTHONYDESPO in #NY04 @lawler4ny in #NY17 @colinschmitt in

#NY18 @MarcMolinaroNY in #NY19 @LizLemeryJoy in #NY20 @Brandon4ny22 in #NY22 @LaRon4Congress in #NY25 #RedWave #SaveOurState.” [Anthony D’Esposito, Twitter via Internet Archive, archived [1/11/22](#)]



[Anthony D’Esposito, Twitter via Internet Archive, archived [1/11/22](#)]

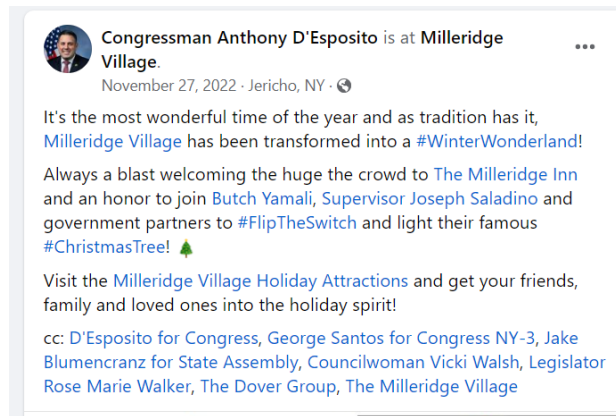
November 2022: When Asked About His Thoughts On The Congressional Races In New York, D’Esposito Said Cairo Assembled A “Great Team” In Nassau County. HOST: “There were a number of statewide races that defied the odds that the GOP picked up in the house and even came within striking distance when you look at the Governor’s race, something that has been unheard of in the empire state in decades. What are your thoughts on the New York races this year?” D’ESPOSITO: “Listen we had a lot of good victories especially here in Nassau county. Chairman Cairo put together a great team and we delivered... uh victories, flipping senate seats. And listen, Lee Zeldin ran a fantastic campaign.” [Newsmax via YouTube, 1:40, uploaded [11/12/22](#)] (VIDEO)

- **New York’s Third Congressional District Contained Parts Of Nassau County.** “The first ballots in a closely watched New York special election were cast on Saturday, for the first day of early voting. New York’s 3rd Congressional district covers parts of Queens and Nassau County. Democrat Tom Suozzi, who previously represented the area before George Santos, is looking to win back the seat.” [NY1, [2/3/24](#)]

D’Esposito Hosted Santos In D’Esposito’s District And Attended Events Featuring “George Santos For Congress” Signs

VIDEO: D’Esposito: “We Are Going To Send D’Esposito And Santos To Washington D.C.” D’Esposito uploaded a video to his Facebook account where he stated “from democrat to republican, we are going to send D’Esposito and Santos to Washington D.C. and we are going to pry that gavel right from the hands of Nancy Pelosi.” He captioned the video “Our team is ready to #WIN in #NY04 and #FlipTheHouse on Election Day! We have the chance to fight rising crime, end out of control inflation, and prevent ‘Defund the Police’ advocates like Laura Gillen from enacting their radical agenda in Washington.” [Anthony D’Esposito, Facebook, 0:00 [11/3/22](#)] (VIDEO)

November 2022: D’Esposito Welcomed George Santos To The Winter Wonderland At Milleridge Village In His District. “It’s the most wonderful time of the year and as tradition has it, Milleridge Village has been transformed into a #WinterWonderland! Always a blast welcoming the huge the crowd to The Milleridge Inn and an honor to join Butch Yamali, Supervisor Joseph Saladino and government partners to #FlipTheSwitch and light their famous #ChristmasTree! 🎄 Visit the Milleridge Village Holiday Attractions and get your friends, family and loved ones into the holiday spirit! cc: D’Esposito for Congress, George Santos for Congress NY-3, Jake Blumencranz for State Assembly, Councilwoman Vicki Walsh, Legislator Rose Marie Walker, The Dover Group, The Milleridge Village.” [Facebook, Congressman Anthony D’Esposito, [11/27/22](#)]



[Facebook, Congressman Anthony D'Esposito, [11/27/22](#)]

- **D'Esposito's Post Featured A Picture Of Him And Santos, Along With Other Guests At The Festival.**
[Facebook, Congressman Anthony D'Esposito, [11/27/22](#)]



[Facebook, Congressman Anthony D'Esposito, [11/27/22](#)]

D'Esposito Was Pictured With Santos At An Event With A “George Santos For Congress” Sign In The Background. “Long Island’s next Congressmen under @RepTomEmmer’s leadership 🙌 Grateful to @nicklalota , @Santos4Congress , @ANTHONYDESPO , for putting in the hard work, and for their partnership - 27 days until Long Island turns red.” [Theresa Winegar, Twitter, [10/12/22](#)]



[Theresa Winegar, Twitter, [10/12/22](#)]

D'Esposito Attended A Roundtable Event With George Santos. “W/my #LawEnforcement family @NYCPDDEA for roundtable w/ @kevinomccarthy & @NMalliotakis . Glad @EspositoforNY & I could discuss our time @NYPDnews & provide insight to issues plaguing communities.” [Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, [8/5/22](#)]



[Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, [8/5/22](#)]

D'Esposito Was Pictured With Santos At An Event Where He Congratulated Lee Zeldin For Winning The Republican Primary For The Governor Of New York Race. “Congrats to my friend Lee Zeldin on taking the primary this evening! Now it's on to November! Lets unite, take back the #EmpireState & #FlipTheHouse!” [Anthony D'Esposito, Facebook, [6/29/22](#)]



[Anthony D'Esposito, Facebook, [6/29/22](#)]

D'Esposito Helped McCarthy Thwart Off An Attempt To Expel Santos By Motioning To Refer A Resolution On Santos' Expulsion To The Ethics Committee Instead Of Voting For His Expulsion

May 2023: Santos Faced An Immediate Vote For Expulsion After Democrats Introduced A Privileged Resolution To Expel Santos...

May 2023: Democrats Moved To Consider A Resolution To Expel Santos As A Privileged Resolution

February 2023: Congressman Robert Garcia Introduced A Resolution To Expel George Santos. 2/9/23- Rep.

Robert Garcia introduced: “In the matter of George Santos. Resolved, That, pursuant to article I, section 5, clause 2 of the Constitution of the United States, Representative George Santos, be, and he hereby is, expelled from the House of Representatives.” [Congress.gov, H. Res. 114, Actions, [2/9/23](#)]

May 2023: Garcia Moved To Consider The Resolution As A Privileged Resolution, Which Was Accepted By The Chair. “05/16/2023-2:18pm NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO OFFER RESOLUTION - Mr. Robert Garcia (CA) notified the House of his intent to offer a privileged resolution pursuant to clause 2(a)(1) of rule IX. The Chair announced that a determination will be made at the time designated for consideration of the resolution. 05/17/2023-5:02pm QUESTION OF THE PRIVILEGES OF THE HOUSE - Mr. Robert Garcia (CA) rose to a question of the privileges of the House and offered the resolution. The Chair directed the Clerk to report the resolution. Upon examination of the resolution, the Chair determined that the resolution did constitute a question of the privileges of the House. 05/17/2023-5:02pm Considered as privileged matter.” [Congress.gov, H. Res. 114, Actions, [2/9/23](#)]

Privileged Resolutions Must Be Called To A Vote Within Two Days Of Introduction

Roll Call: When A Member Raises A Question Of Privilege On The Floor, Leaders Must Schedule A Vote On It Within Two Legislative Days. “As they look to the second session of the 118th Congress, lawmakers in the House are frustrated with what some say is an overuse of a procedural tool allowing any member to sidestep leadership and bring a resolution to the floor. House rules allow certain resolutions, such as censures and expulsions, to be considered privileged. When a member raises a question of privilege on the floor, leaders must schedule a vote on it within two legislative days. That was what was used to oust Kevin McCarthy from the speakership, as well as to expel former Rep. George Santos, a New York Republican, from office. The same procedural maneuver led to the censures of Democratic Reps. Rashida Tlaib and Jamaal Bowman.” [Roll Call, [12/18/23](#)]

... But Was Saved By D'Esposito Who Made A Motion To Refer A Resolution On Santos' Expulsion To The House Ethics Committee...

5/17/23: D'Esposito Made A Motion To Refer A Resolution On Whether Santos Should Be Expelled To The House Ethics Committee. “Rep. Anthony D'Esposito, R-N.Y., made the motion to refer the expulsion resolution to the ethics panel. He said he was personally in favor of Santos being expelled, but added that ‘regrettably,’ there were not enough votes to meet the two-thirds threshold necessary. ‘I firmly believe this is the quickest way of ridding the House of Representatives of this scourge on government,’ D'Esposito said.” [Associated Press, [5/17/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Said He Was In Favor Of Expelling Santos, But Added, “Regrettably, However, I'm In The Understanding That We Currently Do Not Have The Two-Thirds Support” To Do So.** “Republicans backed the House Ethics referral along party lines, though some in Santos' own conference spoke out against him. ‘I was one of the first members of this body to call on the subject of this resolution to resign. And I am personally in favor of this individual's expulsion from this house. Regrettably, however, I'm in the understanding that we currently do not have the two-thirds support from members in this house to expel that individual,’ Rep. Anthony D'Esposito, R-N.Y., said right before the vote, explaining why an Ethics Committee referral [sic] was necessary. ‘I believe that this individual is a stain on this institution, a stain on the state of New York, a stain on [Long Island] and a stain on the beloved Nassau County.’” [NY1, [5/17/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito On Referring The Resolution To The House Ethics Committee: “I Firmly Believe This Is The Quickest Way Ridding The House Of Representatives Of This Scourge On Government.”** “Rep. Anthony D'Esposito, R-N.Y., made the motion to refer the expulsion resolution to the ethics panel. He said he was personally in favor of Santos being expelled, but added that ‘regrettably,’ there were not enough votes to meet the two-thirds threshold necessary. ‘I firmly believe this is the quickest way of ridding the House of Representatives of this scourge on government,’ D'Esposito said.” [ABC, [5/17/23](#)]

Santos Thanked Republican Leadership For Voting For D'Esposito's Motion, Calling It “The Appropriate Way To Do This.” “The House of Representatives on Wednesday voted in favor of referring a Democratic-led

motion to expel Rep. George Santos, R-N.Y., from Congress to the Ethics Committee. The vote, 221-204, was along party lines, with Republicans voting in favor and Democrats preferring an immediate vote to expel him, a move that would require a two-thirds majority [sic]. A handful of Democrats voted present and Santos himself voted to put his potential expulsion in the hands of the Ethics Committee. Speaking to reporters after the vote, Santos thanked Republican leadership ‘for allowing this procedure.’ ‘The reality is there is a procedure, you can't be judge, jury and executioner,’ Santos said Wednesday. ‘I have a right a constitutional right to defend myself. And I will do that. And I look forward to doing that I look forward to seeing the process play out. And if the Ethics Committee finds a reason to remove me, that is the process.’ ‘This is the appropriate way to do this. I think that this was the right decision for all of us. And I look forward to continuing to defend myself,’ he added. ‘Again, innocent until proven guilty. That is a right that we all have.’” [NY1, [5/17/23](#)]

... Despite The Ethics Committee Having Already Started An Investigation Two Months Prior

February 2023: The Resolution To Expel George Santos Was Referred To The House Committee On Ethics. 2/9/23- the resolution: “In the matter of George Santos. Resolved, That, pursuant to article I, section 5, clause 2 of the Constitution of the United States, Representative George Santos, be, and he hereby is, expelled from the House of Representatives.” Was referred to the House Committee on Ethics. [Congress.gov, H. Res. 114, Actions, [2/9/23](#)]

March 2023: HEADLINE: “George Santos Now Under Investigation By House Ethics Panel.” [NY1, [3/2/23](#)]

- **March 2023: The House Ethics Committee Launched Its Investigation Into Santos.** “The House Ethics Committee announced Thursday it is launching an investigation into embattled Republican Rep. George Santos, the New York congressman whose lies and embellishments about his resume and personal life have drawn deep scrutiny. The investigation appears to be far reaching. It seeks to determine whether Santos ‘may have engaged in unlawful activity with respect to his 2022 congressional campaign’ among other actions, the committee said in a statement.” [NY1, [3/2/23](#)]

D'Esposito, Along With Other New York Republicans, Was Accused Of Side-Stepping The Vote To Expel Santos By Referring The Matter To The House Ethics Committee

HEADLINE: “What Happened To Dealing With George Santos Quickly?” [Vanity Fair, [8/16/23](#)]

- **Vanity Fair: “Not That Long Ago All [New York Vulnerable Freshmen Republicans] Were Going Scorched Earth Against Santos—That Is Until House Republicans Side-Stepped An Up-Down Vote On Whether Santos Should Keep His Seat.”** “But unfortunately for Republicans, Santos staying in the seat in the short term could very well bite them in a year’s time. New York Republicans nearly swept the tossup races in the 2022 midterms, playing a major role in clinching the House majority. But that also means five other Republican congressmen from the New York delegation now occupy swingy purple seats in districts that Joe Biden won or nearly won. Covering for Santos won’t do them any good. LaLota won by about 35,000 votes. D’Esposito won by about 10,000 votes. Republican Mike Lawler won by about 2,000 votes, Marc Molinaro won by about 6,000 votes, and Brandon Williams won by about 3,000 votes. Not that long ago all of them were going scorched earth against Santos—that is until House Republicans side-stepped an up-down vote on whether Santos should keep his seat.” [Vanity Fair, [8/16/23](#)]

A Representative Of Concerned Citizens Of NY-03 Called On D'Esposito To “Do More Than Pay Lip Service” On The Expulsion Of George Santos. “ The representative for New York's 3rd Congressional District was likely referring to a resolution to expel him from Congress that fellow Long Island GOP Rep. Anthony D'Esposito introduced Thursday, along with four other Empire State Republican co-sponsors. [...] Jody Kass Finkel, a coordinator for the group Concerned Citizens of NY-03, held a brief press conference demanding D'Esposito do more than pay "lip service" and follow through on his pledge to expel Santos. ‘They have five votes, and Republicans in Congress have a margin of four, Finkel said. Members of the left-leaning Empire State Voices and Move-On also denounced Santos and called for his immediate resignation.’” [New York Post, [10/27/23](#)]

Through His Actions, D'Esposito Allegedly Helped McCarthy Thwart Off A Democratic Attempt To Scuttle Santos By Referring Santos' Expulsion To The Ethics Committee

Newsday: McCarthy Scuttled A Democratic Attempt To Expel Santos In May By Having D'Esposito Refer The Matter To The House Ethics Committee. "D'Esposito and five other first-year New York GOP members of Congress introduced a motion to expel Santos Wednesday, a day after federal prosecutors hit the scandal-plagued lawmaker with 10 additional criminal charges alleging he filed fraudulent fundraising reports. Santos denies the charges. The vote cannot be held until House Republicans elect a new speaker. McCarthy scuttled a Democratic attempt to expel Santos in May by having D'Esposito refer the matter to the House Ethics Committee. McCarthy (R-Calif.), who was ousted as speaker on Oct. 3, could not afford to see his slim majority trimmed. Now, Republicans can lose four votes on legislation and as they try to install a new speaker. Without Santos, it would be three." [Newsday, [10/15/23](#)]

December 2023: D'Esposito Voted To Expel George Santos

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Lee Zeldin

D'Esposito Voted To Elect Lee Zeldin As The Speaker Of The House Three Times

D'Esposito Voted For Electing Lee Zeldin As Speaker Of The House On The First Ballot. In October 2023, D'Esposito voted for electing Lee Zeldin as Speaker of the House. The vote results were: Jordan-200, Jeffries-212 votes, Scalise-7, McCarthy-6, Zeldin-3 Garcia (Mike)-1, Emmer-1, Cole-1, and Massie-1. [Election of the Speaker, [Vote #521](#), 10/17/23; CQ, [10/17/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted To Elect Lee Zeldin As Speaker Of The House On The Second Ballot. In October 2023, D'Esposito voted for: electing Lee Zeldin as Speaker of the House. The vote results were: Jordan-199, Jeffries-212 votes, Scalise-7, McCarthy-5, Zeldin-3, Donalds-1, Garcia (Mike)-1, Boehner-1, Emmer-1, Granger-1, and Westerman-1, Candice Miller-1. [Election of the Speaker, [Vote #523](#), 10/17/23; CQ, [10/18/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted To Elect Zeldin As Speaker Of The House On The Third Ballot. In October 2023, D'Esposito voted for: electing Lee Zeldin as Speaker of the House. The vote results were: Jordan-194, Jeffries-210 votes, Scalise-8, McCarthy-2, Zeldin-4, Donalds-2, Garcia (Mike)-1, Emmer-1, Granger-1, and Westerman-1. [Election of the Speaker, [Vote #523](#), 10/17/23; CQ, [10/18/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito On Voting For Zeldin Over Jordan: "I Want A Speaker Who Understands Long Island's Unique Needs."** "Rep. Anthony D'Esposito outlined his logic in voting for Zeldin in a statement. 'I want a Speaker who understands Long Island's unique needs,' D'Esposito said. 'Restoring the SALT deduction, safeguarding 9/11 victim support funding, and investing in critical infrastructure are our priorities. I look forward to discussions with candidates.'" [Long Island Press, [10/20/23](#)]

D'Esposito Called Lee Zeldin "My Friend" And Congratulated Him For Winning The Governor Primary

June 2022: Anthony D'Esposito: "Congrats To My Friend Lee Zeldin On Taking The Primary This Evening!" "Congrats to my friend Lee Zeldin on taking the primary this evening! Now it's on to November! Lets unite, take back the #EmpireState & #FlipTheHouse!" [Anthony D'Esposito, Facebook, [6/29/22](#)]



[Anthony D'Esposito, Facebook, [6/29/22](#)]

Zeldin Endorsed And Campaigned With D'Esposito

April 2022: Zeldin Endorsed D'Esposito. "Hempstead Town Councilman Anthony D'Esposito has received the endorsement of Congressman Lee Zeldin (CD 1) as the Councilman launches his bid for the Fourth Congressional District. Zeldin, the Republican and Conservative candidate for Governor, indicated that D'Esposito will be a valuable partner in government as they collaboratively work to protect taxpayers and keep neighbors safe. The duo is committed to tax relief, fixing the broken economy, addressing the supply chain crisis, fighting violent crime and dealing with soaring inflation, as well as tackling the energy and drug crises. Further, Zeldin said that D'Esposito's background as an NYPD Detective will prove invaluable in making a positive impact on the issues of public safety and drugs at the federal level." [D'Esposito for Congress, [4/12/22](#)]

Zeldin Campaigned With D'Esposito At A Press Conference In Cedarhurst. "Congressman Zeldin Campaigns in Bronx, Kings, Nassau, New York, Orange, Queens and Suffolk Counties. [...] Congressman Zeldin ended his night in Cedarhurst where he joined Assemblyman Ari Brown, Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman, Hempstead Town Councilman Anthony D'Esposito, and concerned members of the Cedarhurst Jewish Community. With antisemitism on the rise in New York State, Congressman Zeldin made it clear that antisemitism in any form will not be tolerated in this state. Following the press conference, Congressman Zeldin made two other stops with the Jewish community in the Five Towns. In Lawrence, he joined Rabbi Kamenetsky for the Yeshiva of South Shore Concert on the Lawn. He ended his night delivering remarks at the Cedarhurst Jewish Night Concert at Andrew J. Parise Cedarhurst Park." [Zeldin for New York, [8/29/22](#)]



[Zeldin for New York, [8/29/22](#)]

D'Esposito Campaigned With Zeldin, Visiting Local Small Businesses And Calling For “Real Tax Relief.”
“Checked in at some local small businesses in #FranklinSquare with Lee Zeldin, the next Governor of New York! Small business owners need real tax relief, and that’s exactly what they’ll get when we #FlipTheHouse and #SaveOurState...but we need to VOTE! 🗳️ Polls are open until 9pm today. Make your voice heard. Vote for D’Esposito for Congress.” [Anthony D’Esposito, Facebook, [11/8/22](#)]



[Anthony D'Esposito, Facebook, [11/8/22](#)]

D'Esposito Celebrated Columbus Day By Attending A March That Featured “Congressman Lee Zeldin” Banners. “Celebrated #ColumbusDay with our next Governor Lee Zeldin and Lt. Governor Alison Esposito. Great to see thousands of New Yorkers along 5th Avenue who are ready to take back our State and Nation.” [Anthony D'Esposito, Facebook, [10/10/22](#)]



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Marjorie Taylor Greene

D'Esposito Repeatedly Praised Marjorie Taylor Greene

April 2024: D'Esposito Said On CNN, "Marjorie Taylor Greene, I Respect Her, I Know That She Works Hard To Represent Her District." TAPPER: "So Congresswoman Marjorie Taylor Greene is continuing to stand by her threat to oust Speaker Johnson. She posted on Twitter, quote, 'I filed a motion to vacate because Johnson has become the Democrat Speaker of the House. And with his actions, he's proving to everyone I was right.' Do you think that she speaks for more than just a handful of members of Congress? And I should ask, you've said that you think there should be repercussions for individuals who stand in the way of the will of the Republican Conference. She's doing that, and do you think she should face repercussions, and which repercussions?" D'ESPOSITO: "The comments that I made today about repercussion were specifically about those Members on the Rules Committee. [...] Marjorie Taylor Greene, I respect her, I know that she works hard to represent her district. In this situation, we disagree." [CNN, 3:15, [4/18/24](#)] (VIDEO)

- **January 2024: Asked About Serving On The Homeland Security Committee With Marjorie Taylor Greene, D'Esposito Said, "All The Members Are Good Members Who Are Working Hard For This Country."** BERMAN: "Before we get to Mayorkas, I just have to ask you, Congressman. How much fun is it on that committee to hang out with Majorie Taylor Greene? I mean that must be— I mean she's nuts. That must be great." RIEDEL: "Len—" D'ESPOSITO: "We have uh— all the members are good members who are working hard for this country." BERMAN: "Oh boy. What a politician, Congressman." [Len Berman and Michael Riedel in the Morning, :17, [1/30/24](#)] (AUDIO)

Greene Spread Conspiracy Theories Bolstering Antisemitism And Doubting Whether The September 11th Attacks Happened

2018: Greene Posted A YouTube Video In Which She Questioned Whether A Plane Really Flew Into The Pentagon On September 11, 2001. "Marjorie Taylor Greene had just finished questioning whether a plane really flew into the Pentagon on Sept. 11, 2001, and flatly stating that President Barack Obama was secretly Muslim when she paused to offer an aside implicating another former president in a crime. 'That's another one of those Clinton murders,' Ms. Greene said, referring to John F. Kennedy Jr.'s death in a 1999 plane crash, suggesting that he had been assassinated because he was a potential rival to Hillary Clinton for a New York Senate seat. Ms. Greene casually unfurled the cascade of dangerous and patently untrue conspiracy theories in a 40-minute video that was originally posted to YouTube in 2018. It provides a window into the warped worldview amplified by the freshman Republican congresswoman from Georgia, who in the three months since she was elected has created a national brand for herself as a conservative provocateur who has proudly brought the hard-right fringe to the Capitol." [New York Times, [1/29/21](#)]

2018: Greene Claimed The Rothschild Family Started Wildfires In California Using A Space Laser In An Antisemitic Conspiracy Theory. "The most recent Greene view to be unearthed comes via Eric Hananoki. Just over two years ago, Greene suggested in a Facebook post that wildfires in California were not natural. Forests don't just catch fire, you know. Rather, the blazes had been started by PG&E, in conjunction with the Rothschilds, using a space laser, in order to clear room for a high-speed rail project. [...] The Rothschild family has featured heavily in anti-Semitic conspiracy theories since at least the 19th century. Anti-Semites have generally updated the theory by replacing the Rothschilds with George Soros, a more contemporary and plausible-seeming mastermind for a global conspiracy to spread left-wing ideology. Greene's version has instead updated the theory by giving the Rothschilds possession of a secret, powerful space laser." [Intelligencer, [1/28/21](#)]

Greene Claimed The 2017 Las Vegas Shooting And 2018 Parkland Shooting Were "False Flag" Events. "Greene also began advancing baseless theories that appeal to extreme gun rights advocates: that several mass shootings were 'false flag' events that were staged by gun control proponents. Greene said that these included the 2017 massacre in Las Vegas and the 2018 Parkland school shooting." [Washington Post, [1/30/21](#)]

Greene Rose To Prominence On Social Media As A Supporter Of QAnon. "Soon, however, Greene began filming herself spreading an array of far-right views, laying the groundwork for her political persona. Energized by Trump's election, she became particularly entranced by QAnon. She adopted the baseless belief an anonymous person called Q was revealing secrets about a child trafficking ring orchestrated by Democrats and global elites.

‘Have you guys been following 4chan? Q? Any of that stuff?’ Greene asked her followers in November 2017. ‘Q is a patriot, we know that for sure. . . . He is someone that very much loves his country, and he’s on the same page as us, and he is very pro-Trump.’ In that video, which Greene has since removed from her social media accounts but has been reposted to YouTube, the future congresswoman told the uninitiated where to go to learn more: AmericanTruthSeekers.com, a now-defunct blog. Greene’s author page on an archived version of the site, highlighted by NBC News in August, says she wrote 59 posts. One is headlined: ‘MUST READ — Democratic Party Involved With Child Sex, Satanism, and The Occult.’ A January 2018 post extolled Q for possessing ‘obvious intelligence beyond the normal person.’ [...] Greene also embraced bogus claims about the 9/11 terrorist attacks, and she has posited that laser beams from space may have started California wildfires, another baseless QAnon theory. In August, Greene told Fox News that she once had supported the theories of QAnon but said she ‘decided that I would choose another path.’ [Washington Post, [1/30/21](#)]

- **QAnon Was A Conspiracy Theory That Speculated That The U.S. Government Was Run By A “Cabal” Of Satan-Worshipping Pedophiles That Trump And His Followers Would Take Down.** “Followers of the tentpole Qanon conspiracy theory believe there is a “deep state” within the US government that is controlled by a cabal of Satan-worshipping pedophiles. According to the theory, the cabal is largely run by Democratic politicians and liberal celebrities who work to traffic children – and former President Donald Trump is trying to take them down with the help of Qanon ‘patriots.’ Their work will come to fruition on a day known as the ‘Storm,’ when thousands of people will be arrested and face military tribunals and mass executions for their alleged crimes.” [CNN, [5/9/22](#)]

Donald Trump

Significant Findings

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D'Esposito Endorsed Trump And Defended Him After His Felony Conviction

- ✓ February 2024: D'Esposito endorsed President Trump's reelection, saying, "We can get back to a time when President Trump was the president. We had a safer America, a more affordable America."
- ✓ May 2024: After Trump was convicted of 34 felonies, D'Esposito called the trial a "witch hunt."

D'Esposito Deflected Multiple Questions On Trump, Refusing To Criticize Trump's Comments That He Would Attempt To Establish A Dictatorship And His Use Of Hitler-Like Rhetoric

- ✓ When asked about Trump's comments on establishing a dictatorship, D'Esposito deflected and said he was focused on the failures of the Biden administration.
- ✓ D'Esposito failed to condemn Trump's use of "a phrase that was used repeatedly by Hitler" and called it "perhaps not the best choice of words."
- ✓ D'Esposito dodged a question regarding January 6th, instead stating "I am confident the United States of America is the greatest democracy."

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- ✓ D'Esposito criticized New York District Attorney Alvin Bragg for indicting Trump in the hush money trial, saying Bragg was "a hack" and "playing politics" by indicting Trump.

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- ✓ D'Esposito voted for a resolution to censure Adam Schiff.
- ✓ Schiff was censured for comments made about the Trump investigation and Trump's ties to Russia.

2016: D'Esposito Attended The Republican National Convention Where Donald Trump Was Elected The Republican Nominee For President

- ✓ D'Esposito attended the 2016 Republican National Convention.
- ✓ Trump was declared the official Republican Presidential nominee at the 2016 Republican National Convention.

D'Esposito Endorsed Trump And Defended Him After His Felony Conviction

February 2024: D'Esposito Endorsed Trump

February 2024: D'Esposito Endorsed Donald Trump. D'ESPOSITO: "Because we want to elect President Donald Trump back to office. We can get back to a time when President Trump was the president. We had a safer America, a more affordable America. We had an America you could be proud of. We had an America where people said America is first. Well, I'll tell you ladies and gentlemen, I've seen it every single day, Joe Biden and the Democrats, they are not putting America first. They are putting America last. And with all your help, with our Chairman's leadership, we are going to see a giant victory come November up and down the ballot. These folks will be elected."



[Ben Jacobs, Twitter, [2/26/24](#)] (VIDEO)

D'Esposito Called Trump's Felony Conviction The Result Of A "Witch Hunt"

5/30/24: D'Esposito Called Trump's Trial A "Witch Hunt" Led By Bragg "And His Left Wing Allies" In An Effort To "Weaponize The Justice System In An Attempt To Stop [Trump.]" [Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, [5/30/24](#)]



[Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, [5/30/24](#)]

May 2024: A Jury Of 12 New Yorkers Unanimously Found Trump Guilty Of 34 Felony Charges. “Former President Donald Trump was found guilty of 34 felonies by the jury in his ‘hush money’ trial in New York on Thursday, making him the first former president in U.S. history to be convicted of a crime. The jury, composed of 12 Manhattan residents, found that Trump illegally falsified business records to cover up a \$130,000 payment to adult film star Stormy Daniels before the 2016 election. They found him guilty on all counts on their second day of deliberations.” [CBS News, [5/31/24](#)]

D'Esposito Deflected Multiple Questions On Trump, Refusing To Criticize Trump's Comments On Establishing A Dictatorship And His Use Of “Hitler-Like Rhetoric”

When Asked About Trump's Comments On Establishing A Dictatorship, D'Esposito Deflected And Said He Was Focused On The Failures Of The Biden Administration

December 2023: Asked About Trump's Comments That He Would Attempt To Establish A Dictatorship, D'Esposito Said, “What We're Focused On Right Now [...] Are The Failures Of The Biden Administration.” “[HARLOW:] Listen to two of her comments over the past couple of days warning about a second Trump term. (BEGIN VIDEO CLIP) LIZ CHENEY, FORMER REPUBLICAN CONGRESSWOMAN: One of the things that we see happening today is sort of a sleepwalking into a dictatorship in the United States. A vote for Donald Trump may mean the last election that you ever get to vote in. And again, I don't say that lightly. SAVANNAH GUTHRIE, NBC HOST, ‘TODAY’: You think he would try to stay in power forever? CHENEY: Absolutely. (END VIDEO CLIP) HARLOW: Do you share any of those concerns? D’ESPOSITO: I'm confident that the United States of America is the world's greatest democracy. I think Liz Cheney may be a little bit bitter. Let's be honest. What we're focused on right now is Republicans are the failures of the Biden administration. And yes, I do run in a Biden, plus 14 district -- HARLOW: Um-hum. D’ESPOSITO: -- or maybe even a little bit more. HARLOW: Um-hum. D’ESPOSITO: And the Republicans are on the right side of every issue as we've seen over the last three years in my home county of Nassau County. We now, after -- HARLOW: Well -

- D'ESPOSITO: -- a couple of Tuesdays ago election, control every bit of government from the city line all the way out to Suffolk County." [CNN via CNN Transcripts, [12/5/23](#)]

D'Esposito Failed To Condemn Trump's Use Of "A Phrase That Was Used Repeatedly By Hitler" And Called It "Perhaps Not The Best Choice Of Words"

D'Esposito Failed To Condemn Trump's Use Of "A Phrase That Was Used Repeatedly By Hitler" And Called It "Perhaps Not The Best Choice Of Words." HOST: "I want to ask you one other question tonight, about former President Trump. He's coming under fire for making anti-immigrant comments in an interview. Some of this comes and echoes language used by white supremacists. I want to play for you what he said." TRUMP: "Nobody has ever seen anything like we are witnessing right now. It is a very sad thing for our country. It's poisoning the blood of our country. It's so bad. And people are coming in with disease, people are coming in with every possible thing that you can have." HOST: "Just to be clear, Congressman, the specific reference to poisoning the blood, blood poisoning was a phrase that was used repeatedly by Hitler, very specifically, blood poisoning. So, what's this -- what's your reaction when you hear this sort of language? What he said, altogether, from the former president?" D'ESPOSITO: "Well, perhaps not the best choice of words. But, I believe that what we are seeing at the southern border is unprecedented I think that we need now seen across this country Democrats and Republicans." [CNN, Erin Burnett Outfront, [10/6/23](#)]

D'Esposito Gave A "Muted Reaction" When Asked About Trump's Use Of Hitler-Like Rhetoric. "Ex-President Donald Trump stayed up until almost 2 a.m. to insult CNN anchor Erin Burnett hours after she called out his remark about migrants, explicitly comparing it with Adolf Hitler's rhetoric. [...] On Friday night's edition of CNN's OutFront Burnett asked Republican Rep. Anthony D'Esposito (R-NY) and called out those historical echoes — which elicited a decidedly muted reaction from the congressman." [Mediaite, [10/7/23](#)]

D'Esposito Avoided A Question About The Events That Took Place On January 6th

VIDEO: Asked If What Happened On January 6th Concerned Him, D'Esposito Said, "I Am Confident That The United States Of America Is The Greatest Democracy." "HARLOW: So you're not concerned about what happened on January 6 and what could have happened if Mike Pence didn't do what he did in terms of certifying the vote? None of that concerns you? Just talk about it. D'ESPOSITO: Right now, it -- HARLOW: Yeah, go ahead. D'ESPOSITO: Yeah. Right now, it is -- right now, it is clear we have record debt, we have record spending. Our border is wide open. Communities are less safe than they were before. And it is -- it is very clear -- it is very clear -- HARLOW: I know. They're all issues but that's not what I asked you. I asked you about preserving democracy. D'ESPOSITO: -- that Joe Biden is the President of the United States. And I am confident that the United States of America is the greatest democracy in the country and there will people -- there are people that will continue to fight for that democracy. HARLOW: Congressman Anthony D'Esposito, we'll watch the hearing today. Thank you for joining us." [CNN via internet archive, 0:15, archived [12/5/23](#)] (VIDEO)

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D'Esposito Criticized New York District Attorney Alvin Bragg For Indicting Trump In The Hush Money Trial, Saying Bragg Was "A Hack" And "Playing Politics" By Indicting Trump

3/31/23: D'Esposito Criticized Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg For Indicting Donald Trump Saying Bragg Was "A Hack" And "Chooses To Focus His Energy On Playing Politics" "With crime in New York City at record highs & the public safety situation rapidly deteriorating, DA Alvin Bragg chooses to focus his energy on playing politics instead of taking violent criminals off street. Bragg is a hack & should be ashamed." [Anthony D'Esposito, Facebook, [3/31/23](#)]



[Anthony D'Esposito, Facebook, [3/31/23](#)]

- **3/30/23: New York Times Headline: “Trump Indicted In New York”** [New York Times, [3/30/23](#)]
- **3/30/23: A Grand Jury In Manhattan Indicted Donald Trump “For His Role In Paying Hush Money To A Porn Star.”** “A Manhattan grand jury indicted Donald J. Trump on Thursday for his role in paying hush money to a porn star, according to people with knowledge of the matter, a historic development that will shake up the 2024 presidential race and forever mark him as the nation’s first former president to face criminal charges. On Thursday evening, after news of the charges had been widely reported, the district attorney’s office confirmed that Mr. Trump had been indicted and that prosecutors had contacted Mr. Trump’s attorney to coordinate his surrender to authorities in Manhattan.” [New York Times, [3/30/23](#)]

8/7/23: The Island 360 Editorial Board: D’Esposito Is “Among The Many Republicans Missing By Saying Nothing Yet About The [January 6th] Indictments Against Trump.” “GOP Reps. Anthony D’Esposito (NY-4) and George Santos (NY-3), whose districts include all or some of Nassau County, are among the many Republicans missing by saying nothing yet about the indictments against Trump. The Republicans’ silence on the Jan. 6 indictments is in contrast with their response to the 37-count indictment filed against Trump for allegedly stealing documents belonging to the American people from the White House and bringing them to his beach club at Mar-a-Lago.” [The Island 360, Editorial, [8/7/23](#)]

- **8/1/23: Trump Was Indicted On Felony Charges For Working To Overturn The 2020 Election In The Run-Up To The January 6th Insurrection.** “Special counsel Jack Smith unveiled his case alleging that former President Donald Trump broke several laws in his attempts to overturn the 2020 election, with a grand jury indictment returned Tuesday that illustrated the depth and breadth of the federal criminal investigation. Prosecutors said in the new charging documents that Trump ‘was determined to remain in power’ after losing the 2020 election, and that he and six unindicted co-conspirators orchestrated a plot to overturn the results on and leading up to January 6, 2021. Trump, who has derided Smith’s case as a politically motivated ‘fake indictment,’ has been summoned to appear before a magistrate judge on Thursday.” [CNN, [8/1/23](#)]

D’Esposito Voted To Censure Adam Schiff For His Comments On Trump’s Ties To Russia

D’Esposito Voted For A Resolution To Censure Adam Schiff

D’Esposito Voted For The Passage Of The Resolution To Censure Adam Schiff (D-Calif.) In June 2023, D’Esposito voted for: “Agreeing to the resolution that would censure Rep. Adam B. Schiff, D-Calif., ‘for

misleading the American public' and for conduct unbecoming of a representative. It would require Schiff to present himself in the well of the House for the pronouncement of censure. It would also require the House Ethics Committee to conduct an investigation into Schiff's 'falsehoods, misrepresentations, and abuses of sensitive information.'" The resolution passed 213 to 209. [H.Res. 521, [Vote #283](#), 6/21/23; CQ, [6/21/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Voted Against A Motion To Table H.Res. 489, Censuring And Condemning Adam Schiff)D-Calif.)** In June 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Clark, D-Mass., motion to table the resolution (H.Res. 521) that would censure Rep. Schiff, D-Calif." The motion was rejected by a vote of 208-218. [H.Res. 521, [Vote #276](#), 6/21/23; CQ, [6/21/23](#)]

Schiff Was Censured For Comments Made About The Trump Investigation And Trump's Ties To Russia

HEADLINE: House Censures Adam Schiff Over His Role Investigating Trump. [New York Times, [6/21/23](#)]

Schiff Was Censured For Allegedly Engaging In "Falsehoods" During His Attempts To "Unearth Connections Between Mr. Trump And Russia." "The G.O.P.-led House formally censured Representative Adam B. Schiff, Democrat of California, on Wednesday over his role investigating former President Donald J. Trump, the first in what could be a series of votes seeking to punish those whom Republicans have deemed the party's enemies. [...] 'Adam Schiff launched an all-out political campaign built on baseless distortions against a sitting U.S. president,' Ms. Luna said. The censure accused him of engaging in 'falsehoods, misrepresentations and abuses of sensitive information' as he sought to unearth connections between Mr. Trump and Russia." [New York Times, [6/21/23](#)]

2016: D'Esposito Attended The Republican National Convention Where Donald Trump Was Elected The Republican Nominee For President

D'Esposito Attended The 2016 Republican National Convention

7/16/16: D'Esposito Tweeted That He Was "Coming For The #RNC." "@CLEpolice - I am a @NYPDnews detective coming for the #RNC w/plenty of #NYPD challenge coins for trade! Any POC?" [Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, [7/16/16](#)]

7/20/16: D'Esposito Was Pictured With Valley Stream Officials At The Republican National Convention. "A handful of Valley Stream officials were among the thousands of attendees at the 2016 Republican National Convention in Cleveland this week. They reported an environment unlike anything they had ever been part of. [...] DeGrace, his wife, Barbara, and Village Trustee John Tufarelli were at the four-day event, along with Town of Hempstead Supervisor Anthony Santino and Councilman Anthony D'Esposito. Nassau County Executive Ed Mangano and Legislator Howard Kopel were also there." [LI Herald, [7/20/16](#)]



Valley Stream officials, from left, John and Barbara DeGrace and John Tufarelli attended the 2016 Republican National Convention with Hempstead Town Councilman Anthony D'Esposito and Nassau County Legislator Howard Kopel, among others.

COURTESY BARBARA DEGRACE
[LI Herald, [7/20/16](#)]

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Issues

Abortion & Women's Health Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ D'Esposito said he would “probably” vote in favor of a nationwide ban on abortion.
 - ✓ October 2022: when asked if he would vote for a 15-week nationwide ban on abortion, D'Esposito said “um, probably.”
 - ✓ D'Esposito's spokesperson then attempted to backtrack D'Esposito's comments, telling the journalist not to “quote anything.”
- ✓ D'Esposito criticized New York State for protecting abortion rights in the wake of the overturning of Roe V. Wade, calling the legislation “the nation's most extreme abortion law.”
 - ✓ Gov. Kathy Hochul enacted six pieces of legislation protecting abortion rights in anticipation of Roe V. Wade being overturned...
 - ✓ Weeks after which D'Esposito said he “strongly opposed” the new abortion legislation signed into law, calling it “the nation's most extreme abortion law.”
- ✓ D'Esposito repeatedly voted against abortion rights in Congress.
 - ✓ D'Esposito voted to prohibit the Defense Department from covering abortion care for service members.
 - ✓ D'Esposito voted for the Born-Alive Survivors Protection Act which could subject abortion providers to up to five years in prison.
 - ✓ D'Esposito voted to block consideration of The Women's Health Protection Act which would allow women to have abortion access in cases of jeopardizing the life or health of the woman.
- ✓ D'Esposito suggested he supported the overturning of Roe V. Wade, saying it returned abortion policy to voters, and stated that he did not think abortion should be an issue in his district despite being funded and endorsed by anti-choice extremists who supported a nationwide ban on abortion.
 - ✓ D'Esposito said that the reversal of Roe V. Wade “return[ed] abortion policy to the voters.”
 - ✓ D'Esposito repeatedly said that women's abortion rights in New York were protected and would not change and did not think abortion should be an issue in his district.
 - ✓ D'Esposito was closely allied with anti-choice extremist Speaker Mike Johnson, who featured at D'Esposito's fundraisers, donated to his campaign, and “united the Republican conference” according to D'Esposito.
 - ✓ D'Esposito received \$192,630 from cosponsors of the Life At Conception Act.
 - ✓ D'Esposito was endorsed by Rep. Kat Cammack, the Co-Chair of the Congressional Pro-Life Caucus and cosponsor of the federal 15-week ban on abortion bill.

- ✓ D'Esposito was endorsed and funded by the New York State Conservative Party, which supported outlawing all abortions - even in cases of rape and incest.
- ✓ D'Esposito received the highest possible rating from the National Right To Life Committee and the lowest possible rating from the Planned Parenthood Action Fund.
- ✓ D'Esposito took votes to increase protections for pro-life facilities and groups.
- ✓ D'Esposito voted to call on the executive branch to use federal law-enforcement authorities for the protection of pro-life facilities and groups.
- ✓ D'Esposito voted for an amendment to the NDAA that prohibited the Defense Department from covering abortion services.

Abortion

D'Esposito Said He Would “Probably” Vote In Favor Of A 15-Week Nationwide Ban On Abortion

October 2022: When Asked If He Would Vote For A 15-Week Nationwide Ban On Abortion, D'Esposito Said, “Um, Probably”

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September 2022: Senator Lindsay Graham Introduced Legislation For A Nationwide 15-Week Ban Which Would Jail Physicians For Up To Five Years For Performing An Abortion After 15 Weeks

Federal Anti-Abortion Legislation Introduced By Sen. Lindsey Graham Would Ban Abortion After 15 Weeks. “Senate Republicans led by Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.) introduced federal anti-abortion legislation on Tuesday — the first of its kind since the Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade* in June. The Protecting Pain-Capable Unborn Children from Late-Term Abortions Act prohibits abortion after 15 weeks of pregnancy and provides some exceptions in cases of rape, incest and to protect the life of the pregnant person. A physician who violates the law could face up to five years in prison.” [Politico, [9/13/22](#)]

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Sen. Graham’s Abortion Ban Legislation Did Not “Preempt Or Limit Any Federal, State, Or Local Law That Provides Greater Protections For An Unborn Child” Than Those Provided In The Legislation. “(g) RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.— 21 “(1) GREATER PROTECTION.—Nothing in this 22 section may be construed to preempt or limit any 23 Federal, State, or local law that provides greater 24 protections for an unborn child than those provided 25 in this section.” [Senator Lindsey Graham, Protecting Pain-Capable Unborn Children from Late-Term Abortions Act, accessed [9/14/22](#)]

Vox: A National Ban Would Supersede Even Permissive State Laws In States That Have Been Working To Expand Access To Abortion. “The repeal of *Roe v. Wade* left the United States with a patchwork of state laws governing abortion. In parts of the South, someone seeking an abortion would need to travel hundreds of miles to get one. But a national ban would supersede even permissive state laws in states that have been working to expand access to abortion. One estimate found that denying all wanted abortions would increase pregnancy-related deaths by 21 percent nationwide if there aren’t effective means for pregnant people to self-manage their abortions.” [Vox, [6/25/22](#)]

D’Esposito Criticized New York State For Protecting Abortion Rights In The Wake Of The Overturning Of *Roe V. Wade*, Calling The Legislation “The Nation’s Most Extreme Abortion Law”

Gov. Kathy Hochul Signed Six Pieces Of Legislation Into Law In Order To Protect Abortion Rights In Anticipation Of *Roe V. Wade* Being Overturned...

6/13/22: Gov. Hochul Signed A “Nation-Leading Legislative Package” Which Would “Immediately Protect The Rights Of Patients” For Abortion Access In Anticipation Of The Supreme Court’s *Dobbs* Decision. “Governor Kathy Hochul today signed a nation-leading legislative package to immediately protect the rights of patients and empower reproductive healthcare providers in anticipation of a final decision by the Supreme Court on abortion access. The legislation takes specific actions to address a variety of legal concerns unleashed by the Supreme Court’s leaked opinion on *Dobbs v. Jackson*, which would overturn the landmark decision of *Roe v. Wade* on the eve of its 50th anniversary. Governor Hochul signed the bills at the historic Great Hall of Cooper Union, while flanked by Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Speaker Carl Heastie, key partners in the state legislature, as well as abortion and reproductive healthcare providers and advocates.” [Office of New York Governor Kathy Hochul, Press Release, [6/13/22](#)]

6/13/22: Gov. Hochul Signed Legislation Allowing Abortion Patients To Sue People Who Brought Charges Against Them For Facilitating, Aiding, Or Obtaining” Abortions “In Accordance With New York State Law.” “Governor Kathy Hochul today signed a nation-leading legislative package to immediately protect the rights of patients and empower reproductive healthcare providers in anticipation of a final decision by the Supreme Court on abortion access. The legislation takes specific actions to address a variety of legal concerns unleashed by the Supreme Court’s leaked opinion on *Dobbs v. Jackson*, which would overturn the landmark decision of *Roe v. Wade*

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6/13/22: Gov. Hochul Signed Legislation Banning New York State Courts From Cooperating With The Enforcement Of Out-Of-State Abortion Bans. “Governor Kathy Hochul today signed a nation-leading legislative package to immediately protect the rights of patients and empower reproductive healthcare providers in anticipation of a final decision by the Supreme Court on abortion access. The legislation takes specific actions to address a variety of legal concerns unleashed by the Supreme Court's leaked opinion on *Dobbs v. Jackson*, which would overturn the landmark decision of *Roe v. Wade* on the eve of its 50th anniversary. Governor Hochul signed the bills at the historic Great Hall of Cooper Union, while flanked by Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Speaker Carl Heastie, key partners in the state legislature, as well as abortion and reproductive healthcare providers and advocates. [...] Legislation S.9077A/A.10372A aims to provide certain legal protections for abortion service providers, those who assist someone else in obtaining an abortion, or individuals who self-manage an abortion. This bill provides those protections by creating a statutory exception for the extradition of abortion-related offenses, prohibiting courts from cooperating with out-of-state civil and criminal cases that stem from abortions that took place legally within their borders, and providing judicial protections by prohibiting law enforcement from cooperating with anti-abortion states' investigations regarding abortions that look place legally.” [Office of New York Governor Kathy Hochul, Press Release, [6/13/22](#)]

6/13/22: Gov. Hochul Signed Legislation Prohibiting Healthcare Practitioners From Being Sued For Performing Abortions In States Where They Are Illegal. “Governor Kathy Hochul today signed a nation-leading legislative package to immediately protect the rights of patients and empower reproductive healthcare providers in anticipation of a final decision by the Supreme Court on abortion access. The legislation takes specific actions to address a variety of legal concerns unleashed by the Supreme Court's leaked opinion on *Dobbs v. Jackson*, which would overturn the landmark decision of *Roe v. Wade* on the eve of its 50th anniversary. Governor Hochul signed the bills at the historic Great Hall of Cooper Union, while flanked by Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Speaker Carl Heastie, key partners in the state legislature, as well as abortion and reproductive healthcare providers and advocates. [...] Legislation S.9079B/A.9687B prohibits professional misconduct charges against healthcare practitioners on the basis that such healthcare practitioner, acting within their scope of practice, performed, recommended or provided reproductive healthcare services for a patient who resides in a state where such services are illegal.” [Office of New York Governor Kathy Hochul, Press Release, [6/13/22](#)]

6/13/22: Gov. Hochul Signed Legislation Prohibiting “Medical Malpractice Insurance Companies” From Penalizing New York Abortion Providers For Providing Their Services To Out-Of-State Patients. “Governor Kathy Hochul today signed a nation-leading legislative package to immediately protect the rights of patients and empower reproductive healthcare providers in anticipation of a final decision by the Supreme Court on abortion access. The legislation takes specific actions to address a variety of legal concerns unleashed by the Supreme Court's leaked opinion on *Dobbs v. Jackson*, which would overturn the landmark decision of *Roe v. Wade* on the eve of its 50th anniversary. Governor Hochul signed the bills at the historic Great Hall of Cooper Union, while flanked by Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Speaker Carl Heastie, key partners in the state legislature, as well as abortion and reproductive healthcare providers and advocates. [...] Legislation S.9080B/A.9718B prohibits medical malpractice insurance companies from taking any adverse action against an abortion or reproductive healthcare provider who performs an abortion or provides reproductive healthcare that is legal in the state of New York on someone who is from out of state.” [Office of New York Governor Kathy Hochul, Press Release, [6/13/22](#)]

6/13/22: Gov. Hochul Signed Legislation Allowing Reproductive Health Service Providers And Their Families “To Enroll In The State's Address Confidentiality Program To Protect Themselves From Threats.”

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6/13/22: Gov. Hochul Signed Legislation Commissioning A Study “Examining The Unmet Health And Resource Needs Facing Pregnant People In New York And The Impact Of Limited Service Pregnancy Centers.” “Governor Kathy Hochul today signed a nation-leading legislative package to immediately protect the rights of patients and empower reproductive healthcare providers in anticipation of a final decision by the Supreme Court on abortion access. The legislation takes specific actions to address a variety of legal concerns unleashed by the Supreme Court's leaked opinion on *Dobbs v. Jackson*, which would overturn the landmark decision of *Roe v. Wade* on the eve of its 50th anniversary. Governor Hochul signed the bills at the historic Great Hall of Cooper Union, while flanked by Senate Majority Leader Andrea Stewart-Cousins, Speaker Carl Heastie, key partners in the state legislature, as well as abortion and reproductive healthcare providers and advocates. [...] Legislation S.470/A.5499 directs the New York State Department of Health commissioner to conduct a study and issue a report examining the unmet health and resource needs facing pregnant people in New York and the impact of limited service pregnancy centers. This ensures New Yorkers have access to information and resources necessary to have healthy pregnancies with positive outcomes.” [Office of New York Governor Kathy Hochul, Press Release, [6/13/22](#)]

... Weeks After Which D’Esposito Said He “Strongly Opposed” The New Abortion Legislation Signed Into Law, Calling It “The Nation’s Most Extreme Abortion Law”

6/24/2022: D’Esposito Criticized New York’s Decision To “Enact The Nation’s Most Extreme Abortion Law.” “I strongly opposed decision of NYS Democrats to enact the nation’s most extreme abortion law, legalizing late term/partial birth abortion, allowing abortions to be provided by non doctors & removing criminal penalties for assaults on pregnant women causing unborn child death.” [Anthony D’Esposito, Twitter, [6/24/22](#)]



[Anthony D’Esposito, Twitter, [6/24/22](#)]

D’Esposito Repeatedly Voted Against Abortion Rights In Congress

D’Esposito Voted To Prohibit The Defense Department From Covering Abortion Care For Service Members

D’Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Prohibit The Defense Department From Paying For Expenses Related To Abortion Services. In July 2023, D’Esposito voted for: “Jackson, R-Texas, amendment no. 5 that would repeal a 2022 Defense Department memorandum regarding access to reproductive health care and prohibit the department from paying for or reimbursing expenses relating to abortion services.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 221-213. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #300](#), 7/13/23; CQ, [7/13/23](#)]

- **The Amendment Overturned A Pentagon Policy “Guaranteeing Abortion Access To Service Members Regardless Of Where They [Were] Stationed.”** “A divided House voted on Thursday to restrict abortion access, bar transgender health services and limit diversity training for military personnel, potentially imperiling passage of the annual defense bill as Republicans, goaded by their right flank, loaded the measure with conservative policy dictates. The House voted 221 to 213 to overturn a Pentagon policy guaranteeing abortion access to service members regardless of where they are stationed, with Republicans propelling it to passage over near-unanimous Democratic opposition.” [New York Times, [7/13/23](#)]
- **The Policy That Republicans Voted To Undo Allowed Service Members To Be Reimbursed If They Had To Travel For Abortion Care.** “The Republican push to pare back military abortion policies was added to the must-pass Pentagon policy bill in a narrow vote Thursday afternoon, including a proposal that is certain to imperil Democratic support. In a 221-213 vote, lawmakers adopted an amendment to the annual National Defense Authorization Act to undo the Pentagon’s policy of reimbursing service members who travel to receive abortions.” [Politico, [7/13/23](#)]

D’Esposito Voted For The Born-Alive Survivors Protection Act, Which Could Subject Abortion Providers To Up To Five Years In Prison

D’Esposito Voted For The Born Alive-Survivors Protection Act To Require Health Care Practitioners To Provide Medical Care To Children “Born Alive” After An Abortion Or Attempted Abortion. In January 2023, D’Esposito voted for: “Passage of the bill that would require health care practitioners to provide the same care to a child that is ‘born alive’ after an abortion or attempted abortion as they would for a child born at the same gestational age and to ensure the child is immediately transported and admitted to a hospital; require hospital and clinic practitioners and employees to report any knowledge of failures to provide such care; and impose criminal fines and penalties for failures to meet these requirements. It would state that a child born alive under these conditions is a legal person under U.S. law, entitled to the protections of U.S. law, and it would specifically make any act that kills or attempts to kill such a child punishable as murder or attempted murder. The bill would also prohibit the prosecution of the mother of a child born alive after an abortion or attempted abortion and permit such mothers to seek relief through civil action against any person who violates the bill’s requirements, including monetary and punitive damages.” The bill passed by a vote of 220-210. [H.R. 26, [Vote #29](#), 1/11/23; CQ, [1/11/23](#)]

D’Esposito Voted Against A Motion To Recommit The Born-Alive Survivors Protection Act To Committee. In January 2023, D’Esposito voted against: “DeGette, D-Colo., motion to recommit the bill that would require medical professionals to provide medical care for children who are born alive during an attempted abortion procedure to the House Judiciary Committee.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 212-219. [H.R. 26, [Vote #28](#), 1/11/23; CQ, [1/11/23](#)]

D’Esposito Elevated A Tweet From The House GOP That Called The Born-Alive Survivors Protection Act As A Part Of The Republican “Commitment To America” For “A Future That’s Built On Freedom.” D’Esposito quote tweeted a U.S. Flag emoji to the House Republicans’ tweet which wrote “House Republicans are keeping our Commitment To America - A Future That’s Built on Freedom.” [Rep. Anthony D’Esposito, Twitter, [1/9/24](#)]



[Rep. Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, [1/9/24](#)]

HEADLINE: “House Passes Bill That Could Subject Some Abortion Doctors to Prosecution” [New York Times, [1/11/23](#)]

The Born Alive Bill Could Subject Medical Providers To Up To Five Years In Prison For Failing To Resuscitate A “Born Alive” Baby. “The House approved the bill on Wednesday almost entirely along party lines, on a vote of 220 to 210. One Democrat, Representative Henry Cuellar of Texas, joined Republicans in favor and another, Representative Vicente Gonzalez, also of Texas, voted ‘present.’ The bill would require that infants born alive after an attempted abortion receive the same protection under the law and degree of care as any newborn, and threaten medical providers with up to five years in prison for failing to resuscitate babies born alive during abortions.” [New York Times, [1/11/23](#)]

HEADLINE: “ACOG President Condemns the Passage of ‘Born-Alive’ Legislation.” [American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, Press Release, [1/11/23](#)]

The Born Alive Bill Was Condemned By The American College Of Obstetricians And Gynecologists For “Interfer[ing] With Evidence-Based Medical Decision Making” By Doctors. “The following is a statement from Iffath Abbasi Hoskins, MD, FACOG, president of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, about the House of Representatives passing the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act on January 11: ‘The offensively named ‘born-alive’ legislation is another cruel and misguided attempt to interfere with evidence-based medical decision making between patients and their physicians. This bill is not based in science or medicine. It is meant to incite emotions, rather than reflect the reality of evidence-based clinical care. This legislative interference will harm families and hinder the ability of physicians to practice such evidence-based medicine.’” [American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, Press Release, [1/11/23](#)]

D’Esposito Voted To Block Consideration Of The Women’s Health Protection Act, Which Would Codify Roe V. Wade, Guaranteeing Women The Right To Safe And Legal Abortions In All States

D’Esposito Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The Women’s Health Protection Act. In January 2023, D’Esposito voted for: “Cole, R-Okla., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Congressional Record, Rep. McGovern said, “Mr. Speaker, if we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to bring up the Women’s Health Protection Act.” A vote *for the motion* was a vote to block consideration of the bill. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 211-205. [H. Res. 5, [Vote #21](#), 1/9/23; CQ, [1/9/23](#); Congressional Record, [1/9/23](#)]

- **The Women's Health Protection Act Would Codify Roe V. Wade By Prohibiting States From Outlawing Abortion Before Viability.** “The White House position has been that codifying Roe v. Wade in federal legislation is the ‘only path’ to restoring abortion access, and administration officials repeatedly stress they are not proposing something new. They argue that Roe carefully struck a balance between the right to an abortion earlier in pregnancy and the ability of states to regulate later in pregnancy. Some congressional Democrats want to pass a bill — called the Women’s Health Protection Act — that would prohibit states from outlawing abortion before viability, as well as after viability if a medical provider determines that a woman’s life or health is at risk. The WHPA, which failed to pass Congress in 2022 even though nearly all congressional Democrats voted for it, also would establish a right to receive abortion services through drugs or telemedicine.” [NBC, [9/14/23](#)]
- **Senator Michael Bennett Said The Women’s Health Protection Act Would “Codify The Right To Choose And Ensure That Every Person Has Safe Access To Reproductive Care.”** “Today, U.S. Senators Tammy Baldwin (D-WI) and Richard Blumenthal (D-CT) led 47 members of the Senate Democratic caucus in introducing the Women’s Health Protection Act of 2023, federal legislation to guarantee access to abortion, everywhere across the country and restore the right to comprehensive reproductive health care for millions of Americans. The bill’s introduction follows the Supreme Court’s misguided decision in Dobbs vs. Jackson Women’s Health Organization which repealed Roe v. Wade. This decision has stripped access to abortion care for millions of Americans and denied individuals the freedom to make their own health care decisions. Since the Dobbs decision, 14 states have already implemented near-total abortion bans, leaving one in three American women without access to safe, legal abortion care. [...] ‘Last year – for the first time in American history – the Supreme Court stripped away a fundamental right from the American people and denied their individual liberty to make intensely personal choices about their health and futures,’ said Senator Michael Bennet (D-CO). ‘Congress must pass the Women's Health Protection Act to codify the right to choose and ensure that every person has safe access to reproductive care, no matter where they live.’” [Sen. Tammy Baldwin, Press Release, [3/8/23](#)]
- **The Women’s Health Protection Act Created Federal Rights For Patients And Providers To Protect Abortion Access.** “Today, U.S. Senators Tammy Baldwin (D-WI) and Richard Blumenthal (D-CT) led 47 members of the Senate Democratic caucus in introducing the Women’s Health Protection Act of 2023, federal legislation to guarantee access to abortion, everywhere across the country and restore the right to comprehensive reproductive health care for millions of Americans. The bill’s introduction follows the Supreme Court’s misguided decision in Dobbs vs. Jackson Women’s Health Organization which repealed Roe v. Wade. This decision has stripped access to abortion care for millions of Americans and denied individuals the freedom to make their own health care decisions. Since the Dobbs decision, 14 states have already implemented near-total abortion bans, leaving one in three American women without access to safe, legal abortion care. Additionally, state legislatures across the country have introduced hundreds of bills to include medically unnecessary restrictions that limit access to abortion care. The Women’s Health Protection Act creates federal rights for patients and providers to protect abortion access and creates federal protections against medically unnecessary restrictions that undermine Americans’ access to health care and intrude upon personal decision-making.” [Sen. Tammy Baldwin, Press Release, [3/8/23](#)]
- **The Women’s Health Protection Act Would Ensure That “States Cannot Limit Access To Abortion If It Would Jeopardize The Life Or Health Of The Mother.”** “The Women’s Health Protection Act would: Prohibit states from imposing restrictions that jeopardize access to abortion earlier in pregnancy, including many of the state-level restrictions in place prior to Dobbs, such as arbitrary waiting periods, medically unnecessary mandatory ultrasounds, or requirements to provide medically inaccurate information. Ensure that later in pregnancy, states cannot limit access to abortion if it would jeopardize the life or health of the mother. Protect the ability to travel out of state for an abortion, which has become increasingly common in recent years.” [Sen. Tammy Baldwin, Press Release, [3/8/23](#)]

D'Esposito Suggested He Supported The Overturning Of Roe V. Wade, Saying It Returned Abortion Policy To Voters, And Stated That He Did Not Think Abortion Should Be An Issue In His District Despite Being Funded And Endorsed By Anti-Choice Extremists Who Supported A Nationwide Ban On Abortion

D'Esposito Said That The Reversal Of Roe V. Wade “Return[ed] Abortion Policy To The Voters”

D'Esposito Said That The Reversal Of Roe V. Wade Returned “Abortion Policy To The Voters In Each State” And Did Not Affect “The Ability Of Any Woman In New York To Have An Abortion.” “I strongly opposed decision of NYS Democrats to enact the nation’s most extreme abortion law, legalizing late term/partial birth abortion, allowing abortions to be provided by non doctors & removing criminal penalties for assaults on pregnant women causing unborn child death.^{1/2} [...] By returning abortion policy to the voters in each state, today’s decision by the U.S. Supreme Court neither upends that unpopular law, nor affects the ability of any woman in New York to have an abortion.” [Anthony D’Esposito, Twitter, [6/24/22](#)]



[Anthony D’Esposito, Twitter, [6/24/22](#)]

D'Esposito Repeatedly Said That Women’s Abortion Rights In New York Were Protected And Would Not Change And Did Not Think Abortion Should Be An Issue In His District

D'Esposito On Women’s Views On Abortion Rights In New York: “There Are Too Many Here Who Believe That Their Rights Are Not Protected.” “While Gillen considers abortion rights a major issue, D’Esposito, takes a more narrow position. ‘What’s important to focus on is that, in New York, nothing is going to change,’ he said, adding abortions are still legal in the state. ‘Women here are still protected,’ D’Esposito said. ‘There are too many here who believe that their rights are not protected.’” [Long Island Herald, [9/8/22](#)]

Newsday: “D’Esposito Said He Did Not Think Abortion Should Be An Issue In The 4th District Race.” “Over coffee at the Laurel Diner in Long Beach, Gillen spoke about protecting reproductive rights, what she viewed as the growth of extremism in the Republican Party and how she would work to find common ground with Republican voters over the gun control issue. ‘One of the things that we’re looking at is a future where my daughters are going to have less rights than my 81-year-old mother had for most of her life. I think we’re going down a scary course,’ Gillen said. D’Esposito said he did not think abortion should be an issue in the 4th District race because state abortion protections are secure.” [Newsday, [11/1/22](#)]

D'Esposito Said That The Reversal Of Roe V. Wade Did Not Affect “The Ability Of Any Woman In New York To Have An Abortion” And Did Not “Upend [New York’s] Popular Law” For Abortions. “I strongly opposed decision of NYS Democrats to enact the nation’s most extreme abortion law, legalizing late term/partial birth abortion, allowing abortions to be provided by non doctors & removing criminal penalties for assaults on pregnant women causing unborn child death.^{1/2} [...] By returning abortion policy to the voters in each state, today’s decision by the U.S. Supreme Court neither upends that unpopular law, nor affects the ability of any woman

in New York to have an abortion.” [Anthony D’Esposito, Twitter, [6/24/22](#)]



[Anthony D’Esposito, Twitter, [6/24/22](#)]

D’Esposito Was Closely Allied With Anti-Choice Extremist Speaker Mike Johnson, Who Featured At D’Esposito’s Fundraisers, Donated To His Campaign, And “United The Republican Conference” According To D’Esposito

Mike Johnson’s Leadership PAC Contributed \$10,000 To D’Esposito For New York

As Of April 2024, American Revival PAC Donated \$10,000 To D’Esposito For New York. [FEC Campaign Finance Data Search, accessed [6/7/24](#); D’Esposito for New York, 2023 Year-End Report, Itemized Receipts, accessed [6/7/24](#)]

Contributions to D’Esposito for New York From American Revival PAC		
Source	Date	Amount
American Revival PAC	3/31/23	\$1,000
American Revival PAC	12/31/23	\$9,000
Total:		\$10,000

[FEC Campaign Finance Data Search, accessed [6/7/24](#); D’Esposito for New York, 2023 Year-End Report, Itemized Receipts, accessed [6/7/24](#)]

- **American Revival PAC Was Mike Johnson’s Leadership PAC.** American Revival PAC was the leadership PAC of Louisiana Republican Congressman Mike Johnson. [FEC Committee Profiles, American Revival PAC, accessed [10/27/23](#)]

December 2023: Mike Johnson Was The Special Guest At A Fundraiser For D’Esposito

HEADLINE: “Speaker Mike Johnson Heads To LI For D’Esposito Fundraiser.” [Newsday, [12/1/23](#)]

12/2/23: Mike Johnson Featured As The Special Guest At A Fundraiser For D’Esposito. “HON. JOSEPH G. CAIRO, JR. INVITES YOU TO SUPPORT CONGRESSMAN ANTHONY D’ESPOSITO WITH SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE MIKE JOHNSON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2023 12:30 PM – 2:30 PM at THE GENERAL 1899 Park Boulevard, East Meadow, NY.” [Newsday, [12/1/23](#)]



[Newsday, [12/1/23](#)]

- **The Fundraiser Had A Minimum Price Of \$3,300 For Entry And Was Held At The General, A Private Cigar Club And Steakhouse.** “Speaker of the House Mike Johnson is heading to Long Island on Saturday to fundraise for Rep. Anthony D’Esposito at an event where CD3 is sure to be a topic of conversation. The fundraiser is scheduled to take place at The General, a private cigar club and steakhouse at Eisenhower Park. The invitation, which came from Nassau County Republican Committee chair Joseph Cairo, features the chance to be an ‘event host’ for \$13,200, an ‘event sponsor’ for \$6,600, or a ‘patriot’ for the low price of just \$3,300. Johnson, who is in New York City this weekend for a House fundraiser, voted to not expel George Santos on Friday, a move that reportedly dismayed some of the New York delegation. D’Esposito worked hard to get Santos off the national stage.” [Newsday, [12/1/23](#)]

D’Esposito Supported Mike Johnson’s Bid For Speakership, Calling Him An “Intelligent Legislator” Who “United The Republican Conference Behind His Vision”

D’Esposito Said Mike Johnson Was His Friend And A “Well Thought Leader Who Lives This Nation.” “I’m w/ @MikeJohnson to be 56th Speaker of the House. Mike is my friend, a son of a firefighter, a good family man & a smart, well thought leader who loves this Nation. He understands issues critical @NYGov & @longisland. He will help grow our @HouseGOP majority.” [Anthony D’Esposito, Twitter, [10/25/23](#)]



[Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, [10/25/23](#)]

D'Esposito Called Speaker Johnson “A Family Man, Intelligent Legislator And Proud American” Who “United The Republican Conference Behind His Vision Of A Strong, Free And Prosperous United States.” “Rep. Mike Johnson (R-Louisiana), who voted against certifying Joe Biden's victory over Donald Trump in the 2020 presidential election, was elected Speaker of the House on Wednesday. Reps. Andrew Garbarino, Nick LaLota, Anthony D'Esposito, and George Santos, all Republicans from Long Island, voted for Johnson's speakership. [...] Rep. D'Esposito acknowledged policy differences between Johnson and himself, but expressed support for him. ‘Speaker Johnson is a family man, intelligent legislator and proud American who has united the Republican Conference behind his bold vision of a strong, free and prosperous United States,’ D'Esposito said. ‘This servant leader is the right man at the right time to lead our chamber as America confronts a litany of threats, including wars overseas, an unstable southern border, and a cost of living crisis. While Speaker Johnson and I won't always agree on everything, I am confident the gentleman from Louisiana will work collaboratively with myself and my colleagues from Long Island to advance the legislative priorities of New Yorkers.’” [Long Island Press, [10/25/23](#)]

D'Esposito Said He Was “Confident” That Speaker Johnson Would “Advance The Legislative Priorities Of New Yorkers.” “The votes of Long Island's House members to approve Mike Johnson as the new speaker of the House were key to the surprise victory of the 51-year-old Louisiana legislator. Johnson, who sought to overturn the 2020 presidential election in favor of the defeated Donald Trump, is now second in line to the presidency with a very powerful role in shaping government policy, assuming he can hold on to the gavel. Reps. Anthony D'Esposito, Andrew Garbarino and Nick LaLota voted unanimously with the Republican House conference to empower the unknown Johnson. [...] ‘While Speaker Johnson and I won't always agree on everything, I am confident the gentleman from Louisiana will work collaboratively with myself and my colleagues from Long Island to advance the legislative priorities of New Yorkers,’ said D'Esposito.” [Newsday, Op-Ed, [11/14/23](#)]

D'Esposito On Speaker Johnson: “I’m Confident That He Will Fit Very Nicely Into His New Role And He’ll Be Very Successful At It.” “Rep. Mike Johnson (R-LA 04) yesterday did what no other Republican leader could: ended the weeks-long chaos that halted normal business in the House and united the raucous conference behind his bid to replace the ousted Speaker Kevin McCarthy. [...] ‘Is it a concern? Obviously fundraising is important to any race. Listen, he comes from a district that is a pretty solid district—he didn’t need to focus on fundraising,’ Rep. Anthony D'Esposito (R-NY 04), one of the most vulnerable Republicans in the country, told reporters yesterday. ‘I’m sure that he will realize very quickly that fundraising is important and that it matters, and I’m confident that he will fit very nicely into his new role and he’ll be very successful at it.’” [National Journal, [10/26/23](#)]

Johnson Was A Longtime Advocate Against Abortion Rights, Supporting Legislation To Ban Abortion And Planned Parenthood, And Once Calling Abortion “A Holocaust”

HEADLINE: “House Speaker Mike Johnson Has Long Opposed Abortion And LGBTQ+ Rights.” [Louisiana Illuminator, [10/29/23](#)]

Johnson Cosponsored Legislation To Ban Abortion At 20 Weeks. “Before the newly elected U.S. House Speaker Mike Johnson was in public office, the Louisiana Republican’s restrictive stances on gender identity, abortion and sexuality were honed at the conservative Christian legal group Alliance Defending Freedom, where he served as a senior spokesperson and attorney. [...] Johnson, the former head of the conservative Republican Study Committee, argued before Dobbs that abortion access was a states rights issue — but he has also supported federal legislation setting gestational limits, cosponsoring a bill to establish a 20-week ban.” [Louisiana Illuminator, [10/29/23](#)]

Johnson Cosponsored A Bill To Ban Planned Parenthood. “House Republicans on Wednesday chose the previously little-known conservative Rep. Mike Johnson to be the next speaker on Thursday, and Democrats were quick to push forward with attack ads on Johnson's record on abortion.[...] As a staunch abortion opponent he has

also put forth multiple other pieces of legislation seeking to restrict the procedure, including cosponsoring a bill to defund Planned Parenthood.” [CBS News, [10/26/23](#)]

Before Being Elected To Congress, Johnson Was A Spokesperson For Anti-Abortion Group Alliance Defense Fund. “Speaker Mike Johnson, the little-known congressman from Louisiana who won the gavel on Wednesday, is deeply conservative on both fiscal and social issues, reflecting the G.O.P.’s sharp lurch to the right. [...] Before he was elected to Congress in 2017, Mr. Johnson served as an attorney and spokesman for the anti-abortion and anti-gay group Alliance Defense Fund — now called the Alliance Defending Freedom.” [New York Times, [10/26/23](#)]

Johnson Called For The Supreme Court To Overturn Roe V. Wade. “House Republicans on Wednesday chose the previously little-known conservative Rep. Mike Johnson to be the next speaker on Thursday, and Democrats were quick to push forward with attack ads on Johnson's record on abortion. [...] He called for the Supreme Court to overturn Roe v. Wade long before the justices issued their decision in the case Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization in June 2022.” [CBS News, [10/26/23](#)]

Johnson Once Called Abortion “A Holocaust.” “In 2005, Johnson wrote an op-ed for a newspaper in his home state of Louisiana that compared the judicial philosophy that legalized the right to an abortion to Hitler's and called abortion “a holocaust.” The op-ed came in response to the death of Terri Schiavo, the Florida woman whose vegetative state triggered a long legal battle and federal action from Congress.” [CBS News, [10/26/23](#)]

D’Esposito On Speaker Johnson’s Anti-Abortion Stance: “Becoming Speaker Of The House Still Only Entitles You To One Vote.” “New York Democrats hope turnout will be turbocharged next year with a proposed amendment guaranteeing abortion rights after Republican-leaning Ohio backed a similar proposal this week. [...] Democrats also plan to tie potentially vulnerable Republicans to the newly elected House Speaker Mike Johnson and his socially conservative views. Republican freshmen insist it won't work. ‘Becoming speaker of the House still only entitles you to one vote,’ D’Esposito said. ‘We are going to continue to voice that we are not in support of a nationwide abortion ban, that everything is enshrined in a New York state constitution.’” [Politico, [11/8/23](#)]

D’Esposito Received \$192,630 From Cosponsors Of The Life At Conception Act Which Banned Abortion With No Exceptions And Could Lead To A Ban On In-Vitro Fertilization (IVF)

Between July 2022 And March 2024, D’Esposito Received \$192,630 From The Leadership PACs And Campaign Committees Of The Cosponsors Of The Life At Conception Act. [Congress.gov, accessed [6/28/24](#); FEC Candidate and Committee Viewer, accessed [6/28/24](#)]

2022 – 2024 D’Esposito for New York Receipts: Members Who Cosponsored The Life At Conception Act			
Committee	Associated Candidate	Date(s)	Amount(s)
Mike Johnson for Louisiana	Mike Johnson (R-LA)	12/31/23	\$2,000
American Revival PAC	Mike Johnson (R-LA)	12/31/23	\$9,000
		3/31/23	\$1,000
Conservative Leadership in Elections PAC	Ben Cline (R-VA)	6/30/23	\$1,000
Hellfire PAC	Wesley Hunt (R-TX)	9/30/23	\$2,500
		7/28/22	\$1,000
Feenstra for Congress	Randy Feenstra (R-IA)	3/31/23	\$2,000
Abraham Lincoln PAC	Darin LaHood (R-IL)	6/30/23	\$1,500
		3/31/23	\$1,000
Your Ohio Republican Team	Troy Balderson (R-OH)	6/30/23	\$1,000
Warrior Diplomat PAC	Michael Waltz (R-FL)	6/30/23	\$1,000
Honor Courage Commitment PAC	Tony Gonzales (R-TX)	6/27/23	\$2,500
		3/31/23	\$2,500
		7/28/22	\$1,000

All American PAC	Keith Self (R-TX)	10/31/22	\$1,000
Graves for Congress	Sam Graves (R-MO)	6/30/23 1/18/24	\$1,000 \$1,000
SHOW-ME PAC	Sam Graves (R-MO)	3/31/23	\$2,500
Jake Ellzey for Congress	Jake Ellzey (R-TX)	3/17/23 3/17/23 11/7/22	\$2,000 \$2,000 \$1,000
31 Days PAC	Jake Ellzey (R-TX)	3/17/23	\$3,300
Land of Opportunity PAC	Bruce Westerman (R-AS)	6/30/23 3/31/23 7/28/22	\$1,000 \$1,000 \$1,000
Andy Harris for Congress	Andy Harris (R-MD)	3/31/23	\$2,000
Latta for Congress	Bob Latta (R-OH)	3/31/23	\$2,000
Bucshon for Congress	Larry Bucshon (R-IN)	9/30/23	\$1,000
HeartDoc PAC	Larry Bucshon (R-IN)	6/30/23 3/31/23	\$1,000 \$1,000
Upper Hand Fund	Bill Huizenga (R-MI)	9/30/23 3/31/24	\$2,000 \$3,000
Austin Scott for Congress Inc.	Austin Scott (R-GA)	6/30/23 3/31/23	\$1,000 \$1,000
American Security PAC	Mike Rogers (R-AL)	6/30/23	\$5,000
Deliver Excel Believe PAC	Debbie Lesko (R-AZ)	6/30/23	\$1,000
Crawford for Congress	Rick Crawford (R-AR)	3/31/23	\$1,000
Invest in a Strong and Secure America	Darrell Issa (R-CA)	10/17/22	\$500
American Grit PAC	Kat Cammack (R-FL)	12/5/22 8/16/22	\$1,000 \$2,500
Maintaining All Republicans in Office PAC	Mario Diaz-Balart (R-FL)	3/17/23	\$3,000
Scott Franklin for Congress	Scott Franklin (R-FL)	3/30/23	\$1,000
Mast for Congress	Brian Mast (R-FL)	6/30/23	\$2,000
VALOR PAC	Brian Mast (R-FL)	6/30/23	\$1,000
Rick W. Allen for Congress	Rick Allen (R-GA)	9/30/23	\$1,000
BUDDY PAC	Earl “Buddy” Carter (R-GA)	9/30/23 6/27/23 3/31/23	\$1,000 \$1,000 \$1,000
Buddy Carter for Congress	Earl “Buddy” Carter (R-GA)	9/30/23	\$1,000
Greene for Congress	Marjorie Taylor Greene (R-GA)	3/31/23	\$2,000
Loudermilk for Congress	Barry Loudermilk (R-GA)	3/31/23 7/28/22	\$1,500 \$1,000
Mike Bost for Congress Committee	Mike Bost (R-IL)	3/30/23	\$1,000
Ron Estes for Congress	Ron Estes (R-KS)	3/30/23 7/28/22	\$2,000 \$1,000
Restoring Our Nation (RON) PAC	Ron Estes (R-KS)	9/30/22	\$2,500
Great Plains PAC	Tracey Mann (R-KS)	11/7/22	\$1000
Garret Graves for Congress	Garret Graves (R-LA)	9/30/23 3/31/23 3/31/23	\$1,500 \$500 \$2,000
Do Right Bayou PAC	Garret Graves (R-LA)	8/31/23	\$2,500
American Revival PAC	Mike Johnson (R-LA)	3/31/23	\$1,000
Lisa McClain for Congress	Lisa McClain (R-MI)	9/30/23 6/27/23	\$1,000 \$1,000

Kelly for Congress	Trent Kelly (R-MS)	3/31/23	\$1,000
Building Leadership and Inspiring New Enterprise PAC	Blaine Luetkemeyer (R-MO)	3/31/23 8/16/22	\$2,000 \$2,000
Victory and Freedom PAC (VAF PAC)	Virginia Foxx (R-NC)	3/7/23 11/1/22 9/6/22	\$2500 \$3000 \$2,000
Hudson for Congress	Richard Hudson (R-NC)	6/27/23	\$2,000
First in Freedom PAC	Richard Hudson (R-NC)	3/31/23 10/31/22	\$5,000 \$2,500
Friends to Elect Dr. Greg Murphy to Congress	Greg Murphy (R-NC)	6/27/23	\$1,000
Victory East	Greg Murphy (R-NC)	9/30/23 3/31/23	\$1,000 \$1,000
David Rouzer for Congress	David Rouzer (R-NC)	6/27/23 3/31/23	\$1,000 \$1,000
Adrian Smith for Congress	Adrian Smith (R-NE)	6/27/23 3/31/23 10/23/22	\$1,000 \$1,000 \$1,000
RE-JOYCE PAC	John Joyce (R-PA)	6/27/23 3/31/23	\$1,000 \$1,000
Guy for Congress	Guy Reschenthaler (R-PA)	3/31/23	\$2,000
Smucker for Congress	Lloyd Smucker (R-PA)	6/27/23	\$1,500
JAM PAC	Lloyd Smucker (R-PA)	3/31/23	\$1,500
Friends of Glenn Thompson	Glenn Thompson (R-PA)	3/31/23	\$2,000
Burchett for Congress	Tim Burchett (R-TN)	6/27/23 3/31/23	\$2,080 \$1,000
Chuck Fleischmann for Congress Committee, Inc.	Chuck Fleischmann (R-TN)	6/30/23 3/31/23	\$2,000 \$2,000
Mark Green for Congress	Mark Green (R-TN)	3/31/23	\$3,750
Diana for Congress	Diana Harshbarger (R-TN)	6/27/23	\$1,000
Republicans Offering Solutions for Everyone PAC	John Rose (R-TN)	6/30/23	\$2,000
Texans for Jodey Arrington	Jodey Arrington (R-TX)	3/31/23	\$1,500
Bulldog PAC	Jodey Arrington (R-TX)	10/22/22 9/30/22	\$1,000 \$2,000
Dr. Brian Babin for Congress	Brian Babin (R-TX)	6/30/23 3/31/23	\$1,000 \$1,000
Patriots Always Triumph	Patrick Fallon (R-TX)	3/31/23 12/28/23	\$1,500 \$3,500
August Pfluger for Congress	August Pfluger (R-TX)	6/27/23	\$2,000
Raptor PAC	August Pfluger (R-TX)	3/31/23 11/4/22 7/28/22	\$5,000 \$1,000 \$1,000
Be Victorious Over Democrats PAC	Beth Van Duyne (R-TX)	9/30/22	\$1,000
Weber for Congress	Randy Weber (R-TX)	9/30/23 6/27/23 3/31/23	\$1,000 \$1,000 \$1,000
Carol for Congress	Carol Miller (R-WV)	9/30/23 6/30/23 3/31/23	\$1,000 \$1,000 \$2,000
Cut the Bull PAC	Carol Miller (R-WV)	9/30/23 3/29/23	\$5,000 \$1,000

		9/30/22	\$2,000
		Total:	\$192,630

[Congress.gov, accessed [6/28/24](#); FEC Candidate and Committee Viewer, accessed [6/28/24](#)]

NOTE: The table above used the [cosponsors list](#) of the Life at Conception Act introduced in the 118th Congress, which was crosschecked with receipts from D'Esposito for New York found on FEC.gov.

The Life At Conception Act Would Ban Abortions With No Exceptions

Gazette Fact Check: Legal Experts Argued The Life At Conception Act, Which "Would Outlaw All Abortions With No Exceptions In Cases Of Rape, Incest Or Risk To The Pregnant Person," Could Result In Criminal Charges Against People Who Help Women Get Abortions, Including Health Care Providers, And It Did Not Explicitly Protect Them From Criminalization. “With the idea that life begins at conception, personhood laws grant fertilized eggs, zygotes, embryos and fetuses the same status as victims in other scenarios. Because of this, some legal experts — as well as Mathis’s campaign — have argued abortion could result in criminal charges, such as homicide. The Life at Conception Act specifically states that nothing within the bill ‘shall be construed to authorize the prosecution of any woman for the death of her unborn child.’ But the bill does not explicitly protect anyone else from criminal charges, such as abortion providers or those who help others obtain an abortion. The freshman representative from Iowa has not publicly stated whether she would support criminal charges in this scenario. [...] The Life at Conception Act, co-sponsored by Hinson, would outlaw all abortions with no exceptions in cases of rape, incest or risk to the pregnant person. The bill in question does eliminate the possibility for criminal charges for individuals who receive an abortion, but it does not provide the same guarantees for others. Hinson has never publicly stated she would support legislation that includes criminal penalties for abortions. But the broad scope of the personhood law does have implications for criminalization of abortion.” [Cedar Rapids Gazette, [7/11/22](#)]

Rewire: The Life At Conception Act “Would Effectively Ban Abortion With No Exception For Rape, Incest, Or To Save The Life Of The Pregnant Person.” “H.R. 616 would grant equal protection under the 14th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States for the right to life of each born and ‘preborn’ human person. [...] It would effectively ban abortion with no exception for rape, incest, or to save the life of the pregnant person. It would also ban birth control pills, IUDs, and emergency contraception. In addition, it would eliminate certain medical choices for women, including some cancer treatments and in vitro fertilization.” [Rewire, [9/28/19](#)]

Washington Post: The Life At Conception Act Signaled That Many Members “Would Like To See A Total Ban On Abortion.” “Several abortion bans have already been introduced in Congress. A six-week abortion ban has been introduced in the House, by Rep. Mike Kelly (R-Pa.), and the Life at Conception Act, which would recognize a fetus as a person with equal protections under the 14th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, has been introduced in both chambers. Nineteen Republican senators and well over 100 Republicans in the House have co-sponsored the measure, signaling that many would like to see a total ban on abortion.” [Washington Post, [5/2/22](#)]

The Life At Conception Act Would Grant Equal Protection Under The 14th Amendment To Fetuses, Effectively Banning Abortion With No Exceptions For Rape, Incest, Or Health Of The Woman. “H.R. 616 would grant equal protection under the 14th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States for the right to life of each born and ‘preborn’ human person. ‘Human person’ is defined as: [...] each and every member of the species homo sapiens at all stages of life, including the moment of fertilization, cloning, or other moment at which an individual member of the human species comes into being. The bill would grant constitutional rights to fertilized eggs, embryos, fetuses, and clones. It would effectively ban abortion with no exception for rape, incest, or to save the life of the pregnant person. It would also ban birth control pills, IUDs, and emergency contraception. In addition, it would eliminate certain medical choices for women, including some cancer treatments and in vitro fertilization. The bill would not allow for prosecution of any pregnant person for the ‘death’ of their ‘unborn child.’” [Rewire, [9/28/19](#)]

The Life At Conception Act Implemented Equal Protection For Unborn Fetuses Based On The Idea That Human Life Begins At The Moment Of Conception. “U.S. Senator Rand Paul today introduced the Life at Conception Act. The legislation would implement equal protection under the 14th Amendment for the right to life of each born and unborn human. [...] ‘The Life at Conception Act legislatively declares what most Americans believe and what science has long known - that human life begins at the moment of conception, and therefore, is entitled to legal protection from that point forward.’ [U.S. Senator Rand Paul, Press Release, accessed [6/1/22](#)]

Los Angeles Times: The Life At Conception Act's Language "Leaves Little Room For Ambiguity On Abortion" And Would Constitute A Nationwide Ban On The Practice From The Moment Of Fertilization. “The Life at Conception Act is fewer than 300 words, but its language leaves little room for ambiguity on abortion. The bill, introduced in the U.S. House earlier in the congressional session, seeks ‘equal protection for the right to life of each born and preborn human person,’ specifying that it covers ‘all stages of life, including the moment of fertilization, cloning, or other moment at which an individual member of the human species comes into being.’ Put simply: ‘It would be a nationwide abortion ban,’ said Mary Ziegler, a professor at UC Davis School of Law who studies reproductive rights. Even California, which has positioned itself as a haven for abortion rights, would be affected.” [Los Angeles Times, [8/29/22](#)]

Personhood Bills Like The Life At Conception Act Would Severely Impact, And Potentially Eliminate, In Vitro Fertilization

The Life At Conception Act Would Grant Equal Protection Under The 14th Amendment To Fetuses, Effectively Banning Abortion With No Exceptions And Eliminating Medical Choices Including In Vitro Fertilization. “H.R. 616 would grant equal protection under the 14th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States for the right to life of each born and ‘preborn’ human person. ‘Human person’ is defined as: [...] each and every member of the species homo sapiens at all stages of life, including the moment of fertilization, cloning, or other moment at which an individual member of the human species comes into being. The bill would grant constitutional rights to fertilized eggs, embryos, fetuses, and clones. It would effectively ban abortion with no exception for rape, incest, or to save the life of the pregnant person. It would also ban birth control pills, IUDs, and emergency contraception. In addition, it would eliminate certain medical choices for women, including some cancer treatments and in vitro fertilization. The bill would not allow for prosecution of any pregnant person for the ‘death’ of their ‘unborn child.’” [Rewire, [9/28/19](#)]

Personhood Bills That Define Human Life To Begin At Conception Would Severely Impact Infertility Treatments, Especially IVF. “Personhood bills aim to define human life to begin at the moment of fertilization or conception and grant constitutional rights and privileges to all persons from that moment. If these proposals were to become personhood laws, they would severely impact infertility treatments, especially IVF.” [Arc Fertility, What Do Personhood Bills & Laws Mean in IVF, accessed [2/23/24](#)]

Arc Fertility: If Fertilized Eggs/Embryos Are Considered Full Humans, Anything That Puts An Embryo At Risk Could Be A Criminal Violation, Including IVF Treatments. “As outlined by RESOLVE, with Personhood legislation, however, the legality of effective pro-pregnancy fertility treatments such as IVF could be called into question: if microscopic fertilized eggs/embryos are full humans, anything that puts an embryo at risk could be a criminal violation, even if its goal is the undeniable social good of helping someone have a baby.” [Arc Fertility, What Do Personhood Bills & Laws Mean in IVF, accessed [2/23/24](#)]

The House Version Of The Life At Conception Act Included No Exceptions For IVF

The House Version Of The Life At Conception Act Did Not Include Exceptions For IVF. “This Congress, 125 House Republicans — including Speaker Mike Johnson — have cosponsored the ‘Life at Conception Act,’ which states that the term ‘human being’ includes ‘all stages of life, including the moment of fertilization, cloning, or other moment at which an individual member of the human species comes into being.’ The bill does not include any exception for in vitro fertilization (IVF), a reproductive treatment that allows mothers to fertilize several eggs outside the womb in order to increase the chances of a viable pregnancy.” [Business Insider, [2/23/24](#)]

Washington Post: The Life At Conception Act “Has No Provisions For Processes Like IVF, Meaning Access To The Procedure Would Not Be Protected.” “But many of the same Republicans who are saying Americans should have access to IVF have co-sponsored legislation that employs an argument similar to the one the Alabama Supreme Court used in its ruling. The congressional proposal, known as the Life at Conception Act, defines a ‘human being’ to ‘include each member of the species homo sapiens at all stages of life, including the moment of fertilization or cloning, or other moment at which an individual member of the human species comes into being.’ The bill would also provide equal protection under the 14th Amendment ‘for the right to life of each born and preborn human person.’ The measure has no provisions for processes like IVF, meaning access to the procedure would not be protected. It would ban nearly all abortions nationwide.” [Washington Post, [1/25/24](#)]

An Alabama Ruling That Restricted Access To IVF Was Made Based On The Idea That Life Starts “At Conception”

The Concurring Opinion To Restrict IVF In Alabama Cited Scripture To Apply To “Human Being[s] From The Moment Of Conception.” “Stephanie Sy: Mary, I want to read an excerpt from the chief justice's concurring opinion. ‘The people of Alabama,’ he says, ‘have declared the public policy of this state to be that unborn human life is sacred. We believe that each human being from moment of conception is made in the image of God created by him to reflect his likeness.’ So the chief justice there invoking Scripture from the Bible in a legal ruling.” [PBS News Hour, [2/21/24](#)]

Anti-Choice Susan B. Anthony List: “The Alabama Court Recognized What Is Obvious And A Scientific Fact — Life Begins At Conception.” “Katie Daniel, from the group Susan B. Anthony Pro-Life America — whose mission statement is to end abortion — said Alabama’s high court made the correct decision, but that doesn’t mean all IVF procedures need to end. ‘The Alabama Court recognized what is obvious and a scientific fact — life begins at conception. That does not mean fertility treatment is prohibited. Rather it means fertility treatments need not carelessly or intentionally destroy the new life created,’ Daniel said.” [NBC News, [2/22/24](#)]

D’Esposito Was Endorsed By Rep. Kat Cammack, The Co-Chair Of The Congressional Pro-Life Caucus And Cosponsor Of The Federal 15-Week Ban On Abortion Bill

Cammack Endorsed D’Esposito And Donated \$3,500 To D’Esposito’s Federal Campaign Committee

July 2022: Cammack Endorsed D’Esposito Via Her American GRIT PAC. “Today, Congresswoman Kat Cammack (R-FL-03) released the second round of endorsements for her American GRIT PAC. These endorsements represent another group of energetic conservative candidates whose campaigns match the American GRIT PAC’s mission to elect, mentor, and prepare hardworking conservative patriots to serve in Congress. The following six candidates received endorsements from Rep. Cammack: Eli Crane (AZ-02), Anthony D’Esposito (NY-04), Allan Fung (RI-02), Jen Kiggans (VA-02), Sarah Palin (AK-AL), and Amal Torres (MD-03).” [American GRIT PAC, Press Release, [7/14/22](#)]

2022: American GRIT PAC, Donated \$3,500 To D’Esposito For New York. [FEC Candidate and Committee Viewer, accessed [12/19/23](#)]

Contributions to D’Esposito for New York From American GRIT PAC		
Source	Date	Amount
American GRIT PAC	12/5/22	\$1,000
American GRIT PAC	8/16/22	\$2,500
Total:		\$3,500

[FEC Candidate and Committee Viewer, accessed [12/19/23](#)]

- **American GRIT Pac Was Cammack’s Leadership PAC.** “Florida Rep. Kat Cammack, the youngest Republican woman in Congress, has launched a new leadership political action committee aimed at electing

more blue-collar conservatives to the House. Cammack, 34, will kick off her 'American Grit' PAC Wednesday that will identify, fund and mentor conservative candidates that have non-traditional political backgrounds. Rather than lawyers and career politicians, Cammack says she's looking to endorse moms, vocational workers, first responders and young people who faced adversity." [Fox, [3/16/22](#)]

Cammack Was The Co-Chair Of The Congressional Pro-Life Caucus And Said Abortion Should Only Be Allowed In The First Trimester In Cases Of Rape, Incest, And Life Of The Woman And Hoped Women Did Not Choose Abortion Even In Those Circumstances

Cammack Was The Co-Chair Of The Congressional Pro-Life Caucus. "Congresswoman Kat Cammack serves on the following caucuses: Campus Free Speech Caucus (Co-Chair) Congressional Women's Caucus (Co-Vice Chair) Pro-Life Caucus (Co-Chair) SEC Caucus (Co-Chair) Soils Caucus (Co-Chair) Second Amendment Caucus Working Forests Caucus Law Enforcement Caucus House General Aviation Caucus Rural Broadband Caucus Sportsmen's Caucus Argentina Caucus Albanian Issues Caucus Caucus for the Advancement of Torah Values Blockchain Caucus National Guard and Reserve Components Caucus For more information and a full list of the committees and caucuses on which Representative Cammack is serving, please contact our office." [Rep. Kat Cammack, accessed [12/19/23](#)]

- **The Pro-Life Caucus' Primary Objective Was "To Preserve The Sanctity Of Life."** "The Bipartisan Congressional Pro-Life Caucus works to eliminate taxpayer funding for abortion and preserve pro-life health care providers' rights of conscience. The primary objective of the Caucus is to preserve the sanctity of life." [Rep. Andy Harris, accessed [12/19/23](#)]

Cammack Hoped That Even In Circumstances Of Rape, Incest, Or Life Of The Woman, Women Would Not Abort Their Babies. "Rep.-elect Kat Cammack, the youngest GOP congresswoman elected this year, said she plans to fight for the rights of unborn babies -- just like her mother fought to keep her. [...] Cammack says abortion should only be allowed in extreme cases in the first trimester--such as rape or incest reported to law enforcement, and for the life of the mother. Still, she hopes women in those circumstances would not abort their babies, like her mother chose not to." [Fox, [12/3/20](#)]

Cammack Cosponsored The 2022 Protecting Pain-Capable Unborn Children From Late-Term Abortions Act Which Would Place A Federal 15 Week Ban On Abortion And Jail Offending Physicians For Up To 5 Years

September 2022: Cammack Cosponsored The 2022 Protecting Pain-Capable Unborn Children From Late-Term Abortions Act. According to Congress.gov, Kat Cammack cosponsored the Protecting Pain-Capable Unborn Children From Late-Term Abortions Act on 13th September, 2022. [Congress.gov, H.R. 8814, Cosponsors, [9/13/22](#)]

- **The Act Would Make The Abortion Of A Fetus After 15 Weeks A Criminal Offense.** "This bill establishes a new criminal offense for performing or attempting to perform an abortion if the probable gestational age of the fetus is 15 weeks or more. A violator is subject to criminal penalties—a fine, a prison term of up to five years, or both. The bill provides exceptions for an abortion (1) that is necessary to save the life of the pregnant woman, or (2) when the pregnancy is the result of rape or incest. A physician who performs or attempts to perform an abortion under an exception must comply with specified requirements. A woman who undergoes a prohibited abortion may not be prosecuted for violating or conspiring to violate the provisions of this bill." [Congress.gov, H.R. 8814, [9/13/22](#)]

September 2022: Lindsay Graham Introduced The 2022 Protecting Pain-Capable Unborn Children From Late-Term Abortions Act In The Senate. "U.S. Senator Lindsey Graham (R-South Carolina) today introduced the Protecting Pain-Capable Unborn Children from Late-Term Abortions Act in the United States Senate. The legislation would set a federal minimum protection for unborn children that is in line with European limits and ban abortion after 15 weeks gestation when unborn children can feel pain." [Sen. Lindsay Graham, Press Release, [9/13/22](#)]

- **Physicians Who Violated This Law “Could Face Up To Five Years In Prison.”** “Senate Republicans led by Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.) introduced federal anti-abortion legislation on Tuesday — the first of its kind since the Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade* in June. The Protecting Pain-Capable Unborn Children from Late-Term Abortions Act prohibits abortion after 15 weeks of pregnancy and provides some exceptions in cases of rape, incest and to protect the life of the pregnant person. A physician who violates the law could face up to five years in prison.” [Politico, [9/13/22](#)]
- **Sen. Graham’s Abortion Ban Legislation Did Not “Preempt Or Limit Any Federal, State, Or Local Law That Provides Greater Protections For An Unborn Child” Than Those Provided In The Legislation.** “(g) RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.— 21 “(1) GREATER PROTECTION.—Nothing in this 22 section may be construed to preempt or limit any 23 Federal, State, or local law that provides greater 24 protections for an unborn child than those provided 25 in this section.” [Senator Lindsey Graham, Protecting Pain-Capable Unborn Children from Late-Term Abortions Act, accessed [9/14/22](#)]
- **Vox: A National Ban Would Supersede Even Permissive State Laws In States That Have Been Working To Expand Access To Abortion.** “The repeal of *Roe v. Wade* left the United States with a patchwork of state laws governing abortion. In parts of the South, someone seeking an abortion would need to travel hundreds of miles to get one. But a national ban would supersede even permissive state laws in states that have been working to expand access to abortion. One estimate found that denying all wanted abortions would increase pregnancy-related deaths by 21 percent nationwide if there aren’t effective means for pregnant people to self-manage their abortions.” [Vox, [6/25/22](#)]

D’Esposito Was Endorsed And Funded By The New York State Conservative Party, Which Supported Outlawing All Abortions Even In Cases Of Rape And Incest

D’Esposito Was Endorsed By The New York State Conservative Party And Was Praised By Their Chairman, Daniel Donovan For Being Aligned With The Party’s Vision

2022: D’Esposito Ran On The Republican And Conservative Party Lines. According to the New York State Board of Elections, D’Esposito was running on the ballot lines for both the Republican and the Conservative Parties. [New York State Board of Elections, Election Results, [11/8/22](#)]

The New York State Conservative Party Endorsed D’Esposito For Re-Election To Town Council In 2018. “Councilman Anthony D’Esposito has secured the Conservative ballot line and party designation for his upcoming re-election campaign, having filed the required number of signatures on nominating petitions with the County Board of Elections. [...] This development marks the second election in which D’Esposito, the Republican nominee for Councilman of the fourth district, has been endorsed by the Conservative Party and will afford him a second ballot line this coming November.” [Councilman Anthony D’Esposito via Wayback Machine, Press Release, archived [9/2/2022](#)]

- **Conservative Party Chairman Daniel Donovan: D’Esposito Was Aligned With “Our Party’s Mission.”** “Conservative Party Chairman Daniel Donovan said, ‘Councilman D’Esposito played a vital role in Supervisor Santino’s deficit reduction initiative in which the Town of Hempstead successfully turned a \$23.5 million budget deficit into a \$5 million budget surplus. [...] Councilman D’Esposito’s strong affinity for the police and fire departments, his endorsement of family values as well as his firm determination to strive for smaller, more efficient government, aligns him to our party’s mission. We are excited to have Councilman D’Esposito run for re-election on our ballot.’” [Councilman Anthony D’Esposito via Wayback Machine, Press Release, archived [9/2/2022](#)]

The Nassau County Conservative Party Donated \$1,135 To D’Esposito’s New York State Campaign Committee

The Nassau County Conservative Party Donated \$1,135 To Citizens For D’Esposito.

Contributions to D'Esposito for New York From The Nassau County Conservative Party		
Source	Date	Amount
Nassau County Conservative Party Committee	3/26/17	\$160
Nassau County Conservative Party Committee	1/18/17	\$250
Nassau County Conservative Party Committee	6/27/16	\$300
Nassau County Conservative Party Committee	4/25/16	\$175
Nassau County Conservative Party Committee	4/21/16	\$250
Total:		\$1,135

[New York State Campaign Finance Search, accessed [12/19/23](#)]

The NY Conservative Party's State Platform Supported Only Allowing Abortion In Cases Of "Clearly Defined Conditions Hazardous To The Life Of The Mother"

The NY Conservative Party Supports Repealing New York's Law Protecting Abortion Access And Only Allowing Abortion In Cases Of "Clearly Defined Conditions Hazardous To The Life Of The Mother." "We believe that New York's expanded abortion law should be repealed and the legislature should re-adopt the prior statute permitting therapeutic abortions only under the most clearly defined conditions hazardous to the life of the mother. Tax dollars should not be used to prevent or end a pregnancy, nor should they be used for non-residents to travel to NY and pay for their abortion." [Conservative Party of New York State, "2023 Legislative Program," accessed [12/21/23](#)]

The NY Conservative Party Supported Repealing New York's Law Protecting Abortion Access And Only Allowing "Therapeutic Abortion" – When The Woman's Life Is At Risk

The NY Conservative Party Supported Repealing New York's Law Protecting Abortion Access And Only Allowing "Therapeutic Abortion" In Cases Of "Clearly Defined Conditions Hazardous To The Life Of The Mother." "We believe that New York's expanded abortion law should be repealed and the legislature should re-adopt the prior statute permitting therapeutic abortions only under the most clearly defined conditions hazardous to the life of the mother. Tax dollars should not be used to prevent or end a pregnancy, nor should they be used for non-residents to travel to NY and pay for their abortion." [Conservative Party of New York State, "2023 Legislative Program," accessed [12/21/23](#)]

The NY Conservative Party Plank Called For Reversion To A 1965 Law Which Banned Abortion At All Phases Of Pregnancy And Penalized Women With Between 4 Till 20 Years Of Imprisonment For Getting An Abortion

1872: New York Passed A Law Increasing Its Penalty For Abortion To Between Four Years And 20 Years Imprisonment. [New York University Law Review, 66 (6), Samuel Buell, Criminal Abortion Revisited, pgs. 1784-85, [1/1/1991](#)]

prequickening abortion in 1827.⁴¹ And New York adopted its first statute in 1829, elevating postquickening abortion from a misdemeanor to a felony.⁴² Over the next sixty years, other states adopted abortion legislation and increasingly restrictive amendments. By the end of the nineteenth century, every state had criminalized abortion by statute and, with three exceptions, had prohibited it during all phases of pregnancy.⁴³

[...]

the nineteenth century.⁴⁵ New York was the first state to include a therapeutic exception in its statute, and one scholar, Cyril Means, uses this information to argue that New York's legislature was motivated primarily by concern for the woman's life.⁴⁶ In the late 1860s and 1870s, attitudes toward abortion in New York grew increasingly intolerant as the

New York press widely publicized sensational cases of deaths from unskilled abortionists.⁴⁷ The legislature increased the penalty for abortion in 1872 to between four and twenty years imprisonment.⁴⁸

[New York University Law Review, 66 (6), Samuel Buell, Criminal Abortion Revisited, pgs. 1784-85, [1/1/1991](#)]

1965: New York Amended Its Statute To Widen Life Of The Woman Exceptions. [New York University Law Review, 66 (6), Samuel Buell, Criminal Abortion Revisited, pg. 1798, [1/1/1991](#)]

¹³⁰ New York amended its statute in 1965 to widen the therapeutic exceptions. See Means, supra note 25, at 498-500. California adopted the most progressive abortion reform in 1967 to close a perceived gulf between the legal and medical standards concerning justifications for abortion. See George, supra note 50, at 393-402 (discussing perceived gulf); Sands, supra note 52, at 286-88 (same); Note, Abortion Reform, supra note 59, at 530-34 (discussing California legislation); Note, Survey of Abortion Reform Legislation, 43 Wash. L. Rev. 644, 644-54 (1968) (discussing California legislation in comparison with Colorado, North Carolina, and Great Britain legislation). Then Governor Reagan signed the bill only after the legislature eliminated a provision permitting abortion of a greatly deformed child. See Note, Changing Abortion Laws, supra note 30, at 496-97. Arkansas, Colorado, Georgia, Maryland, New Mex-

[New York University Law Review, 66 (6), Samuel Buell, Criminal Abortion Revisited, pg. 1798, [1/1/1991](#)]

NOTE: The 1965 law did not change previous laws which criminalized abortion

1970: New York State Passed An Abortion Law Which Allowed Abortions To Be Performed Within 24 Weeks Of Pregnancy And Included Exceptions For Health Of The Woman. “Three years before Roe v. Wade established a constitutional right to abortion, New York legalized the procedure in 1970, turning the state into a magnet for women who wanted to terminate their pregnancies but were barred from doing so where they lived. ‘I was very relieved because New York was doable. It was 500 miles away,’ said Ms. Mason, now 64 and a human resources manager living in New Jersey. The New York law allowed abortions to be performed within 24 weeks of pregnancy and at any time if the woman’s life was at risk.” [New York Times, [7/19/18](#)]

2017 Conservative Party Of New York Platform: “We Believe That New York’s Present Abortion Law Should Be Repealed And Should Re-Adopt The Prior Statute Permitting Therapeutic Abortions Only Under The Most Clearly Defined Conditions Hazardous To The Life Of The Mother.” “We firmly reject any attempt to expand the already liberal abortion laws of New York State. We believe that New York’s present abortion law should be repealed and should re-adopt the prior statute permitting therapeutic abortions only under the most clearly defined conditions hazardous to the life of the mother.” [Conservative Party of New York State, 2017 Legislative Program, archived 1/30/18]

D'Esposito Received The Highest Possible Rating From The National Right To Life Committee

2023-2024 Regular Session: D'Esposito Received A 100% Rating From The National Right To Life Committee. According to the National Right to Life committee, Rep. Anthony D'Esposito was given a 100% rating after voting for the following pieces of legislation: “H.R. 26 Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act,” “H.Con.Res. 3 Resolution condemning attacks on pro-life facilities, groups, and churches,” “H.R. 2670 Jackson Amendment (#5) to NDAA -- Funding for Abortion Travel in Military,” and “HR 2670 Final Passage NDAA -- Funding for Abortion Travel in Military.” [National Right to Life Committee, Scorecard, accessed [12/19/23](#)]

Scorecard

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Rep. Anthony D'Esposito

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2023-2024 Regular Session (118th)

Result	Name of the Legislation	Vote	Score
Passed	H.R. 26 Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act (Roll no. 29) (1/11/2023)	Y	✓
Passed	H.Con.Res. 3 Resolution condemning attacks on pro-life facilities, groups, and churches (Roll no. 30) (1/11/2023)	Y	✓
Passed	H.R. 2670 Jackson Amendment (#5) to NDAA – Funding for Abortion Travel in Military (7/13/2023)	Y	✓
Passed	HR 2670 Final Passage NDAA – Funding for Abortion Travel in Military (7/14/2023)	Y	✓

[National Right to Life Committee, Scorecard, accessed [12/19/23](#)]

D'Esposito Took Votes To Increase Protections For Pro-Life Facilities And Groups

D'Esposito Voted To Call On The Executive Branch To Use Federal Law-Enforcement Authorities For The Protection Of Pro-Life Facilities And Groups

D'Esposito Voted For Condemning Attacks On Pro-Life Facilities, Groups, And Churches. In January 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Agreement to the concurrent resolution that would state that Congress condemns attacks of vandalism, violence and destruction against pro-life facilities, groups and churches and recognizes 'the sanctity of life and the important role that [such entities] play in supporting pregnant women, infants and families.' It would also call on the Biden administration to use all appropriate law enforcement authorities to protect the rights of such entities." The bill passed by a vote of 222-209. [H.Con.Res. 3, [Vote #30](#), 1/11/23; CQ, [1/11/23](#)]

- The Resolution Also Called On The Biden Administration To Use All Appropriate Law Enforcement Authorities To Protect The Rights Of Such Entities.** In January 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Agreement to the concurrent resolution that would state that Congress condemns attacks of vandalism, violence and destruction against pro-life facilities, groups and churches and recognizes 'the sanctity of life and the important role that [such entities] play in supporting pregnant women, infants and families.' It would also call on the Biden administration to use all appropriate law enforcement authorities to protect the rights of such entities." The bill passed by a vote of 222-209. [H.Con.Res. 3, [Vote #30](#), 1/11/23; CQ, [1/11/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To The NDAA That Prohibited The Defense Department From Covering Abortion Services

July 2023: D'Esposito Voted For Authorizing The Defense Budget For Fiscal Year 2024. In July 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Passage of the bill, as amended, that would authorize \$874.2 billion in national defense spending, including \$841.5 billion for the Defense Department and \$32.2 billion for national security programs within the Energy Department. The bill would authorize approximately \$168.6 billion for weapons and other procurement and \$145.2 billion for military research and development. Within these totals, it would authorize \$32.3 billion for shipbuilding; \$13.2 billion for Air Force procurement of 83 new F-35 series tactical force aircraft; \$17.4 billion for 92 Navy aircraft; \$539 million for the Ground Based Strategic Deterrent ballistic missile system; and approximately \$30 billion for missile defense programs, including \$434 million for a hypersonic missile defense system, \$498 million for continued development of Guam missile defense systems, \$160 million for Israeli missile defense systems and \$2.6 billion for a Space Force defendable missile warning satellite system. Within Energy Department funding, it would authorize \$23.9 billion for the National Nuclear Security Administration, primarily for the maintenance of a nuclear weapons stockpile. It would authorize \$38.2 billion for the Defense Health Program and \$17.5 billion for military construction. It would authorize \$9.7 billion for the Pacific Deterrence Initiative and \$3.6 billion for the European Deterrence Initiative, primarily intended to counter aggression by China and Russia, respectively. For international assistance and cooperation, it would authorize \$4 billion to bolster U.S.

and allied forces in Europe against Russian aggression, including \$300 million in security assistance to Ukraine; \$565 million for the U.S. Africa Command; \$398 million for forces in Syria and Iraq combating the Islamic State group; \$336 million for a cooperative threat reduction program assisting former Soviet Union countries; \$300 million for cooperative research and development programs with Israel; and \$210 million for the Baltic Security Initiative. The bill would authorize a 5.2 percent military pay increase and authorize the Defense Department to issue bonuses to junior enlisted servicemembers to counteract inflation. It would authorize \$1.1 billion for the Defense Department environmental restoration fund and require the department to undertake various environmental cleanup activities. It would eliminate the position of chief diversity officer within the Defense Department and include various provisions to restrict DOD programs that involve diversity, equity and inclusion and critical race theory. The bill would establish a special inspector general for Ukraine assistance and require the Defense Department to make plans to increase the energy resiliency of each main operating base in the U.S. European Command zone. It would repeal a 2022 Defense Department memorandum regarding access to reproductive health care and prohibit the department from paying for or reimbursing expenses relating to abortion services; eliminate all Defense Department and Armed Forces offices established to promote diversity, equity and inclusion as well as terminate all personnel within such offices; and prevent the Defense Department from purchasing data of U.S. individuals that would otherwise require a warrant, court order or subpoena.” The bill passed by a vote of 219-210. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #328](#), 7/14/23; CQ, [7/14/23](#)]

- **D’Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Prohibit The Defense Department From Paying For Expenses Related To Abortion Services.** In July 2023, D’Esposito voted for: “Jackson, R-Texas, amendment no. 5 that would repeal a 2022 Defense Department memorandum regarding access to reproductive health care and prohibit the department from paying for or reimbursing expenses relating to abortion services.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 221-213. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #300](#), 7/13/23; CQ, [7/13/23](#)]

Planned Parenthood

D’Esposito Voted For Blocking Consideration For Striking Language That Prohibits Funding For Planned Parenthood In FY 2024 Appropriations For Labor, Health And Human Services, Education And Related Agencies

D’Esposito Voted For Blocking Consideration For Striking Language That Prohibits Funding For Planned Parenthood In FY 2024 Appropriations For Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies. In November 2023, D’Esposito voted for: “Burgess, R-Texas., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Congressional Record, Rep. McGovern said, “Mr. Speaker, if we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to make in order amendment No. 81, offered by Ranking Member DELAURO from the Appropriations Committee, which strikes section 239 of the bill, which prohibits funding to Planned Parenthood and other similar women’s health organizations.” **A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the bill.** The motion was agreed to by a vote of 211-205. [H. Res. 864, [Vote #646](#), 11/14/23; CQ, [11/14/23](#); Congressional Record, [11/14/23](#)]

Agriculture & Food Access Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ D'Esposito voted against passing the House Agriculture Appropriations Bill, but voted for amendments to prohibit the Agriculture Department from funding “woke” courses, books, and study guides, and from funding a climate change executive order.
- ✓ D'Esposito voted for the Republican debt limit bill, which would cut food stamps for thousands of residents in D'Esposito's district.
- ✓ D'Esposito voted for the Republican debt limit bill, which enacted a 22% cut across the federal government.
 - A 22% cut to federal food stamps would acutely affect D'Esposito's district, with approximately 3,700 households losing access to food stamps.
- ✓ D'Esposito voted for a Republican Continuing Resolution that would cut funding for nutrition services, affecting hundreds of thousands of women and children in New York.
- ✓ D'Esposito voted for a continuing resolution with Republican riders that would enact a 30% cut nearly across the entire government.
- ✓ D'Esposito criticized Democrats for voting against the continuing resolution, claiming they were voting against “securing our border and reigning in spending.”
- ✓ The continuing resolution would cut funding for the Women Infants and Children Program by 30 percent, jeopardizing the food source of more than 120,000 New Yorkers.
- ✓ The continuing resolution would cut funding for programs increasing food accessibility for more than one million seniors and food safety services which could lead to an increase in prices.

Agriculture Appropriations Bill

D'Esposito Voted Against Passing The House Agriculture Appropriations Bill, But Voted For Amendments To Prohibit The Agriculture Department From Funding “Woke” Courses, Books, And Study Guides, And From Funding A Climate Change Executive Order

D'Esposito Voted Against Passing Fiscal 2024 Agriculture Appropriations Including Republican Riders. In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Passage of the bill that would provide roughly \$22 billion in discretionary funding in fiscal 2024 for the Agriculture Department and related agencies. The bill would provide \$6.2 billion to the Food and Drug Administration, including \$3 billion in discretionary budget authority and \$3.2 billion in user fees; \$3.4 billion for Agriculture Department rural development activities; \$1.5 billion for the Agricultural Research Service; and \$1 billion for the Food Safety and Inspection Service. It would provide \$122 billion for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, \$32 billion for child nutrition programs, and \$6 billion for the Women, Infants, and Children program. It would direct the USDA to take necessary actions to prohibit the purchase of U.S. agricultural land by non-resident aliens and foreign businesses associated with Russia, North Korea, Iran and China; nullify the FDA's January 2023 rule allowing medical providers to dispense the abortion drug mifepristone without an in-person consultation; prohibit the use of funds for programs that promote critical race theory; and prohibit the use of funds to establish any office of diversity, equity and inclusion, among other policy provisions. As amended, the bill would prohibit the use of funds for carrying out various Biden administration executive orders related to climate change and sex discrimination, finalizing regulations that result in

an annual effect on the economy of \$100 million or more, implementing the USDA COVID-19 workplace safety policy, or for any operations of the Civilian Climate Corps, among other restrictions. It also would reduce the salary of Deputy Undersecretary of Agriculture for Food and Nutrition Service Stacy Dean to \$1." The bill was rejected by a vote of 191-237. [H.R. 4368, [Vote #507](#), 9/28/23; CQ, [9/28/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito On The Agricultural Appropriations Bill: "We Have Our Policies In There That Were Reflective Of What We Thought The Freedom Caucus Would Want."** "Meanwhile, Republican leadership is still working to figure out a path on a bill to fund agriculture, food security programs and the Food and Drug Administration. The stalemate comes as some members of the Freedom Caucus want deeper cuts than Republicans legislated in committee. 'We have our policies in there that were reflective of what we thought the Freedom Caucus would want,' said Rep. Anthony D'Esposito (R-N.Y.), a member of the Appropriations Committee who has expressed concern that hard-right demands will make it difficult to support the agriculture bill." [Washington Post, [7/26/23](#)]
- **The Agriculture Appropriations Bill Included A Provision To Ban Mifepristone From Being Sold In Retail Pharmacies Or By Mail.** "A provision in the legislation would nullify a Biden administration rule allowing mifepristone to be sold in retail pharmacies and by mail with prescriptions from a certified health care provider." [Fox 59, [9/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce The Office Of Civil Rights Funding By \$3.8 Million And Transfer The Savings To The Spending Reduction Account.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Good, R-Va., amendment no. 24 that would reduce by \$3.8 million funding for the Office of Civil Rights and transfer the savings to the spending reduction account." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 175-254. [H.R. 4368, [Vote #408](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce The National Agricultural Statistics Service Funding By \$13 Million And Transfer The Savings To The Spending Reduction Account.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Biggs, R-Ariz., amendment no. 29 that would reduce by \$13 million funding for the National Agricultural Statistics Service and transfer the savings to the spending reduction account." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 119-307. [H.R. 4368, [Vote #409](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce The National Institute Of Food And Agriculture Research Funding By \$157 Million And Transfer The Savings To The Spending Reduction Account.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Biggs, R-Ariz., amendment no. 33 that would reduce by \$157 million funding for National Institute of Food and Agriculture research and education activities and transfer the savings to the spending reduction account." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 106-323. [H.R. 4368, [Vote #410](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce The Natural Resources Conservation Service Funding By \$60 Million And Transfer The Savings To The Spending Reduction Account.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Brecheen, R-Okla., amendment no. 41 that would reduce by \$60 million funding for the Natural Resources Conservation Service and transfer the savings to the spending reduction account." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 86-343. [H.R. 4368, [Vote #411](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce The Rural Housing Service Rental Assistance Program Funding By \$1.61 Billion And Transfer The Savings To The Spending Reduction Account.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Brecheen, R-Okla., amendment no. 43 that would reduce by \$1.61 billion funding for the Rural Housing Service Rental Assistance Program and transfer the savings to the spending reduction account." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 89-341. [H.R. 4368, [Vote #412](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce The Rural Business-Cooperative Service Rural Business Program Funding By \$25 Million And Transfer The Savings To The Spending Reduction**

Account. In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Perry, R-Pa., amendment no. 45 that would reduce by \$25 million funding for the Rural Business-Cooperative Service Rural Business Program account and transfer the savings to the spending reduction account." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 68-362. [H.R. 4368, [Vote #413](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce The Food For Peace Title II Grants Funding By \$1.7 Billion And Transfer The Savings To The Spending Reduction Account.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Biggs, R-Ariz., amendment no. 54 that would reduce by \$1.7 billion funding for Food for Peace Title II Grants and transfer the savings to the spending reduction account." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 83-348. [H.R. 4368, [Vote #414](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce The McGovern-Dole International Food For Education Program Funding By \$240 Million And Transfer The Savings To The Spending Reduction Account.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Biggs, R-Ariz., amendment no. 57 that would reduce by \$240 million funding for the McGovern-Dole International Food for Education Program and transfer the savings to the spending reduction account." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 81-350. [H.R. 4368, [Vote #415](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce The Commodity Futures Trading Commission Funding By \$77 Million And Transfer The Savings To The Spending Reduction Account.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Biggs, R-Ariz., amendment no. 61 that would reduce by \$77 million funding for the Commodity Futures Trading Commission and transfer the savings to the spending reduction account." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 105-325. [H.R. 4368, [Vote #416](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Prohibit Funds From The Bill From Being Used For Programs Established Under A Commodity Promotion Law.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Spartz, R-Ind., amendment no. 76 that would prohibit the use of funds provided by the bill to carry out any programs established under a commodity promotion law." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 49-377. [H.R. 4368, [Vote #417](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Prohibit The Use Of Funds From The Bill For The Agriculture Department's Equity Commission.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Boebert, R-Colo., amendment no. 79 that would prohibit the use of funds provided by the bill for the Agriculture Department's Equity Commission." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 210-216. [H.R. 4368, [Vote #418](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Prohibit Funds From The Bill From Being Used To Mandate Electronic Ear Tags For Cattle And Bison.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Hageman, R-Wyo., amendment no. 83 that would prohibit the use of funds provided by the bill to mandate electronic identification ear tags for cattle and bison." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 97-336. [H.R. 4368, [Vote #419](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce The Research Director Of The Food And Drug Administration's Center For Drug Evaluation To \$1.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Good, R-Va., amendment no. 85 that would reduce to \$1 the salary of the Food and Drug Administration's Center for Drug Evaluation and Research Director Patricia Cavazzoni." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 152-278. [H.R. 4368, [Vote #420](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Prohibit The Agriculture Department From Using Funds For "Woke" Courses, Books, And Study Guides.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Boebert, R-Colo., amendment no. 89 that would prohibit the Agriculture Department from using any funds provided by the bill for 'woke' courses, books and study guides." The amendment was adopted by a vote of 217-214. [H.R. 4368, [Vote #421](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce The Salary Of The Food And Drug Administration's Office Of Surveillance And Epidemiology Director To \$1.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Good, R-Va., amendment no. 90 that would reduce the salary of the Food and Drug Administration's Director of the Office of Surveillance and Epidemiology Gerald Dal Pan to \$1." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 158-272. [H.R. 4368, [Vote #422](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce The Salary Of The Food And Drug Administration's Division Of Risk Management Director To \$1.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Good, R-Va., amendment no. 91 that would reduce the salary of the Food and Drug Administration's Director of the Division of Risk Management Cynthia LaCivita to \$1." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 159-272. [H.R. 4368, [Vote #423](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce The Salary Of The Food And Drug Administration's Office Of New Drugs Director To \$1.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Good, R-Va., amendment no. 92 that would reduce the salary of the Food and Drug Administration's Director of the Office of New Drugs Peter P. Stein to \$1." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 156-273. [H.R. 4368, [Vote #424](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce The Salary Of The Food And Drug Administration's Office Of Compliance Director To \$1.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Good, R-Va., amendment no. 93 that would reduce the salary of the Food and Drug Administration's Director of the Office of Compliance Jill Furman to \$1." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 161-270. [H.R. 4368, [Vote #425](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce The Salary Of The Food And Drug Administration's Office Of Medical Policy Director To \$1.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Good, R-Va., amendment no. 94 that would reduce the salary of the Food and Drug Administration's Director of the Office of Medical Policy M. Khair ElZarrad to \$1." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 160-271. [H.R. 4368, [Vote #426](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce The Salary Of The Food And Drug Administration's Office Of Regulatory Policy Director To \$1.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Good, R-Va., amendment no. 95 that would reduce the salary of the Food and Drug Administration's Director of the Office of Regulatory Policy Elizabeth Jungman to \$1." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 163-267. [H.R. 4368, [Vote #427](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Prohibit The Use Of Bill Funds For The Farm To School Network Racial Equity Learning Lab.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Stauber, R-Minn., amendment no. 99 that would prohibit the use of funds provided by the bill to fund the Farm to School Network Racial Equity Learning Lab." The amendment was adopted by a vote of 217-216. [H.R. 4368, [Vote #428](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Prohibit The Use Of Bill Funds To Implement The January 2021 Executive Order On Climate Change.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Miller, R-Ill., amendment no. 101 that would prohibit the use of funds provided by the bill to implement or enforce the executive order issued in January 2021 on climate change." The amendment was adopted by a vote of 217-216. [H.R. 4368, [Vote #429](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]
- **The January 2021 Executive Order On Climate Change "Place[d] The Climate Crisis At The Forefront Of Foreign Policy And National Security Planning."** "Executive Order 14008, of January 27, 2021, places the climate crisis at the forefront of foreign policy and national security planning. 'The United States will work with other countries and partners, both bilaterally and multilaterally, to put the world on a sustainable climate

pathway. The United States will also move quickly to build resilience, both at home and abroad, against the impacts of climate change that are already manifest and will continue to intensify according to current trajectories.” [Department of Energy, [1/27/21](#)]

- **D’Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce Funding Provided By The Bill By \$717 Million.** In September 2023, D’Esposito voted against: “Rosendale, R-Mont., amendment no. 102 that would reduce the total funding provided by the bill by \$717 million.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 71-362. [H.R. 4368, [Vote #430](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]
- **D’Esposito Voted Against Recommitting FY 2024 Agriculture Appropriations To The House Appropriations Committee.** In September 2023, D’Esposito voted against: “Budzinski, D-Ill., motion to recommit the bill to the House Appropriations Committee.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 211-217. [H.R. 4368, [Vote #506](#), 9/28/23; CQ, [9/28/23](#)]

Debt Limit Bill

D’Esposito Voted For The Republican Debt Limit Bill, Which Would Cut Food Stamps For Thousands Of Residents In D’Esposito’s District

D’Esposito Voted For The Republican Debt Limit Bill, Which Enacted A 22% Cut Across The Federal Government

D’Esposito Voted For Suspending The Debt Limit Through March 2024 Or Until \$1.5 Trillion Has Been Reached And Capping Federal Spending For FY 2024 At 2022 Levels With A Capped 1% Per Year Growth. In April 2023, D’Esposito voted for: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would suspend the statutory limit on federal debt through March 31, 2024, or until an additional \$1.5 trillion has been borrowed — whichever occurs first. It would also include a range of provisions to limit federal spending, as well as the text of a previously passed energy and permitting policy package. The bill would set base discretionary spending limits through fiscal 2033, capping spending for fiscal 2024 at the fiscal 2022 level of \$1.47 trillion — a reduction from current spending levels — and raising the cap by 1 percent annually through fiscal 2033. It would also include similar annual cap adjustments for specified programs, including for wildfire suppression, disability reviews and redeterminations, health care fraud and abuse control, and disaster reemployment services and eligibility assessments. The bill would rescind unobligated amounts from various funds provided by the fiscal 2022 reconciliation package (PL 117-169) for COVID-19 relief, IRS enforcement, and certain climate- and infrastructure-focused initiatives, as well as all unobligated funding from the March 2021 coronavirus relief reconciliation package (PL 117-2) and earlier coronavirus response laws. The bill would expand or establish work requirements for Medicaid beneficiaries aged 19 to 55 and raise from 49 to 55 the oldest age at which existing work requirements would apply for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program beneficiaries. It would also modify various work standards for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program, including to update the baseline for calculating certain state workforce participation standards and require states to collect certain data related to work outcomes for TANF participants. To limit regulatory spending, the bill would nullify pending executive actions suspending student loan payments and prohibit the Education Department from implementing any substantially similar actions without congressional approval. It would also establish a process to require congressional approval of all “major” federal rules that would have an annual impact of at least \$100 million, cause a major increase in prices, or cause significant adverse effects to economic competitiveness. Among energy- and climate-focused provisions, the bill would repeal, phase out or narrow a variety of climate-focused tax credits under the fiscal 2022 reconciliation package, including repealing new credits for solar and wind projects, sustainable aviation fuel and clean fuel production. It would also include the full text of the House-passed energy and permitting package (HR 1) that would require a number of actions to boost the domestic production of fossil fuels and certain critical minerals and accelerate the construction of natural gas pipelines and other energy infrastructure, while reversing or repealing certain presidential actions taken and laws enacted during the Biden administration related to energy policy and climate change.” The bill passed by a vote of 217-215. [H.R. 2811, [Vote #199](#), 4/26/23; CQ, [4/26/23](#)]

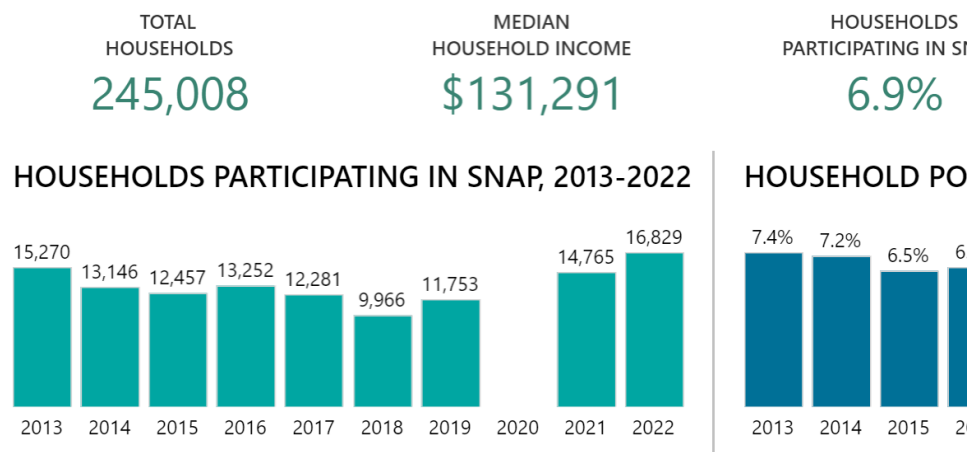
The House Republican Debt Limit Plan Was Expected To Force 22% In Cuts Across The Federal Government. “The legislation Congressional Republicans introduced sets overall appropriations for Fiscal Year 2024 at the same level as FY 2022. At this level, all appropriated funding—including both defense and domestic programs—would be cut deeply. However, Congressional Republicans have indicated that they are not willing to cut defense funding at all, which means that everything else in annual appropriations—from cancer research, to education, to veterans’ health care—would be cut by much more. The math is simple, but unforgiving. At their proposed topline funding level—and with defense funding left untouched as Republicans have proposed—everything else is forced to suffer enormous cuts. In fact, their bill would force a cut of 22 percent—cuts that would grow deeper and deeper with each year of their plan.” [The White House, [4/20/23](#)]

A 22% Cut To Federal Food Stamps Would Acutely Affect D’Esposito’s District, With Approximately 3,700 Households Losing Access To Food Stamps

The Republican Debt Limit Plan Was Expected To Cause Hundreds Of Thousands Of Americans To Lose Access To Food Stamps. “House Republicans passed a debt ceiling bill last week with a provision to enact new work requirements for those seeking federal assistance, claiming the measure would help cut federal spending. The Congressional Budget Office (CBO), a nonpartisan agency, said last week that the stricter work requirements proposed by the House GOP would reduce federal spending by \$120 billion over the next decade, a small portion of the roughly \$4.8 trillion in savings the bill would generate. About 600,000 Americans would lose health insurance, while about 275,000 Americans a month would lose access to food stamps, the CBO said.” [Time, [5/1/23](#)]

2022: According To The U.S. Department Of Agriculture, 16,829 Households From New York’s 4th Congressional District Participated In The Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP). [U.S. Department of Agriculture, SNAP Community Characteristics: Congressional District Dashboard, accessed [5/6/24](#)]

Snapshot: Congressional District 4 (118th Congress), New York



[U.S. Department of Agriculture, SNAP Community Characteristics: Congressional District Dashboard, accessed [5/6/24](#)]

- SNAP Was Previously Known As The Food Stamps Program.** “The District of Columbia’s (District) Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) (formerly known as Food Stamps) helps low-income individuals and families by providing monthly benefits to purchase food. SNAP benefits are provided on an Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) card, that is used as a debit card. EBT cards are accepted at most grocery stores, some farmers’ markets, convenience, big box stores, and some online stores. SNAP benefits generally cannot be used to buy prepared foods, vitamins, alcohol/tobacco, and non-food items (like soap or toothpaste).” [D.C. Department of Human Services, accessed [5/6/24](#)]

- 22% Of 16,829 Was 3,702.89.

Republican Continuing Resolution

D'Esposito Voted For A Republican Continuing Resolution That Would Cut Funding For Nutrition Services, Affecting Hundreds Of Thousands Of Women And Children In New York

D'Esposito Voted For A Continuing Resolution With Republican Riders That Would Cut Enact A 30% Cut Nearly Across The Entire Government

D'Esposito Voted For A Continuing Resolution With Republican Riders And Nearly 30% Cuts Across The Government. In September 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Passage of the bill, as amended, that would provide funding for federal government operations and services through Oct. 31, 2023, with a 29.9 percent cut from fiscal 2023 levels for most programs. It would fund veterans' programs, the Department of Homeland Security, national security programs and disaster assistance at full fiscal 2023 levels. It would also implement nearly all provisions of House Republicans' border security and immigration bill (HR 2), which the House passed in May 2023. It would provide an increase in funding for the Defense Department at rates set forth in House Republicans' fiscal 2024 defense appropriations bill (HR 4365), which would provide for a 3.6 percent funding increase over fiscal 2023. It would also provide funding increases for the Agriculture Department and provide an additional \$220 million above fiscal 2023 levels for Energy Department nuclear programs. Among its border security and immigration provisions, it would require DHS, within seven days of enactment, to resume all activities related to "border wall" construction on the U.S.-Mexico border that were underway or planned prior to Jan. 20, 2021; require DHS to reopen or restore, no later than Sept. 30, 2023, the use of all Immigration and Customs Enforcement detention facilities that were in operation on Jan. 20, 2021; and require DHS to return all unaccompanied children to their country of origin, regardless of whether they are from a contiguous country to the U.S. In addition to provisions of HR 2, it would place limitations on the use of DHS funding provided by the bill, including prohibitions on removing existing U.S.-Mexico border barriers, transporting inadmissible adults into the U.S., and the use of Customs and Border Protection's "CBP One" app to facilitate the parole of an individual into the U.S. It also would prohibit the use of funds provided by the bill to initiate or resume any project or activity not funded during fiscal 2023 and would establish a congressional fiscal commission tasked with identifying policies to "improve the fiscal situation." The bill was rejected by a vote of 198-232. [H.R. 5525, [Vote #511](#), 9/29/23; CQ, [9/29/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Voted To Block Consideration For A Bipartisan Continuing Resolution To Prevent A Government Shutdown.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Resenthaler, R-Pa. motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment)." According to the Congressional Record, Rep. McGovern said, "Madam Speaker, I am urging that we defeat the previous question, and if we do, I will offer an amendment to the rule for swift consideration of the Senate's bipartisan continuing resolution to fund the government after they send it to the House." A vote *for the motion* was a vote to block consideration of the bill. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 217-207. [H.Res. 741, [Vote #508](#), 9/29/23; CQ, [9/29/23](#); Congressional Record, [9/29/23](#)]

The Continuing Resolution Would Have Cut Funding For All Government Programs By 29.9%, With Exceptions For U.S. Defense, Department Of Veterans Affairs, And Disaster Relief Programs. "Passage of the bill, as amended, that would provide funding for federal government operations and services through Oct. 31, 2023, with a 29.9 percent cut from fiscal 2023 levels for most programs [...] It would provide an increase in funding for the Defense Department at rates set forth in House Republicans' fiscal 2024 defense appropriations bill (HR 4365), which would provide for a 3.6 percent funding increase over fiscal 2023. It would also provide funding increases for the Agriculture Department and provide an additional \$220 million above fiscal 2023 levels for Energy Department nuclear programs." [H.R. 5525, CQ, [9/29/23](#)]

D'Esposito Criticized Democrats For Voting Against The Continuing Resolution, Claiming They Were Voting Against “Securing Our Border And Reigning In Spending”

9/29/23: On Twitter, D'Esposito Criticized Democrats For Voting Against “Reigning In Spending.” “You do realize that every Democrat in the House voted against keeping the government open today, right? Oh, they also voted against securing our border and reigning in spending. But don’t let facts get in your way.” [Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, [9/29/23](#)]



[Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, [9/29/23](#)]

The Continuing Resolution Would Cut Funding For The Women Infants And Children Program By 30 Percent, Jeopardizing The Food Source Of Over 120,000 New Yorkers

The Continuing Resolution Would Cut Funding For The Special Supplement Nutrition Program For Women, Infants, And Children (WIC) By 30%. “With the introduction of this even more unreasonable Continuing Resolution, House Republicans are still more focused on introducing extreme funding bills than working on a bipartisan solution that could be enacted. Their funding bill would only keep the government open until October 31, 2023. This deadline guarantees Congress will need to pass another Continuing Resolution (CR) and means that either House Republicans will slash critical resources again at the end of October or the dangerous cuts in this extreme bill will be in place until Congress is able to pass all 12 full-year bills. [...] Taking food out of the mouths of children, families, and seniors. “With the sharp increase in caseload, the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) has barely half of the resources it needs to keep feeding people. The program needs a 32 percent increase. Instead, House Republicans are cutting it by 30 percent. Other nutrition services, such as Meals on Wheels, would also be cut for more than 1 million seniors.”[House Committee on Appropriations, Ranking Member Rosa DeLauro, accessed [1/23/24](#)]

January 2024: According To The U.S. Department Of Agriculture, 433,105 New Yorkers Were Enrolled In The WIC Program. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, New York had 433,105 enrollees in the WIC program as of January 2024. This was a 5.4% Year Over Year increase from January 2023, when New York had 410,721 enrollees. [Department of Agriculture, WIC Program: Total Participation, [4/12/24](#)]

- 30% Of 433,105 Was 129,931.5.

The Continuing Resolution Would Cut Funding For Programs Increasing Food Accessibility For More Than One Million Seniors And Food Safety Services Which Could Lead To An Increase In Prices

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The Continuing Resolution Would Cut Funding For The Food Safety And Inspection Service, Leading To The Closing Of Food Production Plants And A Subsequent Rise In Food Prices. “With the introduction of this even more unreasonable Continuing Resolution, House Republicans are still more focused on introducing extreme funding bills than working on a bipartisan solution that could be enacted. Their funding bill would only keep the government open until October 31, 2023. This deadline guarantees Congress will need to pass another Continuing Resolution (CR) and means that either House Republicans will slash critical resources again at the end of October or the dangerous cuts in this extreme bill will be in place until Congress is able to pass all 12 full-year bills. [...] Raising the costs of food by threatening food safety and supply. House Republicans are threatening public health by cutting Food Safety and Inspection Service by 30 percent. This cut makes our meat and poultry less safe to consume. Plants that produce these products provide jobs in rural communities. Without adequate federal inspection staffing, plants will be statutorily required to close or reduce operating hours, thus hurting workers’ paychecks, reducing the meat and poultry supply, and raising the cost of food.” [House Committee on Appropriations, Ranking Member Rosa DeLauro, accessed [1/23/24](#)]

Big Lie & January 6th Insurrection Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ D'Esposito closely associated with propagators of the Big Lie, taking more than \$250,000 from Members of Congress who voted to overturn the 2020 election and campaigning with leaders in the Big Lie movement.
 - ✓ D'Esposito received \$252,630 from Members of Congress who voted to overturn the 2020 election.
 - ✓ D'Esposito received \$2,000 from Jim Jordan, who helped Trump's efforts to overturn the 2020 election.
 - ✓ D'Esposito was a close ally of Speaker Mike Johnson, who perpetuated the Big Lie and led legal efforts to overturn the 2020 election.
 - ✓ D'Esposito received \$16,000 and an endorsement from Elise Stefanik, who refused to confirm that she would certify the 2024 election and referred to January 6th insurrectionists as hostages.
- ✓ D'Esposito avoided a question about the events that took place on January 6th.

Ties To The Big Lie

D'Esposito Closely Associated With Propagators Of The Big Lie, Taking More Than \$250,000 From Members Of Congress Who Voted To Overturn The 2020 Election And Campaigning With Leaders In The Big Lie Movement

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 [New York Times, [1/7/21](#); FEC Candidate and Committee Viewer, accessed [6/28/24](#)]

2022 – 2023 D'Esposito for New York Receipts: Members Who Voted To Overturn The 2020 Election			
Committee	Associated Candidate	Date(s)	Amount(s)
Mike Johnson for Louisiana	Mike Johnson (R-LA)	12/31/23	\$2,000
American Revival PAC	Mike Johnson (R-LA)	12/31/23 3/31/23	\$9,000 \$1,000
American Security PAC	Mike Rogers (R-AL)	6/30/23	\$5,000
Deliver Excel Believe PAC	Debbie Lesko (R-AZ)	6/30/23	\$1,000
Crawford for Congress	Rick Crawford (R-AR)	3/31/23	\$1,000
Eureka Political Action Committee	Ken Calvert (R-CA)	3/7/24 6/27/23 3/21/23	\$1,500 \$2,500 \$1,000
Invest in a Strong and Secure America	Darrell Issa (R-CA)	10/17/22	\$500
Kevin McCarthy for Congress	Kevin McCarthy (R-CA)	6/27/23	\$2,000
Majority Committee PAC – MC PAC	Kevin McCarthy (R-CA)	3/1/23 3/1/23	\$5000 \$5000

		7/28/22	\$5000
		7/28/22	\$5000
American Grit PAC	Kat Cammack (R-FL)	12/5/22	\$1,000
		8/16/22	\$2,500
Maintaining All Republicans in Office PAC	Mario Diaz-Balart (R-FL)	3/17/23	\$3,000
Byron Donalds for Congress	Byron Donalds (R-FL)	6/30/23	\$1,000
Proven Conservatives PAC	Byron Donalds (R-FL)	3/31/23	\$1,500
Scott Franklin for Congress	Scott Franklin (R-FL)	3/30/23	\$1,000
Carlos Gimenez for Congress	Carlos Gimenez (R-FL)	3/31/23	\$1,000
Mast for Congress	Brian Mast (R-FL)	6/30/23	\$2,000
VALOR PAC	Brian Mast (R-FL)	6/30/23	\$1,000
Rick W. Allen for Congress	Rick Allen (R-GA)	9/30/23	\$1,000
BUDDY PAC	Earl "Buddy" Carter (R-GA)	9/30/23	\$1,000
		6/27/23	\$1,000
		3/31/23	\$1,000
Buddy Carter for Congress	Earl "Buddy" Carter (R-GA)	9/30/23	\$1,000
Greene for Congress	Marjorie Taylor Greene (R-GA)	3/31/23	\$2,000
Loudermilk for Congress	Barry Loudermilk (R-GA)	3/31/23	\$1,500
		7/28/22	\$1,000
Mike Bost for Congress Committee	Mike Bost (R-IL)	3/30/23	\$1,000
Ron Estes for Congress	Ron Estes (R-KS)	3/30/23	\$2,000
		7/28/22	\$1,000
Restoring Our Nation (RON) PAC	Ron Estes (R-KS)	9/30/22	\$2,500
Great Plains PAC	Tracey Mann (R-KS)	11/7/22	\$1,000
Garret Graves for Congress	Garret Graves (R-LA)	9/30/23	\$1,500
		3/31/23	\$500
		3/31/23	\$2,000
Do Right Bayou PAC	Garret Graves (R-LA)	8/31/23	\$2,500
Scalise for Congress	Steve Scalise (R-LA)	6/27/23	\$2,000
		3/17/23	\$2,000
		9/8/22	\$2,000
		7/28/22	\$2,000
Eye of the Tiger PAC	Steve Scalise (R-LA)	3/31/23	\$5,000
		3/17/23	\$5,000
		9/8/22	\$5,000
		7/28/22	\$5,000
Andy Harris for Congress	Andy Harris (R-MD)	3/31/23	\$2,000
Lisa McClain for Congress	Lisa McClain (R-MI)	9/30/23	\$1,000
		6/27/23	\$1,000
Walberg for Congress	Tim Walberg (R-MI)	6/27/23	\$1,000
Truth is Markets Work Fund a/k/a/ Tim W Fund	Tim Walberg (R-MI)	9/30/22	\$1,000
Kelly for Congress	Trent Kelly (R-MS)	3/31/23	\$1,000
Building Leadership and Inspiring New Enterprise PAC	Blaine Luetkemeyer (R-MO)	3/31/23	\$2,000
		8/16/22	\$2,000
Mr. Southern Missourian in the House PAC	Jason Smith (R-MO)	3/31/23	\$2,500
		7/8/22	\$2,000
Victory and Freedom PAC (VAF PAC)	Virginia Foxx (R-NC)	3/7/23	\$2,500
		11/1/22	\$3,000
		9/6/22	\$2,000
Hudson for Congress	Richard Hudson (R-NC)	6/27/23	\$2,000

First in Freedom PAC	Richard Hudson (R-NC)	3/31/23 10/31/22	\$5,000 \$2,500
Friends to Elect Dr. Greg Murphy to Congress	Greg Murphy (R-NC)	6/27/23	\$1,000
Victory East	Greg Murphy (R-NC)	9/30/23 3/31/23	\$1,000 \$1,000
David Rouzer for Congress	David Rouzer (R-NC)	6/27/23 3/31/23	\$1,000 \$1,000
Adrian Smith for Congress	Adrian Smith (R-NE)	6/27/23 3/31/23 10/23/22	\$1,000 \$1,000 \$1,000
No Nonsense PAC	Nicole Malliotakis (R-NY)	11/8/22 9/30/22	\$1,000 \$1,000
Elise for Congress	Elise Stefanik (R-NY)	6/27/23 6/29/23 11/4/22	\$2,000 \$2,000 \$2,000
E-PAC	Elise Stefanik (R-NY)	2/28/23 2/28/23	\$5,000 \$5,000
Leadership America Needs PAC	Former Rep. Lee Zeldin (R-NY)	3/31/23 3/31/24	\$3,300 \$1,000
Jim Jordan for Congress	Jim Jordan (R-OH)	3/31/23	\$2,000
Big Ideas Create Excellence – BICE PAC	Stephanie Bice (R-OK)	3/31/23	\$1,000
Conservative Opportunity Leadership and Enterprise PAC (COLE PAC)	Tom Cole (R-OK)	5/17/24 9/30/23 6/27/23 3/31/23 7/28/22	\$2,000 \$1,000 \$1,000 \$1,000 \$1,000
RE-JOYCE PAC	John Joyce (R-PA)	6/27/23 3/31/23	\$1,000 \$1,000
Meuser for Congress	Dan Meuser (R-PA)	6/27/23	\$1,000
DAN-PAFIRST PAC	Dan Meuser (R-PA)	9/30/23 3/31/23	\$1,500 \$1,000
Guy for Congress	Guy Reschenthaler (R-PA)	3/31/23	\$2,000
Smucker for Congress	Lloyd Smucker (R-PA)	6/27/23	\$1,500
JAM PAC	Lloyd Smucker (R-PA)	3/31/23	\$1,500
Friends of Glenn Thompson	Glenn Thompson (R-PA)	3/31/23	\$2,000
Burchett for Congress	Tim Burchett (R-TN)	6/27/23 3/31/23	\$2,080 \$1,000
Chuck Fleischmann for Congress Committee, Inc.	Chuck Fleischmann (R-TN)	6/30/23 3/31/23	\$2,000 \$2,000
Mark Green for Congress	Mark Green (R-TN)	3/31/23	\$3,750
Diana for Congress	Diana Harshbarger (R-TN)	6/27/23	\$1,000
Republicans Offering Solutions for Everyone PAC	John Rose (R-TN)	6/30/23	\$2,000
Texans for Jodey Arrington	Jodey Arrington (R-TX)	3/31/23	\$1,500
Bulldog PAC	Jodey Arrington (R-TX)	10/22/22 9/30/22	\$1,000 \$2,000
Dr. Brian Babin for Congress	Brian Babin (R-TX)	11/20/23 6/30/23 3/31/23	\$1,000 \$1,000 \$1,000

Patriots Always Triumph	Patrick Fallon (R-TX)	12/28/23 3/31/23	\$3,500 \$1,500
August Pfluger for Congress	August Pfluger (R-TX)	6/27/23	\$2,000
Raptor PAC	August Pfluger (R-TX)	3/31/23 11/4/22 7/28/22	\$5,000 \$1,000 \$1,000
Be Victorious Over Democrats PAC	Beth Van Duyne (R-TX)	9/30/22	\$1,000
Weber for Congress	Randy Weber (R-TX)	9/30/23 6/27/23 3/31/23	\$1,000 \$1,000 \$1,000
Morgan Griffith for Congress	Morgan Griffith (R-VA)	6/27/23	\$2,000
Rob Wittman for Congress	Rob Wittman (R-VA)	6/30/23	\$1,000
America's First PAC	Rob Wittman (R-VA)	9/30/23 3/31/23	\$1,000 \$1,000
Conservative Leadership in Elections PAC	Ben Cline (R-VA)	6/30/23	\$1,000
Carol for Congress	Carol Miller (R-WV)	9/30/23 6/30/23 3/31/23	\$1,000 \$1,000 \$2,000
Cut the Bull PAC	Carol Miller (R-WV)	9/30/23 3/29/22 9/30/22	\$5,000 \$1,000 \$2,000
		Total:	\$252,630

[FEC Candidate and Committee Viewer, accessed [6/28/24](#)]

NOTE: The table above used a [New York Times list](#) of members of the House who voted to overturn the 2020 election, which was crosschecked with receipts from D'Esposito for New York found on FEC.gov.

2023: D'Esposito Received \$2,000 From Jim Jordan, Who Helped Trump's Efforts To Overturn The 2020 Election

March 2023: Jim Jordan For Congress Gave \$2,000 To D'Esposito For New York. According to the Federal Election Commission, Jim Jordan for Congress gave \$2,000 to D'Esposito for New York on March 31, 2023. [FEC Campaign Finance Data Search, accessed [12/4/23](#)]

New York Times: Jordan Was "Deeply Involved" In Trump's Efforts To Overturn The 2020 Election. "The House committee investigating the Capitol attack asked Representative Jim Jordan of Ohio on Wednesday to sit for an interview with its investigators, in the latest step the panel has taken to dig into the role that members of Congress played in trying to undermine the 2020 election. [...] Mr. Jordan, a Republican, was deeply involved in Mr. Trump's effort to fight the election results." [New York Times, [12/22/21](#)]

- **Jordan Participated In Meetings With Trump's Team To Plan A Strategy To Challenge The Election Outcome.** "Mr. Jordan, a Republican, was deeply involved in Mr. Trump's effort to fight the election results. He participated in planning meetings with senior White House officials, including a gathering in November 2020 at Trump campaign headquarters in Arlington, Va., and a meeting at the White House last December, where Republican lawmakers discussed plans with the president's team to use the joint session of Congress on Jan. 6 to challenge the election outcome." [New York Times, [12/22/21](#)]
- **Jordan Spread Conspiracies About Voter Fraud And Supported Lawsuits To Discard The Results Of The 2020 Election.** "In the months leading up to and following the 2020 presidential election, potential House speaker and Ohio Rep. Jim Jordan prolifically pushed false stolen election rhetoric. After then-President Donald Trump lost the election to Joe Biden, Jordan urged Trump not to concede, spread conspiracy theories,

supported lawsuits attempting to disqualify the legitimate results and discussed plans to object to the 2020 election results on January 6, 2021. [CNN, [10/9/23](#)]

D'Esposito Was A Close Ally Of Speaker Mike Johnson, Who Perpetuated The Big Lie And Led Legal Efforts To Overturn The 2020 Election

Mike Johnson Donated \$10,000 To D'Esposito For New York

As Of April 2024, American Revival PAC Donated \$10,000 To D'Esposito For New York. [FEC Campaign Finance Data Search, accessed [6/7/24](#); D'Esposito for New York, 2023 Year-End Report, Itemized Receipts, accessed [6/7/24](#)]

Contributions to D'Esposito for New York From American Revival PAC		
Source	Date	Amount
American Revival PAC	3/31/23	\$1,000
American Revival PAC	12/31/23	\$9,000
Total:		\$10,000

[FEC Campaign Finance Data Search, accessed [6/7/24](#); D'Esposito for New York, 2023 Year-End Report, Itemized Receipts, accessed [6/7/24](#)]

Mike Johnson Was The Special Guest At A Fundraiser For D'Esposito

HEADLINE: "Speaker Mike Johnson Heads To LI For D'Esposito Fundraiser." [Newsday, [12/1/23](#)]

12/2/23: Mike Johnson Featured As The Special Guest At A Fundraiser For Anthony D'Esposito. "HON. JOSEPH G. CAIRO, JR. INVITES YOU TO SUPPORT CONGRESSMAN ANTHONY D'ESPOSITO WITH SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE MIKE JOHNSON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2023 12:30 PM – 2:30 PM at THE GENERAL 1899 Park Boulevard, East Meadow, NY." [Newsday, [12/1/23](#)]



[Newsday, [12/1/23](#)]

The Fundraiser Had A Minimum Price Of \$3,300 For Entry And Was Held At The General, A Private Cigar Club And Steakhouse. “Speaker of the House Mike Johnson is heading to Long Island on Saturday to fundraise for Rep. Anthony D’Esposito at an event where CD3 is sure to be a topic of conversation. The fundraiser is scheduled to take place at The General, a private cigar club and steakhouse at Eisenhower Park. The invitation, which came from Nassau County Republican Committee chair Joseph Cairo, features the chance to be an ‘event host’ for \$13,200, an ‘event sponsor’ for \$6,600, or a ‘patriot’ for the low price of just \$3,300. Johnson, who is in New York City this weekend for a House fundraiser, voted to not expel George Santos on Friday, a move that reportedly dismayed some of the New York delegation. D’Esposito worked hard to get Santos off the national stage.” [Newsday, [12/1/23](#)]

Johnson Repeatedly Perpetuated The Big Lie

After The 2020 Election Was Called, Johnson Went On Radio Interviews To Discuss “Credible Allegations Of Fraud And Irregularity” In The 2020 Election. “Mr. Johnson’s public statements suggest that he initially agreed. ‘There is still reason for hope’ that Mr. Trump might win, he told a conservative Louisiana talk radio host a week after the election, citing ‘credible allegations of fraud and irregularity.’ Charges that voting machines had been ‘rigged’ had ‘a lot of merit,’ he asserted in another radio interview.” [New York Times, [10/3/22](#)]

11/8/20: On The Night After Biden’s 2020 Election Victory, Johnson Talked To Trump About How “Every Instance Of Fraud And Illegality Has Got To Be Prosecuted.” JOHNSON: “Look, I talked to the President last night. Kelly and I were on stage at a local church presenting our God Government seminar and the President called my cell and Kelly, her eyes got real big and she handed it to me. And we were live, in front a bunch of people at this church, and I said ‘y’all can I take this call, it’s the President?’ [...] I was so encouraged, Moon, to hear his resolve last night. The President is dug in on this. He wants to ensure that every single legal vote gets properly counted. And he knows that every instance of fraud and illegality has got to be prosecuted to the full extent of the law because this is bigger than the Trump/Pence campaign, it’s bigger than this election cycle, this is about the American people’s faith in our election system itself.” [Moon Griffon Show, Soundcloud, 4:32, [11/9/20](#)] (AUDIO)

Johnson Was Called “The Most Important Architect Of The Electoral College Objections” After About 75% Of The Republicans Who Objected To The Election Results “Chiefly Relied On Mr. Johnson’s Argument”

New York Times: Johnson Was “The Most Important Architect Of The Electoral College Objections.” “In formal statements justifying their votes, about three-quarters relied on the arguments of a low-profile Louisiana congressman, Representative Mike Johnson, the most important architect of the Electoral College objections.” [New York Times, [10/3/22](#)]

- **Johnson Was Credited With Coming Up With The Option For Republicans To Vote Not To Certify 2020 Election Results On The Grounds Of Changed Voting Procedures During The Pandemic.** “On the eve of the Jan. 6 votes, he presented colleagues with what he called a ‘third option.’ He faulted the way some states had changed voting procedures during the pandemic, saying it was unconstitutional, without supporting the outlandish claims of Mr. Trump’s most vocal supporters. His Republican critics called it a Trojan horse that allowed lawmakers to vote with the president while hiding behind a more defensible case.” [New York Times, [10/3/22](#)]

New York Times: About 75% Of Republican Representatives Who Objected To 2020 Election Results “Chiefly Relied On Mr. Johnson’s Argument.” “In the weeks before Jan. 6, the vast majority of objectors had publicly sympathized with Mr. Trump’s allegations of conspiracy and fraud. Yet when it came time to stake out an official justification for their votes, about three-quarters chiefly relied on Mr. Johnson’s argument, including 35 who signed a statement that he had written and read aloud at the previous day’s meeting.” [New York Times, [10/3/22](#)]

New York Times: “Even Lawmakers Who Had Been Among The Noisiest ‘Stop The Steal’ Firebrands Took

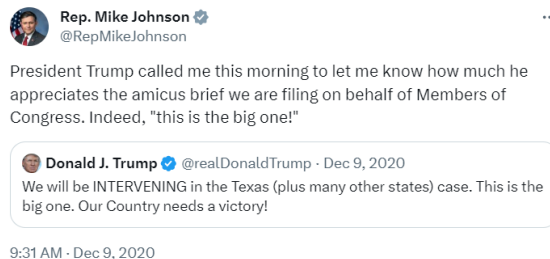
Refuge In Mr. Johnson's [Election Denial] Claims. "Even lawmakers who had been among the noisiest 'stop the steal' firebrands took refuge in Mr. Johnson's narrow and lawyerly claims, though his nuanced argument was lost on the mob storming the Capitol, and over time it was the vision of the rioters — that a Democratic conspiracy had defrauded America — that prevailed in many Republican circles." [New York Times, [10/3/22](#)]

Johnson Was The Lead Sponsor On An Amicus Brief To Overturn The 2020 Presidential Election And Worked With Trump To Get Additional Republican Signatures On The Brief

Johnson Signed An Amicus Brief That Sought To Overturn The Results Of The 2020 Presidential Election. "More than 125 House Republicans have now signed on to an amicus brief backing a lawsuit from Texas to the Supreme Court seeking to overturn the results of the election in the states of Pennsylvania, Michigan, Wisconsin and Georgia. President-elect Joe Biden won the four battleground states in the 2020 election. The signatories include several House Republican leaders: Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy, House Minority Whip Steve Scalise and Republican Policy Committee Chairman Gary Palmer." [CNN, [10/12/23](#)]

Johnson Was The Leading Name On The Amicus Brief. "Motion for Leave to File Brief Amicus Curiae and Brief Amicus Curiae of U.S. Representative Mike Johnson and 125 Other Members of the U.S. House of Representatives in Support of Plaintiff's Motion for Leave to File a Bill of Complaint and Motion for a Preliminary Injunction." [CNN, [10/12/23](#)]

Johnson Worked With Trump On The Brief. "President Trump called me this morning to let me know how much he appreciates the amicus brief we are filing on behalf of Members of Congress. Indeed, 'this is the big one!'" [Rep. Mike Johnson, Twitter, [12/9/20](#)]



[Rep. Mike Johnson, Twitter, [12/9/20](#)]

As The Republican Study Committee (RSC) Chair, Johnson Encouraged RSC Members To Sign The Brief. "Mr. Johnson drafted a supporting brief that focused on the constitutional argument. As chairman of the Republican Study Committee, he pushed its members to sign the brief, and he also wrote an email to all Republican lawmakers warning in bold red letters that Mr. Trump would be tracking their response. 'He said he will be anxiously awaiting the final list to review,' he wrote." [New York Times, [10/3/22](#)]

Johnson Sent An Email To The Republican Caucus Urging Them To Sign The Brief On Behalf Of Trump. "Mr. Johnson drafted a supporting brief that focused on the constitutional argument. As chairman of the Republican Study Committee, he pushed its members to sign the brief, and he also wrote an email to all Republican lawmakers warning in bold red letters that Mr. Trump would be tracking their response. 'He said he will be anxiously awaiting the final list to review,' he wrote." [New York Times, [10/3/22](#)]

From: [REDACTED]
 Date: December 9, 2020 at 10:24:02 AM EST
 To: [REDACTED]
 Subject: **Time-sensitive request from President Trump**

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President Trump called me this morning to express his great appreciation for our effort to file an amicus brief in the Texas case on behalf of concerned Members of Congress. **He specifically asked me to contact all Republican Members of the House and Senate today and request that all join on to our brief.** He said he will be anxiously awaiting the final list to review.

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9:31 AM · Dec 9, 2020

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D'Esposito Touted His Endorsement From Elise Stefanik

July 2022: D'Esposito Thanked Stefanik For Her Endorsement. "Thanks @EliseStefanik! Looking forward to flipping #NY04!" [Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, [7/6/22](#)]



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Donations From Stefanik-Related Committees To D’Esposito For New York			
Elise for Congress	Elise Stefanik (R-NY)	6/27/23	\$2,000
		6/29/23	\$2,000
		11/4/22	\$2,000
E-PAC	Elise Stefanik (R-NY)	2/28/23	\$5,000
		2/28/23	\$5,000
Total:			\$16,000

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HEADLINE: GOP To Invest \$100 Million In N.Y. House Races That May Determine Control Of Congress. [NY1, [8/29/23](#)]

Politico: “The Leading House Republican [Elise Stefanik] Says She Convinced Her Party To Flood Key Swing Districts In New York With \$100 Million In Campaign Cash. “Elise Stefanik is betting big on 2024. The leading House Republican says she convinced her party to flood key swing districts in New York with \$100 million in campaign cash. She joined Speaker Kevin McCarthy in the Hamptons for a previously unreported fundraiser with deep-pocketed donors and lawmakers. And she shared a sprawling digital database of contributors with the state GOP. Nearly a year after Republicans flipped three battleground House seats in the Hudson Valley and on Long Island, Stefanik insists she has a plan that will allow the party to hold off a Democratic offensive. Control of Congress may depend on her success — not to mention her political future.” [Politico, [8/28/23](#)]

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Stefanik Refused To Confirm That She Would Certify Results Of The 2024 Election And Called January 6th Insurrectionists As “Hostages”

HEADLINE: “Stefanik Condemned For Mimicking Trump By Calling Jan 6 Prisoners ‘Hostages.’” [The Independent, [1/7/24](#)]

Stefanik Said She Had “Concerns About The Treatment Of January 6th Hostages” Days After Trump Used The Same Language. “New York Republican Rep Elise Stefanik is under fire from Democrats for labelling January 6 prisoners ‘hostages,’ echoing Donald Trump. Ahead of the third anniversary of the Capitol riot, in a campaign speech in Sioux Center, Iowa, Mr Trump referred to individuals arrested and charged in connection to the Capitol attack as ‘J6 hostages.’ He claimed, ‘Nobody’s been treated ever in history so badly as those people.’ On Sunday, Congresswoman Stefanik used the same language on NBC’s ‘Meet the Press.’ She said, ‘I have concerns about the treatment of January 6th hostages.’” [The Independent, [1/7/24](#)]

1/7/24: On Meet The Press, Stefanik On Of Whether She Would Certify Results Of The 2024 Election, “We Will See If This Is A Legal And Valid Election.” “Rep. Elise Stefanik (R-N.Y.) on Sunday stopped short of saying she will certify the 2024 election results, saying she will ‘see’ if this year’s election is ‘legal and valid.’ Pressed on NBC News’s ‘Meet the Press’ over whether she will vote to certify the 2024 election results no matter what the result is, Stefanik said, ‘We will see if this is a legal and valid election.’” [The Hill, [1/7/24](#)]

January 6th Insurrection

D'Esposito Avoided A Question About The Events That Took Place On January 6th

VIDEO: Asked If What Happened On January 6th Concerned Him, D'Esposito Said, "I Am Confident That The United States Of America Is The Greatest Democracy." "HARLOW: So you're not concerned about what happened on January 6 and what could have happened if Mike Pence didn't do what he did in terms of certifying the vote? None of that concerns you? Just talk about it. D'ESPOSITO: Right now, it -- HARLOW: Yeah, go ahead. D'ESPOSITO: Yeah. Right now, it is -- right now, it is clear we have record debt, we have record spending. Our border is wide open. Communities are less safe than they were before. And it is -- it is very clear -- it is very clear -- HARLOW: I know. They're all issues but that's not what I asked you. I asked you about preserving democracy. D'ESPOSITO: -- that Joe Biden is the President of the United States. And I am confident that the United States of America is the greatest democracy in the country and there will people -- there are people that will continue to fight for that democracy. HARLOW: Congressman Anthony D'Esposito, we'll watch the hearing today. Thank you for joining us." [CNN via internet archive, 0:15, archived [12/5/23](#)] (VIDEO)

Budget Issues

Significant Findings

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Debt Limit

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D'Esposito Voted For Suspending The Debt Limit Through March 2024 Or Until \$1.5 Trillion Has Been Reached And Capping Federal Spending For FY 2024 At 2022 Levels With A Capped 1% Per Year Growth.

In April 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would suspend the statutory limit on federal debt through March 31, 2024, or until an additional \$1.5 trillion has been borrowed — whichever occurs first. It would also include a range of provisions to limit federal spending, as well as the text of a previously passed energy and permitting policy package. The bill would set base discretionary spending limits through fiscal 2033, capping spending for fiscal 2024 at the fiscal 2022 level of \$1.47 trillion — a reduction from current spending levels — and raising the cap by 1 percent annually through fiscal 2033. It would also include similar annual cap adjustments for specified programs, including for wildfire suppression, disability reviews and redeterminations, health care fraud and abuse control, and disaster reemployment services and eligibility assessments. The bill would rescind unobligated amounts from various funds provided by the fiscal 2022 reconciliation package (PL 117-169) for COVID-19 relief, IRS enforcement, and certain climate- and infrastructure-focused initiatives, as well as all unobligated funding from the March 2021 coronavirus relief reconciliation package (PL 117-2) and earlier coronavirus response laws. The bill would expand or establish work requirements for Medicaid beneficiaries aged 19 to 55 and raise from 49 to 55 the oldest age at which existing work requirements would apply for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program beneficiaries. It would also modify various work standards for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program, including to update the baseline for calculating certain state workforce participation standards and require states to collect certain data related to work outcomes for TANF participants. To limit regulatory spending, the bill would nullify pending executive actions suspending student loan payments and prohibit the Education Department from implementing any substantially similar actions without congressional approval. It would also establish a process to require congressional approval of all “major” federal rules that would have an annual impact of at least \$100 million, cause a major increase in prices, or cause significant adverse effects to economic competitiveness. Among energy- and climate-focused provisions, the bill would repeal, phase out or narrow a variety of climate-focused tax credits under the fiscal 2022 reconciliation package, including repealing

new credits for solar and wind projects, sustainable aviation fuel and clean fuel production. It would also include the full text of the House-passed energy and permitting package (HR 1) that would require a number of actions to boost the domestic production of fossil fuels and certain critical minerals and accelerate the construction of natural gas pipelines and other energy infrastructure, while reversing or repealing certain presidential actions taken and laws enacted during the Biden administration related to energy policy and climate change.” The bill passed by a vote of 217-215. [H.R. 2811, [Vote #199](#), 4/26/23; CQ, [4/26/23](#)]

- **HEADLINE: “GOP-Led House Passes Bill To Hike Debt Limit And Slash Spending.”** [CBS News, [4/26/23](#)]
- **New York Times: The Republican Debt Limit Bill Did Not Include Many Specifics On What Government Spending Would Be Cut.** “Their bill, which would raise the country’s borrowing limit for a year in exchange for a decade of spending reductions, does not include many specifics. It achieves most of its savings with spending caps for discretionary spending — the part of the budget allocated annually by Congress that is not automatic like Social Security payments — but it doesn’t say what discretionary programs should be cut and which ones should be spared.” [New York Times, [5/8/23](#)]
- **The House Republican Debt Limit Plan Was Expected To Force 22% In Cuts Across The Federal Government.** “The legislation Congressional Republicans introduced sets overall appropriations for Fiscal Year 2024 at the same level as FY 2022. At this level, all appropriated funding—including both defense and domestic programs—would be cut deeply. However, Congressional Republicans have indicated that they are not willing to cut defense funding at all, which means that everything else in annual appropriations—from cancer research, to education, to veterans’ health care—would be cut by much more. The math is simple, but unforgiving. At their proposed topline funding level—and with defense funding left untouched as Republicans have proposed—everything else is forced to suffer enormous cuts. In fact, their bill would force a cut of 22 percent—cuts that would grow deeper and deeper with each year of their plan.” [The White House, [4/20/23](#)]

D’Esposito Voted For The Bipartisan Debt Limit Bill

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program for states to establish work outcome benchmarks and reduce assistance to beneficiaries who refuse to meet work requirements. The bill would establish an ‘administrative pay-as-you-go’ requirement for federal agencies, requiring agencies to submit to the Office of Management and Budget an estimate of the budgetary effects for any proposed administrative action and, if the action would increase direct spending by at least \$1 billion over the next 10 years or \$100 million in any one year, include a proposal for an action to reduce spending by at least an equal amount – effective through 2024. The bill would statutorily end the pause on student loan repayments on Aug. 29, 2023. Among provisions to streamline the permitting process under the National Environmental Policy Act, the bill would set deadlines of one year for environmental assessments and two years for environmental impact statements; limit the page length of such documents; adjust thresholds for levels of review; limit the scope of reviews to ‘reasonably foreseeable’ environmental effects of an action; and limit the definition of major federal actions under NEPA to those subject to ‘substantial federal control and responsibility.’ The bill would also legislatively approve the West Virginia-to-Virginia Mountain Valley Pipeline.” The bill passed by a vote of 314-117. [H.R. 3746, [Vote #243](#), 5/31/23; CQ, [5/31/23](#)]

Government Shutdowns

D’Esposito Voted For A Republican Continuing Resolution That Cut All Government Spending By Nearly 30%

D’Esposito Voted For A Continuing Resolution With Republican Riders And Nearly 30% Cuts Across The Government. In September 2023, D’Esposito voted for: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would provide funding for federal government operations and services through Oct. 31, 2023, with a 29.9 percent cut from fiscal 2023 levels for most programs. It would fund veterans’ programs, the Department of Homeland Security, national security programs and disaster assistance at full fiscal 2023 levels. It would also implement nearly all provisions of House Republicans’ border security and immigration bill (HR 2), which the House passed in May 2023. It would provide an increase in funding for the Defense Department at rates set forth in House Republicans’ fiscal 2024 defense appropriations bill (HR 4365), which would provide for a 3.6 percent funding increase over fiscal 2023. It would also provide funding increases for the Agriculture Department and provide an additional \$220 million above fiscal 2023 levels for Energy Department nuclear programs. Among its border security and immigration provisions, it would require DHS, within seven days of enactment, to resume all activities related to “border wall” construction on the U.S.-Mexico border that were underway or planned prior to Jan. 20, 2021; require DHS to reopen or restore, no later than Sept. 30, 2023, the use of all Immigration and Customs Enforcement detention facilities that were in operation on Jan. 20, 2021; and require DHS to return all unaccompanied children to their country of origin, regardless of whether they are from a contiguous country to the U.S. In addition to provisions of HR 2, it would place limitations on the use of DHS funding provided by the bill, including prohibitions on removing existing U.S.-Mexico border barriers, transporting inadmissible adults into the U.S., and the use of Customs and Border Protection’s “CBP One” app to facilitate the parole of an individual into the U.S. It also would prohibit the use of funds provided by the bill to initiate or resume any project or activity not funded during fiscal 2023 and would establish a congressional fiscal commission tasked with identifying policies to “improve the fiscal situation.” The bill was rejected by a vote of 198-232. [H.R. 5525, [Vote #511](#), 9/29/23; CQ, [9/29/23](#)]

D’Esposito Criticized Other Members Of Congress For Not Opposing A Shutdown And Said He Was Willing To Work With Anyone, Including Democrats, To Avoid A Shutdown

9/19/23: D’Esposito Said He And Other Republicans From Districts Biden Won Opposed A Shutdown, But That “Certain Individuals [Are] Holding That Work Hostage.” “[D’ESPOSITO:] Everyone here was sent to Washington, DC in a district that Joe Biden won. And we were sent here because people wanted change. And they wanted to see their government at work. And we came here, and we took an oath when the 118th Congress began, to do the people’s work, and to govern. And right now, we have certain individuals holding that work hostage. We’ve made it very clear, and the Speaker has given us all the resources. He’s given us the time, he’s given us meeting space, he’s made it very clear, this was the decision of the conference to hash everything out. And yet we stand here today. We are not for shutting down the government. We will not support shutting down the government. What we

want to do is what we were sent here to do, and that is govern for the American people.” [Rep. Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, 0:00, uploaded [9/19/23](#)] (VIDEO)

9/21/23: After House Republicans Failed To Vote On The Defense Budget, D'Esposito Said, “There Are Some People Playing Policy Warfare, And I Think We Need To Move Our Country Forward.” “Instead, GOP hardliners again blockaded the floor for the second time in three days — leaving McCarthy unable to call the party’s own defense spending bill to the floor. This time, though, it came as a shock to many GOP leaders, who believed they won over enough holdouts to finally bring up the Pentagon funding bill. [...] Walking down the steps of the Capitol after the failed vote, battleground Rep. Anthony D'Esposito (R-N.Y.), too, vented about the hardliners. ‘At this point, it seems like there are some people playing policy warfare, and I think we need to move our country forward,’ he said. ‘We’re pretty frustrated.’” [Politico, [9/21/23](#)]

9/25/23: D'Esposito: “I Am Willing To Work With Any Member Of Congress From Either Party To Avert A Damaging Shutdown.” [Rep. Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, [9/25/23](#)]



[Rep. Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, [9/25/23](#)]

9/27/23: Asked Whether He Would Consider Making A Deal With Democrats To Avert A Shutdown, D'Esposito Said, “We Will Do Everything We Can To Make Sure It Does Not Happen.” D'ESPOSITO: “I'm not sure what will get us to the finish line, but for someone like me, who represents the southwest corner of long island, I am ready to explore every option possible to make sure we do not shut the government down.” McARDLE: “Does that include an option that would have a deal with Democratic lawmakers?” D'ESPOSITO: “I think at this point I am committed to saying every option is on the table. We had a meeting on Friday in my office with Biden district Republicans, who are very set on making sure that this country and our government does not shut down. We will explore every option. We have had conversations with leadership, with colleagues, and it is very important to us. The country cannot afford to be shut down. We will do everything we can to make sure it does not happen.” [Washington Journal via C-SPAN, 1:31, [9/27/23](#)] (VIDEO)

D'Esposito: “We Cannot Afford To Shut The Government Down.” “[D'ESPOSITO:] I do not think shutting down the government accomplishes anything. One thing we need to focus on is shutting down the government is one thing, opening it backup is probably even harder. We need to take into consideration the issues at hand and we need to come together as a party. We need to understand we all represent different parts of this country, that is the

message that I have understood over the last couple weeks. As much as you want to get frustrated, and I have been frustrated -- you walk out and you are shaking your head, wondering why we are heading in this direction. But what I also realize is while a may not -- I may not agree with some colleagues, I realize that they represent their districts and the people who sent them they are to be their voice on capitol hill. So there is respect for that. But I also understand, like I said, we cannot afford to shut the government down. It cannot be the only path forward. That is why I am committed in exploring every option on my end to avoid that.” [Washington Journal via C-SPAN, 2:36, uploaded [9/27/23](#)] (VIDEO)

12/6/23: D'Esposito: “I Am Confident That We Will Make Sure This Government Does Not Shut Down.”

BRAWNER: “Give us your take on what you think happens with this current continuing resolution that the government is running under. Another deadline is coming up after the holidays in January. What you think will happen?” D'ESPOSITO: “I think Speaker Johnson has been doing an excellent job getting everyone in a room and having conversations. This comes to negotiation, to compromise. For myself I support the continuing resolution last month and I will do everything in my power to work with my colleagues to make sure this government does not shut down, that we continue to move this nation forward and I am confident that we will make sure this government does not shut down.” [C-SPAN, 7:20, uploaded [12/6/23](#)] (VIDEO)

D'Esposito Voted For The Bipartisan Continuing Resolution, Which Passed With Help From Democrats

D'Esposito Voted For A Fiscal 2024 Continuing Resolution Passed With Help From Democrats. In September 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Granger, R-Texas, motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would provide funding for federal government operations and services through Nov. 17, 2023, including an additional \$16 billion in disaster relief for fiscal 2024. Among other provisions, it would extend, for the duration of the continuing resolution, a number of services, including several Medicare, Medicaid and other public health programs and authorities. It would also extend certain authorities for the Federal Aviation Administration through Dec. 31, 2023, for unmanned aircraft testing ranges, airport safety and airspace hazard mitigation and enforcement, among other authorities. The bill does not contain any funding to provide assistance to Ukraine. As modified, the bill would prohibit members of Congress from receiving cost of living adjustment pay increases.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 335-91. [H.R. 5860, [Vote #513](#), 9/30/23; CQ, [9/30/23](#)]

Government Spending

D'Esposito Said He Would Put An End To “Out-Of-Control Federal Spending” And Blamed It For The Inflation Crisis

D'Esposito Indicated That Government Spending Was To Blame For Inflation And Said He Would Put An End To Out-Of-Control Federal Spending” To Solve The Inflation Crisis. “With inflation at a 40-year high, hardworking Nassau County families are facing a hidden inflation tax on everything they buy—from gasoline for their cars to milk at the grocery store. To stem the inflation crisis, Congressman D'Esposito will put an end to out-of-control federal spending, failed policies and the inability to solve disruptions to the supply chain. As Hempstead Town Councilman, Anthony D'Esposito cut or froze taxes in each of the last four budgets passed by the Hempstead Town Board and, in Congress, he will continue protecting taxpayers by ‘doing more with less.’” [D'Esposito for Congress, Issues, accessed [2/5/24](#)]

D'Esposito: “Biden & House Democrats’ Out-Of-Control Spending To Fund Their Far-Left Agenda Has Caused Historical Inflation.” “Biden & House Democrats’ out-of-control spending to fund their far-left agenda has caused historical inflation. My neighbors/business owners in #NY04 can’t afford one-party rule on Capitol Hill. Elect me your Congressman and let’s #FlipTheHouse.” [Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, [6/1/22](#)]



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[Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, [6/1/22](#)]

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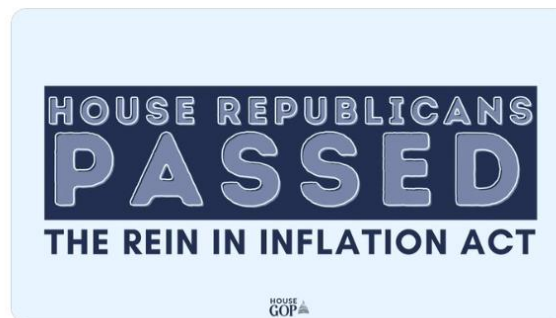


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Consumer & Financial Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ D'Esposito criticized the Biden Administration for raising gas prices and said he would bring them down.
- ✓ D'Esposito voted against amendments to the Strategic Production Response Act which added protections for consumers against increasing energy costs and inflation.
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- ✓ D'Esposito indicated he agreed with answers that called for increased protections for social media users and called online censorship “un-American.”
- ✓ D'Esposito voted to require that parents be notified of school cyberattacks that may have compromised student or parent information.

Gas Prices

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November 2022: D'Esposito Said “I'll Fight For The U.S. To Establish #Energyindependence To Bring ⬇️ Price Of Gas & End Our Reliance On Foreign Energy Providers.” “According @GasBuddy , average ⬆️ prices will be at the highest seasonal level ever during #Thanksgiving2022. That is unacceptable. I'll fight for the U.S. to establish #EnergyIndependence to bring ⬇️ price of gas & end our reliance on foreign energy providers.” [Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, [11/23/22](#)]



[Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, [11/23/22](#)]

D'Esposito Said “Bidenomics” Was Making His His District’s Resident Were “Break[Ing] The Bank To Put Gas In Their Cars.” “#Bidenomics is shrinking our middle class and making everyday items unaffordable. Residents of #NY04 should not have to break the bank to put gas in their cars or go grocery shopping. @HouseGOP, led by @SpeakerMcCarthy, will be a roadblock to irresponsible fiscal policies.” [Rep. D'Esposito, Twitter, [6/30/23](#)]



[Rep. D'Esposito, Twitter, [6/30/23](#)]

January 2024: D'Esposito Said “Two Short Years Ago, America Was Energy Independent And Americans Benefited From Historically Low Energy Prices.” “Two short years ago, America was energy independent and Americans benefited from historically low energy prices. After that independence was sacrificed, gas prices soared to a 15-year high and we once again became reliant on foreign nations to meet our energy needs. To restore our energy independence and lower costs for hardworking families, we need an all of the above strategy that leverages both our natural resources and American innovation to fuel our country and ensure we are never again reliant on hostile countries like Iran, Venezuela and Russia.” [D'Esposito for Congress, Issues, accessed [1/31/24](#)]

- **January 2024: D'Esposito Said Gas Prices “Soared To A 15-Year High” Less Than Two Years Ago After The U.S. “Became Reliant On Foreign Nations To Meet Out Energy Needs.”** “Two short years ago, America was energy independent and Americans benefited from historically low energy prices. After that independence was sacrificed, gas prices soared to a 15-year high and we once again became reliant on foreign nations to meet our energy needs. To restore our energy independence and lower costs for hardworking families, we need an all of the above strategy that leverages both our natural resources and American innovation to fuel our country and ensure we are never again reliant on hostile countries like Iran, Venezuela and Russia.” [D'Esposito for Congress, Issues, accessed [1/31/24](#)]
- **According To The U.S. Energy Information Administration, Retail Gasoline Prices Were At A 30 Year High In 2022.** According to the U.S. Energy Information Administration, U.S. Regular All Formulations Retail Gasoline Prices were at \$3.951 per gallon, the highest since 1992. [U.S. Energy Information Administration, U.S. Regular All Formulations Retail Gasoline Prices, accessed [4/29/24](#)]

U.S. Regular All Formulations Retail Gasoline Prices (Dollars per Gallon)

Decade	Year-0	Year-1	Year-2	Year-3	Year-4	Year-5	Year-6	Year-7	Year-8	Year-9
1990's	NA	NA	1.087	1.067	1.075	1.111	1.199	1.199	1.030	1.136
2000's	1.484	1.420	1.345	1.561	1.852	2.270	2.572	2.796	3.246	2.353
2010's	2.782	3.521	3.618	3.505	3.358	2.429	2.143	2.415	2.719	2.604
2020's	2.168	3.008	3.951	3.519						

[U.S. Energy Information Administration, U.S. Regular All Formulations Retail Gasoline Prices, accessed [4/29/24](#)]

D'Esposito Voted Against Amendments To The Strategic Production Response Act That Added Protections For Consumers Against Increasing Energy Costs And Inflation

D'Esposito Voted For The Strategic Production Response Act To Prohibit Oil Drawdowns From The Strategic Petroleum Reserve Until The Department Of Energy Develops A Plan To Expand Energy Leasing For Oil Equal To The Amount Drawn From The Reserve. In January 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would prohibit the Department of Energy, after the bill’s enactment, from executing a first drawdown of petroleum products from the U.S. Strategic Petroleum Reserve for sale, exchange or loan until the DOE first develops a plan — in consultation with the Agriculture, Interior and Defense departments — to increase the percentage of federal lands leased for oil and gas production by an amount equal to the percentage of petroleum in the Reserve that would be drawn down, up to a maximum of 15 percent. The bill would provide an exception to the planning requirement if the president determines a drawdown is required due to a severe energy supply interruption, defined as an emergency situation reducing the supply of petroleum products and resulting in price increases that would have a major adverse impact on the national economy. Prior to passage, the House adopted 12 amendments to the bill. As amended, the bill would also apply the oil and gas leasing plan requirement retroactively to drawdowns initiated on Jan. 21, 2021, and afterward; require DOE to ensure that such plans would not result in the sale of drawn-down petroleum products to Iran, China, North Korea or Russia; and require DOE to submit such plans to Congress, among other provisions.” The bill passed by a vote of 221-205. [H.R. 21, [Vote #93](#), 1/27/23; CQ, [1/27/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment No. 77 To The Strategic Production Response Act To Allow Drawdowns From The Strategic Petroleum Reserve To Prevent Inflation.** In January 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Nickel, D-N.C., amendment no. 77 that would allow the Energy Department to make drawdowns from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve prior to the development of an oil and gas leasing plan if a delay in executing a drawdown would worsen inflation.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 207-222. [H.R. 21, [Vote #92](#), 1/27/23; CQ, [1/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment No. 92 To The Strategic Production Response Act To Prohibit Leasing By Contributors To Oil And Gas Price-Gouging.** In January 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Bowman, D-N.Y., amendment no. 92 that would prohibit the oil and gas leasing plan required by the bill from authorizing the participation, including in any lease auction, of any corporation or entity that the Energy Department determines to have contributed to oil and gas price-gouging in 2022.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 201-229. [H.R. 21, [Vote #88](#), 1/27/23; CQ, [1/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment No. 43 To The Strategic Production Response Act To Postpone The Bill's Effective Date Until Confirming It Won't Increase Consumer Energy Prices.** In January 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Plaskett, D-V.I., amendment no. 43 that would postpone the effective date of the bill’s requirements until the Energy Department submits a certification to Congress stating that implementing the bill will not increase the average price of energy for consumers.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 209-221. [H.R. 21, [Vote #86](#), 1/27/23; CQ, [1/27/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment No. 60 To The Strategic Production Response Act To Allow Drawdowns From The Strategic Petroleum Reserve To Avoid Gas Price Increases.** In January 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Scholten, D-Mich., amendment no. 60 that would allow the Energy Department to make drawdowns from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve prior to the development of an oil and gas leasing plan if a delay in executing a drawdown would increase gas prices." The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 207-221. [H.R. 21, [Vote #77](#), 1/27/23; CQ, [1/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment No. 89 To The Strategic Production Response Act To Require Leases Not Excessively Increase The Sale Price Of Petroleum During A Disrupted Or Decreased Petroleum Supply.** In January 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "DeGette, D-Colo., amendment no. 89 that would specify that the oil and gas leasing plan required by the bill would only allow a lease or permit to be issued if it certifies to the Energy Department that such lease or permit would not excessively increase the sale price of petroleum products during a severe energy supply interruption or a period of decreased supply of petroleum products." The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 212-220. [H.R. 21, [Vote #55](#), 1/26/23; CQ, [1/26/23](#)]

Big Tech Censorship

D'Esposito Indicated He Agreed With Answers That Called For Increased Protections For Social Media Users And Called Online Censorship "Un-American"

D'Esposito Replied "Yeah" To A Witness Who Said "I Do Believe That The Law Should Be Expanded To Allow Protections A Bill Of Rights, If You Will, For Users Of Social Media." D'ESPOSITO: "Second is pretty sure I know the answer to it, but just to get it on the record and what about big tech Should they be in the business of censoring any political speech?" DHILLON: "I believe that of course corporations have their own speech rights, but when you come to a consumer platform like this, I do believe that the law should be expanded to allow protections a bill of rights, if you will, for users of social media. Because today they seem to be the consumers with the least rights in any industry in America." D'ESPOSITO: "Yeah." [House Administration Committee via CQ, Hearing, [5/11/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Agreed With A Witness Who Called The Removal Of "Protected Political Speech" From Social Media During The 2020 Elections "Un-American."** D'ESPOSITO: "And I guess the final question is probably the one is to why we're actually here today and what do you believe -- what impact do you believe censorship has of political speech in both the online the platforms as well as other censorship -- censorship? What is its overall effect on general elections?" DHILLON: "The use of government funds and government coercion hand in hand with regulated industries. That is the social media companies had a tremendous impact on citizens ability that to -- that their speech was not going to be punished by the government and we saw hundreds, perhaps thousands just in California alone who had their posts or their speech about the 2020 election, which Is of course core protected political speech removed. This has caused many of those citizens to believe that their voice no longer matters, it deters them from voting. it certainly deters them from speaking or deters their friends from speaking as well. And this is un-American. And so I think that the First Amendment is the First Amendment for a reason. It is the fundamental premise on which we Americans act." D'ESPOSITO: "Thank you. Thank you for [sic] your your work, thank you for being here today. And I think the most important part of your answer was the fact that it's un-American. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I yield back." [House Administration Committee via CQ, Hearing, [5/11/23](#)]

Cybersecurity

D'Esposito Voted To Require That Parents Be Notified Of School Cyberattacks That May Have Compromised Student Or Parent Information

D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To The Parents Bill Of Rights Act To Require Title 1 Local Education Agencies To Notify Parents Of Major School Cyberattacks That May Have Compromised Student Or Parent Information. In March 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Green, R-Tenn., amendment no. 10 to the bill that would require Title I local education agencies to notify parents of any major cyberattack against a school that may have compromised student or parent information.” The amendment was adopted in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 420-5. [H.R. 5, [Vote #154](#), 3/24/23; CQ, [3/24/23](#)]

Education Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ D'Esposito continuously voiced his opposition to the student loan debt forgiveness plan that freed up \$1.9 billion for New Yorkers through discharged debt.
 - ✓ D'Esposito said Republicans were “holding the line” against Biden’s student debt cancellation.
 - ✓ D'Esposito took multiple votes against the student loan debt forgiveness, voting to disapprove of the plan to forgive up to \$20,000 of a student loan.
 - ✓ D'Esposito voted for the Limit, Save, Grow, Act, which repealed student loan debt forgiveness provisions from the Inflation Reduction Act.
 - ✓ D'Esposito publicly expressed support for the act, stating it would save taxpayer dollars by “prohibit[ing] [Biden’s] wealthy student loan giveaway,”
 - ✓ Biden’s student loan forgiveness program helped New Yorkers reduce student loan debt by \$1.9 billion.
- ✓ D'Esposito co-sponsored and advocated for the Parents Bill of Rights Act, “which w[ould] almost certainly be used by Republicans to fuel attacks against Democrats on education.”
 - ✓ D'Esposito co-sponsored the Parents Bill of Rights Act.
 - ✓ D'Esposito said he was “proud to have co-sponsored” the Parents Bill of Rights Act, calling it a “crucial piece of legislation.”
 - ✓ D'Esposito said that the act would “ensure parents have an all-important seat at the table as their child moves through the education system.”
 - ✓ The bill would require public schools to provide parents with class curriculum reading materials.
 - ✓ The bill would require schools to obtain parental consent to change a child’s gender markers, pronouns, or preferred name, and to allow a child to change locker rooms or bathrooms.
 - ✓ The Hill: “The House vote on the measure will almost certainly be used by Republicans to fuel attacks against Democrats on education.”
- ✓ D'Esposito criticized multiple university presidents and universities for their comments on antisemitism on college campuses, calling for investigations and resignations.

- ✓ D'Esposito signed a letter urging the Department of Education to address the backlog on investigations for antisemitic incidents on college campuses.
- ✓ D'Esposito criticized Harvard president Claudine Gay and UPenn president Liz Magill for their comments at a congressional hearing on antisemitism and encouraged the university presidents' resignations.
- ✓ D'Esposito called a City University of New York student's graduation speech "blatant antisemitism" and called for a "full blown investigation" into the matter.
- ✓ D'Esposito opposed an order that called on local public-school districts to ensure that the education received by private school students was equivalent to public schools.
 - ✓ The New York State Education Department ordered local public-school districts "to ensure that the education received by private school students is equivalent to the education received in public schools."
 - ✓ D'Esposito claimed the measure would be "detrimental to private school[s]" and would put them under the Hempstead School District, which was "plagued with trouble" according to him.

Student Loans

D'Esposito Continuously Voiced His Opposition To The Student Loan Debt Forgiveness Plan That Freed Up \$1.9 Billion For New Yorkers Through Discharged Debt

D'Esposito Said Republicans Were "Holding The Line" Against Biden's Student Debt Cancellation

D'Esposito Said Republicans Were "Holding The Line" Against Biden's Student Debt Cancellation And Republicans Were "Going To Make Sure That We're Cutting Spending." CASONE: "I want to bring in Congressman Anthony D'Esposito. He's a member of the Homeland Security Administration and Transportation Infrastructure Committees. Congressman, I'm not sure how much of our discussion you've heard, what we're talking about the landmark decisions coming from the Supreme Court last week, your reaction." REP. ANTHONY D'ESPOSITO (R-NY): "Yes, listen, and when it comes to the student debt, it was institution that was the right one. We have, we all agreed that Joe Biden did a tour. I think, my friend Joe Pinion eloquently referenced it as a Santa Claus tour when he went out there and wanted to distribute funds to everyone. He's called a canceling debt. In fact, it was \$20,000 for those making less than 125 or 250 for married couples. It would have cost this country 315 billion with a big and now Joe Biden is trying to pass it through as part of an order, which is going to be in violation of our Fiscal Responsibility Act. So, I think we're going to keep holding the line, we're going to make sure that we're cutting spending, and we're going to do what we told the people that sent this to Congress to do." [Fox Business Network via CQ, [7/3/23](#)]

D'Esposito Took Multiple Votes Against The Student Loan Debt Forgiveness, Voting To Disapprove Of The Plan To Forgive Up To \$20,000 Of A Student Loan

D'Esposito Voted For Veto Override Disapproving Of The Student Loan Forgiveness Rule. In June 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Passage, over President Biden's June 7, 2023, veto of the joint resolution that would provide for congressional disapproval of an October 2022 Education Department rule that allows for loan forgiveness of up to \$10,000 in loan debt for federal student loan borrowers and another \$10,000 for such borrowers who also received a Pell Grant. The rule limits eligibility for such loan forgiveness to borrowers with a maximum adjusted gross income of \$125,000, or \$250,000 for joint filers. The rule also extended, through the end of 2022, the suspension of student loan payments, the cessation of interest accrual and the suspension of involuntary loan collections. It allowed suspended loan payments during that period to count towards loan forgiveness or loan

rehabilitation programs. The rule took effect on Oct. 12, 2022, but its loan forgiveness provisions have not been implemented pending legal challenges. Under the provisions of the joint resolution, the Education Department rule would have no force or effect, canceling the loan forgiveness program and reinstating loan payments and interest accrual that were suspended under the rule.” The bill passed 221 to 206. [HR.J.Res 45, [Vote #277](#), 6/21/23; CQ, [6/21/23](#)]





D’Esposito Voted For A Joint Resolution To Disapprove Of Student Loan Forgiveness Of Up To \$20,000. In May 2023, D’Esposito voted for: “Passage of the joint resolution that would provide for congressional disapproval of an October 2022 Education Department rule that allows for loan forgiveness of up to \$10,000 in loan debt for federal student loan borrowers and another \$10,000 for such borrowers who also received a Pell Grant. The rule limits eligibility for such loan forgiveness to borrowers with a maximum adjusted gross income of \$125,000, or \$250,000 for joint filers. The rule also extended, through the end of 2022, the suspension of student loan payments, the cessation of interest accrual and the suspension of involuntary loan collections. It allowed suspended loan payments during that period to count towards loan forgiveness or loan rehabilitation programs. The rule took effect on Oct. 12, 2022, but its loan forgiveness provisions have not been implemented pending legal challenges. Under the provisions of the joint resolution, the Education Department rule would have no force or effect, canceling the loan forgiveness program and reinstating loan payments and interest accrual that was suspended under the rule.” The joint resolution passed by a vote of 218-203. [H.J.Res. 45, [Vote #234](#), 5/24/23; CQ, [5/24/23](#)]

D’Esposito Voted For The Limit, Save Grow, Act Which Repealed Student Loan Debt Forgiveness Provisions From The Inflation Reduction Act

D’Esposito Voted For The Limit, Save, Grow Act To Suspend The Debt Limit Through March 2024 Or Until \$1.5 Trillion Has Been Reached And Capping Federal Spending For FY 2024 At 2022 Levels With A Capped 1% Per Year Growth. In April 2023, D’Esposito voted for: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would suspend the statutory limit on federal debt through March 31, 2024, or until an additional \$1.5 trillion has been borrowed — whichever occurs first. It would also include a range of provisions to limit federal spending, as well as the text of a previously passed energy and permitting policy package. The bill would set base discretionary spending limits through fiscal 2033, capping spending for fiscal 2024 at the fiscal 2022 level of \$1.47 trillion — a reduction from current spending levels — and raising the cap by 1 percent annually through fiscal 2033. It would also include similar annual cap adjustments for specified programs, including for wildfire suppression, disability reviews and redeterminations, health care fraud and abuse control, and disaster reemployment services and eligibility assessments. The bill would rescind unobligated amounts from various funds provided by the fiscal 2022 reconciliation package (PL 117-169) for COVID-19 relief, IRS enforcement, and certain climate- and infrastructure-focused initiatives, as well as all unobligated funding from the March 2021 coronavirus relief reconciliation package (PL 117-2) and earlier coronavirus response laws. The bill would expand or establish work requirements for Medicaid beneficiaries aged 19 to 55 and raise from 49 to 55 the oldest age at which existing work requirements would apply for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program beneficiaries. It would also modify various work standards for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program, including to update the baseline for calculating certain state workforce participation standards and require states to collect certain data related to work outcomes for TANF participants. To limit regulatory spending, the bill would nullify pending executive actions suspending student loan payments and prohibit the Education Department from implementing any substantially similar actions without congressional approval. It would also establish a process to require congressional approval of all “major” federal rules that would have an annual impact of at least \$100 million, cause a major increase in prices, or cause significant adverse effects to economic competitiveness. Among energy- and climate-focused provisions, the bill would repeal, phase out or narrow a variety of climate-focused tax credits under the fiscal 2022 reconciliation package, including repealing new credits for solar and wind projects, sustainable aviation fuel and clean fuel production. It would also include the full text of the House-passed energy and permitting package (HR 1) that would require a number of actions to boost the domestic production of fossil fuels and certain critical minerals and accelerate the construction of natural gas pipelines and other energy infrastructure, while reversing or repealing certain presidential actions taken and laws enacted during the Biden administration related to energy policy and climate change.” The bill passed by a vote of 217-215. [H.R. 2811, [Vote #199](#), 4/26/23; CQ, [4/26/23](#)]

The Debt Limit Bill Rolled Back Student Loan Debt Forgiveness Provisions From The Inflation Reduction Act. “The House on Wednesday passed a bill that would raise the debt ceiling and slash trillions of dollars in government spending, delivering House Speaker Kevin McCarthy a victory in his efforts to pressure the White House to begin negotiations ahead of a fast-approaching deadline to avoid a default. [...] The bill rolls back some of the president's signature policies, including his plan to forgive up to \$20,000 in student loan debt — two challenges to the debt relief program are pending before the Supreme Court — and climate provisions enacted through the Inflation Reduction Act, Democrats' signature health care, tax and climate package.” [CBS News, [4/26/23](#)]

D'Esposito Publicly Expressed Support For The Act, Stating It Would Save Taxpayer Dollars By “Prohibit[ing] [Biden’s] Wealthy Student Loan Giveaway”

D'Esposito Claimed The Limit, Save Grow Act Would Taxpayer Dollars By “Prohibit[ing] [Biden’s] Wealthy Student Loan Giveaway.” In a twitter thread D’Esposito tweeted “.@SpeakerMcCarthy & @HouseGOP's Limit, Save, Grow Act of 2023 will  Limit Federal Spending  Save Taxpayer Dollars  Grow the Economy” [...] “ Save Taxpayer \$\$ Reclaim Unspent COVID Funds- SAVINGS: ~ \$50-60 billion. Defund @POTUS 's IRS Army- SAVINGS: ~ \$71 billion Repeal ‘Green New Deal’ Tax Credits- SAVINGS: ~ \$271 billion - \$1.2 trillion. Prohibit @POTUS 's Wealthy Student Loan Giveaway- SAVINGS: ~ \$465 billion.” [Rep. D’Esposito, Twitter, (1/5) [4/24/23](#), (3/5) [4/24/23](#)]



[Rep. D’Esposito, Twitter, [4/24/23](#)]

Biden’s Student Loan Forgiveness Program Helped New Yorkers Reduce Student Loan Debt By \$1.9 Billion

Department Of Education: In New York, 42,070 Borrowers Were Approved For New Income-Driven Repayment Plans, Forgiving \$1.9 Billion In Total Debt For New Yorkers

HEADLINE: Biden-Harris Administration Releases State-By-State Data On \$39 Billion In Loan Forgiveness For 804,000 Borrowers As A Result Of Fixes To Income-Driven Repayment Plans. [Department of Education, Press Release, [7/18/23](#)]

July 2023: Department Of Education Released State-By-State Data On The Amount Of Debt Discharged Under Fixes To Income-Driven-Repayment Plans. “The U.S. Department of Education (Department) today released state-by-state data on the number of borrowers who are eligible for automatic loan relief under fixes to Income-Driven Repayment (IDR) plans implemented by the Biden-Harris Administration to ensure all borrowers have an accurate count of the number of monthly payments that qualify toward forgiveness. On Friday, the Department started notifying 804,000 borrowers who have a total of \$39 billion in Federal student loans that will be automatically discharged in the coming weeks. Today’s data show how many borrowers and the total amount that is eligible for relief in each state and territory as a result of this action. Since the beginning of the Biden-Harris Administration, the Department has approved more than \$116 billion in student loan forgiveness for more than 3.4 million borrowers.” [Department of Education, Press Release, [7/18/23](#)]

- **Department Of Education: New York Had The 5th Highest Amount Of Debt Relief Under The Plan, Having 42,070 Borrowers Receive A Total Discharged Debt Of \$1.924 Billion.**

Student Debt Loan Forgiveness Through Fixes To The Income-Driven-Repayment Program		
State	Borrower Count	Debt Eligible For Discharge
Texas	63,720	\$3,091,800,000
Florida	56,930	\$3,056,800,000
California	61,890	\$2,958,800,000
Georgia	38,590	\$2,130,400,000
New York	42,070	\$1,924,100,000

[Department of Education, Press Release, [7/18/23](#)]

Parents' Bill Of Rights

D'Esposito Co-Sponsored And Advocated For The Parents Bill Of Rights Act “Which W[ould] Almost Certainly Be Used By Republicans To Fuel Attacks Against Democrats On Education”

D'Esposito Co-Sponsored The Parents Bill Of Rights Act

March 3, 2023: D'Esposito Co-sponsored H.R.5, The Parents Bill Of Rights Act. On March 3, 2023, D'Esposito co-sponsored the Parents Bill of Rights Act, which was sponsored by Rep. Julia Letlow (R-LA). [Congress.gov, H.R.5, Co-sponsored [3/3/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Signed On As A Co-Sponsor Two Days After The Original Bill Was Introduced.** The Parents Bill of Rights Act was introduced on March 1, 2023, and D'Esposito co-sponsored the bill on March 3, 2023. [Congress.gov, H.R.5, introduced [3/1/23](#), Co-sponsored [3/3/23](#)]

D'Esposito Said He Was “Proud To Have Co-Sponsored” The Parents Bill Of Rights Act, Calling It A “Crucial Piece Of Legislation”

D'Esposito On The Parents Bill Of Rights Act: “I Am Proud To Have Co-Sponsored This Crucial Piece Of Legislation.” “. @HouseGOP PASSED H.R. 5, the Parents Bill of Rights Act. I am proud to have co-sponsored this crucial piece of legislation that ensures parents have a seat at the table when it comes to their child's education. That's our #CommitmentToAmerica.” [Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, [3/24/23](#)]



[Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, [3/24/23](#)]

D'Esposito Said The Parents Bill Of Rights Act Showed That Republicans Were “Committed To Ensuring Parents’ Voices Are Respected In The School System.” “. @HouseGOP is committed to ensuring parents’ voices are respected in the school system — that’s why we are introducing the Parents Bill of Rights Act. I’m proud to co-sponsor this legislation.” [Rep. Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, [3/23/23](#)]



[Rep. Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, [3/23/23](#)]

D'Esposito: Every Parent In America Deserves To Have A Say In Their Child's Education. “. @HouseGOP has kept our promise to the American people and delivered on our #CommitmentToAmerica. Earlier this year, we passed the Parents Bill of Rights: every parent in America deserves to have a say in their child's education.” [Rep. D'Esposito, Twitter, [9/28/23](#)]



[Rep. D'Esposito, Twitter, [9/28/23](#)]

D'Esposito Said The Parents' Bill Of Rights Would “Ensure Parents Have An All-Important Seat At The Table As Their Child Moves Through The Education System”

D'Esposito On The Parents' Bill Of Rights Act: “It Is Vital That Parents And Guardians Serve As Partners With Educators In Their Child's Education.” “Congressman Anthony D'Esposito (NY-04) is co-sponsoring the Parents Bill of Rights Act - key legislation that ensures parents always have a seat at the table and a voice in their child's education. The Parents Bill of Rights Act is structured around a set of common-sense principles: * Parents have the right to know what their children are being taught. * Parents have the right to be heard. * Parents have the right to see the school budget and spending. * Parents have the right to protect their child's privacy. * Parents have the right to keep their children safe. ‘It is vital that parents and guardians serve as partners with educators in their child's education,’ said D'Esposito. ‘The Parents Bill of Rights Act will ensure parents have an all-important seat at the table as their child moves through the education system.’” [Rep. D'Esposito, Press Release, [3/23/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Said The Parents' Bill Of Rights Would “Ensure Parents Have An All-Important Seat At The Table As Their Child Moves Through The Education System.”** “Congressman Anthony D'Esposito (NY-04) is co-sponsoring the Parents Bill of Rights Act - key legislation that ensures parents always have a seat at the table and a voice in their child's education. The Parents Bill of Rights Act is structured around a set of common-sense principles: * Parents have the right to know what their children are being taught. * Parents have the right to be heard. * Parents have the right to see the school budget and spending. * Parents have the right to protect their child's privacy. * Parents have the right to keep their children safe. ‘It is vital that parents and guardians serve as partners with educators in their child's education,’ said D'Esposito. ‘The Parents Bill of Rights Act will ensure parents have an all-important seat at the table as their child moves through the education system.’” [Rep. D'Esposito, Press Release, [3/23/23](#)]

The Parents Bill Of Rights Act Would Require Public Schools To Provide Parents With Class Curriculum Reading Materials

The Parents Bill Of Rights Required Public Schools To Provide Parents With Class Curriculums And A List Of Books Available In School Libraries. “Among other things, H.R. 5, also known as the “Parents Bill of Rights Act,” would amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to require schools to provide parents with a list of books and reading materials available in the school library as well as posting curriculum publicly.” [CNN, [3/2/23](#)]

Parents’ Bill Of Rights Would Require Schools To Obtain Parental Consent To Change A Child’s Gender Markers, Pronouns, Or Preferred Name, And To Allow A Child To Change Locker Rooms Or Bathrooms

The Parents Bill Of Rights Act Required Elementary And Middle Schools To Get Parental Consent To Change A Child’s Gender Markers, Pronouns, Or Preferred Name, And To Allow A Child To Change Locker Rooms Or Bathrooms. “As a condition of receiving Federal funds, any elementary school (as such term is defined in section 8101 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 25 U.S.C. 7801)) or school that consists of only middle grades (as such term is defined in such section), that receives Federal funds shall be required to obtain parental consent before – (1) changing a minor child’s gender markers, pronouns, or preferred name on any school form; or (2) allowing a child to change the child’s sex7 based accommodations, including locker rooms or bathroom.” [H.R.5, Introduced [3/1/23](#)]

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Antisemitism On College Campuses

D’Esposito Criticized Multiple University Presidents And Universities For Their Comments On Antisemitism On College Campuses, Calling For Investigations And Resignations

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The Bill Prohibited All Colleges Participating In Federal Student Aid Programs From Supporting Any Events Promoting Anti-Semitism. “This bill prohibits an institution of higher education (IHE) that participates in federal student aid programs from authorizing, facilitating, providing funding for, or otherwise supporting any event that promotes anti-Semitism on the IHE's campus.” [H.R.3773, Summary, introduced [5/31/23](#)]

D’Esposito Signed A Letter Urging The Department Of Education To Address The Backlog On Investigations For Antisemitic Incidents On College Campuses

D’Esposito Joined A Bipartisan Delegation On A Letter To Secretary Cardona On Addressing The Backlog Of Investigations For Antisemitic Incidents On College Campuses. “Antisemitism incidents on college and

university campuses continue to rise, & there is an investigation backlog that needs to be addressed. I joined over 80 Members from both sides of the aisle in urging @SecCardona for information on how @usedgov plans to address this backlog.” [Rep. Anthony D’Esposito, Twitter, [8/22/23](#)]



D’Esposito Criticized Harvard President Claudine Gay And UPenn President Liz Magill For Their Comments At A Congressional Hearing On Antisemitism And Encouraged The University Presidents’ Resignations

December 2023: Presidents Of Harvard, UPenn And MIT Were Condemned By Congress And The White House For Failing To State That Calling For The Genocide Of Jews Violated The Code Of Conduct

HEADLINE: US House Calls On MIT, Harvard Presidents To Resign Over Campus Antisemitism. [Times of Israel, [12/15/23](#)]

12/5/23: The Presidents Of Harvard, University Of Pennsylvania (UPenn) And MIT Were Questioned At A Congressional Hearing On The Topic Of Antisemitism. “Over five hours at a congressional hearing, lawmakers pressed the presidents of Harvard, the University of Pennsylvania and MIT on the topic of antisemitism. In some instances, they were unable to say whether calls for the genocide of Jews would violate their schools’ conduct policies. The backlash started almost immediately. Penn’s leader stepped down within days. Harvard’s president was on the hot seat for nearly a week before a university governing board announced Tuesday she would stay on the job. [...] Republicans and Democrats alike criticized responses the presidents gave at the Dec. 5 hearing of a U.S. House committee on antisemitism on college campuses. In particular, the uproar centered on a line of questioning from Rep. Elise Stefanik, R-N.Y., who repeatedly asked how each university’s code of conduct would handle calls for the genocide of Jews.” [AP, [12/12/23](#)]

- **The Presidents Were Criticized For Their Inability To State That Calling For The Genocide Of Jews Violated Their Schools’ Code Of Conduct.** “The White House condemned the presidents of three top universities Wednesday after they appeared to sidestep questions at a congressional hearing about whether students’ calling for the genocide of Jews violates their schools’ codes of conduct. ‘It’s unbelievable that this needs to be said: calls for genocide are monstrous and antithetical to everything we represent as a country. Any statements that advocate for the systematic murder of Jews are dangerous and revolting — and we should all stand firmly against them, on the side of human dignity and the most basic values that unite us as Americans,’

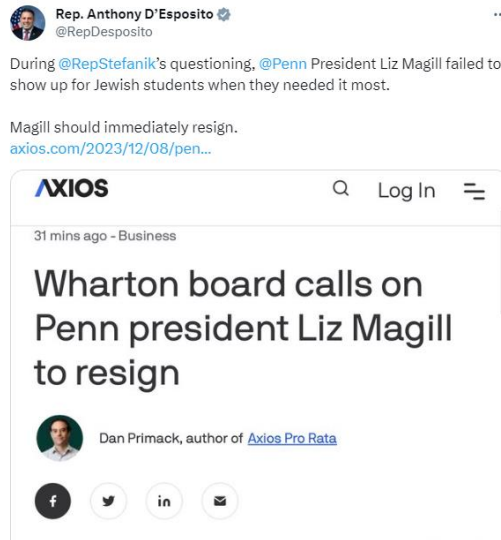
White House spokesperson Andrew Bates said in a statement Wednesday.” [NBC, [12/6/23](#)]

The U.S. House Of Representatives Called Upon The Presidents Of Harvard And MIT To Resign Due To Their Statements In A 303-126 Vote. “The US House of Representatives called on the presidents of Harvard University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology to resign after they declined to say clearly in a congressional hearing that their schools would take action against those calling for the genocide of Jews. The vote Wednesday night was 303-126, with three voting ‘present.’ All but one of the votes against the resolution were by Democrats, including seven of the caucus’s 24 Jewish Democrats. The three voting ‘present’ were likewise Democrats, and the one Republican voting against was Thomas Massie of Kentucky.” [Times of Israel, [12/15/23](#)]

- **D’Esposito Voted In Favor Of The Resolution.** On December 13th, 2023, Anthony D’Esposito voted for: “A resolution condemning antisemitism on University campuses and the testimony of University Presidents in the House Committee on Education and the Workforce.” [H.Res. 927, [Vote #721](#), 12/13/23; CQ, [12/18/23](#)]

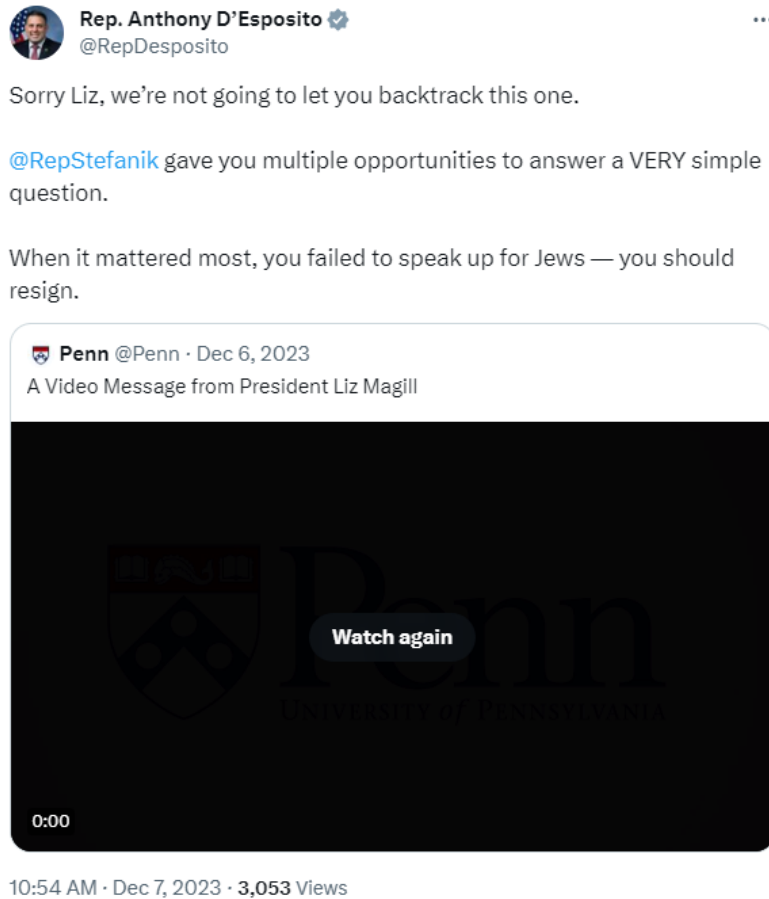
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D’Esposito Accused Magill Of Backtracking After She Posted A Video Message Clarifying Her Stance. On December 6th, 2023, The University of Pennsylvania tweeted a video message from President Liz Magill in which she explained her stance on antisemitism in college campuses. D’Esposito quote tweeted the video, writing “Sorry Liz, we’re not going to let you backtrack this one. @RepStefanik gave you multiple opportunities to answer a VERY simple question. When it mattered most, you failed to speak up for Jews — you should resign.” [Rep. Anthony D’Esposito, Twitter, [12/7/23](#)]



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2023: City University Of New York Student Fatima Mohammed Gave A Graduation Speech In Which She Criticized Accused Israel Of "Carrying Out 'Indiscriminate' Murder." "I would not change a single word of my speech — and I would say it louder," Fatima Mohammed said Tuesday. [...] During her address, Mohammed called for a 'revolution' to confront what she deemed the legal system's 'white supremacy.' She launched scathing attacks on city police, the US military and accused Israel of carrying out 'indiscriminate' murder. Mohammed claimed that the school continues 'to train Israeli soldiers to carry out that violence globally.'" [Jerusalem Post, [6/23/23](#)]

D'Esposito Called The Speech "Blatant Antisemitism" And Said "There Must Be A Full Blown Investigation" Into University Policy Which Allowed This Speech To Take Place. "Beyond despicable that blatant antisemitism has been allowed to take hold at a taxpayer funded university here in New York. There must be a full blown investigation into @CUNY practices that permit such hatred to be willingly spread in our public college system." [Rep. Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, [5/29/23](#)]



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Public-Private School Parity

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Chinese Influence

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August 2023: D'Esposito Signed Onto A Letter Asking Hochul To Investigate Chinese Communist Party (CCP) Influence On 12 New York K-12 School Systems That Reportedly Received CCP Funding. "Members of Congress from New York are demanding answers from the state's Democrat governor, Kathy Hochul, following a report released by Parents Defending Education (PDE) which documents the Chinese Communist Party's (CCP) influence and the millions of dollars of funding flowing into America's K-12 classrooms. 'Unfortunately, this investigation discovered 12 school systems in our own state have received money from the CCP,' the letter reads. 'This includes the New York City Department of Education, which received \$375,575.00 in CCP-connected funding. Considering China's adversarial relationship with the United States, this is deeply problematic and presents a national security concern for our constituents and state.' [...] New York Republicans, led by Rep. Brandon Williams, Rep. Elise Stefanik, Rep. Nicole Malliotakis, Rep. Claudia Tenney, Rep. Mike Lawler, Rep. Marc Molinaro and Rep. Anthony D'Esposito, sent a letter to Hochul today asking for answers on the 12 New York School systems, including the New York Department of Education, that receive funding from the CCP." [Fox News, [8/21/23](#)]

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Election Law & Campaign Finance Issues

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HEADLINE: The Many Problems With The GOP-Backed Voting Bill. [Brennan Center for Justice, ACE Act, [7/13/23](#)]

The Brennan Center For Justice On The ACE Act: “The Bill Would Further Erode Voting Access.” “This week, House Republicans reintroduced a bill dubbed the American Confidence in Elections (ACE) Act. It was first introduced in 2022 as a purported alternative to the landmark, pro-voter Freedom to Vote: John R. Lewis Act, which came very close to becoming law last Congress. [...] Unfortunately, the bill that was just introduced does not address these challenges. Instead, as the Brennan Center’s Wendy Weiser recently testified, the bill would further erode voting access and take other steps to undercut impartial election administration, especially in the District of Columbia. This is especially concerning on the heels of the 10 year anniversary of *Shelby County v. Holder* and in light of the record-breaking numbers of state restrictive voting and election interference laws enacted that are eroding voting rights and access on a national scale. The bill would also open the door even wider for undisclosed big money spending in federal elections and make other harmful campaign finance changes.” [Brennan Center for Justice, ACE Act, [7/13/23](#)]

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Executive Election Agencies

D'Esposito Characterized The FEC As “Dysfunctional And Chaotic”

D'Esposito Said He Would Agree With The Narrative That The Federal Election Commission (FEC) Was “Dysfunctional” And “Chaotic.” D'ESPOSITO: “Ok. My next questions are for Mr. Cooksey. There has been a narrative for the last several years that the FEC doesn't do its job, it's dysfunctional, it's chaotic. Do you agree with this narrative or do you think the agency actually operates pretty well?” COOKSEY: “I absolutely don't agree with that narrative. I think the agency, despite our bipartisan structure actually gets a lot done.” D'ESPOSITO: “I would agree.” [House Administration Committee via CQ, Hearing, uploaded [9/20/23](#)]

D'Esposito Sponsored The Positioning The Election Assistance Commission For The Future Act. [H.R.4479, Summary, introduced [7/6/23](#)]

- **The Act Sought To The Help America Vote Act Of 2002 And Improved The Administration And Operation Of The Election Assistance Commission.** “To amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to improve the administration and operation of the Election Assistance Commission, and for other purposes.” [H.R.4479, Text, introduced [7/6/23](#)]

2024 Election Certification

D'Esposito Committed To Certifying The 2024 Election Results

January 2024: D'Esposito Committed To Certifying 2024 Election Results And Said He And His Colleagues On The House Administration Committee “Will Continue Engaging In Vigorous Oversight During The 2024 Election Cycle.” “Some lawmakers, who mostly represent crucial swing districts, committed to certifying the 2024 election results no matter the result. ‘Yes,’ said Rep. Anthony D'Esposito, R-N.Y. ‘My colleagues and I on the House Administration Committee regularly monitor election processes across the nation, and I am confident the committee will continue engaging in vigorous oversight during the 2024 election cycle.’” [USA Today, [1/5/24](#)]

Energy And Environment Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ D'Esposito claimed the U.S. had lost its previous energy independence and said he would work to re-establish energy independence.
- ✓ D'Esposito's federal campaign committee received almost \$50,000 from the oil and gas industry.
- ✓ D'Esposito took multiple votes to repeal provisions related to climate change and renewable energy, including those that promoted jobs.
 - ✓ D'Esposito voted for several amendments to the environmental appropriations bill that prohibited funds from being used for climate change and renewable energy related initiatives.
 - ✓ D'Esposito voted for an amendment to stop the Military Construction-VA Appropriations Bill from promoting jobs in clean energy industries.
 - ✓ D'Esposito voted for amendments to prohibit the Energy Department Appropriations Bills' funds from being used for the department's energy efficiency and renewable energy programs.
- ✓ D'Esposito voted against an amendment to the Strategic Production Response Act that would prohibit leasing by oil and gas price gougers.
- ✓ D'Esposito voted for the Lower Energy Costs Act, a bill that increased costs of energy efficiency upgrades and weakened renewable energy provisions.
 - ✓ The bill would double the cost of energy efficiency upgrades according to the White House.
 - ✓ The bill eliminated programs that helped families reduce energy bills and weakened the National Environmental Policy Act.
- ✓ D'Esposito repeatedly criticized New York State for implementing initiatives related to renewable energy.
- ✓ D'Esposito criticized Homeland Secretary Mayorkas for "combating climate change" instead of focusing on the border.
- ✓ D'Esposito voted against several amendments that would allow oil reserve drawdowns to combat increased consumer costs, matters of national security, and protect the environment.
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 - ✓ D'Esposito signed a letter calling on Governor Hochul to abandon her energy policies and protect natural gas as an energy source.
- ✓ D'Esposito voted to consider striking \$1 billion in funding for renewable energy from the Water Development Appropriations Bill.

- ✓ D'Esposito vehemently opposed Equinor's Empire Wind 2 project, saying it was being pushed through by Governor Hochul and calling for its cancellation.
 - ✓ March 2023: D'Esposito expressed concern regarding Equinor's newly proposed Empire Wind 2 project.
 - ✓ June-November 2023: D'Esposito repeatedly criticized Equinor's proposed project, calling it a part of a "far-left progressive agenda" and said Governor Hochul was trying to ram the project through.
 - ✓ January 2024: Equinor cancelled its Empire Wind 2 project, which D'Esposito called "welcome news."
- ✓ D'Esposito voted for an amendment to the NDAA that prohibited the Defense Department from implementing Biden climate change executive orders.

Energy Independence

D'Esposito Said The U.S. Had Lost Its Previous Energy Independence And Said He Would Work To Re-Establish Energy Independence

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D'Esposito Said He “Proudly Supported” A Bill To Stop Export Of Crude Oil From Strategic Petroleum Reserves To China, Saying That Previous Sales “Threatened USA’s Security.” “Proudly supported @HouseGOP bill that prohibits the sale & export of crude oil from Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR) to #China. Previous sales of SPR oil to CN threatened USA’s security. We can’t allow us energy to fall into the hands of our adversary.” [Rep. D'Esposito, Twitter, [1/15/23](#)]



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Climate Change

D'Esposito's Federal Campaign Committee Received Almost \$50,000 From The Oil And Gas Industry

2023-2024: D'Esposito Received \$49,811 From The Oil And Gas Industry. According to OpenSecrets, FEC Campaign Committees related to Anthony D'Esposito (which included his principal campaign committee, D'Esposito for New York, and his leadership PAC, Empire Strike PAC) received \$49,811 from individuals and PACs in the Oil & Gas Industry. [OpenSecrets, accessed [5/3/24](#)]

D'Esposito Took Multiple Votes To Repeal Provisions Related To Climate Change And Renewable Energy, Including Those That Promoted Jobs

D'Esposito Voted For Several Amendments To The Environmental Appropriations Bill Which Prohibited Funds From Being Used For Renewable Energy Related Initiatives

D'Esposito Voted For Passing FY 2024 Interior And Environment Appropriations With Republican Riders.

In November 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Passage of the bill, as amended, that would provide \$37.7 billion in discretionary spending, including \$25.4 billion subject to the measure's discretionary cap and \$9.4 billion offset by rescissions. It would provide \$14.6 billion for the Interior Department, including \$3 billion for the National Park Service; \$1.5 billion for the Fish and Wildlife Service; \$1.3 billion for the U.S. Geological Survey; and \$1.3 billion for the Bureau of Land Management. It would provide approximately \$11.2 billion for Native American programs in fiscal 2024, including \$2.6 billion for the Bureau of Indian Affairs, \$1.4 billion for the Bureau of Indian Education and \$7.1 billion for the Health and Human Services Department's Indian Health Service (an IHS total that includes \$5.1 billion in advance appropriations enacted in the fiscal 2023 spending measure). The bill would provide an additional \$5.9 billion in fiscal 2025 advance appropriations for IHS. The bill would provide \$6.2 billion for the EPA, which includes \$2.4 billion for environmental programs and management and \$561 million for science and technology. It would provide \$8 billion for the Forest Service, including \$4.4 billion for wildfire management and response. Between the Forest Service and Interior Department, it would provide \$619 million for wildfire preparedness and \$1.4 billion for fire suppression activities. The bill would also provide \$960 million for the Smithsonian Institution; \$178 million for the National Gallery of Art; and \$373 million combined for the National Endowment for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Humanities. Among its policy provisions, it would prohibit the use of funds to promote "critical race theory"; block a January 2023 EPA and Army Corps of Engineers rule on the definition of "Waters of the United States"; prohibit the EPA from issuing a waiver to allow California to issue its own emissions standards for small off-road vehicle engines; require the Interior Department to conduct quarterly onshore oil and gas lease sales; and prohibit the use of funds to implement certain regulations under the Endangered Species Act, including protections for the lesser prairie-chicken and the northern long-eared bat. It would rescind \$9.4 billion in funding for the EPA, Interior Department and Council on Environmental Quality provided under the fiscal 2022 budget reconciliation bill (PL 117-169), including \$7.8 billion for renewable energy projects and \$1.4 billion for environmental and climate justice projects. As amended, the bill would bar the use of funds provided by the bill for the American Climate Corps; prohibit the use of funds provided by the bill to enforce any COVID-19 mask mandates; bar the use of funds provided by the bill to implement, administer, apply, enforce or carry out any plastic straw prohibitions; prohibit the use of funds provided by the bill for the cancellation or suspension of oil and gas leases in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge or the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska; and prohibit the use of funds provided by the bill to reduce the number of oil and gas leases issued by the Interior Department, among other provisions." The bill passed by a vote of 213-203. [H.R. 4821, [Vote #597](#), 11/3/23; CQ, [11/3/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Voted For Prohibiting Using Funds For Oil And Gas Royalty Enforcements From The Inflation Reduction Act.** In November 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Ogles, R-Tenn., amendment no. 120 that would prohibit the use of funds provided by the bill to implement, administer or enforce a section of the Inflation Reduction Act (PL 117-169) related to increasing onshore oil and gas royalty rates, minimum bid requirements and rental fees." The amendment was adopted by a vote of 213-204. [H.R. 4821, [Vote #593](#), 11/3/23; CQ, [11/3/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For Defunding The EPA's Clean School Bus Program.** In November 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Nehls, R-Texas, amendment no. 107 that would prohibit the use of funds provided by the bill for the EPA's Clean School Bus Program." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 196-222. [H.R. 4821, [Vote #587](#), 11/2/23; CQ, [11/2/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For Defunding Executive Orders Promoting The Use Of Clean Energy And Environmental Justice.** In November 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "McCormick, R-Ga., amendment no. 102 that would prohibit the use of funds provided by the bill to implement Executive Order 14037, related to strengthening American leadership in clean cars and trucks; EO 14057, related to catalyzing clean energy industries and jobs through federal sustainability; and EO 14096, relating to revitalizing U.S. commitment to

environmental justice for all.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 217-202. [H.R. 4821, [Vote #585](#), 11/2/23; CQ, [11/2/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Stop The Military Construction-VA Appropriations Bill From Promoting Jobs In Clean Energy Industries

D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To The Military Construction-VA Appropriations Bill To Ban Funds From The Bill From Being Used To Promote Clean Energy Industries And Jobs. In July 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Zinke, R-Mont., amendment no. 41 that would bar the use of funds provided by the bill to implement the December 2021 Biden administration executive order regarding the promotion of clean energy industries and jobs.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 222-212. [H.R. 4366, [Vote #378](#), 7/26/23; CQ, [7/26/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For Amendments To Prohibit The Energy Department Appropriations Bills' Funds From Being Used For The Department's Energy Efficiency And Renewable Energy Programs

D'Esposito Voted For FY 2024 Appropriations For The Energy Department, Including Republican Riders. In October 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would provide \$60 billion in fiscal 2024 funding for the Energy Department, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Bureau of Reclamation and independent federal agencies. It would provide \$49 billion for the Energy Department, \$24 billion for the National Nuclear Security Administration, and \$2.8 billion for the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund. Within NNSA funding, it would provide \$19.1 billion appropriated for weapons activities, \$1.9 billion for naval reactors and \$2.4 billion for defense nuclear nonproliferation. The bill would provide \$2 billion for the Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Office. It would redirect \$3.6 billion in unobligated funds previously appropriated by the 2021 bipartisan infrastructure law for advanced nuclear reactor demonstration programs, including \$2.4 billion for advanced nuclear fuel and \$1.2 billion for small modular reactor research and development. The funding for each would be evenly distributed over the next three fiscal years. It would provide \$470 million for the Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy, \$281 million for the Strategic Petroleum Reserve and \$858 million for the Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management. The bill would provide \$9.6 billion for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. For programs within the Interior Department, the bill would provide \$1.9 billion, including \$1.7 billion for the Bureau of Reclamation and \$23 million for the Central Utah Project. It would also prohibit the use of funds provided by the bill to finalize an Energy Department rule proposed in February 2023, on energy conservation standards for gas ranges and ovens, or any rule that would directly or indirectly limit consumer access to gas kitchen ranges or ovens.” The bill passed by a vote of 210-199. [H.R. 4394, [Vote #558](#), 10/26/23; CQ, [10/26/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Eliminate All Bill Funding For Energy Department Energy Efficiency And Renewable Energy Programs.** In October 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Roy, R-Texas, amendment no.16 that would eliminate all funding in the bill for the DOE energy efficiency and renewable energy programs.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 137-287. [H.R. 4394, [Vote #533](#), 10/26/23; CQ, [10/26/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To The Strategic Production Response Act That Would Prohibit Leasing By Oil And Gas Price Gougers

D'Esposito Voted For The Strategic Production Response Act To Prohibit Oil Drawdowns From The Strategic Petroleum Reserve Until The Department Of Energy Develops A Plan To Expand Energy Leasing For Oil Equal To The Amount Drawn From The Reserve. In January 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would prohibit the Department of Energy, after the bill’s enactment, from executing a first drawdown of petroleum products from the U.S. Strategic Petroleum Reserve for sale, exchange or loan until the DOE first develops a plan — in consultation with the Agriculture, Interior and Defense departments — to increase the percentage of federal lands leased for oil and gas production by an amount equal to the percentage of petroleum in the Reserve that would be drawn down, up to a maximum of 15 percent. The bill would provide an exception to the planning requirement if the president determines a drawdown is required due to a severe energy supply

interruption, defined as an emergency situation reducing the supply of petroleum products and resulting in price increases that would have a major adverse impact on the national economy. Prior to passage, the House adopted 12 amendments to the bill. As amended, the bill would also apply the oil and gas leasing plan requirement retroactively to drawdowns initiated on Jan. 21, 2021, and afterward; require DOE to ensure that such plans would not result in the sale of drawn-down petroleum products to Iran, China, North Korea or Russia; and require DOE to submit such plans to Congress, among other provisions.” The bill passed by a vote of 221-205. [H.R. 21, [Vote #93](#), 1/27/23; CQ, [1/27/23](#)]

- **D’Esposito Voted Against An Amendment The Strategic Production Response Act To Prohibit Leasing By Contributors To Oil And Gas Price-Gouging.** In January 2023, D’Esposito voted against: “Bowman, D-N.Y., amendment no. 92 that would prohibit the oil and gas leasing plan required by the bill from authorizing the participation, including in any lease auction, of any corporation or entity that the Energy Department determines to have contributed to oil and gas price-gouging in 2022.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 201-229. [H.R. 21, [Vote #88](#), 1/27/23; CQ, [1/27/23](#)]

D’Esposito Voted For The Lower Energy Costs Act, A Bill That Increased Costs Of Energy Efficiency Upgrades And Weakened Renewable Energy Provisions

D’Esposito Voted For The Lower Energy Costs Act. In March 2023, D’Esposito voted for: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would require a number of actions to boost the domestic production of fossil fuels and critical minerals, accelerate the construction of natural gas pipelines and other energy infrastructure, and reverse or repeal certain recent policies related to energy and climate change. Among provisions to boost oil and gas leasing and production, the bill would require the Interior Department to resume quarterly oil and gas lease sales on federal lands; complete certain proposed sales on the Outer Continental Shelf; and implement at least two lease sales per year in each of the Gulf of Mexico and the Alaska regions of the Shelf. It would roll back increased fees and royalties for onshore and offshore oil and gas development and production established by the 2022 budget reconciliation package (PL 117-69). It would adjust revenue sharing requirements for onshore and offshore production to generally decrease federal shares and increase state shares, particularly for coastal states. It would also require annual geothermal lease sales; terminate a moratorium on new coal leasing; and provide for final approval of previously authorized coal leases. It would prohibit the president from declaring a moratorium on the use of hydraulic fracturing and from taking any action that would delay new leases, sales and drill permits for oil and gas, coal or mineral exploration. It would remove restrictions on the import and export of liquified natural gas and prohibit the Chinese Communist Party or a person acting on its behalf from acquiring any interest with respect to lands leased for oil or gas. Among provisions to streamline the permitting process under the National Environmental Policy Act, the bill would set deadlines for the completion of NEPA environmental reviews and adjust thresholds for levels of review; limit the scope of reviews to ‘reasonably foreseeable’ effects and codify 2020 regulations removing requirements to consider climate change impacts in the review process; and direct agencies to use previously completed reviews to satisfy NEPA requirements for substantially similar proposed actions. For oil and gas projects, it would limit the scope of environmental reviews to areas within or immediately adjacent to affected plots and prohibit the consideration of downstream, indirect effects of oil and gas consumption. To expedite certain energy production and infrastructure projects, it would establish procedures and a 120-day expedited deadline for federal agencies to review applications for cross-border oil and natural gas pipelines; and expand the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s role as the lead agency for natural gas pipeline permitting. To address critical mineral supply, the bill would require the Energy Department to conduct ongoing assessments of and develop strategies to strengthen domestic supply chains for critical energy resources, including through increased mining and processing and permit the EPA to temporarily waive certain pollution regulation requirements for processing and refining projects at critical energy resource facilities to address supply chain concerns. It would make coal and critical mineral mining projects eligible for certain expedited infrastructure permitting processes; provide for appointment of a lead agency to coordinate the permitting process for mineral exploration; and limit the withdrawal of federal lands and waters from mineral leasing. The bill would also repeal certain climate-related programs established by the 2022 budget reconciliation package, including the \$27 billion ‘Greenhouse Gas Reduction’ fund to support low- and zero-carbon projects, a program imposing fees on methane emissions from oil and gas drilling sites on federal lands, and energy rebate programs to incentivize energy-efficient homes and

buildings.” The bill passed by a vote of 225-204, with 221 Republicans and 4 Democrats voting for the bill, 1 Republican and 203 Democrats voting against the bill, and six Democrats not voting. [H.R. 1, [Vote #182](#), 3/20/23; CQ, [3/30/23](#)]

- **HEADLINE: “House Passes Sprawling GOP Energy Bill Aimed At Reversing Biden Climate Policies.”**
[CBS News, [3/30/23](#)]
- **HEADLINE: “House Republicans Pass Energy Bill To Roll Back Regulation Of Fossil Fuel Production.”**
[PBS, [3/30/23](#)]

The Bill Would Double The Cost Of Energy Efficiency Upgrades According To The White House

White House: H.R.1 Doubled The Cost Of Energy Efficiency Upgrades. “This Administration is making unprecedented progress in protecting America’s energy security and reducing energy costs for Americans – in their homes and at the pump. H.R. 1 would do just the opposite, replacing pro-consumer policies with a thinly veiled license to pollute. It would raise costs for American families by repealing household energy rebates and rolling back historic investments to increase access to cost-lowering clean energy technologies. Instead of protecting American consumers, it would pad oil and gas company profits – already at record levels – and undercut our public health and environment. The Administration strongly opposes this bill. H.R. 1 would double the cost of energy efficiency upgrades that families need to reduce household bills and would repeal the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund that will cut energy costs and boost economic development in rural and urban communities across the country.” [White House, Statement of Administration Policy, [3/27/23](#)]

The Bill Eliminated Programs That Helped Families Reduce Energy Bills And Weakened The National Environmental Policy Act

Joseph Minott Op-Ed: H.R. 1 Eliminated The Methane Emissions Reduction Program (MERP) And The Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund, Which Helped Families Reduce Energy Consumption And Therefore Their Energy Bills. “In addition to a series of handouts to fossil fuel corporations and the removal of vital environmental protections, H.R. 1 truly takes money away from the communities that need it most by eliminating both the Methane Emissions Reduction Program (MERP) and the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund, both passed within the Inflation Reduction Act last August. [...] EPA is proposing to allow third-party air monitoring experts to help communities identify and resolve pollution incidents, but the SERP needs MERP to fund that air monitoring. Without it, it is unclear how air monitoring experts will work with local communities. In addition, MERP funds can be used to update ventilation systems and improve insulation in homes, businesses and public spaces impacted by the gas industry, truly reducing energy consumption and utility expenses. The Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund could also be used to upgrade ventilation and improve overall energy efficiency in low-income communities across the country, in addition to supporting clean energy like rooftop solar and geothermal heating systems.” [Pennsylvania Capital-Star, Op-Ed, [4/2/23](#)]

National Parks Conservation Association: The Lower Energy Costs Act Was Bad For Climate Change, Environmental Laws, And Air And Water Pollution. “The Lower Energy Costs Act should be a nonstarter for anyone who wants to preserve our national parks and everything they protect. Here are five reasons why: 1. The act would worsen climate change [...] The Lower Energy Costs Act would deepen our nation’s dependency on fossil fuel energy, slowing the benefits from our efforts to transition to clean energy, such as wind and solar. If enacted, hundreds of thousands of acres of public lands and waters would be vulnerable to mining and oil and gas development, with little regard to the effects these activities would have on our national parks, communities and climate. [...] 2. The act would gut existing environmental laws Even worse, the Lower Energy Costs Act would undercut bedrock environmental laws that address the impacts of climate change on our environment and give people a voice in how their public lands are managed. 3. The act would pollute air and water The Environmental Protection Agency estimates that 40 percent of the watersheds in the western United States are already contaminated by pollution from hard rock mines. For decades, mining and drilling activities across the country have

wreaked havoc on our environment and communities, polluting the air we breathe and water we drink. The Lower Energy Costs Act would make matters worse, opening up swaths of public lands for unabated mining and oil and gas drilling.” [National Parks Conservation Association, Blog, [3/27/23](#)]

The Lower Energy Costs Act Codified A Trump Administration Rule That Weakened The National Environmental Policy Act. “U.S. President Joe Biden would veto a Republican energy legislation package if it were to pass Congress, citing cost increases that the legislation could lead to, the White House said on Monday. ‘H.R. 1 (Lower Energy Costs Act) would double the cost of energy efficiency upgrades that families need to reduce household bills and would repeal the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund that will cut energy costs and boost economic development in rural and urban communities across the country,’ the White House said. [...] The bill would codify into a law a Trump administration rule that sought limits on reviews and public input on fossil fuel projects and road building, weakening the fundamental conservation law the National Environmental Policy Act, or NEPA.” [Reuters, [3/27/23](#)]

D'Esposito Repeatedly Criticized New York State For Implementing Initiatives Related To Renewable Energy

D'Esposito Criticized Renewable Developers In New York, Stating They Are “Only Focused On Lining Their Pockets” And That They Should Not Be Given New Yorkers’ Hard Earned Tax Dollars. D'Esposito posted a link to an article discussing renewable developers’ ask for increased subsidies as a result of inflation and wrote “The last thing New Yorkers should be doing is giving more of our hard earned tax dollars to these companies with no plan on engaging with their neighbors. Instead of focusing their attention on how to best benefit the community they are only focused on lining their pockets. Enough!” [Anthony D'Esposito, Facebook, [6/6/23](#)]



[Anthony D'Esposito, Facebook, [6/6/23](#)]

D'Esposito And Other New York Republicans Criticized Hochul For The Implementation Of The Climate Leadership And Community Protection Act (CLCPA). Reps. Langworthy, Stefanik, Malliotakis, Tenney, Lawler, D'Esposito, Molinaro, and Williams wrote a letter to Governor Kathy Hochul in which they wrote “Meanwhile, your Administration has championed the implementation of the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act, a law that is intended to eliminate utilization and other sources of energy in our state by 2040. This law will increase utility bills and push New Yorkers away from a source energy and heat-natural gas- that has worked affordably and reliably for decades.” [Rep. Nicholas Langworthy, Press Release, [12/21/23](#)]

- **HEADLINE: New York Just Passed The Most Ambitious Climate Target In The Country.** [Vox, [6/20/19](#)]
- **Vox: CLCPA Contained “The Most Ambitious Economy-Wide Climate Targets” In The U.S. And Was “A Win For The State’s Economy.”** “Advocates didn’t get everything they wanted, but in the big picture, the CLCPA is a huge, huge win. The country’s third-biggest economy has passed its most ambitious economy-wide climate targets — some of the most ambitious climate targets in the world. And hitting those targets will generate ongoing waves of investment into the state’s worst-off communities. It is a win for the state’s economy, which will see a boom in innovation and investment. It’s a win for environmental justice, shifting state funding to those most vulnerable. And it’s a win for the climate.” [Vox, [6/20/19](#)]

D’Esposito Criticized Homeland Secretary Mayorkas For “Combating Climate Change” Instead Of Focusing On The Border

D’Esposito Criticized Mayorkas For “Combating Climate Change” Instead Of Border Policy. “Instead of stemming the flow of migrants and fentanyl being smuggled across our borders into New York, Secretary Mayorkas is busy combating climate change. Tell Mayorkas to secure our borders NOW.” [Rep. D’Esposito, Twitter, [8/26/23](#)]



[Rep. D’Esposito, Twitter, [8/26/23](#)]

Oil & Gas

D’Esposito Voted Against Several Amendments That Would Allow Oil Reserve Drawdowns To Combat Increased Consumer Costs, Matters Of National Security, And Protect The Environment

D’Esposito Voted For The Strategic Production Response Act To Prohibit Oil Drawdowns From The Strategic Petroleum Reserve Until The Department Of Energy Develops A Plan To Expand Energy Leasing For Oil Equal To The Amount Drawn From The Reserve. In January 2023, D’Esposito voted for: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would prohibit the Department of Energy, after the bill’s enactment, from executing a first drawdown of petroleum products from the U.S. Strategic Petroleum Reserve for sale, exchange or loan until the DOE first develops a plan — in consultation with the Agriculture, Interior and Defense departments — to increase the percentage of federal lands leased for oil and gas production by an amount equal to the percentage of petroleum in the Reserve that would be drawn down, up to a maximum of 15 percent. The bill would provide an exception to the planning requirement if the president determines a drawdown is required due to a severe energy supply interruption, defined as an emergency situation reducing the supply of petroleum products and resulting in price

increases that would have a major adverse impact on the national economy. Prior to passage, the House adopted 12 amendments to the bill. As amended, the bill would also apply the oil and gas leasing plan requirement retroactively to drawdowns initiated on Jan. 21, 2021, and afterward; require DOE to ensure that such plans would not result in the sale of drawn-down petroleum products to Iran, China, North Korea or Russia; and require DOE to submit such plans to Congress, among other provisions.” The bill passed by a vote of 221-205. [H.R. 21, [Vote #93](#), 1/27/23; CQ, [1/27/23](#)]

- **D’Esposito Voted Against An Amendment No. 77 To The Strategic Production Response Act To Allow Drawdowns From The Strategic Petroleum Reserve To Prevent Inflation.** In January 2023, D’Esposito voted against: “Nickel, D-N.C., amendment no. 77 that would allow the Energy Department to make drawdowns from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve prior to the development of an oil and gas leasing plan if a delay in executing a drawdown would worsen inflation.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 207-222. [H.R. 21, [Vote #92](#), 1/27/23; CQ, [1/27/23](#)]
- **D’Esposito Voted Against An Amendment No. 46 To The Strategic Production Response Act To Allow Drawdowns From The Strategic Petroleum Reserve To Prevent Harm To National Security.** In January 2023, D’Esposito voted against: “Jackson, D-N.C., amendment no. 46 that would allow the Energy Department to make drawdowns from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve prior to the development of an oil and gas leasing plan if the department determines that a delay in drawing down products will harm national security.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 210-220. [H.R. 21, [Vote #90](#), 1/27/23; CQ, [1/27/23](#)]
- **D’Esposito Voted Against An Amendment No. 145 To The Strategic Production Response Act To Prevent Leasing On Protected Lands, Including National Parks, National Wildlife Refuge Systems, National Monuments And Areas Of Critical Environment Concern.** In January 2023, D’Esposito voted against: “Grijalva, D-Ariz., amendment no. 145 that would prohibit the oil and gas leasing plan required by the bill from including leasing on any protected public lands, including National Park System units, National Wildlife Refuge System units, national monuments, national recreation areas and areas of critical environmental concern.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 210-218. [H.R. 21, [Vote #89](#), 1/27/23; CQ, [1/27/23](#)]
- **D’Esposito Voted Against An Amendment No. 43 To The Strategic Production Response Act To Postpone The Bill’s Effective Date Until Confirming It Won’t Increase Consumer Energy Prices.** In January 2023, D’Esposito voted against: “Plaskett, D-V.I., amendment no. 43 that would postpone the effective date of the bill’s requirements until the Energy Department submits a certification to Congress stating that implementing the bill will not increase the average price of energy for consumers.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 209-221. [H.R. 21, [Vote #86](#), 1/27/23; CQ, [1/27/23](#)]
- **D’Esposito Voted Against An Amendment No. 60 To The Strategic Production Response Act To Allow Drawdowns From The Strategic Petroleum Reserve To Avoid Gas Price Increases.** In January 2023, D’Esposito voted against: “Scholten, D-Mich., amendment no. 60 that would allow the Energy Department to make drawdowns from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve prior to the development of an oil and gas leasing plan if a delay in executing a drawdown would increase gas prices.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 207-221. [H.R. 21, [Vote #77](#), 1/27/23; CQ, [1/27/23](#)]
- **D’Esposito Voted Against An Amendment No. 74 To The Strategic Production Response Act To Prohibit Leasing To A Company That Purchased Equity Security In The Last 10 Years Of It Being Listed On The National Securities Exchange.** In January 2023, D’Esposito voted against: “Ocasio-Cortez, D-N.Y., amendment no. 74 that would prohibit the oil and gas leasing plan required by the bill from including the lease of any land to a company that has purchased an equity security within the last decade of a company that is listed on a national securities exchange.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 171-256. [H.R. 21, [Vote #67](#), 1/27/23; CQ, [1/27/23](#)]

- D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment No. 89 To The Strategic Production Response Act To Require Leases Not Excessively Increase The Sale Price Of Petroleum During A Disrupted Or Decreased Petroleum Supply.** In January 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “DeGette, D-Colo., amendment no. 89 that would specify that the oil and gas leasing plan required by the bill would only allow a lease or permit to be issued if it certifies to the Energy Department that such lease or permit would not excessively increase the sale price of petroleum products during a severe energy supply interruption or a period of decreased supply of petroleum products.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 212-220. [H.R. 21, [Vote #55](#), 1/26/23; CQ, [1/26/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment No. 33 To The Strategic Production Response Act To Increase The Maximum Amount Of Federal Land For Oil And Gas Production Leases From 10% To 15%. In January 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Boebert, R-Colo., amendment no. 33 that would increase, from 10 to 15 percent, the maximum percentage increase of federal land that may be leased for oil and gas production under the leasing plan required by the bill.” The amendment was adopted in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 220-212. [H.R. 21, [Vote #44](#), 1/26/23; CQ, [1/26/23](#)]

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D'Esposito Called The White House Halting Of LNG Exports A “Decision To Bend The Knee To Radical Climate Activists.” “. @POTUS ’s decision to bend the knee to radical climate activists and ban LNG Exports is a disastrous attack on American energy. Natural gas is safe, cheap, and critical to national security.” [Rep. Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, [1/26/24](#)]



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- The Letter Characterized Natural Gas As “A Source Of Energy And Heat” That Had “Worked Affordably And Reliably For Decades.”** Reps. Langworthy, Stefanik, Malliotakis, Tenney, Lawler, D'Esposito, Molinaro, and Williams wrote a letter to Governor Kathy Hochul in which they wrote “Meanwhile, your Administration has championed the implementation of the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act, a law that is intended to eliminate utilization and other sources of energy in our state by 2040. This law will increase utility bills and push New Yorkers away from a source of energy and heat-natural gas- that has worked affordably and reliably for decades.” [Rep. Nicholas Langworthy, Press Release, [12/21/23](#)]

Pollution

Air

D'Esposito Voted For A Joint Resolution To Disapprove Of More Stringent Emissions Standards On Heavy-Duty Vehicles. In May 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Passage of the joint resolution that would provide for congressional disapproval of the January 2023 EPA rule imposing more stringent emissions standards on heavy-duty engines and vehicles. The rule requires heavy-duty vehicles, starting in model year 2027, to comply with reduced emissions limits of nitrogen oxides and other pollutants, both in real-world conditions and laboratory-tested scenarios. It would also lengthen the period during the engine's operational life when the reduced emissions standard must be met. According to the EPA, the rule will reduce nitrogen oxide emissions from heavy-duty trucks by almost 50 percent by 2045. The EPA rule took effect on March 27, 2023. Under the joint resolution, the rule would have no force or effect.” The joint resolution passed by a vote of 221-203. [S.J.Res. 11, [Vote #232](#), 5/23/23; CQ, [5/23/23](#)]

- D'Esposito Voted For Considering The Halt All Lethal Trafficking Of Fentanyl Act, A Joint Resolution Disapproving Of An EPA Rule On Heavy-Duty Vehicle Emissions, And A Joint Resolution Disapproving Of Biden's Student Loan Forgiveness.** In May 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H.Res.

429) that would provide for floor consideration of the Halt All Lethal Trafficking of (HALT) Fentanyl Act (HR 467); the joint resolution (S J Res 11) disapproving an EPA rule on heavy-duty vehicle emissions; and the joint resolution (H J Res 45) disapproving the Biden administration's student loan forgiveness rule. The rule would provide for up to one hour of general debate on each measure. It would make in order floor consideration of three amendments to HR 467." The rule was adopted by a vote of 217-204. [H.Res. 429, [Vote #231](#), 5/23/23; CQ, [5/23/23](#)]

Water

D'Esposito Voted For Disapproving Of The January 2023 Rule To Expand Federal Jurisdiction Over Bodies Of Water Under The Clean Water Act. In March 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Passage of the joint resolution that would provide for congressional disapproval of the January 2023 Army Corps of Engineers and EPA rule expanding federal jurisdiction over bodies of water under the Clean Water Act. It would effectively restore jurisdiction that was in place prior to a 2015 Obama administration rule. Under the measure, the January rule would have no force or effect, instead of taking effect on March 20, 2023." The bill passed by a vote of 227-198. [H.J.Res. 27, [Vote #142](#), 3/9/23; CQ, [3/9/23](#)]

Renewable Energy

D'Esposito Voted To Consider Striking \$1 Billion In Funding For Renewable Energy From The Water Development Appropriations Bill

D'Esposito Voted For Considering Striking \$1 Billion In Funding For Renewable Energy From Energy And Water Development Appropriations And Barring Any Raises For Members From Legislative Branch Appropriations. In October 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Adoption of the rule (H Res 756) that would that would provide for floor consideration of the Fiscal 2024 Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act (HR 4394) and the Fiscal 2024 Legislative Branch Appropriations Act (HR 4364). The rule would provide for up to one hour of general debate on each measure. It would make in order 60 amendments to HR 4394. It would provide for the automatic adoption of a Fleischmann, R-Tenn., manager's amendment to HR 4394. The amendment would strike \$1 billion in funding from Energy Department (DOE) energy efficiency and renewable energy programs. It would provide for the automatic adoption of a Amodei, R-Nev., manager's amendment to HR 4364 would be considered as adopted. The amendment would bar any cost-of-living adjustments for members of Congress during fiscal 2024. It also would provide that H Res 699 would be automatically laid on the table. The resolution would provide for floor consideration of a short-term funding bill (HR 5525), a measure concerning natural gas export-import (HR 1130) and a resolution (H Res 684) condemning actions taken by New Mexico Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham." The rule was adopted by a vote of 218-208. [H.Res. 756, [Vote #517](#), 10/3/23; CQ, [10/3/23](#)]

Solar

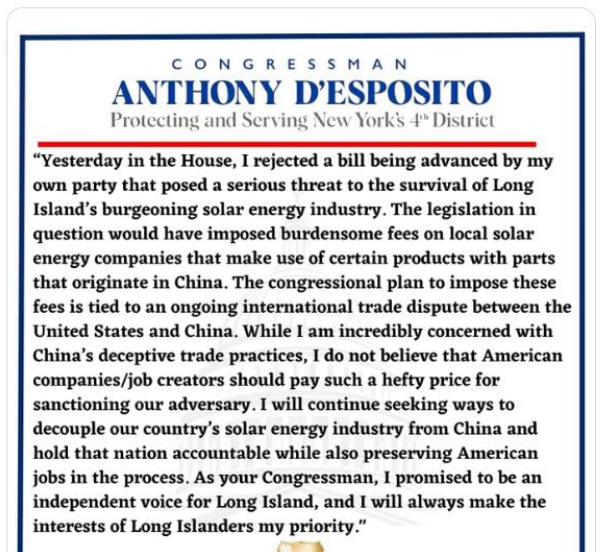
D'Esposito Released A Statement On His Vote, Stating He Crossed Party Lines To "Safeguard New York's Solar Energy Industry." "Yesterday in the House, I crossed party lines to protect Long Island jobs and safeguard New York's solar energy industry. The interests of Long Islanders will always remain my priority as I serve #NY04. My statement on H.J.Res.39." [Rep. Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, [5/25/23](#)]

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Hydrogen

D'Esposito Said He Was "Excited" To Be At The Inauguration Of "One Of The Largest Clean Hydrogen Projects In The US" Which Would "Fuel Part" Of Hempstead Town. "Excited to join @TOHClavin, labor leaders & @nationalgridus to launch #HyGrid, one of the largest clean hydrogen projects in the US. The facility expansion will blend green hydrogen into existing distribution systems to heat homes/businesses & fuel part @HempsteadTown fleet." [Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, [12/16/21](#)]



[Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, [12/16/21](#)]

Equinor

D'Esposito Vehemently Opposed Equinor's Empire Wind 2 Project, Claiming It Was Being Pushed Through By Governor Hochul And Calling For Its Cancellation

March 2023: D'Esposito Expressed Concern Regarding Equinor's Newly Proposed Empire Wind 2 Project

3/9/23: Empire Offshore Wind LLC Filed An Application For A Certificate Of Environmental Compatibility And Public Need For The Empire Offshore Wind 2 Project. “Empire Offshore Wind LLC has filed an application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need regarding the Empire Offshore Wind 2 (EOW2) project. The proposed EOW2 Project will connect an offshore wind farm to New York’s power grid and includes the construction, operation, and maintenance of approximately 12 miles of electric transmission lines from the boundary of New York State waters to a point of interconnection in the Town of Hempstead, Nassau County, New York. The New York State Public Service Commission will hold virtual public statement hearings to seek input and comments regarding the application for the Empire Wind 2 Project. Prior to the hearings, the Commission will hold virtual information sessions where interested parties will be able to ask questions regarding the case review process and the application before the Commission.” [New York Department of Public Service, [3/9/23](#)]

- **Equinor And BP Were Leaders Of The Empire Wind 2 Project.** “Developers behind a proposed offshore wind farm 20 miles from Long Beach on Long Island said Wednesday they were terminating the agreement due to economic headwinds, including inflation, higher interest rates and supply chain disruptions. Equinor and BP, the companies leading the Empire Wind 2 project, said in a statement those hurdles meant the project was no longer ‘viable.’ It was slated to feature about 130 turbines generating 2.1 gigawatts of electricity, or enough to power 1 million homes. ‘Commercial viability is fundamental for ambitious projects of this size and scale,’ Equinor President Molly Morris said. ‘The Empire Wind 2 decision provides the opportunity to reset and develop a stronger and more robust project going forward.’” [Gothamist, [1/3/24](#)]

3/18/23: In A Press Release, D'Esposito Said He Had Serious Reservations About The Empire Wind 2 Project And That Equinor “Failed To Properly Address Residents’ Legitimate Concerns.” “On Saturday, March 18, 2023, Congressman Anthony D'Esposito issued the following statement regarding Equinor's proposed offshore wind energy production project: ‘I have serious reservations about Equinor’s proposed local offshore wind project. This development would be a landscape-altering change to my hometown and Equinor has failed to properly address residents’ legitimate concerns surrounding the project’s potential environmental, economic, and health effects on the community. This startling absence of transparency displayed by Equinor is indicative of the company’s lack of care for Long Islanders and all who love our South Shore. We must not allow corporate greed to hold communities hostage and tear apart the fabric of our hometown in order to make a quick buck. As our community’s local representative in Washington, D.C. I will always advocate for the interests of NY-04 neighbors above all else – interests that include holding corporations like Equinor accountable. To that end, I plan to co-sponsor legislation with my colleague, Rep. Van Drew of New Jersey, that calls for a moratorium on large scale offshore wind projects like Equinor’s until outstanding questions are sufficiently addressed and made clear to the public. I also intend to participate in scheduled hearings on this matter where I will further voice my opposition to the way Equinor has treated residents of the City of Long Beach, Island Park, Oceanside, Point Lookout, Lido Beach and all other impacted areas.’” [Rep. Anthony D'Esposito, Press Release, [3/18/23](#)]

June- November 2023: D'Esposito Repeatedly Criticized Equinor's Proposed Project, Calling It A Part Of A “Far-Left Progressive Agenda” And Saying Governor Hochul Was Trying To Ram The Project Through

June 2023: D'Esposito Said “Governor Hochul & Her Corporate Allies At Equinor Are Trying To Ram Through” The Empire Offshore Wind 2 Project. “Governor Hochul & her corporate allies at Equinor are trying to ram through a large scale offshore wind project while #NY04 neighbor concerns remain unanswered. This project has serious implications for our community and the South Shore deserves answers.” [Rep. Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, [6/12/23](#)]



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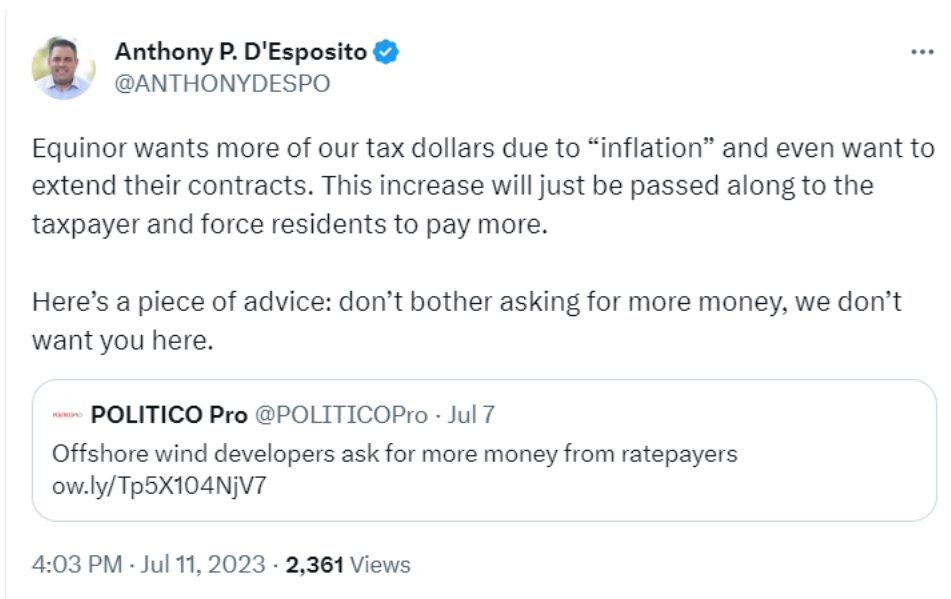
June 2023: D'Esposito Called On Hochul To “Cease Her Attempts To Do The Bidding Of Equinor” And Not Allow The Passing Of The Empire Wind 2 Project. “Nassau County GOP members have recently spoken out against the state legislature and their plan to pass the Planned Offshore Wind Transmission Act — a bill that is on track to pass in Albany that would allow for Equinor’s construction miles off the coast in Long Beach. Congressman Anthony D’Esposito said, ‘for too long, south shore residents have been kept in the dark surrounding Equinor’s proposed offshore wind project and the development’s impact on nearby communities.’ [...] ‘I call on the governor to stop silencing the voices of South Shore residents,’ added D’Esposito. ‘She should cease her attempts to do the bidding of Equinor in the face of community opposition to the company’s offshore wind project plan.’” [LI Herald, [6/18/23](#)]

July 2023: D'Esposito Gave A Speech On The House Floor To Denounce Equinor’s Empire Offshore Wind 2 Project And Called Hochul An Ally Of Equinor. “Today, I took to the House floor to denounce Equinor and the company's efforts to ram through a landscape-altering offshore wind project in the face of community opposition. Equinor & the company's allies, including @GovKathyHochul , have shown nothing but disdain for #NY04.” [Rep. Anthony D’Esposito, Twitter, [7/14/23](#)]



[Rep. Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, [7/14/23](#)]

July 2023: D'Esposito Criticized Offshore Wind Company Equinor For Proposing Rate Hikes And Added, "Don't Bother Asking For More Money, We Don't Want You Here." "Equinor wants more of our tax dollars due to 'inflation' and even want to extend their contracts. This increase will just be passed along to the taxpayer and force residents to pay more. Here's a piece of advice: don't bother asking for more money, we don't want you here." [Anthony P. D'Esposito, Twitter, [7/11/23](#)]



[Anthony P. D'Esposito, Twitter, [7/11/23](#)]

July 2023: D'Esposito Called Equinor A "Bad Neighbor" That "Ignore[s] The Neighborhood" And Is Part Of A "Far-Left Progressive Agenda Push For Albany." "Congressman D'Esposito echoes the thoughts of the local leaders, 'This is not an attack on offshore wind. This is an attack on a bad neighbor. This is a Norwegian state-owned multinational energy company with 80 percent business gas and oil—not focused on renewable energy. They ignore the neighborhood. They are not transparent. When State Senator Patricia Canzoneri-Fitzpatrick and Assemblyman Ari Brown would not put the bill forward, Governor Hochul had someone else carry the bill from

Brooklyn and the Bronx. This is a far-left progressive agenda push for Albany. I want to make sure our community is protected. I have yet to meet anyone in favor. Alternatively as a member of the town board, we partnered with National Grid for a pilot program at Point Lookout to power to 500 homes. We want to expand on renewable energy, battery storage, and solar offshore options that would work.” [Five Towns Jewish Times, [7/26/23](#)]

August 2023: D'Esposito Wrote To Hochul To “Once Again Reiterate That The Equinor Wind Project Should Not Proceed.” “Today, I wrote to @GovKathyHochul to once again reiterate that the Equinor wind project should not proceed. With the startling lack of transparency from the State and Equinor, legitimate constituent concerns have fallen largely on deaf ears.” [Rep. Anthony D'Esposito, [8/22/23](#)]



[Rep. Anthony D'Esposito, [8/22/23](#)]

October 2023: D'Esposito Said There Was “Overwhelming Community Opposition” To Equinor’s Wind Project And Stated He Would Work To “Preserve Our South Shore From Equinor’s Corporate Greed.” “Overwhelming community opposition to @Equinor’s misguided offshore wind plan appears to have been heard in Albany. I will continue working with Nassau County neighbors to keep up the pressure and preserve our South Shore from Equinor’s corporate greed.” [Rep. Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, [10/19/23](#)]



[Rep. Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, [10/19/23](#)]

November 2023: D'Esposito Wrote To The Department Of The Interior To Express Concern With Equinor's Wind Project And Said "This Project Should Not Proceed." "This week, I penned a letter to @SecDebHaaland expressing my concerns with the @Interior Department's attempts to advance #Equinor's wind turbine plan off the coast of #NY04. Equinor is a bad neighbor, and this project should not proceed." [Rep. Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, [11/29/23](#)]



[Rep. Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, [11/29/23](#)]

January 2024: Equinor Cancelled Its Empire Wind 2 Project, Which D'Esposito Called "Welcome News"

HEADLINE: "Equinor, BP Cancel Contract To Sell Offshore Wind Power To New York." [Reuters, [1/3/24](#)]

January 2023: Equinor And Bp Terminated The Agreement To Sell Power To New York State From The Empire Wind 2 Project. "European energy firms Equinor (EQNR.OL), opens new tab and BP (BP.L), opens new tab terminated their agreement to sell power to New York state from their proposed Empire Wind 2 offshore wind farm, citing rising inflation, higher borrowing costs, and supply chain issues. 'This agreement reflects changed economic circumstances on an industry-wide scale and repositions an already mature project to continue development in anticipation of new offtake opportunities,' Equinor said in a statement on Wednesday, in an apparent reference to a new offshore wind solicitation launched by New York in November." [Reuters, [1/3/24](#)]

- **D'Esposito Called The Cancellation Of Project "Welcome News."** "Empire Wind 2 had garnered a wave of opposition in Long Beach because its cable would snake through the city along highly trafficked roadways to a nearby waterfront substation. Get the Breaking News newsletter! Get the latest breaking news as it happens. One critic of the project called the termination 'welcome news.' 'Equinor failed to properly engage residents, and instead tried to jam through this project against the wishes of local Long Islanders, proving time and again that the company cared for profits over people,' Rep. Anthony D'Esposito (R-Island Park) said." [Newsday, [1/3/24](#)]

Environmental Initiatives In The NDAA

D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To The NDAA That Prohibited The Defense Department From Implementing Biden Climate Change Executive Orders

July 2023: D'Esposito Voted For Authorizing The Defense Budget For Fiscal Year 2024. In July 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Passage of the bill, as amended, that would authorize \$874.2 billion in national defense spending, including \$841.5 billion for the Defense Department and \$32.2 billion for national security programs within the Energy Department. The bill would authorize approximately \$168.6 billion for weapons and other procurement and \$145.2 billion for military research and development. Within these totals, it would authorize \$32.3 billion for shipbuilding; \$13.2 billion for Air Force procurement of 83 new F-35 series tactical force aircraft; \$17.4 billion for 92 Navy aircraft; \$539 million for the Ground Based Strategic Deterrent ballistic missile system; and approximately \$30 billion for missile defense programs, including \$434 million for a hypersonic missile defense system, \$498 million for continued development of Guam missile defense systems, \$160 million for Israeli missile defense systems and \$2.6 billion for a Space Force defendable missile warning satellite system. Within Energy Department funding, it would authorize \$23.9 billion for the National Nuclear Security Administration, primarily for the maintenance of a nuclear weapons stockpile. It would authorize \$38.2 billion for the Defense Health Program and \$17.5 billion for military construction. It would authorize \$9.7 billion for the Pacific Deterrence Initiative and \$3.6 billion for the European Deterrence Initiative, primarily intended to counter aggression by China and Russia, respectively. For international assistance and cooperation, it would authorize \$4 billion to bolster U.S. and allied forces in Europe against Russian aggression, including \$300 million in security assistance to Ukraine; \$565 million for the U.S. Africa Command; \$398 million for forces in Syria and Iraq combating the Islamic State group; \$336 million for a cooperative threat reduction program assisting former Soviet Union countries; \$300 million for cooperative research and development programs with Israel; and \$210 million for the Baltic Security Initiative. The bill would authorize a 5.2 percent military pay increase and authorize the Defense Department to issue bonuses to junior enlisted servicemembers to counteract inflation. It would authorize \$1.1 billion for the Defense Department environmental restoration fund and require the department to undertake various environmental cleanup activities. It would eliminate the position of chief diversity officer within the Defense Department and include various provisions to restrict DOD programs that involve diversity, equity and inclusion and critical race theory. The bill would establish a special inspector general for Ukraine assistance and require the Defense Department to make plans to increase the energy resiliency of each main operating base in the U.S. European Command zone. It would repeal a 2022 Defense Department memorandum regarding access to reproductive health care and prohibit the department from paying for or reimbursing expenses relating to abortion services; eliminate all Defense Department and Armed Forces offices established to promote diversity, equity and inclusion as well as terminate all personnel within such offices; and prevent the Defense Department from purchasing data of U.S. individuals that would otherwise require a warrant, court order or subpoena." The bill passed by a vote of 219-210. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #328](#), 7/14/23; CQ, [7/14/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Prohibit The Defense Department From Implementing Biden Climate Change Executive Orders.** In July 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Roy, R-Texas, amendment no. 64 to HR 2670 that would prohibit the Defense Department from implementing several Biden administration executive orders relating to climate change and environmental policy." The amendment was adopted by a vote of 217-216. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #326](#), 7/14/23; CQ, [7/14/23](#)]

Equal Rights & Workplace Fairness Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ D'Esposito allied with Marjorie Taylor Greene, who made repeated antisemitic statements and espoused antisemitic conspiracy theories.
 - ✓ D'Esposito received \$2,000 from Marjorie Taylor Greene
 - ✓ When asked about serving on the Homeland Security Committee with Marjorie Taylor Greene, D'Esposito said "all the members are good members who are working hard for this country."
 - ✓ Marjorie Taylor Greene made multiple antisemitic statements, targeting George Soros and The Rothschild family.
- ✓ D'Esposito was closely allied to Speaker Mike Johnson, who represented a school board against a lawsuit from Jewish parents who alleged religious discrimination; Johnson called the lawsuit "spiritual warfare."
 - ✓ Mike Johnson donated \$10,000 to D'Esposito for New York.
 - ✓ Johnson represented a schoolboard against a lawsuit from Jewish parents who said the school promoted Christian activities leading to antisemitic ridicule; Johnson called the lawsuit "spiritual warfare."
- ✓ D'Esposito refused to explicitly condemn the Proud Boys after Proud Boys marches in his council district featured an open call for the murder of Jewish people.
 - ✓ 2016-2023: D'Esposito was a town councilman, representing Hempstead's 4th district.
 - Rockville Centre was a part of Hempstead's 4th district and had been represented by D'Esposito.
 - ✓ 2022: Proud Boys conducted several marches in Rockville Centre and featured hats with calls for the killing of more Jewish people.
 - ✓ D'Esposito did not explicitly condemn the Proud Boys when specifically asked about them and referred reporters to a previous comment about division and bigotry.
- ✓ D'Esposito voted to cut millions in funding for programs to combat antisemitic hate crimes.
 - ✓ September 2023: D'Esposito voted in favor of the Republican-backed continuing resolution.
 - ✓ The continuing resolution would have reduced funding for all government programs by 29.9%.
 - ✓ The continuing resolution cut more than \$7 million in funding to combat hate crime and would have negative effects on "combatting antisemitism, holocaust education, and law enforcement measures against hate crimes."
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- ✓ D'Esposito criticized government agencies for advancing DEI and took multiple votes to defund DEI and racial sensitivity initiatives.
- ✓ D'Esposito said it was “deeply concerning” that the FBI was advancing equity in favor of national security according to him.
- ✓ D'Esposito took multiple votes to remove funding for initiatives advancing DEI and education on racism.

D'Esposito Had Ties To Multiple Antisemitic Members Of Congress

D'Esposito Allied With Marjorie Taylor Greene Who Made Repeated Antisemitic Statements And Espoused Antisemitic Conspiracy Theories

D'Esposito Received \$2,000 From Marjorie Taylor Greene

D'Esposito For New York Received \$2,000 From Greene For Congress. According to the Federal Election Commission, Greene for Congress contributed \$2,000 to D'Esposito for New York on March 31st, 2023. [FEC Candidate and Committee Viewer, accessed [2/7/24](#)]

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Marjorie Taylor Greene Made Multiple Antisemitic Statements, Targeting George Soros And The Rothschild Family

In 2018, Marjorie Taylor Greene Shared A Video Claiming That There Was A Jewish Plan To Destroy Europe Through A Great Replacement Theory Style Takeover. “A 2015 video, which appeared to be the result of a collaboration between 4chan and 8chan users — both message forums which lean heavily toward fringe conspiracy theories — spliced Barbara Lerner Spectre, an Israeli-American academic, out of context so that she appeared to be discussing a Jewish plan to destroy Europe. The video also quoted Nick Griffin, a former leader of far-right British political party, warning about an ‘unholy alliance of leftists, capitalists and Zionist supremacists’ plotting to destroy European society by ‘breeding us out of existence in our own homelands.’ Greene shared the video in 2018, complaining that she had been censored from speaking about the issue of ‘illegal invaders.’” [Haaretz, [2/4/21](#)]

During An Hourslong Rant, Greene Accused George Soros Of Collaborating With Nazis And “[Turning] In His Own People Over To The Nazis.” “Greene, on a now defunct site called American TruthSeekers, wrote that Q is a “patriot.” She also wrote that the secret, Satanist cabal Q believes rules the world is funded by George Soros and the Rothschilds, both frequent targets of antisemitic allegations of global control and domination. [...] In videos unearthed by Politico, Greene goes on hours long rants against Muslims, Democrats and Soros. Frustrated with his criticisms of Trump, Greene accused the billionaire Holocaust survivor of collaborating with Nazis and

‘[turning] in his own people over to the Nazis.’ Later, she called Soros ‘the Nazi himself trying to continue what was not finished.’” [Haaretz, [2/4/21](#)]

Greene Alleged That A 2017 Neo-Nazi Rally In Charlottesville Was A False Flag Operation And That George Soros Had Paid A Man To Drive His Car Into Peaceful Counter-Protestors. “Writing on American Truthseekers in 2017, Greene theorized that James Alex Fields Jr., who drove his car into a crowd of peaceful counter-protestors at the Unite the Right rally in Charlottesville, Virginia, was actually a Democrat on the payroll of George Soros. She further alleged that Heather Heyer’s death was an inside job and that the entire neo-Nazi rally was a false flag operation to ‘further the agenda of the elites.’” [Haaretz, [2/4/21](#)]

Greene Posted An Antisemitic Theory Suggesting The Rothschilds Were Profiting Off Of California Wildfires. “Republican Representative Marjorie Taylor Greene of Georgia’s ‘Jewish space lasers’ conspiracy has reemerged during a contentious interview with British broadcaster Piers Morgan. [...] Greene’s post touted a theory that suggested the Rothschilds, a wealthy Jewish banking family who are often central figures in antisemitic conspiracies, were profiting off of California wildfires supposedly caused by ‘lasers or blue beams of light’ from space. On Tuesday, Greene appeared in an interview on Piers Morgan Uncensored that featured several minutes of arguments and denials concerning the infamous theory. Greene, who was promoting her new book MTG, become visibly annoyed after Morgan suggested that she could be a ‘conspiracy theory wack job.’” [Newsweek, [11/14/23](#)]

D’Esposito Was Closely Allied To Speaker Mike Johnson, Who Represented A School Board Against A Lawsuit From Jewish Parents Who Alleged Religious Discrimination; Johnson Called The Lawsuit “Spiritual Warfare”

Mike Johnson Donated \$10,000 To D’Esposito For New York

American Revival PAC Donated \$10,000 To D’Esposito For New York. [FEC Campaign Finance Data Search, accessed [2/7/24](#); D’Esposito for New York, 2023 Year-End Report, Itemized Receipts, accessed [2/7/24](#)]

Contributions to D’Esposito for New York From American Revival PAC		
Source	Date	Amount
American Revival PAC	3/31/23	\$1,000
American Revival PAC	12/31/23	\$9,000
Total:		\$10,000

[FEC Campaign Finance Data Search, accessed [2/7/24](#); D’Esposito for New York, 2023 Year-End Report, Itemized Receipts, accessed [2/7/24](#)]

- **American Revival PAC Was Mike Johnson’s Leadership PAC.** American Revival PAC was the leadership PAC of Louisiana Republican Congressman Mike Johnson. [FEC Committee Profiles, American Revival PAC, accessed [10/27/23](#)]

Johnson Represented A Schoolboard Against A Lawsuit From Jewish Parents Who Said The School Promoted Christian Activities Leading To Antisemitic Ridicule; Johnson Called The Lawsuit “Spiritual Warfare”

A Jewish Family Sued Stockwell Place Elementary After Their Children Were Bullied For Not Singing Christian Songs And Were Told By The School Principal To “Deal With” The Bullying

April 2004: The McBrides Sued To Stop Religious Activities At Stockwell Place Elementary. “At least one other family has approached the ACLU with concerns about religious expression at Bossier’s Stockwell Place Elementary School, lawyer Clay Walker said after news of a lawsuit was made public Wednesday. A Bossier family filed suit in federal court Tuesday. They are not seeking any money, just that the school stop activities they say promote Christianity. [...] David and Sandra McBride of Bossier City approached the ACLU in this case as a

last resort, Walker said. The McBrides are Jewish. ‘They have a respect for other religions, but they don't feel any religious practices are proper in a school setting,’ Walker said. ‘That's what church and home are for.’ The McBrides started raising questions at the beginning of the school year when their second-grade daughter's teacher hung a cross on the door. After complaining to the Anti-Defamation League, it was removed.” [Shreveport Times via Newspapers.com, [4/15/04](#)]

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Johnson Represented The School Board And Equated The Lawsuit With “Spiritual Warfare” By “The Radical Left” And “The Enemy” In “A Battle That Cannot Be Lost”

April 2004: The Bossier School Board Voted To Accept Johnson As Its Attorney Against The McBrides’ Lawsuit. “The lawsuit filed by David and Sandra McBride, who have two children at the school, alleges that Stockwell Place Elementary violated students' First Amendment rights by incorporating prayer and Christian references into school activities. [...] The Bossier School Board voted unanimously Thursday night to accept Alliance attorney Mike Johnson as its legal representative.” [Shreveport Times via Newspapers.com, [4/23/04](#)]

Johnson Said Of The Stockwell Place Lawsuit And Others Like It, “The Ultimate Goal Of The Enemy Is Silencing The Gospel” And “This Is Spiritual Warfare.” “In a session that was part Bible study and part pep rally, the congregation of Airline Drive Church of Christ heard first hand about the lawsuit filed against Stockwell Place Elementary School. Attorney Mike Johnson, who will most likely defend the case, spoke about current court cases involving morality and those involving church and state issues, such as the Stockwell case. ‘The ultimate goal of the enemy is silencing the gospel,’ he said. ‘This is spiritual warfare.’ The lawsuit filed earlier this month alleges the school violated students' First Amendment rights by incorporating prayer and Christian references into school activities.” [Shreveport Times via Newspapers.com, [4/26/04](#)]

The Lawsuit Was Settled And The Family Moved Out Of The State

August 2005: The Bossier School Board And The McBrides Settled Their Lawsuit. “The Bossier School Board and parents of former Stockwell Place Elementary students have settled a lawsuit involving religious expression at the Bossier City school. A consent order filed Friday requires no major change for the school system. It does, however, clarify what forms of religious expression are allowed and outlines a grievance process if children feel bullied or pressured because of their faith. ‘We are presently satisfied with the School Board's stated resolve to respect the constitutional rights and the religious beliefs of all of their students and personnel,’ said Clay Walker, the plaintiffs' attorney. The petition was filed in April 2004 by a Jewish family who complained about a Nativity scene in the school library at Christmas, a group called Stallions for Christ that met at recess and a Christmas program.” [Shreveport Times via Newspapers.com, [8/13/05](#)]

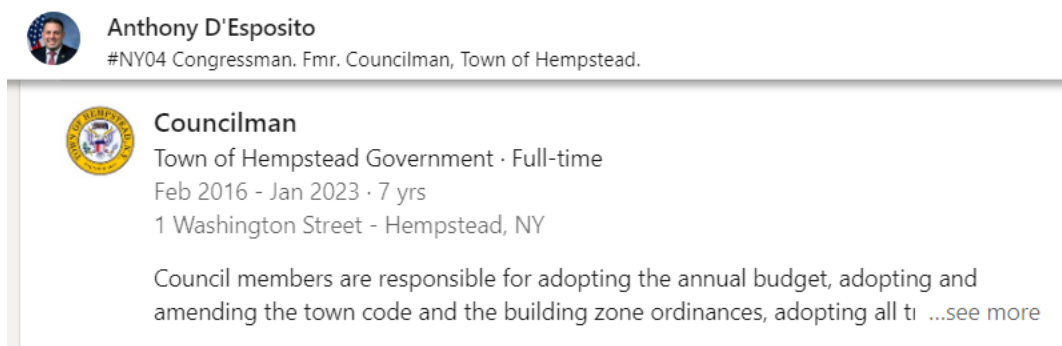
April 2005: Part Of The Case Was Dismissed Because The Family Moved Out Of The State. “In April, the rest of the case was dismissed because the family moved out of state. The American Civil Liberties Union was not officially a party to the case and did not sign off on the agreement, said Joe Cook, executive director of the organization's Louisiana's affiliate. ‘The ACLU believes (the complaints) were meritorious and had the plaintiffs remained in the state, they would have been found meritorious,’ he said. ‘If (the school system) continues in the manner they have in the past, I hope there will be other parents that will come forward and complain.’” [Shreveport Times via Newspapers.com, [8/13/05](#)]

D'Esposito Had Ties To Antisemitic Groups

D'Esposito Refused To Explicitly Condemn The Proud Boys After Proud Boys Marches In His Council District Featured An Open Call For The Murder Of Jewish People

2016-2023: D'Esposito Was A Town Councilman, Representing Hempstead's 4th District

2016-2023: Anthony D'Esposito Served As A Hempstead Town Councilman. According to his LinkedIn profile, Anthony D'Esposito worked as a Councilman at the Town of Hempstead Government from February 2016 till January 2023. [Anthony D'Esposito, LinkedIn, accessed [11/24/23](#)]



[Anthony D'Esposito, LinkedIn, accessed [11/24/23](#)]

D'Esposito Represented Hempstead's 4th District Which Included Rockville Centre. “The race for the Town of Hempstead 4th Council District is set between incumbent republican Anthony D'Esposito and democratic challenger Aaron Meyer. The Herald asked both candidates questions tackling the candidates' priorities and issues in the district, which encompasses East Rockaway, Hewlett, Island Park, South Hempstead, Oceanside, and Rockville Centre and portions of Baldwin, Cedarhurst, Lynbrook, Malverne, Valley Stream, and Woodmere.” [LI Herald, [10/25/21](#)]

2022: Proud Boys Conducted Several Marches In Rockville Centre And Featured Hats With Calls For The Killing Of More Jewish People

The Proud Boys Conducted Several Marches In Rockville Centre

May 2022: Proud Boys Conducted A March Through Rockville Centre. “Members of an all-male extremist group stepped out again on Saturday, May 21, drawing criticism from neighbors and from many local leaders. A group of as many as 20 men dressed as Proud Boys, i.e. wearing and bearing a combination of the hate group's signature outfits and slogans, paraded through Rockville Centre in Nassau County, possibly in response to results of school board elections in late May. The ‘Western Chauvinist’ group was accompanied by a large yellow pickup truck bearing a sign that reads ‘Law And Order,’ a sight that witnesses of prior marches have often recalled.” [Nassau Illustrated, [6/17/22](#)]

“6MWE” Was An Acronym For “6 Million [Jews Killed In The Holocaust] Wasn't Enough,” A Neo-Nazi Do Whistle Calling For The Death Of Jewish Individuals

January- June 2022: Proud Boys Held Several Events In Rockville Center, Some Which Featured Hats With The Phrase “6MWE.” “Proud Boy events have previously been spotted in and around Nassau in the past six months or so, including last November during a Small Business Saturday event in Rockville Centre. In the weeks that followed that event, Mayor Francis Murray said his office would leverage its full weight against members of the all-male group if they marched in the streets again without a permit. [...] In reference to the strong reaction that so-called Proud Boys, Oath Keepers, and similar extremists have elicited from community and religious groups, anti-racists, feminists, and immigration advocates, Rattner commented that when she's seen young men of Nassau at previous Proud Boy marches wearing hats that say 6MWE, which stands for ‘Six million [Jews killed in the Holocaust] wasn't enough,’ she too experienced ‘fierce feelings’ in response.” [Nassau Illustrated, [6/17/22](#)]

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D'Esposito Did Not Explicitly Condemn The Proud Boys When Specifically Asked About Them And Referred Reporters To A Previous Comment About Division And Bigotry

June 2022: D'Esposito Refused To Explicitly Condemn The Proud Boys When Asked About Them And Referred Members To A Previous Statement On Division And Bigotry. "When asked for comment on local Proud Boys' marches in Nassau County, Councilman Anthony D'Esposito, who is running for Congress in New York's fourth congressional district, said in a statement: 'I will always fight for a shared vision of an inclusive, safe and prosperous Long Island, and reject any group that attempts to sow the seeds of division, hate or bigotry in our society.' When asked for follow-up comment on the seeming prevalence of Proud Boys participation among members of law enforcement, a representative for D'Esposito referred Anton Media Group to the above statement. Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman did not respond to requests for comment." [Nassau Illustrated, [6/17/22](#)]

- **D'Esposito Said He Would "Reject Any Group That Attempts To Sow The Seeds Of Division, Hate Or Bigotry In Our Society" When Asked About The Proud Boys Marches.** "When asked for comment on local Proud Boys' marches in Nassau County, Councilman Anthony D'Esposito, who is running for Congress in New York's fourth congressional district, said in a statement: 'I will always fight for a shared vision of an inclusive, safe and prosperous Long Island, and reject any group that attempts to sow the seeds of division, hate or bigotry in our society.' When asked for follow-up comment on the seeming prevalence of Proud Boys participation among members of law enforcement, a representative for D'Esposito referred Anton Media Group to the above statement. Nassau County Executive Bruce Blakeman did not respond to requests for comment." [Nassau Illustrated, [6/17/22](#)]

Programs To Combat Antisemitism

D'Esposito Voted To Cut Millions In Funding For Programs To Combat Antisemitic Hate Crimes

September 2023: D'Esposito Voted In Favor Of The Republican-Backed Continuing Resolution

9/29/23: D'Esposito Voted For Passing The Republican-Backed Continuing Resolution. In September 2023, D'Esposito voted for "Passage of the bill, as amended, that would provide funding for federal government operations and services through Oct. 31, 2023, with a 29.9 percent cut from fiscal 2023 levels for most programs. It would fund veterans' programs, the Department of Homeland Security, national security programs and disaster assistance at full fiscal 2023 levels. It would also implement nearly all provisions of House Republicans' border security and immigration bill (HR 2), which the House passed in May 2023. It would provide an increase in funding for the Defense Department at rates set forth in House Republicans' fiscal 2024 defense appropriations bill (HR 4365), which would provide for a 3.6 percent funding increase over fiscal 2023. It would also provide funding increases for the Agriculture Department and provide an additional \$220 million above fiscal 2023 levels for Energy Department nuclear programs. Among its border security and immigration provisions, it would require DHS, within seven days of enactment, to resume all activities related to "border wall" construction on the U.S.-Mexico border that were underway or planned prior to Jan. 20, 2021; require DHS to reopen or restore, no later than Sept. 30, 2023, the use of all Immigration and Customs Enforcement detention facilities that were in operation on Jan. 20, 2021; and require DHS to return all unaccompanied children to their country of origin, regardless of whether they are from a contiguous country to the U.S. In addition to provisions of HR 2, it would place limitations on the use of DHS funding provided by the bill, including prohibitions on removing existing U.S.-Mexico border barriers, transporting inadmissible adults into the U.S., and the use of Customs and Border Protection's "CBP One" app to facilitate the parole of an individual into the U.S. It also would prohibit the use of funds provided by the bill

to initiate or resume any project or activity not funded during fiscal 2023 and would establish a congressional fiscal commission tasked with identifying policies to “improve the fiscal situation.” The bill was rejected by a vote of 198-232. [H.R. 5525, [Vote #511](#), 9/29/23; CQ, [9/29/23](#)]

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The Continuing Resolution Cut More Than \$7 Million In Funding To Combat Hate Crime And Would Have Negative Effects On “Combatting Antisemitism, Holocaust Education, And Law Enforcement Measures Against Hate Crimes”

The Continuing Resolution Would Have Cut 29.9% Of The Funding Of The Commerce, Justice, Science, And Related Agencies Appropriations Act Of 2023...

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...Which Provided Over \$25 Million To Programs Combatting Hate Crimes, Cutting Over \$7 Million In Funding For These Programs

The Commerce, Justice, Science, And Related Agencies Appropriations Act Of 2023 Allocated \$25 Million To Help State And Local Law Enforcement Conduct Outreach On Hate Crimes And To Investigate And Prosecute Them. “(19) \$25,000,000 for grants to State, local, and Tribal law enforcement agencies to conduct educational outreach and training on hate crimes and to investigate and prosecute hate crimes, as authorized by section 4704 of the Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act (Public Law 111–84);” [Public Law 117–328, Division B, Commerce, Justice, Science, And Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2023, [12/29/22](#)]

Haaretz: The Republican Continuing Resolution Would Impede Efforts Of “Combatting Antisemitism, Holocaust Education, And Law Enforcement Measures Against Hate Crimes”

Haaretz: The Republican Continuing Resolution Proposed Cuts Would Cut “Combatting Antisemitism, Holocaust Education, And Law Enforcement Measures Against Hate Crimes.” “Kevin McCarthy's short reign as speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives came to an embarrassing end on Tuesday, concluding a saga lasting several days. It nearly resulted in the slashing of \$1 billion in U.S. military aid to Israel in an effort to avert a government shutdown. The proposed cuts would have gone beyond Israel. They would have also significantly affected other areas of significant importance to the Jewish community -- including combatting antisemitism, Holocaust education and law enforcement measures against hate crimes at a time of pronounced domestic antisemitism. The Republicans who voted in favor of the continuing resolution included six Republican lawmakers from New York in competitive 2024 races, all of whom have portrayed themselves as pro-Israel while attacking their Democratic counterparts: Republicans Nick LaLota, George Santos, Anthony D'Esposito, Mike Lawler, Marc Molinaro and Brandon Williams.” [Haaretz, [10/4/23](#)]

DEI

D'Esposito Criticized Government Agencies For Advancing DEI And Took Multiple Votes To Defund DEI And Racial Sensitivity Initiatives

D'Esposito Said It Was “Deeply Concerning” That The FBI Was Advancing Equity In Favor Of National Security According To Him

D'Esposito Asked If The FBI's Increased Importance On “Advancing Equity” With Respect To The New Headquarter Location Put The FBI's Readiness At Risk. D'ESPOSITO: “OK. And do you think that the decision as of this past July to change the site selection criteria by lowering the weight of the ‘FBI proximity to mission related locations’ and increasing the weight of ‘advancing equity’ puts the FBI's readiness and advancing its mission at risk?” DIMOS: “Congressman, we viewed the September 2022 site selection plan as -- as optimal. However, we did work closely with the GSA ultimately in the -- leading up to the July 2023 revisions to the plan. And while we thought that the September 2022 plan was -- was best, we also deferred to GSA's judgment on the final percentages in the -- in the July publication of the plan.” [House Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Building, and Emergency Management via CQ, Hearing, uploaded [12/12/23](#)]

- **The Assistant Director Of The FBI, Nicholas Dimos, Replied That The FBI Worked With The GSA To Find An Optimal For The Site Selection Plan.** D'ESPOSITO: “OK. And do you think that the decision as of this past July to change the site selection criteria by lowering the weight of the ‘FBI proximity to mission related locations’ and increasing the weight of ‘advancing equity’ puts the FBI's readiness and advancing its

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D'Esposito Said FBI Assistant Director Dimos Had Stated That The FBI Was Prioritizing Equity Over National Security Due To President Biden's Executive Orders And Called The Matter "Deeply Concerning." "Yesterday, during a @TransportGOP subcommittee hearing, I asked Assistant Director Nicholas Dimos why the @FBI is prioritizing 'equity' over national security. His answer? @POTUS' executive orders mandated it. Deeply concerning." [Rep. Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, [12/13/23](#)]



[Rep. Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, [12/13/23](#)]

D'Esposito Took Multiple Votes To Remove Funding For Initiatives Advancing DEI And Education On Racism

D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To The Military Construction-VA Appropriations Bill To Strike All Funding For The DEI Office Within The VA Department. In July 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Greene, R-Ga., amendment no. 34 that would strike all funding, \$86.5 million, for the Office of Resolution Management, Diversity, and Inclusion within the Veterans Affairs Department." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 204-227. [H.R. 4366, [Vote #372](#), 7/26/23; CQ, [7/26/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To The Bill To Reauthorize The Federal Aviation Administration To Restrict Funding For DEI Officials Or Training. In July 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Miller, R-Ill., amendment no. 65 that would prohibit the use of funds authorized by the bill to hire diversity, equity, and inclusion officials or to conduct DEI training." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 181-254. [H.R. 3935, [Vote #353](#), 7/19/23 CQ, [7/19/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To The NDAA To Eliminate DEI Offices From The Armed Forces And Department Of Defense (Revote). In July 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Norman, R-S.C., amendment no. 33 that would eliminate all Defense Department and Armed Forces offices established to promote diversity, equity, and inclusion as well as terminate all personnel within such offices." The amendment was adopted by a vote of 214-213. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #312](#), 7/13/23; CQ, [7/13/23](#)]

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D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To The NDAA To Prohibit The Department Of Defense From Requiring Training On Race-Based Concepts For Its Employees. In July 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Crane, R-Ariz., amendment no. 32 that would prohibit the Defense Department from making participation in training or support for certain politically-based concepts, including concepts related to race, color, sex or nationality, a requirement for hiring, promotion or retention of individuals. It also would stipulate that DOD employees and servicemembers cannot be compelled to declare belief in or participate in training that promotes such concepts as a condition of favorable personnel actions." The amendment was adopted by a vote of 214-210. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #310](#), 7/13/23; CQ, [7/13/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To The NDAA To Prohibit Race-Related Teaching In DOD Education. In July 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Roy, R-Texas, amendment no. 31 that would prohibit the use of federal funds for the Department of Defense Education Activity to promote race-related theories or teachings. It would stipulate that nothing in the amendment would be construed to restrict a teacher, student or other individual's free speech." The amendment was adopted by a vote of 227-201. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #309](#), 7/13/23; CQ, [7/13/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To The NDAA To Prohibit The Establishment Of DEI Officers In The Defense Department. In July 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Roy, R-Texas, amendment no. 30 that would prohibit the use of federal funds to establish, within the Defense Department, any positions similar to chief diversity officers or senior advisors for diversity and inclusion." The amendment was adopted by a vote of 217-212. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #308](#), 7/13/23; CQ, [7/13/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To The NDAA To Prohibit Federal Funds For DEI Training. In July 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Gaetz, R-Fla., amendment no. 52 that would prohibit the use of any funds authorized by the bill for training on diversity, equity and inclusion." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 210-221. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #321](#), 7/13/23; CQ, [7/13/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To The NDAA To Prohibit Military Service Academies To Use NDAA Funds Toward Race-Based Admissions Practices. In July 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Banks, R-Ind., amendment no. 63 that would prohibit military service academies from using any funds authorized by the bill to discriminate or use quotas in admissions on the basis of race or ethnicity." The amendment was adopted by a vote of 218-210. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #325](#), 7/14/23; CQ, [7/14/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To The NDAA To Prohibit DOD From Hiring Additional For DEI Positions And Repeal The Creation Of A DOD Inspector General. In July 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Burlison, R-Mo., amendment no. 62 that would prohibit the Defense Department from establishing any new positions or filling any vacancies in positions with responsibilities involving diversity, equity and inclusion. It would also repeal the creation of a DOD inspector general focused on diversity and inclusion oversight and preventing supremacist, extremist and criminal gang activity by servicemembers." The amendment was adopted by a vote of 218-213. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #324](#), 7/13/23; CQ, [7/13/23](#)]

FEMA & Disaster Relief Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ D'Esposito voted for a Republican continuing resolution that failed to support America's natural disaster recovery capabilities.
 - ✓ D'Esposito voted for a continuing resolution with Republican riders that would enact a nearly 30% cut across the entire government.
 - ✓ The continuing resolution would jeopardize American natural disaster response readiness.
- ✓ As a Councilman, D'Esposito introduced a resolution that would limit backyard boat docks, an unpopular measure that jeopardized a key source of income for homes affected by hurricanes Sandy and Irene.
 - ✓ D'Esposito proposed a law to ban the renting of dock space on shoreside residential properties.
 - ✓ Residents said the law would lead to the loss of a source of income especially for families affected by hurricanes Sandy and Irene.
- ✓ D'Esposito expressed concern for the dwindling FEMA disaster relief fund.
- ✓ D'Esposito criticized FEMA's engagement with the migrant crisis, claiming it was leading to "the hemorrhaging of taxpayer dollars."
- ✓ Despite claiming 9/11 victim compensation was a key issue, D'Esposito closely allied himself to Speaker Johnson, who questioned the fiscal implications of reauthorizing funding for the 9/11 Victim Compensation Fund.
 - ✓ D'Esposito repeatedly stated his commitment to compensation for 9/11 victims.
 - ✓ D'Esposito was a close ally of Speaker Mike Johnson.
 - Johnson questioned the financial implications of the 9/11 Victim Compensation Fund and defended Members of Congress who did not attend the hearing.

Disaster Response Capabilities

D'Esposito Voted For A Republican Continuing Resolution That Failed To Support America's Natural Disaster Recovery Capabilities

D'Esposito Voted For A Continuing Resolution With Republican Riders That Would Enact A Nearly 30% Cut Across The Entire Government

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The Continuing Resolution Would Jeopardize American Natural Disaster Response Readiness

The Continuing Resolution Jeopardized FEMA's Readiness To Respond To Natural Disaster By Not Addressing The Call For Additional Disaster Relief Funds To Solve Existing Shortfalls Within The Agency.

"With the introduction of this even more unreasonable Continuing Resolution, House Republicans are still more focused on introducing extreme funding bills than working on a bipartisan solution that could be enacted. Their funding bill would only keep the government open until October 31, 2023. This deadline guarantees Congress will need to pass another Continuing Resolution (CR) and means that either House Republicans will slash critical resources again at the end of October or the dangerous cuts in this extreme bill will be in place until Congress is able to pass all 12 full-year bills. [...] Failing to support communities recovering from natural disasters. In the midst of hurricane season and with several response and recovery efforts to major disasters underway, this bill harms FEMA's readiness by failing to address the urgent need for additional Disaster Relief Funds to address existing shortfalls and respond to future unknown disasters." [House Committee on Appropriations, Ranking Member Rosa DeLauro, accessed [1/23/24](#)]

As A Councilman, D'Esposito Introduced A Resolution That Would Limit Backyard Boat Docks, An Unpopular Measure That Jeopardized A Key Source Of Income For Homes Affected By Hurricanes Sandy And Irene

D'Esposito Proposed A Law To Ban The Renting Of Dock Space On Shoreside Residential Properties

May 2018: D'Esposito Proposed A Law To Ban The Renting Of Dock Space On Shoreside Residential Properties. "Residents of waterfront communities, including Oceanside and Island Park, criticized a proposed law, which would ban the practice of renting out dock space on shoreside residential properties, at a May 22 Hempstead Town Board meeting. [...] The proposed law was introduced at a May 11 news conference in Bellmore hosted by Town Councilman Anthony D'Esposito, which Town Supervisor Laura Gillen said at the meeting was the first time she had heard of it. D'Esposito maintained that the measure was not intended to penalize homeowners with multiple boats docked in their backyards, but rather to crack down on the practice of operating unregulated marinas on residential property." [LI Herald, [6/6/18](#)]

- **Town Supervisor Laura Gillen Criticized The Legislation, Saying It "Was Clearly Rushed And Crafted In Secret Without Any Community Input."** "The proposed law was introduced at a May 11 news conference in Bellmore hosted by Town Councilman Anthony D'Esposito, which Town Supervisor Laura Gillen said at the

meeting was the first time she had heard of it. D'Esposito maintained that the measure was not intended to penalize homeowners with multiple boats docked in their backyards, but rather to crack down on the practice of operating unregulated marinas on residential property. [...] Responding to the confusion, D'Esposito admitted that the law could be reworked, and agreed to hold hearings on it and postpone the vote. The council unanimously agreed to table the discussion, and responding to resident requests, Gillen said she would consider holding a nighttime hearing at a later date so more people could attend. Afterward she issued a statement critical of D'Esposito and the legislation, which, she said 'was clearly rushed and crafted in secret without any community input.' She added, 'Any new proposal that hurts working-class families — many still rebounding from Hurricane Sandy — will not have my support.'" [LI Herald, [6/6/18](#)]

Residents Said The Law Would Lead To The Loss Of A Source Of Income Especially For Families Affected By Hurricanes Sandy And Irene

Resident Fredi Vuckovic: "When You Put In This Law, You Will Get Rid Of Ten Thousand People That Can't Take Care Of Their Families On Beautiful Long Island." FREDI VUCKOVIC: A guy having his family come and enjoy the waterways, now, when you put in this law, you will get rid of ten thousand people that can't take care of their families on beautiful Long Island." [Town of Hempstead, Meeting Verbatim, [5/22/18](#)]

Residents Said Boat Slips Were "A Lifeblood Of Income" To Help Them "Recover Financially From The Devastation Of 2011's Hurricane Irene And 2012's Hurricane Sandy." "The town of Hempstead, New York, at least for the near future, is allowing the continuation of boating as usual. But a late May meeting of the Town Board in this southern Long Island community brought extensive media attention, making Hempstead the latest battleground in America between boaters who have long had private slips and lawmakers who want to regulate them. [...] 'This affects a lot of people's livelihood,' one resident said. 'You act like dictators there that think you can get away with anything you want, and unless people come down en masse, you don't respond.' Several residents said they're still trying to recover financially from the devastation of 2011's Hurricane Irene and 2012's Hurricane Sandy, and that renting boat slips behind their properties is a lifeblood of income." [LI Herald, [6/6/18](#)]

Resident Lisa Panella Said That Waterfront Homes' "Taxes Increased Tremendously" In The Near Past, Leading To Financial Issues For Her And Other Homeowners. LISA PANELLA: "Okay, we have been living there for thirteen years. Waterfront homes have decreased tremendously but our taxes increased tremendously and we deserve a break." [Town of Hempstead, Meeting Verbatim, [5/22/18](#)]

- **Panella Said That The Town Cannot "Take Away [Her] Rights" To Boat Slips After Her And Others' "Homes Were Destroyed By Sandy."** LISA PANELLA: "Lisa Panella, Oceanside, New York. I am a waterfront homeowner and I get the understanding of the adjournment. [...] Um, there are thousands of homes, waterfront homes in Nassau County with three hundred complaints that is not - - (Whereupon, applause from the audience was heard. After, the following ensued.) Kind of come in, take away our rights that we have had for one hundred years and decided this is what you are going to do after being - - our homes were destroyed by Sandy." [Town of Hempstead, Meeting Verbatim, [5/22/18](#)]

Homeowners Criticized The Measure And Characterized It Was "Government Outreach Harmful To The Livelihoods Of Families Still Recovering From Hurricane Sandy." "Residents of waterfront communities, including Oceanside and Island Park, criticized a proposed law, which would ban the practice of renting out dock space on shoreside residential properties, at a May 22 Hempstead Town Board meeting. Homeowners blasted the measure, characterizing it as government overreach harmful to the livelihoods of families still recovering from Hurricane Sandy. They also cited confusion over the resolution, asking for a public hearing on the matter before the town board considered its passage." [LI Herald, [6/6/18](#)]

D'Esposito Expressed Concern For The Dwindling FEMA Disaster Relief Fund

D'Esposito Said The Disaster Relief Fund Was “Dwindl[ing] To Inadequate Levels.” D'ESPOSITO: “Thank you. As the Disaster Relief Fund continues to dwindle to inadequate levels, what is the plan to protect vulnerable coastal communities like Long Island?” [House Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management via CQ, Hearing, uploaded [5/17/23](#)]

D'Esposito Asked FEMA Officials When The Disaster Relief Fund Would Run Out Of Money And Their Contingency Plan To Protect Long Island's Vulnerable Coastal Communities. D'ESPOSITO: “Thank you very much. Let me see. A couple of minutes left. So I also serve on transportation infrastructure and we had a hearing in May when I asked Deputy Administrator Hooks about the dwindling disaster relief fund. Mr. Hooks estimated that the DRF would be facing a shortfall by the end of this summer. So just really, I guess a month or month and a half away. In your estimation, when will the DRF run out of money?” DEANNE CRISWELL: “Chairman, we recently submitted our report to Congress on the balance of the funds at the end of -- for the end of June or through the end of June. And right now we anticipate a shortfall towards the mid and end of August.” ANTHONY D'ESPOSITO: “OK, and now what are the plans moving forward with that shortfall to still protect vulnerable coastal communities like Long Island?” [House Homeland Security Subcommittee on Emergency Management via CQ, Hearing, uploaded [7/13/23](#)]

D'Esposito Criticized FEMA's Engagement With The Migrant Crisis, Claiming It Was Leading To “The Hemorrhaging Of Taxpayer Dollars”

D'Esposito Said The Expansion Of FEMA's Scope Led To “The Hemorrhaging Of Taxpayer Dollars” On The Border Crisis. D'ESPOSITO: “Thank you, Madam Chair. And thank you both for attending today's hearing. [...] Mr. Hooks, the ever expanding of FEMA's scope has directly led to the hemorrhaging of taxpayer dollars in order to bear the burden of Biden's humanitarian crisis at our borders, both the southern and northern. What is the administration's plan to address the financial challenges that jeopardize FEMA's Strategic Plan?” [House Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management via CQ, Hearing, uploaded [5/17/23](#)]

D'Esposito Claimed Over \$100 Million In FEMA Funding Was Helping Cover Migrant Housing “Because Of The Dereliction Of Duty Of Secretary Mayorkas And President Biden.” D'ESPOSITO: “New York received over \$104.6 million in FEMA funding to help cover the cost of housing thousands upon thousands of migrants in this city because of the dereliction of duty of Secretary Mayorkas and President Biden. Administrator I recently sent you a letter outlining concerns with the Emergency Food and Shelter Program Humanitarian, EFSPH. As noted in the letter, I requested FEMA provide a briefing to this subcommittee to discuss the issues I highlighted in the letter.” [House Homeland Security Subcommittee on Emergency Management via CQ, Hearing, uploaded [7/13/23](#)]

9/11 Relief**Despite Claiming 9/11 Victim Compensation Was A Key Issue, D'Esposito Closely Allied Himself To Speaker Johnson, Who Questioned The Fiscal Implications Of Reauthorizing Funding For The 9/11 Victim Compensation Fund****D'Esposito Repeatedly Stated His Commitment To Compensation For 9/11 Victims**

D'Esposito Said He Would “Always Advocate” For First Responder Communities, Including Safeguarding The World Trade Center Health Program. “I will ALWAYS advocate for #NY04's first responder community in the halls of Congress — that includes safeguarding the federal @WTCHealthPrgrm to ensure those who ran into harm's way to save others on 9/11 have the healthcare they need.” [Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, [10/21/23](#)]



[Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, [10/21/23](#)]

D'Esposito Said He Spoke To Constituents About “Providing Enhanced 9/11 First Responder Healthcare Funding” During His TeleTownhall. “Spoke directly to #NY04 neighbors during my #TeleTownhall about my priorities in Congress, including. ☒ Protecting Social Security, Medicare, & Medicaid. ☒ Eliminating the current #SALT cap. ☒ Providing enhanced 9/11 first responder healthcare funding. ...and much more.” [Rep. D'Esposito, Twitter, [4/4/23](#)]



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D'Esposito: “Restoring The SALT Deduction, Safeguarding 9/11 Victim Support Funding, And Investing In Critical Infrastructure Are Our Priorities.” “Rep. Anthony D'Esposito outlined his logic in voting for Zeldin in

a statement. 'I want a Speaker who understands Long Island's unique needs,' D'Esposito said. 'Restoring the SALT deduction, safeguarding 9/11 victim support funding, and investing in critical infrastructure are our priorities. I look forward to discussions with candidates.'" [Long Island Press, [10/20/23](#)]

D'Esposito Said He Wanted To Elect A Speaker Who Prioritized "Restoring The SALT Deduction, Safeguarding 9/11 Victim Support Funding, And Investing In Critical Infrastructure." [Rep. Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, [10/17/23](#)]



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LaLota, D'Esposito, And Garbarino Issued A Joint Statement Stating Their Prioritization Of 9/11 Healthcare Funding. [Rep. Nick LaLota, Twitter, [10/19/23](#)]



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[Rep. Nick LaLota, Twitter, [10/19/23](#)]

D'Esposito Was A Close Ally Of Speaker Mike Johnson

Mike Johnson Donated \$10,000 To D'Esposito For New York

As Of April 2024, American Revival PAC Donated \$10,000 To D'Esposito For New York. [FEC Campaign Finance Data Search, accessed [6/7/24](#); D'Esposito for New York, 2023 Year-End Report, Itemized Receipts, accessed [6/7/24](#)]

Contributions to D'Esposito for New York From American Revival PAC		
Source	Date	Amount
American Revival PAC	3/31/23	\$1,000
American Revival PAC	12/31/23	\$9,000
Total:		\$10,000

[FEC Campaign Finance Data Search, accessed [6/7/24](#); D'Esposito for New York, 2023 Year-End Report, Itemized Receipts, accessed [6/7/24](#)]

- **American Revival PAC Was Mike Johnson's Leadership PAC.** American Revival PAC was the leadership PAC of Louisiana Republican Congressman Mike Johnson. [FEC Committee Profiles, American Revival PAC, accessed [10/27/23](#)]

Mike Johnson Was The Special Guest At A Fundraiser For D'Esposito

HEADLINE: "Speaker Mike Johnson Heads To LI For D'Esposito Fundraiser." [Newsday, [12/1/23](#)]

12/2/23: Mike Johnson Featured As The Special Guest At A Fundraiser For Anthony D'Esposito. "HON. JOSEPH G. CAIRO, JR. INVITES YOU TO SUPPORT CONGRESSMAN ANTHONY D'ESPOSITO WITH SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE MIKE JOHNSON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2023 12:30 PM – 2:30 PM at THE GENERAL 1899 Park Boulevard, East Meadow, NY." [Newsday, [12/1/23](#)]



[Newsday, [12/1/23](#)]

D'Esposito Supported Mike Johnson's Bid For Speakership, Calling Him An "Intelligent Legislator" Who "United The Republican Conference Behind His Vision"

D'Esposito Said Mike Johnson Was His Friend And A "Well Thought Leader Who Lives This Nation." "I'm w/ @MikeJohnson to be 56th Speaker of the House. Mike is my friend, a son of a firefighter, a good family man & a smart, well thought leader who loves this Nation. He understands issues critical @NYGov & @longisland. He will help grow our @HouseGOP majority." [Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, [10/25/23](#)]



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D'Esposito Called Speaker Johnson "A Family Man, Intelligent Legislator And Proud American." "Rep. Mike Johnson (R-Louisiana), who voted against certifying Joe Biden's victory over Donald Trump in the 2020 presidential election, was elected Speaker of the House on Wednesday. Reps. Andrew Garbarino, Nick LaLota,

Anthony D'Esposito, and George Santos, all Republicans from Long Island, voted for Johnson's speakership. [...] Rep. D'Esposito acknowledged policy differences between Johnson and himself, but expressed support for him. 'Speaker Johnson is a family man, intelligent legislator and proud American who has united the Republican Conference behind his bold vision of a strong, free and prosperous United States,' D'Esposito said. 'This servant leader is the right man at the right time to lead our chamber as America confronts a litany of threats, including wars overseas, an unstable southern border, and a cost of living crisis. While Speaker Johnson and I won't always agree on everything, I am confident the gentleman from Louisiana will work collaboratively with myself and my colleagues from Long Island to advance the legislative priorities of New Yorkers.'" [Long Island Press, [10/25/23](#)]

D'Esposito Said He Was "Confident" That Speaker Johnson Would "Advance The Legislative Priorities Of New Yorkers." "The votes of Long Island's House members to approve Mike Johnson as the new speaker of the House were key to the surprise victory of the 51-year-old Louisiana legislator. Johnson, who sought to overturn the 2020 presidential election in favor of the defeated Donald Trump, is now second in line to the presidency with a very powerful role in shaping government policy, assuming he can hold on to the gavel. Reps. Anthony D'Esposito, Andrew Garbarino and Nick LaLota voted unanimously with the Republican House conference to empower the unknown Johnson. [...] 'While Speaker Johnson and I won't always agree on everything, I am confident the gentleman from Louisiana will work collaboratively with myself and my colleagues from Long Island to advance the legislative priorities of New Yorkers,' said D'Esposito." [Newsday, Op-Ed, [11/14/23](#)]

D'Esposito Stated Speaker Johnson "United The Republican Conference Behind His Vision Of A Strong, Free And Prosperous United States." "Rep. Mike Johnson (R-Louisiana), who voted against certifying Joe Biden's victory over Donald Trump in the 2020 presidential election, was elected Speaker of the House on Wednesday. Reps. Andrew Garbarino, Nick LaLota, Anthony D'Esposito, and George Santos, all Republicans from Long Island, voted for Johnson's speakership. [...] Rep. D'Esposito acknowledged policy differences between Johnson and himself, but expressed support for him. 'Speaker Johnson is a family man, intelligent legislator and proud American who has united the Republican Conference behind his bold vision of a strong, free and prosperous United States,' D'Esposito said. 'This servant leader is the right man at the right time to lead our chamber as America confronts a litany of threats, including wars overseas, an unstable southern border, and a cost of living crisis. While Speaker Johnson and I won't always agree on everything, I am confident the gentleman from Louisiana will work collaboratively with myself and my colleagues from Long Island to advance the legislative priorities of New Yorkers.'" [Long Island Press, [10/25/23](#)]

D'Esposito On Speaker Johnson: "I'm Confident That He Will Fit Very Nicely Into His New Role And He'll Be Very Successful At It." "Rep. Mike Johnson (R-LA 04) yesterday did what no other Republican leader could: ended the weeks-long chaos that halted normal business in the House and united the raucous conference behind his bid to replace the ousted Speaker Kevin McCarthy. [...] 'Is it a concern? Obviously fundraising is important to any race. Listen, he comes from a district that is a pretty solid district—he didn't need to focus on fundraising,' Rep. Anthony D'Esposito (R-NY 04), one of the most vulnerable Republicans in the country, told reporters yesterday. 'I'm sure that he will realize very quickly that fundraising is important and that it matters, and I'm confident that he will fit very nicely into his new role and he'll be very successful at it.'" [National Journal, [10/26/23](#)]

Johnson Questioned The Financial Implications Of The 9/11 Victim Compensation Fund And Defended Members Of Congress Who Did Not Attend The Hearing

Johnson Questioned The Financial Implications Of The 9/11 Victim Compensation Fund And Said The Program Must Be Funded In A Way That Funds For Future First Responders Is Available

VIDEO: In His Opening Remarks At A Subcommittee Hearing On The Need To Reauthorize The September 11th Victim Compensation Fund, Johnson Said He Supported The September 11th Victim Compensation Fund "In A Manner That Is Fair To Everyone." JOHNSON: "After 9/11, a federally funded program was created to compensate and pay medical expenses for those who developed respiratory and other illnesses related primarily to the rehabilitation of the site of the former World Trade Center. Payments made from the fund are administered by a special master who has announced that the fund is running out of money and with

some current and future claims that are yet unpaid. That fund was authorized in the manner in which all Federal programs should be authorized, namely for a limited duration within which time Congress is able to periodically revisit the program's operation and fiscal solvency before potentially reauthorizing and funding it further as it goes forward into the future. The special master who runs this program and who is with us here today is a very well regarded public servant, and I am aware of no problems with the program's Administration. We have a lot of confidence in this program. So, I support reauthorizing the program in a manner that is fair to everyone. This is unquestionably the right thing to do, and I expect that this bill will pass with broad bipartisan support.” [U.S. Government Publishing Office, The Need to Reauthorize the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund Hearing Before the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Justice of the Committee on the Judiciary, 8:12, [6/11/19](#)] (VIDEO)

- **Johnson Continued To Say That “The Only Concern We Have Here” Is That The Proposal To Reauthorize The Program “Creates An Unlimited Authorization For Appropriations For The Fund” Until 2090.** JOHNSON: “The only concern we have here, and you will hear people talk about it, is just the latest proposal to reauthorize the program, H.R. 1327, creates an unlimited authorization for appropriations for the fund and extends it until the year 2090. The Congressional Budget Office isn't able to determine the cost of such an extended program. Of course, its rules limit it to predicting costs just 10 years out.” [U.S. Government Publishing Office, The Need to Reauthorize the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund Hearing Before the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Justice of the Committee on the Judiciary, 9:37, [6/11/19](#)] (VIDEO)
- **Johnson: “We Have To Approach The Reauthorization Of This Fund Today ... In A Way Capable Of Making Future Funds Available For Future Heroes As Well.”** JOHNSON: “Our objective, of course, is fairness to all. By all, we mean all Americans, including first responders nationwide who have heeded the call to service through the smoldering remains of terrorist attacks but also through the dense wildfire smoke of California and the wreckage following a Kansas tornado and the floods in Louisiana and all other disasters and tragedies everywhere. We have to approach the reauthorization of this fund today in the same way we would approach any fund designed to compensate first responders nationwide and other similar circumstances in a way capable of making future funds available for future heroes as well.” [U.S. Government Publishing Office, The Need to Reauthorize the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund Hearing Before the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Justice of the Committee on the Judiciary, 10:13, [6/11/19](#)] (VIDEO)

VIDEO: Johnson Said That The Fund Was A “Top Priority” But That Members Of Congress Needed To Know The “Ultimate Number” Of What It Would Cost. JOHNSON: “The only question is, if we authorize it to 2090, do we have any idea what that is going to cost. Just because we need to know because we are doing budgeting, not because it is not the top priority and should be, Jon. We are just saying, to be good fiscal stewards of all this, do we even have an idea of what that ultimate number might be. I will leave it--that is the final question. Ms. Bhattacharyya. You know, the problem is, I think as Dr. Moline has described, there is no way for us to know how many people were exposed. CBO originally estimated somewhere between 685 and 500,000 people. There is no way for us to know how many of those exposed will actually get sick, partly because of the latency periods associated with cancer. So, unfortunately, we have not been able to make those projections beyond December 18, 2020. Mr. Johnson of Louisiana. I just want to say, even if it is--I am done, Mr. Chairman. I am out of time. Even if it is an astronomical number, it is a responsibility of the government. We know that. The question is, can we just figure out what that number is, and that is it.” [U.S. Government Publishing Office, The Need to Reauthorize the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund Hearing Before the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Justice of the Committee on the Judiciary, 1:48:58, [6/11/19](#)] (VIDEO)

Johnson Defended His Fellow Members Of Congress Who Did Not Attend The Meeting After Jon Stewart Called The Nearly Empty Showing “An Embarrassment”

VIDEO: Jon Stewart Began His Remarks By Pointing Out That 9/11 Survivors Undergoing Serious Illnesses Were Speaking Before A “Nearly Empty Congress,” Calling It “An Embarrassment.” JON STEWART: “Mr. Stewart. I want to thank Mr. Collins and Mr. Nadler for putting this together, but as I sit here today, I can't help but

think what an incredible metaphor this room is for the entire process that getting healthcare and benefits for 9/11 first responders have come to: Behind me, a filled room of 9/11 first responders; and in front of me, a nearly empty Congress. Sick and dying, they brought themselves down here to speak--to no one. It is shameful. It is an embarrassment to the country, and it is a stain on this institution. You should be ashamed of yourselves, for those that aren't here, but you won't be, because accountability doesn't appear to be something that occurs in this chamber.” [U.S. Government Publishing Office, The Need to Reauthorize the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund Hearing Before the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Justice of the Committee on the Judiciary, 1:28:51, [6/11/19](#)] (VIDEO)

VIDEO: Johnson Said He “Would Not Interpret Some Of The Empty Chairs” In The Room As “Indifference” Of Members Of Congress Towards 9/11 Survivors. “Mr. Johnson of Louisiana. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank all of you. There are too few issues today that draw everybody in Congress together. This is one of them. Mr. Stewart, what you said is exactly right. I would not interpret some of the empty chairs as indifference. By virtue of its jurisdiction, this is a Subcommittee of House Judiciary. If it were the full committee, you would have many more Members here. Because we are a subcommittee, sometimes the scheduling gets crossed with other larger full Committee hearings. Some of them are there this morning and they send their regrets. We are going to make them all watch this tape, because the testimony was so compelling. I have been in politics a while. I can't recall being so moved by testimony as I was today. I cried through most of this. All of us did. It is just incomprehensible, what the terrorists did to our Nation and the harm that it continues to inflict.” [U.S. Government Publishing Office, The Need to Reauthorize the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund Hearing Before the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Justice of the Committee on the Judiciary, [6/11/19](#)] (VIDEO)

VIDEO: Johnson Said Attendance Was Low Because The Hearing Was For A Subcommittee, Rather Than A Full Committee, And That Subcommittee Leadership Would Make Members Who Missed The Hearing Watch It. “Mr. Johnson of Louisiana. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Thank all of you. There are too few issues today that draw everybody in Congress together. This is one of them. Mr. Stewart, what you said is exactly right. I would not interpret some of the empty chairs as indifference. By virtue of its jurisdiction, this is a Subcommittee of House Judiciary. If it were the full committee, you would have many more Members here. Because we are a subcommittee, sometimes the scheduling gets crossed with other larger full Committee hearings. Some of them are there this morning and they send their regrets. We are going to make them all watch this tape, because the testimony was so compelling. I have been in politics a while. I can't recall being so moved by testimony as I was today. I cried through most of this. All of us did. It is just incomprehensible, what the terrorists did to our Nation and the harm that it continues to inflict.” [U.S. Government Publishing Office, The Need to Reauthorize the September 11th Victim Compensation Fund Hearing Before the Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Justice of the Committee on the Judiciary, 1:44:26, [6/11/19](#)] (VIDEO)

Foreign Policy Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ D'Esposito said that the Chinese surveillance balloon incident violated U.S. sovereignty and posed a threat to national security.
- ✓ D'Esposito voted to cut security assistance to Israel by nearly \$1 billion.
 - ✓ September 2023: D'Esposito voted in favor of the Republican-backed continuing resolution.
 - ✓ The continuing resolution would have reduced funding for all government programs by 29.9%.
 - ✓ Current spending levels provided \$3.3 billion in assistance to Israel through the Foreign Military Financing Program.
 - ✓ The bill did not make any exceptions for the Military Financing Program, which provided assistance to Israel.
- ✓ D'Esposito said he would oppose any effort to rejoin the Iran nuclear deal and took multiple votes to call on the U.S. to limit Iran's weapons of mass destruction programs.
- ✓ D'Esposito stated he would advocate for Ukrainian aid and voted against several amendments to the NDAA that would cut funding for Ukraine.
- ✓ D'Esposito repeatedly stated he wanted greater fiscal oversight on Ukrainian aid.
- ✓ 2022: D'Esposito called on Governor Hochul to ban the sale of Russian spirits in New York.
- ✓ D'Esposito voted to prohibit the use of NDAA bill funds to deliver defense services to Ukraine.
 - ✓ D'Esposito took several votes to reduce funding for various agencies involved in international development, cooperation, and world peace.

Afghanistan

D'Esposito Called The Withdrawal From Afghanistan “Catastrophic” And “Embarrassing”

D'Esposito Called The Withdrawal From Afghanistan “Catastrophic” And Asked Whether American Credibility On The World Stage Was Affected By It. D'ESPOSITO: “Well, thank you, Mr. Chair, and good morning everyone. To our panel, thank you for being here and thank you for your service. One of the things that we discuss regularly is the view of America's credibility on a world stage. Ambassador, I would have to ask, do you believe that America's credibility on the world stage has been damaged as a result of the Biden administration's catastrophic withdrawal from Afghanistan?” [House Homeland Security Subcommittee on Counterterrorism, Law Enforcement, and Intelligence via CQ, Hearing, uploaded [4/18/23](#)]

D'Esposito Referred To The Afghanistan Withdrawal As “Embarrassing” And Said It Made The U.S. “Weaker.” “The world is safest when America is strongest, but from our embarrassing withdrawal in Afghanistan to the horrors we are seeing in Ukraine, the Biden Administration's foreign policy has made us weaker. Anthony

believes in Ronald Reagan's adage of Peace through Strength, and that begins by showing leadership on a global stage that puts America's priorities, safety and security first. It also means that America's military remains the world's most elite and powerful fighting force. Anthony will ensure that our brave men and women in uniform have the funding, equipment and support they need if and when they must defend our freedoms." [D'Esposito for Congress, Issues, accessed [2/2/24](#)]

China

D'Esposito Said That The Chinese Surveillance Balloon Incident Violated U.S. Sovereignty And Posted A Threat To National Security

D'Esposito Voted For Condemning China's Use Of The A High-Altitude Surveillance Balloon Over U.S. Airspace And Urging Actions And Sanctions To Neutralize Similar Threats And Combat China's Intelligence Collection Misinformation. In April 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Mast, R-Fla., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would express the sense of Congress condemning China's use of a high-altitude surveillance balloon over U.S. airspace as an 'unacceptable violation' of U.S. sovereignty and urge a number of diplomatic actions and sanctions intended to neutralize similar, future threats and combat Chinese misinformation and propaganda about its intelligence collection efforts. The bill would require the State Department, in consultation with the National Intelligence director and the U.S. representative to the United Nations, to develop and report to Congress on a diplomatic strategy to inform allies and partners of the scope of China's surveillance program and build global consensus to address the program — including to advocate for Taiwan's participation in International Civil Aviation Organization events and meetings; promote international coordination to identify and track future Chinese surveillance balloons, continue to share information regarding Chinese surveillance, and implement related sanctions; and advocate at the U.N. and other international organizations to increase diplomatic pressure on China to halt its surveillance collection operations that violate international sovereignty. The bill also would require the Commerce Department to evaluate U.S. export and transfer policies for aerospace items and technologies that are used by China for intelligence and reconnaissance, and to report to Congress, within 180 days, on the evaluations and a list of related controls it has implemented or plans to implement. It would authorize the president to impose property-blocking and visa sanctions against any Chinese individual that the president determines is 'directly managing and overseeing' the Chinese global surveillance balloon program." The motion was agreed to by a vote of 405-6. [H.R. 1151, [Vote #183](#), 4/17/23; CQ, [4/17/23](#)]

D'Esposito Termed The Chinese Surveillance Balloon Incident As One That Violated U.S. Sovereignty And Posed A Threat To National Security. D'ESPOSITO: "Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and thank you all. So, dozens of demonstrators protested outside of a building in New York City's Chinatown last month. The building, which is owned by the Chang Lee Association, operates what they call a service station, and they're accused of operating a CCP police station that allegedly conducts surveillance and intimidates CCP descendants and activists. Like the recent incident with the Chinese surveillance balloon, this station could be the latest CCP action that violates US sovereignty and poses a threat to national security. It's been reported that there's over 100 of these offices around the world." [House Homeland Security Subcommittee on Counterterrorism, Law Enforcement, and Intelligence via CQ, Hearing, uploaded [3/9/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Expressed Concern About A Building In New York City Owned By The Chang Lee Association, Lkening It To The Surveillance Ballon Incident.** D'ESPOSITO: "Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and thank you all. So, dozens of demonstrators protested outside of a building in New York City's Chinatown last month. The building, which is owned by the Chang Lee Association, operates what they call a service station, and they're accused of operating a CCP police station that allegedly conducts surveillance and intimidates CCP descendants and activists. Like the recent incident with the Chinese surveillance balloon, this station could be the latest CCP action that violates US sovereignty and poses a threat to national security. It's been reported that there's over 100 of these offices around the world." [House Homeland Security Subcommittee on Counterterrorism, Law Enforcement, and Intelligence via CQ, Hearing, uploaded [3/9/23](#)]

Israel

D'Esposito Voted To Cut Security Assistance To Israel By Nearly \$1 Billion

September 2023: D'Esposito Voted In Favor Of The Republican-Backed Continuing Resolution

9/29/23: D'Esposito Voted For Passing The Republican-Backed Continuing Resolution. In September 2023, D'Esposito voted for “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would provide funding for federal government operations and services through Oct. 31, 2023, with a 29.9 percent cut from fiscal 2023 levels for most programs. It would fund veterans’ programs, the Department of Homeland Security, national security programs and disaster assistance at full fiscal 2023 levels. It would also implement nearly all provisions of House Republicans’ border security and immigration bill (HR 2), which the House passed in May 2023. It would provide an increase in funding for the Defense Department at rates set forth in House Republicans’ fiscal 2024 defense appropriations bill (HR 4365), which would provide for a 3.6 percent funding increase over fiscal 2023. It would also provide funding increases for the Agriculture Department and provide an additional \$220 million above fiscal 2023 levels for Energy Department nuclear programs. Among its border security and immigration provisions, it would require DHS, within seven days of enactment, to resume all activities related to “border wall” construction on the U.S.-Mexico border that were underway or planned prior to Jan. 20, 2021; require DHS to reopen or restore, no later than Sept. 30, 2023, the use of all Immigration and Customs Enforcement detention facilities that were in operation on Jan. 20, 2021; and require DHS to return all unaccompanied children to their country of origin, regardless of whether they are from a contiguous country to the U.S. In addition to provisions of HR 2, it would place limitations on the use of DHS funding provided by the bill, including prohibitions on removing existing U.S.-Mexico border barriers, transporting inadmissible adults into the U.S., and the use of Customs and Border Protection’s “CBP One” app to facilitate the parole of an individual into the U.S. It also would prohibit the use of funds provided by the bill to initiate or resume any project or activity not funded during fiscal 2023 and would establish a congressional fiscal commission tasked with identifying policies to “improve the fiscal situation.” The bill was rejected by a vote of 198-232. [H.R. 5525, [Vote #511](#), 9/29/23; CQ, [9/29/23](#)]

- **9/29/23: The CR Failed By A Vote Of 198-232.** [H.R. 5525, [Vote #511](#), 9/29/23; CQ, [9/29/23](#)]

The Continuing Resolution Would Have Reduced Funding For All Government Programs By 29.9%

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Current Spending Levels Provided \$3.3 Billion In Assistance To Israel Through The Foreign Military Financing Program

Fiscal Year 23 Appropriations Provided \$3.3 Billion Dollars In Assistance To Israel. “ISRAEL.—Of the funds appropriated by this Act under the heading ‘Foreign Military Financing Program’, not less than \$3,300,000,000 shall be available for grants only for Israel which shall be disbursed within 30 days of enactment of this Act.” [H.R. 2617, [12/29/22](#)]

The Foreign Military Financing Program Provides Bilateral Security Assistance To Israel, Allowing It Access To Advanced Military Equipment. “Israel is the leading global recipient of Title 22 U.S. security

assistance under the Foreign Military Financing (FMF) program. This has been formalized by a 10-year (2019-2028) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Consistent with the MOU, the United States annually provides \$3.3 billion in FMF and \$500 million for cooperative programs for missile defense. Since FY 2009, the United States has provided Israel with \$3.4 billion in funding for missile defense, including \$1.3 billion for Iron Dome support starting in FY 2011. Through FMF, the United States provides Israel with access to some of the most advanced military equipment in the world, including the F-35 Lightning.” [Department Of State, [7/30/21](#)]

The Bill Did Not Make Any Exceptions For The Military Financing Program, Which Provided Assistance To Israel

The Text Of The Bill Did Not Make Any Exceptions For The Military Financing Program. “SEC. 104. Except as otherwise provided in section 102, no appropriation or funds made available or authority granted pursuant to section 101 shall be used to initiate or resume any project or activity for which appropriations, funds, or other authority were not available during fiscal year 2023. [...] Such amounts as may be necessary, at a rate for operations as provided in the applicable appropriations Acts for fiscal year 2023 and under the authority and conditions provided in such Acts, for continuing projects or activities.” [H.R. 5525, Introduced [9/18/23](#)]

There Was No Mention Of Keeping Spending Levels To Israel Or The Foreign Military Financing Program At Normal Levels In The Continuing Resolution. [H.R. 5525, Introduced [9/18/23](#)]

Foreign Military Financing, Including To Israel, Was Appropriated Through The Department Of State And Foreign Operations Budget, Rather Than Through The Department Of Defense. “Israel.—Of the funds appropriated by this Act under the heading ‘Foreign Military Financing Program’, not less than \$3,300,000,000 shall be available for grants only for Israel which shall be disbursed within 30 days of enactment of this Act: Provided, That to the extent that the Government of Israel requests that funds be used for such purposes, grants made available for Israel under this heading shall, as agreed by the United States and Israel, be available for advanced weapons systems, of which not less than \$725,300,000 shall be available for the procurement in Israel of defense articles and defense services, including research and development.” [H.R.4665, Introduced [7/17/23](#)]

Iran

D’Esposito Said He Would Oppose Any Effort To Rejoin The Iran Nuclear Deal And Took Multiple Votes To Call On The U.S. To Limit Iran’s Weapons Of Mass Destruction Programs

D’Esposito Said He Would “Oppose Any Effort To Rejoin The Failed Iran Nuclear Deal.” “The United States and Israel share a special bond that must always be protected. As a nation, we must stand with Israel to support its right of self-defense against ongoing threats from Hamas and Iran, as well as economic aggression through the BDS movement. In the Hempstead Town Council, Anthony D’Esposito stood with Israel and passed one of the nation’s first anti-BDS laws prohibiting town government from doing business with anyone engaged in BDS. As a member of Congress, he will work to strengthen military cooperation between the United States and Israel, including the continuation of foreign aid for security assistance and defense programs, to ensure the safety and security of both nations. He will also preserve important policies like the Taylor Force Act and the relocation of the American Embassy to Jerusalem. Congressman D’Esposito will oppose any effort to rejoin the failed Iran Nuclear deal.” [D’Esposito for Congress, Issues, accessed [2/1/24](#)]

D’Esposito Voted For Permitting The U.S. To Use Any Means Necessary To Prevent Iran From Obtaining Nuclear Weapons. In November 2023, D’Esposito voted for: “McCaul, R-Texas, motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution, as amended, that would permit the United States to use all means necessary to prevent Iran from obtaining nuclear weapons.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 354-53. [H. R.es. 559, [Vote #560](#), 11/1/23; CQ, [11/1/23](#)]

D’Esposito Voted For Constraining Iran’s Ballistic Missile Capacities By Extending Iran Missile-Related

Restrictions And Requiring The State Department To Report Annually On Strategy To Deter Iranian

Missile Capabilities. In September 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "McCaul, R-Texas, motion to suspend the rules and agree to the bill, as amended, that would establish that the United States will seek to constrain Iran's ballistic missile capabilities by 'urgently' seeking an extension of missile-related restrictions relative to Iran, as established in a 2015 U.N. Security Council resolution and using all other available authorities. The bill would also establish property blocking and visa ineligibility sanctions for any foreign person determined to have engaged in furthering Iranian missile technology, including providing materials, exporting or providing financial support. It would require the State Department to report annually to Congress on a diplomatic strategy to renew the U.N. restrictions, the restrictions' impact on Iran, and the U.S. strategy to deter Iranian missile capabilities." The bill passed by a vote of 403-8. [H.R. 3152, [Vote #383](#), 9/12/23; CQ, [9/12/23](#)]

Russia-Ukraine**D'Esposito Stated He Would Advocate For Ukrainian Aid And Voted Against Several Amendments To The NDAA That Would Cut Ukraine Funding**

9/21/23: D'Esposito Said It Was "Time For Hardball" Against Hardliners To Advocate For Aid For Ukraine In House Republicans' Budget Fight. "HARLOW: Okay. Well, that's good news. Can I ask you just one point that your former Republican colleague in Congress, Adam Kinzinger, said on CNN last night, and I want to know -- you've been a supporter, you know, more funding for Ukraine. He said, quote, my concern is the moderate wing of the party, which I think you would be part of, is seeming to capitulate on the issue of Ukraine funding. That's something I don't understand. I don't know why they're doing that. They have to start playing hardball against the freedom club. Do you agree, time for hardball? D'ESPOSITO: I do think -- I think that it is time for hardball. But I think that there are a couple of ways to play hardball. And I think by having real conversations, by letting them know exactly how we feel, what matters to our districts and what we're going to stand for, like we've done over the last 48 hours, we're beginning to play hardball. And I think that, like I said, we're going to move things forward today." [CQ Newsmaker Transcripts, CNN, [9/21/23](#)]

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D'Esposito Voted For Providing \$300 Million In Supplemental Funding To Ukraine. In September 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Passage of the bill that would provide \$300 million in supplemental funding for security assistance to Ukraine in fiscal 2024." The bill passed by a vote of 311-117. [H.R. 5692, [Vote #503](#), 9/28/23; CQ, [9/28/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To The NDAA Decrease Defense Department Funding For Ukraine Security Assistance By \$300 Million And Transfer The Money To The Spending Reduction Account. In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Biggs, R-Ariz., amendment no. 149 that would decrease by \$300 million funding for Defense Department-wide operation and maintenance to be used for the Ukraine Security Assistance Initiative and transfer the savings to the spending reduction account." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 104-330. [H.R. 4365, [Vote #432](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To The NDAA Prohibit Cluster Munitions And Technology From Being Given To Ukraine. In July 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Greene, R-Ga., amendment no. 48 that would prohibit the sale or transfer of cluster munitions or cluster munitions technology to Ukraine." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 147-276. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #317](#), 7/13/23; CQ, [7/13/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Prohibit Funding for Ukraine Security Assistance. In July 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Gaetz, R-Fla., amendment no. 22 that would prohibit the use of federal funds to provide security assistance for Ukraine." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 70-358. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #304](#), 7/13/23; CQ, [7/13/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Strike \$300 Million In Ukraine Funding. In July 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Greene, R-Ga., amendment no. 21 that would strike \$300 million in funding authorized for Ukraine." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 89-341. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #303](#), 7/13/23; CQ, [7/13/23](#)]

D'Esposito Repeatedly Said He Wanted Greater Fiscal Oversight On Ukrainian Aid

9/23/23: D'Esposito Said He Supported Aid For Ukraine While "Ensuring Any Foreign Aid Goes Through A Vigorous Oversight Process." "Rep. Anthony D'Esposito (R-Island Park) in a statement said: 'I will continue advocating for funding packages that provide the Ukrainian people with the tools they need in their struggle for freedom, while also ensuring any foreign aid goes through a vigorous oversight process and is closely tracked by American authorities.'" [Newsday, [9/23/23](#)]

D'Esposito Supported Ukraine Aid But "Only With More Fiscal Oversight." "Objections by some House Republicans to include Ukraine funding in the short-term spending bill agreed to last month led negotiators to strip out \$24 billion for Ukraine proposed by the White House and Senate. Bipartisan support for the aid exists in Congress, but so do opposition and skepticism. A small group of House Republican hard-liners including Reps. Marjorie Taylor Greene (R-Ga.), Santos (R-Nassau/Queens) and Matt Gaetz (R-Fla.) demand an end to U.S. aid to Ukraine, arguing there is no plan to end the war. Reps. Anthony D'Esposito (R-Island Park) and Andrew Garbarino (R-Bayport) join other moderates who support Ukraine aid only with more fiscal oversight." [Newsday, [10/15/23](#)]

D'Esposito On Providing Ukraine Financial Assistance: "Many Of Us Don't Mind Supporting Our Allies, But We Want To Make Sure That We Know Where The Funding Is Going." HARLOW: "Fair enough, it's a new day, the sun is up. You got nine days left. What came out of that conference is this proposal by McCarthy which, by the way, is going nowhere in the Senate, but I want to know if you support it, that is spending levels, keep the government open for 30 days at \$1.47 trillion spending levels, nothing for Ukraine in there. You support that, you'd be a yes on that?" D'ESPOSITO: "Well, there's a couple proposals and one more that we're going to discuss this morning. The bipartisan group to Problem Solvers Caucus came up with a plan to really meet the numbers of the Fiscal Responsibility Act as well as include funding in there that the president asked for for Ukraine, but while including checks and balances, which I think is super important. We don't -- many of us don't mind supporting our allies, but we want to make sure that we know where the funding is going, what it's being used for, and that's included in this plan." [CNN, CNN This Morning, [9/21/23](#)]

2022: D'Esposito Called On Governor Hochul To Ban The Sale Of Russian Spirits In New York

D'Esposito Called On Governor Hochul To Ban The Sale Of Russian Spirits In New York State. "Say NO to Russian vodka! Today in #IslandParkNY, Hempstead Town Supervisor Don Clavin and Councilman Anthony D'Esposito stood alongside local restaurant owners and fellow Hempstead Town officials to demand that Governor Kathy Hochul ban the sale of Russian spirits in New York State." [Town of Hempstead, Facebook, [3/7/22](#)]



Town of Hempstead is at Peter's Clam Bar.

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The assembled group, which included Councilman Thomas Muscarella, Councilman Christopher Carini and Hempstead Town Clerk Kate Murray, dumped out Russian vodka outside of Peter's Clam Bar in a show of solidarity with the people of Ukraine and their struggle for freedom.



[Town of Hempstead, Facebook, [3/7/22](#)]

D'Esposito Voted To Prohibit The Use Of NDAA Bill Funds To Deliver Defense Services To Ukraine

D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To The NDAA Prohibit Bill Funds To Deliver Defense Services To Ukraine. In September 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Greene, R-Ga., amendment no. 43 that would prohibit the use of funding in the bill for the secretary of State to initiate a drawdown and delivery of defense articles and services from Defense Department stocks to Ukraine." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 92-340. [H.R. 4665, [Vote #474](#), 9/28/23; CQ, [9/28/23](#)]

International Development

D'Esposito Took Several Votes To Reduce Funding For Various Agencies Involved In International Development, Cooperation, And World Peace

D'Esposito Voted For Passing Fiscal 2024 State-Foreign Operations Appropriations Including Republican Riders. In September 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Passage of the bill, as amended, that would provide \$53.3 billion in federal funding for fiscal 2024. The bill includes a \$12.9 billion offset, including \$11.1 billion from a rescission of funding from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund from the fiscal 2022 budget reconciliation bill (PL 117-169). The bill would provide \$4.4 billion to counter the Chinese Communist Party's influence and prohibit the use of funds to repay loans to the Chinese government or to support forced labor, crimes against humanity or genocide in China. The bill would provide \$3.1 billion for Israel, \$1.5 billion for Egypt and \$1.7 billion for Jordan. The bill would also require the executive branch, within 60 days of enactment, to report to Congress on a strategy to prioritize U.S. national security interests in responding to the Russian invasion of Ukraine, and create new monitoring and oversight mechanisms. Among other provisions, the bill would provide \$10 billion for global health programs, strike funding for the Green Climate Fund, and reimpose the prohibition on federal funding for international non-governmental organizations that provide abortion services. As amended, the bill would reduce the salary of Secretary of State Antony Blinken to \$1, prohibit the use of funds for the Office of Palestinian Affairs,

and add language to expand eligibility for security upgrades to soft targets to include places of worship for U.S. embassy staff and their dependents.” The bill passed by a vote of 216-212. [H.R. 4665, [Vote #500](#), 9/28/23; CQ, [9/28/23](#)]

- **D’Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Reduce Agency For International Development Funding By \$4.5 Billion And Transfer Savings To The Spending Reduction Account To Help Ukraine Pay Off Sovereign Debt.** In September 2023, D’Esposito voted for: “Gaetz, R-Fla., amendment no. 17 that would reduce funding for the U.S. Agency for International Development by \$4.5 billion and transfer the savings to the spending reduction account to help Ukraine pay off its sovereign debt.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 115-312. [H.R. 4665, [Vote #466](#), 9/28/23; CQ, [9/28/23](#)]
- **D’Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Strike All \$2.5 Billion Of State Department Migration And Refugee Assistance Funding And Transfer Savings To The Spending Reduction Account.** In September 2023, D’Esposito voted for: “Perry, R-Pa., amendment no. 22 that would strike all \$2.5 billion of funding for State Department migration and refugee assistance and transfer the savings to the spending reduction account.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 121-311. [H.R. 4665, [Vote #469](#), 9/28/23; CQ, [9/28/23](#)]
- **D’Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Prohibit Bill Funds For A State Department Refugee Travel Loan Program.** In September 2023, D’Esposito voted for: “Gooden, R-Texas, amendment no. 54 that would prohibit funding in the bill from being used by the State Department for the International Organization for Migration's Refugee Travel Loan Program.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 198-232. [H.R. 4665, [Vote #483](#), 9/28/23; CQ, [9/28/23](#)]
- **D’Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Prohibit Bill Funds For The State Department’s Office Of Global Change.** In September 2023, D’Esposito voted for: “Hageman, R-Wyo., amendment no. 58 that would prohibit the use of funds in the bill for the State Department's Office of Global Change.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 213-219. [H.R. 4665, [Vote #485](#), 9/28/23; CQ, [9/28/23](#)]
- **D’Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Prohibit Bill Funds From Being Used To Provide Assistance To UNESCO.** In September 2023, D’Esposito voted for: “Steube, R-Fla., amendment no. 73 that would prohibit the use funds in the bill to provide assistance to UNESCO.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 198-232. [H.R. 4665, [Vote #494](#), 9/28/23; CQ, [9/28/23](#)]
- **D’Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Prohibit Bill Funds For The United Nations Relief And Works Agency.** In September 2023, D’Esposito voted for: “Perry, R-Pa., amendment no. 74 that would prohibit the use of funds in the bill for the United Nations Relief and Works Agency.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 213-218. [H.R. 4665, [Vote #495](#), 9/28/23; CQ, [9/28/23](#)]

Gun Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ D'Esposito said assault weapon ban advocates were ignorant on gun safety issues.
 - ✓ January 2024: D'Esposito said advocates for an assault weapons ban did not know what assault weapons were and that advocates against mass shootings only addressed gun violence after “what they say is a ‘mass shooting,’” using air quotes around “mass shooting.”
 - ✓ April 2023: D'Esposito faced protests from Long Island mothers urging him to combat gun violence and support an assault weapons ban.
 - ✓ April 2023: In response to the protest, a D'Esposito spokesperson said he “remains committed to seeking bipartisan solutions” to gun violence.
- ✓ D'Esposito claimed to support background checks instead of an assault weapons ban but refused to sign onto efforts to vote on bills that expanded background checks.
 - ✓ While defending his opposition to an assault weapons ban, D'Esposito said he supports background checks.

- ✓ D'Esposito did not sign onto efforts to force votes on bills to expand background checks.
- ✓ D'Esposito claimed to support “some sort of background checks” when asked why he refused to sign the discharge petitions.
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- ✓ Despite claiming he would take multiple initiatives to combat gun violence, D'Esposito “did not press for new gun legislation” according to the LI Herald.
 - ✓ 2022: D'Esposito discussed initiatives he would introduce in Congress to combat gun violence.
 - ✓ LI Herald: D'Esposito was “soft on common sense gun control” and “did not press for new gun legislation” during his time in Congress.
- ✓ D'Esposito touted his NYPD record of taking guns off streets and repeatedly stated that the focus should be on removing illegal guns instead of taking away legal ones.
 - ✓ D'Esposito claimed he made more than 600 arrests including those concerning “illegal firearms” and took “hundreds of guns” off New York streets, none of which were legal.
 - ✓ D'Esposito said focusing on illegal guns would help solve the gun crisis and called on the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms to invest more resources in combatting illegal firearm trafficking.
- ✓ D'Esposito said red flag laws could be effective with streamlined databases.
- ✓ 2015: D'Esposito was punished by the NYPD after he failed to safeguard his firearm, which was subsequently stolen.
 - ✓ 6/3/15: Anthony D'Esposito left his firearm unattended in a car which led to the firearm's theft.
 - ✓ D'Esposito pleaded guilty to the allegations and forfeited 20 vacation days as a result.
- ✓ D'Esposito was reportedly subject to complaints finding he was “known for flashing his gun around” and being “reckless.”

Assault Weapons

D'Esposito Claimed Advocates For Assault Weapon Bans Were Ignorant On Gun Safety Issues

January 2024: D'Esposito Said Advocates For An Assault Weapons Ban Did Not Know What Assault Weapons Were And That Advocates Against Mass Shootings Only Addressed Gun Violence After “What They Say Is A Mass Shooting,” Using Air Quotes Around “Mass Shooting”

January 2024: D'Esposito Said Advocates For An Assault Weapons Ban “Can’t Explain What An Assault Weapon Is.” LiPETRI: “You know, so many times the left will target – specifically the extreme left, this is the extreme left – that will target Republicans and you saying, gun violence, gun violence, gun violence, and right here is your plan to show, hey – ” D’ESPOSITO: “I’ve had these, you know, I’ve had people in my office who have come and they, you need to ban assault weapons.” LiPETRI: “Right.” D’ESPOSITO: “Okay, first of all, let’s sit down and let’s have a conversation. Let’s talk about guns. Most of the time they don’t even – they can’t explain what an assault weapon is. You know, they actually think an AR stands for assault rifle, so there’s a lot, there’s a lot of individuals who don’t understand guns. They don’t understand that right now the focus should be on targeting illegal firearms and getting them off the street and I’m not one of those people – Listen, I own guns, I’ve trained on guns for years. I am not one of those people who thinks, you know, we should just go to the store and buy this. There should be background check, there should, you know, and some of the stuff that the state legislature has put in place, I think some of it’s logical, you know, recently checking people’s social media tells a lot about people, right. There’s a lot of people who tell their whole life on social media. So I don’t think it’s a bad thing, but what we need to focus on is the illegal firearms.” [Mike LiPetri Show, YouTube, 22:20, [1/14/24](#)] (VIDEO)

D’Esposito Criticized Advocates Against Mass Shootings, Saying They Only Addressed Gun Violence After “What They Say Is A Mass Shooting,” Using Air Quotes Around “Mass Shooting.” D’ESPOSITO: “You hear it often whenever there’s, you know, God forbid, some sort of what they say is a mass shooting [air quotes], you know, ban weapons. You guys are failing the people. You have blood on your hands. Well, what about – and I’ve done this – you know, I take out some pictures of, oh what are you showing me? Well, these are individuals that I’ve identified as you know when I was in law enforcement. Bodies that I had to identify in in the morgue, you know, I block them out so they can’t really – well, why you show me that? Because you keep talking about these mass shootings that sometimes are not even mass, they’re just multiple people shot but you never once mentioned the 11 people that were shot across New York City last night just 10 minutes from where we are, you know, not from where we are. In my district in 10 minutes you could be in Queens or in Brooklyn. There’s no discussion of that and then when you when you say that to them, they say, well that’s not I’m not talking about those guns. Why? Those illegal firearms are killing people every day.” [Mike LiPetri Show, YouTube, 23:41, [1/14/24](#)] (VIDEO)

April 2023: D’Esposito Faced Protests From Long Island Mothers Urging Him To Combat Gun Violence And Support An Assault Weapons Ban

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Background Checks

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While Defending His Opposition To An Assault Weapons Ban, D'Esposito Claimed He Supported Background Checks

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September 2022: D'Esposito Said “There Needs To Be More Education” And Called For “Proper Background Checks” When Asked About Assault Weapons. “Gillen makes clear she thinks guns are a major problem and that assault weapons should be prohibited. ‘I'm a mother of four,’ Gillen said. ‘I am the only candidate (in this race) who will stand up to the gun lobby.’ D'Esposito falls back on his law enforcement background. ‘When it comes to guns, there is one person in this race who has spent 29 years taking guns away from people,’ citing as a cop, he made ‘1,000 seizures of illegal guns’ and ‘600 arrests’ in connection with murders and shootings. ‘What we need to do is focus on prosecution of people who have guns and no licenses,’ D'Esposito said. When it comes to assault weapons: ‘There needs to be more education in place’ about such weapons. ‘And proper background checks.’” [LI Herald, [9/8/22](#)]

D'Esposito Did Not Sign Onto Efforts To Force Votes On Bills To Expand Background Checks

June 2023: D'Esposito Did Not Sign Onto The Discharge Petition To Force A Vote To Improve Background Checks By Closing The Gun Show Loophole

June 2023: LaLota, D'Esposito, Santos, Lawler, Molinaro, And Williams Did Not Sign Onto The Discharge Petition To Force A Vote On The Bipartisan Background Checks Act. D'Esposito did not sign onto the discharge petition reading: "Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XV, I, Mike Thompson, move to discharge the Committee on Rules from the consideration of the resolution (H.Res. 454) entitled, a resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 715) to require a background check for every firearm sale, which was referred to said committee May 26th, 2023, in support of which motion the undersigned Members of the House of Representatives affix their signatures, to wit:" [H.Res. 454, [6/13/23](#)]

The Bipartisan Background Checks Act Would Close The Gun Show Loophole That Allowed People Purchasing Firearms Via Private Sales To Forego Background Checks. "Giffords, a former congresswoman from Arizona, was shot in the head by a mass shooter during a 2011 meeting with constituents and has advocated for gun-violence prevention ever since. She was chosen to drop the bill, called the Bipartisan Background Checks Act of 2019, into the 'hopper' where all bills start, as lawmakers introduced it. [...] The bill, however, would close the infamous 'gun show loophole,' which allows people purchasing firearms via private sales, typically at gun shows, to forgo a background check. Under the legislation, anyone who's not a licensed firearms dealer would not be able to exchange weapons, which would ensure that all sales run through the national criminal background check system — with a few exceptions." [Vice News, [1/8/19](#)]

June 2023: D'Esposito Did Not Sign Onto The Discharge Petition To Force A Vote To Improve Background Checks By Closing The Charleston Loophole

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The Enhanced Background Checks Act Changed The Background Check Requirement To Give Law Enforcement A Minimum Of 20 Days To Complete A Background Check. "To address the deadly Charleston Loophole, Rep. James Clyburn (D-SC) introduced the Enhanced Background Checks Act of 2023 to provide the FBI with additional time to complete the background checks before guns may be sold. This legislation changes the background check requirement such that the FBI would have a minimum of 20 days to complete a background check before an FFL can transfer a firearm to a prospective purchaser. It establishes due process protections for firearm purchasers and prevents indefinite bureaucratic delays by simply giving the FBI additional time to fully investigate incomplete background checks." [Brady United, accessed [5/3/24](#)]

D'Esposito Claimed To Support "Some Sort Of Background Checks" When Asked Why He Refused To Sign The Discharge Petitions

D'Esposito Claimed He Supported "Some Sort Of Background Checks" After Refusing To Sign Onto The Discharge Petitions. "In interviews, though, two of those New York Republicans, Reps. Anthony D'Esposito and Marc Molinaro, told Spectrum News they do not plan to sign the petitions. 'What we need to do is we need to focus on illegal guns. We need to focus on the rogue DAs who are not prosecuting these cases,' said D'Esposito, who represents Nassau County. He also called firearms training 'super important,' and said he supports 'some sort of background checks.'" [Spectrum News, [6/16/23](#)]

Mass Shootings

D'Esposito Blamed "Socialist Democrats" For A Shooting In Brooklyn And Responded To The Uvalde With "Thoughts" And "Prayers" Only A Month Later

April 2022: D'Esposito Blamed “Socialist Democrats & Their Pro-Criminal Agenda” For A Shooting In Brooklyn

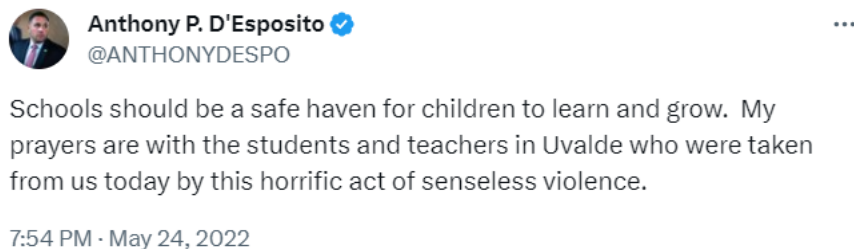
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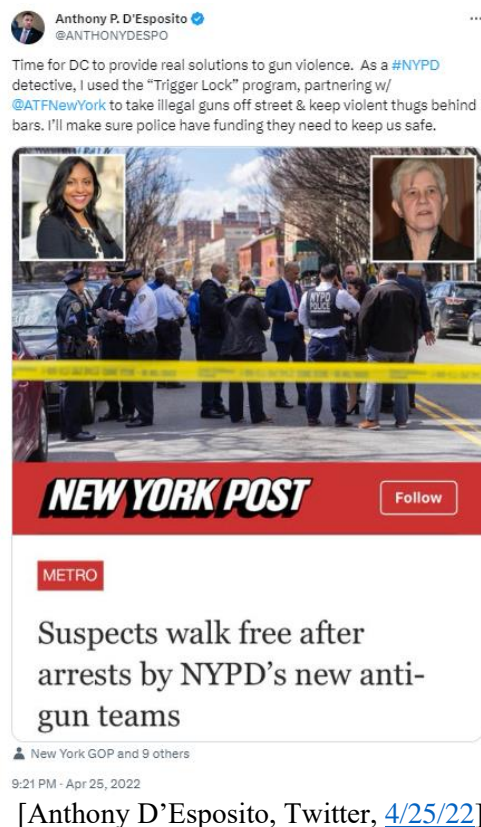
Combatting Gun Violence

Despite Claiming He Would Take Multiple Initiatives To Combat Gun Violence, D'Esposito “Did Not Press For New Gun Legislation” According To The LI Herald

2022: D'Esposito Discussed Initiatives He Would Introduce In Congress To Combat Gun Violence

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passed historic ethics reform and transparency legislation for all town contracts and budgets.’ She also said ‘tirelessly work to finally pass common sense gun legislation that will protect our families.’ During the fall campaign, D’Esposito did not press for new gun legislation.” [Long Island Herald, [5/14/23](#)]

Illegal Firearm Trafficking

D’Esposito Touted His NYPD Record Of Taking Guns Off Streets

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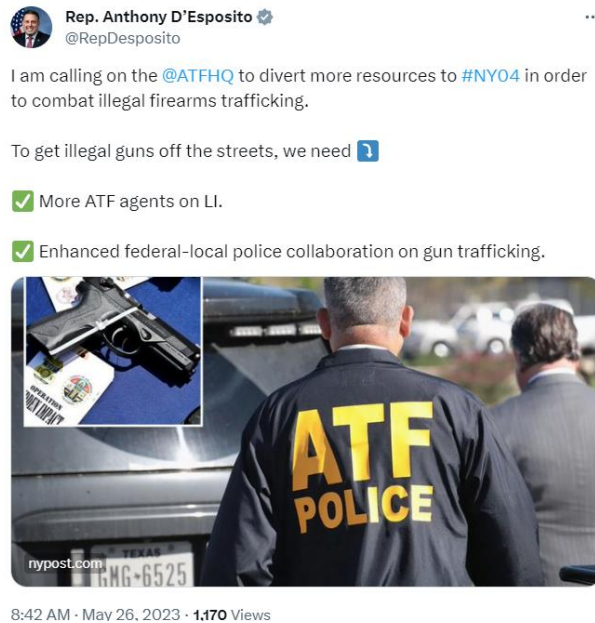
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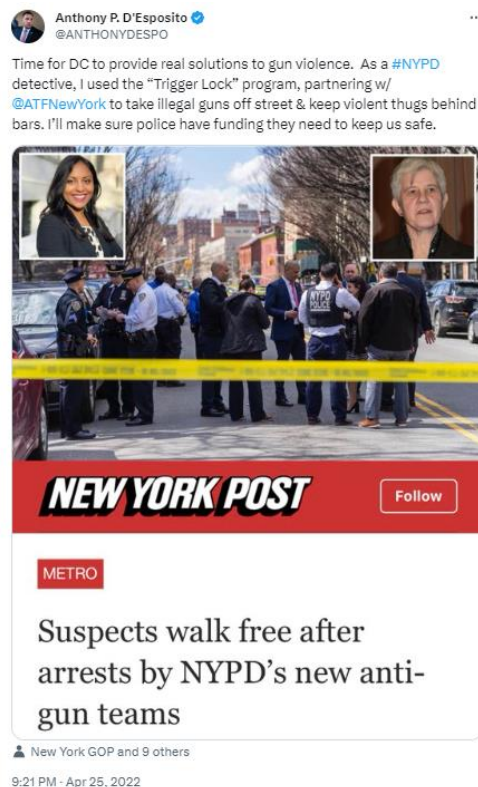
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August 2023: D'Esposito Hosted A Meeting On “Enhanc[ing] Federal-Local Police Collaboration On Gun Trafficking” “And Said “We Must Work Harder To Get Illegal Guns Off Of Our Streets.” “Today, I hosted local law enforcement along with representatives from the @ATFHQ to discuss ways we can enhance federal-local police collaboration on gun trafficking. We must work harder to get illegal guns off of our streets and keep those who carry them behind bars.” [Rep. D'Esposito, Twitter, [8/16/23](#)]



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Red Flag Laws

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Personal History With Firearms

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- **D'Esposito Was Docked 20 Vacation Days As A Result Of The Incident.** “ANTHONY D'ESPOSITO IS running to replace retiring Rep. Kathleen Rice in New York's 4th Congressional District. D'Esposito is a former New York City cop marketing himself as a law-and-order Republican, but as the New York Daily News reported on Monday, he had some issues following the rules when he was on the force. Records obtained by the Daily News show that in 2015 D'Esposito's gun was stolen after he left it unattended in a car. He was found guilty of failing to secure a firearm and had to fork over 20 vacation days as punishment.” [Rolling Stone, [10/11/22](#)]

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bartender moonlighting gig, which The News reported in 2022. Previously unreported is the allegation that, while moonlighting, he was 'known for flashing his gun around' and being 'reckless.' That complaint found its way to the internal affairs division, too, and was filed under 'misconduct.' While records list the 'disposition' of that situation as 'unsubstantiated,' the allegations are described as 'partially substantiated.' Records show D'Esposito was ultimately docked 15 vacation days for 'wrongfully' working as a disc jockey and serving alcoholic beverages 'without authority or permission to do so.' That same year, internal affairs also began looking into another misconduct complaint alleging D'Esposito was 'sometimes driving while intoxicated and disgracing the uniform,' but records show that claim was ultimately determined to be 'unsubstantiated.'" [New York Daily News, [7/8/24](#)]

Health Care Issues

Significant Findings

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Republican Continuing Resolution Cuts

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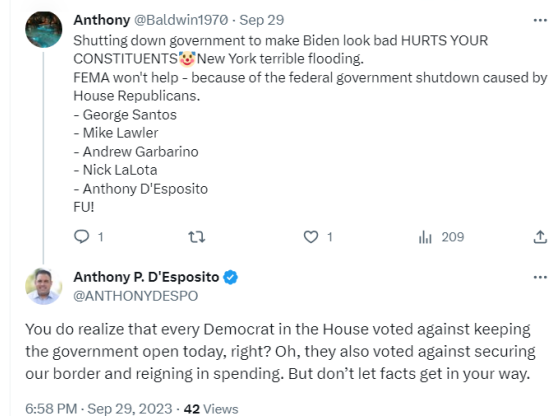
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- **D'Esposito Voted To Block Consideration For A Bipartisan Continuing Resolution To Prevent A Government Shutdown.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Reschenthaler, R-Pa. motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment)." According to the Congressional Record, Rep. McGovern said, "Madam Speaker, I am urging that we defeat the previous question, and if we do, I will offer an amendment to the rule for swift consideration of the Senate's bipartisan continuing resolution to fund the government after they send it to the House." A vote *for the motion* was a vote to block consideration of the bill. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 217-207. [H.Res. 741, [Vote #508](#), 9/29/23; CQ, [9/29/23](#); Congressional Record, [9/29/23](#)]

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9/29/23: On Twitter, D'Esposito Criticized Democrats For Voting Against "Reigning In Spending." "You do realize that every Democrat in the House voted against keeping the government open today, right? Oh, they also voted against securing our border and reigning in spending. But don't let facts get in your way." [Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, [9/29/23](#)]



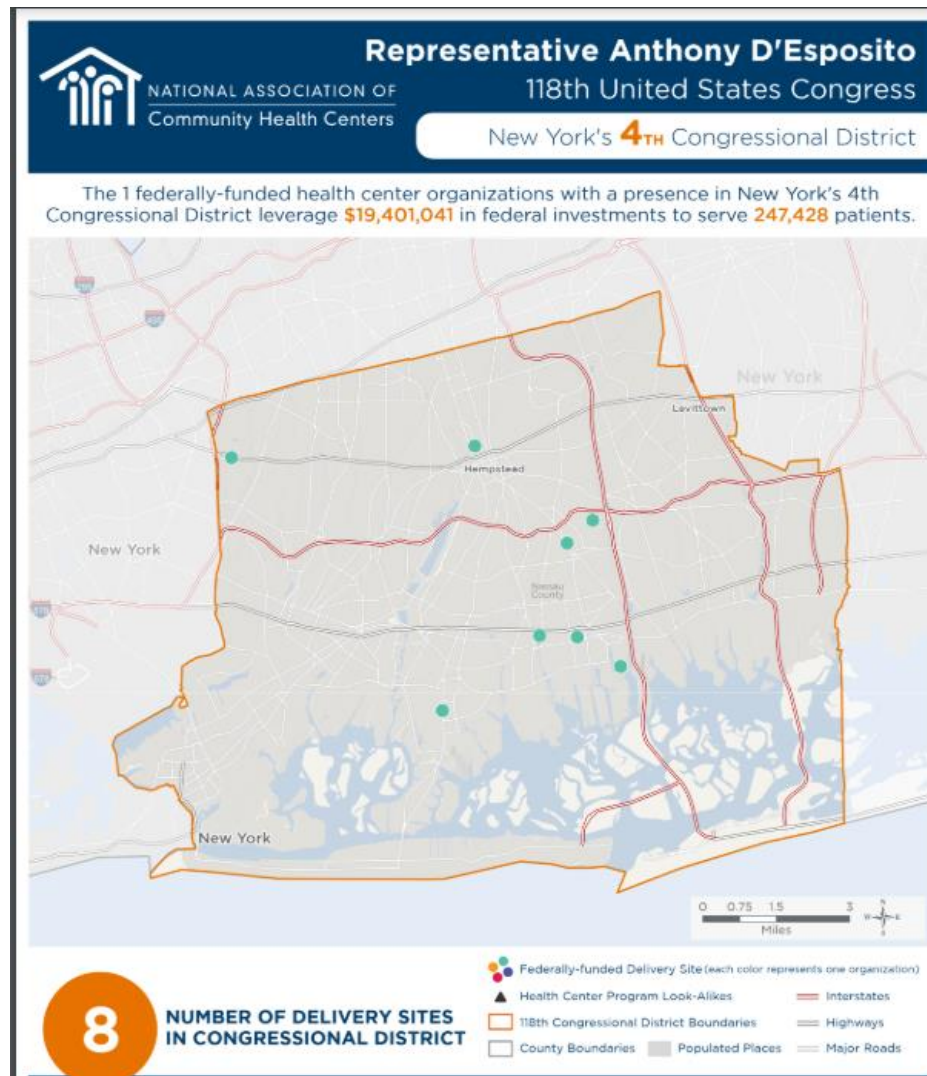
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According To The National Association Of Community Health Centers, New York’s 4th Congressional District Contained One Community Health Center And Eight Federally Funded Delivery Sites. [National Association of Community Health Centers, accessed [5/6/24](#)]



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- **2020: New York State Received 142,827 Calls On The 988 Crisis Helpline.** “Statistics on New York/National 988 Call Volume Between 2005 and 2020, the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline received a total of 20,478,698 calls. In 2019, the NSPL received 137,481 calls originating from New York, a 73 percent increase since 2016. In 2020, NYS received 142,827 calls, a 13 percent increase in just one year. New York's robust investments and advanced planning will ensure that calls originating from New York are answered by a local 988 crisis contact center and that we are prepared for the significant increase in call volume that is expected over the next five years.” [Governor of New York, Press Release, [7/13/22](#)]

Health Care Coverage

D'Esposito Voted And Expressed Support For The Debt Limit Suspension Bill, Which Enacted Cuts On Health Insurance And Medicaid

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D'Esposito Voted For The Limit, Save, Grow Act To Suspend The Debt Limit Through March 2024 Or Until \$1.5 Trillion Has Been Reached And Capping Federal Spending For FY 2024 At 2022 Levels With A Capped 1% Per Year Growth. In April 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would suspend the statutory limit on federal debt through March 31, 2024, or until an additional \$1.5 trillion has been borrowed — whichever occurs first. It would also include a range of provisions to limit federal spending, as well as the text of a previously passed energy and permitting policy package. The bill would set base discretionary spending limits through fiscal 2033, capping spending for fiscal 2024 at the fiscal 2022 level of \$1.47 trillion — a

reduction from current spending levels — and raising the cap by 1 percent annually through fiscal 2033. It would also include similar annual cap adjustments for specified programs, including for wildfire suppression, disability reviews and redeterminations, health care fraud and abuse control, and disaster reemployment services and eligibility assessments. The bill would rescind unobligated amounts from various funds provided by the fiscal 2022 reconciliation package (PL 117-169) for COVID-19 relief, IRS enforcement, and certain climate- and infrastructure-focused initiatives, as well as all unobligated funding from the March 2021 coronavirus relief reconciliation package (PL 117-2) and earlier coronavirus response laws. The bill would expand or establish work requirements for Medicaid beneficiaries aged 19 to 55 and raise from 49 to 55 the oldest age at which existing work requirements would apply for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program beneficiaries. It would also modify various work standards for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program, including to update the baseline for calculating certain state workforce participation standards and require states to collect certain data related to work outcomes for TANF participants. To limit regulatory spending, the bill would nullify pending executive actions suspending student loan payments and prohibit the Education Department from implementing any substantially similar actions without congressional approval. It would also establish a process to require congressional approval of all “major” federal rules that would have an annual impact of at least \$100 million, cause a major increase in prices, or cause significant adverse effects to economic competitiveness. Among energy- and climate-focused provisions, the bill would repeal, phase out or narrow a variety of climate-focused tax credits under the fiscal 2022 reconciliation package, including repealing new credits for solar and wind projects, sustainable aviation fuel and clean fuel production. It would also include the full text of the House-passed energy and permitting package (HR 1) that would require a number of actions to boost the domestic production of fossil fuels and certain critical minerals and accelerate the construction of natural gas pipelines and other energy infrastructure, while reversing or repealing certain presidential actions taken and laws enacted during the Biden administration related to energy policy and climate change.” The bill passed by a vote of 217-215. [H.R. 2811, [Vote #199](#), 4/26/23; CQ, [4/26/23](#)]

The Debt Limit Suspension Bill Would Leave Over Half A Million Of The Poorest Americans Without Health Insurance And Increase Restrictions On Requirements For Medicaid Eligibility

The Republican Debt Limit Plan Was Expected To Leave Over Half A Million Of The Poorest Americans Without Health Insurance. “More than a half million of the poorest Americans could be left without health insurance under legislation passed by House Republicans that would require people to work in exchange for health care coverage through Medicaid. It's one of dozens of provisions tucked into a GOP bill that would allow for an increase in the debt limit but curb government spending over the next decade. The bill is unlikely to become law, though. It is being used by House Republicans to draw Democrats to the negotiating table and avoid a debt default.” [ABC News, [4/30/23](#)]

The Debt Limit Bill Toughened Work Requirements For Antipoverty Programs, Including Medicaid. “The U.S. House of Representatives on Wednesday narrowly passed a bill to raise the government's \$31.4 trillion debt ceiling that includes sweeping spending cuts over the next decade. [...] The House bill would increase Washington's borrowing authority by \$1.5 trillion or until March 31, whichever comes first, raising the specter of another round of negotiations during the 2024 presidential campaign. The bill would pare spending to 2022 levels and then cap growth at 1% a year, repeal some tax incentives for renewable energy and stiffen work requirements for some antipoverty programs. [...] The overnight changes removed a provision that would have ended a tax credit for biofuels that was part of Biden's climate change initiatives in the 2022 Inflation Reduction Act. Bending to the far-right wing of the party, Republicans also accelerated some new, tougher work requirements for receiving Medicaid healthcare benefits for the poor, angering Democrats.” [Reuters, [4/27/23](#)]

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D'Esposito Claimed He Would “Ensure That Federal Health Care Policy... Lowers The Cost Of Prescription Medications Act.” “Empire State Voices, a nonprofit formed in February focused on affordable housing, health

care costs and access to benefits, shared the first ad it plans to run in the Long Island market as part of year-long media effort targeting D'Esposito. It features a mother and daughter from the village of Uniondale, which is in the 4th District. The daughter, Alexis, describes the costs associated with her Type I diabetes, even with health insurance, while the mother Olivia denounced D'Esposito's position in Congress. 'No one should have to choose between paying the bills and life-saving medicine,' Olivia said in the ad. 'Tell D'Esposito: 'Stop voting to raise our costs.'" D'Esposito has not taken any direct votes since taking office this year related to drug costs, but said on the campaign trail last year that he opposed the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022, which allowed Medicare to directly negotiate drug prices with pharmaceutical companies to lower prices both for recipients and across the board. On his campaign website, D'Esposito said that he would 'ensure that federal health care policy... lowers the cost of prescription medications,' although he has received criticism from Democrats for his silence over a lawsuit challenging the Medicare negotiation provision of the Inflation Reduction Act." [City and State New York, [9/20/23](#)]

Health Care Access And Flexibility

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D'Esposito Voted For The Passage Of The CHOICE Arrangement Act Allowing Employers More Flexibility in Deciding What Type Of Health Care To Provide Employees. In June 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Passage of the bill, as amended, that would create additional flexibilities for employers providing health insurance. The bill would allow groups of employers to establish and maintain group health plans for employees. It would require such groups to provide coverage to at least 51 employees and to have been in existence for at least two years prior to establishing the health plan. It would allow self-employed individuals to establish a group for the purpose of maintaining a group health plan. The bill would also allow employer-financed health reimbursement arrangements (HRA) to be used by employees to purchase insurance plans on state exchanges. It would also deem such HRAs compliant with requirements under current law for employers to provide health insurance coverage. To be eligible, it would require employers to offer the same HRA plan to all employees of a certain class, as defined by the bill, including full- and part-time employees, employees under the same collective bargaining agreement, and non-resident alien employees. It would also require employers to give eligible employees 90 days' written notice prior to the beginning of the plan year of their rights and obligations. Among other provisions, the bill would rescind \$245 million in fiscal 2024 from the Health and Human Services Department's Prevention and Public Health Fund, specify that stop-loss policies obtained by a self-insured group health plan or plan sponsor do not qualify as health insurance coverage under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act, and require the Treasury Department, within one year of enactment, to notify employers of the availability of tax-advantaged flexible health insurance benefits, with an initial focus on small businesses. HR 3799 also contains the text of the Small Business Flexibility Act (HR 3798), the Association Health Plans Act (HR 2868) and the Self-Insurance Protection Act (HR 2813). "The bill passed 220 to 209. [H.R. 3799, [Vote #282](#), 6/21/23; CQ, [6/21/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Delay Implementing Providing Health Care Flexibilities To Avoid Higher Premium Rates For Older Workers.** In June 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Hayes, D-Conn., amendment no. 1 that would delay the effective date of the bill's provisions until the Labor Department certifies that they would not result in higher premium rates for older workers." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 211-220. [H.R. 3799, [Vote #278](#), 6/21/23; CQ, [6/21/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Delay Implementing Providing Health Care Flexibilities To Ensure Health Insurance Notifications In Rural Areas** In June 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "'Molinaro, R-N.Y. , amendment no. 2 that would require the Labor Department to focus on notifying small business employers in rural areas of the availability of tax-advantaged flexible health insurance benefits.'" The amendment was agreed to by a vote of 281-151. [H.R. 3799, [Vote #279](#), 6/21/23; CQ, [6/21/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Delay Implementing Providing Health Care Flexibilities To Ensure Express Support For Healthcare Freedom.** In June 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Roy, R-Texas, amendment no. 3 that would express the sense of Congress that the ‘future of healthcare lies in healthcare freedom, not in socialized medicine’ and that expanding direct access to health care should be prioritized over expanding access to coverage.” The amendment was agreed to by a vote of 228-206 [H.R. 3799, [Vote #280](#), 6/21/23; CQ, [6/21/23](#)]

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CHOICE ARRANGEMENT ACT

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THIS IS BAD FOR WORKING PEOPLE.

LEGISLATIVE ALERT

Letter Opposing Legislation that Would Change to Health Care Harmful to Workers



VOTE RESULT: **PASSED**

YEAs: 220

NAYs: 209

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- **According To The Education & The Workforce Committee Democrats, The CHOICE Arrangement Act Could Lead To Employer Discrimination Against Certain Employees Who Are Unhealthier.** “The CHOICE Arrangement Act, H.R. 3799, codifies a discriminatory Trump-era rule that would allow employers to offer a capped amount of money toward health care costs to only certain classes of employees (full-time, hourly, etc.). This could result in employers discriminating against certain types of employees, for example offloading unhealthier workers to the individual market and causing adverse selection. The so-called codification also doesn’t ensure that ACA protections for things like essential benefits, lifetime and annual limits, and health discrimination apply to insurance coverage purchased with the voucher. Yet again, Republicans are attempting to circumvent the ACA’s protections on pre-existing conditions, lifetime and annual limits, or preventative care.” [Education & the Workforce Committee Democrats, accessed [4/29/24](#)]

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Housing Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ During his time on the Hempstead Town Council, D'Esposito joined in proposing an anti-zombie home proposal and said “charge banks [\$25,000 per home] in foreclosure.”
- ✓ D'Esposito opposed Hochul’s plan to address the housing crisis in New York State by investing \$270 million to support housing production.
 - ✓ January 2023: Governor Hochul announced her statewide strategy to address the New York housing crisis, including building 800,000 new homes by investing \$270 million to support housing production.
 - ✓ D'Esposito called Hochul’s plan a “radical state takeover” which would “create chaos” and shared his opposition with Hochul during a meeting.

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Zombie Homes

During His Time On The Hempstead Town Council, D'Esposito Joined In Proposing An Anti-Zombie Home Proposal And Said “Charge Banks [\$25,000 Per Home] In Foreclosure”

HEADLINE: “Hempstead Town To Fight Zombie Homes.” [LI Herald, [5/20/16](#)]

D'Esposito And Other Hempstead Town Council Members Announced Proposed Anti-Zombie Home Legislation Which Would Force Lenders To Pay A \$25,000 On Foreclosed Homes. “The Hempstead town board held a public hearing on May 24 on the new law, which will require lenders to pay an upfront fee on foreclosed homes. Any time a home goes into foreclosure, Santino said, the bank, lender or mortgage company would have to pay the town a \$25,000 security fee. It would be used for any town maintenance of the property, such as cutting grass and weeds, securing doors and windows, cleaning graffiti and removing debris. ‘\$25,000 should cover most of the customary upkeep,’ Santino said, adding that the law would apply to homes already in foreclosure as well as those seized by banks in the future. Santino and fellow town board members Gary Hudes, Erin King Sweeney and Anthony D'Esposito stood in front of 60 Twisting Lane on May 20, a Levitt home that neighbors estimate has been vacant for at least eight years.” [LI Herald, [5/20/16](#)]

D'Esposito Praised Newsday For Its Coverage On Hempstead's Anti-Zombie Home Legislation And Said “Charge Banks [\$25,000 Per Home] In Foreclosure.” [Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, [5/21/16](#)]



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Nice coverage in @Newsday via @johnasbury about anti-Zombie Home proposal: charge banks \$25k/home in foreclosure



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[Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, [5/21/16](#)]

New York Housing Crisis

D'Esposito Opposed Hochul's Plan To Address The Housing Crisis In New York State By Investing \$270 Million To Support Housing Production

January 2023: Governor Hochul Announced Her Statewide Strategy To Address The New York Housing Crisis, Including Building 800,000 New Homes By Investing \$270 Million To Support Housing Production

HEADLINE: Governor Hochul Announces Statewide Strategy To Address New York's Housing Crisis And Build 800,000 New Homes. [Governor of New York, Press Release, [1/10/23](#)]

January 2023: Governor Hochul Announced Her Plans To Address The Housing Crisis. "Governor Kathy Hochul today announced a statewide strategy to address New York's housing crisis, build 800,000 new homes over the next decade to meet the historic shortage, and support New York renters and homeowners as part of the 2023 State of the State. The New York Housing Compact, a comprehensive, multi-pronged strategy, includes local participation requirements and incentives to achieve housing growth in every community so that every part of the State is a partner in solving this urgent crisis. The plan will also require municipalities with MTA rail stations to locally rezone for higher density residential development." [Governor of New York, Press Release, [1/10/23](#)]

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- **Hochul's Plan Would Make Available \$270 Million In Funding To Support New Housing Production.**

“The New York Housing Compact will make available a \$250 million Infrastructure Fund and \$20 million Planning Fund to support new housing production statewide. Municipalities may submit requests for planning funding to undertake either required Transit-Oriented Development rezonings or Preferred Actions to help them hit their growth targets. The plan will also create a new Housing Planning Office within New York State Homes and Community Renewal to provide municipalities with support and guidance.” [Governor of New York, Press Release, [1/10/23](#)]

- **Hochul’s Plan Created A Fast-Track Housing Approval Process To Accelerate Housing Production In Localities That Haven’t Met Growth Targets In The 3 Years After The Enactment Of The Plan.** “After 3 years, in localities that do not meet growth targets or do not take steps to implement Preferred Actions, proposed housing developments that meet particular affordability criteria, but may not conform to existing zoning, may take advantage of a fast-track housing approval process if the locality denies the permit. The appeal can be made to a new State Housing Approval Board or through the courts. Appealed projects will be approved unless a locality can demonstrate a valid health or safety reason for denying the application. Municipalities that fall short of their targets can still take good faith Preferred Actions to spur development for another 3-year cycle in which the fast-track approval process will not apply. In municipalities where there is no market demand for new housing there will be no practical effect if localities fall short of their targets.” [Governor of New York, Press Release, [1/10/23](#)]

D’Esposito Called Hochul’s Plan A “Radical State Takeover” Which Would “Create Chaos” And Shared His Opposition With Hochul During A Meeting

D’Esposito Signed A Letter Which Called Hochul’s Plan A “Radical State Takeover” Of Local Government Which Would “Create Chaos.” “Republican members of Congress say they have had it with Gov. Kathy Hochul’s ‘radical state takeover’ of local government following her controversial proposal to build 800,000 new housing units — even over the objections of local planning boards. The criticism comes in a letter, exclusively obtained by The Post, that reads: ‘While we all understand the need for increasing the availability of housing, especially affordable housing, we cannot support a one-size fits all approach to local zoning. [...] Also signing the letter were Reps. Elise Stefanik (R-North Country), Nicole Malliotakis (R-Staten Island), Nick LaLota (R-Nassau), Andrew Garbarino (R-South Shore), Anthony D’Esposito (R-Suffolk), Marc Molinaro (R-Hudson Valley), Claudia Tenney (R-Central NY), Brandon Williams (R-Central NY) and Nick Langworthy (R-Western NY).’ [NY Post, [1/25/23](#)]

February 2023: D’Esposito Said He Shared His Opposition To Hochul’s Housing Plan During A Meeting On Capitol Hill. “. @GovKathyHochul joined #NewYork delegation on Capitol Hill. I shared my opposition to cashless bail, her housing plan & the proposed MTA payroll tax [📌](#). Reiterated my request for a disaster declaration for 12/2022 #NY04 flooding. Thxful for a fruitful discussion on coastal resiliency & working together to safeguard @longisland shores & waterfront communities.” [Anthony D’Esposito, Twitter, [2/10/23](#)]



[Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, [2/10/23](#)]

Immigration & Border Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ April 2024: D'Esposito praised Texas Gov. Abbott, who led the busing of nearly 40,000 migrants to New York, saying he “found a solution to a problem that his state was facing.”
- ✓ D'Esposito repeatedly criticized the Biden Administration for its handling of the border crisis.
 - ✓ D'Esposito called on the Biden Administration to provide support to Customs and Border Protection (CBP).
- ✓ D'Esposito said multiple times that Secretary Mayorkas had completed a dereliction of duty.
 - ✓ D'Esposito criticized Secretary Mayorkas, saying his officers did not want to work for him and blamed him for the migrant crisis.
 - D'Esposito claimed border patrol officers didn't want to work for Mayorkas because they didn't like his method of operation or treatment of officers.
 - D'Esposito criticized Mayorkas for focusing on non-immigration issues and said that criminals had taken over the border as a result of his policies.
- ✓ D'Esposito called it “insane” to vote for the bipartisan immigration deal months after he expressed a commitment to funding the border.
 - ✓ May-December 2023: D'Esposito expressed his commitment to “get[ting] a funding deal done” to improve border security.
 - ✓ After Trump ordered Republicans to oppose the bipartisan deal, D'Esposito advocated against it and said it was “insane” to vote for it as “the best thing you're going to get.”
- ✓ January 2024: D'Esposito authored an op-ed titled “We Must Impeach Homeland Security Secretary Mayorkas.”
- ✓ D'Esposito said “criminals, weapons, illegal narcotics are coming across the border in alarming numbers” and crime organizations were smuggling illegal immigrants across the border.
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- ✓ D'Esposito voted for the controversial Secure The Border Act and called on the Senate and the Biden Administration to enact the bill's provisions.
 - ✓ D'Esposito voted for the Secure The Border Act which included several controversial provisions, including barring border agents from basic tasks such as processing migrants.
 - ✓ D'Esposito celebrated the passage of the bill in the House and called on Biden and Senate Democrats to “get on board.”
 - ✓ When asked about H.R. 2 allowing migrant children to be detained for a month in adult detention facilities, D'Esposito refused to answer and instead said “what we want to do is begin

to secure our border.”

- ✓ D'Esposito voted for a Republican continuing resolution that would cut more than \$100 million in funding for programs combatting drug trafficking and the opioid epidemic.
 - ✓ D'Esposito voted for a continuing resolution with Republican riders that would enact a 30% cut nearly across the entire government.
 - ✓ D'Esposito criticized Democrats for voting against the continuing resolution, claiming they were voting against “securing our border and reigning in spending.”
 - ✓ The continuing resolution proposed a cut of more than \$150 million in funding for law enforcement efforts to combat drug trafficking and transnational crime.
 - ✓ Appropriations Committee Ranking Member Rosa DeLauro: “The continuing resolution would lead to tens of thousands of individuals being denied admission to opioid treatment programs.”
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- ✓ D'Esposito criticized New York City's sanctuary city policies and cosponsored a bill to cut federal funding for cities enacting these policies.
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- ✓ D'Esposito cosponsored a bill to prohibit the federal government from removing barbed wires along the border after Texas governor Greg Abbott defied a Supreme decision to cut barbed wire along the border.

Abbott

April 2024: D'Esposito Praised Texas Gov. Greg Abbott, Who Led The Busing Of Nearly 40,000 Migrants To New York, Saying “He Found A Solution To A Problem That His State Was Facing”

April 2024: At A NY GOP Gala Featuring Abbott, D'Esposito Said He Did Not Blame Him For Busing Migrants To New York, Saying, “He Found A Solution To A Problem That His State Was Facing.”

“[CAPTION:] Texas Gov. Greg Abbott speaks at the New York State Republican Party's annual gala on April 4, 2024. [...] D'Esposito, the lone member of Congress in the room, told City & State that he did not blame Abbott for sending the migrants to the city. ‘While I would rather the migrants not be shipped to New York, when you're elected into office, your job is to find solutions to problems and that's exactly what he did,’ he said. ‘He found a solution to a problem that his state was facing by taking migrants and placing them into a sanctuary city. Unfortunately, here in New York City, there (were) no plans in place to actually serve as that sanctuary.’” [City & State, [4/10/24](#)]

February 2024: Abbott Touted Having Worked To Transport More Than 37,800 Migrants To New York Since August 2022. “Governor Greg Abbott, the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS), and the Texas National Guard continue to work together to secure the border; stop the smuggling of drugs, weapons, and people into Texas; and prevent, detect, and interdict transnational criminal activity between ports of entry. Since the launch of Operation Lone Star, the multi-agency effort has led to over 498,300 illegal immigrant apprehensions and more than 39,200 criminal arrests, with more than 35,400 felony charges. In the fight against the fentanyl crisis, Texas law enforcement has seized over 458 million lethal doses of fentanyl during this border mission. Texas has also

transported: Over 12,500 migrants to Washington, D.C. since April 2022 Over 37,800 migrants to New York City since August 2022.” [Gov. Greg Abbott, Press Release, [2/9/24](#)]

Bipartisan Immigration Deal

D'Esposito Called It “Insane” To Vote For The Bipartisan Immigration Deal Months After He Expressed A Commitment To Funding The Border

May-December 2023: D'Esposito Expressed His Commitment To “Get[ting] A Funding Deal Done” To Improve Border Security

May 2023: D'Esposito Said House Republicans Were Committed To “Fully Fund[ing] Effective Border Enforcement Strategies, Infrastructure, & Advanced Technology.” “This is @JoeBiden 's America. @SecMayorkas is failing the USA & putting @CBP in danger. @HouseGOP & @HomelandGOP are committed to a Nation that is safe: fully fund effective border enforcement strategies, infrastructure, & advanced technology to prevent illegal crossings/trafficking by cartels.” [Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, [5/12/23](#)]



[Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, [5/12/23](#)]

September 2023: D'Esposito Said He Would Work With McCarthy To “Get A Funding Deal Done” That “Improves America’s Border Security. “I will continue working alongside @SpeakerMcCarthy to bring those on the right and left together to get a funding deal done for the American people - a funding deal that curbs runaway federal spending and improves America's border security.” [Rep. D'Esposito, Twitter, [9/30/23](#)]



[Rep. D'Esposito, Twitter, [9/30/23](#)]

12/27/23: D'Esposito Said "I Think We Have To See" When Asked If House Republicans Would Back An Immigration Proposal The Biden Administration Is Negotiating With Senate Republicans. "In recent weeks, the Biden administration has negotiated with Senate Republicans on a broad border security deal. Senate Republicans held a Biden foreign aid budget hostage in the meantime, saying that it will not pass until Congress can agree on a border security bill. It's unclear if the two sides will agree on a final proposal, and negotiations are expected to pick up again after the holiday break. D'Esposito said it's too early to say if House Republicans would be on board with any agreement on border security. 'I think we have to see. We have to see what the deal is, what they want to put on the table,' he said." [The Hill, [12/27/23](#)]

1/23/24: D'Esposito Said He Hoped Senators Would "Join House Republicans At The Negotiating Table" For An Immigration Deal, Adding That He Would "Eagerly Review Proposals" To Improve Border Security. "In the House, some Republicans say they are open to a Senate deal on the border. 'I'll eagerly review proposals aimed at securing our nation's porous borders,' said Rep. Anthony D'Esposito (R-Island Park), a member of the House Homeland Security Committee, who added he hopes the Senate will 'join House Republicans at the negotiating table.'" [Newsday, [1/23/24](#)]

After Trump Ordered Republicans To Oppose The Bipartisan Border Deal, D'Esposito Advocated Against It

January 2024: CNN Headline: "GOP Senators Seethe As Trump Blows Up Delicate Immigration Compromise" [CNN, [1/25/24](#)]

- January 2024: Trump Lobbied Republicans To Oppose The Bipartisan Immigration Deal To Avoid Granting Democrats A Political Win.** "Senior Senate Republicans are furious that Donald Trump may have killed an emerging bipartisan deal over the southern border, depriving them of a key legislative achievement on a pressing national priority and offering a preview of what's to come with Trump as their likely presidential nominee. In recent weeks, Trump has been lobbying Republicans both in private conversations and in public statements on social media to oppose the border compromise being delicately hashed out in the Senate, according to GOP sources familiar with the conversations – in part because he wants to campaign on the issue this November and doesn't want President Joe Biden to score a victory in an area where he is politically vulnerable." [CNN, [1/25/24](#)]

2/5/24: D'Esposito Called The Senate Immigration Deal "A \$118 Billion Spineless Sellout That Incentivizes The Invasion Or Surrender That We Have At Our Border." ROSENBERG: "You can probably guess what Bannon thinks about this \$118 billion bill [...] He doesn't even think it even makes it through the Senate. You guys

in the House, of course, hate it. But he doesn't even think it's going to get through the Senate. What do you think about that?" D'ESPOSITO: "I think – I agree. It's a \$118 billion spineless sellout that incentivizes the invasion or surrender that we have at our border, and I think that our Majority Leader Steve Scalise said it best that it won't even make it to the floor for consideration." [Sid and Friends in the Morning, WABC, 2:48, [2/5/24](#)] (AUDIO)

1/31/24: D'Esposito On Senate's Immigration Deal: "I'm Happy To Look At It" But Said It Was "Insane" To Vote For It As "The Best Thing That You're Going To Get." "In an interview, D'Esposito dismissed the Democrats' attacks, while also voicing skepticism about the not-yet-released Senate bill. 'This is an election year scheme that they're trying to pull over the American people's eyes,' he said. 'I'm happy to read it. I'm happy to look at it. But my question to the naysayers and those who have said, 'Well, this is the best thing that you're going to get, you just have to accept it and vote for it.' I think that's insane.' Rep. Nick LaLota, a Republican representing a competitive Long Island seat, called any Democratic attempt to change the narrative 'quite desperate.' 'It's probably gaslighting to try to pretend that they somehow have the high ground on border security and immigration when they've totally failed for the last three years,' he said." [Spectrum News, [1/31/24](#)]

Mayorkas Impeachment

D'Esposito Said Multiple Times That Mayorkas Had Completed A Dereliction Of Duty

April 2023: D'Esposito Called Mayorkas' Actions "A Terrible Act Of Leadership" And Said That The Border Crisis Was A Product Of Mayorkas' "Dereliction Of Duty." D'ESPOSITO: "They are doing the best work that they possibly can under a terrible act of leadership. And I will say that we are here today, your failures, your dereliction of duty, your failure to uphold the oath that you took to protect this homeland, it is not a Democrat issue, it's not a Republican issue. It's an American issue. And when we go back to our home states and we talk to individuals, they don't care what party we're from, you know what they care about? They care about crime increasing in their community, they talk about they want people to have the American dream. And I think that's what we're missing here today. We want people to have the American dream." [House Homeland Security via CQ, Hearing, uploaded [4/19/23](#)]

June 2023: D'Esposito Said Homeland Secretary Mayorkas "Failed At His Job Of Protecting America's Borders" And Said He "Must Resign Now Or Face Impeachment" For His "Dereliction Of Duty." "Congressman Anthony D'Esposito (NY-04) announced Monday, June 5, 2023, that he is calling for Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas to be impeached from office. The retired NYPD Detective cited the breakdown of law and order along the border as well as the impact of the ongoing migrant crisis on New York communities - including the recent decision to house migrants at JFK Airport - as reasons for the call to impeach Mayorkas. 'Secretary Mayorkas has failed at his job of protecting America's borders and he is clearly incapable of leading the Department of Homeland Security,' said D'Esposito. 'Mayorkas's inability to safeguard our borders has allowed an untold number of illegal migrants to evade capture, and America's national security to be threatened.' [...] 'Not only has Secretary Mayorkas abandoned migrants who have been processed by the Department of Homeland Security, but under his watch, hundreds of thousands of migrants have successfully evaded capture when crossing the border and their whereabouts as well as their intentions remain unknown. For this dereliction of duty, Secretary Mayorkas must resign now or face impeachment.'" [Rep. D'Esposito, Press Release, [6/6/23](#)]

November 2023: D'Esposito: "Secretary Mayorkas Has Been Derelict In His Duty To Secure Our Borders, And He Should Be Impeached." [Rep. Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, [11/13/23](#)]



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Secretary Mayorkas has been derelict in his duty to secure our borders, and he should be impeached.

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[Rep. Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, [11/13/23](#)]

January 2024: D'Esposito Said He Would “Absolutely” Back Impeaching Mayorkas For “Dereliction Of Duty.” “D'Esposito, the New York freshman, said he ‘absolutely,’ backed impeaching Mayorkas, attacking the secretary for a ‘dereliction of duty.’ Asked what crime Mayorkas allegedly committed, D'Esposito said: ‘If there is any high crime higher than allowing potential terrorists into this country to cause harm to American people, I’m not sure what else we need to hear other than that.’” [CNN, [1/8/24](#)]

D'Esposito Criticized Mayorkas, Saying His Officers Did Not Want To Work For Him And Blamed Him For The Migrant Crisis

D'Esposito Claimed Border Patrol Officers Didn't Want To Work For Mayorkas Because They Didn't Like His Method Of Operation Or Treatment

D'Esposito Said He Had Spoken To Border Patrol Officers And That The Officers “Don't Want To Work For” Secretary Mayorkas. D'ESPOSITO: “Well, thank you, Mr. Chairman. And I want to start by thanking you for your leadership because I think one of the most important things that we're addressing today is leadership. There's so much to talk about. It seems like over the last few hours we've spent time going back and forth about funding for Border Patrol agents. What we've failed to recognize is that we could provide all the funding that we want for Border Patrol agents. They don't want to work for you, Mr. Secretary. I've spoken to them. I've visited the border. In fact, I visited the border before even having the honor to serve as a member of Congress. I proudly served the New York City Police Department as a detective for over a decade.” [House Homeland Security via CQ, Hearing, uploaded [4/19/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Claimed That Border Patrol Officers Didn't Like How Mayorkas Was Operating Or How The Officers Were Being Treated.** D'ESPOSITO: “I've visited the border. In fact, I visited the border before even having the honor to serve as a member of Congress. I proudly served the New York City Police Department as a detective for over a decade. So I got to speak to these individuals cop on cop. They don't like how you're operating. They don't like how they're being treated. And there are many people in this room that have served this nation in our military, have served in law enforcement. And I will tell you there is nothing worse, there is no more terrible feeling than going out each and every day and having that understanding that your so-called leader doesn't have your back.” [House Homeland Security via CQ, Hearing, uploaded [4/19/23](#)]

D'Esposito To Mayorkas: “You're Failing Americans, And You're Failing Your Oath.” MAYORKAS: “Congressman, the -- the issues that you speak of very strongly reflect the dire and decades long need for immigration reform. We are working within a broken immigration system.” D'ESPOSITO: “We're also working with a broken -- Mr. Secretary, with all due respect, we're also working with a broken border. And when you took the oath to be the secretary of Homeland Security, it is your job. When you wake up in the morning, every waking hour, you should be dedicating it to protecting our border and to make sure that this homeland, the homeland that we all represent is secure. And you're not -- you're failing it, you're failing Americans, and you're failing your oath. Mr. Chairman, I yield back.” [House Homeland Security via CQ, Hearing, uploaded [4/19/23](#)]

D'Esposito Criticized Mayorkas For Focusing On Non-Immigration Issues And Said That Criminals Had Taken Over The Border As A Result Of His Policies

July 2023: D'Esposito Criticized Secretary Mayorkas' Handling Of The Border And Democratic-Run Cities, Saying That "Criminals Have Taken Over" Both. "Meanwhile, D'Esposito said he believes there to be an 'eerily similar similarity between the southern border and many Democrat-controlled states,' after he was asked what can be done to keep the use of fentanyl and other dangerous drugs to spread into even more locations in the United States. 'At the border, Secretary Mayorkas doesn't have operational control, and in these blue cities, they don't have control of the streets,' he said. 'It's quite clear that criminals have taken over. Criminals have become more important than law-abiding citizens. 'The very handcuffs that were in the gun belts of men and women keeping these communities safe and standing that line between good and evil, those very handcuffs have been taken out of their gun belts and used on them instead of being able to be utilized against criminals.'" [Newsmax, [7/23/23](#)]

August 2023: D'Esposito Criticized Secretary Mayorkas And Democrats For Focusing On Climate Change Instead Of The Economy, Immigration, And Foreign Policy Issues. D'ESPOSITO: "When I hear some of my Democratic colleagues telling me that climate change is one of the biggest threats to our national security, not China, not Russia, not the invasion at our southern border and now our northern border, not the economy, but climate change. It's just – they're not focusing on what matters most to the American people and quite frankly, when we take our oath, and especially him [Sec. Mayorkas], he took an oath to protect and serve and to keep our homeland safe, and that's why I, as much as I can, try to point out and try to lay out the facts of his dereliction of duty. Because that's exactly what he's doing. He took an oath to protect and serve his homeland. That's what he should be doing from the moment he wakes up in the moment to the moment he goes to bed. But instead he's focusing on climate change." [Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, 0:11, uploaded [8/26/23](#)] (VIDEO)

January 2024: D'Esposito Authored An Op-Ed Titled "We Must Impeach Homeland Security Secretary Mayorkas"

1/12/24: D'Esposito Op-Ed Headline: "We Must Impeach Homeland Security Secretary Mayorkas"
[LIHerald, Anthony D'Esposito Op-Ed, [1/12/24](#)]

D'Esposito: "For Failing To Uphold His Oath To Safeguard The Homeland By Securing Our Borders, I Have Called On Mayorkas To Resign." "For failing to uphold his oath to safeguard the homeland by securing our borders, I have called on Mayorkas to resign. In the absence of a resignation, I believe he should be impeached. As a member of the House Committee on Homeland Security, I will work to build a case for impeaching Mayorkas in a transparent manner via the committee's information-gathering process." [LIHerald, Anthony D'Esposito Op-Ed, [1/12/24](#)]

- **D'Esposito On Mayorkas: "In The Absence Of A Resignation, I Believe He Should Be Impeached."** "For failing to uphold his oath to safeguard the homeland by securing our borders, I have called on Mayorkas to resign. In the absence of a resignation, I believe he should be impeached. As a member of the House Committee on Homeland Security, I will work to build a case for impeaching Mayorkas in a transparent manner via the committee's information-gathering process." [LIHerald, Anthony D'Esposito Op-Ed, [1/12/24](#)]

H.R. 2, Secure The Border Act

D'Esposito Voted For The Controversial Secure The Border Act And Called On The Senate And Biden Administration To Enact The Act's Provisions

D'Esposito Voted For The Secure The Border Act Which Included Several Controversial Provisions, Including Barring Border Agents From Basic Tasks Such As Processing Migrants

D'Esposito Voted For Requiring Homeland Security To Take Actions To Limit Illegal Immigration And Resuming Construction Of The "Border Wall" At The Southwestern Border. In May 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Passage of the bill, as amended, that would require the Homeland Security Department to take a number of actions to limit illegal immigration into the United States, including by resuming construction of the 'border wall' along the southwestern border, bolstering Customs and Border Protection, reopening border detention facilities, limiting asylum applications and eligibility, and establishing a mandatory employment verification system. To enhance physical border security, the bill would require DHS to resume all previously planned border wall construction on the U.S.-Mexico border. It would require DHS to design, install and operate at least 900 total miles of physical barriers and other infrastructure and technology along the border, until the department achieves 'operational control' of the border, defined under current law as the prevention of all unlawful entries into the country. To bolster operations and capacity of Customs and Border Protection, the bill would require CBP to maintain at least 22,000 full-time agents by Sept. 30, 2025, and authorize up to \$100 million for agent retention bonuses. It would authorize \$110 million annually through fiscal 2028 for new DHS grants to law enforcement agencies in border states to assist with CBP operations. It would authorize funding for CBP to upgrade license plate readers and install cameras, microphones, and surveillance and intrusion detection systems at the northern and southern borders. It would require CBP to issue and regularly update a strategic plan to enhance U.S. border security, including to address security gaps between ports of entry, staffing requirements and information sharing. It would require DHS to ensure that the CBP Air and Marine Operations carries out at least 110,000 flight hours annually and operates unmanned aircraft systems over the southern border 24 hours per day. As amended, the bill would require Congress to commission a report that contains a national strategy to address Mexican drug cartels, including a determination of whether there should be a designation established to address such cartels. Among provisions limiting eligibility for asylum within the United States, the bill would specify that noncitizens are eligible for asylum only if they arrived at an official U.S. port of entry. It would tighten standards for determining whether an individual has a 'credible fear of persecution' and is persecuted as part of a 'social group' or based on a 'political opinion.' It would expand reasons disqualifying individuals from asylum eligibility, including convictions for certain offenses such as using a false ID, domestic violence, child abuse, certain drug possession or trafficking, and repeated or serious driving while intoxicated; traveling through but not seeking asylum in at least one other country party to certain refugee protection treaties; and ability to avoid persecution by relocating to another part of their home country. It would require DHS to return asylum seekers who cannot be detained to a safe third country during their immigration proceedings. Among other immigration enforcement provisions, the bill would require DHS to reopen or restore the use of all Immigration and Customs Enforcement detention facilities that were in operation on Jan. 20, 2021. It would require DHS to detain parents and their children together and return all unaccompanied children to their country of origin. It would limit 'parole' authority allowing noncitizens to temporarily live and work in the U.S. allowing DHS to grant parole only on a case-by-case individual basis. The bill would require DHS to create a system based on the E-Verify pilot program to verify whether prospective employees are eligible to work in the U.S. and gradually require all employers to begin using the new system over 24 months, with 36-month deadline for agricultural sector employers." The bill passed by a vote of 219-213. [H.R. 2, [Vote #209](#), 5/11/23; CQ, [5/11/23](#)]

- **The Border Security Bill Tightened Limits On Asylum Seekers, Requiring Them To Apply For U.S. Protection From Outside The Country.** "The package, which Democrats have warned will be blocked in the Senate, would set tight limits on asylum seekers and require them to apply for U.S. protection outside the country. It also would resume construction of a wall along the border and expand federal law enforcement efforts." [Reuters, [5/12/23](#)]
- **The Bill Barred Border Agents From "Processing" Migrants, Preventing Officers From Doing Basic Tasks.** "H.R. 2 — originally designed to be one of the first major pieces of legislation passed under the new Republican majority — was approved with a 219-213 vote, a day after wrangling over relatively minor sections of the bill briefly delayed its advancement. Beyond building the wall, the legislation greatly increases the hiring of border agents and seeks to bar them from doing any 'processing' of migrants, language Democrats said would prevent officers from doing basic tasks." [The Hill, [5/11/23](#)]

- **The Bill Required Homeland Security To Resume Constructing The Border Wall.** “It also would require the homeland security secretary to resume construction of the border wall, a centerpiece of former President Donald Trump’s administration.” [NBC News, [5/11/23](#)]
- **Leader Jeffries Called The Bill The “Child Deportation Act.”** “Congressional Democrats sharply criticized the bill when House Republicans announced it at the end of April, saying it would go beyond the scope of border security and punish all noncitizens, including legal residents, trafficking victims and refugees. Reached for comment before Thursday’s vote, the office of House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries, D-N.Y., pointed to his comments at a news conference Wednesday, when he called the bill the ‘Child Deportation Act’ and characterized it as ‘one of the extreme MAGA Republicans’ top priorities.” [NBC News, [5/11/23](#)]

D’Esposito Celebrated The Passage Of The Bill In The House And Called On Biden And Senate Democrats To “Get On Board”

D’Esposito Said That House Republicans “PASSED The ‘Secure The Border Act’ To End” The Border Crisis And Called On Biden And Senate Democrats To “Get On Board With Our Plan. “DHS Secretary Mayorkas and his allies in the House Democratic Caucus continue to ignore the ongoing security/migrant crisis at our southern border. @HouseGOP PASSED the ‘Secure the Border Act’ to end this crisis & it’s time Senate Democrats and POTUS got on board with our plan.” [Rep. D’Esposito, Twitter, [11/15/23](#)]



[Rep. D’Esposito, Twitter, [11/15/23](#)]

When Asked About H.R. 2 Allowing Migrant Children To Be Detained For A Month In Adult Detention Facilities, D’Esposito Refused To Answer And Instead Said “What We Want To Do Is Begin To Secure Our Border”

January 2024: Asked About H.R. 2 Allowing Migrant Children To Be Detained For A Month In Adult Detention Facilities, D’Esposito Said, “What We Want To Do Is Begin To Secure Our Border.”

“KEILAR: You said you wanted to talk about your legislation. I’m talking about your legislation. This is legislation that doesn’t really make sense. I mean, your policy proposals in it are not backed up by any sort of funding that would actually pay for what you’re calling to do. You want to allow children to go from being detained from three days to allowing it to be 30 days in adult detention facility. D’ESPOSITO: What we want to do is begin to secure

our border, which is clear that the Biden administration and the Democrats have failed to do.” [CNN, [1/10/24](#)]

Drug Trafficking

D'Esposito Voted For A Republican Continuing Resolution Which Would Cut More Than \$100 Million In Funding For Programs Combatting Drug Trafficking And The Opioid Epidemic

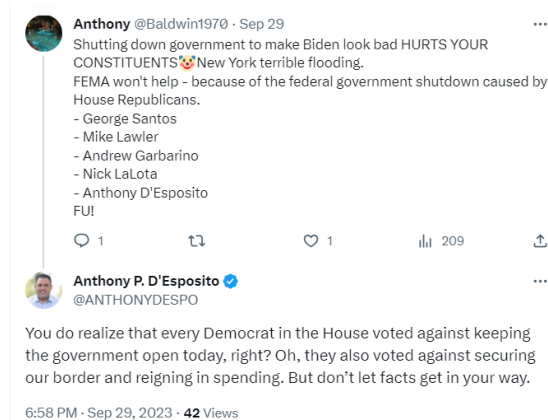
D'Esposito Voted For A Continuing Resolution With Republican Riders Which Would Enact A 30% Cut Nearly Across The Entire Government

D'Esposito Voted For A Continuing Resolution With Republican Riders And Nearly 30% Cuts Across The Government. In September 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would provide funding for federal government operations and services through Oct. 31, 2023, with a 29.9 percent cut from fiscal 2023 levels for most programs. It would fund veterans’ programs, the Department of Homeland Security, national security programs and disaster assistance at full fiscal 2023 levels. It would also implement nearly all provisions of House Republicans’ border security and immigration bill (HR 2), which the House passed in May 2023. It would provide an increase in funding for the Defense Department at rates set forth in House Republicans’ fiscal 2024 defense appropriations bill (HR 4365), which would provide for a 3.6 percent funding increase over fiscal 2023. It would also provide funding increases for the Agriculture Department and provide an additional \$220 million above fiscal 2023 levels for Energy Department nuclear programs. Among its border security and immigration provisions, it would require DHS, within seven days of enactment, to resume all activities related to “border wall” construction on the U.S.-Mexico border that were underway or planned prior to Jan. 20, 2021; require DHS to reopen or restore, no later than Sept. 30, 2023, the use of all Immigration and Customs Enforcement detention facilities that were in operation on Jan. 20, 2021; and require DHS to return all unaccompanied children to their country of origin, regardless of whether they are from a contiguous country to the U.S. In addition to provisions of HR 2, it would place limitations on the use of DHS funding provided by the bill, including prohibitions on removing existing U.S.-Mexico border barriers, transporting inadmissible adults into the U.S., and the use of Customs and Border Protection’s “CBP One” app to facilitate the parole of an individual into the U.S. It also would prohibit the use of funds provided by the bill to initiate or resume any project or activity not funded during fiscal 2023 and would establish a congressional fiscal commission tasked with identifying policies to “improve the fiscal situation.” The bill was rejected by a vote of 198-232. [H.R. 5525, [Vote #511](#), 9/29/23; CQ, [9/29/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Voted To Block Consideration For A Bipartisan Continuing Resolution To Prevent A Government Shutdown.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Reschenthaler, R-Pa. motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Congressional Record, Rep. McGovern said, “Madam Speaker, I am urging that we defeat the previous question, and if we do, I will offer an amendment to the rule for swift consideration of the Senate’s bipartisan continuing resolution to fund the government after they send it to the House.” A vote *for the motion* was a vote to block consideration of the bill. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 217-207. [H.Res. 741, [Vote #508](#), 9/29/23; CQ, [9/29/23](#); Congressional Record, [9/29/23](#)]

D'Esposito Criticized Democrats For Voting Against The Continuing Resolution, Claiming They Were Voting Against “Securing Our Border And Reigning In Spending”

9/29/23: On Twitter, D'Esposito Criticized Democrats For Voting Against “Reigning In Spending.” “You do realize that every Democrat in the House voted against keeping the government open today, right? Oh, they also voted against securing our border and reigning in spending. But don’t let facts get in your way.” [Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, [9/29/23](#)]



[Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, [9/29/23](#)]

The Continuing Resolution Proposed A Cut Of More Than \$150 Million In Funding For Law Enforcement Efforts To Combat Drug Trafficking And Transnational Crime

The CR Would Have Cut 29.9% Of The Funding Of The Commerce, Justice, Science, And Related Agencies Appropriations Act Of 2023...

The CR Would Have Subjected Funding Through The Commerce, Justice, Science, And Related Agencies Appropriations Act Of 2023 To Cuts. “Sec. 101. (a) Such amounts as may be necessary, at a rate for operations as provided in the applicable appropriations Acts for fiscal year 2023 and under the authority and conditions provided in such Acts, for continuing projects or activities (including the costs of direct loans and loan guarantees) that are not otherwise specifically provided for in this Act, that were conducted in fiscal year 2023, and for which appropriations, funds, or other authority were made available in the following appropriations Acts: (1) The Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2023 (division A of Public Law 117–328). (2) The Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2023 (division B of Public Law 117–328). (3) The Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2023 (division C of Public Law 117–328). (4) The Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2023 (division D of Public Law 117–328), except the first proviso under the heading ‘Department of Energy—Energy Programs—SPR Petroleum Account’. (5) The Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2023 (division E of Public Law 117–328). (6) The Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2023 (division F of Public Law 117–328), including title III of division O of Public Law 117–328. (7) The Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2023 (division G of Public Law 117–328). (8) The Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2023 (division H of Public Law 117–328). (9) The Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2023 (division I of Public Law 117–328). (10) The Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2023 (division J of Public Law 117–328). (11) The Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2023 (division K of Public Law 117–328). (12) The Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2023 (division L of Public Law 117–328).” [HR 5525, Introduced [9/18/23](#)]

- **The Continuing Resolution Would Have Cut Funding For All Government Programs By 29.9%, With Exceptions For U.S. Defense, Department Of Veterans Affairs, And Disaster Relief Programs.** “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would provide funding for federal government operations and services through Oct. 31, 2023, with a 29.9 percent cut from fiscal 2023 levels for most programs [...] It would provide an increase in funding for the Defense Department at rates set forth in House Republicans’ fiscal 2024 defense appropriations bill (HR 4365), which would provide for a 3.6 percent funding increase over fiscal 2023. It would also provide funding increases for the Agriculture Department and provide an additional \$220 million above fiscal 2023 levels for Energy Department nuclear programs.” [H.R. 5525, CQ, [9/29/23](#)]

... Which Allocated More Than \$2.5 Billion In Funding...

The Budget Allocated \$550 Million For Law Enforcement Efforts To Combat Drug Trafficking And Transnational Crime

The Commerce, Justice, Science, And Related Agencies Appropriations Act Of 2023 Allocated \$550,458,000 For Collaboration With State And Local Law Enforcement To Investigate And Prosecute Transnational Organized Crime And Drug Trafficking. “For necessary expenses for the identification, investigation, and prosecution of individuals associated with the most significant drug trafficking organizations, transnational organized crime, and money laundering organizations not otherwise provided for, to include inter-governmental agreements with State and local law enforcement agencies engaged in the investigation and prosecution of individuals involved in transnational organized crime and drug trafficking, \$550,458,000, of which \$50,000,000 shall remain available until expended: Provided, That any amounts obligated from appropriations under this heading may be used under authorities available to the organizations reimbursed from this appropriation.” [Public Law 117–328, Division B, Commerce, Justice, Science, And Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2023, [12/29/22](#)]

The Budget Allocated \$480 Million In Funding For Programs To Reduce Opioid Use And Investigate Opioid Trafficking

The Commerce, Justice, Science, And Related Agencies Appropriations Act Of 2023 Allocated \$445 Million For Opioid Use Reduction Programs. “(15) \$445,000,000 for comprehensive opioid use reduction activities, including as authorized by CARA, and for the following programs, which shall address opioid, stimulant, and substance use disorders consistent with underlying program authorities, of which— (A) \$95,000,000 is for Drug Courts, as authorized by section 1001(a)(25)(A) of title I of the 1968 Act; (B) \$45,000,000 is for mental health courts and adult and juvenile collaboration program grants, as authorized by parts V and HH of title I of the 1968 Act, and the Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Reauthorization and Improvement Act of 2008 (Public Law 110–416); (C) \$45,000,000 is for grants for Residential Substance Abuse Treatment for State Prisoners, as authorized by part S of title I of the 1968 Act; (D) \$35,000,000 is for a veterans treatment courts program; (E) \$35,000,000 is for a program to monitor prescription drugs and scheduled listed chemical products; and (F) \$190,000,000 is for a comprehensive opioid, stimulant, and substance use disorder program;” [Public Law 117–328, Division B, Commerce, Justice, Science, And Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2023, [12/29/22](#)]

- **29.9 Percent Of \$445 Million Is \$133,055,000.**

The Commerce, Justice, Science, And Related Agencies Appropriations Act Of 2023 Allocated \$35 Million To Statewide Law Enforcement To Investigate Opioid Traffickers. “(4) \$35,000,000 is for competitive grants to statewide law enforcement agencies in States with high rates of primary treatment admissions for heroin and other opioids: Provided, That these funds shall be utilized for investigative purposes to locate or investigate illicit activities, including activities related to the distribution of heroin or unlawful distribution of prescription opioids, or unlawful heroin and prescription opioid traffickers through statewide collaboration;” [Public Law 117–328, Division B, Commerce, Justice, Science, And Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2023, [12/29/22](#)]

- **29.9 Percent Of \$35 Million Is \$10,465,000.**

The Budget Allocated \$1.575 Billion In Funds For State Opioid Response Grants

The Department Of Health And Human Services Appropriations Act Of 2023 Allocated \$1.575 Billion For State Opioid Response Grants. “For carrying out titles III and V of the PHS Act with respect to substance abuse treatment and title XIX of such Act with respect to substance abuse treatment and prevention, and the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act, \$4,076,098,000: Provided, That \$1,575,000,000 shall be for State

Opioid Response Grants for carrying out activities pertaining to opioids and stimulants undertaken by the State agency responsible for administering the substance abuse prevention and treatment block grant under subpart II of” [Public Law 117–328, Division H, Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2023, [12/29/22](#)]

- **State Opioid Response Grants Supported State-Level Treatment, Recovery, And Access To FDA-Approved Medications For Abuse Of Opioids And Other Dangerous Drugs.** “The SOR grant program provides formula funding to states and territories for increasing access to FDA-approved medications for the treatment of Opioid Use Disorder (OUD), and for supporting prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery support services for OUD and other concurrent substance use disorders (SUD). The SOR program also supports care for stimulant misuse and use disorders, including for cocaine and methamphetamine. The SOR program helps reduce overdose deaths and close the gap in treatment needs across America by giving states and territories flexibility in funding evidence-based practices and supports across different settings to meet local community needs.” [Department of Health and Human Services, Press Release, [5/19/22](#)]

... Leading To A Total Cut Of Over \$750 Million In Funding For Opioid-Related Programs

Opioid Epidemic Programs/Funds That Were Cut By The Republican CR		
Purpose	Amount Allocated	Amount Cut By CR
For necessary expenses for the identification, investigation, and prosecution of individuals associated with the most significant drug trafficking organizations, transnational organized crime, and money laundering organizations not otherwise provided for, to include inter-governmental agreements with State and local law enforcement agencies engaged in the investigation and prosecution of individuals involved in transnational organized crime and drug trafficking	\$550,458,000	\$164,586,942
Comprehensive opioid use reduction activities	\$445,000,000	\$133,055,000
Competitive grants to statewide law enforcement agencies in States with high rates of primary treatment admissions for heroin and other opioids	\$35,000,000	\$10,465,000
State Opioid Response Grants	\$1,575,000,000	\$470,925,000
TOTAL:	\$2,605,458,000	\$779,031,942

[Public Law 117–328, Division B, Commerce, Justice, Science, And Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2023, [12/29/22](#); H.R. 5525, CQ, [9/29/23](#)]

Appropriations Committee Ranking Member Rosa DeLauro: “The Continuing Resolution Would Lead To Tens Of Thousands Of Individuals Being Denied Admission To Opioid Treatment Programs”

Appropriations Committee Ranking Member Rosa DeLauro: The Continuing Resolution Would Lead To Tens Of Thousands Of Individuals Being Denied Admission To Opioid Treatment Programs. “With the introduction of this even more unreasonable Continuing Resolution, House Republicans are still more focused on introducing extreme funding bills than working on a bipartisan solution that could be enacted. Their funding bill would only keep the government open until October 31, 2023. This deadline guarantees Congress will need to pass another Continuing Resolution (CR) and means that either House Republicans will slash critical resources again at the end of October or the dangerous cuts in this extreme bill will be in place until Congress is able to pass all 12 full-year bills. [...] Slashing resources for the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline and Opioid Use Disorder treatment. The Republican CR cuts funding for the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline by 38 percent. More than 1 million people facing a suicidal or mental health crisis would be unable to access support services through the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, and tens of thousands of individuals would be denied admission to opioid use disorder treatment, denying them a potentially life-saving path to recovery.” [House Committee on Appropriations, Ranking Member Rosa DeLauro, accessed [1/23/24](#)]

New York Migrant Crisis

D'Esposito Criticized New York City's Sanctuary City Policies And Cosponsored A Bill To Cut Federal Funding For Cities Enacting These Policies

September 2023: D'Esposito: "Dems Sacrifice Municipal Services In Order To Continue Their Failing 'Sanctuary City Policies.'" [Rep. Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, [9/9/23](#)]



[Rep. Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, [9/9/23](#)]

September 2023: Of Abbott Busing Migrants To New York, D'Esposito Said While New York Should Not Be A "Dumping Ground," Abbott "Found Solutions To The Problems That He's Faced." ANCHOR: "Do you blame Greg Abbott at all? The Governor in Texas, because you just saw that stat there, over 13,500 migrants have been bussed to New York City in basically the last thirteen months, you say it's destroying the city. Is the Republican from Texas partly to blame?" D'ESPOSITO: "Well listen, I've said this from the beginning, I think that when you're elected to office you are elected because people believe in you to find solutions to problems, and while I don't uh, you know wholeheartedly agree that New York City should be this uh, this dumping ground, um, you know the Governor in Texas found solutions to the problems that he's faced. He never said that he was a sanctuary city, while there's others in blue states throughout the country who again, uh touted the fact that they were welcoming people with open arms when in fact there was no plan in place, and now the Mayor has called on a 5% decrease across budgets for all city agencies, uh and I believe he said it's one now, one in a few months, and one in a few months from there." [NewsNation YouTube, [9/11/23](#)] (VIDEO) 2:27

September 2023: D'Esposito Cosponsored A Bill To Block Federal Migrant-Related Funding From Going To Municipalities With Sanctuary Policies, Including New York City. "Republican members of Congress, including multiple lawmakers from New York, are introducing legislation that would block federal migrant-related

funding from going to jurisdictions with 'sanctuary' policies. New York GOP Rep. Nick LaLota's No Bailout for Sanctuary Cities Act would bar federal funding from going to any sanctuary jurisdiction for the purposes of addressing the ongoing migrant crisis. Specifically, it would block funding for 'the provision of food, shelter, healthcare services, legal services, and transportation' of those in the country illegally. Notably, it would include blocking funding to New York City, which has been hit with an influx of over 110,000 migrants since last year, and with which Democrat officials have called for more help from the government and warned it could cost \$12 billion by 2025. [...] Reps. Michael McCaul, R-Texas; Carlos Gimenez, R-Fla.; Claudia Tenney, R-N.Y.; Anthony D'Esposito, R-N.Y.; Andrew Garbarino, R-N.Y.; Mike Lawler, R-N.Y.; Brandon Williams, R-N.Y.; and Nick Langworthy, R-N.Y., are co-sponsoring the bill." [Fox News, [9/26/23](#)]

- D'Esposito Said He Was Proud To Cosponsor The Bill.** "This week, U.S. Congressmen Michael McCaul (R-Texas) -- chairman emeritus of the House Committee on Homeland Security -- and Nick LaLota (R-N.Y.), a member of the committee, introduced the No Bailout for Sanctuary Cities Act, which would prevent federal funds from being used to bailout sanctuary cities, including New York City, for a migrant crisis they helped create. Original cosponsors of the legislation are Reps. Andrew Garbarino (R-N.Y.), Anthony D'Esposito (R-N.Y.), Mike Lawler (R-N.Y.), Brandon Williams (R-N.Y.), Nick Langworthy (R-N.Y.), Claudia Tenney (R-N.Y.), and Carlos Gimenez (R-Fla.). [...] 'Municipalities that implement 'sanctuary city' policies are adding fuel to the fire of Joe Biden's horrific border security crisis by giving refuge to those who broke the law to enter this country,' said Rep. D'Esposito. 'I am proud to co-sponsor the No Bailout for Sanctuary Cities Act which will ensure these 'sanctuary cities' do not receive federal funding until they stop serving as safe harbors for those who flaunt our laws and start prioritizing American national security.'" [Rep. Michael McCaul, Press Release, [9/27/23](#)]

D'Esposito Said Cities With Sanctuary City Policies Were "Adding Fuel To The Fire Of Joe Biden's Horrific Border Security Crisis." "Municipalities that implement 'sanctuary city' policies are adding fuel to the fire of Joe Biden's horrific border security crisis by giving refuge to those who broke the law to enter this country. Proud to join @RepLaLota on this important legislation." [Rep. D'Esposito, Twitter, [9/27/23](#)]



[Rep. D'Esposito, Twitter, [9/27/23](#)]

Texas Supreme Court

D'Esposito Cosponsored A Bill To Prohibit The Federal Government From Removing Barbed Wires Along The Border After Texas Governor Greg Abbott Defied A Supreme Court Decision To Cut Barbed Wire Along The Border

January 2024: D'Esposito Cosponsored A Bill To “Prohibit The Federal Government From Removing Or Altering A Barrier, Fence, Barbed Wire, Or Obstacle Constructed By A State Along The United States Border For The Purpose Of Preventing Unlawful Crossings.” On January 25th, 2024, D'Esposito cosponsored the RAZOR Act. According to its Bill Text, The RAZOR Act was “A BILL To prohibit the Federal Government from removing or altering a barrier, fence, barbed wire, or obstacle constructed by a State along the United States border for the purpose of preventing unlawful crossings, and for other purposes.” [H.R. 7083, cosponsored [1/25/24](#)]

- **January 2024: Abbott Continued To Challenge A Supreme Court Decision To Allow Federal Agents To Cut Wire That The Texas National Guard Had Used To Prevent Border Crossings, With State Agents Blocking Federal Agents From Doing So And Rolling Out New Wire.** “From the Texas House to former President Donald Trump, Republicans across the country are rallying behind Gov. Greg Abbott’s legal standoff with the federal government at the southern border, intensifying concerns about a constitutional crisis amid an ongoing dispute with the Biden administration. At issue is concertina wire that the Texas National Guard has been using as a barrier between the Rio Grande River and Shelby Park, a 47-acre area in Eagle Pass. In a 5-4 decision earlier this week, the U.S. Supreme Court sided with the Biden Administration when it vacated a lower court’s ruling that prevented Border Patrol agents from cutting the wire to apprehend people who had crossed the river. On Wednesday — and as the Texas National Guard and state troopers continued to roll out the wire and prevent federal agents from accessing much of the park — Abbott continued to publicly challenge the ruling and ‘hold the line.’ He declared that Texas was under an ‘invasion,’ giving the state the constitutional right to defend itself and claimed that President Joe Biden’s practice of paroling migrants into the country amounted to a refusal to enforce current immigration laws.” [Texas Tribune, [1/25/24](#)]

Infrastructure & Transportation Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ D'Esposito missed a vote on a five-year capital plan for Hempstead that invested \$112 million in highway improvements, \$4.8 million worth of heavy equipment in the sanitation department, and \$18 million for town parks.
- ✓ D'Esposito voted to reauthorize the federal aviation administration (FAA) through FY2028.

Hempstead Town Council Infrastructure Investments

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- **February 2018: D'Esposito Announced He Had Accepted A Full-Time Position As An Administrative Assistant At The Nassau County Board Of Elections.** "Hempstead Town Councilman Anthony D'Esposito announced on Tuesday that he had accepted a full-time position at the Nassau County Board of Elections as an administrative assistant specializing in security assessments of polling areas. The \$100,000 salaried job comes in addition to the \$71,000 he collects for his council seat. The move drew fire from Democratic Town Supervisor Laura Gillen, who released a statement the same day criticizing the move as a patronage hire that would pull D'Esposito, a republican from Island Park, away from serving his constituents." [LI Herald, [2/27/18](#)]

6/5/18: The Hempstead Town Council Passed A Five-Year Capital Plan That Invested \$112 Million In Highway Improvements, \$4.8 Million Worth Of Heavy Equipment In The Sanitation Department, And \$18 Million For Town Parks

6/5/18: The Town Council Proposed A Multi-Year Capital Plan That Would Invest \$242 Million Into The Town Of Hempstead Over The Next 5 Years. "The age and span of the Town's infrastructure, however, demands a comprehensive multi-year Capital Plan (the 'Proposed Plan') a useful document to show how the Town's government plans to invest in, and improve its capital assets. [...] The Proposed Plan seeks new authorizations of around \$242 million over the next five years. We expect to borrow more than 50% of the existing 'available for borrowing' dollars (above) and around \$6 million from the 2018 new authorizations, for capital projects Town wide." [Town of Hempstead, Meeting Resolutions, [6/5/18](#)]

- **The Proposed Plan Included A \$112 Million Investment Into Highway Improvements, A \$18 Million Investment Into Hempstead Parks, And A \$4.8 Million Investment Into Heavy Equipment For Sanitation.**

Town of Hempstead Multi-Year Capital Plan Proposed Investments

Description	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Total
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Highway improvement	\$0	\$26,000,000	\$26,000,000	\$30,000,000	\$26,000,000	\$112,000,000
Improvements-TOH Parks	\$3,305,000	\$4,915,000	\$3,267,450	\$3,855,000	\$3,570,000	\$18,912,450
Heavy Equipment Purchase-Sanitation	\$1,210,000	\$880,800	\$913,983	\$915,772	\$953,500	\$4,874,055

[Town of Hempstead, Meeting Resolutions, [6/5/18](#)]

6/5/18: The 2018-2022 Multi-Year Capital Plan Passed With A Vote Of 6-0. CLERK CABANA: “To consider the adoption of the Town of Hempstead’s 2018 Capital Plan & the 2018 to 2022 multi-year Capital Plan – Town of Hempstead.” [...] SUPERVISOR GILLEN: “Thank you, Mr. Ramos. Madam Clerk, please, call the roll.” CLERK CABANA: “Councilman Ambrosino?” COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: “Aye.” CLERK CABANA: “Councilman Blakeman?” COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: “Aye.” CLERK CABANA: “Councilman Dunne?” COUNCILMAN DUNNE: “Aye.” CLERK CABANA: “Councilman King-Sweeney?” COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: “I know we put a lot of pressure on you to cut costs and I think it is in the best interests of the taxpayer and I vote aye.” CLERK CABANA: “Senior Councilwoman Goosby?” SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: “Aye.” CLERK CABANA: “Supervisor Gillen?” SUPERVISOR GILLEN: “I vote aye.” [Town of Hempstead, Meeting Verbatim, [6/5/18](#)]

FAA Reauthorization

D'Esposito Voted To Reauthorize The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Through FY2028

D'Esposito Voted For The Passage Of A Bill To Reauthorize The Federal Aviation Administration Through FY2028. In July 2022, D'Esposito voted for: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would reauthorize federal aviation programs through fiscal 2028. The measure would authorize \$12.7 billion in fiscal 2024, and gradually increase that amount to \$14 billion in fiscal 2028, for Federal Aviation Administration operations; \$4 billion annually for airport planning and development; \$3.4 billion in fiscal 2024, and gradually increase that amount to \$3.5 billion in fiscal 2028, for facilities and equipment; and \$255 million in fiscal 2024, and gradually increase that amount to \$279 million in fiscal 2028, for research and development. It also would expand workforce development programs and increase, from 65 to 67, the mandatory retirement age for commercial pilots. It would transfer oversight authority over unmanned aircraft systems from the Transportation Department to the FAA and direct the agency to determine how to integrate UAS operations into the national airspace system. It also would require air carriers to establish food and lodging reimbursement policies for travelers whose flights are canceled, require children to be seated next to their parents at no additional cost, and establish training standards for personnel who assist wheelchair users in boarding a plane or who stow wheelchairs and scooters. As amended, the bill would establish an apprenticeship program to bolster the qualified pilot pipeline, require the Transportation Department to provide more detailed information about the cause of a commercial passenger flight cancellation or delay, and allow an airport or retail fuel seller to sell approved unleaded aviation gasoline, if there is industry consensus for its use.” The bill passed by a vote of 351-69. [H.R. 3935, [Vote #364](#), 7/20/23; CQ, [7/20/23](#)]

D'Esposito Said If Cuts Were Not Taken Out Of The Bill, “I Think As Of Right Now, I Would Be A No.”

“D'Esposito said he and other New York Republicans are speaking with GOP leaders in hopes of changing the bill to ideally hold Amtrak's funding at current funding levels to avoid reductions in services and staff. ‘But if not, I think as of right now, I would be a no,’ he said.” [The Messenger, [11/3/23](#)]

LGBTQ+ Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ D'Esposito voted to limit transgender rights multiple times, including cosponsoring a bill that banned children's ability to change gender markers without explicit parental consent.
 - ✓ D'Esposito voted for multiple amendments to the NDAA that prohibited the Defense Department from covering gender affirming care for service members, including gender hormone treatments and gender transition coverage.
 - ✓ D'Esposito cosponsored the Parents Bill Of Rights Act, which required schools to get parental consent to use a child's preferred name or pronouns and to allow a child to change locker rooms or bathrooms.
- ✓ D'Esposito voted for amendments to the NDAA that prohibited the Department of Defense (DOD) from covering sex reassignment surgeries, gender hormone treatments, and banned "radical gender ideology books."
 - ✓ D'Esposito voted for amendments to the NDAA that prohibited the DOD from covering gender transitions for minors, sex reassignment surgeries, and gender hormone treatments.
 - ✓ D'Esposito voted for an amendment to the NDAA that prohibited the DOD from having "pornographic and radical gender ideology books."
- ✓ D'Esposito was closely allied with anti-LGBTQ+ Speaker Mike Johnson, who D'Esposito said "united the Republican conference" and was featured at D'Esposito's fundraisers and donated to his campaign.
 - ✓ Mike Johnson donated \$10,000 to D'Esposito's campaign.
 - ✓ Mike Johnson was featured as the special guest at a fundraiser for D'Esposito.
 - ✓ D'Esposito supported Mike Johnson's bid for speakership, calling him an "intelligent legislator" who "united the Republican conference behind his vision."
 - ✓ Johnson had a long record of discrimination against the LGBTQ+ Community, including working for a group that was behind some of the country's most restrictive anti-LGBTQ+ laws.
- ✓ D'Esposito was endorsed by the New York State Conservative Party, which opposed expanding the human rights law to include transgender individuals.
 - ✓ D'Esposito was endorsed by the New York State Conservative Party and was praised by their chairman, Daniel Donovan for being aligned with the party's vision.
 - ✓ The New York State Conservative Party opposed expanding the Human Rights Law to include transgender individuals as a protected class and stated that they did not support any politicians who supported marriage equality for LGBTQ+ individuals.

D'Esposito Voted For Multiple Amendments To The NDAA That Prohibited The Defense Department From Covering Gender Affirming Care For Service Members, Including Gender Hormone Treatments And Gender Transition Coverage

D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To The NDAA That Prohibited The Display Of Unapproved Flags At Military Installations, Banning The Flying Of Pride Flags Over Military Bases

D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To The NDAA To Prohibit The Display Of Unapproved Flags. In July 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Norman, R-S.C., amendment no. 34 that would establish a list of flags the Defense Department is allowed to display in any DOD work place, common access area or public area, including the American flag, a military service flag, and the POW/MIA flag.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 218-213. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #313](#), 7/13/23; CQ, [7/13/23](#)]

House Armed Services Republicans Tweeted That The NDAA Would Prohibit The Display Of Unapproved Flags “Such As The LGBTQ Pride Flag At Military Installations.” [Armed Services GOP, [12/10/23](#)]



[Armed Services GOP, [12/10/23](#)]

- **In A Statement Following The NDAA’s Passage With The Flag Amendment, GOP Rep. Norman Said The Bill Prevented “Rainbow Flag[s] [From] Flying Alongside The American Flag At Our Military Bases.”** “The language in the text is similar to that used in the 2023 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), which restricted military service members and civilian Defense Department employees from displaying pride flags in department workspaces, common areas or public areas. The NDAA text prohibited the display of ‘any flag other than an approved flag’ in those areas, supplying a list of 10 approved flags, excluding the pride flag. In a statement following the bill’s passage in the House, Rep. Ralph Norman (R-S.C.) said the bill would prevent a ‘rainbow flag [from] flying alongside the American Flag at our military bases.’ The move comes after Democrats sent a letter urging party leaders and President Biden to reject an earlier version of the bill including at least 40 anti-LGBTQ provisions in November.” [Congressional Equality Caucus, Press Release, [3/22/24](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For Amendments To The NDAA That Prohibited The Department Of Defense From Covering Gender Transition Coverage For Family Minors, Sex Reassignment Surgeries Or Gender Hormone Treatment

D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To The NDAA To Prohibit Gender Transition Coverage For Military Family Minors. In July 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Norman, R-S.C., amendment no. 20 that would prohibit gender transition procedures through the Exceptional Family Member Program for military minor family members,

including surgery or medication.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 222-210. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #302](#), 7/13/23; CQ, [7/13/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To The NDAA To Prohibit The Defense Department From Covering Sex Reassignment Surgeries And Gender Hormone Treatments. In July 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Rosendale, R-Mont., amendment no. 10 that would prohibit TRICARE from covering and the Defense Department from furnishing sex reassignment surgeries and gender hormone treatments for transgender individuals.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 222-211. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #301](#), 7/13/23; CQ, [7/13/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted To Ban Transgender Women And Girls From Competing On Women's Athletic Teams That Received Federal Funds

D'Esposito Voted For Banning Transgender Women And Girls From Competing On Women's Athletic Teams That Receive Federal Funds. In April 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would effectively ban transgender women and girls from competing on women's athletic teams that receive federal funds. It would specifically amend existing prohibitions on sex discrimination in federally funded (Title IX) educational programs to also prohibit such programs from allowing persons 'whose sex is male' to participate in athletic programs designed for girls or women. It would specify that, for the purposes of the bill, a sex is 'based solely on a person's reproductive biology and genetics at birth.' The bill would allow Title IX programs to permit males to train or practice with an athletic program designed for girls or women as long as no female is deprived of any benefit of participation, such as a place on a team, scholarship, or the ability to participate in a practice or competition.” The bill passed by a vote of 219-203. [H.R. 734, [Vote #192](#), 4/20/23; CQ, [4/20/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Require A Study On The Psychological, Developmental, Participatory, And Sociological Effects Of Permitting Transgender Women In Women's Sports.** In April 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Mace, R-S.C., amendment no. 1 that would require the Government Accountability Office to conduct a study and submit a report to Congress on the psychological, developmental, participatory and sociological effects that permitting trans women to participate in women's and girls' sports has on cis women.” The amendment was adopted in the Committee of the Whole by a vote of 216-205. [H.R. 734, [Vote #190](#), 4/20/23; CQ, [4/20/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against A Motion To Recommit The Ban On Transgender Women And Girls From Competing On Women's Athletic Teams.** In April 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Balint, D-Vt., motion to recommit the bill to the House Education and Workforce Committee.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 204-218. [H.R. 734, [Vote #191](#), 4/20/23; CQ, [4/20/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted To Consider A Law To Limit Transgender Women's Participation In School Athletics

D'Esposito Voted For Considering Limiting Transgender Women's Participation In School Athletics And Disapproving Of A D.C. Police Reform Law. In April 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 298) that would provide for floor consideration of the bill (HR 734) limiting the participation of transgender women in school athletics and the joint resolution (H J Res 42) disapproving a D.C. policing reform law. The rule would provide for one hour of general debate on each measure. It would make in order floor consideration of two amendments to HR 734.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 217-202. [H.Res. 298, [Vote #186](#), 4/18/23; CQ, [4/18/23](#)]

D'Esposito Cosponsored The Parents Bill Of Rights Act, Which Required Schools To Get Parental Consent To Use A Child's Preferred Name Or Pronouns And To Allow A Child To Change Locker Rooms Or Bathrooms

D'Esposito Cosponsored The Parents Bill Of Rights Act

March 3, 2023: D'Esposito Cosponsored H.R.5, The Parents Bill Of Rights Act. On March 3, 2023, D'Esposito cosponsored the Parents Bill of Rights Act, which was sponsored by Rep. Julia Letlow (R-LA). [Congress.gov, H.R.5, Cosponsored [3/3/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Signed On As A Cosponsor Two Days After The Original Bill Was Introduced.** The Parents Bill of Rights Act was introduced on March 1, 2023, and D'Esposito cosponsored the bill on March 3, 2023. [Congress.gov, H.R.5, introduced [3/1/23](#), Cosponsored [3/3/23](#)]

D'Esposito Said He Was “Proud To Have Cosponsored” The Parents Bill Of Rights Act, Calling It A “Crucial Piece Of Legislation”

D'Esposito On The Parents Bill Of Rights Act: “I Am Proud To Have Cosponsored This Crucial Piece Of Legislation.” “. @HouseGOP PASSED H.R. 5, the Parents Bill of Rights Act. I am proud to have cosponsored this crucial piece of legislation that ensures parents have a seat at the table when it comes to their child's education. That's our #CommitmentToAmerica.” [Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, [3/24/23](#)]



[Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, [3/24/23](#)]

D'Esposito Said The Parents Bill Of Rights Act Showed That Republicans Were “Committed To Ensuring Parents’ Voices Are Respected In The School System.” “. @HouseGOP is committed to ensuring parents’ voices are respected in the school system — that's why we are introducing the Parents Bill of Rights Act. I'm proud to cosponsor this legislation.” [Rep. Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, [3/23/23](#)]



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D'Esposito Said That The Act Would “Ensure Parents Have An All-Important Seat At The Table As Their Child Moves Through The Education System”

D'Esposito On The Parents' Bill Of Rights Act: “It Is Vital That Parents And Guardians Serve As Partners With Educators In Their Child's Education.” “Congressman Anthony D'Esposito (NY-04) is cosponsoring the Parents Bill of Rights Act - key legislation that ensures parents always have a seat at the table and a voice in their child's education. The Parents Bill of Rights Act is structured around a set of common-sense principles: * Parents have the right to know what their children are being taught. * Parents have the right to be heard. * Parents have the right to see the school budget and spending. * Parents have the right to protect their child's privacy. * Parents have the right to keep their children safe. ‘It is vital that parents and guardians serve as partners with educators in their child's education,’ said D'Esposito. ‘The Parents Bill of Rights Act will ensure parents have an all-important seat at the table as their child moves through the education system.’” [Rep. D'Esposito, Press Release, [3/23/23](#)]

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The Parents Bill Of Rights Act Would Require Public Schools To Provide Parents With Class Curriculum Reading Materials

The Parents Bill Of Rights Required Public Schools To Provide Parents With Class Curriculums And A List Of Books Available In School Libraries. “Among other things, H.R. 5, also known as the ‘Parents Bill of Rights Act,’ would amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to require schools to provide parents with

a list of books and reading materials available in the school library as well as posting curriculum publicly.” [CNN, [3/2/23](#)]

The Bill Would Require Schools To Obtain Parental Consent To Change A Child’s Gender Markers, Pronouns, Or Preferred Name, And To Allow A Child To Change Locker Rooms Or Bathrooms

The Parents Bill Of Rights Act Required Elementary And Middle Schools To Get Parental Consent To Change A Child’s Gender Markers, Pronouns, Or Preferred Name, And To Allow A Child To Change Locker Rooms Or Bathrooms. “As a condition of receiving Federal funds, any elementary school (as such term is defined in section 8101 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801)) or school that consists of only middle grades (as such term is defined in such section), that receives Federal funds shall be required to obtain parental consent before – (1) changing a minor child’s gender markers, pronouns, or preferred name on any school form; or (2) allowing a child to change the child’s sex⁷ based accommodations, including locker rooms or bathroom.” [H.R.5, Text, Introduced [3/1/23](#)]

NDA

D’Esposito Voted For Amendments To The NDA That Prohibited The Department Of Defense From Covering Sex Reassignment Surgeries, Gender Hormone Treatments, And Banned “Radical Gender Ideology Books”

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July 2023: D’Esposito Voted For Authorizing The Defense Budget For Fiscal Year 2024. In July 2023, D’Esposito voted for: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would authorize \$874.2 billion in national defense spending, including \$841.5 billion for the Defense Department and \$32.2 billion for national security programs within the Energy Department. The bill would authorize approximately \$168.6 billion for weapons and other procurement and \$145.2 billion for military research and development. Within these totals, it would authorize \$32.3 billion for shipbuilding; \$13.2 billion for Air Force procurement of 83 new F-35 series tactical force aircraft; \$17.4 billion for 92 Navy aircraft; \$539 million for the Ground Based Strategic Deterrent ballistic missile system; and approximately \$30 billion for missile defense programs, including \$434 million for a hypersonic missile defense system, \$498 million for continued development of Guam missile defense systems, \$160 million for Israeli missile defense systems and \$2.6 billion for a Space Force defendable missile warning satellite system. Within Energy Department funding, it would authorize \$23.9 billion for the National Nuclear Security Administration, primarily for the maintenance of a nuclear weapons stockpile. It would authorize \$38.2 billion for the Defense Health Program and \$17.5 billion for military construction. It would authorize \$9.7 billion for the Pacific Deterrence Initiative and \$3.6 billion for the European Deterrence Initiative, primarily intended to counter aggression by China and Russia, respectively. For international assistance and cooperation, it would authorize \$4 billion to bolster U.S. and allied forces in Europe against Russian aggression, including \$300 million in security assistance to Ukraine; \$565 million for the U.S. Africa Command; \$398 million for forces in Syria and Iraq combating the Islamic State group; \$336 million for a cooperative threat reduction program assisting former Soviet Union countries; \$300 million for cooperative research and development programs with Israel; and \$210 million for the Baltic Security Initiative. The bill would authorize a 5.2 percent military pay increase and authorize the Defense Department to issue bonuses to junior enlisted servicemembers to counteract inflation. It would authorize \$1.1 billion for the Defense Department environmental restoration fund and require the department to undertake various environmental cleanup activities. It would eliminate the position of chief diversity officer within the Defense Department and include various provisions to restrict DOD programs that involve diversity, equity and inclusion and critical race theory. The bill would establish a special inspector general for Ukraine assistance and require the Defense Department to make plans to increase the energy resiliency of each main operating base in the U.S. European Command zone. It would repeal a 2022 Defense Department memorandum regarding access to reproductive health care and prohibit the department from paying for or reimbursing expenses relating to abortion services; eliminate

all Defense Department and Armed Forces offices established to promote diversity, equity and inclusion as well as terminate all personnel within such offices; and prevent the Defense Department from purchasing data of U.S. individuals that would otherwise require a warrant, court order or subpoena.” The bill passed by a vote of 219-210. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #328](#), 7/14/23; CQ, [7/14/23](#)]

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- **D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Prohibit Department Of Defense School Libraries From Having “Pornographic And Radical Gender Ideology Books.”** In July 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Boebert, R-Colo., amendment no. 35 that would prohibit Defense Department Education Activity schools from using funds to purchase and maintain pornographic and radical gender ideology books in school libraries.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 222-209. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #314](#), 7/13/23; CQ, [7/13/23](#)]

Anti-LGBTQ+ Ties

D'Esposito Was Closely Allied With Anti-LGBTQ+ Extremist Speaker Mike Johnson, Who D'Esposito Said “United The Republican Conference” And Was Featured At D'Esposito’s Fundraisers And Donated To His Campaign

Mike Johnson Donated \$10,000 To D'Esposito For New York

As Of April 2024, American Revival PAC Donated \$10,000 To D'Esposito For New York. [FEC Campaign Finance Data Search, accessed [6/7/24](#) D'Esposito for New York, 2023 Year-End Report, Itemized Receipts, accessed [6/7/24](#)]

Contributions to D'Esposito for New York From American Revival PAC		
Source	Date	Amount
American Revival PAC	3/31/23	\$1,000
American Revival PAC	12/31/23	\$9,000
Total:		\$10,000

[FEC Campaign Finance Data Search, accessed 6/7/24; D'Esposito for New York, 2023 Year-End Report, Itemized Receipts, accessed 6/7/24]

- **American Revival PAC Was Mike Johnson’s Leadership PAC.** American Revival PAC was the leadership PAC of Louisiana Republican Congressman Mike Johnson. [FEC Committee Profiles, American Revival PAC, accessed [10/27/23](#)]

Mike Johnson Was The Special Guest At A Fundraiser For D'Esposito

HEADLINE: “Speaker Mike Johnson Heads To LI For D'Esposito Fundraiser.” [Newsday, [12/1/23](#)]

12/2/23: Mike Johnson Featured As The Special Guest At A Fundraiser For Anthony D'Esposito. “HON. JOSEPH G. CAIRO, JR. INVITES YOU TO SUPPORT CONGRESSMAN ANTHONY D'ESPOSITO WITH SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE MIKE JOHNSON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2023 12:30 PM – 2:30 PM at THE GENERAL 1899 Park Boulevard, East Meadow, NY.” [Newsday, [12/1/23](#)]



[Newsday, [12/1/23](#)]

D'Esposito Supported Mike Johnson's Bid For Speakership, Calling Him An "Intelligent Legislator" Who "United The Republican Conference Behind His Vision"

D'Esposito Said Mike Johnson Was His Friend And A "Well Thought Leader Who Lives This Nation." "I'm w/ @MikeJohnson to be 56th Speaker of the House. Mike is my friend, a son of a firefighter, a good family man & a smart, well thought leader who loves this Nation. He understands issues critical @NYGov & @longisland. He will help grow our @HouseGOP majority." [Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, [10/25/23](#)]



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D'Esposito Called Speaker Johnson "A Family Man, Intelligent Legislator And Proud American." "Rep. Mike Johnson (R-Louisiana), who voted against certifying Joe Biden's victory over Donald Trump in the 2020 presidential election, was elected Speaker of the House on Wednesday. Reps. Andrew Garbarino, Nick LaLota, Anthony D'Esposito, and George Santos, all Republicans from Long Island, voted for Johnson's speakership. [...] Rep. D'Esposito acknowledged policy differences between Johnson and himself, but expressed support for him. 'Speaker Johnson is a family man, intelligent legislator and proud American who has united the Republican Conference behind his bold vision of a strong, free and prosperous United States,' D'Esposito said. 'This servant

leader is the right man at the right time to lead our chamber as America confronts a litany of threats, including wars overseas, an unstable southern border, and a cost of living crisis. While Speaker Johnson and I won't always agree on everything, I am confident the gentleman from Louisiana will work collaboratively with myself and my colleagues from Long Island to advance the legislative priorities of New Yorkers.” [Long Island Press, [10/25/23](#)]

D'Esposito Said He Was “Confident” That Speaker Johnson Would “Advance The Legislative Priorities Of New Yorkers.” “The votes of Long Island's House members to approve Mike Johnson as the new speaker of the House were key to the surprise victory of the 51-year-old Louisiana legislator. Johnson, who sought to overturn the 2020 presidential election in favor of the defeated Donald Trump, is now second in line to the presidency with a very powerful role in shaping government policy, assuming he can hold on to the gavel. Reps. Anthony D'Esposito, Andrew Garbarino and Nick LaLota voted unanimously with the Republican House conference to empower the unknown Johnson. [...] ‘While Speaker Johnson and I won't always agree on everything, I am confident the gentleman from Louisiana will work collaboratively with myself and my colleagues from Long Island to advance the legislative priorities of New Yorkers,’ said D'Esposito.” [Newsday, Op-Ed, [11/14/23](#)]

D'Esposito Stated Speaker Johnson “United The Republican Conference Behind His Vision Of A Strong, Free And Prosperous United States.” “Rep. Mike Johnson (R-Louisiana), who voted against certifying Joe Biden's victory over Donald Trump in the 2020 presidential election, was elected Speaker of the House on Wednesday. Reps. Andrew Garbarino, Nick LaLota, Anthony D'Esposito, and George Santos, all Republicans from Long Island, voted for Johnson's speakership. [...] Rep. D'Esposito acknowledged policy differences between Johnson and himself, but expressed support for him. ‘Speaker Johnson is a family man, intelligent legislator and proud American who has united the Republican Conference behind his bold vision of a strong, free and prosperous United States,’ D'Esposito said. ‘This servant leader is the right man at the right time to lead our chamber as America confronts a litany of threats, including wars overseas, an unstable southern border, and a cost of living crisis. While Speaker Johnson and I won't always agree on everything, I am confident the gentleman from Louisiana will work collaboratively with myself and my colleagues from Long Island to advance the legislative priorities of New Yorkers.’” [Long Island Press, [10/25/23](#)]

D'Esposito On Speaker Johnson: “I’m Confident That He Will Fit Very Nicely Into His New Role And He’ll Be Very Successful At It.” “Rep. Mike Johnson (R-LA 04) yesterday did what no other Republican leader could: ended the weeks-long chaos that halted normal business in the House and united the raucous conference behind his bid to replace the ousted Speaker Kevin McCarthy. [...] ‘Is it a concern? Obviously fundraising is important to any race. Listen, he comes from a district that is a pretty solid district—he didn’t need to focus on fundraising,’ Rep. Anthony D'Esposito (R-NY 04), one of the most vulnerable Republicans in the country, told reporters yesterday. ‘I’m sure that he will realize very quickly that fundraising is important and that it matters, and I’m confident that he will fit very nicely into his new role and he’ll be very successful at it.’” [National Journal, [10/26/23](#)]

Johnson Had A Long Record Of Discrimination Against The LGBTQ+ Community, Including Working For A Group That Was Behind Some Of The Country’s Most Restrictive Anti-LGBTQ+ Laws

HEADLINE: “House Speaker Mike Johnson Has Long Opposed Abortion And LGBTQ+ Rights.” [Louisiana Illuminator, [10/29/23](#)]

In Congress, Johnson Introduced A Bill That Would Restrict Discussion With Children Related To Gender Identity And Sexual Orientation Which Was Called A “Don’t Say Gay” Bill By Critics. “Johnson continued once in the House, despite keeping a relatively under-the-radar profile. As vice chair of the House Republican Conference, he made clear that he opposes gender-affirming care for minors. He introduced a bill that would restrict the discussion and programming related to gender identity, sexual orientation and gender dysphoria with children at federally funded institutions — a federal “Don’t Say Gay” bill, according to its critics.” [Louisiana Illuminator, [10/29/23](#)]

Johnson Was Previously Spokesperson And Attorney For Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF), A Group “Behind Dozens Of The Most Restrictive Abortion Laws And Pieces Of Anti-LGBTQ+ Legislation In The

Country.” “Before the newly elected U.S. House Speaker Mike Johnson was in public office, the Louisiana Republican’s restrictive stances on gender identity, abortion and sexuality were honed at the conservative Christian legal group Alliance Defending Freedom, where he served as a senior spokesperson and attorney. Alliance Defending Freedom, or ADF, is the legal force behind dozens of the most restrictive abortion laws and pieces of anti-LGBTQ+ legislation in the country.” [Louisiana Illuminator, [10/29/23](#)]

- **While At ADF, Johnson Called Same Sex Marriages “Counterfeit Legal Arrangements” Pushed By “Radical Homosexual Advocacy Groups.”** “Before the newly elected U.S. House Speaker Mike Johnson was in public office, the Louisiana Republican’s restrictive stances on gender identity, abortion and sexuality were honed at the conservative Christian legal group Alliance Defending Freedom, where he served as a senior spokesperson and attorney. [...] Johnson, while at ADF, wrote opinion pieces for the newspaper in his hometown of Shreveport that called same-sex marriages ‘counterfeit legal arrangements’ pushed by ‘radical homosexual advocacy groups’ and opposed the inclusion of sexual orientation and gender identity in employment nondiscrimination policies.” [Louisiana Illuminator, [10/29/23](#)]

2016: Johnson Said He Was On The Front In “The Defense Of Traditional Marriage.” “When Johnson first ran for his House seat in northwest Louisiana in 2016, he told a Baptist website that he felt ‘called to legal ministry,’ saying: ‘I’ve been out on the front lines of the ‘culture war’ defending religious freedom, the sanctity of human life, and biblical values, including the defense of traditional marriage, and other ideals like these when they’ve been under attack.’” [Louisiana Illuminator, [10/29/23](#)]

Johnson Once Favored Criminalizing Gay Sex. “Speaker of the House Mike Johnson has a history of harsh anti-gay language from his time as an attorney for a socially conservative legal group in the mid-2000s. [...] At the time, Johnson was an attorney and spokesman for Alliance Defense Fund, known today as Alliance Defending Freedom, where he also authored his opposition to the Supreme Court ruling in *Lawrence v. Texas* – which overturned state laws that criminalized homosexual activity between consenting adults. ADF wrote an amicus brief in the case which supported maintaining criminalization.” [CNN, [10/27/23](#)]

D’Esposito Was Endorsed By The New York State Conservative Party, Which Opposed Expanding The Human Rights Law To Include Transgender Individuals

D’Esposito Was Endorsed By The New York State Conservative Party And Was Praised By Their Chairman, Daniel Donovan For Being Aligned With The Party’s Vision

2022: D’Esposito Ran On The Republican And Conservative Party Lines. According to the New York State Board of Elections, D’Esposito was running on the ballot lines for both the Republican and the Conservative Parties. [New York State Board of Elections, Election Results, [11/8/22](#)]

The New York State Conservative Party Endorsed D’Esposito For Re-Election In 2018. “Councilman Anthony D’Esposito has secured the Conservative ballot line and party designation for his upcoming re-election campaign, having filed the required number of signatures on nominating petitions with the County Board of Elections. [...] This development marks the second election in which D’Esposito, the Republican nominee for Councilman of the fourth district, has been endorsed by the Conservative Party and will afford him a second ballot line this coming November.” [Councilman Anthony D’Esposito via Wayback Machine, Press Release, archived [9/2/2022](#)]

- **Conservative Party Chairman Daniel Donovan: D’Esposito Is Aligned With “Our Party’s Mission.”** “Conservative Party Chairman Daniel Donovan said, ‘Councilman D’Esposito played a vital role in Supervisor Santino’s deficit reduction initiative in which the Town of Hempstead successfully turned a \$23.5 million budget deficit into a \$5 million budget surplus. [...] Councilman D’Esposito’s strong affinity for the police and fire departments, his endorsement of family values as well as his firm determination to strive for smaller, more efficient government, aligns him to our party’s mission. We are excited to have Councilman D’Esposito run

for re-election on our ballot.” [Councilman Anthony D’Esposito via Wayback Machine, Press Release, archived [9/2/2022](#)]

The Nassau County Conservative Party Donated \$975 To D’Esposito’s New York State Campaign Committee

The Nassau County Conservative Party Donated \$1,135 To Citizens For D’Esposito.

Contributions to D’Esposito for New York From The Nassau County Conservative Party		
Source	Date	Amount
Nassau County Conservative Party Committee	3/26/17	\$160
Nassau County Conservative Party Committee	1/18/17	\$250
Nassau County Conservative Party Committee	6/27/16	\$300
Nassau County Conservative Party Committee	4/25/16	\$175
Nassau County Conservative Party Committee	4/21/16	\$250
Total:		\$1,135

[New York State Campaign Finance Search, accessed [12/19/23](#)]

The New York State Conservative Party Opposed Expanding The Human Rights Law To Include Transgender Individuals As A Protected Class And Stated That They Did Not Support Any Politicians Who Supported Marriage Equality For LGBTQ+ Individuals

The New York State Conservative Party Opposed Expanding “The Human Rights Law To Include ‘Transgender’ As A Protected Class.” “Legislation must be adopted to protect religious institutions from being required to recognize/perform marriages that are not within their traditional definition of marriage. We do not support legislation that seeks to expand the Human Rights Law to include ‘transgender’ as a protected class. We reject any effort to detain infected individuals and their contacts in a government and/or private facility. We oppose mandated vaccines for Covid 19 and believe any vaccination for communicable diseases should only be done with parental consent.” [New York State Conservative Party via Internet Archive, 2022 Legislative Program, archived [12/7/22](#)]

- **New York’s Human Rights Law “Prohibits Discrimination Based On Specific Protected Classes.”** “New York State’s comprehensive anti-discrimination statute is the New York State Human Rights Law (State Human Rights Law). The State Human Rights Law prohibits discrimination based on specific protected classes in employment, housing, credit, places of public accommodations, and non-sectarian educational institutions. Under the State Human Rights Law, every citizen has an ‘equal opportunity to enjoy a full and productive life.’” [New York City Equal Employment Practices Commission, accessed [6/14/22](#)]

May 2011: The New York State Conservative Party Declared That Any Politician Who Supported Marriage Equality Could Not Use Their Ballot Line. “Following up on a threat by chairman Mike Long, the state Conservative Party passed a resolution today vowing not to support any politician who supports gay marriage. The resolution, which was unanimously passed by the party’s executive council, is pretty clear cut: ‘... any elected official or potential candidate who does not support marriage as defined between one man and one woman, shall not have their name appear on Row C, the New York State Conservative Party position on election ballots, in any election.’” [Albany Times-Union, [5/12/11](#)]

National Defense & Security Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ D'Esposito voted for the “most conservative National Defense Authorization Act in decades,” which included divisive amendments on abortion, LGBTQ+ issues, and DEI.

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D'Esposito Voted For Authorizing The Defense Budget For Fiscal Year 2024, Which Included Divisive Amendments On Abortion, LGBTQ+ Issues, And DEI

July 2023: D'Esposito Voted For Authorizing The Defense Budget For Fiscal Year 2024. In July 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would authorize \$874.2 billion in national defense spending, including \$841.5 billion for the Defense Department and \$32.2 billion for national security programs within the Energy Department. The bill would authorize approximately \$168.6 billion for weapons and other procurement and \$145.2 billion for military research and development. Within these totals, it would authorize \$32.3 billion for shipbuilding; \$13.2 billion for Air Force procurement of 83 new F-35 series tactical force aircraft; \$17.4 billion for 92 Navy aircraft; \$539 million for the Ground Based Strategic Deterrent ballistic missile system; and approximately \$30 billion for missile defense programs, including \$434 million for a hypersonic missile defense system, \$498 million for continued development of Guam missile defense systems, \$160 million for Israeli missile defense systems and \$2.6 billion for a Space Force defendable missile warning satellite system. Within Energy Department funding, it would authorize \$23.9 billion for the National Nuclear Security Administration, primarily for the maintenance of a nuclear weapons stockpile. It would authorize \$38.2 billion for the Defense Health Program and \$17.5 billion for military construction. It would authorize \$9.7 billion for the Pacific Deterrence Initiative and \$3.6 billion for the European Deterrence Initiative, primarily intended to counter aggression by China and Russia, respectively. For international assistance and cooperation, it would authorize \$4 billion to bolster U.S. and allied forces in Europe against Russian aggression, including \$300 million in security assistance to Ukraine; \$565 million for the U.S. Africa Command; \$398 million for forces in Syria and Iraq combating the Islamic State group; \$336 million for a cooperative threat reduction program assisting former Soviet Union countries; \$300 million for cooperative research and development programs with Israel; and \$210 million for the Baltic Security Initiative. The bill would authorize a 5.2 percent military pay increase and authorize the Defense Department to issue bonuses to junior enlisted servicemembers to counteract inflation. It would authorize \$1.1 billion for the Defense Department environmental restoration fund and require the department to undertake various environmental cleanup activities. It would eliminate the position of chief diversity officer within the Defense Department and include various provisions to restrict DOD programs that involve diversity, equity and inclusion and critical race theory. The bill would establish a special inspector general for Ukraine assistance and require the Defense Department to make plans to increase the energy resiliency of each main operating base in the U.S. European Command zone. It would repeal a 2022 Defense Department memorandum regarding access to reproductive health care and prohibit the department from paying for or reimbursing expenses relating to abortion services; eliminate all Defense Department and Armed Forces offices established to promote diversity, equity and inclusion as well as terminate all personnel within such offices; and prevent the Defense Department from purchasing data of U.S. individuals that would otherwise require a warrant, court order or subpoena.” The bill passed by a vote of 219-210. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #328](#), 7/14/23; CQ, [7/14/23](#)]

- **HEADLINE: “House Narrowly Passes Divisive Pentagon Policy Bill.”** [Washington Post, [7/14/23](#)]

- **The Bill Authorized \$886 Billion For National Defense And A 5.2% Pay Increase For Servicemembers.** “It authorizes \$886 billion for national defense programs as well as a 5.2% pay increase for servicemembers, according to a fact sheet from the House Armed Services Committee.” [CNN, [7/14/23](#)]
- **The Bill Included Increased Investment In Advanced War Technologies “As The United States Directs Greater Attention Toward China.”** “The NDAA, which sets Pentagon policy and spending limits for the year ahead, includes increased investment in precision missiles, warships and newer technologies like artificial intelligence and hypersonics — necessities, leading lawmakers and the Biden administration say, as the United States directs greater attention toward China.” [Washington Post, [7/14/23](#)]
- **New York Times: NDAA Was “A Deeply Partisan Defense Bill.”** “Republicans on Friday rammed through the House a deeply partisan defense bill that would limit abortion access, transgender care and diversity training for military personnel, setting up a showdown in the Senate that could imperil the crucial annual measure to provide a pay raise for troops, set defense policy to counter U.S. adversaries and sustain Pentagon programs at a time of rising threats.” [New York Times, [7/14/23](#)]
- **Washington Post: “The Most Conservative National Defense Authorization Act In Decades.”** “Congress’s decades-long streak of bipartisan support for its annual defense policy and spending plan collapsed Friday, after House Republicans rammed through the most conservative National Defense Authorization Act in decades — restricting military personnel’s access to reproductive care and diversity protections, and imperiling lawmakers’ broader effort to set major national security priorities.” [Washington Post, [7/14/23](#)]
- **D’Esposito Voted Against A Motion To Recommit The National Defense Authorization Act To The House Armed Services Committee.** In July 2023 D’Esposito voted against: “Houlahan, D-Pa., motion to recommit the bill to the House Armed Services Committee.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 210-217. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #327](#), 7/14/23; CQ, [7/14/23](#)]

Policing & Public Safety Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ D'Esposito opposed the legalization of marijuana in New York State, voting against allowing its sale as a councilman and calling for increased funding for marijuana drug arrests.
 - ✓ 2019: D'Esposito voted for a moratorium on marijuana sales in the Town of Hempstead in anticipation of a statewide legalization.
 - ✓ 2021: D'Esposito voted against allowing the sale of marijuana in the Town of Hempstead.
- ✓ D'Esposito denied that police enforced drug laws in a racially biased way and said if someone was arrested for marijuana possession, "it's because they deserve to be."
 - ✓ D'Esposito refused to look at evidence showing that marijuana laws were enforced in a racially biased manner, calling the claim "not true" despite evidence pointing toward the contrary.
 - ✓ D'Esposito added that if someone was arrested for marijuana possession, "it's because they deserve to be" and "maybe the arrest numbers are different but it's not biased."
- ✓ D'Esposito voted for a Republican Continuing Resolution that proposed cuts of over \$15 million, including thousands of dollars for D'Esposito's district, for public safety programs.
 - ✓ D'Esposito voted for a Continuing Resolution with Republican riders that would enact a 29.9% cut nearly across the entire government.
 - ✓ The Continuing Resolution would have cut almost \$9 million in funding used to provide police officers with bulletproof vests, including thousands of dollars for D'Esposito's district.
- ✓ D'Esposito expressed concern for the public safety situation in Washington D.C. and disapproved of the D.C. Council's revised criminal code.
- ✓ D'Esposito criticized Governor Hochul's initiatives to combat crime in New York State.
 - ✓ D'Esposito called Hochul's \$55 million investment to combat car theft as "BS" which "cost [New York] another \$55 million."
 - ✓ D'Esposito said he would "work to roll back New York's cashless bail law" in Congress.

Criminal Justice Reform

D'Esposito Opposed The Legalization Of Marijuana In New York State, Voting Against Allowing Its Sale As A Councilman And Calling For Increased Funding For Marijuana Drug Arrests

2019: D'Esposito Voted For A Moratorium On Marijuana Sales In The Town Of Hempstead In Anticipation Of A Statewide Legalization

February 2019: The Hempstead Town Council Proposed A Temporary Moratorium On Retail Marijuana

Stores. “PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to Article 16 of the Town Law of the State of New York, as amended, a public hearing will be held in the Town Meeting Pavilion, Hempstead Town Hall, 1 Washington Street, Village and Town of Hempstead, Hempstead, New York, on the 26th day of February, 2019, at 10:30 o'clock in the forenoon of that day, to consider the amendment of Section 302 of Article XXXI of the Building Zone Ordinance of the Town of Hempstead entitled ‘Prohibited and Restricted Uses’ in order to create a new Subsection 302 (S) to enact a temporary moratorium on the establishment of recreational marijuana stores, dispensaries, social clubs and other recreational marijuana related uses.” [Town of Hempstead, Meeting Resolutions, [2/26/19](#)]

- **The Proposal Would Reportedly Enact A One Year Moratorium Of Marijuana In Hempstead Along With Banning Marijuana Smoking In Town Parks And Facilities.** “Members of the Hempstead Town Board unanimously decided to get out in front of impending recreational marijuana legalization at the state level. With a vote of 7-0, the Town Board enacted a moratorium of one year on the sale of pot within the town, and a ban on smoking it in town parks and facilities.” [Long Island Herald, [3/7/19](#)]

D'Esposito Voted In Favor Of Public Hearing 9. SUPERVISOR GILLEN: “Aye. Madam Clerk, we will call the roll on Public Hearing Number 9. We heard the comments together, we should vote separate Public Hearings so, now, we are calling the roll on item number 9, the moratorium.” CLERK CABANA: “Councilman Ambrosino?” COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: “Aye.” CLERK CABANA: “Councilman Blakeman?” COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: “Aye.” CLERK CABANA: “Councilman D'Esposito?” COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: “Aye.” [Town of Hempstead, Meeting verbatim, [2/26/19](#)]

- **Public Hearing 9 Referred To The Proposed Amendment To Enact A Temporary Moratorium On The Establishment Of Recreational Marijuana Stores.** “Proposed amendment of Section 302 of Article XXXI of the Building Zone Ordinance of the Town of Hempstead in order to create a new subsection in relation to enacting a temporary moratorium on the establishment of recreational marijuana stores, dispensaries, social clubs and other recreational marijuana related uses - TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD ” [Town of Hempstead, Agenda, [2/26/19](#)]
- **The Moratorium Passed Unanimously With A 7-0 Vote.** “Members of the Hempstead Town Board unanimously decided to get out in front of impending recreational marijuana legalization at the state level. With a vote of 7-0, the Town Board enacted a moratorium of one year on the sale of pot within the town, and a ban on smoking it in town parks and facilities.” [LI Herald, [3/7/19](#)]

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2021: D'Esposito Voted Against Allowing The Sale Of Marijuana In The Town Of Hempstead

December 7, 2021: Councilwoman Goosby Introduced A Resolution To Amend Local Laws By Adding A “Cannabis Opt-Out In The Town Of Hempstead” Section To Opt Out Of New York’s Legalization Of Retail Marijuana. “A local law to amend Chapter 121 of the Code of the Town of Hempstead entitled ‘Smoking’ by adding a new Article IV thereof entitled ‘Cannabis Opt-Out in the Town of Hempstead’ in relation to prohibiting the retail sale of adult use cannabis as authorized by New York State Cannabis Law section 131.1, subject to a permissive referendum. Introduced by: Councilwoman Goosby.” [Town of Hempstead, Resolutions, [12/7/21](#)]

- **March 31, 2021: New York State Legalized Recreational Marijuana Through The Marijuana Regulation & Taxation Act.** “On March 31, 2021, New York State legalized adult-use cannabis (also known as marijuana, or recreational marijuana) by passing the Marijuana Regulation & Taxation Act (MRTA). The legislation creates a new Office of Cannabis Management (OCM) governed by a Cannabis Control Board to oversee and implement the law. The OCM will issue licenses and develop regulations outlining how and

when business can participate in the new industry. The new Office will also oversee the State's existing Medical Marijuana Program and Cannabinoid Hemp Program previously regulated by the Department of Health. The Office will ensure a smooth transition for all certified patients, designated caregivers and licensees under both programs." [New York Office of Cannabis Management, Cannabis Legalization, accessed [1/3/24](#)]

December 7, 2021: D'Esposito Voted In Favor Of Goosby's Resolution To Opt Out Of New York's Legalization Of Retail Marijuana. CLERK MURRAY: Proposed Local Law to amend 12 Chapter 121 of the Code of the Town of Hempstead 13 entitled "Smoking" by adding a New Article IV 14 entitled "Cannabis Opt-Out" in the Town of 15 Hempstead in relation to prohibiting the retail 16 sale of adult use Cannabis as authorized by New 17 York State Cannabis Law Section 131.1 with 18 adoption subject to a permissive referendum. [...] SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: "Mr. Supervisor, I recommend that we really make sure that we opt out of the marijuana in the Town of Hempstead." COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: "Second." COUNCILMAN DUNNE: "Second that on the record." CLERK MURRAY: "Supervisor Clavin?" SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: "Aye." CLERK MURRAY: "Councilman Blakeman?" COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye. CLERK MURRAY: "Councilman Carini?" COUNCILMAN CARINI: "Aye." CLERK MURRAY: "Councilman D'Esposito?" COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: "Aye." CLERK MURRAY: "Councilman Dunne?" COUNCILMAN DUNNE: "Aye." CLERK MURRAY: "Senior Councilwoman Goosby?" SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: "Aye." CLERK MURRAY: "Councilman Muscarella?" COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: "Yes." [Town of Hempstead, Meeting Minutes, [12/7/21](#)]

D'Esposito Denied That Police Enforced Drug Laws In A Racially Biased Way And Said If Someone Was Arrested For Marijuana Possession, "It's Because They Deserve To Be"

D'Esposito Refused To Look At Evidence Showing That Marijuana Laws Were Enforced In A Racially Biased Manner, Calling The Claim "Not True" Despite Evidence Pointing Toward The Contrary

D'Esposito Argued Against The Claim That Police Enforce Marijuana Laws In A Racially Biased Manner, Calling It "Not True"

D'Esposito Said "To Claim Police Are Enforcing" Marijuana Prohibition Laws In A Racially "Biased Manner Is Not True." "Advocates at the meeting cited data showing a disparity of marijuana arrests and minority communities. [...] Councilman Anthony D'Esposito, a former NYPD officer, said marijuana arrests are not racially based. 'It is either marijuana or it's not,' D'Esposito said. 'To claim police are enforcing it in a biased manner is not true.' D'Esposito also called on the town to find funding to train Hempstead Town public safety officers and bay constables on how to identify marijuana for enforcement." [Newsday, [2/26/19](#)]

D'Esposito Said He Did Not Need The Information Regarding Arrest Numbers Because He "Lived It"

When The Director Of The Nassau County Chapter Of The New York Civil Liberties Union Offered To Provide Councilman D'Esposito With Arrest Numbers, D'Esposito Said He Did Not Need The Information Because He "Lived It." "Susan Gottehrer, director of the Nassau County Chapter of the New York Civil Liberties Union, said that members of the board were ignoring important issues when considering the legalization. 'We strongly recommend localities consider the role they can play to undo the harm of criminalization,' Gottehrer said, 'and to ensure communities who have lost the most from prohibition stand to gain the most from thoughtful legalization.' Gottehrer also noted that four out of five people arrested for possession are black or Latino, despite similar rates of use across ethnicities. She urged the board to consider 'civil penalties and desk ticket appearances' for people who violate the town laws against using in parks, to avoid 'being complicit' in biased policing. D'Esposito, a former NYPD detective, took issue with Gottehrer's statements. 'It either is marijuana or it's not,' he said. 'If they're arrested, it's because they deserve to be. It's not biased toward any race. Maybe the arrest numbers are different, but it's not biased.' Gottehrer said that the arrest numbers were important, and offered to provide D'Esposito and the board with information, to which D'Esposito replied, 'I lived it. I don't need the info — thank you.'" [Long Island Herald, [3/7/19](#)]

Black And Latino People Made Up A Disproportionate Share Of Marijuana Arrestees In Nassau County And Long Island As A Whole

Director Of The Nassau County Chapter Of The New York Civil Liberties Union Susan Gottehrer Said Two-Thirds Of All People Arrested On Marijuana-Related Charges On Long Island Between 2010 And 2017 “Were Black And Latino.” “Advocates at the meeting cited data showing a disparity of marijuana arrests and minority communities. Susan Gottehrer, Nassau County chapter director of the New York Civil Liberties Union, said there were 20,000 arrests on Long Island between 2010 and 2017 and two thirds of those arrested were black and Latino. She said minorities were disproportionately affected.” [Newsday, [2/26/19](#)]

Bellmore Herald: Black And Latino People “Accounted For 60 Percent Of Arrests For Marijuana Possession” In Nassau County “Despite Making Up Only 30 Percent Of The Population.” “Local activists, however — including Bellmore's Lisa Tyson, director of the Long Island Progressive Coalition — pointed to the high arrest rates of people of color for low-level marijuana offenses despite near-equal levels of use among white people in Nassau and Suffolk counties. Some residents also questioned the value of the townwide moratorium. [...] In Nassau County in 2017, black and Latino people accounted for 60 percent of arrests for marijuana possession, despite making up only 30 percent of the population, according to the LIPC.” [LI Herald, [3/7/19](#)]

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Police Funding

D’Esposito Voted For A Republican Continuing Resolution That Proposed Cuts Of More Than \$15 Million, Including Thousands Of Dollars For D’Esposito’s District, For Public Safety Programs

D’Esposito Voted For A Continuing Resolution With Republican Riders That Would Enact A 29.9% Cut Across The Entire Government

D’Esposito Voted For A Continuing Resolution With Republican Riders And Nearly 30% Cuts Across The Government. In September 2023, D’Esposito voted for: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would provide funding for federal government operations and services through Oct. 31, 2023, with a 29.9 percent cut from fiscal 2023 levels for most programs. It would fund veterans’ programs, the Department of Homeland Security, national security programs and disaster assistance at full fiscal 2023 levels. It would also implement nearly all provisions of

House Republicans' border security and immigration bill (HR 2), which the House passed in May 2023. It would provide an increase in funding for the Defense Department at rates set forth in House Republicans' fiscal 2024 defense appropriations bill (HR 4365), which would provide for a 3.6 percent funding increase over fiscal 2023. It would also provide funding increases for the Agriculture Department and provide an additional \$220 million above fiscal 2023 levels for Energy Department nuclear programs. Among its border security and immigration provisions, it would require DHS, within seven days of enactment, to resume all activities related to "border wall" construction on the U.S.-Mexico border that were underway or planned prior to Jan. 20, 2021; require DHS to reopen or restore, no later than Sept. 30, 2023, the use of all Immigration and Customs Enforcement detention facilities that were in operation on Jan. 20, 2021; and require DHS to return all unaccompanied children to their country of origin, regardless of whether they are from a contiguous country to the U.S. In addition to provisions of HR 2, it would place limitations on the use of DHS funding provided by the bill, including prohibitions on removing existing U.S.-Mexico border barriers, transporting inadmissible adults into the U.S., and the use of Customs and Border Protection's "CBP One" app to facilitate the parole of an individual into the U.S. It also would prohibit the use of funds provided by the bill to initiate or resume any project or activity not funded during fiscal 2023 and would establish a congressional fiscal commission tasked with identifying policies to "improve the fiscal situation." The bill was rejected by a vote of 198-232. [H.R. 5525, [Vote #511](#), 9/29/23; CQ, [9/29/23](#)]

The Continuing Resolution Would Have Cut Almost \$9 Million In Funding Used To Provide Police Officers With Bulletproof Vests, Including Thousands Of Dollars For D'Esposito's District

The CR Would Have Cut 29.9% Of The Funding Of The Commerce, Justice, Science, And Related Agencies Appropriations Act Of 2023...

The CR Would Have Subjected Funding Through The Commerce, Justice, Science, And Related Agencies Appropriations Act Of 2023 To Cuts. "Sec. 101. (a) Such amounts as may be necessary, at a rate for operations as provided in the applicable appropriations Acts for fiscal year 2023 and under the authority and conditions provided in such Acts, for continuing projects or activities (including the costs of direct loans and loan guarantees) that are not otherwise specifically provided for in this Act, that were conducted in fiscal year 2023, and for which appropriations, funds, or other authority were made available in the following appropriations Acts: (1) The Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2023 (division A of Public Law 117-328). (2) The Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2023 (division B of Public Law 117-328). (3) The Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2023 (division C of Public Law 117-328). (4) The Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2023 (division D of Public Law 117-328), except the first proviso under the heading 'Department of Energy—Energy Programs—SPR Petroleum Account'. (5) The Financial Services and General Government Appropriations Act, 2023 (division E of Public Law 117-328). (6) The Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act, 2023 (division F of Public Law 117-328), including title III of division O of Public Law 117-328. (7) The Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2023 (division G of Public Law 117-328). (8) The Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2023 (division H of Public Law 117-328). (9) The Legislative Branch Appropriations Act, 2023 (division I of Public Law 117-328). (10) The Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2023 (division J of Public Law 117-328). (11) The Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2023 (division K of Public Law 117-328). (12) The Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2023 (division L of Public Law 117-328)." [HR 5525, Introduced [9/18/23](#)]

- **The Continuing Resolution Would Have Cut Funding For All Government Programs By 29.9%, With Exceptions For U.S. Defense, Department Of Veterans Affairs, And Disaster Relief Programs.** "Passage of the bill, as amended, that would provide funding for federal government operations and services through Oct. 31, 2023, with a 29.9 percent cut from fiscal 2023 levels for most programs [...] It would provide an increase in funding for the Defense Department at rates set forth in House Republicans' fiscal 2024 defense appropriations bill (HR 4365), which would provide for a 3.6 percent funding increase over fiscal 2023. It would also provide funding increases for the Agriculture Department and provide an additional \$220 million

above fiscal 2023 levels for Energy Department nuclear programs.” [H.R. 5525, CQ, [9/29/23](#)]

...Which Provided \$30 Million For Bulletproof Vests For Law Enforcement – Including Thousands Of Dollars In D’Esposito’s District

The Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program Reimburses Municipal Governments For Up To 50 Percent Of The Costs Of Bulletproof Vests For Law Enforcement. “The Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) Program, administered by the Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), reimburses states, units of local government, and federally recognized Indian tribes for up to 50 percent of the cost of body armor vests purchased for law enforcement officers. Since 1999, more than 13,000 jurisdictions have participated in the BVP Program, with a total of \$573 million in federal funds for the purchase of more than 1.5 million body armor vests. See the BVP program resources page for detailed award history.” [Department of Justice, [April 2023](#)]

The Commerce, Justice, Science, And Related Agencies Appropriations Act Of 2023 Allocated \$30 Million For The Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program. “\$30,000,000 for the Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program, as authorized by section 2501 of title I of the 1968 Act: Provided, That \$1,500,000 shall be transferred directly to the National Institute of Standards and Technology’s Office of Law Enforcement Standards for research, testing, and evaluation programs;” [Public Law 117–328, Division B, Commerce, Justice, Science, And Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2023, [12/29/22](#)]

In FY 2023, NY-04 Municipalities Were Allocated Approximately \$29,670.85 Through The Federal Bulletproof Vest Partnership. [Department of Justice, Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership Awards, [FY 2023](#); New York Redistricting and You, accessed [10/10/23](#)]

The Republican Continuing Resolution Would Cut \$8,871.58\$ In Funding For The Bulletproof Vest Partnership In D’Esposito’s District.

Bulletproof Vest Partnership FY 2023 Allocations To New York Municipalities				
Municipality	Congressional District	Region	Amount Allocated	CR Cut
Freeport Village	NY-04	Long Island	\$6,125.40	\$1,831.49
Hempstead Village	NY-04	Long Island	\$14,757.25	\$4,412.42
Long Beach City	NY-04	Long Island	\$1,800.00	\$538.20
Malverne Village	NY-04	Long Island	\$496.26	\$148.38
NEW YORK TOTAL			\$29,670.85	\$8,871.58

[Department of Justice, Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership Awards, [FY 2023](#); New York Redistricting and You, accessed [10/10/23](#)]

Votes On Police Funding

PRESS RELEASE: D’Esposito Co-Sponsored The Invest To Protect Act, Which Would Make Investments In Small Police Departments With Fewer Than 200 Officers. “Today, May 11, 2023, ahead of National Police Week, the bipartisan Invest to Protect Act is being introduced in the House. This bipartisan legislation will make critical, targeted investments in small and midsize police departments with fewer than 200 sworn officers for the recruitment, retention, mental health support, and training they need to protect themselves and their communities. The Invest to Protect Act is led by Rep. Josh Gottheimer (NJ-5), former sheriff Rep. John Rutherford (FL-5), Chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus Rep. Steven Horsford (NV-4), and retired NYPD detective Rep. Anthony D’Esposito (NY-4), and has a total 53 original cosponsors.” [Rep. D’Esposito, Press Release, [5/11/23](#)]

Bill Of Rights

PRESS RELEASE: D'Esposito Introduced And Helped Pass The Law Enforcement Officers Bill Of Rights, Which He Said Provided “Law Enforcement Officers With Greater Safeguards.” “Congressman Anthony D'Esposito (NY-04) announced passage of his Law Enforcement Officers Bill of Rights proposal in the House of Representatives. The proposal, which includes sweeping pro-police policies designed to support law enforcement officers currently serving the public, received bipartisan support with 62 House Democrats joining 206 House Republicans in advancing the measure. ‘I am proud that my Law Enforcement Officers Bill of Rights proposal was passed in the House of Representatives in a bipartisan fashion, and I urge my colleagues in the Senate to similarly unite and approve the measure in their chamber,’ said D'Esposito. ‘As a retired NYPD Detective, I have seen firsthand the difficulties of policing, and this legislative package is a major step forward in providing law enforcement officers with greater safeguards as they work tirelessly to protect the public.’” [Rep. D'Esposito, Press Release, [5/18/23](#)]

D.C. Public Safety

D'Esposito Expressed Concern For The Public Safety Situation In Washington D.C. And Disapproved Of The D.C. Council's Revised Criminal Code

D'Esposito Spoke On The House Floor To Express Disapproval For The D.C. Council's Revised Criminal Code Act Of 2022. “I took to the House floor to express my disapproval of legislation passed by the D.C. City Council that eliminates mandatory minimum sentences for criminals, and reduces maximum penalties for several violent crimes. [...] The U.S. Congress exercises authority over local affairs in Washington, D.C. This includes reviewing municipal laws such as the Revised Criminal Code Act (RCCA) of 2022 - the legislation I spoke out against.” [Rep. Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, [2/9/23](#)]

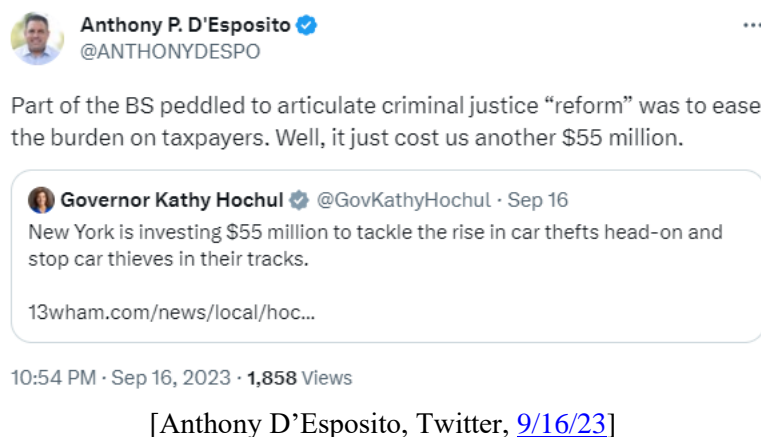


New York Public Safety

D'Esposito Criticized Governor Hochul's Initiatives To Combat Crime In New York State

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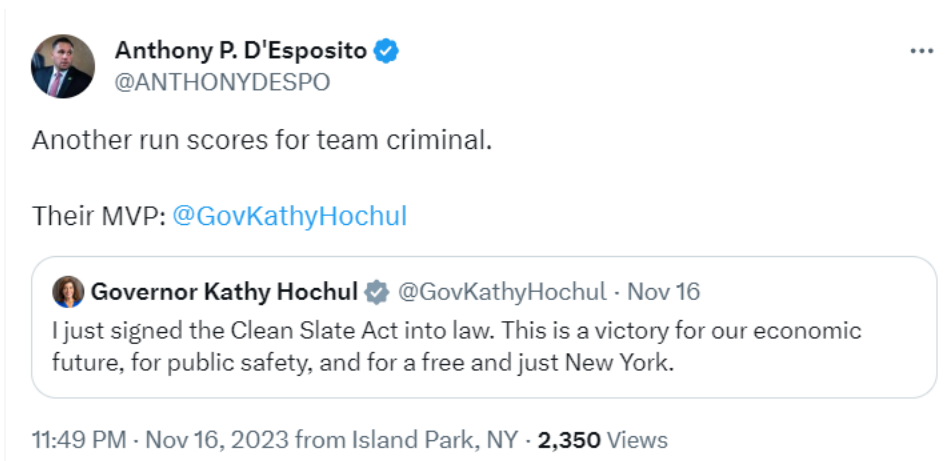
9/16/23: D'Esposito Called Hochul's Announcement Of A \$55 Million Investment To Combat Car Thefts As "BS" Which "Cost [New York] Another \$55 Million." [Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, [9/16/23](#)]



D'Esposito Called Hochul The MVP Of “Team Criminal” For Signing The Clean Slate Act Which Automatically Sealed Criminal Records After A Time Period

D'Esposito Sponsored A Resolution To Express Opposition To New York's Clean Slate Act. [H.Res.933, Summary, introduced [12/13/23](#)]

11/16/23: D'Esposito Said Hochul's Signing Of The Clean Slate Act Into Law A Win For “Team Criminal” And Called Her Their MVP. [Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, [11/16/23](#)]



[Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, [11/16/23](#)]

The Clean Slate Act Automatically Sealed Certain Criminal Records After A Time Period, Provided Individual Maintain A Clean Record And Are No Longer On Probation Or Parole. “What the Clean Slate Act does This law will automatically seal certain criminal records after a required waiting period – three years after conviction or release from jail for a misdemeanor and eight years after conviction or release from prison for a felony – provided they have maintained a clean record and are no longer on probation or parole. To protect public safety and ensure we are sealing the records of people who have truly committed to turning their lives around, there are instances where people will not be eligible for sealing. Those with pending criminal charges, who are required to register as a sex offender, who received a life sentence, or who have been convicted of a class A felony – like murder – are ineligible to have their records sealed under Clean Slate.” [New York Assembly, Clean Slate Act, accessed [7/15/24](#)]

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D'Esposito Said He Would “Work To Roll Back New York's Cashless Bail Law” In Congress

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the House of Representatives, Congressman D'Esposito will work to roll back New York's cashless bail law that has released thousands of dangerous criminals back onto our streets and other failed criminal justice policies that prevent law enforcement from keeping our communities safe. He will also use his experience in the NYPD and as Chief of the Island Park Fire Department to ensure law enforcement and first responders receive the resources and support they need." [D'Esposito for Congress, Issues, accessed [2/3/24](#)]

D'Esposito Called Cashless Bail “Radical Legislation.” “As crime surges in communities across the state, NY Democrats STILL stand by their disastrous pro-criminal #BailReform law. I will continue to fight against such radical legislation like cashless bail & for commonsense public safety policies that empower judges, not criminals.” [Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, [5/16/23](#)]



[Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, [5/16/23](#)]

D'Esposito: “Cashless Bail Has Left Our Communities Less Safe.” “‘Cashless bail has left our communities less safe,’ D'Esposito said. Such bail measures limit what judges can set to hold suspects accused of crimes for most misdemeanors and non-violent felonies. Judges are required to release people with the least restrictive conditions, as long as they are ensured they'll return for court dates.” [Long Island Herald, [9/8/22](#)]

Seniors' Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ D'Esposito opposed the Inflation Reduction Act, despite the act lowering medical costs for at least 270,000 New Yorkers.
 - ✓ D'Esposito called the Inflation Reduction Act “a tax increase on nearly every American.”
 - ✓ The Inflation Reduction Act allowed Medicare to negotiate for lower drug costs and capped insulin at \$35 per month – which benefitted approximately 196,000 New Yorkers.
 - ✓ An estimated 74,000 New Yorkers would benefit from the provision of the Inflation Reduction Act that capped Medicare beneficiary out-of-pocket costs at \$2,000 annually.
- ✓ D'Esposito voted on 18 separate occasions to block consideration of a resolution to protect Social Security and Medicare.
- ✓ D'Esposito voted for the Republican Continuing Resolution that would have increased wait times for Social Security benefits.
 - ✓ D'Esposito voted for a continuing resolution with Republican riders that would enact a 30% cut nearly across the entire government.
 - ✓ D'Esposito criticized Democrats for voting against the continuing resolution, claiming they were voting against “securing our border and reigning in spending.”
 - ✓ The continuing resolution would have led to the closure of Social Security field offices and increase wait times for claim-processing.

Prescription Drugs

D'Esposito Opposed The Inflation Reduction Act, Despite The Act Lowering Medical Costs For At Least 270,000 New Yorkers

D'Esposito Called The Inflation Reduction Act “A Tax On Nearly Every American”

D'Esposito Tweeted The Inflation Reduction Act Would Raise \$16.7 Billion In Taxes “In 2023 On Americans Earning Less Than \$200,000 A Year.” ““Taxes will rise by \$16.7 billion in 2023 on Americans earning less than \$200,000 a year.’ ‘...The reality is that the Schumer-Manchin bill is a tax increase on nearly every American.”” [Anthony P. D'Esposito, Twitter, [8/1/22](#)]



[Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, [8/1/22](#)]

The Inflation Reduction Act Allowed Medicare To Negotiate For Lower Drug Costs And Capped Insulin At \$35 Per Month – Which Benefitted Approximately 196,000 New Yorkers

The Inflation Reduction Act Capped Drug Prices For Seniors, Including Capping Insulin Costs At \$35 Per Month For Seniors. “The Inflation Reduction Act will help close the gap in access to medication by improving prescription drug coverage and lowering drug prices in Medicare. The law: Caps the amount that seniors will have to pay for prescription drugs they buy at the pharmacy at \$2,000 a year, giving peace of mind to seniors who no longer have to worry about spending thousands and thousands more on prescription drugs. Caps the amount that seniors will have to pay for insulin at \$35 for a month’s supply. Provides access to a number of additional free vaccines, including the shingles vaccine, for Medicare beneficiaries. Will further lower prescription drug costs for seniors by allowing Medicare to negotiate the price of high-cost drugs and requiring drug manufacturers to pay Medicare a rebate when they raise prices faster than inflation.” [White House, Press Release, [8/16/22](#)]

- **The Insulin Cap Could Benefit Approximately 1,960,000 New York Medicare Beneficiaries Who Used The Drug.** “Saving New York Medicare Beneficiaries Money by Capping Insulin Copays at \$35 per Month. Drug manufacturers have raised insulin prices so rapidly over the last few decades that some Medicare beneficiaries struggle to afford this life-saving drug that costs less than \$10 a vial to manufacture. Starting in 2023, the legislation will cap the out-of-pocket cost of insulin for Medicare beneficiaries at no more than \$35 for a month’s supply. Some 196,000 New York Medicare beneficiaries used insulin in 2020.” [White House, accessed [11/16/23](#)]

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An Estimated 74,000 New Yorkers Would Benefit From The Provision Of The Inflation Reduction Act That Capped Medicare Beneficiary Out-Of-Pocket Costs At \$2,000 Annually

The Inflation Reduction Act Capped Medicare Out-Of-Pocket Costs At \$2,000. “Protecting Millions of New Yorkers from Catastrophic Drug Costs by Capping Medicare Beneficiary Out-of-Pocket Costs in Part D at \$2,000. Currently, Medicare beneficiaries with conditions such as cancer, multiple sclerosis, and lung disease can face thousands of dollars in out-of-pocket prescription drug costs, and millions of people in Medicare struggle to afford their medications. The Act will require Part D plans to offer improved financial protections that would phase in starting in 2024, with the \$2,000 out-of-pocket cap taking effect in 2025. Each year, that will benefit about 74,000 New York Medicare beneficiaries who would otherwise have out-of-pocket costs above the cap, according to estimates from the Kaiser Family Foundation (KFF). And, for the first time, all 2.9 million New Yorkers with Medicare Part D will have the peace of mind of knowing their pharmacy costs are capped.” [White House, [August 2022](#)]

According To The Kaiser Family Foundation, The Out-Of-Pocket Cap Would Benefit An Estimated 74,000 New Yorkers Who Would Have Out-Of-Pocket Costs If The Cap Were Not In Place. “Protecting Millions of New Yorkers from Catastrophic Drug Costs by Capping Medicare Beneficiary Out-of-Pocket Costs in Part D at \$2,000. Currently, Medicare beneficiaries with conditions such as cancer, multiple sclerosis, and lung disease can face thousands of dollars in out-of-pocket prescription drug costs, and millions of people in Medicare struggle to afford their medications. The Act will require Part D plans to offer improved financial protections that would phase in starting in 2024, with the \$2,000 out-of-pocket cap taking effect in 2025. Each year, that will benefit about 74,000 New York Medicare beneficiaries who would otherwise have out-of-pocket costs above the cap, according to estimates from the Kaiser Family Foundation (KFF). And, for the first time, all 2.9 million New Yorkers with Medicare Part D will have the peace of mind of knowing their pharmacy costs are capped.” [White House, [August 2022](#)]

Social Security And Medicare

D'Esposito Voted On 18 Separate Occasions To Block Consideration Of A Resolution To Protect Social Security And Medicare

11/2/23: D'Esposito Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Resolution Stating That The House Would Not Cut Money From Social Security Or Medicare. In November 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Fishbach, R-Minn, motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Congressional Record, Rep. McGovern said, “Madam Speaker, if we defeat the previous question, I will offer a resolution to state unequivocally that the House won’t cut a single cent from these crucial programs that so many of our constituents rely on.” A vote *for the motion* was a vote to block consideration of the bill. The motion was rejected by a vote of 213-200. [H.Res. 838, [Vote #565](#), 11/2/23; CQ, [11/2/23](#); Congressional Record, [11/2/23](#)]

9/19/23: D'Esposito Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Resolution To Protect Social Security And Medicare. In September 2023 D'Esposito voted for: “Cole, R-Okla., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Congressional Record, Rep. Fernandez said, “I am going to offer my friends, my dear friends, a chance to show the American people that they are serious about preserving Social Security and Medicare. I urge you all to join us in defeating the previous question. If we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to provide for consideration of a resolution which plainly states that the people’s House won’t cut a single cent from these crucial programs that so many of my constituents, so many of your constituents, rely on.” A vote *for the motion* was a vote to block consideration of the resolution. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 217-209. [H. Res. 680, [Vote #397](#), 9/19/23; CQ, [9/19/23](#); Congressional Record, [9/19/23](#)]

7/26/23: D'Esposito Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Resolution Protecting Social Security And Medicare. In July 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Reschenthaler, R-Pa., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment)." According to the Congressional Record, Rep. Neguse said, "Mr. Speaker, if we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment that we have offered before to the rule to provide for consideration of a resolution which unambiguously states that it is the House's duty to keep our solemn promise to American workers and seniors to protect and preserve Social Security and Medicare and reject any cuts to these critical programs." A vote *for the motion* was a vote to block consideration of the bill. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 208-191. [H.Res. 614, [Vote #367](#), 7/26/23; CQ, [7/26/23](#); Congressional Record, [7/26/23](#)]

7/18/23: D'Esposito Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Resolution To Protect Social Security and Medicare. In July 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Houchin, R-Ind motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment)." According to the Congressional Record, Rep. Scanlon, D-___ said, "Mr. Speaker, if we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to provide for consideration of a resolution which unequivocally states that it is the House's duty to keep our sacred promise to American workers and seniors to protect and preserve Social Security and Medicare and reject any cuts to those essential programs." A vote *for the motion* was a vote to block consideration of the bill. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 213-207. [H.Res. 597, [Vote #331](#), 7/18/23; CQ, [7/18/23](#); Congressional Record, [7/18/23](#)]

6/22/23: D'Esposito Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Resolution Stating It Is The House's Responsibility To Provide Social Security And Medicaid And To Reject Cuts To The Programs. In June 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Roy, R-Texas., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and the possibility of amendment)." According to the Congressional Record, Rep McGovern said, "Mr. Speaker, I urge that we defeat the previous question, and I will offer an amendment to the rule to provide for consideration of a resolution assuring our constituents that the people's House will protect and preserve Social Security and Medicare for our future generations and reject any cuts to these essential programs." A vote *for the motion* was a vote to block consideration of the resolution. The motion was agreed to 214-206. [H.Res. 463, [Vote #284](#), 6/22/23; CQ, [6/22/23](#); Congressional Record, [6/22/23](#)]

6/6/23: D'Esposito Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Resolution Stating It's The House's Responsibility To Protect And Preserve Social Security And Medicaid And To Reject Cuts To The Programs. In February 2019, D'Esposito voted for: "Massie, R-Ky, motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and the possibility of amendment)." According to the Congressional Record, Rep. Scanlon said "Mr. Speaker, if we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to provide for consideration of a resolution which states that it is the House's responsibility to protect and preserve Social Security and Medicaid for our future generations and reject any cuts to these essential programs." A vote *for the motion* was a vote to block consideration of the bill. The motion was agreed to 215-203. [H. Res. 463, [Vote #247](#), 6/6/23; CQ, [6/6/23](#); Congressional Record, [6/6/23](#)]

5/23/23: D'Esposito Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Resolution Protecting Social Security And Medicare And Rejecting Cuts To The Programs. In May 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Burgess, R-Texas, motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment)." According to the Congressional Record, Rep. Leger Fernandez said, "Madam Speaker, I point out that if we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to provide for consideration of a resolution, which states that it is the House's responsibility to protect and preserve Social Security and Medicare for future generations and reject any cuts to these essential programs." A vote *for the motion* was a vote to block consideration of the bill. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 219-208. [H.Res. 429, [Vote #230](#), 5/23/23; CQ, [5/23/23](#); Congressional Record, [5/23/23](#)]

5/16/23: D'Esposito Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Resolution Protecting Social Security And Medicare And Rejecting Cuts To The Programs. In May 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Fischbach, R-Minn, motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment)." According to the Congressional Record, Rep. McGovern said, "Mr. Speaker, I urge that we defeat the previous question. If we do, I will offer an amendment to the rule for consideration of a resolution which states that it is the House's

responsibility to protect and preserve Social Security and Medicare for future generations and reject any cuts to these essential programs.” A vote *for the motion* was a vote to block consideration of the bill. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 220-209. [H.Res. 398, [Vote #215](#), 5/16/23; CQ, [5/16/23](#); Congressional Record, [5/16/23](#)]

5/10/23: D'Esposito Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Resolution Protecting Social Security And Medicare And Rejecting Cuts To The Programs. In May 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Roy, R-Texas, motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Congressional Record, Rep. Scanlon said, “Mr. Speaker, if we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to provide for consideration of a resolution which states that it is the House’s responsibility to protect and preserve Social Security and Medicare for our future generations and reject any cuts to these essential programs.” A vote *for the motion* was a vote to block consideration of the bill. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 215-211. [H.Res.383, [Vote #205](#), 5/10/23; CQ, [5/10/23](#); Congressional Record, [5/10/23](#)]

4/26/23: D'Esposito Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Resolution Stating Responsibility To Defend And Preserve Social Security And Medicare And Reject Cuts To The Programs. In April 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Cole, R-Okla., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Congressional Record, Rep. McGovern said, “Mr. Speaker, I urge that we defeat the previous question. If we do, then I will offer an amendment to the rule to provide for consideration of a resolution that allows the House to state unequivocally that it is our responsibility to defend and preserve Social Security and Medicare for generations to come and reject any cuts to these vital programs.” A vote *for the motion* was a vote to block consideration of the bill. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 218-210. [H. Res. 327, [Vote #195](#), 4/26/23; CQ, [4/26/23](#); Congressional Record, [4/26/23](#)]

4/18/23: D'Esposito Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Resolution Affirming Commitment To Protect And Strengthen Social Security And Medicare And Reject Cuts To The Programs. In April 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Houchin, R-Ind., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Congressional Record, Rep. Leger Fernandez said, “Mr. Speaker, if we defeat the previous question, which I hope we do, I will offer an amendment to the rule to provide for consideration of a resolution that affirms the House’s unwavering commitment to protect and strengthen Social Security and Medicare and states that it is the position of the House to reject any cuts to the program.” A vote *for the motion* was a vote to block consideration of the bill. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 218-203. [H.Res. 298, [Vote #185](#), 4/18/23; CQ, [4/18/23](#); Congressional Record, [4/18/23](#)]

3/28/23: D'Esposito Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Resolution Affirming Commitment To Protect And Strengthen Social Security And Medicare. In March 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Reschenthaler, R-Pa., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Congressional Record, Rep. McGovern said, “Mr. Speaker, I urge that we defeat the previous question. If we do, I will offer an amendment to the rule to provide for consideration of a resolution that affirms the House’s unwavering commitment to protect and strengthen Social Security and Medicare, and states that it is the position of the House of Representatives to reject any cuts to these programs.” A vote *for the motion* was a vote to block consideration of the bill. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 218-203. [H.Res. 260, [Vote #165](#), 3/28/23; CQ, [3/28/23](#); Congressional Record, [3/28/23](#)]

3/23/23: D'Esposito Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Resolution To Defend And Preserve Social Security And Medicare And Reject Cuts To The Programs. In March 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Houchin, R-Ind., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Congressional Record, Rep. Scanlon said, “Mr. Speaker, if we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to provide for consideration of a resolution that states the House’s unyielding responsibility to defend and preserve Social Security and Medicare for generations to come and to affirm that it is the position of the House to reject any cuts to these vital programs.” A vote *for the motion* was a vote to block consideration of the bill. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 219-204. [H.Res. 241, [Vote #146](#), 3/23/23; CQ, [3/23/23](#); Congressional Record, [3/23/23](#)]

3/8/23: D'Esposito Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Resolution Affirming Commitment To Protect Social Security And Medicare And To Reject Cuts To The Programs. In March 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Massie, R-Ky., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment)." According to the Congressional Record, Rep. McGovern said, "Madam Speaker, I urge that we defeat the previous question, and if we do, I will offer an amendment to the rule to provide for consideration of a resolution that affirms the House's unwavering commitment to protect and strengthen Social Security and Medicare and states that it is the position of the House to reject any cuts in the program." A vote *for the motion* was a vote to block consideration of the bill. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 217-205. [H.Res. 199, [Vote #134](#), 3/8/23; CQ, [3/8/23](#); Congressional Record, [3/8/23](#)]

2/28/23: D'Esposito Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Resolution Affirming Commitment To Protect And Strengthen Social Security And Medicare And Reject Cuts To The Programs. In February 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Burgess, R-Texas, motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment)." According to the Congressional Record, Rep. McGovern said, "Mr. Speaker, if we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to provide for consideration of a resolution that affirms the House's unwavering commitment to protect and strengthen Social Security and Medicare and states that it is the position of the House to reject any cuts to the programs." A vote *for the motion* was a vote to block consideration of the bill. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 213-201. [H.Res. 166, [Vote #122](#), 2/28/23; CQ, [2/28/23](#); Congressional Record, [2/28/23](#)]

2/7/23: D'Esposito Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Resolution Certifying That A Bill Won't Decrease Social Security Benefits Before It Can Take Effect. In February 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Langworthy, R-N.Y., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment)." According to the Congressional Record, Rep. Scanlon said, "Mr. Speaker, if we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to ensure that H.R. 185 does not take effect unless it is certified that it won't decrease Social Security benefits." A vote *for the motion* was a vote to block consideration of the bill. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 217-208. [H.Res. 97, [Vote #108](#), 2/7/23; CQ, [2/7/23](#); Congressional Record, [2/7/23](#)]

2/1/23: D'Esposito Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Resolution Preventing Bills Under Consideration From Decreasing Social Security Benefits. In January 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Reschenthaler, R-Pa., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment)." According to the Congressional Record, Rep. McGovern said, "Mr. Speaker, if we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to this rule to include this important amendment and give every Member on the floor the opportunity to clarify that existing Federal programs like Social Security and Medicare are not under attack by this new Congress." A vote *for the motion* was a vote to block consideration of the bill. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 219-207. [H. Res. 83, [Vote #101](#), 2/1/23; CQ, [2/1/23](#); Congressional Record, [2/1/23](#)]

1/31/23: D'Esposito Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Resolution Preventing Bills Under Consideration From Decreasing Social Security Benefits. In January 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Burgess, R-Texas, motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment)." According to the Congressional Record, Rep. McGovern said, "Madam Speaker, if we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to ensure that none of the bills in this rule take effect unless it is certified that they do not decrease Social Security benefits." A vote *for the motion* was a vote to block consideration of the bill. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 218-209. [H.Res. 75, [Vote #95](#), 1/31/23; CQ, [1/31/23](#); Congressional Record, [1/31/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For The Republican Continuing Resolution, Which Would Have Increased Wait-Times For Social Security Benefits

D'Esposito Voted For A Continuing Resolution With Republican Riders That Would Enact A 30% Cut Nearly Across The Entire Government

D'Esposito Voted For A Continuing Resolution With Republican Riders And Nearly 30% Cuts Across The Government. In September 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Passage of the bill, as amended, that would provide funding for federal government operations and services through Oct. 31, 2023, with a 29.9 percent cut from fiscal 2023 levels for most programs. It would fund veterans' programs, the Department of Homeland Security, national security programs and disaster assistance at full fiscal 2023 levels. It would also implement nearly all provisions of House Republicans' border security and immigration bill (HR 2), which the House passed in May 2023. It would provide an increase in funding for the Defense Department at rates set forth in House Republicans' fiscal 2024 defense appropriations bill (HR 4365), which would provide for a 3.6 percent funding increase over fiscal 2023. It would also provide funding increases for the Agriculture Department and provide an additional \$220 million above fiscal 2023 levels for Energy Department nuclear programs. Among its border security and immigration provisions, it would require DHS, within seven days of enactment, to resume all activities related to "border wall" construction on the U.S.-Mexico border that were underway or planned prior to Jan. 20, 2021; require DHS to reopen or restore, no later than Sept. 30, 2023, the use of all Immigration and Customs Enforcement detention facilities that were in operation on Jan. 20, 2021; and require DHS to return all unaccompanied children to their country of origin, regardless of whether they are from a contiguous country to the U.S. In addition to provisions of HR 2, it would place limitations on the use of DHS funding provided by the bill, including prohibitions on removing existing U.S.-Mexico border barriers, transporting inadmissible adults into the U.S., and the use of Customs and Border Protection's "CBP One" app to facilitate the parole of an individual into the U.S. It also would prohibit the use of funds provided by the bill to initiate or resume any project or activity not funded during fiscal 2023 and would establish a congressional fiscal commission tasked with identifying policies to "improve the fiscal situation." The bill was rejected by a vote of 198-232. [H.R. 5525, [Vote #511](#), 9/29/23; CQ, [9/29/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Voted To Block Consideration For A Bipartisan Continuing Resolution To Prevent A Government Shutdown.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Reschenthaler, R-Pa. motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment)." According to the Congressional Record, Rep. McGovern said, "Madam Speaker, I am urging that we defeat the previous question, and if we do, I will offer an amendment to the rule for swift consideration of the Senate's bipartisan continuing resolution to fund the government after they send it to the House." A vote *for the motion* was a vote to block consideration of the bill. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 217-207. [H.Res. 741, [Vote #508](#), 9/29/23; CQ, [9/29/23](#); Congressional Record, [9/29/23](#)]

The Continuing Resolution Would Have Cut Funding For All Government Programs By 29.9%, With Exceptions For U.S. Defense, Department Of Veterans Affairs, And Disaster Relief Programs. "Passage of the bill, as amended, that would provide funding for federal government operations and services through Oct. 31, 2023, with a 29.9 percent cut from fiscal 2023 levels for most programs [...] It would provide an increase in funding for the Defense Department at rates set forth in House Republicans' fiscal 2024 defense appropriations bill (HR 4365), which would provide for a 3.6 percent funding increase over fiscal 2023. It would also provide funding increases for the Agriculture Department and provide an additional \$220 million above fiscal 2023 levels for Energy Department nuclear programs." [H.R. 5525, CQ, [9/29/23](#)]

D'Esposito Criticized Democrats For Voting Against The Continuing Resolution, Claiming They Were Voting Against "Securing Our Border And Reigning In Spending"

9/29/23: On Twitter, D'Esposito Criticized Democrats For Voting Against "Reigning In Spending." "You do realize that every Democrat in the House voted against keeping the government open today, right? Oh, they also voted against securing our border and reigning in spending. But don't let facts get in your way." [Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, [9/29/23](#)]



[Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, [9/29/23](#)]

The Continuing Resolution Would Have Led To The Closure Of Social Security Field Offices And Increase Wait Times For Claim-Processing

The Continuing Resolution Would Force The Social Security Administration To Close Field Offices, Leading To Longer Wait Times For Claim-Processing. “With the introduction of this even more unreasonable Continuing Resolution, House Republicans are still more focused on introducing extreme funding bills than working on a bipartisan solution that could be enacted. Their funding bill would only keep the government open until October 31, 2023. This deadline guarantees Congress will need to pass another Continuing Resolution (CR) and means that either House Republicans will slash critical resources again at the end of October or the dangerous cuts in this extreme bill will be in place until Congress is able to pass all 12 full-year bills. [...] Closing Social Security Administration Field Offices. The Social Security Administration would be forced to close field offices and reduce access to in-person services, and people applying for disability benefits would wait additional months for processing of claims.” [House Committee on Appropriations, Ranking Member Rosa DeLauro, accessed [1/23/24](#)]

States Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ D'Esposito received more than \$6,000 from marinas and introduced legislation, which was drafted with help from his donors, to increase marina dock space while banning backyard boat docks, a wildly unpopular measure that jeopardized a key source of income for families hurt by hurricanes Sandy and Irene.
- ✓ D'Esposito received more than \$6,000 from marinas and associated organizations.
- ✓ D'Esposito proposed a law, drafted with help from his donors, to ban the renting of dock space on shoreside residential properties.
- ✓ Residents said the law would lead to the loss of a source of income especially for families affected by hurricanes Sandy and Irene.
- ✓ Waterways Commissioner Delanney stated that the law would lead to “one dock for residence” while also “a greater number of docks and floats and slips for commercial marinas.”
- ✓ The proposed law drew heavy criticism from Hempstead residents, with several members speaking out against it at the town meeting and a petition to oppose the law getting over 600 signatures.
- ✓ Residents accused D'Esposito for taking money from marinas and said that his proposed law was just “another game of money” for D'Esposito.

Marina Dock Space

D'Esposito Received More Than \$6,000 From Marinas And Introduced Legislation, Which Was Drafted With Help From Donors, To Increase Marina Dock Space While Banning Backyard Boat Docks, A Wildly Unpopular Measure That Jeopardized A Key Source Of Income For Families Hurt By Hurricanes Sandy And Irene

D'Esposito Received More Than \$6,000 From Marinas And Associated Organizations

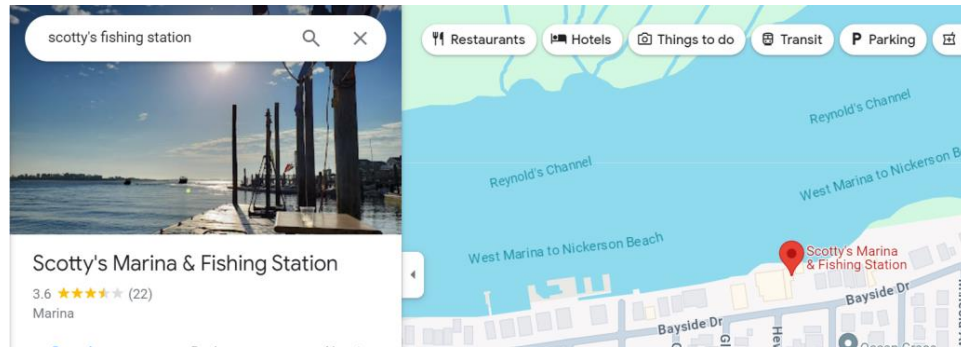
2016-2022: Marinas And Associated Organizations Contributed \$6,285 To Citizens For D'Esposito.

Contributions to Citizens for D'Esposito From Marinas And Associated Organizations			
Source	Source Address	Date	Amount
Scotty's Fishing Station, Inc.	72 Bayside Drive, Point Lookout, NY	5/19/22	\$2,150
All Island Marine Corporation	3510 Ann St, Oceanside, NY	5/13/22	\$150
Scotty's Fishing Station, Inc.	72 Bayside Drive, Point Lookout, NY	5/24/21	\$1,800
Commercial Marine Industries Inc.	160 Denton Ave, Lynbrook, NY	4/23/21	\$750
All Island Marine Corporation	3510 Ann St, Oceanside, NY	4/23/21	\$125
Scotty's Fishing Station, Inc.	72 Bayside Drive, Point Lookout, NY	8/20/20	\$100
All Island Marine Corporation	3510 Ann St, Oceanside, NY	1/15/19	\$125
The New York Marine Trades Association	188 Park Ave Ste E, Amityville, NY	7/11/17	\$585
Scotty's Fishing Station	72 Bayside Drive, Point Lookout, NY	4/12/16	\$500
Total:			\$6,285

[New York Board of Elections , Campaign Finance Search, accessed [11/18/23](#)]

Scotty's Fishing Station Was Also Known As Scotty's Marina And Fishing Station And Was Located At 72 Bayside Drive

Scotty's Fishing Station Was Listed On Google As “Scotty's Marina & Fishing Station.” According to google maps, Scotty's Marina & Fishing Station was a marina located at 72 Bayside Drive, Point Lookout, NY. [Scotty's Marina & Fishing Station, Google Maps, accessed [12/8/23](#)]



[Scotty's Marina & Fishing Station, Google Maps, accessed [12/8/23](#)]

Scotty's Marina & Fishing Station Was Located At 72 Bayside Drive, Point Lookout, NY. [Scotty's Marina & Fishing Station, Google Maps, accessed [12/8/23](#)]

The New York Marine Trades Association Was A Representative Of Marinas On Long Island

The New York Marine Trades Association Represented Marinas On Long Island. “Those in favor of limiting the number of slips behind homes in Hempstead include the bay constable, who told CBS News in New York that many of the homes ‘were designed in the 1920s, very narrow, designed for one boat behind the house.’ Another proponent of the change is Chris Squeri, executive director of the New York Marine Trades Association, which represents businesses — including marinas — on Long Island. That organization worked with the town to draft the proposed revision to the ordinance, according to Newsday, looking for clarification on the difference between a residential and a commercial property that has to do things that homeowners with boat slips do not, such as investing in training and systems.” [Soundings, [8/1/18](#)]

All Island Marine Was A Marina With A “Central On Water Location” And Had 250 Boat Slips Available For Rental

All Island Marine Was Housed At The Bay Park Yacht Harbor And Had A “Central On Water Location. “Bay Park Yacht Harbor is the waterfront home of All Island Marine. All Island Marine has one central on water location in scenic Oceanside, Long Island, New York that is convenient to get to by both land and water. Our 3-acre complex stores over 200 boats on land for winter storage and 250 slips for dockage in the summer. A factory trained service department with five mechanics employed full-time An indoor/outdoor new and used boat showroom Bay Park Fishing Station (bait, fuel, ice, food and beverages, and a tackle store with all of your fishing needs) A stocked parts department with an integrated warehouse to supply you with any parts you need for repair, or just toys to enhance your boating experience.” [All Island Marine, Marina, accessed [1/8/24](#)]

All Island Marine Was Housed At The Bay Park Yacht Harbor And Had A “Central On Water Location. “Bay Park Yacht Harbor is the waterfront home of All Island Marine. All Island Marine has one central on water location in scenic Oceanside, Long Island, New York that is convenient to get to by both land and water. Our 3-acre complex stores over 200 boats on land for winter storage and 250 slips for dockage in the summer. [...] All Islands’ 250 slips are all floating finger docks to keep your boat protected and to allow easy access on and off your boat. All of the slips have access to water and electric and the larger slips have 30-amp service. The floating docks

are maintained every winter to keep them safe and reliable for you and your family. Our facilities also offer two picnic areas and bathrooms. Keys are issued to dockage customers only and our gates are locked at night to keep your belongings safe.” [All Island Marine, Marina, accessed [1/8/24](#)]

D'Esposito Proposed A Law, Drafted with Help From Donors, To Ban The Renting Of Dock Space On Shoreside Residential Properties

5/11/18: D'Esposito Proposed A Law To Ban The Renting Of Dock Space On Shoreside Residential Properties. “Residents of waterfront communities, including Oceanside and Island Park, criticized a proposed law, which would ban the practice of renting out dock space on shoreside residential properties, at a May 22 Hempstead Town Board meeting. [...] The proposed law was introduced at a May 11 news conference in Bellmore hosted by Town Councilman Anthony D'Esposito, which Town Supervisor Laura Gillen said at the meeting was the first time she had heard of it. D'Esposito maintained that the measure was not intended to penalize homeowners with multiple boats docked in their backyards, but rather to crack down on the practice of operating unregulated marinas on residential property.” [LI Herald, [6/6/18](#)]

- **Gillen Criticized The Legislation, Saying It “Was Clearly Rushed And Crafted In Secret Without Any Community Input.”** “Responding to the confusion, D'Esposito admitted that the law could be reworked, and agreed to hold hearings on it and postpone the vote. The council unanimously agreed to table the discussion, and responding to resident requests, Gillen said she would consider holding a nighttime hearing at a later date so more people could attend. Afterward she issued a statement critical of D'Esposito and the legislation, which, she said ‘was clearly rushed and crafted in secret without any community input.’ She added, ‘Any new proposal that hurts working-class families — many still rebounding from Hurricane Sandy — will not have my support.’” [LI Herald, [6/6/18](#)]

The New York Marine Trades Association And “Worked With The Town To Draft” D'Esposito's Proposed Law. “Those in favor of limiting the number of slips behind homes in Hempstead include the bay constable, who told CBS News in New York that many of the homes ‘were designed in the 1920s, very narrow, designed for one boat behind the house.’ Another proponent of the change is Chris Squeri, executive director of the New York Marine Trades Association, which represents businesses — including marinas — on Long Island. That organization worked with the town to draft the proposed revision to the ordinance, according to Newsday, looking for clarification on the difference between a residential and a commercial property that has to do things that homeowners with boat slips do not, such as investing in training and systems.” [Soundings, [8/1/18](#)]

- **July 2017: The New York Marine Trades Association Donated \$585 To D'Esposito's Campaign.** According to the New York State Board of Elections, the New York Marine Trades Association donated \$585 to Citizens for D'Esposito on July 11th, 2017. [New York State Board of Elections, Campaign Finance search, accessed [11/18/23](#)]

Residents Said The Law Would Lead To The Loss Of A Source Of Income Especially For Families Affected By Hurricanes Sandy And Irene

Resident Fredi Vuckovic: “When You Put In This Law, You Will Get Rid Of Ten Thousand People That Can't Take Care Of Their Families On Beautiful Long Island.” FREDI VUCKOVIC: A guy having his family come and enjoy the waterways, now, when you put in this law, you will get rid of ten thousand people that can't take care of their families on beautiful Long Island.” [Town of Hempstead, Meeting Verbatim, [5/22/18](#)]

Residents Said Boat Slips Were “A Lifeblood Of Income” To Help Them “Recover Financially From The Devastation Of 2011's Hurricane Irene And 2012's Hurricane Sandy.” “The town of Hempstead, New York, at least for the near future, is allowing the continuation of boating as usual. But a late May meeting of the Town Board in this southern Long Island community brought extensive media attention, making Hempstead the latest battleground in America between boaters who have long had private slips and lawmakers who want to regulate

them. [...] ‘This affects a lot of people’s livelihood,’ one resident said. ‘You act like dictators there that think you can get away with anything you want, and unless people come down en masse, you don’t respond.’ Several residents said they’re still trying to recover financially from the devastation of 2011’s Hurricane Irene and 2012’s Hurricane Sandy, and that renting boat slips behind their properties is a lifeblood of income.” [LI Herald, [6/6/18](#)]

Resident Lisa Panella Said That Waterfront Homes’ “Taxes Increased Tremendously” In The Near Past, Leading To Financial Issues For Her And Other Homeowners. “LISA PANELLA: “Okay, we have been living there for thirteen years. Waterfront homes have decreased tremendously but our taxes increased tremendously and we deserve a break.” [Town of Hempstead, Meeting Verbatim, [5/22/18](#)]

- **Panella Said That The Town Cannot “Take Away [Her] Rights” To Boat Slips After Her And Others’ “Homes Were Destroyed By Sandy.”** LISA PANELLA: “Lisa Panella, Oceanside, New York. I am a waterfront homeowner and I get the understanding of the adjournment. [...] Um, there are thousands of homes, waterfront homes in Nassau County with three hundred complaints that is not - - (Whereupon, applause from the audience was heard. After, the following ensued.) Kind of come in, take away our rights that we have had for one hundred years and decided this is what you are going to do after being - - our homes were destroyed by Sandy.” [Town of Hempstead, Meeting Verbatim, [5/22/18](#)]

Homeowners Criticized The Measure And Characterized It Was “Government Outreach Harmful To The Livelihoods Of Families Still Recovering From Hurricane Sandy.” “Residents of waterfront communities, including Oceanside and Island Park, criticized a proposed law, which would ban the practice of renting out dock space on shoreside residential properties, at a May 22 Hempstead Town Board meeting. Homeowners blasted the measure, characterizing it as government overreach harmful to the livelihoods of families still recovering from Hurricane Sandy. They also cited confusion over the resolution, asking for a public hearing on the matter before the town board considered its passage.” [LI Herald, [6/6/18](#)]

Waterways Commissioner Delaney Stated That The Law Would Lead To “One Dock For Residence” While Also “A Greater Number Of Docks And Floats And Slips For Commercial Marinas”

Don Delaney, The Hempstead Commissioner Of Conservation And Waterways, Stated That There Would Be “One Dock For Residence” And “A Greater Number Of Docks And Floats And Slips For Commercial Marinas” Under The Proposed Law. COMMISSIONER DELANEY: “Good Morning, 25 Supervisor, Members of the Town Board: My name is Don Delaney. I am Commissioner of Conservation and Waterways. [...] Just to clarify a few things, I know there is a little confusion but this law that has been worked on five or six years or more. [...] One dock for residence, means that one slip for each twenty feet of shoreline frontage. Allows a greater number of docks and floats and slips for commercial marinas but limited one slip for parking space.” [Town of Hempstead, Meeting Verbatim, [5/22/18](#)]

The Proposed Law Drew Heavy Criticism From Hempstead Residents, With Several Members Speaking Out Against It At The Town Meeting And A Petition To Oppose The Law Getting Over More Than Signatures

5/22/18: Town Members Accused D’Esposito Of “Making False Accusations” Against Residents In His Announcement Of The Law And Asked Him To “Stop Attacking” Them At The Town Meeting. DEBBIE WILSON: “I watched the video and it really upset me.” (Whereupon, applause from the audience was heard. After, the following ensued.) COUNCILMAN D’ESPOSITO: “Which video?” DEBBIE WILSON: “The video on the news when you stood there like this making false accusations against these waterfront homeowners. I am asking you between now and then tone down the rhetoric. Stop attacking these resident because they are not doing anything wrong.” [Town of Hempstead, Meeting Verbatim, [5/22/18](#)]

- **The Town Meeting Reportedly “Grew Downright Fiery” With Complaints Against D’Esposito’s Proposal “Drawing Raucous Gallery Applause.”** “The town of Hempstead, New York, at least for the near future, is allowing the continuation of boating as usual. But a late May meeting of the Town Board in this

southern Long Island community brought extensive media attention, making Hempstead the latest battleground in America between boaters who have long had private slips and lawmakers who want to regulate them. The Hempstead meeting grew downright fiery — with one woman breaking down in tears and outraged complaints drawing raucous gallery applause — as residents denounced a proposal by Councilman Anthony D'Esposito to limit the number of boat slips they can rent out behind their homes.” [LI Herald, [6/6/18](#)]

- **More Than 600 Hempstead Residents Signed A Petition To Stop The Proposed Law From Being Enacted And Refused To Allow The Town Meeting To Be Adjourned.** “The board members tried for the better part of a half hour to adjourn the public hearing and go back to the drawing board on the proposal, which so enraged community members that more than 600 signed a petition to stop it from becoming law. Residents at the meeting refused to allow a vote on adjourning the hearing. They kept walking up to the microphone to be heard, one after the next, whether the board members liked it or not.” [LI Herald, [6/6/18](#)]

Gillen Said Her Office, Along With Other Council Members’, “Was Flooded With Complaints” And Said That The Council Needs To “Make This Law Clearer Or Better.” SUPERVISOR GILLEN: “Right, part of the reason I called Commissioner Delanney up was because the law was published. A change.org petition was organized and my office was flooded with complaints and some of the other Council Members’ offices were flooded with complaints. So, in response to those complaints, we decided that it is better to adjourn it, take into consideration some of these complaints.” [Town of Hempstead, Meeting Verbatim, [5/22/18](#)]

Residents Accused D'Esposito For Taking Money From Marinas And Said That His Proposed Law Was Just “Another Game Of Money” For D'Esposito

Resident Domenica Califano On The Proposal: “Anthony D'Esposito, This Is Just Another Game Of Money For You And Your Whole Entire Family.” DOMENICA CALIFANO: “Domenica Califano, 4043 Long Beach Road, Island Park. You all know me very well, here. Anthony D'Esposito, this is just another game of money for you and your whole entire family. (Whereupon, applause from the audience was heard. After, the following ensued.)” [Town of Hempstead, Meeting Verbatim, [5/22/18](#)]

Califano Asked If D'Esposito Introduced The Laws “Because Marinas Gave To His Campaign.” DOMENICA CALIFANO: “Domenica Califano, 4043 Long Beach Road, Island Park. You all know me very well, here. Anthony D'Esposito, this is just another game of money for you and your whole entire family. (Whereupon, applause from the audience was heard. After, the following ensued.)” SUPERVISOR GILLEN: “This is about the adjournment.” DOMENICA CALIFANO: “I understand. This is constant, our roads are getting destroyed. Is it because marinas gave to his campaign.” [Town of Hempstead, Meeting Verbatim, [5/22/18](#)]

Tax Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ D'Esposito voted against the Tax Relief For American Families and Workers Act, which enacted a \$300 increase in the Child Tax Credit.
- ✓ Despite claiming he would increase the SALT deduction, D'Esposito was unable to enact any change for SALT and allied himself with opponents of SALT.
 - ✓ D'Esposito repeatedly claimed that he would deliver on SALT, featuring it on his campaign website and posting it on his social media.
 - ✓ D'Esposito was a close ally of Speaker Mike Johnson, who wanted to make the current SALT deduction cap permanent.
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Child Tax Credit

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- **The Tax Relief For American Families And Workers Act Increased The Child Tax Credit From \$1,700 To \$2,000 Per Child.** “The Tax Relief for American Families and Workers Act passed by the House of Representatives on January 31 is a compromise between lawmakers who want to address child poverty and lawmakers who want to expand the Trump tax cuts for corporations and therefore includes provisions that do both. [...] The bill leaves in place overly strict earnings requirements that apply only to poor families. A well-off family living on investments or a trust fund and doing no work whatsoever can receive the full Child Tax Credit (CTC). [...] The bill would also eventually remove the rule that limits the refundable portion of the credit to a smaller amount than the full credit that better-off families receive. Currently, the refundable amount is capped at \$1,700 per child compared to \$2,000 for the non-refundable portion. This proposal would increase the refundable portion to \$1,800 in 2023, \$1,900 in 2024, and the full \$2,000 credit in 2025.” [Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy, [2/2/24](#)]
- **D'Esposito Explained His Vote, Stating He Kept His Promise Of Voting Against Republican Tax Legislation Without SALT Relief.** “The House Rules Committee approved a bill led by New York Republicans on Thursday that would increase the state and local tax (SALT) deductions cap, setting up a potential floor vote on the measure next week. [...] ‘I promised to vote against House Republicans’ tax legislation if it didn’t include any provisions to raise the cap on the SALT deduction. I kept my promise,’ D’Esposito said in a statement. [...] On Wednesday, the House passed the \$78 billion tax bill in a 357-70 bipartisan vote, with 47 Republicans — including D’Esposito and LaLota — and 23 Democrats voting against the measure.” [NY Post, [2/1/24](#)]

SALT

Despite Claiming He Would Increase The SALT Deduction, D'Esposito Was Unable To Enact Any Change For SALT And Allied Himself With Opponents Of SALT

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February 2023: D'Esposito: “We MUST Restore The Full State And Local Tax (SALT) Deduction!” “We MUST restore the full State and Local Tax (SALT) deduction! Proud to announce I joined the #SALT Caucus - a bipartisan group of reps determined to lift the \$10,000 SALT cap for taxpayers filing their federal income returns. New Yorkers are taxed enough. SALT cap must go.” [Rep. Anthony D’Esposito, Twitter, [2/8/23](#)]



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March 2023: D'Esposito Stated That The Current Salt Deduction Cap Was “BAD” And That He Was “Working To Fix It.” “The current state & local tax (SALT) deduction cap is BAD @longisland taxpayers, and I am working to fix it. I’m a proud member of the bipartisan #SALTcaucus, & have been working collaboratively w/ @RepGarbarino & @RepLaLota to deliver financial relief to #NY04 neighbors by eliminating the cap.” [Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, [3/3/23](#)]



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June 2023: D'Esposito: We Must Fully Restore The SALT Deduction To Lessen The Tax Burden On Long Islanders. “We must fully restore the SALT deduction to lessen the tax burden on Long Islanders. I’m proud to serve as Vice-Chair of the SALT Caucus — a bipartisan coalition working to bring this deduction back. NYers deserve financial relief, not heavy handed federal taxes.” [Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, [6/8/23](#)]



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October 2023: D'Esposito: “Restoring The SALT Deduction, Safeguarding 9/11 Victim Support Funding, And Investing In Critical Infrastructure Are Our Priorities.” “Rep. Anthony D'Esposito outlined his logic in voting for Zeldin in a statement. ‘I want a Speaker who understands Long Island's unique needs,’ D'Esposito said. ‘Restoring the SALT deduction, safeguarding 9/11 victim support funding, and investing in critical infrastructure are our priorities. I look forward to discussions with candidates.’” [Long Island Press, [10/20/23](#)]

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HEADLINE: “Speaker Mike Johnson Heads To LI For D’Esposito Fundraiser.” [Newsday, [12/1/23](#)]

12/2/23: Mike Johnson Featured As The Special Guest At A Fundraiser For Anthony D’Esposito. “HON. JOSEPH G. CAIRO, JR. INVITES YOU TO SUPPORT CONGRESSMAN ANTHONY D’ESPOSITO WITH SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE MIKE JOHNSON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2023 12:30 PM – 2:30 PM at THE GENERAL 1899 Park Boulevard, East Meadow, NY.” [Newsday, [12/1/23](#)]



[Newsday, [12/1/23](#)]

The Fundraiser Had A Minimum Price Of \$3,300 For Entry And Was Held At The General, A Private Cigar Club And Steakhouse. “Speaker of the House Mike Johnson is heading to Long Island on Saturday to fundraise for Rep. Anthony D’Esposito at an event where CD3 is sure to be a topic of conversation. The fundraiser is scheduled to take place at The General, a private cigar club and steakhouse at Eisenhower Park. The invitation, which came from Nassau County Republican Committee chair Joseph Cairo, features the chance to be an ‘event host’ for \$13,200, an ‘event sponsor’ for \$6,600, or a ‘patriot’ for the low price of just \$3,300. Johnson, who is in New York City this weekend for a House fundraiser, voted to not expel George Santos on Friday, a move that reportedly dismayed some of the New York delegation. D’Esposito worked hard to get Santos off the national stage.” [Newsday, [12/1/23](#)]

D’Esposito Said Mike Johnson Was His Friend And A “Well Thought Leader Who Lives This Nation.” “I’m w/ @MikeJohnson to be 56th Speaker of the House. Mike is my friend, a son of a firefighter, a good family man & a smart, well thought leader who loves this Nation. He understands issues critical @NYGov & @longisland. He

will help grow our @HouseGOP majority.” [Anthony D’Esposito, Twitter, [10/25/23](#)]



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D’Esposito Said He Was “Confident” That Speaker Johnson Would “Advance The Legislative Priorities Of New Yorkers.” “The votes of Long Island's House members to approve Mike Johnson as the new speaker of the House were key to the surprise victory of the 51-year-old Louisiana legislator. Johnson, who sought to overturn the 2020 presidential election in favor of the defeated Donald Trump, is now second in line to the presidency with a very powerful role in shaping government policy, assuming he can hold on to the gavel. Reps. Anthony D’Esposito, Andrew Garbarino and Nick LaLota voted unanimously with the Republican House conference to empower the unknown Johnson. [...] ‘While Speaker Johnson and I won't always agree on everything, I am confident the gentleman from Louisiana will work collaboratively with myself and my colleagues from Long Island to advance the legislative priorities of New Yorkers,’ said D’Esposito.” [Newsday, Op-Ed, [11/14/23](#)]

D’Esposito Said Speaker Johnson “United The Republican Conference Behind His Vision Of A Strong, Free And Prosperous United States.” “Rep. Mike Johnson (R-Louisiana), who voted against certifying Joe Biden's victory over Donald Trump in the 2020 presidential election, was elected Speaker of the House on Wednesday. Reps. Andrew Garbarino, Nick LaLota, Anthony D’Esposito, and George Santos, all Republicans from Long Island, voted for Johnson's speakership. [...] Rep. D’Esposito acknowledged policy differences between Johnson and himself, but expressed support for him. ‘Speaker Johnson is a family man, intelligent legislator and proud American who has united the Republican Conference behind his bold vision of a strong, free and prosperous United States,’ D’Esposito said. ‘This servant leader is the right man at the right time to lead our chamber as America confronts a litany of threats, including wars overseas, an unstable southern border, and a cost of living crisis. While Speaker Johnson and I won't always agree on everything, I am confident the gentleman from Louisiana will work collaboratively with myself and my colleagues from Long Island to advance the legislative priorities of New Yorkers.’” [Long Island Press, [10/25/23](#)]

Johnson Voted For The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Which Capped The SALT Deduction At \$10,000 And Co-Sponsored A Bill Which Would Make The Deduction Cap Permanent

Johnson Voted For Final Passage Of The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act (TCJA) By Concurring With A Senate Amendment. In December 2017, Johnson voted for “Brady, R-Texas, motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the tax overhaul that would revise the federal income tax system by: lowering the corporate tax rate from 35 percent to 21 percent; lowering individual tax rates through 2025; limiting state and local deductions to \$10,000 through 2025; decreasing the limit on deductible mortgage debt through 2025; and creating a new system of taxing U.S. corporations with foreign subsidiaries. Specifically, it would repeal personal exemptions and would roughly double the standard deduction through 2025. It would raise the child tax credit to \$2,000 through 2025, would repeal the alternative minimum tax for corporations and provide for broader exemptions to the tax for individuals through 2025. It would double individual exemptions to the estate tax and gift tax through 2025, and would establish a new top tax rate for “pass-through” business income through 2025. It would effectively eliminate the penalty for not purchasing health insurance under the 2010 health care overhaul law in 2019. It would also open portions of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil and gas drilling.” The motion was passed 224-201. [HR 1, [Vote #699](#), 12/20/17; CQ Floor Votes, [12/20/17](#)]

- **The TCJA Placed A \$10,000 Cap On The SALT Deduction, Leading To The Average Deduction Falling By 80%.** “In 2017, the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA) placed a limit on the total amount that taxpayers can deduct for state and local taxes. That ‘cap’ was set to \$10,000 for both single taxpayers and those filing jointly starting in tax year 2018 and expiring at the end of 2025. The cap on SALT deductions, in addition to other tax provisions implemented in the TCJA, contributed to a decline in the share of taxpayers claiming that deduction. Prior to the cap, about 30 percent of taxpayers claimed the SALT deduction; that number fell by about two-thirds after the TCJA was implemented, reaching 11 percent in 2018. The average SALT deduction benefit fell by 80 percent over that period.” [Peter G. Peterson Foundation, [1/12/24](#)]

Johnson Co-Sponsored The TCJA Permanency Act. [Congress, H.R. 976, Co-Sponsors, accessed [1/24/24](#)]

- **The TCJA Would Make The \$10,000 Cap On The SALT Deduction Permanent.** “Efforts to make the SALT deduction cap permanent are also ongoing. Led by Rep. Vern Buchanan (R-Fla.), the TCJA Permanency Act (H.R. 976) would make nearly all the tax provisions of the TCJA, including the \$10,000 cap on the SALT deduction, permanent. Other TCJA provisions that would be made permanent include changes to the child tax credit, small business deductions and the standard deduction. In total, 35 federal tax provisions (many of which were enacted through the TCJA) are set to expire at the end of 2025.” [National Association of Counties, [3/1/23](#)]

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October 2023: D'Esposito Made Multiple Claims That He Secured SALT Concessions From Speaker Johnson And That A Tax Package Would Include SALT Relief

D'Esposito: “Speaker Johnson Has Assured Me Throughout This Process That The SALT Cap Will Be Addressed In A Substantive Way... During Upcoming Tax Negotiations.” “The lawmakers who voted for Johnson on Wednesday are blue-state Republicans in a notoriously high-tax state and include Reps. Anthony D'Esposito (R-NY), Mike Lawler (R-NY), Andrew Garbarino (R-NY), and Nick LaLota (R-NY). D'Esposito told the Washington Examiner after the Wednesday vote that before voting, he had "lengthy conversations" with Johnson about changes to the SALT cap, ensuring 9/11 healthcare funding is preserved, and federal flood insurance. ‘Speaker Johnson has assured me throughout this process that the SALT cap will be addressed in a substantive way that benefits overtaxed Long Islanders during upcoming tax package negotiations, and I look forward to working with the Speaker to get that done,’ D'Esposito said in a statement. D'Esposito isn't alone in getting assurances about changes to the \$10,000 cap on SALT deductions imposed as part of the 2017 Trump tax overhaul.” [Washington Examiner, [10/25/23](#)]

D'Esposito Claimed That Johnson Had Conversations With The SALT Caucus In Which “He Promised Any Major Tax Package Would Include A Raise In The SALT Cap.” “In the hours before he was elected House speaker, Rep. Mike Johnson, R-La., promised blue-state Republicans that a tax bill wouldn't see a floor vote this Congress without a raise in the cap for the state and local tax deduction. Johnson had conversations with members of the SALT Caucus the evening of Oct. 24 and the morning of Oct. 25, in which he promised any major tax package would include a raise in the SALT cap, according to caucus member Anthony D'Esposito, R-N.Y. ‘I trust that it's not going to make it to the floor unless the SALT relief is in there, because he's going to need those votes,’ D'Esposito told reporters Oct. 25.” [CBIZ, accessed [1/28/24](#)]

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January 2024: Senate And House Leaders Agreed On A Bipartisan Tax Agreement Which Included Increases In The Child Tax Credit And Housing Tax Credit...

HEADLINE: “Wyden, Smith Announce Agreement On Tax Framework To Help Families And Main Street Businesses.” [U.S. Senate Committee on Finance, Press Release, [1/16/24](#)]

Senate Finance Chair Ron Wyden And House Ways And Means Chair Jason Smith Announced A Bipartisan Tax Framework. “Senate Finance Committee Chairman Ron Wyden (D-Ore.) and House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Jason Smith (R-Mo.) announced a commonsense, bipartisan, bicameral tax framework that promotes the financial security of working families, boosts growth and American competitiveness, and strengthens

communities and Main Street businesses.” [U.S. Senate Committee on Finance, Press Release, [1/16/24](#)]

- **The Agreement Included An Enhanced Child Tax Credit And Low-Income Housing Tax Credit.** “The plan, which will be introduced as The Tax Relief for American Families and Workers Act of 2024: Supports working families with an enhanced Child Tax Credit Expands innovation and competitiveness with pro-growth economic policies like R&D expensing Builds up Main Street by cutting red tape and rebuilds communities struck by disasters with tax relief Enhances the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Eliminates fraud and waste by ending the Employee Retention Tax Credit program For a technical summary, click here.” [U.S. Senate Committee on Finance, Press Release, [1/16/24](#)]

... But Did Not Include SALT Relief, Leading To Unanswered Protests From The SALT Caucus

The Bipartisan Tax Agreement Did “Not Provide Any Relief For The \$10,000 SALT Cap. “This morning, Senate Finance Committee Chair Ron Wyden (D-OR) and House Ways and Means Committee Chair Jason Smith (R-MO) announced the framework of a bipartisan, bicameral tax package. [...] The bill does not yet have the momentum it needs to be signed into law. Notably, the ranking members of the bicameral committees, Senate Finance Committee ranking member Mike Crapo (R-ID) and Ways and Means Committee ranking member Richard Neal (D-MA), have not signed on to the compromise. Additionally, the bipartisan state and local tax (SALT) caucus is likely to take issue with the current proposal, as it does not provide any relief for the \$10,000 SALT cap. Even if negotiators can secure widespread support, the bill will either need to pass as a standalone measure, which would likely require two-thirds approval in the House, or it would need to attach to another legislative vehicle.” [Baker Tilly, [1/16/24](#)]

The SALT Caucus Held A Call With Chair Smith And Speaker Johnson Which Featured “Lots Of Yelling.” “A bipartisan deal that would reduce business taxes while expanding the child tax credit has set up a political dilemma for Speaker Mike Johnson (R-La.) as he weighs whether to bypass objections from within his own ranks to bring it to the floor as soon as next week. [...] A source familiar with the call said there was ‘lots of yelling,’ mostly directed at Smith, with Johnson ‘trying and failing to keep the peace.’ Other sources on the call, though, said that Rep. Nick LaLota (R-N.Y.) was the only member yelling. The call ended with the bill expected to come up under a fast-track process next week, with most of the SALT Caucus members on the call expected to vote against it if so.” [Hill, [1/26/24](#)]

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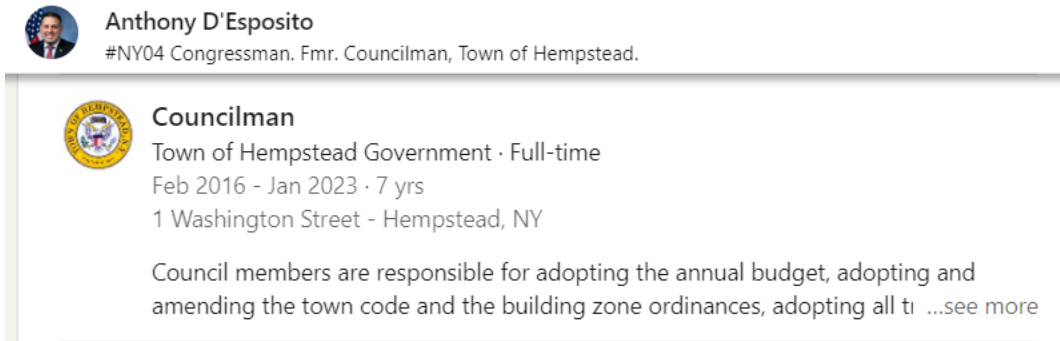
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- **2016-2023: Anthony D’Esposito Served As A Hempstead Town Councilman.** According to his LinkedIn profile, Anthony D’Esposito worked as a Councilman at the Town of Hempstead Government from February 2016 till January 2023. [Anthony D’Esposito, LinkedIn, accessed [11/24/23](#)]



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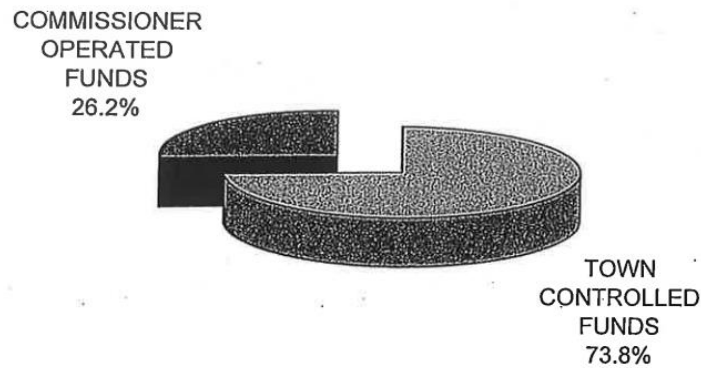
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Increase In Property Taxes Between 2016 And 2017 Budget, Town Of Hempstead				
Year	Property Taxes To Be Levied	Change In Property Taxes From Previous Year	Budgetary Spending (Town Controlled Funds)	Change in Spending From Previous Year
2016	\$350,153,432	N/A	\$466,600,000	N/A
2017	\$350,921,974	\$768,542	\$422,300,000	\$44,300,000

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- **The 2016 Town Of Hempstead Budget Included \$466,600,000 In Budgetary Spending.** [Town of Hempstead, Town Budgets 2016, Budgetary Spending pg. 10, [10/7/15](#)]



	Spending (In Millions)
Town Controlled Funds	\$ 466.6
Commissioner Operated Funds	165.6
Total Funds:	\$ 632.2

[Town of Hempstead, Town Budgets 2016, Budgetary Spending pg. 10, [10/7/15](#)]

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TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD
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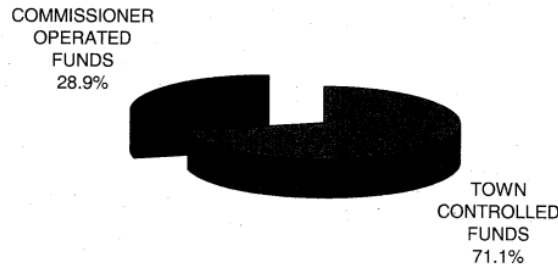
The following amounts are to be levied against Town of Hempstead property and to be collected by the Receiver of Taxes in 2016.

	<u>TAXABLE VALUE</u>	<u>TAX LEVY</u>
General Fund - Town-Wide	\$ 284,555,400	\$ 63,151,199.87
Part-Town Fund	182,765,888	4,508,538.63
Part-Town Highway	182,765,888	61,630,714.62
*Total Special Districts		220,862,979.13
		\$ 350,153,432.25

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- **The 2017 Town Of Hempstead Budget Included \$422,300,000 In Budgetary Spending.** [Town of Hempstead, Town Budgets 2017, Budgetary Spending pg. 10, [10/13/16](#)]

2017 BUDGET
CONSOLIDATED FUNDS



	Spending (In Millions)
Town Controlled Funds	\$ 422.3
Commissioner Operated Funds	171.6
Total Funds:	\$ 593.9

[Town of Hempstead, Town Budgets 2017, Budgetary Spending pg. 10, [10/13/16](#)]

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	<u>TAXABLE VALUE</u>	<u>TAX LEVY</u>
General Fund - Town-Wide	\$ 260,729,091	\$ 32,396,050.13
Part-Town Fund	166,788,964	3,519,310.78
Part-Town Highway	166,788,964	64,071,515.38
*Total Special Districts		250,935,097.91
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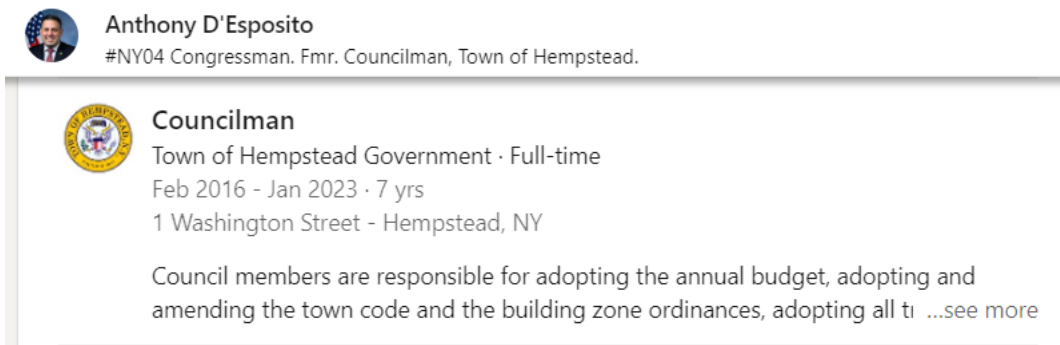
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D'Esposito Voted For The 2018 Hempstead Budget That Raised Hempstead Property Taxes By More Than \$7 Million

D'Esposito Voted For The 2018 Hempstead Town Council Budget

FY 2018: The Hempstead Town Council Voted To Pass The 2018 Hempstead Town Budget On A 5-2 Vote, With Two Councilmen Opposing The Budget. “A Hempstead Town Board meeting Tuesday on the proposed 2018 budget included shouting from the dais, two news conferences and a walkout by four town board members who left while their colleagues were still speaking. Town Supervisor Anthony Santino, Senior Councilwoman Dorothy Goosby and Councilmen Dennis Dunne Sr. and Anthony D'Esposito voted Tuesday afternoon to adjourn the first of two hearings and left as Councilman Bruce Blakeman was trying to ask questions about the budget. The \$418.6 million budget passed on a 5-2 vote, with Blakeman and Councilwoman Erin King Sweeney opposed.” [Newsday, [10/17/17](#)]

- **2016-2023: Anthony D'Esposito Served As A Hempstead Town Councilman.** According to his LinkedIn profile, Anthony D'Esposito worked as a Councilman at the Town of Hempstead Government from February 2016 till January 2023. [Anthony D'Esposito, LinkedIn, accessed [11/24/23](#)]



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The 2018 Hempstead Town Budget Raised Property Taxes By More Than \$7 Million

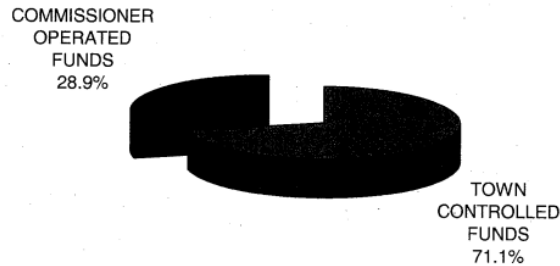
The 2018 Hempstead Town Budget Raised Property Taxes By More Than \$7 Million Even While Reducing The Budgetary Spending. [Town of Hempstead, Town Budgets- 2017, Tax Levy pg. 19, Budgetary Spending pg. 10, [10/13/16](#); Town of Hempstead, Town Budgets- 2018, Tax Levy pg. 19, Budgetary Spending pg. 10, [10/17/17](#)]

Increase In Property Taxes Between 2017 And 2018 Budget, Town of Hempstead				
Year	Property Taxes Levied To Be Levied	Change In Property Taxes From Previous Year	Budgetary Spending (Town Controlled Funds)	Change in Spending From Previous Year
2017	\$350,921,974	N/A	\$422,300,000	N/A
2018	\$358,210,799	\$7,288,825	\$418,600,000	\$3,700,000

[Town of Hempstead, Town Budgets- 2017, Tax Levy pg. 19, Budgetary Spending pg. 10, [10/13/16](#); Town of Hempstead, Town Budgets- 2018, Tax Levy pg. 19, Budgetary Spending pg. 10, [10/17/17](#)]

- **The 2017 Town Of Hempstead Budget Included \$422,300,000 In Budgetary Spending.** [Town of Hempstead, Town Budgets 2017, Budgetary Spending pg. 10, [10/13/16](#)]

2017 BUDGET
CONSOLIDATED FUNDS



	Spending (In Millions)
Town Controlled Funds	\$ 422.3
Commissioner Operated Funds	171.6
Total Funds:	\$ 593.9

[Town of Hempstead, Town Budgets 2017, Budgetary Spending pg. 10, [10/13/16](#)]

- **The 2017 Town Of Hempstead Budget Included \$350,921,974 In Property Taxes To Be Levied.** [Town of Hempstead, Town Budgets 2017, Tax Levy pg. 19, [10/13/16](#)]

TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD
REVENUE - PROPERTY TAX DATA

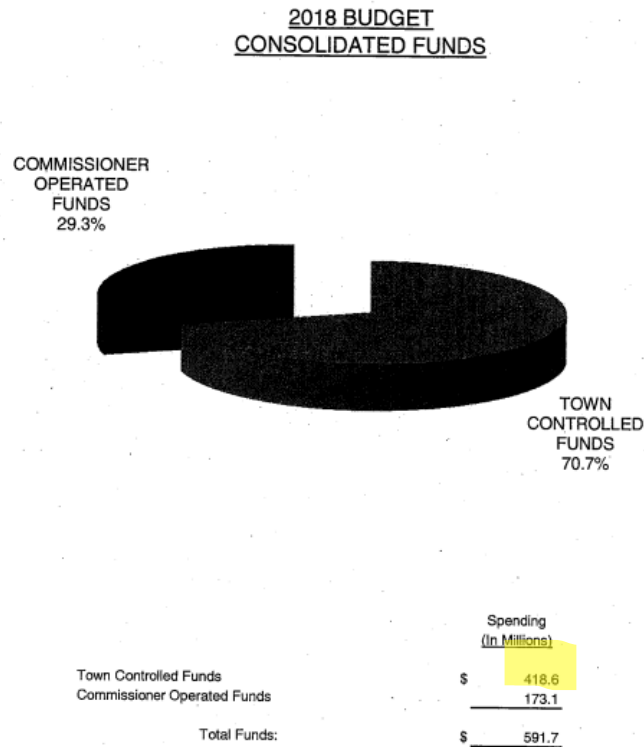
2017

The following amounts are to be levied against Town of Hempstead property and to be collected by the Receiver of Taxes in 2017.

	<u>TAXABLE VALUE</u>	<u>TAX LEVY</u>
General Fund - Town-Wide	\$ 260,729,091	\$ 32,396,050.13
Part-Town Fund	166,788,964	3,519,310.78
Part-Town Highway	166,788,964	64,071,515.38
*Total Special Districts		250,935,097.91
		<u>\$ 350,921,974.20</u>

[Town of Hempstead, Town Budgets 2017, Tax Levy pg. 19, [10/13/16](#)]

- **The 2018 Town Of Hempstead Budget Included \$418,600,000 In Budgetary Spending.** [Town of Hempstead, Town Budgets- 2018, Tax Levy pg. 19, Budgetary Spending pg. 10, [10/17/17](#)]



[Town of Hempstead, Town Budgets- 2018, Budgetary Spending pg. 10, [10/17/17](#)]

- **The 2018 Town Of Hempstead Budget Included \$358,210,798 In Property Taxes To Be Levied.** [Town of Hempstead, Town Budgets- 2018, Tax Levy pg. 19, [10/17/17](#)]

**TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD
REVENUE - PROPERTY TAX DATA
2018**

The following amounts are to be levied against Town of Hempstead property and to be collected by the Receiver of Taxes in 2018.

	<u>TAXABLE VALUE</u>	<u>TAX LEVY</u>
General Fund - Town-Wide	\$ 253,423,781	\$ 34,056,747.61
Part-Town Fund	162,516,528	3,518,383.52
Part-Town Highway	162,516,528	62,805,869.10
*Total Special Districts		257,829,798.76
		\$ 358,210,798.99

[Town of Hempstead, Town Budgets- 2018, Tax Levy pg. 19, [10/17/17](#)]

According To Newsday, The Budget Would Increase Property Taxes By “About \$20 Per Homeowner.” “A Hempstead Town Board meeting Tuesday on the proposed 2018 budget included shouting from the dais, two news conferences and a walkout by four town board members who left while their colleagues were still speaking. Town Supervisor Anthony Santino, Senior Councilwoman Dorothy Goosby and Councilmen Dennis Dunne Sr. and Anthony D’Esposito voted Tuesday afternoon to adjourn the first of two hearings and left as Councilman Bruce Blakeman was trying to ask questions about the budget. The \$418.6 million budget passed on a 5-2 vote, with Blakeman and Councilwoman Erin King Sweeney opposed. [...] Residents asked about specific line items in the

budget, with the town's animal shelter drawing interest. The proposed budget includes a 1.9 percent property tax hike — about \$20 per homeowner.” [Newsday, [10/17/17](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For The 2021 Hempstead Budget That Raised Hempstead Property Taxes By More Than \$800,000 Despite D'Esposito Claiming That The Budget Induced A Tax Freeze

D'Esposito On The 2021 Hempstead Budget: “I Echo The Sentiments Of My Colleagues And Proudly Vote Aye On This Tax-Freeze Budget.” According to a verbatim Homestead Town Budget session: “SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: If not, may I have a Motion. SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I move the budget. COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Second. COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Second. [...] CLERK MURRAY: Councilman D'Esposito? COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: I echo the sentiments of my colleagues and proudly vote aye on this tax-freeze budget.” [Town of Hempstead, Town Board Verbatim, [10/13/20](#)]

The 2021 Hempstead Town Budget Raised Property Taxes By More Than \$800,000. [Town of Hempstead, Town Budgets- 2020, Pg 2, [11/4/19](#); Town of Hempstead, Town Budgets- 2021, Pg 13 [10/13/20](#)]

Increase In Property Taxes Between 2020 And 2021 Budget, Town of Hempstead		
Year	Property Taxes To Be Levied	Change In Property Taxes To Be Levied From Previous Year
2020	\$342,088,659	N/A
2021	\$342,889,026	\$801,633

[Town of Hempstead, Town Budgets- 2020, Pg 2, [11/4/19](#); Town of Hempstead, Town Budgets- 2021, Pg 13, [10/13/20](#)]

- **The 2020 Town Of Hempstead Budget Included \$342,088,659 In Property Taxes To Be Levied.** [Town of Hempstead, Town Budgets- 2020, Pg 2, [11/4/19](#)]

TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD REVENUE - PROPERTY TAX DATA 2020

The following amounts are to be levied against Town of Hempstead Property and to be collected by the Receiver of Taxes in 2020.

	<u>TAXABLE VALUE</u>	<u>TAX LEVY</u>
General Fund Town-Wide	\$ 247,067,608	\$27,653,415.71
Part Town Fund	\$ 158,294,935	\$3,531,583.45
Part-Town Highway Fund	\$ 158,294,935	\$58,598,300.08
*Total Special Districts	\$ 814,475,952	\$ 252,305,360
		\$ 342,088,659

[Town of Hempstead, Town Budgets 2017, Tax Levy pg. 19, [10/13/16](#)]

- **The 2021 Town Of Hempstead Budget Included \$342,889,026 In Property Taxes To Be Levied.** [Town of Hempstead, Town Budgets- 2021, Pg 13, [10/13/20](#)]

TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD
REVENUE - PROPERTY TAX DATA
2021

The following amounts are to be levied against Town of Hempstead Property and to be collected by the Receiver of Taxes in 2021.

The following Rates and Levies have been calculated using Preliminary Assessment Information as provided by the Nassau County Department of Assessment as of 8/13/20. The Nassau County Department of Assessment has advised that the Assessment information provided as of 8/13/20 and used in this document will be revised.

	<u>TAXABLE VALUE</u>	<u>TAX LEVY</u>
General Fund Town-Wide	\$ 178,932,907	\$27,652,773.71
Part Town Fund	\$ 112,479,456	\$3,530,718.84
Part-Town Highway Fund	\$ 112,479,456	\$58,235,381.94
*Total Special Districts	\$ 589,784,876	\$ 253,470,151.68
		<u>\$ 342,889,026.17</u>

[Town of Hempstead, Town Budgets 2017, Tax Levy pg. 19, [10/13/16](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For The 2023 Hempstead Budget That Raised Hempstead Property Taxes By More Than \$2.5 Million

D'Esposito Voted For The 2023 Hempstead Budget Which Passed Unanimously. According to a verbatim Homestead Town Budget session: "COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Supervisor, I move to adopt the Preliminary Budget as the Annual Budget of the Town of Hempstead for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2023. DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: I second the Motion. CLERK MURRAY: Supervisor Clavin? SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Aye. CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Carini? COUNCILMAN CARINI: Aye. CLERK MURRAY: Councilman D'Esposito? COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye. CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Dunne? COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye. CLERK MURRAY: Deputy Supervisor Goosby? DEPUTY SUPERVISOR GOOSBY: Aye. CLERK MURRAY: Councilwoman Miller? COUNCILWOMAN MILLER: Aye. CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Muscarella? COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Aye." [Town of Hempstead, Town Board Verbatim, [10/19/22](#)]

The 2023 Hempstead Town Budget Raised Property Taxes By More Than \$2.5 Million. [Town of Hempstead, Town Budgets- 2022, Pg 1 [10/20/21](#); Town of Hempstead, Town Budgets- 2023, Pg 1 [10/19/22](#)]

Increase In Property Taxes Between 2022 And 2023 Budget, Town of Hempstead		
Year	Property Taxes To Be Levied	Change In Property Taxes From Previous Year
2022	\$341,885,129	N/A
2023	\$344,718,706	\$2,833,576

[Town of Hempstead, Town Budgets- 2022, Pg 1, [10/20/21](#); Town of Hempstead, Town Budgets- 2023, Pg 1 [10/19/22](#)]

- **The 2022 Town Of Hempstead Budget Included \$341,885,129 In Property Taxes To Be Levied.** [Town of Hempstead, Town Budgets- 2022, Pg 1, [10/20/21](#)]

TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD
REVENUE - PROPERTY TAX DATA
2022

The following amounts are to be levied against Town of Hempstead Property and to be collected by the Receiver of Taxes in 2022.

The following Rates and Levies have been calculated using Preliminary Assessment information as provided by the Nassau County Department of Assessment as of 8/20/2021. The Nassau County Department of Assessment has advised that the Assessment Information provided as of 8/20/2021 and used in this document is subject to revision.

	<u>TAXABLE VALUE</u>	<u>TAX LEVY</u>
General Fund Town-Wide	\$ 229,962,481	\$25,101,314.46
Part Town Fund	\$ 144,994,388	\$5,845,229.97
Part-Town Highway Fund	\$ 144,994,388	\$55,920,234.76
*Total Special Districts	\$ 757,257,323	\$ 255,018,350.37
		<u>\$ 341,885,129.56</u>

[Town of Hempstead, Town Budgets- 2022, Pg 1, [10/20/21](#)]

- **The 2023 Town Of Hempstead Budget Included \$344,718,706 In Property Taxes To Be Levied.** [Town of Hempstead, Town Budgets- 2023, Pg 1, [10/19/22](#)]

TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD
REVENUE - PROPERTY TAX DATA
2023

The following amounts are to be levied against Town of Hempstead Property and to be collected by the Receiver of Taxes in 2023.

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	<u>TAXABLE VALUE</u>	<u>TAX LEVY</u>
General Fund Town-Wide	\$ 215,233,890	\$24,099,430.30
Part Town Fund	\$ 132,658,243	\$6,844,975.05
Part-Town Highway Fund	\$ 132,658,243	\$55,919,553.67
*Total Special Districts	\$ 713,574,215	\$ 257,854,747.00
		<u>\$ 344,718,706.02</u>

[Town of Hempstead, Town Budgets- 2023, Pg 1, [10/19/22](#)]

In Total, D'Esposito's Four Votes Increased The Property Tax Levy Of Hempstead Residents By More Than \$11 Million

D'Esposito's Four Votes For Budgets That Raised Property Taxes Cumulatively Raised Hempstead Residents Property Taxes By \$11,692,576. [Town of Hempstead, Town Budgets- 2016, Pg 19, [10/7/15](#); Town of Hempstead, Town Budgets- 2017, Pg 19, [10/13/16](#); Town of Hempstead, Town Budgets- 2018, Pg 19, [10/17/17](#); Town of Hempstead, Town Budgets- 2020, [11/4/19](#); Town of Hempstead, Pg 2, Town Budgets- 2021, Pg 13, [10/13/20](#); Town of Hempstead, Town Budgets- 2022, Pg 1 [10/20/21](#); Town of Hempstead, Town Budgets- 2023, Pg 1, [10/19/22](#)]

D'Esposito's Cumulative Votes To Raise Property Taxes On Hempstead Residents

Year	Increase In Property Taxes To Be Levied
2017	\$768,542
2018	\$7,288,825
2021	\$801,633
2023	\$2,833,576
Total:	\$11,692,576

[Town of Hempstead, Town Budgets- 2016, Pg 19, [10/7/15](#); Town of Hempstead, Town Budgets- 2017, Pg 19, [10/13/16](#); Town of Hempstead, Town Budgets- 2018, Pg 19, [10/17/17](#); Town of Hempstead, Town Budgets- 2020, [11/4/19](#); Town of Hempstead, Pg 2, Town Budgets- 2021, Pg 13, [10/13/20](#); Town of Hempstead, Town Budgets- 2022, Pg 1, [10/20/21](#); Town of Hempstead, Town Budgets- 2023, Pg 1, [10/19/22](#)]

NOTE: Raw numbers of each budgets' property taxes to be levied can be seen in the screenshots above.

2024: D'Esposito Claimed To Have Cut Or Frozen Taxes In Each Of The Last Four Budgets He Helped Pass At The Hempstead Town Council Despite Property Taxes Increasing In Two Of Those Four Years

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2024: D'Esposito "Cut Or Froze Taxes In Each Of The Last Four Budgets Passed By The Hempstead Town Board." "As a Hempstead Town Councilman, Anthony D'Esposito helped lead America's largest town. Building on his commitment to protect taxpayers by 'doing more with less,' D'Esposito cut or froze town taxes in each of the last four budgets passed by the Hempstead Town Board. This resulted in multiple credit rating upgrades from respected Wall Street credit rating agencies, Moody's Investors Service and S&P Global Ratings." [D'Esposito for Congress, About, accessed [2/5/24](#)]

D'Esposito Voted To Raise Taxes In The 2021 And 2023 Hempstead Town Budgets

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Trade & Outsourcing Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ D'Esposito voted to urge sanctions on China and took votes to restrict oil trade with China and Chinese-influenced companies.
- ✓ D'Esposito cosponsored the Global Aircraft Maintenance Safety Improvement Act which he claimed would help reduce outsourcing to China.
- ✓ D'Esposito voted to establish sanctions on Iranian oil and took votes to restrict oil trade with China and Chinese-influenced companies.
- ✓ D'Esposito criticized the Biden Administration's decision to unfreeze \$6 billion in funds to Iran and cosponsored a bill to refreeze the funds.
- ✓ D'Esposito took votes to restrict oil trade with Russia and called on Governor Hochul to ban the sale of Russian alcohol spirits in New York.

China

D'Esposito Voted To Urge Sanctions On China And Took Votes To Restrict Oil Trade With China And Chinese-Influenced Companies

D'Esposito Voted For Urging Actions And Sanctions On China To Combat China's Intelligence Collection Misinformation. In April 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Mast, R-Fla., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would express the sense of Congress condemning China’s use of a high-altitude surveillance

balloon over U.S. airspace as an 'unacceptable violation' of U.S. sovereignty and urge a number of diplomatic actions and sanctions intended to neutralize similar, future threats and combat Chinese misinformation and propaganda about its intelligence collection efforts. The bill would require the State Department, in consultation with the National Intelligence director and the U.S. representative to the United Nations, to develop and report to Congress on a diplomatic strategy to inform allies and partners of the scope of China's surveillance program and build global consensus to address the program — including to advocate for Taiwan's participation in International Civil Aviation Organization events and meetings; promote international coordination to identify and track future Chinese surveillance balloons, continue to share information regarding Chinese surveillance, and implement related sanctions; and advocate at the U.N. and other international organizations to increase diplomatic pressure on China to halt its surveillance collection operations that violate international sovereignty. The bill also would require the Commerce Department to evaluate U.S. export and transfer policies for aerospace items and technologies that are used by China for intelligence and reconnaissance, and to report to Congress, within 180 days, on the evaluations and a list of related controls it has implemented or plans to implement. It would authorize the president to impose property-blocking and visa sanctions against any Chinese individual that the president determines is 'directly managing and overseeing' the Chinese global surveillance balloon program.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 405-6. [H.R. 1151, [Vote #183](#), 4/17/23; CQ, [4/17/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To The Strategic Production Response Act To Prohibit Leasing From Providing Financial Benefit Or Participation Of An Entity Under The Influence Of China. In January 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Gottheimer, D-N.J., amendment no. 85 that would prohibit the oil and gas leasing plan required by the bill from providing for the financial benefit or participation of any entity that has a contractual relationship with, or is owned, controlled or under the influence of China, North Korea, Russia, Iran or any other country whose government is subject to U.S. sanctions.” The amendment was adopted in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 419-13. [H.R. 21, [Vote #57](#), 1/26/23; CQ, [1/26/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To The Strategic Production Response Act To Prohibit Drawdown Sales To China. In January 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Gottheimer, D-N.J., amendment no. 86 that would require the Energy Department to ensure that the oil and gas leasing plan required by the bill would not result in the sale of drawn-down petroleum products to Iran, China, North Korea or Russia.” The amendment was adopted in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 418-12. [H.R. 21, [Vote #58](#), 1/26/23; CQ, [1/26/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Said He Was Proud To Support Legislation To Prohibit These Sales, Claiming Previous Sales “Threatened Our National Security.”** “This past week, I was proud to support legislation introduced @HouseGOP that would prohibit sale/export of crude oil from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve to #China. Previous sales of SPR oil to China threatened our national security.” [Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, [1/15/23](#)]



[Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, [1/15/23](#)]

D'Esposito Cosponsored The Global Aircraft Maintenance Safety Improvement Act Which He Claimed Would Help Reduce Outsourcing To China

D'Esposito Cosponsored The Global Aircraft Maintenance Safety Improvement Act. [H.R. 1716, Cosponsors, [3/22/23](#)]

D'Esposito Claimed That The Act Improves Safety Standard Which Currently “Incentivize The Outsourcing Of Airline Maintenance Jobs To Overseas Locations — Including The 93 Facilities Located In China.” “Proud to stand alongside colleagues in government and labor leaders in support of H.R. 1716, which I co-sponsor. This legislation is designed to ensure there is one consistent standard for aircraft maintenance, which does not exist at the nearly 1,000 overseas repair facilities. Currently, the lax safety standards at international repair shops incentivize the outsourcing of airline maintenance jobs to overseas locations — including the 93 facilities located in China.” [Rep. Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, [10/23/23](#)]



Iran

D'Esposito Voted To Establish Sanctions On Iranian Oil And Took Votes To Restrict Oil Trade With China And Chinese-Influenced Companies

D'Esposito Voted For Establishing Additional Sanctions For Purchasing Iranian Oil. In November 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Lawler, R-N.Y., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would require the president, within 90 days of the bill’s enactment, to impose property blocking and visa ineligibility sanctions on foreign persons involved in petroleum trade operations with Iran. It would require the Energy Information Administration to submit a report to Congress, within 120 days of the bill’s enactment and annually thereafter, describing Iran’s growing exports of petroleum and petroleum products. It would require the president to strengthen sanctions on foreign persons involved in petroleum trade operations with Iran, including trade in petrochemicals. The bill’s provisions would be terminated 30 days after the president certifies to Congress that Iran no longer provides support for international terrorism and Iran has ceased the pursuit, acquisition and development of, and verifiably dismantled, its nuclear, biological and chemical weapons, ballistic missiles, and ballistic missile launch technology.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 342-69. [H.R. 3774, [Vote #598](#), 11/3/23; CQ, [11/3/23](#)]

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D'Esposito Criticized The Biden Administration's Decision To Unfreeze \$6 Billion In Funds To Iran And Cosponsored A Bill To Refreeze The Funds

D'Esposito Opposed The Biden Administration's Transfer Of Frozen Iranian Funds, Calling It "Deeply Troubling And Detrimental To National Security." "The decision by the Biden Admin to issue sanction waivers & allow the transfer of frozen Iranian funds is both deeply troubling and detrimental to American national security. Announcing this misguided move on 9/11 is an even greater slap in the face." [Rep. Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, [9/12/23](#)]



[Rep. Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, [9/12/23](#)]

D'Esposito Cosponsored H.R. 5947 Which Terminated The Presidential Waiver Of Certain Sanctions On Iran. On October 12th, 2023, Anthony D'Esposito cosponsored H.R. 5947, To provide for the rescission of certain waivers and licenses relating to Iran, and for other purposes. According to the Bill summary, "This bill terminates the presidential waiver of certain sanctions on Iran and the licenses issued by the Department of the Treasury that allowed for the transfer of previously blocked Iranian funds (namely, the approximately \$6 billion of Iranian funds that the Biden Administration permitted to be transferred from restricted accounts in South Korea to restricted accounts in Qatar to facilitate the release of five U.S. citizens detained in Iran). Furthermore, the President may not exercise waiver authority related to certain accounts belonging to Iran." [CQ, [10/12/23](#); H.R. 5947, Co-sponsored, [10/12/23](#)]

H.R. 5947 Would Stop The Release Of \$6 Billion In Frozen Funds To Iran In Wake Of The Hamas Terror Attacks On Israel. "House Republicans, led by Rep. August Pfluger, R-Texas, are introducing legislation that would stop the release of \$6 billion in frozen funds to Iran in the wake of the Iran-backed Hamas terror attacks on Israel. The legislation would essentially re-freeze the \$6 billion in Iranian funds that were released as a part of a prisoner swap. The deal created a blanket waiver to transfer the funds from South Korea to Qatar without fear of violating U.S. sanctions. Administration officials say the funds can only be used for 'humanitarian needs like food and medicine.'" [Fox, [10/12/23](#)]

Russia

D'Esposito Took Votes To Restrict Oil Trade With Russia And Called On Governor Hochul To Ban The Sale Of Russian Alcohol Spirits In New York

D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To The Strategic Production Response Act To Prohibit Drawdown Sales To Russia. In January 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Gottheimer, D-N.J., amendment no. 86 that would require the Energy Department to ensure that the oil and gas leasing plan required by the bill would not result in the sale of drawn-down petroleum products to Iran, China, North Korea or Russia.” The amendment was adopted in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 418-12. [H.R. 21, [Vote #58](#), 1/26/23; CQ, [1/26/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment No. 85 To The Strategic Production Response Act To Prohibit Leasing From Providing Financial Benefit Or Participation Of An Entity Under The Influence Of Russia. In January 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Gottheimer, D-N.J., amendment no. 85 that would prohibit the oil and gas leasing plan required by the bill from providing for the financial benefit or participation of any entity that has a contractual relationship with, or is owned, controlled or under the influence of China, North Korea, Russia, Iran or any other country whose government is subject to U.S. sanctions.” The amendment was adopted in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 419-13. [H.R. 21, [Vote #57](#), 1/26/23; CQ, [1/26/23](#)]

D'Esposito Called On Governor Hochul To “Ban The Sale Of Russian Spirits In New York State.” “Say NO to Russian vodka! Today in #IslandParkNY, Hempstead Town Supervisor Don Clavin and Councilman Anthony D'Esposito stood alongside local restaurant owners and fellow Hempstead Town officials to demand that Governor Kathy Hochul ban the sale of Russian spirits in New York State. The assembled group, which included Councilman Thomas Muscarella, Councilman Christopher Carini and Hempstead Town Clerk Kate Murray, dumped out Russian vodka outside of Peter's Clam Bar in a show of solidarity with the people of Ukraine and their struggle for freedom.” [Town of Hempstead, Facebook, [3/7/22](#)]



[Town of Hempstead, Facebook, [3/7/22](#)]

Veterans & Military Family Issues

Significant Findings

- ✓ D'Esposito voted for Limit, Save, Grow, which could have resulted in cuts to veterans' benefits.
 - ✓ 2023: D'Esposito voted for the House Republican debt limit bill, called the Limit, Save, Grow Act.
 - ✓ The Limit, Save, Grow Act put federal veterans benefits at risk, including job cuts at the VA, longer waiting times for veterans seeking health care, and a reduction in outpatient visits for veterans.
- ✓ D'Esposito espoused fake claims about the Biden Administration giving migrants priority over veterans for housing which were debunked by the Department of Veterans Affairs.
 - ✓ D'Esposito claimed illegal immigrants received priority over veterans in Joe Biden's America.
 - ✓ The Department of Veterans Affairs dispelled claims about the department helping fund benefits for undocumented immigrants.

Debt Limit Bill

D'Esposito Voted For Limit, Save, Grow, Which Could Have Resulted In Cuts To Veterans' Benefits

2023: D'Esposito Voted For The House Republican Debt Limit Bill, Called The Limit, Save, Grow Act

April 2023: D'Esposito Voted For H.R. 2811. [Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, H.R. 2811, [4/26/23](#)]

- **H.R. 2811 Was Called The Limit, Save, Grow Act Of 2023.** [Congress.gov, H.R. 2811, introduced [4/25/23](#)]

The Limit, Save, Grow Act Was House Republicans' Bill To Lift The Debt Ceiling And Cut Spending.

"House Speaker Kevin McCarthy and Republican lawmakers on Wednesday unveiled their plan to raise the debt ceiling and cut government spending ahead of the looming summer deadline to avert a catastrophic and historic default by the U.S. on its debt obligations. Called the 'Limit, Save, Grow Act,' the 320-page proposal would lift the debt limit by \$1.5 trillion or until the end of March 2024." [CBS News, [4/20/23](#)]

The Limit, Save, Grow Act Put Federal Veterans Benefits At Risk, Including Job Cuts At The VA, Longer Waiting Times For Veterans Seeking Health Care, And A Reduction In Outpatient Visits For Veterans

HEADLINE: "VA Sec. Says GOP's Debt Limit Bill Could Harm America's Veterans." [Spectrum News NY 1, [4/26/23](#)]

PolitiFact: GOP Claim That Debt Ceiling Bill Would Not Cut Veterans Benefits Was "Mostly False." "Bost claimed that Republicans were not cutting veterans' benefits even as the text of their bill to raise the nation's debt ceiling would roll back all discretionary spending. [...] We rate Bost's statement as Mostly False." [PolitiFact, [5/9/23](#)]

According To The VA Secretary, The Debt Limit Bill Could Lead To Job Cuts At The VA, A Reduction In Outpatient Visits For Veterans, And Longer Waiting Times For Veterans Receiving Care For Toxic Burn Bit Exposure. “As the Republican-led House of Representatives prepares to take up its debt limit bill as soon as Wednesday, President Joe Biden’s Veteran Affairs secretary warns that the measure would harm those who’ve served the country. [...] ‘If they go forward with it, there’s a real chance that we could see a reduction of 30 million outpatient visits for veterans, as many as 81,000 jobs cut in the Veterans Health Administration,’ McDonough said. [...] McDonough praised ‘generous appropriations’ from both Democrats and Republicans in Congress which have aided the agency in providing more care to veterans, including permanently housing 40,000 homeless veterans last year, while also warning that the Biden administration’s signature veterans’ care bill — the PACT act, which gives funding for veterans exposed to toxic burn pits — could be impacted by the legislation. ‘Included among our concerns are in the Veterans Benefits Administration, where we may see a reduction of 6,000 jobs,’ he said. ‘Meaning that veterans who apply for benefits, including under the new toxic exposure law, the PACT act, would have to wait to get those benefits, and these are benefits that they’ve earned and ... they richly deserve.’” [Spectrum News NY 1, [4/26/23](#)]

- **The Debt Limit Bill Could Lead To As Many As 81,000 VA Jobs Being Cut, Impacting Veterans Who Relied On The VA For Health Care.** “As the Republican-led House of Representatives prepares to take up its debt limit bill as soon as Wednesday, President Joe Biden’s Veteran Affairs secretary warns that the measure would harm those who’ve served the country. [...] In an interview with Spectrum News on Tuesday, Veterans Affairs secretary Denis McDonough warned that the bill would harm the progress made by the Biden administration to expand veteran care. ‘If they go forward with it, there’s a real chance that we could see a reduction of 30 million outpatient visits for veterans, as many as 81,000 jobs cut in the Veterans Health Administration,’ McDonough said. “That’s a very real impact on veterans who rely on VA for their health care.” [Spectrum News NY 1, [4/26/23](#)]
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Department Of Veterans Affairs

D’Esposito Espoused Fake Claims About The Biden Administration Giving Migrants Priority Over Veterans For Housing Which Were Debunked By The Department Of Veterans Affairs

D’Esposito Claimed Illegal Immigrants Received Priority Over Veterans In Joe Biden’s America

D’Esposito On The Housing Issue: “In Joe Biden’s America Illegal Migrants Get Priority Over Our Veterans.” D’Esposito linked an NY Post story entitled “Homeless vets are being booted from NY hotels to make room for migrants: advocates” and tweeted: “In Joe Biden’s America illegal migrants get priority over our veterans. This could not be more wrong!” [Rep. Anthony D’Esposito, Twitter, [3/12/23](#)]



[Rep. Anthony D'Esposito, Twitter, [3/12/23](#)]

The Department Of Veterans Affairs Dispelled Claims About Helping Fund Benefits For Undocumented Immigrants

HEADLINE: VA Disputes GOP Claim That Money For Vets Is Going To Migrants Instead. [Military Times, [1/12/24](#)]

Officials From The Department Of Veterans Affairs (VA) Said Claims Of Resources Being Taken Away From Veterans For Undocumented Immigrants Were A Distortion Of Facts. “Last month, committee Chairman Mike Bost, R-Ill., and Sen. Tommy Tuberville, R-Ala., introduced the No VA Resources for Illegal Aliens Act, which would prohibit the department from using any resources to provide any taxpayer-funded health care services to immigrants entering the country illegally. ‘(President) Joe Biden’s failed border policies have created a humanitarian and national security crisis,’ Bost said in a statement. ‘Now it appears he’s taking resources away from our veterans to facilitate healthcare for illegal migrants.’ But Veterans Affairs officials said those claims are a distortion of the facts. ‘VA does not provide or fund any health care to ICE detainees,’ department press secretary Terrence Hayes said in a statement responding to the GOP accusations.” [Military Times, [1/12/24](#)]

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The Department Of Veterans Affairs Was Paid By Several Departments To Help Process Health Care Payments, Including ICE, The Department Of Defense And The Indian Health Service. “Currently, ICE pays VA to help process payments for health care costs for immigrants in their custody. Fewer than 10 employees from VA’s Financial Service Center are tasked with the work as part of their other duties. VA provides similar processing services to the Department of Defense, Surface Transportation Board, Indian Health Service, and Office of Refugee Resettlement. The department is reimbursed by all of the federal agencies for all costs and resources used, VA officials said.” [Military Times, [1/12/24](#)]

- This Process Of Covering Health Care Payments Started In 2002 And Has Continued Through Multiple Democrats And Republican Presidential Administrations.** “VA provides similar processing services to the Department of Defense, Surface Transportation Board, Indian Health Service, and Office of Refugee Resettlement. The department is reimbursed by all of the federal agencies for all costs and resources used, VA officials said. The arrangement has been in place since 2002 and continued through multiple Democratic and Republican presidential administrations. But it has come under scrutiny in recent months, as Republican lawmakers have attacked Biden’s immigration policies and the influx of migrants at the southern U.S. border.” [Military Times, [1/12/24](#)]

Appendix I – Personal Financial Disclosures

2022 – Federal Personal Financial Disclosure – New Filer Report

Net Worth

2022: D’Esposito Had An Estimated Net Worth Between \$30,004 And \$224,999

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Earned Income

January- June 2023: D’Esposito Reported \$4,965.34 In Earned Income

January – June 2023: D’Esposito Reported \$4,965.34 In Earned Income From Positions At Nassau County And The Town Of Hempstead. [Anthony P. D’Esposito 2022 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [6/20/23](#)]

January- June 2023 D’Esposito Earned Income		
Source	Type	Amount
Nassau County	Unused Time	\$1,422.65
Town of Hempstead (Comments: FINAL PAY – RESIGNED 1/3/2023)	Salary	\$3,542.69

[Anthony D’Esposito 2022 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [6/20/23](#)]

2022: D’Esposito Reported \$171,000 In Earned Income

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2022 D’Esposito Earned Income		
Source	Type	Amount
Nassau County	Unused Time	\$100,000.00
Town of Hempstead (Comments: FINAL PAY – RESIGNED 1/3/2023)	Salary	\$71,000.00

[Anthony D’Esposito 2022 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [6/20/23](#)]

Assets & Unearned Income

2022: D’Esposito Reported Between \$1,001 And \$2,500 In Unearned Income

2022: D'Esposito Reported Between \$1,001 And \$2,500 In Unearned Income. [Anthony P. D'Esposito 2022 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [6/20/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Reported Between \$5,001 And \$15,000 In Unearned Income From The Preceding Year.** [Anthony P. D'Esposito 2022 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [6/20/23](#)]

2022 D'Esposito Assets & "Unearned" Income						
SP/ DC /JT	Asset	Year-End Value		Type Of Income	Amount Of Income	
		Min	Max		Current Year to Filing	Preceding Year
	Checking Account [BA]	\$15,001	\$50,000	None	N/A	N/A
	NYC Deferred Compensation [OT] (Description: NYC DEFERRED COMPENSATION)	\$15,001	\$50,000	Dividends	\$1,001-\$2,500	\$5,001-\$15,000
	NYC Police Pension Fund [PE]	\$50,001	\$100,000	None	N/A	N/A
	NYS Deferred Compensation Fund [OT] (Description: NYS DEFERRED COMPENSATION FUND)	\$15,001	\$50,000	None	N/A	N/A
	Total:	\$95,004	\$250,000	Total:	\$1,001-\$2,500	\$5,001-\$15,000

[Anthony P. D'Esposito 2022 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [6/20/23](#)]

Liabilities

2022: D'Esposito Reported Between \$25,001 And \$65,000 In Liabilities. [Anthony P. D'Esposito 2022 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [6/20/23](#)]

2022 D'Esposito Liabilities				
Owner	Creditor	Date Incurred	Type	Amount Of Liability
	Barclay US	2023	Revolving Credit Card	\$10,000-\$15,000
	Sallie Mae	2018	School Loan	\$15,001-\$50,000

[Anthony P. D'Esposito 2022 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [6/20/23](#)]

Positions

2022: D'Esposito Reported Positions At Jimi Gubelli Foundation, Nassau County Firefighters Museum & Education Center, LimbKind, Island Park Volunteer Fire Department, And United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. [Anthony P. D'Esposito 2022 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [6/20/23](#)]

2022 D'Esposito Positions	
Position	Name Of Organization
Founder	Jimi Gubelli Foundation
Board Member	Nassau County Firefighters Museum & Education Center
Board Member	LimbKind
Former Chief/Council Member	Island Park Volunteer Fire Department
Board Member	United States Holocaust Memorial Museum

[Anthony P. D'Esposito 2022 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [6/20/23](#)]

Agreements

2022: D'Esposito Listed No Agreements On His Personal Financial Disclosure Report. [Anthony P. D'Esposito 2022 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [6/20/23](#)]

Compensation In Excess Of \$5,000 Paid By One Source

2022: D'Esposito Listed No Compensations In Excess Of \$5,000 On His Personal Financial Disclosure Report. [Anthony P. D'Esposito 2022 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [6/20/23](#)]

2022 – Federal Personal Financial Disclosure – Candidate Report**Net Worth**

2022: D'Esposito Had An Estimated Net Worth Between \$66,004 And \$249,999

2022: D'Esposito Had An Estimated Net Worth Between \$66,004 And \$249,999. [Anthony P. D'Esposito 2022 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [8/8/22](#)]

Earned Income

2022: D'Esposito Reported \$183,000.00 In Earned Income

January – June 2022: D'Esposito Reported \$183,000.00 In Earned Income. [Anthony P. D'Esposito 2022 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [8/8/22](#)]

January-August 2022; D'Esposito Earned Income		
Source	Type	Amount
Town of Hempstead	Self	\$71,000.00
Nassau County	Self	\$100,000.00
Deferred Compensation (NYS)	Pay Out	\$12,000.00

[Anthony P. D'Esposito 2022 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [8/8/22](#)]

2021: D'Esposito Reported \$198,000.00 In Earned Income

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2021 D'Esposito Earned Income		
Source	Type	Amount
Town of Hempstead	Self	\$71,000.00
Nassau County	Self	\$100,000.00
Deferred Compensation (NYS)	Pay Out	\$12,000.00
City of New York	Retroactive Pay	\$15,000.00

[Anthony P. D'Esposito 2022 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [8/8/22](#)]

Assets & Unearned Income

2022: D'Esposito Reported Between \$116,004 And \$265,000 In Assets

2022: D'Esposito Reported \$0 In Unearned Income. [Anthony P. D'Esposito 2022 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [8/8/22](#)]

2021 – 2022 D'Esposito Assets & “Unearned” Income						
SP/ DC /JT	Asset	Year-End Value		Type Of Income	Amount Of Income	
		Min	Max		Current Year to Filing	Preceding Year
	Checking Account [BA]	\$1,001	\$15,000	None	N/A	N/A
	NYC Deferred Compensation [OT] (Description: NYC DEFERRED COMP)	\$50,001	\$100,000	None	N/A	N/A
	NYC Police Pension Fund [PE]	\$50,001	\$100,000	None	N/A	N/A
	NYS Deferred Compensation Fund (Description: NYS DEFERRED COMPENSATION)	\$15,001	\$50,000	None	N/A	N/A
	Total:	\$116,004	\$265,000	Total:	\$0	\$0

[Anthony P. D'Esposito 2022 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [8/8/22](#)]

Liabilities

2022: D'Esposito Reported Liabilities Between \$15,001 And \$50,000. [Anthony P. D'Esposito 2022 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [8/8/22](#)]

2021 – 2022 D'Esposito Liabilities				
Owner	Creditor	Date Incurred	Type	Amount Of Liability
	Sallie Mae	2018	School Loan	\$15,001 – \$50,000

[Anthony P. D'Esposito 2022 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [8/8/22](#)]

Positions

2022: D'Esposito Reported Positions At Jimi Gubelli Foundation, Nassau County Firefighters Museum & Education Center, LimbKind, And Island Park Volunteer Fire Department. [Anthony P. D'Esposito 2022 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [8/8/22](#)]

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[Anthony P. D'Esposito 2022 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [8/8/22](#)]

Agreements

2022: D'Esposito Listed No Agreements On His Personal Financial Disclosure Report. [Anthony P. D'Esposito 2022 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [8/8/22](#)]

Compensation In Excess Of \$5,000 Paid By One Source

2022: D'Esposito Listed 4 Compensations In Excess Of \$5,000 Paid By One Source On His Personal Financial Disclosure Report. [Anthony P. D'Esposito 2022 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [8/8/22](#)]

2022 D'Esposito Compensation In Excess Of \$5,000 Paid By One Source	
Source (Name and Address)	Brief Description of Duties
Town of Hempstead (Hempstead, NY, US)	Councilman
Nassau County (Mineola, NY, US)	Administrative Asst.
NYS Deferred Compensation (Albany, NY, US)	Pay Out
City of New York (New York, NY, US)	Retroactive Pay

Appendix II – Campaign Finance

Items of Interest

- ✓ 2022-2024: D'Esposito's campaign raised \$3,992,163.98 and spent \$2,438,063.29.
 - ✓ D'Esposito received \$5,800 from Matthew Bruderman who was fined \$250,000 by the SEC for misusing investor funds.
- ✓ D'Esposito's Leadership PAC raised \$90,373.90 and spent \$85,801.39.
 - ✓ D'Esposito's Leadership PAC spent \$3,619.51 for travel at Bellagio Hotel.
- ✓ D'Esposito raised \$1,442,604.25 and spent \$1,421,795.28 in his runs for Hempstead Town Council.
 - ✓ As a Councilman, D'Esposito received more than \$6,000 from marinas and introduced legislation to increase marina dock space while banning backyard boat docks, an unpopular measure that jeopardized a source of income for families hurt by hurricanes Sandy and Irene.

Campaign Committee

2022-2024: D'Esposito's Campaign Raised \$3,992,163.98 And Spent \$2,438,063.29

D'Esposito 2022 - 2024 Congress Campaign Committee Funds									
Cycle	Total Receipts						Total Disbursements		
	Total	Indivs	Party Cmtes	Other Cmtes	Candidate Cntribtns	Loans	Total	Operating Expdts	Refunds
2024	\$2,683,287.28	\$1,178,849.23	\$10,000	\$950,627.30	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,150,549.97	\$988,951.45	\$42,543.05
2022	\$1,308,876.70	\$979,475.41	\$15,000	\$239,180.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,287,513.32	\$1,256,534.16	\$19,079.16
Total:	\$3,992,163.98	\$2,158,324.64	\$25,000.00	\$1,189,807.30	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,438,063.29	\$2,245,485.61	\$61,622.21

[FEC Committee Candidate and Committee Viewer, accessed [7/15/24](#)]

Notable Receipts

D'Esposito Received \$5,800 From Matthew Bruderman Who Was Fined \$250,000 By The SEC For Misusing Investor Funds

2022: Matthew Bruderman Contributed \$5,800 To D'Esposito For New York. According to the Federal Election Commission, Matthew Bruderman contributed \$5,800 to D'Esposito for New York on June 30th, 2022. [FEC Candidate and Committee Viewer, accessed [12/5/23](#)]

SEC PRESS RELEASE: From 2017 To 2021 Bruderman And His Company, Bruderman Asset Management (BAM), Advised Clients To Invest In Companies In Which Bruderman Had Ownership And Decision-Making Authority. “The Securities and Exchange Commission today announced that New York-based Bruderman Asset Management LLC (BAM) and its principal, Matthew J. Bruderman, agreed to settle charges related to their failure to disclose the misuse of proceeds raised from investment advisory clients and to the firm’s failure to implement reasonably designed written policies and procedures concerning the disclosure of conflicts of interest. According to the SEC’s order, from at least February 2017 through August 2021, BAM and Bruderman advised at least 13 clients to invest at least \$6.1 million in three companies in which Bruderman had decision-making authority and significant ownership interests.” [SEC, Press Release, [9/26/23](#)]

- **Bruderman Used Clients’ Investments In These Companies “For Other Purposes” Including To Pay BAM’s Payroll And Repay Loans Owed To Bruderman.** “The Securities and Exchange Commission today announced that New York-based Bruderman Asset Management LLC (BAM) and its principal, Matthew J. Bruderman, agreed to settle charges related to their failure to disclose the misuse of proceeds raised from investment advisory clients and to the firm’s failure to implement reasonably designed written policies and procedures concerning the disclosure of conflicts of interest. [...] The SEC’s order finds that BAM and Bruderman failed to disclose to the clients that their investments would be temporarily used for other purposes, such as to fund BAM’s payroll and to repay loans owed to Bruderman or to the other companies with which he was affiliated.” [SEC, Press Release, [9/26/23](#)]
- **Bruderman Neither Admitted Nor Denied The SEC’s Findings And Agreed To Pay A Civil Penalty Of \$250,000.** “The Securities and Exchange Commission today announced that New York-based Bruderman Asset Management LLC (BAM) and its principal, Matthew J. Bruderman, agreed to settle charges related to their failure to disclose the misuse of proceeds raised from investment advisory clients and to the firm’s failure to implement reasonably designed written policies and procedures concerning the disclosure of conflicts of interest. [...] Without admitting or denying the SEC’s findings, BAM and Bruderman each consented to an order requiring them to cease and desist from committing or causing violations of various provisions of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940, imposing a censure, and ordering them to pay, jointly and severally, a civil penalty of \$250,000.” [SEC, Press Release, [9/26/23](#)]

D'Esposito's Campaign Committee Received 44.92% Of His Contributions From Individual Contributors And 36.23% From PACs

2024: Source Of D'Esposito Career Congressional Campaign Committee Funds		
Category	#	%
Individual Contributors	\$1,178,849	44.92%
PAC Contributors	\$950,627	36.23%
Self-Financing	\$0	0.00%
Other	\$494,326	18.84%

[OpenSecrets, accessed [7/15/24](#)]

D'Esposito's Campaign Committee Received \$144,000 From Corporate PACs

Over His Career, D'Esposito Received \$144,000 From Corporate PACs. Between 2022 and 2022, D'Esposito received \$144,000 from corporate PACs. [FEC Campaign Finance Data Search, accessed [7/15/24](#)]

D'Esposito's Campaign Committee Received Over 30% Of His PAC Contributions From Business PACs

Source Of D'Esposito Career Congressional Campaign Committee PAC Contributions		
Category	#	%
Business PACs	\$268,600	30.72%
Labor PACs	\$132,424	15.14%
Ideological PACs	\$473,384	54.13%

[OpenSecrets, accessed [2/7/24](#)]

Top Overall Contributors

D'Esposito Career Top Contributors			
Contributor	Total	Individuals	PACs
Republican Jewish Coalition	\$32,000	\$29,500	\$2,500
Energy Transfer Partners	\$17,600	\$17,600	\$0
Blackstone Group	\$14,200	\$14,200	\$0
New York City Police Dept	\$13,225	\$13,225	\$0
Dover Group	\$13,200	\$13,200	\$0
First Virtual Group	\$13,200	\$13,200	\$0
Brodie Generational Capital Partners	\$13,200	\$13,200	\$0
Western National Property Management	\$13,200	\$13,200	\$0
Study Logic	\$13,200	\$13,200	\$0
Melaleuca Inc	\$13,200	\$13,200	\$0
Marcus Foundation	\$13,200	\$13,200	\$0

[OpenSecrets, accessed [2/7/24](#)]

Top Overall Industries

D'Esposito Career Top Industry		
Rank	Industry	Total
1	Leadership PACs	\$231,504
2	Securities & Investment	\$196,519
3	Retired	\$188,173
4	Candidate Committees	\$121,830
5	Real Estate	\$103,201
6	Transportation Unions	\$45,624
7	Republican/Conservative	\$44,053
8	Oil & Gas	\$41,498
9	Pro-Israel	\$33,000
10	Insurance	\$30,672

[OpenSecrets, accessed [2/7/24](#)]

Top Overall Sectors

D'Esposito Career Top Contributors By Sector			
Sector	Total	Individuals	PACs
Ideological/Single-Issue	\$454,091	\$66,457	\$387,634
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	\$358,996	\$322,496	\$36,500
Other	\$248,884	\$246,384	\$2,500
Labor	\$94,384	\$260	\$94,124
Misc Business	\$85,168	\$72,668	\$12,500

Energy & Natural Resources	\$57,774	\$48,774	\$9,000
Construction	\$49,271	\$26,771	\$22,500
Lawyers & Lobbyists	\$46,678	\$45,678	\$1,000
Transportation	\$40,016	\$12,516	\$27,500
Agribusiness	\$31,675	\$13,675	\$18,000
Communications/Electronics	\$29,037	\$17,537	\$11,500
Health	\$19,854	\$11,854	\$8,000
Defense	\$10,100	\$7,100	\$3,000

[OpenSecrets, accessed [2/7/24](#)]

NOTE: According to the Center for Responsive Politics, “The organizations themselves did not donate, rather the money came from the organizations’ PACs, their individual members or employees or owners, and those individuals’ immediate families. Organization totals include subsidiaries and affiliates” [Center for Responsive Politics Top Contributors, accessed [3/21/17](#)]

Expenditures

2024: D’Esposito Expenditures By Category		
Category	Amount	Percentage
Administrative	\$140,540	32.01%
Fundraising	\$101,857	23.20%
Media	\$71,347	16.25%
Strategy & Research	\$65,062	14.81%
Contributions	\$59,225	13.49%
All Other	\$1,000	0.22%

[Center for Responsive Politics, accessed [2/7/24](#)]

Leadership PAC

D’Esposito’s Leadership PAC Raised \$90,373.90 And Spent \$85,801.39

2022-2024: Empire Strike Pac Raised \$90,373.90 And Spent \$85,801.39. [FEC Committee Candidate and Committee Viewer, accessed [7/15/24](#)]

2022-2024 Empire Strike PAC Funds						
Total Contributions					Total Disbursements	
Year	Total	Indivs	Party Cmtes	Other Cmtes	Total	Operating Expdts
2024	\$62,256.67	\$15,807.20	\$0.00	\$42,701.78	\$69,573.59	\$29,637.73
2022	\$28,117.23	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$16,227.80	\$1,727.80
Total	\$90,373.90	\$35,807.20	\$0.00	\$42,701.78	\$85,801.39	\$31,365.53

[FEC Committee Candidate and Committee Viewer, accessed [7/15/24](#)]

Notable Disbursements

D’Esposito’s Leadership PAC Spent \$3,619.51 For Travel At Bellagio Hotel

D’Esposito’s Leadership PAC Spent \$3,619.51 For Travel At Bellagio Hotel. [FEC, Empire Strike PAC, 2023 Year-End Report, Itemized Disbursements, accessed [2/7/24](#)]

Empire Strike PAC Disbursements To Bellagio Hotel

Source	Recipient	Description	Date	Amount
Empire Strike PAC	Bellagio Hotel	Travel	12/1/23	\$480.90
Empire Strike PAC	Bellagio Hotel	Travel	12/1/23	\$2,904.69
Empire Strike PAC	Bellagio Hotel	Travel	12/26/23	\$233.92
Total:				\$3,619.51

[FEC, Empire Strike PAC, 2023 Year-End Report, Itemized Disbursements, accessed [2/7/24](#)]

- **The Bellagio Hotel Was A Luxury Hotel In Vegas And “Combined Old World Elegance With Modern Luxuries.”** “Bellagio combines Old World elegance with modern luxuries in a 3,900 room resort in the heart of the Las Vegas Strip. The Tuscan-themed resort transports guests to the Vegas version of the famous town on Italy's Lake Como. Dancing water choreographed to popular music and show-tunes soars 240 feet above an eight-acre lake, surrounded by deluxe guest rooms and suites, abundant dining, entertainment, shopping and gaming options. While you may not want to leave your posh accommodations, with contemporary custom furniture, fine art, sunken bathtubs and such conveniences as high-speed Internet access, there's much to see and do, eat and buy here.” [Vegas Means Business, accessed [2/7/24](#)]

Hempstead Town Council Campaign Committee

2016-2023: D'Esposito Raised \$1,442,604.25 And Spent \$1,421,795.28 In His Runs For Hempstead Town Council

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D'Esposito State Campaign Finance History			
Year	Candidate (Office Sought) or Committee	Raised	Spent
2023	Citizens for D'Esposito (Hempstead Town Council)	\$0.00	\$12,619.41
2022	Citizens for D'Esposito (Hempstead Town Council)	\$156,850.76	\$257,863.86
2021	Citizens for D'Esposito (Hempstead Town Council)	\$395,407.22	\$352,104.25
2020	Citizens for D'Esposito (Hempstead Town Council)	\$191,971.30	\$128,682.21
2019	Citizens for D'Esposito (Hempstead Town Council)	\$66,035.30	\$63,222.41
2018	Citizens for D'Esposito (Hempstead Town Council)	\$33,576.03	\$37,649.36
2017	Citizens for D'Esposito (Hempstead Town Council)	\$274,127.02	\$255,643.33
2016	Citizens for D'Esposito (Hempstead Town Council)	\$324,636.62	\$314,010.45
	Total:	\$1,442,604.25	\$1,421,795.28

[New York State Board of Elections, accessed [2/1/24](#)]

Notable Contributions

D'Esposito Received More Than \$6,000 From Marinas And Introduced Legislation To Increase Marina Dock Space While Banning Backyard Boat Docks, A Wildly Unpopular Measure That Jeopardized A Key Source Of Income For Families Hurt By Hurricanes Sandy And Irene

D'Esposito Received More Than \$6,000 From Marinas And Associated Organizations

2016-2022: Marinas And Associated Organizations Contributed Over \$6,000 To Citizens For D'Esposito. [New York Board Of Elections, Campaign Finance Search, accessed [11/18/23](#)]

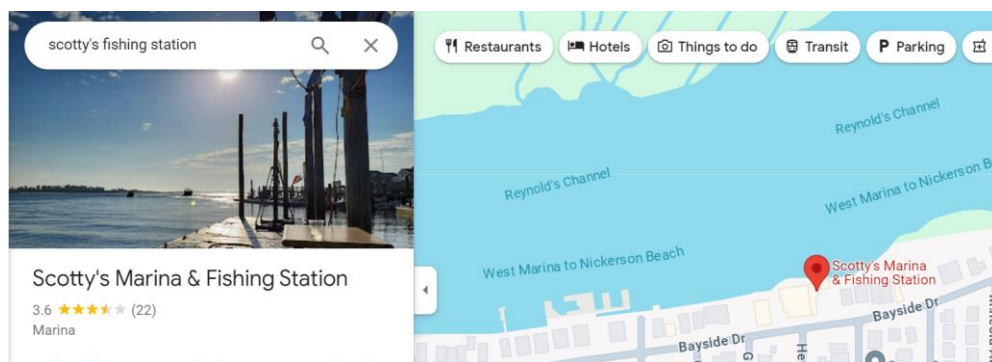
Contributions To Citizens For D'Esposito From Marinas And Associated Organizations			
Source	Source Address	Date	Amount

Scotty's Fishing Station, Inc.	72 Bayside Drive, Point Lookout, NY	5/19/22	\$2,150
All Island Marine Corporation	3510 Ann St, Oceanside, NY	5/13/22	\$150
Scotty's Fishing Station, Inc.	72 Bayside Drive, Point Lookout, NY	5/24/21	\$1,800
Commercial Marine Industries Inc.	160 Denton Ave, Lynbrook, NY	4/23/21	\$750
All Island Marine Corporation	3510 Ann St, Oceanside, NY	4/23/21	\$125
Scotty's Fishing Station, Inc.	72 Bayside Drive, Point Lookout, NY	8/20/20	\$100
All Island Marine Corporation	3510 Ann St, Oceanside, NY	1/15/19	\$125
The New York Marine Trades Association	188 Park Ave Ste E, Amityville, NY	7/11/17	\$585
Scotty's Fishing Station	72 Bayside Drive, Point Lookout, NY	4/12/16	\$500
Total:			\$6,285

[New York Board Of Elections, Campaign Finance Search, accessed [11/18/23](#)]

Scotty's Fishing Station Was Also Known As Scotty's Marina And Fishing Station And Was Located At 72 Bayside Drive

Scotty's Fishing Station Was Listed On Google As "Scotty's Marina & Fishing Station." According to google maps, Scotty's Marina & Fishing Station was a marina located at 72 Bayside Drive, Point Lookout, NY. [Scotty's Marina & Fishing Station, Google Maps, accessed [12/8/23](#)]



[Scotty's Marina & Fishing Station, Google Maps, accessed [12/8/23](#)]

- **Scotty's Marina & Fishing Station Was Located At 72 Bayside Drive, Point Lookout, NY.** [Scotty's Marina & Fishing Station, Google Maps, accessed [12/8/23](#)]

The New York Marine Trades Association Was A Representative Of Marinas On Long Island

The New York Marine Trades Association Represents Marinas On Long Island And "Worked With The Town To Draft" D'Esposito's Proposed Law. "Those in favor of limiting the number of slips behind homes in Hempstead include the bay constable, who told CBS News in New York that many of the homes 'were designed in the 1920s, very narrow, designed for one boat behind the house.' Another proponent of the change is Chris Squeri, executive director of the New York Marine Trades Association, which represents businesses — including marinas — on Long Island. That organization worked with the town to draft the proposed revision to the ordinance, according to Newsday, looking for clarification on the difference between a residential and a commercial property that has to do things that homeowners with boat slips do not, such as investing in training and systems." [Soundings, [8/1/18](#)]

All Island Marine Was A Marina With A "Central On Water Location" And Had 250 Boat Slips Available For Rental

All Island Marine Was Housed At The Bay Park Yacht Harbor And Had A "Central On Water Location." "Bay Park Yacht Harbor is the waterfront home of All Island Marine. All Island Marine has one central on water location in scenic Oceanside, Long Island, New York that is convenient to get to by both land and water. Our 3-acre complex stores over 200 boats on land for winter storage and 250 slips for dockage in the summer. A factory

trained service department with five mechanics employed full-time. An indoor/outdoor new and used boat showroom. Bay Park Fishing Station (bait, fuel, ice, food and beverages, and a tackle store with all of your fishing needs). A stocked parts department with an integrated warehouse to supply you with any parts you need for repair, or just toys to enhance your boating experience.” [All Island Marine, Marina, accessed [1/8/24](#)]

All Island Marine Was Housed At The Bay Park Yacht Harbor And Had A “Central On Water Location. “Bay Park Yacht Harbor is the waterfront home of All Island Marine. All Island Marine has one central on water location in scenic Oceanside, Long Island, New York that is convenient to get to by both land and water. Our 3-acre complex stores over 200 boats on land for winter storage and 250 slips for dockage in the summer. [...] All Islands’ 250 slips are all floating finger docks to keep your boat protected and to allow easy access on and off your boat. All of the slips have access to water and electric and the larger slips have 30-amp service. The floating docks are maintained every winter to keep them safe and reliable for you and your family. Our facilities also offer two picnic areas and bathrooms. Keys are issued to dockage customers only and our gates are locked at night to keep your belongings safe.” [All Island Marine, Marina, accessed [1/8/24](#)]

D’Esposito Proposed A Law, Drafted With Help From Donors, To Ban The Renting Of Dock Space On Shoreside Residential Properties

5/11/18: D’Esposito Proposed A Law To Ban The Renting Of Dock Space On Shoreside Residential Properties. “Residents of waterfront communities, including Oceanside and Island Park, criticized a proposed law, which would ban the practice of renting out dock space on shoreside residential properties, at a May 22 Hempstead Town Board meeting. [...] The proposed law was introduced at a May 11 news conference in Bellmore hosted by Town Councilman Anthony D’Esposito, which Town Supervisor Laura Gillen said at the meeting was the first time she had heard of it. D’Esposito maintained that the measure was not intended to penalize homeowners with multiple boats docked in their backyards, but rather to crack down on the practice of operating unregulated marinas on residential property.” [LI Herald, [6/6/18](#)]

- **Town Supervisor Gillen Criticized The Legislation, Saying It “Was Clearly Rushed And Crafted In Secret Without Any Community Input.”** “Responding to the confusion, D’Esposito admitted that the law could be reworked, and agreed to hold hearings on it and postpone the vote. The council unanimously agreed to table the discussion, and responding to resident requests, Gillen said she would consider holding a nighttime hearing at a later date so more people could attend. Afterward she issued a statement critical of D’Esposito and the legislation, which, she said ‘was clearly rushed and crafted in secret without any community input.’ She added, ‘Any new proposal that hurts working-class families — many still rebounding from Hurricane Sandy — will not have my support.’” [LI Herald, [6/6/18](#)]

The New York Marine Trades Association Represented Marinas On Long Island And “Worked With The Town To Draft” D’Esposito’s Proposed Law. “Those in favor of limiting the number of slips behind homes in Hempstead include the bay constable, who told CBS News in New York that many of the homes ‘were designed in the 1920s, very narrow, designed for one boat behind the house.’ Another proponent of the change is Chris Squeri, executive director of the New York Marine Trades Association, which represents businesses — including marinas — on Long Island. That organization worked with the town to draft the proposed revision to the ordinance, according to Newsday, looking for clarification on the difference between a residential and a commercial property that has to do things that homeowners with boat slips do not, such as investing in training and systems.” [Soundings, [8/1/18](#)]

Residents Said The Law Would Lead To The Loss Of A Source Of Income Especially For Families Affected By Hurricanes Sandy And Irene

Resident Fredi Vuckovic: “When You Put In This Law, You Will Get Rid Of Ten Thousand People That Can’t Take Care Of Their Families On Beautiful Long Island.” FREDI VUCKOVIC: A guy having his family come and enjoy the waterways, now, when you put in this law, you will get rid of ten thousand people that can’t take care of their families on beautiful Long Island.” [Town of Hempstead, Meeting Verbatim, [5/22/18](#)]

Residents Said Boat Slips Were “A Lifeblood Of Income” To Help Them “Recover Financially From The Devastation Of 2011’s Hurricane Irene And 2012’s Hurricane Sandy.” “The town of Hempstead, New York, at least for the near future, is allowing the continuation of boating as usual. But a late May meeting of the Town Board in this southern Long Island community brought extensive media attention, making Hempstead the latest battleground in America between boaters who have long had private slips and lawmakers who want to regulate them. [...] ‘This affects a lot of people’s livelihood,’ one resident said. ‘You act like dictators there that think you can get away with anything you want, and unless people come down en masse, you don’t respond.’ Several residents said they’re still trying to recover financially from the devastation of 2011’s Hurricane Irene and 2012’s Hurricane Sandy, and that renting boat slips behind their properties is a lifeblood of income.” [LI Herald, [6/6/18](#)]

Resident Lisa Panella Said That Waterfront Homes’ “Taxes Increased Tremendously” In The Near Past, Leading To Financial Issues For Her And Other Homeowners. “LISA PANELLA: “Okay, we have been living there for thirteen years. Waterfront homes have decreased tremendously but our taxes increased tremendously and we deserve a break.” [Town of Hempstead, Meeting Verbatim, [5/22/18](#)]

- **Panella Said That The Town Cannot “Take Away [Her] Rights” To Boat Slips After Her And Others’ “Homes Were Destroyed By Sandy.”** LISA PANELLA: “Lisa Panella, Oceanside, New York. I am a waterfront homeowner and I get the understanding of the adjournment. [...] Um, there are thousands of homes, waterfront homes in Nassau County with three hundred complaints that is not - - (Whereupon, applause from the audience was heard. After, the following ensued.) Kind of come in, take away our rights that we have had for one hundred years and decided this is what you are going to do after being - - our homes were destroyed by Sandy.” [Town of Hempstead, Meeting Verbatim, [5/22/18](#)]

Homeowners Criticized The Measure And Characterized It Was “Government Outreach Harmful To The Livelihoods Of Families Still Recovering From Hurricane Sandy.” “Residents of waterfront communities, including Oceanside and Island Park, criticized a proposed law, which would ban the practice of renting out dock space on shoreside residential properties, at a May 22 Hempstead Town Board meeting. Homeowners blasted the measure, characterizing it as government overreach harmful to the livelihoods of families still recovering from Hurricane Sandy. They also cited confusion over the resolution, asking for a public hearing on the matter before the town board considered its passage.” [LI Herald, [6/6/18](#)]

Waterways Commissioner Delanney Stated That The Law Would Lead To “One Dock For Residence” While Also “A Greater Number Of Docks And Floats And Slips For Commercial Marinas”

Don Delanney, The Hempstead Commissioner Of Conservation And Waterways, Stated That There Would Be “One Dock For Residence” And “A Greater Number Of Docks And Floats And Slips For Commercial Marinas” Under The Proposed Law. COMMISSIONER DELANNEY: “Good Morning, 25 Supervisor, Members of the Town Board: My name is Don Delanney. I am Commissioner of Conservation and Waterways. [...] Just to clarify a few things, I know there is a little confusion but this law that has been worked on five or six years or more. [...] One dock for residence, means that one slip for each twenty feet of shoreline frontage. Allows a greater number of docks and floats and slips for commercial marinas but limited one slip for parking space.” [Town of Hempstead, Meeting Verbatim, [5/22/18](#)]

Residents Accused D’Esposito For Taking Money From Marinas And Said That His Proposed Law Was Just “Another Game Of Money” For D’Esposito

Resident Califano On The Proposal: Anthony D’Esposito, This Is Just Another Game Of Money For You And Your Whole Entire Family. DOMENICA CALIFANO: “Domenica Califano, 4043 Long Beach Road, Island Park. You all know me very well, here. Anthony D’Esposito, this is just another game of money for you and your whole entire family. (Whereupon, applause from the audience was heard. After, the following ensued.)” [Town of Hempstead, Meeting Verbatim, [5/22/18](#)]

Califano Asked If D'Esposito Introduced The Laws "Because Marinas Gave To His Campaign."

DOMENICA CALIFANO: "Domenica Califano, 4043 Long Beach Road, Island Park. You all know me very well, here. Anthony D'Esposito, this is just another game of money for you and your whole entire family. (Whereupon, applause from the audience was heard. After, the following ensued.)" SUPERVISOR GILLEN: "This is about the adjournment." DOMENICA CALIFANO: "I understand. This is constant, our roads are getting destroyed. Is it because marinas gave to his campaign." [Town of Hempstead, Meeting Verbatim, [5/22/18](#)]

Appendix III – Paid Media Summary

2022 Election

D'Esposito "Good Guy" Paid Media Summary				
Date	Group	Name	Subject	Description
9/20/23	League of Conservation Voters	Anthony D'Esposito: Side With Us	Govt shutdown, health care, renewable energy, social security	Negative, D'Esposito voting to cut funding for Health Care, Clean Energy Jobs, Social Security
9/19/23	Empire State Voices	My Oldest	Health care, insulin prices, lowering costs	Negative, D'Esposito's record on cutting costs
8/1/23	Congressional Integrity Project	Anthony D'Esposito	MAGA extremism	Negative, D'Esposito's ties to MAGA extremists
3/30/23	League of Conservation Voters	Anthony D'Esposito: Helped Them Do It	MAGA extremism, gas prices, renewable energy	Negative, D'Esposito's ties to MAGA extremists; Negative, D'Esposito voting to benefit Big Oil and slow down clean energy production

D'Esposito "Bad Guy" Paid Media Summary				
Date	Group	Name	Subject	Description
11/2/22	Congressional Leadership Fund	Vote Against Liberal Laura Gillen: Loves Higher Taxes	Taxes	Negative, Gillen proposing to raise property taxes by \$2 Million
11/2/22	Congressional Leadership Fund	Vote Against Liberal Laura Gillen: Endorsed by Anti-Police Groups	Public safety, cashless bail	Negative, Gillen being endorsed by a group calling for defunding the police and ending cashless bail
10/21/22	D'Esposito for New York	Keep Nassau Safe	Southern border, immigration, fentanyl,	Negative, Biden's record on immigration; Positive, D'Esposito's personal record on crime/public safety
10/3/22	D'Esposito for New York	A Tax Fighter	Taxes	Positive, D'Esposito's froze/cut taxes 4 years in a row; Negative, Gillen proposed raising taxes
9/22/22	D'Esposito for New York	Elect an Expert	Cashless bail, crime, public safety	Positive, D'Esposito's record on crime as an NYPD officer; Negative, Gillen helping elect politicians who passed cashless bail
8/30/22	D'Esposito for New York	N/A	Taxes, IRS agents, public safety	Negative, Gillen's and Biden's record on taxes

Appendix IV – Bill Sponsorships & Amendments

Toplines

D'Esposito Sponsored 17 Pieces Of Legislation, 0 Of Which Became Law

D'Esposito 118 th Congress Sponsorship		
Congress	# of Sponsorships	# Became Law
118th Congress (2013 - 2024)	17	0
TOTAL	17	0

[Congress.gov, accessed [1/25/24](#)]*NOTE: Table updated as of 1/25/2024.*

D'Esposito 118 th Congress Sponsorships By Subject		
Subject	# Of Bills Sponsored	# Became Law
Crime and Law Enforcement	4	0
Congress	3	0
Transportation and Public Works	2	0
Emergency Management	1	0
Government Operations and Politics	1	0
Health	1	0
International Affairs	1	0
Public Lands and Natural Resources	1	0
Taxation	1	0

[Congress.gov, accessed [1/25/24](#)]*NOTE: Table updated as of 1/25/2024.*

118th Congress

NOTE: Updated as of 1/25/24.

D'Esposito Sponsored 17 Bills, 0 Of Which Became Law

D'Esposito Sponsored 17 Bills, 0 Of Which Became Law. [Congress.gov, accessed [1/25/24](#)]**D'Esposito Introduced 2 Amendments, Both Of Which Passed.** [Congress.gov, accessed [1/25/24](#)]

D'Esposito 118th Congress Sponsorships				
Date	Bill #	Title	Last Action	Last Action/ Effective Date
1/17/2024	H.R. 7012	Transit Emergency Relief Act	Referred to the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.	1/17/2024
1/12/2024	H.R. 6988	Jane's Law	Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.	1/12/2024
12/13/2023	H.Res. 933	Expressing opposition to New York's Clean Slate Act.	Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.	12/13/2023
11/21/2023	H.Res. 883	Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the slogan, "from the river to the sea, Palestine will be	Referred to the House Committee on Foreign Affairs.	11/21/2023

		free" is antisemitic and its use must be condemned.		
10/11/2023	H.Res. 773	Providing for the expulsion of Representative George Santos from the House of Representatives.	Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.	11/1/2023
9/12/2023	H.R. 5401	9/11 Memorial and Museum Act	Referred to the House Committee on Natural Resources.	9/12/2023
7/24/2023	H.Res. 609	Expressing opposition to Central Business District Tolling Program of New York City.	Ordered to be Reported by Voice Vote.	7/27/2023
7/18/2023	H.R. 4701	Protecting Americans from Fentanyl Trafficking Act of 2023	Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.	7/21/2023
7/6/2023	H.R. 4479	Positioning the Election Assistance Commission for the Future Act of 2023	Referred to the House Committee on House Administration.	7/6/2023
6/14/2023	H.R. 4089	Safer Response Act of 2023	Referred to the Subcommittee on Health.	6/16/2023
6/9/2023	H.R. 3959	COVID-19 Commuter Benefits Distribution Act	Referred to the House Committee on Ways and Means.	6/9/2023
6/9/2023	H.R. 3958	To direct the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration to publish guidance and implementation procedures for unmanned aircraft systems with respect to environmental reviews, and for other purposes.	Referred to the Subcommittee on Aviation.	6/12/2023
5/11/2023	H.R. 3224	Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction Extension Act of 2023	Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.	12/12/2023
4/26/2023	H.Res. 330	Supporting the designation of the week of April 23 through April 29, 2023, as "National Crime Victims' Rights Week".	Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.	4/26/2023
4/10/2023	H.Res. 285	Establishing a "Bill of Rights" to support United States law enforcement personnel nationwide in their work to protect our communities.	Referred to the House Committee on the Judiciary.	4/10/2023
3/7/2023	H.Res. 201	No Fame for Fraud Resolution	Referred to the House Committee on Rules.	3/7/2023
3/7/2023	H.R. 1391	No Fortune for Fraud Act	Referred to the Subcommittee on Oversight.	9/12/2023
09/27/2023	H.Amdt.374	An amendment numbered 167 printed in Part A of House Report 118-216 to prevent funds in this act to be used to provide assistance to house persons on military installations.	On agreeing to the D'Esposito amendment (A023) Agreed to by voice	09/27/2023
05/18/2023	H.Amdt.181	An amendment numbered 1 printed in Part C of House Report 118-59 to recognize the important work that local law enforcement personnel do every day and states that officers should have certain rights during investigations into alleged misconduct such as legal resources and counsel. Encourages states across the nation to	On agreeing to the D'Esposito amendment (A001) Agreed to by the Yeas and Nays: 268 - 156	05/18/2023

		adopt their own Bill of Rights to protect our local law enforcement and denounces calls to defund the police.		
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[Congress.gov, accessed [1/25/24](#)]

D'Esposito Sponsored Legislation With Floor Consideration Or More

D'Esposito Sponsored 2 Pieces Of Legislation That Passed The House In The 118th Congress. [Congress.gov, accessed [1/25/24](#)]

D'Esposito 118th Congress Sponsorships With Floor Consideration Or More				
Date	Bill #	Title	Last Action	Last Action/ Effective Date
10/11/2023	H.Res.773	Providing for the expulsion of Representative George Santos from the House of Representatives.	Motion to reconsider laid on the table Agreed to without objection.	11/1/23
5/11/2023	H.R.3224	Countering Weapons of Mass Destruction Extension Act of 2023	Received in the Senate and Read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.	12/12/2023

[Congress.gov, accessed [1/25/24](#)]

Appendix V – Bill Co-Sponsorships

118th Congress

D'Esposito Co-Sponsored 219 Pieces Of Legislation; 1 Or 0.45 Percent Became Law

As Of January 2024, D'Esposito Co-sponsored 219 Pieces Of Legislation; 1 Or 0.45 Percent Of Became Law.
[Congress.gov, accessed [1/24/24](#)]

Toplines

D'Esposito Co-Sponsorship Toplines			
	# of Co-sponsorships	# Became Law	Percentage Became Law
118th Congress (2023 - 2024)	219	1	0.45%
TOTAL			

[Congress.gov, accessed [1/24/24](#)]

Subject

D'Esposito Career Co-Sponsorships By Subject			
Subject	# Of Bills Co-Sponsored	# Became Law	Percentage Became Law
Public Lands & Natural Resources	4	0	0.00%
Finance and Financial Sector	3	1	33.33%
Civil Rights & Liberties, Minority Issues	3	0	0.00%
Science, Technology, Communications	3	0	0.00%
Families	3	0	0.00%
Government Operations & Politics	14	0	0.00%
Armed Forces & National Security	17	0	0.00%
Economics and Public Finance	1	0	0.00%
Crime & Law Enforcement	34	0	0.00%
Transportation & Public Works	10	0	0.00%
Arts, Culture, Religion	1	0	0.00%
Congress	5	0	0.00%
International Affairs	29	0	0.00%
Social Welfare	2	0	0.00%
Taxation	10	0	0.00%
Health	25	0	0.00%
Immigration	11	0	0.00%
Education	14	0	0.00%
Labor & Employment	2	0	0.00%
Energy	2	0	0.00%
Law	1	0	0.00%
Commerce	2	0	0.00%

Emergency Management	2	0	0.00%
Environmental Protection	3	0	0.00%
Animals	5	0	0.00%
Foreign Trade and International Finance	1	0	0.00%
Agriculture & Food	4	0	0.00%

[Congress.gov, accessed [1/24/24](#)]

NOTE: Table updated as of January 24, 2024.

D'Esposito Co-Sponsored 40 Bills With Fewer Than 10 Other Members

D'Esposito Co-Sponsorships With Fewer Than 10 Other Members				
Date Intro.	Bill #	Title	Sponsor	# of Cosponsors
1/17/2024	H.R. 7016	To establish a grant program for innovative partnerships among teacher preparation programs, local educational agencies, and community-based organizations to expand access to high-quality tutoring in hard-to-staff schools and high-need schools, and for other purposes.	Lee, Susie [Rep.-D-NV-3]	2
1/11/2024	H.R. 6973	COPS on the Beat Grant Program Reauthorization and Parity Act of 2024	LaLota, Nick [Rep.-R-NY-1]	5
1/10/2024	H.R. 6929	Affordable Connectivity Program Extension Act of 2024	Clarke, Yvette D. [Rep.-D-NY-9]	7
12/19/2023	H.R. 6876	CTPAT Pilot Program Act of 2023	Slotkin, Elissa [Rep.-D-MI-7]	4
12/5/2023	H.R. 6598	To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 298 Route 292 in Holmes, New York, as the "Sheriff Adrian 'Butch' Anderson Post Office Building".	Lawler, Michael [Rep.-R-NY-17]	6
12/4/2023	H.R. 6579	Congressional Pension Accountability Act	Nunn, Zachary [Rep.-R-IA-3]	4
11/2/2023	H.R. 6174	DHS Biodetection Improvement Act	Strong, Dale W. [Rep.-R-AL-5]	4
11/1/2023	H.R. 6144	Combatting Fentanyl Poisonings Act of 2023	Garcia, Mike [Rep.-R-CA-27]	8
10/30/2023	H.R. 6123	To prohibit the Secretary of State from requiring United States citizens who is evacuated by the Department of State or for which the Department of State provides government assisted departure from a crisis situation abroad to pay for the costs associated with such evacuation or departure.	Palmer, Gary J. [Rep.-R-AL-6]	6
10/25/2023	H.R. 6055	Schools Want Accountability for Threats Act	Lawler, Michael [Rep.-R-NY-17]	7
10/12/2023	H.R. 5954	Finger Lakes National Heritage Area Act	Tenney, Claudia [Rep.-R-NY-24]	6
9/28/2023	H.R. 5798	Protecting Our Nation's Capital Emergency Act of 2023	Garbarino, Andrew R. [Rep.-R-NY-2]	6
9/13/2023	H.R. 5441	Long Island Sound Restoration and Stewardship Reauthorization Act of 2023	LaLota, Nick [Rep.-R-NY-1]	5
9/8/2023	H.Res. 670	Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that all 50 States should include the events of the September 11th terrorist attacks in the curriculum of elementary and secondary schools so that people in the United States may never forget that fateful day.	Garbarino, Andrew R. [Rep.-R-NY-2]	7

8/15/2023	H.R. 5212	Firefighter Investments to Recognize Exposure to Cancer Act of 2023	Gottheimer, Josh [Rep.-D-NJ-5]	4
8/11/2023	H.R. 5184	School Security Enhancement Act	Carter, John R. [Rep.-R-TX-31]	6
7/27/2023	H.R. 4989	Healthy Babies Act of 2023	De La Cruz, Monica [Rep.-R-TX-15]	3
7/20/2023	H.R. 4795	Fentanyl Kills Act	Lawler, Michael [Rep.-R-NY-17]	4
7/18/2023	H.R. 4710	POST FAST Act of 2023	Green, Mark E. [Rep.-R-TN-7]	5
7/6/2023	H.Res. 576	Recognizing that allowing illegal immigrants and noncitizens the right to vote devalues the franchise and diminishes the voting power of United States citizens.	Malliotakis, Nicole [Rep.-R-NY-11]	2
6/30/2023	H.R. 4408	Promising Pathway Act	Gallagher, Mike [Rep.-R-WI-8]	9
6/27/2023	H.R. 4376	Brianna Lieneck Boating Safety Act of 2023	Garbarino, Andrew R. [Rep.-R-NY-2]	2
6/23/2023	H.R. 4349	Preserving Local Medicaid Access Act of 2023	Lawler, Michael [Rep.-R-NY-17]	1
6/22/2023	H.R. 4305	Shelter Act	Salazar, Maria Elvira [Rep.-R-FL-27]	6
6/21/2023	H.R. 4259	Think Differently about Education Act of 2023	Molinaro, Marcus J. [Rep.-R-NY-19]	7
6/15/2023	H.R. 4164	Protecting UACs Through Enhanced Sponsor Vetting Act of 2023	Garbarino, Andrew R. [Rep.-R-NY-2]	2
6/9/2023	H.R. 3941	Schools Not Shelters Act	Molinaro, Marcus J. [Rep.-R-NY-19]	6
6/1/2023	H.R. 3783	Mink VIRUS Act	Espallat, Adriano [Rep.-D-NY-13]	3
5/25/2023	H.R. 3711	Schools Not Shelters Act	Molinaro, Marcus J. [Rep.-R-NY-19]	4
5/15/2023	H.R. 3317	Rolling Stock Protection Act	Crawford, Eric A. "Rick" [Rep.-R-AR-1]	7
5/9/2023	H.R. 3164	Protecting Young Minds Online Act	Steil, Bryan [Rep.-R-WI-1]	3
5/5/2023	H.R. 3098	SALT Fairness and Deficit Reduction Act	LaLota, Nick [Rep.-R-NY-1]	3
5/5/2023	H.Con.Res. 40	Expressing support for local law enforcement officers and condemning efforts to defund or dismantle local law enforcement agencies.	Buck, Ken [Rep.-R-CO-4]	3
3/29/2023	H.R. 2382	September 11 Day of Remembrance Act	Lawler, Michael [Rep.-R-NY-17]	5
3/21/2023	H.Res. 239	Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that offshore wind projects along the Atlantic coast require more comprehensive investigations examining the impact to the environment, relevant maritime industries, and national defense before being leased or constructed.	Van Drew, Jefferson [Rep.-R-NJ-2]	5
3/14/2023	H.R. 1584	Plum Island National Monument Act	LaLota, Nick [Rep.-R-NY-1]	5
3/3/2023	H.R. 1355	Defund Heroin Injection Centers Act of 2023	Malliotakis, Nicole [Rep.-R-NY-11]	3
2/21/2023	H.R. 1125	STUDENT Act	Feenstra, Randy [Rep.-R-IA-4]	8

2/8/2023	H.R. 875	Protecting Social Security and Medicare Act	James, John [Rep.-R-MI-10]	3
1/12/2023	H.R. 339	SALT Marriage Penalty Elimination Act	Lawler, Michael [Rep.-R-NY-17]	5

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D'Esposito Co-Sponsored 48 Bills With Democratic Sponsors

As Of January 2024, D'Esposito Cosponsored 48 Bills (21.91%) Sponsored By A Democrat. [Congress.gov, accessed [1/24/24](#)]

D'Esposito Co-Sponsorships With Democratic Sponsor			
	# of Co-sponsorships	# With Dem Sponsor	% With Dem Sponsor
118th Congress (2023 - 2024)	219	48	21.91%
TOTAL			

[Congress.gov, accessed [1/24/24](#)]

Appendix VI – Office Expenditures

Career

D'Esposito Office Expenditures – Career							
	Personnel Compensation	Travel	Rent, Comms., Utilities	Other Services	Equipment	Food	Lodging
2023	\$921,327.35	\$85,265.32	\$89,323.72	\$18,320.00	\$ 17,039.88	\$3,996.26	\$17,757.89
Career	\$921,327.35	\$85,265.32	\$89,323.72	\$18,320.00	\$ 17,039.88	\$3,996.26	\$17,757.89

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Personal Reimbursements To D'Esposito		
Year	Personal Reimbursements To D'Esposito	Subject
2023	\$24,936.50	Private Auto Mileage, Meals, Lodging, Food and Beverage, Taxi/Ride Share
TOTAL	\$24,936.50	N/A

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D'Esposito Office Expenditures- 2023							
	Personnel Compensation	Travel	Rent, Comms., Utilities	Printing	Other Services	Supplies and Materials	Equipment
Q1	\$276,784.21	\$14,153.89	\$19,128.89	\$4,694.76	\$7,127.90	\$4,099.50	\$2,909.15
Q2	\$328,266.69	\$34,700.04	\$27,644.77	\$38,937.06	\$6,000.00	\$8,252.33	\$13,695.73
Q3	\$316,276.45	\$36,411.39	\$42,550.06	\$34,012.60	\$5,192.10	\$13,692.46	\$435.00
TOTAL	\$921,327.35	\$85,265.32	\$89,323.72	\$77,644.42	\$18,320.00	\$26,044.29	\$ 17,039.88

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D'Esposito Office Expenditures – 2023 Personal Reimbursements					
Quarter	Payee	Description	Voucher #	Date	Amount
Q1	D'Esposito	Meals	X0054955	2/28/23 - 2/28/23	\$13.95
Q1	D'Esposito	Meals	X0053191	1/30/23-1/30/23	\$13.45
Q1	D'Esposito	Meals	X0053191	2/1/23-2/1/23	\$13.25
Q1	D'Esposito	Meals	X0053238	1/26/23-1/26/23	\$10.21
Q1	D'Esposito	Meals	X0053238	2/23/23-2/23/23	\$13.98
Q1	D'Esposito	Meals	X0053534	2/28/23-2/28/23	\$7.32
Q1	D'Esposito	Meals	X0054958	3/2/23-3/2/23	\$2.67

Q1	D'Esposito	Meals	X0056055	1/25/23-1/25/23	\$63.90
Q1	D'Esposito	Meals	X0055471	3/2/23-3/2/23	\$60.75
Q1	D'Esposito	Meals	X0058822	3/10/23-3/10/23	\$13.74
Q1	D'Esposito	Meals	X0060514	3/24/23-0/24/23	\$7.32
Q1	D'Esposito	Meals	X0060514	3/27/23-3/27/23	\$38.41
Q1	D'Esposito	Lodging	X0053246	2/24/23 - 2/25/23	\$501.89
Q1	D'Esposito	Taxi/Ride share	X0047590	1/3/23 - 1/3/23	\$28.98
Q1	D'Esposito	Taxi/Ride share	X0047590	1/4/23 - 1/4/23	\$11.61
Q1	D'Esposito	Taxi/Ride share	X0047590	1/5/23 - 1/5/23	\$52.29
Q1	D'Esposito	Taxi/Ride share	X0047590	1/6/23 - 1/6/23	\$8.31
Q1	D'Esposito	Food & Beverage	X0055851	3/6/23 - 3/6/23	\$89.05
Q2	D'Esposito	Meals	X0053264	2/26/23-2/26/23	\$241.56
Q2	D'Esposito	Meals	01663292	4/1/23-4/30/23	\$711.00
Q2	D'Esposito	Lodging	01655092	1/1/23 - 1/31/23	\$2,820.00
Q2	D'Esposito	Lodging	01655173	2/1/23 - 2/28/23	\$1,880.00
Q2	D'Esposito	Lodging	01655255	3/1/23 - 3/31/23	\$3,354.00
Q2	D'Esposito	Lodging	01663292	4/1/23 - 4/30/23	\$2,064.00
Q2	D'Esposito	Private Auto Mileage	X0075341	1/25/23 - 5/24/23	\$919.88
Q3	D'Esposito	Private Auto Mileage	X0087082	1/8/23 - 3/18/23	\$870.22
Q3	D'Esposito	Private Auto Mileage	X0087681	3/19/23 - 6/30/23	\$1,202.01
Q3	D'Esposito	Meals	01679031	5/1/23 - 5/31/23	\$888.75
Q3	D'Esposito	Meals	01679155	6/1/23 - 6/30/23	\$987.50
Q3	D'Esposito	Meals	01686848	7/1/23 - 7/31/23	\$908.50
Q3	D'Esposito	Lodging	01679031	5/1/23 - 5/31/23	\$2,580.00
Q3	D'Esposito	Lodging	01679155	6/1/23 - 6/30/23	\$2,838.00
Q3	D'Esposito	Lodging	01686848	7/1/23 - 7/31/23	\$1,720.00
TOTAL:					\$24,936.50

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Appendix VII – Travel Expenditures

Official Foreign Travel Expenditures

D'Esposito Spent \$1,442.44 On Taxpayer Funded Travel To Two Countries

NOTE: Does not include MECEA fund travel.

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D'Esposito Travelled To Two Countries From Taxpayer Funds

D'Esposito Travelled To Jordan And Israel From Taxpayer Funds. According to Congressional Foreign Travel Reports, D'Esposito travelled to Israel and Jordan using taxpayer funds. [Congressional Foreign Travel Reports, filed 6/27/23, accessed [12/1/23](#)]

D'Esposito Official Foreign Travel Expenditures				
Dates	Destination	Per Diem Cost	Transportation	Total Cost
4/29/23 - 4/30/23	Jordan	\$264.44	Military	\$264.44
4/30/23 – 5/2/23	Israel	\$1,178.00	Military	\$1,178.00
			TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$1,442.44

[Congressional Foreign Travel Reports, filed 6/27/23, accessed [12/1/23](#)]

May 2023: D'Esposito Said He Visited Israel To Celebrate The Country's 75th Anniversary

May 2023: D'Esposito Said He Visited Israel As Part Of A Congressional Delegation To Celebrate The Country's 75th Anniversary. “Congressman Anthony D'Esposito explained in an exclusive interview with 5TJT why, mere months after his victory and role in the Nassau County Red Wave, he hopped on a 10-hour flight to Israel for a three-day whirlwind diplomatic tour as part of a 20-person bipartisan Congressional Delegation (CODEL). Speaker of the House Kevin McCarthy formed this delegation to celebrate the 75th anniversary of Israel's independence. He received an invite to address the Knesset, the second Speaker to ever do so.” [5 Towns Jewish Times, [5/10/23](#)]

May 2023: D'Esposito Said He Met With The King Of Jordan And Assured Him Of Congressional Support Of America's Allies In The Middle East

May 2023: D'Esposito Said He Had Dinner With The King Of Jordan And Said “Regardless Of What He Hears From The Administration, Members Of Congress Support Allies In The Middle East.” “Congressman D'Esposito reports that they landed in Jordan, visited Petra, and had dinner with King Abdullah II of Jordan. ‘We discussed his work with allies to reach peace. He is intense and well-versed in international politics and foreign policy. It was a productive meeting. He was very appreciative of this delegation extending that hand. Regardless of what he hears from the administration, members of Congress support allies in the Middle East.’” [5 Towns Jewish Times, [5/10/23](#)]

D'Esposito Private Travel Expenditures**D'Esposito's Staff Received \$796.64 Worth Of Special Interests Funded Travel****D'Esposito's Staff Received \$796.64 Worth Of Special Interest Funded Travel**

August 2023: D'Esposito's Senior Legislative Assistant, Lindsay Taylor Mosely, Was Sponsored By St. Louis AgriBusiness Club For A Visit To St. Louis.

D'Esposito's Staff Private Travel Expenditures									
Dates	Staff Member	Most Recent Position	Destination	Sponsor	Transportation	Lodging	Meals	Other Expense	Total Cost
8/23/23-8/25/23	Lindsey Taylor Mosley	Senior Legislative Assistant	St. Louis	St. Louis AgriBusiness Club	\$394.29	\$243.58	\$158.77	\$0.00	\$796.64
TOTAL EXPENDITURES									\$796.64

[LegiStorm, Rep. Anthony D'Esposito, accessed [12/1/23](#)]

Appendix IX –Votes - 118th Congress

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Abortion & Women's Health Issues

D'Esposito Voted Against Instructing Members To Disagree With Repealing An Amendment In FY 2024 Defense Authorization That Ensured Reproductive Health Care Access For Military Members. In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Houlahan, D-Pa., motion to instruct conferees on the part of the House to disagree to section 716, which would repeal an October 2022 Defense Department memorandum concerning traveling for reproductive health care.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 205-214. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #400](#), 9/20/23; CQ, [9/20/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Prohibit The Defense Department From Paying For Expenses Related To Abortion Services. In July 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Jackson, R-Texas, amendment no. 5 that would repeal a 2022 Defense Department memorandum regarding access to reproductive health care and prohibit the department from paying for or reimbursing expenses relating to abortion services.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 221-213. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #300](#), 7/13/23; CQ, [7/13/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For Condemning Attacks On Pro-Life Facilities, Groups, And Churches And Calling On The Administration To Protect The Entities' Rights. In January 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Agreement to the concurrent resolution that would state that Congress condemns attacks of vandalism, violence and destruction against pro-life facilities, groups and churches and recognizes ‘the sanctity of life and the important role that [such entities] play in supporting pregnant women, infants and families.’ It would also call on the Biden administration to use all appropriate law enforcement authorities to protect the rights of such entities.” The bill passed by a vote of 222-209. [H.Con.Res. 3, [Vote #30](#), 1/11/23; CQ, [1/11/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For The Born Alive-Survivors Protection Act To Require Health Care Practitioners To Provide Medical Care To Children “Born Alive” After An Abortion Or Attempted Abortion. In January 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Passage of the bill that would require health care practitioners to provide the same care to a child that is ‘born alive’ after an abortion or attempted abortion as they would for a child born at the same gestational age and to ensure the child is immediately transported and admitted to a hospital; require hospital and clinic practitioners and employees to report any knowledge of failures to provide such care; and impose criminal fines and penalties for failures to meet these requirements. It would state that a child born alive under these conditions is a legal person under U.S. law, entitled to the protections of U.S. law, and it would specifically make any act that kills or attempts to kill such a child punishable as murder or attempted murder. The bill would also prohibit the prosecution of the mother of a child born alive after an abortion or attempted abortion and permit such mothers to seek relief through civil action against any person who violates the bill’s requirements, including monetary and punitive damages.” The bill passed by a vote of 220-210. [H.R. 26, [Vote #29](#), 1/11/23; CQ, [1/11/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Voted Against A Motion To Recommit The Born-Alive Survivors Protection Act To Committee.** In January 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “DeGette, D-Colo., motion to recommit the bill that would require medical professionals to provide medical care for children who are born alive during an attempted abortion procedure to the House Judiciary Committee.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 212-219. [H.R. 26, [Vote #28](#), 1/11/23; CQ, [1/11/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The Women's Health Protection Act. In January 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Cole, R-Okla., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Congressional Record, Rep. McGovern said, “Mr. Speaker, if we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to bring up the Women's Health Protection Act.” **A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the bill.** The motion was agreed to by a vote of 211-205. [H. Res. 5, [Vote #21](#), 1/9/23; CQ, [1/9/23](#); Congressional Record, [1/9/23](#)]

Agriculture, Animal, & Food Access Issues

D'Esposito Voted Against Passing Fiscal 2024 Agriculture Appropriations Including Republican Riders. In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Passage of the bill that would provide roughly \$22 billion in discretionary funding in fiscal 2024 for the Agriculture Department and related agencies. The bill would provide \$6.2 billion to the Food and Drug Administration, including \$3 billion in discretionary budget authority and \$3.2 billion in user fees; \$3.4 billion for Agriculture Department rural development activities; \$1.5 billion for the Agricultural Research Service; and \$1 billion for the Food Safety and Inspection Service. It would provide \$122 billion for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, \$32 billion for child nutrition programs, and \$6 billion for the Women, Infants, and Children program. It would direct the USDA to take necessary actions to prohibit the purchase of U.S. agricultural land by non-resident aliens and foreign businesses associated with Russia, North Korea, Iran and China; nullify the FDA's January 2023 rule allowing medical providers to dispense the abortion drug mifepristone without an in-person consultation; prohibit the use of funds for programs that promote critical race theory; and prohibit the use of funds to establish any office of diversity, equity and inclusion, among other policy provisions. As amended, the bill would prohibit the use of funds for carrying out various Biden administration executive orders related to climate change and sex discrimination, finalizing regulations that result in an annual effect on the economy of \$100 million or more, implementing the USDA COVID-19 workplace safety policy, or for any operations of the Civilian Climate Corps, among other restrictions. It also would reduce the salary of Deputy Undersecretary of Agriculture for Food and Nutrition Service Stacy Dean to \$1." The bill was rejected by a vote of 191-237. [H.R. 4368, [Vote #507](#), 9/28/23; CQ, [9/28/23](#)]

- **The Agriculture Appropriations Bill Included A Provision To Ban Mifepristone From Being Sold In Retail Pharmacies Or By Mail.** "A provision in the legislation would nullify a Biden administration rule allowing mifepristone to be sold in retail pharmacies and by mail with prescriptions from a certified health care provider." [Fox 59, [9/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce The Office Of Civil Rights Funding By \$3.8 Million And Transfer The Savings To The Spending Reduction Account.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Good, R-Va., amendment no. 24 that would reduce by \$3.8 million funding for the Office of Civil Rights and transfer the savings to the spending reduction account." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 175-254. [H.R. 4368, [Vote #408](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce The National Agricultural Statistics Service Funding By \$13 Million And Transfer The Savings To The Spending Reduction Account.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Biggs, R-Ariz., amendment no. 29 that would reduce by \$13 million funding for the National Agricultural Statistics Service and transfer the savings to the spending reduction account." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 119-307. [H.R. 4368, [Vote #409](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce The National Institute Of Food And Agriculture Research Funding By \$157 Million And Transfer The Savings To The Spending Reduction Account.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Biggs, R-Ariz., amendment no. 33 that would reduce by \$157 million funding for National Institute of Food and Agriculture research and education activities and transfer the savings to the spending reduction account." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 106-323. [H.R. 4368, [Vote #410](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce The Natural Resources Conservation Service Funding By \$60 Million And Transfer The Savings To The Spending Reduction Account.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Brecheen, R-Okla., amendment no. 41 that would reduce by \$60 million funding for the Natural Resources Conservation Service and transfer the savings to the

spending reduction account.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 86-343. [H.R. 4368, [Vote #411](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce The Rural Housing Service Rental Assistance Program Funding By \$1.61 Billion And Transfer The Savings To The Spending Reduction Account.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Brecheen, R-Okla., amendment no. 43 that would reduce by \$1.61 billion funding for the Rural Housing Service Rental Assistance Program and transfer the savings to the spending reduction account.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 89-341. [H.R. 4368, [Vote #412](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce The Rural Business-Cooperative Service Rural Business Program Funding By \$25 Million And Transfer The Savings To The Spending Reduction Account.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Perry, R-Pa., amendment no. 45 that would reduce by \$25 million funding for the Rural Business-Cooperative Service Rural Business Program account and transfer the savings to the spending reduction account.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 68-362. [H.R. 4368, [Vote #413](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce The Food For Peace Title II Grants Funding By \$1.7 Billion And Transfer The Savings To The Spending Reduction Account.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Biggs, R-Ariz., amendment no. 54 that would reduce by \$1.7 billion funding for Food for Peace Title II Grants and transfer the savings to the spending reduction account.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 83-348. [H.R. 4368, [Vote #414](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce The McGovern-Dole International Food For Education Program Funding By \$240 Million And Transfer The Savings To The Spending Reduction Account.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Biggs, R-Ariz., amendment no. 57 that would reduce by \$240 million funding for the McGovern-Dole International Food for Education Program and transfer the savings to the spending reduction account.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 81-350. [H.R. 4368, [Vote #415](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce The Commodity Futures Trading Commission Funding By \$77 Million And Transfer The Savings To The Spending Reduction Account.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Biggs, R-Ariz., amendment no. 61 that would reduce by \$77 million funding for the Commodity Futures Trading Commission and transfer the savings to the spending reduction account.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 105-325. [H.R. 4368, [Vote #416](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Prohibit Funds From The Bill From Being Used For Programs Established Under A Commodity Promotion Law.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Spartz, R-Ind., amendment no. 76 that would prohibit the use of funds provided by the bill to carry out any programs established under a commodity promotion law.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 49-377. [H.R. 4368, [Vote #417](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Prohibit The Use Of Funds From The Bill For The Agriculture Department's Equity Commission.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Boebert, R-Colo., amendment no. 79 that would prohibit the use of funds provided by the bill for the Agriculture Department's Equity Commission.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 210-216. [H.R. 4368, [Vote #418](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Prohibit Funds From The Bill From Being Used To Mandate Electronic Ear Tags For Cattle And Bison.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Hageman, R-Wyo., amendment no. 83 that would prohibit the use of funds provided by the bill to mandate

electronic identification ear tags for cattle and bison.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 97-336. [H.R. 4368, [Vote #419](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce The Research Director Of The Food And Drug Administration's Center For Drug Evaluation To \$1.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Good, R-Va., amendment no. 85 that would reduce to \$1 the salary of the Food and Drug Administration's Center for Drug Evaluation and Research Director Patricia Cavazzoni.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 152-278. [H.R. 4368, [Vote #420](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Prohibit The Agriculture Department From Using Funds For “Woke” Courses, Books, And Study Guides.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Boebert, R-Colo., amendment no. 89 that would prohibit the Agriculture Department from using any funds provided by the bill for ‘woke’ courses, books and study guides.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 217-214. [H.R. 4368, [Vote #421](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce The Salary Of The Food And Drug Administration's Office Of Surveillance And Epidemiology Director To \$1.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Good, R-Va., amendment no. 90 that would reduce the salary of the Food and Drug Administration's Director of the Office of Surveillance and Epidemiology Gerald Dal Pan to \$1.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 158-272. [H.R. 4368, [Vote #422](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce The Salary Of The Food And Drug Administration's Division Of Risk Management Director To \$1.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Good, R-Va., amendment no. 91 that would reduce the salary of the Food and Drug Administration's Director of the Division of Risk Management Cynthia LaCivita to \$1.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 159-272. [H.R. 4368, [Vote #423](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce The Salary Of The Food And Drug Administration's Office Of New Drugs Director To \$1.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Good, R-Va., amendment no. 92 that would reduce the salary of the Food and Drug Administration's Director of the Office of New Drugs Peter P. Stein to \$1.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 156-273. [H.R. 4368, [Vote #424](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce The Salary Of The Food And Drug Administration's Office Of Compliance Director To \$1.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Good, R-Va., amendment no. 93 that would reduce the salary of the Food and Drug Administration's Director of the Office of Compliance Jill Furman to \$1.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 161-270. [H.R. 4368, [Vote #425](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce The Salary Of The Food And Drug Administration's Office Of Medical Policy Director To \$1.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Good, R-Va., amendment no. 94 that would reduce the salary of the Food and Drug Administration's Director of the Office of Medical Policy M. Khair ElZarrad to \$1.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 160-271. [H.R. 4368, [Vote #426](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce The Salary Of The Food And Drug Administration's Office Of Regulatory Policy Director To \$1.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Good, R-Va., amendment no. 95 that would reduce the salary of the Food and Drug Administration's Director of the Office of Regulatory Policy Elizabeth Jungman to \$1.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 163-267. [H.R. 4368, [Vote #427](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Prohibit The Use Of Bill Funds For The Farm To School Network Racial Equity Learning Lab.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Stauber, R-Minn.,

amendment no. 99 that would prohibit the use of funds provided by the bill to fund the Farm to School Network Racial Equity Learning Lab.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 217-216. [H.R. 4368, [Vote #428](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]

- **D’Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Prohibit The Use Of Bill Funds To Implement The January 2021 Executive Order On Climate Change.** In September 2023, D’Esposito voted for: “Miller, R-Ill., amendment no. 101 that would prohibit the use of funds provided by the bill to implement or enforce the executive order issued in January 2021 on climate change.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 217-216. [H.R. 4368, [Vote #429](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]
- **The January 2021 Executive Order On Climate Change “Place[d] The Climate Crisis At The Forefront Of Foreign Policy And National Security Planning.”** “Executive Order 14008, of January 27, 2021, places the climate crisis at the forefront of foreign policy and national security planning. ‘The United States will work with other countries and partners, both bilaterally and multilaterally, to put the world on a sustainable climate pathway. The United States will also move quickly to build resilience, both at home and abroad, against the impacts of climate change that are already manifest and will continue to intensify according to current trajectories.’” [Department of Energy, [1/27/21](#)]
- **D’Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce Funding Provided By The Bill By \$717 Million.** In September 2023, D’Esposito voted against: “Rosendale, R-Mont., amendment no. 102 that would reduce the total funding provided by the bill by \$717 million.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 71-362. [H.R. 4368, [Vote #430](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]
- **D’Esposito Voted Against Recommitting FY 2024 Agriculture Appropriations To The House Appropriations Committee.** In September 2023, D’Esposito voted against: “Budzinski, D-Ill., motion to recommit the bill to the House Appropriations Committee.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 211-217. [H.R. 4368, [Vote #506](#), 9/28/23; CQ, [9/28/23](#)]

D’Esposito Voted For A Joint Resolution Disapproving Of Designating The Lesser Prairie Chicken As Endangered. In July 2023, D’Esposito voted for: “Passage of the joint resolution that would provide for congressional disapproval of the December 2022 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service rule that established protections for the lesser prairie chicken under the Endangered Species Act, designating the southern population segment of the species as “endangered” and the northern population segment as “threatened.” The rule took effect on March 27, 2023. Under the provisions of the joint resolution, the Fish and Wildlife Service rule would have no force or effect.” The bill passed by a vote of 221-206. [S.J. Res. 9, [Vote #381](#), 7/27/23; CQ, [7/27/23](#)]

- **D’Esposito Voted For Considering The Military Construction-VA Appropriations Bill, A Joint Resolution Disapproving Of A Rule Related To The Lesser Prairie Chicken, And A Joint Resolution Disapproving Of Designating The Northern Long-Eared Bat As Endangered.** In July 2023, D’Esposito voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 614), as amended, that would provide for floor consideration of the Military Construction-VA appropriations bill (HR 4366), the joint resolution (S J Res 9) providing for congressional disapproval of a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service rule related to the lesser prairie chicken and the joint resolution (S J Res 24) providing for congressional disapproval of an FWS rule designating the northern long-eared bat as an endangered species. The rule would provide for up to one hour of general debate on each bill and make in order 41 amendments to HR 4366.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 217-206. [H.Res. 614, [Vote #368](#), 7/26/23; CQ, [7/26/23](#)]

D’Esposito Voted For A Joint Resolution Disapproving Of Designating The Northern Long-Eared Bat As Endangered. In July 2023, D’Esposito voted for: “Passage of the joint resolution that would provide for congressional disapproval of the November 2022 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service rule that increased protections for the northern long-eared bat under the Endangered Species Act, changing its classification from “threatened” to “endangered.” The rule took effect on Jan. 30, 2023. Under the provisions of the joint resolution, the U.S. Fish and

Wildlife Service rule would have no force or effect.” The bill passed by a vote of 220-209. [S.J. Res. 24, [Vote #382](#), 7/27/23; CQ, [7/27/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Voted For Considering The Military Construction-VA Appropriations Bill, A Joint Resolution Disapproving Of A Rule Related To The Lesser Prairie Chicken, And A Joint Resolution Disapproving Of Designating The Northern Long-Eared Bat As Endangered.** In July 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 614), as amended, that would provide for floor consideration of the Military Construction-VA appropriations bill (HR 4366), the joint resolution (S J Res 9) providing for congressional disapproval of a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service rule related to the lesser prairie chicken and the joint resolution (S J Res 24) providing for congressional disapproval of an FWS rule designating the northern long-eared bat as an endangered species. The rule would provide for up to one hour of general debate on each bill and make in order 41 amendments to HR 4366.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 217-206. [H.Res. 614, [Vote #368](#), 7/26/23; CQ, [7/26/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Prohibit Defense Department Land From Being Designated As A “Critical Habitat” Under The Endangered Species Act. In July 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Biggs, R-Ariz., amendment no. 55 that would prohibit, under the Endangered Species Act, a ‘critical habitat’ designation for any military installation or other Defense Department land necessary for military purposes.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 193-237. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #322](#), 7/13/23; CQ, [7/13/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For Requiring The Federal Communications Commission To Review Its Rules Relating To Satellite Services To Determine Potential Rule Changes To Promote Precision Agriculture. In April 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Latta, R-Ohio, motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would require the Federal Communications Commission, in consultation with its task force on the connectivity and technology needs of precision agriculture, to review its rules relating to fixed, mobile and earth exploration satellite services to determine if there are any rule changes the FCC could implement under existing authority to promote precision agriculture. It would require the FCC, within 15 months of enactment, to report to Congress on the findings of its review and recommendations for implementing such rule changes, if any.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 409-11. [H.R. 1339, [Vote #200](#), 4/26/23; CQ, [4/26/23](#)]

Budget Issues

D'Esposito Voted For Passing FY 2024 Interior And Environment Appropriations With Republican Riders. In November 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would provide \$37.7 billion in discretionary spending, including \$25.4 billion subject to the measure's discretionary cap and \$9.4 billion offset by rescissions. It would provide \$14.6 billion for the Interior Department, including \$3 billion for the National Park Service; \$1.5 billion for the Fish and Wildlife Service; \$1.3 billion for the U.S. Geological Survey; and \$1.3 billion for the Bureau of Land Management. It would provide approximately \$11.2 billion for Native American programs in fiscal 2024, including \$2.6 billion for the Bureau of Indian Affairs, \$1.4 billion for the Bureau of Indian Education and \$7.1 billion for the Health and Human Services Department's Indian Health Service (an IHS total that includes \$5.1 billion in advance appropriations enacted in the fiscal 2023 spending measure). The bill would provide an additional \$5.9 billion in fiscal 2025 advance appropriations for IHS. The bill would provide \$6.2 billion for the EPA, which includes \$2.4 billion for environmental programs and management and \$561 million for science and technology. It would provide \$8 billion for the Forest Service, including \$4.4 billion for wildfire management and response. Between the Forest Service and Interior Department, it would provide \$619 million for wildfire preparedness and \$1.4 billion for fire suppression activities. The bill would also provide \$960 million for the Smithsonian Institution; \$178 million for the National Gallery of Art; and \$373 million combined for the National Endowment for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Humanities. Among its policy provisions, it would prohibit the use of funds to promote “critical race theory”; block a January 2023 EPA and Army Corps of Engineers rule on the definition of “Waters of the United States”; prohibit the EPA from issuing a waiver to allow California to issue its own emissions standards for small off-road vehicle engines; require the Interior Department to conduct quarterly onshore oil and gas lease sales; and prohibit the use of funds to implement certain regulations under the Endangered Species Act, including protections for the lesser prairie-chicken and the northern long-eared bat. It

would rescind \$9.4 billion in funding for the EPA, Interior Department and Council on Environmental Quality provided under the fiscal 2022 budget reconciliation bill (PL 117-169), including \$7.8 billion for renewable energy projects and \$1.4 billion for environmental and climate justice projects. As amended, the bill would bar the use of funds provided by the bill for the American Climate Corps; prohibit the use of funds provided by the bill to enforce any COVID-19 mask mandates; bar the use of funds provided by the bill to implement, administer, apply, enforce or carry out any plastic straw prohibitions; prohibit the use of funds provided by the bill for the cancellation or suspension of oil and gas leases in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge or the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska; and prohibit the use of funds provided by the bill to reduce the number of oil and gas leases issued by the Interior Department, among other provisions.” The bill passed by a vote of 213-203. [H.R. 4821, [Vote #597](#), 11/3/23; CQ, [11/3/23](#)]

- **D’Esposito Voted Against Recommitting FY 2024 Interior And Environment Appropriations To Committee.** In November 2023, D’Esposito voted against: “Leger Fernandez, D-N.M., motion to recommit the bill to the House Appropriations Committee.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 201-215. [H.R. 4821, [Vote #596](#), 11/3/23; CQ, [11/3/23](#)]
- **D’Esposito Voted For Prohibiting Using Funds For Executive Orders On Climate Change.** In November 2023, D’Esposito voted for: “Roy, R-Texas, amendment no. 127 that would prohibit the use of any funds provided by the bill to implement a series of Biden administration executive orders (Executive Order nos. 13990, 14008, 14013, 14030, 14057, 14082 and 14096) related to climate concerns.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 208-207. [H.R. 4821, [Vote #595](#), 11/3/23; CQ, [11/3/23](#)]
- **D’Esposito Voted For Prohibiting Using Funds For Environmental Justice Activities.** In November 2023, D’Esposito voted for: “Roy, R-Texas, amendment no. 126 that would bar the use of funds provided by the bill from being used for environmental justice activities.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 212-204 [H.R. 4821, [Vote #594](#), 11/3/23; CQ, [11/3/23](#)]
- **D’Esposito Voted For Prohibiting Using Funds For Oil And Gas Royalty Enforcements From The Inflation Reduction Act.** In November 2023, D’Esposito voted for: “Ogles, R-Tenn., amendment no. 120 that would prohibit the use of funds provided by the bill to implement, administer or enforce a section of the Inflation Reduction Act (PL 117-169) related to increasing onshore oil and gas royalty rates, minimum bid requirements and rental fees.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 213-204. [H.R. 4821, [Vote #593](#), 11/3/23; CQ, [11/3/23](#)]
- **D’Esposito Voted Against Prohibiting Using Funds To Implement New National Monument Declarations By The President.** In November 2023, D’Esposito voted against: “Ogles, R-Tenn., amendment no. 116 that would prohibit the use of funds provided by the bill to implement new national monument declarations by the president.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 175-244. [H.R. 4821, [Vote #592](#), 11/2/23; CQ, [11/2/23](#)]
- **D’Esposito Voted For Reducing Interior Secretary Deb Haaland’s Salary To \$1.** In November 2023, D’Esposito voted for: “Norman, R-S.C., amendment no. 115 that would reduce Interior Secretary Deb Haaland’s salary to \$1.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 156-263. [H.R. 4821, [Vote #591](#), 11/2/23; CQ, [11/2/23](#)]
- **D’Esposito Voted For Reducing EPA Administrator Michael S. Regan’s Salary To \$1.** In November 2023, D’Esposito voted for: “Norman, R-S.C., amendment no. 113 that would reduce EPA Administrator Michael S. Regan’s salary to \$1.” The resolution was rejected by a vote of 179-213. [H.R. 4821, [Vote #590](#), 11/2/23; CQ, [11/2/23](#)]
- **D’Esposito Voted For Reducing Bureau of Land Management Director Tracy Stone-Manning’s Salary To \$1.** In November 2023, D’Esposito voted for: “Norman, R-S.C., amendment no. 112 that would reduce Bureau of Land Management Director Tracy Stone-Manning’s salary to \$1.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 159-259. [H.R. 4821, [Vote #589](#), 11/2/23; CQ, [11/2/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Voted For Defunding The Interior Department's Office Of Diversity, Inclusion And Civil Rights.** In November 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Norman, R-S.C., amendment no. 110 that would bar the use of funds provided by the bill for the Interior Department's Office of Diversity, Inclusion and Civil Rights." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 207-213. [H.R. 4821, [Vote #588](#), 11/2/23; CQ, [11/2/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For Defunding The EPA's Clean School Bus Program.** In November 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Nehls, R-Texas, amendment no. 107 that would prohibit the use of funds provided by the bill for the EPA's Clean School Bus Program." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 196-222. [H.R. 4821, [Vote #587](#), 11/2/23; CQ, [11/2/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against Reducing Deputy Assistant EPA Administrator For Pesticide Programs Ya-Wei Li's Salary To \$1.** In November 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Miller, R-Ill., amendment no. 103 that would reduce Deputy Assistant EPA Administrator for Pesticide Programs Ya-Wei Li's salary to \$1." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 151-263. [H.R. 4821, [Vote #586](#), 11/2/23; CQ, [11/2/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For Defunding Executive Orders Promoting The Use Of Clean Energy And Environmental Justice.** In November 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "McCormick, R-Ga., amendment no. 102 that would prohibit the use of funds provided by the bill to implement Executive Order 14037, related to strengthening American leadership in clean cars and trucks; EO 14057, related to catalyzing clean energy industries and jobs through federal sustainability; and EO 14096, relating to revitalizing U.S. commitment to environmental justice for all." The amendment was adopted by a vote of 217-202. [H.R. 4821, [Vote #585](#), 11/2/23; CQ, [11/2/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For Reducing Deputy Assistant EPA Administrator For Environmental Justice Matthew Tejada's Salary To \$1.** In November 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "McCormick, R-Ga., amendment no. 101 that would reduce Deputy Assistant EPA Administrator for Environmental Justice Matthew Tejada's salary to \$1." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 166-251. [H.R. 4821, [Vote #584](#), 11/2/23; CQ, [11/2/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For Prohibiting The Use Of Funds To Remove Monuments On Land Controlled By The Interior Department.** In November 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Greene, R-Ga., amendment no. 94 that would prohibit the use of funds provided by the bill to remove any monument on land under the jurisdiction of the Interior Department." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 191-227. [H.R. 4821, [Vote #583](#), 11/2/23; CQ, [11/2/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For Prohibiting The Use Of Funds For An EPA Rule For Air Quality Standards.** In November 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Gosar, R-Ariz., amendment no. 91 that would prohibit the use of funds provided by the bill to finalize, implement or enforce a 2023 proposed EPA rule titled "Reconsideration of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Particulate Matter." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 212-206. [H.R. 4821, [Vote #582](#), 11/2/23; CQ, [11/2/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For Prohibiting The Use Of Funds For An Executive Order To Tackle Climate Change.** In November 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Fulcher, R-Idaho, amendment no. 89 that would prohibit the use of funds provided by the bill to implement, administer, apply, enforce or carry out a section of Executive Order 14008 related to tackling climate change domestically and internationally." The amendment was adopted by a vote of 212-202. [H.R. 4821, [Vote #581](#), 11/2/23; CQ, [11/2/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For Prohibiting The Use Of Funds From Enforcing A Land Order Withdrawing Acres Of Chaco Canyon National Historical Park From Mining And Mineral Leasing.** In November 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Crane, R-Ariz., amendment no. 86 that would prohibit the use of funds provided by the bill to implement, administer or enforce Public Land Order 7923 that withdrew roughly 336,404 acres around

Chaco Culture National Historical Park in New Mexico from mining and mineral leasing.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 191-219. [H.R. 4821, [Vote #580](#), 11/2/23; CQ, [11/2/23](#)]

- **D’Esposito Voted Against Reducing The Council On Environmental Quality Chair Brenda Mallory To \$1.** In November 2023, D’Esposito voted against: “Crane, R-Ariz., amendment no. 85 that would reduce the salary of Council on Environmental Quality Chair Brenda Mallory to \$1.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 161-251. [H.R. 4821, [Vote #579](#), 11/2/23; CQ, [11/2/23](#)]
- **D’Esposito Voted Against Prohibiting Funds For The EPA To Hire New Consultants Or Fellows.** In November 2023, D’Esposito voted against: “Burgess, R-Texas, amendment no. 78 that would prohibit the use of funds provided by the bill for the EPA to hire or pay the salary of any special consultants or fellows who are not already receiving pay as of the bill’s enactment.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 188-237. [H.R. 4821, [Vote #576](#), 11/2/23; CQ, [11/2/23](#)]
- **D’Esposito Voted For Barring Funds To Enforce Rules To Protect Endangered Wildlife, Plants, And Threatened Habitats.** In November 2023, D’Esposito voted for: “Boebert, R-Colo., amendment no. 74 that would bar the use of funds provided by the bill from being used to finalize, implement, administer or enforce the following proposed 2023 rules: --"Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Revision of Regulations for Interagency Cooperation" by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. --"Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Listing Endangered and Threatened Species and Designating Critical Habitat" by FWS and NOAA. --"Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Regulations Pertaining to Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants” by FWS.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 213-212. [H.R. 4821, [Vote #575](#), 11/2/23; CQ, [11/2/23](#)]
- **D’Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Decrease The Bureau Of Ocean Energy Management Director’s Salary To \$1.** In November 2023, D’Esposito voted against: “Boebert, R-Colo., amendment no. 73 that would reduce Bureau of Ocean Energy Management Director Elizabeth Klein’s salary to \$1.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 163-261. [H.R. 4821, [Vote #574](#), 11/2/23; CQ, [11/2/23](#)]
- **D’Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Prohibit Bill Funding For The Environmental Protection Agency To Take Actions Related To Watershed Implementation.** In November 2023, D’Esposito voted against: “Perry, R-Pa., amendment no. 70 that would prohibit funding provided by the bill for the EPA to take any ‘backstop’ actions as described in a December 2009 letter related to watershed implementation.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 180-243. [H.R. 4821, [Vote #573](#), 11/2/23; CQ, [11/2/23](#)]
- **D’Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Prohibit Bill Funding For The U.S. Board On Geographic Names.** In November 2023, D’Esposito voted against: “Harshbarger, R-Tenn., amendment no. 66 that would prohibit the use of funds provided by the bill for the U.S. Board on Geographic Names.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 177-246. [H.R. 4821, [Vote #572](#), 11/2/23; CQ, [11/2/23](#)]
 - **The Board On Geographic Names Renamed Locations Individuals Found Offensive, Including Geographic Names After Confederates.** “In the middle of the 20th century, the BGN also began reviewing petitions from individual citizens to change names that were already standardized on the U.S. map, whether because of a spelling error, a misplaced location, or something more serious—like a name that locals find offensive. [...] The slow drip of requests to change landmarks with Confederate names has surprised Runyon. ‘I confess, I thought I’d have more by now,’ she says. But she suspects that the reason isn’t a lack of desire to remove these names—rather, most people either aren’t familiar with the process for requesting a name change or don’t want to commit to multiple months of waiting.” [Smithsonian Magazine, [8/1/19](#)]
 - **The Board Of Geographic Names Replaced Names That Included Historic Slurs.** “The Department of the Interior today announced the Board on Geographic Names (BGN) has voted on the final replacement names for nearly 650 geographic features featuring the word sq____. The final vote completes the last step

in the historic efforts to remove a term from federal use that has historically been used as an offensive ethnic, racial and sexist slur, particularly for Indigenous women.” [Department of the Interior, Press Releases, [9/8/22](#)]

- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce Bill Funding For The National Endowment For The Humanities By \$186 Million.** In November 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Perry, R-Pa., amendment no. 61 that would strike \$186 million provided by the bill for the National Endowment for the Humanities and transfer the savings to the spending reduction account.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 132-292. [H.R. 4821, [Vote #571](#), 11/2/23; CQ, [11/2/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Decrease Bill Funding For The National Endowment For The Arts By \$186 Million.** In November 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Perry, R-Pa., amendment no. 60 that would strike \$186 million provided by the bill for the National Endowment for the Arts and transfer the savings to the spending reduction account.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 129-292. [H.R. 4821, [Vote #570](#), 11/2/23; CQ, [11/2/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce Council On Environmental Quality Funding By \$3.8 Million.** In November 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Perry, R-Pa., amendment no. 59 that would reduce by \$3.8 million funding for the Council on Environmental Quality and transfer the savings to the spending reduction account.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 166-253. [H.R. 4821, [Vote #569](#), 11/2/23; CQ, [11/2/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Increase National Park Service Construction Funding By \$3.8 Million And Decrease Council On Environmental Quality Funding By The Same Amount.** In November 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Collins, R-Ga., amendment no. 15 that would increase by \$3.8 million funding for National Park Service construction, and decrease funding for the Council on Environmental Quality by the same amount.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 184-239. [H.R. 4821, [Vote #568](#), 11/2/23; CQ, [11/2/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce Bureau Of Land Management Funds By \$590.3 Million.** In November 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Hageman, R-Wyo., amendment no. 2 that would reduce funds made available for the Bureau of Land Management by \$590.3 million.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 144-280. [H.R. 4821, [Vote #567](#), 11/2/23; CQ, [11/2/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For Considering Department Of Transportation Appropriations, Department Of Interior Appropriations, And Israel Security Supplemental Appropriations.** In November 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 838) that would provide for House floor consideration of the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act (HR 4820), the Department of Interior and Environment Appropriations Act (HR 4821) and the Israel Security Supplemental Appropriations Act (HR 6126). The rule would provide up to one hour of debate on each bill. It would make in order 74 amendments to HR 4820 and 131 amendments to HR 4821.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 213-203. [H.Res. 838, [Vote #566](#), 11/2/23; CQ, [11/2/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Stating That The House Would Not Cut Money From Social Security Or Medicare.** In November 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Fishbach, R-Minn, motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Congressional Record, Rep. McGovern said, “Madam Speaker, if we defeat the previous question, I will offer a resolution to state unequivocally that the House won't cut a single cent from these crucial programs that so many of our constituents rely on.” *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the bill.* The motion was rejected by a vote of 213-200. [H.Res. 838, [Vote #565](#), 11/2/23; CQ, [11/2/23](#); Congressional Record, [11/2/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For FY 2024 Appropriations For The Legislative Branch With Republican Riders. In November 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would provide \$5.3 billion for the

House of Representatives, Library of Congress, U.S. Capitol Police and various legislative agencies. It would provide \$781 million for the U.S. Capitol Police, \$844 million for the Library of Congress, \$806 million for the Government Accountability Office and \$65 million for the Congressional Budget Office. It would provide \$8 million for the Office of Congressional Workplace Rights and \$130 million for the Government Publishing Office. Among other provisions, the bill would provide \$1.9 billion for House operations and \$23 million for joint committees and offices. It would provide \$810 million for the members' representational allowances account, and the bill would require any unspent allowance funds to be diverted to deficit reduction. As amended, the bill would bar any cost-of-living adjustments for members of Congress during fiscal 2024." The bill passed by a vote of 214-197. [H.R. 4364, [Vote #563](#), 11/1/23; CQ, [11/1/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted Against A Motion To Recommit FY 2024 Appropriations For The Legislative Branch. In November 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Espaillat, D-N.Y., motion to recommit the bill to the Appropriations Committee." The motion failed by a vote of 201-209. [H.R. 4364, [Vote #562](#), 11/1/23; CQ, [11/1/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For FY 2024 Appropriations For The Energy Department, Including Republican Riders. In October 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Passage of the bill, as amended, that would provide \$60 billion in fiscal 2024 funding for the Energy Department, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Bureau of Reclamation and independent federal agencies. It would provide \$49 billion for the Energy Department, \$24 billion for the National Nuclear Security Administration, and \$2.8 billion for the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund. Within NNSA funding, it would provide \$19.1 billion appropriated for weapons activities, \$1.9 billion for naval reactors and \$2.4 billion for defense nuclear nonproliferation. The bill would provide \$2 billion for the Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Office. It would redirect \$3.6 billion in unobligated funds previously appropriated by the 2021 bipartisan infrastructure law for advanced nuclear reactor demonstration programs, including \$2.4 billion for advanced nuclear fuel and \$1.2 billion for small modular reactor research and development. The funding for each would be evenly distributed over the next three fiscal years. It would provide \$470 million for the Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy, \$281 million for the Strategic Petroleum Reserve and \$858 million for the Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management. The bill would provide \$9.6 billion for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. For programs within the Interior Department, the bill would provide \$1.9 billion, including \$1.7 billion for the Bureau of Reclamation and \$23 million for the Central Utah Project. It would also prohibit the use of funds provided by the bill to finalize an Energy Department rule proposed in February 2023, on energy conservation standards for gas ranges and ovens, or any rule that would directly or indirectly limit consumer access to gas kitchen ranges or ovens." The bill passed by a vote of 210-199. [H.R. 4394, [Vote #558](#), 10/26/23; CQ, [10/26/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Voted Against A Motion To Recommit FY2024 Energy Appropriations To The House Appropriations Committee.** In October 2023 D'Esposito voted against: "Castor, D-Fla., motion to recommit the bill to the House Appropriations Committee." The motion was rejected by a vote of 199-210. [H.R. 4394, [Vote #557](#), 10/27/23; CQ, [10/26/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Prohibit Using Funds To Implement Various Biden Administration Executive Orders Relating To Climate Change.** In October 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Rosendale, R-Mont., for Roy, R-Texas, amendment no. 60 that would prohibit the use of funds to implement various Biden administration executive orders relating to climate change." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 192-222. [H.R. 4394, [Vote #556](#), 10/26/23; CQ, [10/26/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce By \$620 Million The Amount Of Appropriations Provided By FY2024 Energy Appropriations To The Army Corps Of Engineers.** In October 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Rosendale, R-Mont., amendment no. 59 that would reduce by \$620 million the amount of appropriations provided by the bill to the Army Corps of Engineers." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 76-335. [H.R. 4394, [Vote #555](#), 10/26/23; CQ, [10/26/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To \$1.55 Billion The Total Amount Of Appropriations Provided By FY2024 Energy Appropriations.** In October 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Rosendale, R-Mont., amendment no. 58 that would reduce by \$1.55 billion the total amount of appropriations provided

by the bill.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 100-314. [H.R. 4394, [Vote #554](#), 10/26/23; CQ, [10/26/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Reduce The Salary Of Andrew Light, Assistant Secretary Of Energy For International Affairs, To \$1.** In October 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Pfluger, R-Texas, amendment no. 57 that would reduce the salary of Andrew Light, assistant secretary of Energy for International Affairs, to \$1.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 164-249. [H.R. 4394, [Vote #553](#), 10/26/23; CQ, [10/26/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce The Salary Of Gene Rodrigues, Assistant Secretary For The Office Of Electricity, To \$1.** In October 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Pfluger, R-Texas, amendment no. 56 that would reduce the salary of Gene Rodrigues, assistant secretary for the Office of Electricity, to \$1.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 160-250. [H.R. 4394, [Vote #552](#), 10/26/23; CQ, [10/26/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce The Salary Of Energy Secretary Jennifer M. Granholm To \$1.** In October 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Norman, R-S.C., amendment no. 51 that would reduce the salary of Energy Secretary Jennifer M. Granholm to \$1.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 166-247. [H.R. 4394, [Vote #551](#), 10/26/23; CQ, [10/26/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Bar The Use Of Funds Under FY2024 Energy Appropriations For The American Climate Corps.** In October 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Norman, R-S.C., amendment no. 50 that would bar the use of funds under the bill for the American Climate Corps.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 207-204. [H.R. 4394, [Vote #550](#), 10/26/23; CQ, [10/26/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Bar The Use Of Funds Under FY2024 Energy Appropriations For The American Climate Corps.** In October 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Norman, R-S.C., amendment no. 50 that would bar the use of funds under the bill for the American Climate Corps.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 208-209. [H.R. 4394, [Vote #549](#), 10/26/23; CQ, [10/26/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Bar The Use Of Funds Under FY2024 Energy Appropriations For The Energy Department's Office Of Scientific Workforce Diversity, Equity And Inclusion.** In October 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Norman, R-S.C., amendment no. 47 that would bar the use of funds under the bill for the Energy Department's Office of Scientific Workforce Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 207-204. [H.R. 4394, [Vote #548](#), 10/26/23; CQ, [10/26/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce The Salary Of Assistant Army Secretary For Civil Works Michael Connor To \$1.** In October 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Luna, R-Fla., amendment no. 43 that would reduce the salary of Assistant Army Secretary for Civil Works Michael Connor to \$1.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 120-291. [H.R. 4394, [Vote #547](#), 10/26/23; CQ, [10/26/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Bar The Use Of Funds Under 2024 Energy Appropriations For The Energy Department's SuperTruck III Program.** In October 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Hageman, R-Wyo., amendment no. 39 that would bar the use of funds under the bill for the Energy Department's SuperTruck III program.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 176-241. [H.R. 4394, [Vote #546](#), 10/26/23; CQ, [10/26/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Bar Funds Under 2024 Energy Appropriations For The National Nuclear Security Administration Warhead Modification Program.** In October 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Garamendi, D-Calif., amendment no. 37 that would bar funds under the bill for

the National Nuclear Security Administration W87-1 warhead modification program.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 121-299. [H.R. 4394, [Vote #545](#), 10/26/23; CQ, [10/26/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Bar Funds Under FY 2024 Energy Appropriations For The Savannah River Plutonium Modernization Program.** In October 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Garamendi, D-Calif., amendment no. 36 that would bar funds under the bill for the Savannah River Plutonium Modernization Program.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 116-303. [H.R. 4394, [Vote #544](#), 10/26/23; CQ, [10/26/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Decrease By \$2.5 Million Funding For The Great Lakes Authority.** In October 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Perry, R-Pa., amendment no. 32 that would decrease by \$2.5 million funding for the Great Lakes Authority and transfer the savings to the spending reduction account.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 122-295. [H.R. 4394, [Vote #543](#), 10/26/23; CQ, [10/26/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Decrease By \$2.5 Million Funding For The Southwest Border Regional Commission.** In October 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Perry, R-Pa., amendment no. 31 that would decrease by \$2.5 million funding for the Southwest Border Regional Commission and transfer the savings to the spending reduction account.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 130-287. [H.R. 4394, [Vote #542](#), 10/26/23; CQ, [10/26/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce Funding For The Southeast Crescent Regional Commission By \$19.8 Million.** In October 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Perry, R-Pa., amendment no. 30 that would reduce funding for the Southeast Crescent Regional Commission by \$19.8 million and transfer the savings to the spending reduction account.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 122-299. [H.R. 4394, [Vote #541](#), 10/26/23; CQ, [10/26/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Did Not Vote On An Amendment To Reduce Funding For The Northern Border Regional Commission By \$20 Million.** In October 2023, D'Esposito did not vote on: “Perry, R-Pa., amendment no. 29 that would reduce funding for the Northern Border Regional Commission by \$20 million and transfer the savings to the spending reduction account.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 134-283. [H.R. 4394, [Vote #540](#), 10/26/23; CQ, [10/26/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Eliminate \$17 Million For The Denali Commission.** In October 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Perry, R-Pa., for Norman, R-S.C., amendment no. 28 that would eliminate the \$17 million provided for the Denali Commission.” The amendment rejected by a vote of 105-316. [H.R. 4394, [Vote #539](#), 10/26/23; CQ, [10/26/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce Funding For The Denali Commission By \$2 Million.** In October 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Perry, R-Pa., amendment no. 27 that would reduce funding for the Denali Commission by \$2 million and transfer the savings to the spending reduction account.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 137-283. [H.R. 4394, [Vote #538](#), 10/26/23; CQ, [10/26/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce Funding For The Delta Regional Commission By \$6.1 Million.** In October 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Perry, R-Pa., amendment no. 26 that would reduce funding for the Delta Regional Commission by \$6.1 million and transfer the savings to the spending reduction account.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 123-300. [H.R. 4394, [Vote #537](#), 10/26/23; CQ, [10/26/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce Funding For The Appalachian Regional Commission By \$35 Million.** In October 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Perry, R-Pa., amendment no. 25 that would reduce funding for the Appalachian Regional Commission by \$35 million and transfer the

savings to the spending reduction account.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 115-306. [H.R. 4394, [Vote #536](#), 10/26/23; CQ, [10/26/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Eliminate \$470 Million For The Advanced Research Projects Agency – Energy.** In October 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Norman, R-S.C., amendment no. 20 that would eliminate \$470 million provided for the Advanced Research Projects Agency - Energy.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 105-319. [H.R. 4394, [Vote #535](#), 10/26/23; CQ, [10/26/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Strike \$35 Million For Energy Department Clean Energy Demonstrations.** In October 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Perry, R-Pa., amendment no. 19 that would strike \$35 million provided for Energy Department clean energy demonstrations and transfer the savings to the spending reduction account.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 135-284. [H.R. 4394, [Vote #534](#), 10/26/23; CQ, [10/26/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Eliminate All Bill Funding For Energy Department Energy Efficiency And Renewable Energy Programs.** In October 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Roy, R-Texas, amendment no.16 that would eliminate all funding in the bill for the DOE energy efficiency and renewable energy programs.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 137-287. [H.R. 4394, [Vote #533](#), 10/26/23; CQ, [10/26/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Increasing Funding For Energy Department Fossil Fuel And Carbon Management Programs And Reducing Funding For The Energy Efficiency And Renewable Energy Programs.** In October 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Griffith, R-Va., amendment no. 15 that would increase funding by \$600 million for the Energy Department’s fossil energy and carbon management programs and reduce funding by \$1.1 billion for the department’s energy efficiency and renewable energy programs.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 161-257. [H.R. 4394, [Vote #532](#), 10/26/23; CQ, [10/26/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Reduce Bureau Of Reclamation Policy And Administration Expenses By \$5 Million.** In October 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Westerman, R-Ark., amendment no. 14 that would reduce funding by \$5 million for Bureau of Reclamation policy and administration expenses.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 212-213. [H.R. 4394, [Vote #531](#), 10/26/23; CQ, [10/26/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Increase Funding For The Upper Colorado And San Juan Tiver Endangered Fish Recovery Programs Offset By A Decrease In Funding For Energy Department Salaries.** In October 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Neguse, D-Colo., amendment no. 12 that would increase funding by \$1 million for Bureau of Reclamation water and natural resources projects, which is intended for the Upper Colorado and San Juan River Endangered Fish Recovery programs, offset by an equal reduction in funding for Energy Department salaries and expenses.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 277-142. [H.R. 4394, [Vote #530](#), 10/26/23; CQ, [10/26/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Eliminate The Delaware River Basin Commission From The Army Corps Of Engineers Investigations.** In October 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Perry, R-Pa., amendment no. 3 that would decrease by \$715,000 funding for Army Corps of Engineers investigations, intended to eliminate the Delaware River Basin Commission, and transfer the savings to the spending reduction account.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 156-265. [H.R. 4394, [Vote #529](#), 10/26/23; CQ, [10/26/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For A Fiscal 2024 Continuing Resolution Passed With Help From Democrats. In September 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Granger, R-Texas, motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would provide funding for federal government operations and services through Nov. 17, 2023, including an additional \$16 billion in disaster relief for fiscal 2024. Among other provisions, it would extend, for the duration of the continuing

resolution, a number of services, including several Medicare, Medicaid and other public health programs and authorities. It would also extend certain authorities for the Federal Aviation Administration through Dec. 31, 2023, for unmanned aircraft testing ranges, airport safety and airspace hazard mitigation and enforcement, among other authorities. The bill does not contain any funding to provide assistance to Ukraine. As modified, the bill would prohibit members of Congress from receiving cost of living adjustment pay increases.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 335-91. [H.R. 5860, [Vote #513](#), 9/30/23; CQ, [9/30/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For A Continuing Resolution With Republican Riders And Nearly 30% Cuts Across The Government. In September 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would provide funding for federal government operations and services through Oct. 31, 2023, with a 29.9 percent cut from fiscal 2023 levels for most programs. It would fund veterans’ programs, the Department of Homeland Security, national security programs and disaster assistance at full fiscal 2023 levels. It would also implement nearly all provisions of House Republicans’ border security and immigration bill (HR 2), which the House passed in May 2023. It would provide an increase in funding for the Defense Department at rates set forth in House Republicans’ fiscal 2024 defense appropriations bill (HR 4365), which would provide for a 3.6 percent funding increase over fiscal 2023. It would also provide funding increases for the Agriculture Department and provide an additional \$220 million above fiscal 2023 levels for Energy Department nuclear programs. Among its border security and immigration provisions, it would require DHS, within seven days of enactment, to resume all activities related to “border wall” construction on the U.S.-Mexico border that were underway or planned prior to Jan. 20, 2021; require DHS to reopen or restore, no later than Sept. 30, 2023, the use of all Immigration and Customs Enforcement detention facilities that were in operation on Jan. 20, 2021; and require DHS to return all unaccompanied children to their country of origin, regardless of whether they are from a contiguous country to the U.S. In addition to provisions of HR 2, it would place limitations on the use of DHS funding provided by the bill, including prohibitions on removing existing U.S.-Mexico border barriers, transporting inadmissible adults into the U.S., and the use of Customs and Border Protection’s “CBP One” app to facilitate the parole of an individual into the U.S. It also would prohibit the use of funds provided by the bill to initiate or resume any project or activity not funded during fiscal 2023 and would establish a congressional fiscal commission tasked with identifying policies to “improve the fiscal situation.” The bill was rejected by a vote of 198-232. [H.R. 5525, [Vote #511](#), 9/29/23; CQ, [9/29/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Voted Against Recommitting A Continuing Resolution With Republican Riders To The House Appropriations Committee** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: Ramirez, D-Ill., motion to recommit the bill to the House Appropriations Committee.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 210-216. [H.R. 5525, [Vote #510](#), 9/29/23; CQ, [9/29/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For Providing Floor Considering For A Continuing Resolution With Republican Riders.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 741) that would provide for floor consideration of the Continuing Appropriations and Border Security Enhancement Act (HR 5525). The rule would provide for up to one hour of general debate on HR 5525. It would provide for the automatic adoption of a Donalds, R-Fla., amendment to the bill that would reduce the appropriations topline to \$1.47 trillion. It would reduce funding by 29.9 percent for all nondefense accounts except for the Veterans Affairs and Homeland Security Departments. It would also provide for the automatic adoption of a Huizenga, R-Mich., amendment that would create a Fiscal Commission within 60 days of the bill’s enactment that would identify policies to improve the fiscal situation in the medium term, achieve a sustainable debt-to-GDP ratio of the long term, and to improve solvency for a period of at least 75 years. The amendment would require that the commission would consist of 16 members, equally divided between parties, and would first meet within 45 days of its creation.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 218-210. [H.Res. 741, [Vote #509](#), 9/29/23; CQ, [9/29/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For To Block Consideration For A Bipartisan Continuing Resolution To Prevent A Government Shutdown.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Reschenthaler, R-Pa. motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Congressional Record, Rep. McGovern said, “Madam Speaker, I am urging that we defeat the previous question, and if we do, I will offer an amendment to the rule for swift consideration of the Senate’s bipartisan continuing

resolution to fund the government after they send it to the House.” A vote *for the motion* was a vote to block consideration of the bill. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 217-207. [H.Res. 741, [Vote #508](#), 9/29/23; CQ, [9/29/23](#); Congressional Record, [9/29/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted Against Passing Fiscal 2024 Agriculture Appropriations Including Republican Riders. In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Passage of the bill that would provide roughly \$22 billion in discretionary funding in fiscal 2024 for the Agriculture Department and related agencies. The bill would provide \$6.2 billion to the Food and Drug Administration, including \$3 billion in discretionary budget authority and \$3.2 billion in user fees; \$3.4 billion for Agriculture Department rural development activities; \$1.5 billion for the Agricultural Research Service; and \$1 billion for the Food Safety and Inspection Service. It would provide \$122 billion for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, \$32 billion for child nutrition programs, and \$6 billion for the Women, Infants, and Children program. It would direct the USDA to take necessary actions to prohibit the purchase of U.S. agricultural land by non-resident aliens and foreign businesses associated with Russia, North Korea, Iran and China; nullify the FDA’s January 2023 rule allowing medical providers to dispense the abortion drug mifepristone without an in-person consultation; prohibit the use of funds for programs that promote critical race theory; and prohibit the use of funds to establish any office of diversity, equity and inclusion, among other policy provisions. As amended, the bill would prohibit the use of funds for carrying out various Biden administration executive orders related to climate change and sex discrimination, finalizing regulations that result in an annual effect on the economy of \$100 million or more, implementing the USDA COVID-19 workplace safety policy, or for any operations of the Civilian Climate Corps, among other restrictions. It also would reduce the salary of Deputy Undersecretary of Agriculture for Food and Nutrition Service Stacy Dean to \$1.” The bill was rejected by a vote of 191-237. [H.R. 4368, [Vote #507](#), 9/28/23; CQ, [9/28/23](#)]

- **The Agriculture Appropriations Bill Included A Provision To Ban Mifepristone From Being Sold In Retail Pharmacies Or By Mail.** “A provision in the legislation would nullify a Biden administration rule allowing mifepristone to be sold in retail pharmacies and by mail with prescriptions from a certified health care provider.” [Fox 59, [9/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce The Office Of Civil Rights Funding By \$3.8 Million And Transfer The Savings To The Spending Reduction Account.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Good, R-Va., amendment no. 24 that would reduce by \$3.8 million funding for the Office of Civil Rights and transfer the savings to the spending reduction account.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 175-254. [H.R. 4368, [Vote #408](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce The National Agricultural Statistics Service Funding By \$13 Million And Transfer The Savings To The Spending Reduction Account.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Biggs, R-Ariz., amendment no. 29 that would reduce by \$13 million funding for the National Agricultural Statistics Service and transfer the savings to the spending reduction account.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 119-307. [H.R. 4368, [Vote #409](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce The National Institute Of Food And Agriculture Research Funding By \$157 Million And Transfer The Savings To The Spending Reduction Account.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Biggs, R-Ariz., amendment no. 33 that would reduce by \$157 million funding for National Institute of Food and Agriculture research and education activities and transfer the savings to the spending reduction account.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 106-323. [H.R. 4368, [Vote #410](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce The Natural Resources Conservation Service Funding By \$60 Million And Transfer The Savings To The Spending Reduction Account.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Brecheen, R-Okla., amendment no. 41 that would reduce by \$60 million funding for the Natural Resources Conservation Service and transfer the savings to the

spending reduction account.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 86-343. [H.R. 4368, [Vote #411](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce The Rural Housing Service Rental Assistance Program Funding By \$1.61 Billion And Transfer The Savings To The Spending Reduction Account.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Brecheen, R-Okla., amendment no. 43 that would reduce by \$1.61 billion funding for the Rural Housing Service Rental Assistance Program and transfer the savings to the spending reduction account.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 89-341. [H.R. 4368, [Vote #412](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce The Rural Business-Cooperative Service Rural Business Program Funding By \$25 Million And Transfer The Savings To The Spending Reduction Account.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Perry, R-Pa., amendment no. 45 that would reduce by \$25 million funding for the Rural Business-Cooperative Service Rural Business Program account and transfer the savings to the spending reduction account.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 68-362. [H.R. 4368, [Vote #413](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce The Food For Peace Title II Grants Funding By \$1.7 Billion And Transfer The Savings To The Spending Reduction Account.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Biggs, R-Ariz., amendment no. 54 that would reduce by \$1.7 billion funding for Food for Peace Title II Grants and transfer the savings to the spending reduction account.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 83-348. [H.R. 4368, [Vote #414](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce The McGovern-Dole International Food For Education Program Funding By \$240 Million And Transfer The Savings To The Spending Reduction Account.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Biggs, R-Ariz., amendment no. 57 that would reduce by \$240 million funding for the McGovern-Dole International Food for Education Program and transfer the savings to the spending reduction account.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 81-350. [H.R. 4368, [Vote #415](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce The Commodity Futures Trading Commission Funding By \$77 Million And Transfer The Savings To The Spending Reduction Account.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Biggs, R-Ariz., amendment no. 61 that would reduce by \$77 million funding for the Commodity Futures Trading Commission and transfer the savings to the spending reduction account.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 105-325. [H.R. 4368, [Vote #416](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Prohibit Funds From The Bill From Being Used For Programs Established Under A Commodity Promotion Law.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Spartz, R-Ind., amendment no. 76 that would prohibit the use of funds provided by the bill to carry out any programs established under a commodity promotion law.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 49-377. [H.R. 4368, [Vote #417](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Prohibit The Use Of Funds From The Bill For The Agriculture Department's Equity Commission.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Boebert, R-Colo., amendment no. 79 that would prohibit the use of funds provided by the bill for the Agriculture Department's Equity Commission.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 210-216. [H.R. 4368, [Vote #418](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Prohibit Funds From The Bill From Being Used To Mandate Electronic Ear Tags For Cattle And Bison.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Hageman, R-Wyo., amendment no. 83 that would prohibit the use of funds provided by the bill to mandate

electronic identification ear tags for cattle and bison.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 97-336. [H.R. 4368, [Vote #419](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce The Research Director Of The Food And Drug Administration's Center For Drug Evaluation To \$1.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Good, R-Va., amendment no. 85 that would reduce to \$1 the salary of the Food and Drug Administration's Center for Drug Evaluation and Research Director Patricia Cavazzoni.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 152-278. [H.R. 4368, [Vote #420](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Prohibit The Agriculture Department From Using Funds For “Woke” Courses, Books, And Study Guides.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Boebert, R-Colo., amendment no. 89 that would prohibit the Agriculture Department from using any funds provided by the bill for ‘woke’ courses, books and study guides.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 217-214. [H.R. 4368, [Vote #421](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce The Salary Of The Food And Drug Administration's Office Of Surveillance And Epidemiology Director To \$1.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Good, R-Va., amendment no. 90 that would reduce the salary of the Food and Drug Administration's Director of the Office of Surveillance and Epidemiology Gerald Dal Pan to \$1.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 158-272. [H.R. 4368, [Vote #422](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce The Salary Of The Food And Drug Administration's Division Of Risk Management Director To \$1.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Good, R-Va., amendment no. 91 that would reduce the salary of the Food and Drug Administration's Director of the Division of Risk Management Cynthia LaCivita to \$1.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 159-272. [H.R. 4368, [Vote #423](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce The Salary Of The Food And Drug Administration's Office Of New Drugs Director To \$1.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Good, R-Va., amendment no. 92 that would reduce the salary of the Food and Drug Administration's Director of the Office of New Drugs Peter P. Stein to \$1.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 156-273. [H.R. 4368, [Vote #424](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce The Salary Of The Food And Drug Administration's Office Of Compliance Director To \$1.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Good, R-Va., amendment no. 93 that would reduce the salary of the Food and Drug Administration's Director of the Office of Compliance Jill Furman to \$1.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 161-270. [H.R. 4368, [Vote #425](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce The Salary Of The Food And Drug Administration's Office Of Medical Policy Director To \$1.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Good, R-Va., amendment no. 94 that would reduce the salary of the Food and Drug Administration's Director of the Office of Medical Policy M. Khair ElZarrad to \$1.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 160-271. [H.R. 4368, [Vote #426](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce The Salary Of The Food And Drug Administration's Office Of Regulatory Policy Director To \$1.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Good, R-Va., amendment no. 95 that would reduce the salary of the Food and Drug Administration's Director of the Office of Regulatory Policy Elizabeth Jungman to \$1.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 163-267. [H.R. 4368, [Vote #427](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Prohibit The Use Of Bill Funds For The Farm To School Network Racial Equity Learning Lab.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Stauber, R-Minn.,

amendment no. 99 that would prohibit the use of funds provided by the bill to fund the Farm to School Network Racial Equity Learning Lab.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 217-216. [H.R. 4368, [Vote #428](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Prohibit The Use Of Bill Funds To Implement The January 2021 Executive Order On Climate Change.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Miller, R-Ill., amendment no. 101 that would prohibit the use of funds provided by the bill to implement or enforce the executive order issued in January 2021 on climate change.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 217-216. [H.R. 4368, [Vote #429](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]
- **The January 2021 Executive Order On Climate Change “Place[d] The Climate Crisis At The Forefront Of Foreign Policy And National Security Planning.”** “Executive Order 14008, of January 27, 2021, places the climate crisis at the forefront of foreign policy and national security planning. ‘The United States will work with other countries and partners, both bilaterally and multilaterally, to put the world on a sustainable climate pathway. The United States will also move quickly to build resilience, both at home and abroad, against the impacts of climate change that are already manifest and will continue to intensify according to current trajectories.’” [Department of Energy, [1/27/21](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce Funding Provided By The Bill By \$717 Million.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Rosendale, R-Mont., amendment no. 102 that would reduce the total funding provided by the bill by \$717 million.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 71-362. [H.R. 4368, [Vote #430](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against Recommitting FY 2024 Agriculture Appropriations To The House Appropriations Committee.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Budzinski, D-Ill., motion to recommit the bill to the House Appropriations Committee.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 211-217. [H.R. 4368, [Vote #506](#), 9/28/23; CQ, [9/28/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For Passing Fiscal 2024 Defense Appropriations Including Republican Riders. In

September 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would provide \$826.4 billion in discretionary defense spending for fiscal 2024. It includes \$293.1 billion for operation and maintenance activities, \$165.1 billion for weapons and other procurement, \$146.8 billion for military research and development and \$177.9 billion for military personnel. It would provide approximately \$9 billion for the Pacific Deterrence Initiative and \$4 billion for the European Deterrence Initiative, primarily intended to counter aggression by China and Russia, respectively. It would also provide \$500 million for cooperative missile defense programs with Israel. The bill would provide approximately \$30 billion for missile defense programs, \$40.7 billion for military aircraft, \$32.9 billion for shipbuilding, \$1.2 billion for drug interdiction and counterdrug activities and \$39.4 billion for defense health care programs. It would provide \$9.6 billion for the procurement of 86 F-35 Joint Strike Fighters. Among other provisions, the bill would provide funding for a 5.2 percent military pay increase and prohibit the use of funds for construction on any Space Command facilities until a final basing decision for the headquarters is delivered to Congress. Upon adoption of the rule (H Res 730), \$300 million in security assistance to Ukraine was removed from the bill. As amended, the bill would prohibit the use of funds to deploy U.S. troops to Ukraine, reduce Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin's salary to \$1, prohibit the use of funds to require armed forces servicemembers or civilian Defense Department employees to get a COVID-19 vaccine and prohibit the use of funds to enforce any COVID-19 mask mandates.” The bill passed by a vote of 218-210. [H.R. 4365, [Vote #502](#), 9/28/23; CQ, [9/28/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce Funding For Defense Department Operations And Maintenance By \$50 Million And Use The Money To Fund The Advanced Defense Capabilities Pilot Program.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Houlahan, D-Pa., amendment no. 34 that would reduce by \$50 million funding for Defense Department-wide operation and maintenance and increase by the same amount funding for Defense Production Act purchases, intended to fund the advanced defense capabilities pilot program.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 240-191. [H.R. 4365, [Vote #431](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Decrease Defense Department Funding For Ukraine Security Assistance By \$300 Million And Transfer The Money To The Spending Reduction Account.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Biggs, R-Ariz., amendment no. 149 that would decrease by \$300 million funding for Defense Department-wide operation and maintenance to be used for the Ukraine Security Assistance Initiative and transfer the savings to the spending reduction account." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 104-330. [H.R. 4365, [Vote #432](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Remove A Prohibition On The Use Of Funds To Classify Communications Of Any U.S. Person Or Partner With An Organization That Recommends Censoring Constitutionally Protected Speech.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Plaskett, D-V.I., amendment no. 151 that would strike from the bill a prohibition on the use of funds to classify communications of any U.S. person as misinformation or partner with an organization that recommends that pressures or recommends censoring constitutionally protected speech." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 203-231. [H.R. 4365, [Vote #433](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce The Assistant Defense Secretary for Readiness Salary To \$1.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Boebert, R-Colo., amendment no. 152 that would reduce Assistant Defense Secretary for Readiness Shawn Skelly's salary to \$1." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 150-282. [H.R. 4365, [Vote #434](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce The Defense Department's Diversity And Inclusion Management Director's Salary To \$1.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Boebert, R-Colo., amendment no. 153 that would reduce to \$1 the salary of Norvel Dillard, director of Diversity and Inclusion Management at the Defense Department Office for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 184-248. [H.R. 4365, [Vote #435](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Prohibit The Use Of Funds For A Naming Commission To Remove Confederate Names, Symbols, And Monuments From Department Of Defense Assets.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Clyde, R-Ga., amendment no. 155 that would prohibit the use of funds for a naming commission to carry out an existing legal requirement for the Defense Department to remove from its assets any names, symbols, monuments and other displays that honor or commemorate the Confederate States of America." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 172-261. [H.R. 4365, [Vote #436](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Prohibit The Use Of Funds In Anyways That Violates Current Legal Requirements For The Department Of Defense.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Connolly, D-Va., amendment no. 156 that would prohibit the use of funds in any way that violates existing legal requirements for Defense Department total force management." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 215-218. [H.R. 4365, [Vote #437](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Bar The Use Of Funds To Provide Assistance To Ukraine.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Gaetz, R-Fla., amendment no. 160 that would bar the use of funds under the bill to provide security assistance to Ukraine." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 93-339. [H.R. 4365, [Vote #438](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Prohibit Use Of Funds To Transfer Cluster Munitions, Specifically To Ukraine.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Gaetz, R-Fla., amendment no. 161 that would prohibit the use of funds to transfer cluster munitions, including to Ukraine." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 160-269. [H.R. 4365, [Vote #439](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Prohibit Use Of Funds To Carry Out Reporting Requirements For Unfunded Defense Priorities.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Jayapal,

D-Wash., amendment no. 166 that would prohibit the use of funds to carry out certain reporting requirements related to unfunded defense priorities.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 176-258. [H.R. 4365, [Vote #440](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Use DoD Funds To Observe Pride Month.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Roy, R-Texas, amendment no. 175 that would prohibit the use of funds for the Defense Department or Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute to observe Pride month as specified in the DOD's Cultural Observances and Awareness Events List and authorized by the undersecretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 202-231. [H.R. 4365, [Vote #441](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Use DoD Funds To Observe Pride Month.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Roy, R-Texas, amendment no. 175 that would prohibit the use of funds for the Defense Department or Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute to observe Pride month as specified in the DOD's Cultural Observances and Awareness Events List and authorized by the undersecretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 202-231. [H.R. 4365, [Vote #441](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against Recommitting FY 2024 Defense Appropriations To The House Appropriations Committee.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Jacobs, D-Calif., motion to recommit the bill to the House Appropriations Committee.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 210-208. [H.R. 4365, [Vote #501](#), 9/28/23; CQ, [9/28/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For Passing Fiscal 2024 State-Foreign Operations Appropriations Including Republican Riders. In September 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would provide \$53.3 billion in federal funding for fiscal 2024. The bill includes a \$12.9 billion offset, including \$11.1 billion from a rescission of funding from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund from the fiscal 2022 budget reconciliation bill (PL 117-169). The bill would provide \$4.4 billion to counter the Chinese Communist Party’s influence and prohibit the use of funds to repay loans to the Chinese government or to support forced labor, crimes against humanity or genocide in China. The bill would provide \$3.1 billion for Israel, \$1.5 billion for Egypt and \$1.7 billion for Jordan. The bill would also require the executive branch, within 60 days of enactment, to report to Congress on a strategy to prioritize U.S. national security interests in responding to the Russian invasion of Ukraine, and create new monitoring and oversight mechanisms. Among other provisions, the bill would provide \$10 billion for global health programs, strike funding for the Green Climate Fund, and reimpose the prohibition on federal funding for international non-governmental organizations that provide abortion services. As amended, the bill would reduce the salary of Secretary of State Antony Blinken to \$1, prohibit the use of funds for the Office of Palestinian Affairs, and add language to expand eligibility for security upgrades to soft targets to include places of worship for U.S. embassy staff and their dependents.” The bill passed by a vote of 216-212. [H.R. 4665, [Vote #500](#), 9/28/23; CQ, [9/28/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Strike The \$38.6 Million Of Funding For The Institute Of Peace And Transfer Savings To The Spending Reduction Account.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Biggs, R-Ariz., amendment no. 8 that would strike all \$38.6 million of funding for the United States Institute of Peace and transfer the savings to the spending reduction account.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 134-298. [H.R. 4665, [Vote #462](#), 9/28/23; CQ, [9/28/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Strike The \$2.9 Million Of Funding For Commission On Security And Cooperation In Europe Expenses And Transfer Savings To The Spending Reduction Account.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Biggs, R-Ariz., amendment no. 10 that would strike all \$2.9 million of funding for salaries and expenses at the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe and transfer the savings to the spending reduction account.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 78-353. [H.R. 4665, [Vote #463](#), 9/28/23; CQ, [9/28/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce Funding For The Agency For International Development Operating Expenses By 50%, Approximately \$607.4 Million.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Crane, R-Ariz., amendment no. 13 that would reduce funding for U.S. Agency for International Development operating expenses by 50 percent, approximately \$607.4 million." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 102-326. [H.R. 4665, [Vote #464](#), 9/28/23; CQ, [9/28/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Strike All \$230.6 Million Of Funding For The International Development Capital Investment Fund And Transfer Savings To The Spending Reduction Account.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Biggs, R-Ariz., amendment no. 15 that would strike all \$230.6 million of funding for the U.S. Agency for International Development Capital Investment Fund and transfer the savings to the spending reduction account." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 111-315. [H.R. 4665, [Vote #465](#), 9/28/23; CQ, [9/28/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Reduce Agency For International Development Funding By \$4.5 Billion And Transfer Savings To The Spending Reduction Account To Help Ukraine Pay Off Sovereign Debt.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Gaetz, R-Fla., amendment no. 17 that would reduce funding for the U.S. Agency for International Development by \$4.5 billion and transfer the savings to the spending reduction account to help Ukraine pay off its sovereign debt." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 115-312. [H.R. 4665, [Vote #466](#), 9/28/23; CQ, [9/28/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Cut All \$3.9 Billion Of Funding For International Disaster Assistance And Transfer Savings To The Spending Reduction Account.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Perry, R-Pa., amendment no. 18 that would strike all \$3.9 billion of funding for international disaster assistance and transfer the savings to the spending reduction account." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 86-346. [H.R. 4665, [Vote #467](#), 9/28/23; CQ, [9/28/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Decrease Funding For The Economic Support Fund By \$1.2 Billion And Transfer Savings To The Spending Reduction Account.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Perry, R-Pa., amendment no. 20 that would decrease funding for the Economic Support Fund by \$1.2 billion and transfer the savings to the spending reduction account." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 133-297. [H.R. 4665, [Vote #468](#), 9/28/23; CQ, [9/28/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Strike All \$2.5 Billion Of State Department Migration And Refugee Assistance Funding And Transfer Savings To The Spending Reduction Account.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Perry, R-Pa., amendment no. 22 that would strike all \$2.5 billion of funding for State Department migration and refugee assistance and transfer the savings to the spending reduction account." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 121-311. [H.R. 4665, [Vote #469](#), 9/28/23; CQ, [9/28/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce Peace Corps Funding By \$14.3 Million And Transfer Savings To The Spending Reduction Account.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Ogles, R-Tenn., amendment no. 23 that would reduce Peace Corps funding by \$14.3 million and transfer the savings to the spending reduction account." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 135-295. [H.R. 4665, [Vote #470](#), 9/28/23; CQ, [9/28/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Decrease Funding For The Global Environment Facility Fund By \$10 Million.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Kelly, R-Miss., amendment no. 27 that would decrease by \$10 million funding for the Global Environment Facility Fund." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 199-231. [H.R. 4665, [Vote #471](#), 9/28/23; CQ, [9/28/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Strike Language Banning Bill Funding To Classify Communications Made By U.S. Person Or Partner With Organizations That Censor Constitutionally Protected Speech.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Plaskett, D-V.I.,

amendment no. 36 that would strike language in the bill to ban the use funding in the bill to classify any communications made by a U.S. person as misinformation, disinformation or malinformation or partner with organizations that seek to suppress or censor the constitutionally protected speech of U.S. persons, including on social media.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 195-236. [H.R. 4665, [Vote #472](#), 9/28/23; CQ, [9/28/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Prohibit Use Of Bill Funds To Provide Assistance To Ukraine.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Greene, R-Ga., amendment no. 42 that would prohibit the use funds in the bill to provide assistance to Ukraine.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 90-342. [H.R. 4665, [Vote #473](#), 9/28/23; CQ, [9/28/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Prohibit Bill Funds To Deliver Defense Services To Ukraine.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Greene, R-Ga., amendment no. 43 that would prohibit the use of funding in the bill for the secretary of State to initiate a drawdown and delivery of defense articles and services from Defense Department stocks to Ukraine.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 92-340. [H.R. 4665, [Vote #474](#), 9/28/23; CQ, [9/28/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Prohibit Bill Funds To Support The Lebanese Armed Forces.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Steube, R-Fla., amendment no. 44 that would prohibit the use funds in the bill to support the Lebanese Armed Forces.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 120-309. [H.R. 4665, [Vote #475](#), 9/28/23; CQ, [9/28/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Prohibit Bill Funds To Provide Assistance To Iraq.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Steube, R-Fla., amendment no. 45 that would prohibit the use funds in the bill to provide assistance to Iraq.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 104-327. [H.R. 4665, [Vote #476](#), 9/28/23; CQ, [9/28/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Prohibit Bill Funds To Implement Paris Agreement Climate Provisions.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Gaetz, R-Fla., amendment no. 46 that would prohibit the use funds in the bill to implement the 2015 United Nations agreement on climate change, commonly known as the Paris Agreement.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 219-213. [H.R. 4665, [Vote #477](#), 9/28/23; CQ, [9/28/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce The Salary Of The Ambassador To The United Nations To \$1.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Boebert, R-Colo., amendment no. 47 that would reduce the salary of U.S. ambassador to the United Nations Linda Thomas-Greenfield to \$1.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 151-278. [H.R. 4665, [Vote #478](#), 9/28/23; CQ, [9/28/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce The Secretary Of State's Policy Planning Staff Director's Salary To \$1.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Boebert, R-Colo., amendment no. 48 that would decrease the salary of the Secretary of State's Policy Planning Staff Director Salaman Ahmed to \$1.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 166-265. [H.R. 4665, [Vote #479](#), 9/28/23; CQ, [9/28/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce The State Department's Acting Chief Of Diversity And Inclusion's Salary To \$1.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Boebert, R-Colo., amendment no. 49 that would decrease the salary of the State Department Acting Chief of Diversity and Inclusion Constance Mayor to \$1.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 187-241. [H.R. 4665, [Vote #480](#), 9/28/23; CQ, [9/28/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Reduce The Salary Of The Office Of Palestinian Affairs Chief To \$1.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Boebert, R-Colo., amendment no. 50 that would decrease the salary of the U.S. Office of Palestinian Affairs Chief George Noll to \$1.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 191-238. [H.R. 4665, [Vote #481](#), 9/28/23; CQ, [9/28/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Prohibit Bill Funds To Provide Aid To Pakistan.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Ogles, R-Tenn., amendment no. 51 that would prohibit the use funds in the bill to provide assistance to Pakistan." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 132-298. [H.R. 4665, [Vote #482](#), 9/28/23; CQ, [9/28/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Prohibit Bill Funds For A State Department Refugee Travel Loan Program.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Gooden, R-Texas, amendment no. 54 that would prohibit funding in the bill from being used by the State Department for the International Organization for Migration's Refugee Travel Loan Program." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 198-232. [H.R. 4665, [Vote #483](#), 9/28/23; CQ, [9/28/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Prohibit Bill Funds For United Nations Entities Unless Specifically Authorized By Law.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Spartz, R-Ind., amendment no. 57 that would prohibit the use of funds in the bill for any United Nations entities unless specifically authorized by law." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 188-242. [H.R. 4665, [Vote #484](#), 9/28/23; CQ, [9/28/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Prohibit Bill Funds For The State Department's Office Of Global Change.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Hageman, R-Wyo., amendment no. 58 that would prohibit the use of funds in the bill for the State Department's Office of Global Change." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 213-219. [H.R. 4665, [Vote #485](#), 9/28/23; CQ, [9/28/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Prohibit Bill Funds For Sending State Department Employees To Any Event Hosted By The Clinton Global Initiative.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Foxy, R-N.C., amendment no. 61 that would prohibit the use of funds in the bill by the State Department to send employees to any event or conference hosted by the Clinton Global Initiative." The amendment was adopted by a vote of 218-215. [H.R. 4665, [Vote #486](#), 9/28/23; CQ, [9/28/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce Voice Of America's Special Assistant To The Director Of Programming's Salary To \$1.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Burchett, R-Tenn., amendment no. 63 that would reduce the salary of Setareh Sieg, special assistant to the director of programming at Voice of America, to \$1." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 170-260. [H.R. 4665, [Vote #487](#), 9/28/23; CQ, [9/28/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce The Agency For Global Media's Chief Management Officer's Salary.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Burchett, R-Tenn., amendment no. 64 that would reduce the salary of David Kotz, chief management officer at the U.S. Agency for Global Media." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 171-258. [H.R. 4665, [Vote #488](#), 9/28/23; CQ, [9/28/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce The Salary Of The Agency For Global Media's Deputy CEO's Salary To \$1.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Burchett, R-Tenn., amendment no. 65 that would reduce the salary of Kelu Chao, deputy CEO at the U.S. Agency for Global Media, to \$1." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 173-255. [H.R. 4665, [Vote #489](#), 9/28/23; CQ, [9/28/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Prohibit Bill Funds For The Special Presidential Envoy For Climate.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Burchett, R-Tenn., amendment no. 67 that would prohibit the use of funds in the bill for the Special Presidential Envoy for Climate." The amendment was adopted by a vote of 217-212. [H.R. 4665, [Vote #490](#), 9/28/23; CQ, [9/28/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Prohibit Bill Funds From Being Used To Relocate The U.S. Embassy In Israel Out Of Jerusalem.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Tenney, R-N.Y., amendment no. 69 that would prohibit the use of funds in the bill to relocate the U.S. Embassy in Israel out of Jerusalem." The amendment was adopted by a vote of 360-67. [H.R. 4665, [Vote #491](#), 9/28/23; CQ, [9/28/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Prohibit Bill Funds From Being Used For Biden Executive Orders On The Climate.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Roy, R-Texas, amendment no. 70 that would prohibit the use of any funds provided by the bill to implement a series of Biden administration executive orders (Executive Order nos. 13990, 14008, 14013, 14030, 14057, 14082 and 14096) related to climate concerns." The amendment was adopted by a vote of 216-213. [H.R. 4665, [Vote #492](#), 9/28/23; CQ, [9/28/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce The Deputy Secretary Of State And Undersecretary For Political Affairs To \$1.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Davidson, R-Ohio, amendment no. 71 that would reduce the salary of Victoria Nuland, acting U.S. Deputy Secretary of State and Undersecretary for Political Affairs, to \$1." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 161-268. [H.R. 4665, [Vote #493](#), 9/28/23; CQ, [9/28/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Prohibit Bill Funds From Being Used To Provide Assistance To UNESCO.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Steube, R-Fla., amendment no. 73 that would prohibit the use funds in the bill to provide assistance to UNESCO." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 198-232. [H.R. 4665, [Vote #494](#), 9/28/23; CQ, [9/28/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Prohibit Bill Funds For The United Nations Relief And Works Agency.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Perry, R-Pa., amendment no. 74 that would prohibit the use of funds in the bill for the United Nations Relief and Works Agency." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 213-218. [H.R. 4665, [Vote #495](#), 9/28/23; CQ, [9/28/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Ban Use Of Funds To Delist The Islamic Revolutionary Guard As A Foreign Terrorist Organization.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Ogles, R-Tenn., amendment no. 76 that would prohibit the use of funds in the bill to delist the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps as a foreign terrorist organization." The amendment was adopted by a vote of 351-81. [H.R. 4665, [Vote #496](#), 9/28/23; CQ, [9/28/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Ban Bill Funds To Transfer Of Cluster Munitions To Any Foreign Country.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Massie, R-Ky., amendment no. 77 that would prohibit the use of funds in the bill to transfer cluster munitions to any foreign country." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 178-253. [H.R. 4665, [Vote #497](#), 9/28/23; CQ, [9/28/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce Central America Aid In FY 2024 State-Foreign Operations Appropriations.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Burgess, R-Texas, amendment no. 78 that would reduce foreign assistance to Guatemala by \$908.8 million, to Honduras by \$560.7 million and El Salvador by \$251.4 million." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 187-244. [H.R. 4665, [Vote #498](#), 9/28/23; CQ, [9/28/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against Recommitting FY 2024 State-Foreign Operations Appropriations To The House Appropriations Committee.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Salinas, D-Ore., motion to recommit the bill to the House Appropriations Committee." The motion was rejected by a vote of 210-217. [H.R. 4665, [Vote #499](#), 9/28/23; CQ, [9/28/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For Passing Fiscal 2024 Homeland Security Appropriations Including Republican Riders. In September 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Passage of the bill, as amended, that would provide \$91.5 billion in

discretionary spending for fiscal 2024 for the Homeland Security Department, including \$62.8 billion subject to the bill's discretionary cap and \$20.2 billion for major disaster relief under a disaster cap adjustment. It would provide \$19.9 billion for Customs and Border Protection, \$9.8 billion for Immigration and Customs Enforcement, \$10.6 billion for the Transportation Security Administration, \$13.6 billion for the Coast Guard and \$26.1 billion for the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Among other provisions, it would provide \$2.1 billion to resume construction of the wall along the U.S.-Mexico border and \$2.9 billion for the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency. It would prohibit the use of any of the bill's funds to purchase unmanned aircraft systems that are manufactured in China or by a China-based company. The bill would also include restrictions on the use of any funds provided by the bill for any DHS diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives or to advance critical race theory; prohibit funding for any DHS component to label certain social media posts as misinformation; and prohibit funding provided by the bill to provide any gender-affirming care for individuals in ICE custody. As amended, the bill would bar the use of funds provided in the bill for the Uniting for Ukraine program, which provides a pathway for Ukrainian citizens and their immediate family members who are outside of the U.S. to come to the U.S. and stay temporarily under a two-year parole period; reduce DHS Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas' salary to \$1; and prohibit the use of funds provided by the bill to house undocumented immigrants who are unlawfully present in the U.S. at military installations, except during a federally declared major disaster." The bill passed by a vote of 220-208. [H.R. 4367, [Vote #505](#), 9/28/23; CQ, [9/28/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce The Homeland Security Deputy Secretary's Salary To \$1.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Norman, R-S.C., amendment no. 66 that would reduce the salary of the Department of Homeland Security Deputy Secretary Kristie Canegallo to \$1." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 169-261. [H.R. 4367, [Vote #458](#), 9/28/23; CQ, [9/28/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce The Homeland Security Executive Secretary's Salary To \$1.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Norman, R-S.C., amendment no. 67 that would reduce the salary of the Department of Homeland Security Executive Secretary Kimberly O'Connor to \$1." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 165-263. [H.R. 4367, [Vote #459](#), 9/28/23; CQ, [9/28/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce The Homeland Security Assistant Secretary for Border And Immigration Policy's Salary To \$1.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Norman, R-S.C., amendment no. 69 that would reduce the salary of Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security for Border and Immigration Policy Blas Nunez-Neto to \$1." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 170-260. [H.R. 4367, [Vote #460](#), 9/28/23; CQ, [9/28/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Decrease The Funds Provided By The Bill By \$8.7 Billion.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Rosendale, R-Mont., amendment no. 74 that would decrease the total amount of funds provided by the bill by \$8.7 billion." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 75-347. [H.R. 4367, [Vote #461](#), 9/28/23; CQ, [9/28/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Add Funding For Customs And Border Protections Officers At Ports Of Entry.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Correa, D-Calif., amendment no. 13 that would reduce by \$496.3 million, and increase by the same amount, funding for U.S. Customs and Border Protection operations and support, intended to hire additional CBP officers for ports of entry." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 206-223. [H.R. 4367, [Vote #442](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Strike Numerous Immigration Provisions That Block Use Of Funds For: Facilitating Migrant's Parole Into The U.S., Transporting Adult Migrants Into The U.S. For Non-Enforcement Purposes, And Issuing Employment Authorization For Migrants Whose Asylum Was Denied Or Committed A Crime While Their Application Is Pending.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Wasserman Schultz, D-Fla., amendment no. 23 that would strike numerous provisions, including language to bar the use of funds under the bill for: U.S. Customs and Border Protection's CBP One application to facilitate any migrant's parole into the U.S.; transporting adult migrants into the U.S. interior for non-immigration enforcement purposes; and to issue any employment

authorization document to a migrant whose asylum application has been denied or who has been convicted of a federal or state crime while their asylum application is pending.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 209-220. [H.R. 4367, [Vote #443](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Strike Language Requiring The Department Of Homeland Security To Fund Immigrations And Customs Enforcement To Maintain Full Capacity Of Detainees.** September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Escobar, D-Texas, amendment no. 25 that would strike language to require the Department of Homeland Security to allocate amounts for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement operations and support in order to ensure the average daily population of detainees is maintained at the full capacity funded by the bill throughout the fiscal year and ensure that every migrant who is not detained has mandatory GPS monitoring throughout the duration of all applicable immigration proceedings.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 210-220. [H.R. 4367, [Vote #444](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce Funding For Cybersecurity And Infrastructure Security Agency Operations.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Clyde, R-Ga., amendment no. 29 that would reduce funding for Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency operations and support from \$2.4 billion to \$1.8 billion.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 108-320. [H.R. 4367, [Vote #445](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Eliminate The Salary Of Cybersecurity And Infrastructure Security Agency Director Jen Easterly.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Biggs, R-Ariz., amendment no. 39 that would bar the use funds under the bill to pay the salary and expenses of the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency Director Jen Easterly.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 147-282. [H.R. 4367, [Vote #446](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Eliminate The Salary Of Cybersecurity And Infrastructure Security Agency's Election Security Initiative Director Geoffrey Hale.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Biggs, R-Ariz., amendment no. 40 that would bar the use of funds under the bill to pay the salary and expenses of the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency's Election Security Initiative Director Geoffrey Hale.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 160-270. [H.R. 4367, [Vote #447](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Eliminate The Salary Of DHS Undersecretary Of The Office Of Strategy, Policy And Plans Robert Silvers.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Biggs, R-Ariz., amendment no. 41 that would bar the use of funds under the bill to pay the salary and expenses of the Department of Homeland Security Undersecretary of the Office of Strategy, Policy and Plans Robert Silvers.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 168-261. [H.R. 4367, [Vote #448](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Eliminate The Salary Of DHS Assistant Secretary For Counter Terrorism And Threat Prevention Samantha Vinograd.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Biggs, R-Ariz., amendment no. 42 that would bar the use of funds under the bill to pay the salary and expenses of the Department of Homeland Security Assistant Secretary for Counter Terrorism and Threat Prevention Samantha Vinograd.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 164-265. [H.R. 4367, [Vote #449](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Eliminate The Salary Of DHS Director of the Homeland Security Department Government Accountability Office - Office of Inspector General Liaison Office Jim Crumacker.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Biggs, R-Ariz., amendment no. 43 that would bar the use of funds under the bill to pay the salary and expenses of the Department of Homeland Security Director of the Homeland Security Department Government

Accountability Office - Office of Inspector General Liaison Office Jim Crumpacker.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 162-264. [H.R. 4367, [Vote #450](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce The Salary Undersecretary Of Homeland Security For Intelligence And Analysis Kenneth L. Wainstein To \$1.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Boebert, R-Colo., amendment no. 48 that would reduce the salary of Undersecretary of Homeland Security for Intelligence and Analysis Kenneth L. Wainstein to \$1.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 159-269. [H.R. 4367, [Vote #451](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce The Salary Of Immigration and Customs Enforcement Office of Immigration Program Evaluation Assistant Director Claire Trickler-McNulty's To \$1.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Boebert, R-Colo., amendment no. 49 that would reduce Immigration and Customs Enforcement Office of Immigration Program Evaluation Assistant Director Claire Trickler-McNulty's salary to \$1.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 161-267. [H.R. 4367, [Vote #452](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce The Salary Of The DHS Civil Rights Officer Shoba Sivaprasad Wadhia to \$1.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Boebert, R-Colo., amendment no. 50 that would reduce Civil Rights and Civil Liberties Officer Shoba Sivaprasad Wadhia's salary to \$1.” The amendment was reject by a vote of 161-268. [H.R. 4367, [Vote #453](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Prohibit Funds For The Texas Border Program Operation Lone Star.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Castro, D-Texas, amendment no. 51 that would prohibit the use of any funds provided by the bill for the Texas border and immigration enforcement program known as "Operation Lone Star.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 211-220. [H.R. 4367, [Vote #454](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Prohibit Funding To The DHS Office For Civil Rights.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Nehls, R-Texas, amendment no. 64 that would prohibit the use of any funds provided by the bill for the Department of Homeland Security's Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 182-247. [H.R. 4367, [Vote #455](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against Recommitting FY 2024 Homeland Security Appropriations To The House Appropriations Committee.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Escobar, D-Texas, motion to recommit the bill to the House Appropriations Committee.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 210-218. [H.R. 4367, [Vote #504](#), 9/28/23; CQ, [9/28/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For Considering Appropriations Bills For Defense, Homeland Security, Agriculture, And Department Of State. In September 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 723) that would provide for House floor consideration of the Department of Defense Appropriations Act (HR 4365), the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act (HR 4367), the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act (HR 4368) and the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act (HR 4665).” The rule was adopted by a vote of 216-212. [H.Res. 723, [Vote #406](#), 9/26/23; CQ, [9/26/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For To End Debate And Consider Appropriations Bills For Defense, Homeland Security, Agriculture, And Department Of State. In September 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Roy, R-Texas, motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Congressional Record, Rep. McGovern said, “Madam Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays. The yeas and nays were ordered.” A vote *for the motion* was a vote to block consideration of the bill. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 215-209. [H.Res. 723, [Vote #405](#), 9/26/23; CQ, [9/26/23](#); Congressional Record, [9/26/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For Providing Floor Consideration For Appropriations Bills For Defense, Homeland Security, Agriculture, And Department Of State. In September 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "On the question of consideration of the resolution (H Res 723) that would provide for floor consideration of the Department of Defense Appropriations Act (HR 4365), the Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act (HR 4367), the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act (HR 4368) and the Department of State, Foreign Operations and Related Programs Appropriations Act (HR 4665)." The question was adopted by a vote of 209-198. [H.Res. 723, [Vote #404](#), 9/26/23; CQ, [9/26/23](#)]

- **This Vote Was A Procedural Vote For Democrats To Raise A Point Of Order Against The Rule.** "Prior to the vote, Rep. McGovern, D-Mass., raised a point of order that the rule would violate section 426(a) of the Congressional Budget Act. The point of order was not sustained with this vote." [CQ, [9/26/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For Providing Floor Consideration For FY 2024 Defense Appropriations, Promoting Liquefied Natural Gas, And Condemning New Mexico's Governor's Gun Legislation. In September 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Cole, R-Okla., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment Cole, R-Okla., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 712) that would provide for floor consideration of the Department of Defense Appropriations Act (HR 4365), the Unlocking our Domestic LNG Potential Act (HR 1130) and a resolution condemning the actions of Governor of New Mexico, Michelle Lujan Grisham (H Res 684). The rule would provide for up to one hour of general debate on each bill. It would make in order floor consideration of 184 amendments to HR 4365 and two amendments to HR 1130. The motion was rejected by a vote of 212-216. [H. Res. 712, [Vote #403](#), 9/21/23; CQ, [9/21/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Voted For Blocking Consideration For FY 2024 Defense Appropriations, Promoting Liquefied Natural Gas, And Condemning New Mexico's Governor's Gun Legislation.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Cole, R-Okla., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment). According to the Congressional Record, Rep. Cole said, "The right thing today is to move ahead and pass this rule, get onto a debate about what we think are important issues. Defending the country is certainly an important issue. Securing our energy future is important, and dealing with constitutional rights, and we will continue to discuss and work on these other matters. I will agree with my friend. I am not for shutting down the government. I hope we don't get there, and I always worry about that as we approach these kind of deadlines. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time, and I move the previous question on the resolution." *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the resolution.* The motion was agreed to by a vote of 216-202. [H. Res. 712, [Vote #402](#), 9/21/23; CQ, [9/21/23](#), Congressional Record, [9/21/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For Providing Floor Consideration Of The Department Of Defense Appropriations Act 2024. In September 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Adoption of the rule (H Res 680) that would provide for floor consideration of the Department of Defense Appropriations Act (HR 4365). The rule would provide for up to one hour of general debate and make in order 184 amendments to the bill." The motion was rejected by a vote of 212-214. [H. Res. 680, [Vote #398](#), 9/19/23; CQ, [9/19/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Resolution To Protect Social Security And Medicare.** In September 2023 D'Esposito voted for: "Cole, R-Okla., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment)." According to the Congressional Record, Rep. Fernandez said, "I am going to offer my friends, my dear friends, a chance to show the American people that they are serious about preserving Social Security and Medicare. I urge you all to join us in defeating the previous question. If we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to provide for consideration of a resolution which plainly states that the people's House won't cut a single cent from these crucial programs that so many of my constituents, so many of your constituents, rely on." *A vote for*

the motion was a vote to block consideration of the resolution. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 217-209. [H. Res. 680, [Vote #397](#), 9/19/23; CQ, [9/19/23](#); Congressional Record, [9/19/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For A Motion To Close Portions Of The Conference On The Fiscal 2024 Defense

Authorization Bill. In September 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Rogers, R-Ala., motion to close portions of the conference on the Fiscal 2024 Defense Authorization bill (HR 2670).” The motion passed by a vote of 409-0. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #396](#), 9/19/23; CQ, [9/19/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For A Motion To From The Desk The Fiscal 2024 Defense Authorization Act And To Request A Conference With The Senate. In September 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Rogers, R-Ala., motion to take from the desk the Fiscal 2024 Defense Authorization bill (HR 2670) and the Senate amendment to the bill, disagree with the Senate amendment to the bill and request a conference with the Senate.” The motion passed by a vote of 393-27. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #395](#), 9/19/23; CQ, [9/19/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For Suspending The Debt Limit Through March 2024 Or Until \$1.5 Trillion Has Been Reached And Capping Federal Spending For FY 2024 At 2022 Levels With A Capped 1% Per Year Growth.

In April 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would suspend the statutory limit on federal debt through March 31, 2024, or until an additional \$1.5 trillion has been borrowed — whichever occurs first. It would also include a range of provisions to limit federal spending, as well as the text of a previously passed energy and permitting policy package. The bill would set base discretionary spending limits through fiscal 2033, capping spending for fiscal 2024 at the fiscal 2022 level of \$1.47 trillion — a reduction from current spending levels — and raising the cap by 1 percent annually through fiscal 2033. It would also include similar annual cap adjustments for specified programs, including for wildfire suppression, disability reviews and redeterminations, health care fraud and abuse control, and disaster reemployment services and eligibility assessments. The bill would rescind unobligated amounts from various funds provided by the fiscal 2022 reconciliation package (PL 117-169) for COVID-19 relief, IRS enforcement, and certain climate- and infrastructure-focused initiatives, as well as all unobligated funding from the March 2021 coronavirus relief reconciliation package (PL 117-2) and earlier coronavirus response laws. The bill would expand or establish work requirements for Medicaid beneficiaries aged 19 to 55 and raise from 49 to 55 the oldest age at which existing work requirements would apply for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program beneficiaries. It would also modify various work standards for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program, including to update the baseline for calculating certain state workforce participation standards and require states to collect certain data related to work outcomes for TANF participants. To limit regulatory spending, the bill would nullify pending executive actions suspending student loan payments and prohibit the Education Department from implementing any substantially similar actions without congressional approval. It would also establish a process to require congressional approval of all “major” federal rules that would have an annual impact of at least \$100 million, cause a major increase in prices, or cause significant adverse effects to economic competitiveness. Among energy- and climate-focused provisions, the bill would repeal, phase out or narrow a variety of climate-focused tax credits under the fiscal 2022 reconciliation package, including repealing new credits for solar and wind projects, sustainable aviation fuel and clean fuel production. It would also include the full text of the House-passed energy and permitting package (HR 1) that would require a number of actions to boost the domestic production of fossil fuels and certain critical minerals and accelerate the construction of natural gas pipelines and other energy infrastructure, while reversing or repealing certain presidential actions taken and laws enacted during the Biden administration related to energy policy and climate change.” The bill passed by a vote of 217-215. [H.R. 2811, [Vote #199](#), 4/26/23; CQ, [4/26/23](#)]

- **HEADLINE: “GOP-Led House Passes Bill To Hike Debt Limit And Slash Spending.”** [CBS News, [4/26/23](#)]
- **New York Times: The Republican Debt Limit Bill Did Not Include Many Specifics On What Government Spending Would Be Cut.** “Their bill, which would raise the country’s borrowing limit for a year in exchange for a decade of spending reductions, does not include many specifics. It achieves most of its savings with spending caps for discretionary spending — the part of the budget allocated annually by

Congress that is not automatic like Social Security payments — but it doesn't say what discretionary programs should be cut and which ones should be spared." [New York Times, [5/8/23](#)]

- **The House Republican Debt Limit Plan Was Expected To Force 22% In Cuts Across The Federal Government.** "The legislation Congressional Republicans introduced sets overall appropriations for Fiscal Year 2024 at the same level as FY 2022. At this level, all appropriated funding—including both defense and domestic programs—would be cut deeply. However, Congressional Republicans have indicated that they are not willing to cut defense funding at all, which means that everything else in annual appropriations—from cancer research, to education, to veterans' health care—would be cut by much more. The math is simple, but unforgiving. At their proposed topline funding level—and with defense funding left untouched as Republicans have proposed—everything else is forced to suffer enormous cuts. In fact, their bill would force a cut of 22 percent—cuts that would grow deeper and deeper with each year of their plan." [The White House, [4/20/23](#)]
- **Cutting Federal Spending By 22% Meant 31 Million Fewer Veteran Outpatient Visits And 81,000 Layoffs Across The Veterans Health Administration, Leaving Vets Vulnerable.** "Cutting funding by 22 percent would mean 30 million fewer veteran outpatient visits, and 81,000 jobs lost across the Veterans Health Administration—leaving veterans unable to get appointments for care including wellness visits, cancer screenings, mental health services, and substance use disorder treatment." [The White House, [4/20/23](#)]
- **Recouping Unspent Pandemic Aid Was Expected To Take Away Billions From The VA That Would Limit The Availability Of Healthcare Services For Veterans.** "Democrats are jumping on the House GOP plan to recoup unspent pandemic aid in their debt limit bill, charging that the move will harm agencies counting on that funding, including the Department of Veterans Affairs. [...] But few issues carry the political resonance as potential cuts to veterans benefits, and Democrats have been aiming their fire particularly at over \$2 billion sitting in VA health accounts that the debt limit bill would cancel. Rescinding that money would "dramatically limit the ability for VA to provide healthcare services both within and outside of VA by clawing back needed funding for medical care," according to the Democrats' memo." [Roll Call, [4/25/23](#)]
- **Cutting Federal Spending By 22% Was Expected To Negatively Impact 25 Million Low Income Students And 7.5 Million Students With Disabilities.** "A 22 percent cut would impact 25 million students in schools that teach low-income students and 7.5 million students with disabilities, which could force a reduction of up to 108,000 teachers, aides or other key staff." [The White House, [4/20/23](#)]
- **Cutting Federal Spending By 22% Was Expected To Take Away Nutrition Services For More Than A Million Seniors.** "A 22 percent cut would take away nutrition services, such as Meals on Wheels, from more than 1 million seniors. For many of these seniors, these programs provide the only healthy meal they receive on any given day." [The White House, [4/20/23](#)]
- **The Republican Debt Limit Plan Was Expected To Leave Over Half A Million Of The Poorest Americans Without Health Insurance.** "More than a half million of the poorest Americans could be left without health insurance under legislation passed by House Republicans that would require people to work in exchange for health care coverage through Medicaid. It's one of dozens of provisions tucked into a GOP bill that would allow for an increase in the debt limit but curb government spending over the next decade. The bill is unlikely to become law, though. It is being used by House Republicans to draw Democrats to the negotiating table and avoid a debt default." [ABC News, [4/30/23](#)]
- **The Republican Debt Limit Plan Was Expected To Cause Over 275,000 Americans A Month To Lose Access To Food Stamps.** "House Republicans passed a debt ceiling bill last week with a provision to enact new work requirements for those seeking federal assistance, claiming the measure would help cut federal spending. The Congressional Budget Office (CBO), a nonpartisan agency, said last week that the stricter work requirements proposed by the House GOP would reduce federal spending by \$120 billion over the next decade, a small portion of the roughly \$4.8 trillion in savings the bill would generate. About 600,000 Americans would

lose health insurance, while about 275,000 Americans a month would lose access to food stamps, the CBO said.” [Time, [5/1/23](#)]

- Republican Spending Cuts Were Expected To Cut Cancer Research, Nutritional Assistance For Poor Mothers And Infants, And The Social Security Administration Employees By More Than Half.** “The charts above show how exempting big categories of spending would make the budget caps more draconian. Universal discretionary caps would cut spending by an average of 18 percent over a decade, compared with what’s expected if current levels grew according to inflation. But with defense, veterans’ care and homeland security exempted, the caps would result in cutting the rest of the discretionary budget by more than half. Defense is the largest category of discretionary spending in the budget. Veterans’ health care is the second largest. The programs that would be subject to such deeper cuts include nutrition assistance for poor mothers and infants, air traffic control, the State Department, cancer research and Social Security Administration employees.” [New York Times, [5/8/23](#)]
- The Debt Limit Bill Repealed Tax Incentives For Renewable Energy And Toughened Work Requirements For Antipoverty Programs, Including Medicaid.** “The U.S. House of Representatives on Wednesday narrowly passed a bill to raise the government's \$31.4 trillion debt ceiling that includes sweeping spending cuts over the next decade. [...] The House bill would increase Washington's borrowing authority by \$1.5 trillion or until March 31, whichever comes first, raising the specter of another round of negotiations during the 2024 presidential campaign. The bill would pare spending to 2022 levels and then cap growth at 1% a year, repeal some tax incentives for renewable energy and stiffen work requirements for some antipoverty programs. [...] The overnight changes removed a provision that would have ended a tax credit for biofuels that was part of Biden's climate change initiatives in the 2022 Inflation Reduction Act. Bending to the far-right wing of the party, Republicans also accelerated some new, tougher work requirements for receiving Medicaid healthcare benefits for the poor, angering Democrats.” [Reuters, [4/27/23](#)]
- The Debt Limit Bill Cut Unspent COVID-19 Relief Funds, Revoked Internal Revenue Service Funding, And Tightened Work Requirements For Medicaid And Food Stamp Recipients.** “The House on Wednesday passed a bill that would raise the debt ceiling and slash trillions of dollars in government spending, delivering House Speaker Kevin McCarthy a victory in his efforts to pressure the White House to begin negotiations ahead of a fast-approaching deadline to avoid a default. [...] The House voted 217 to 215 to pass the Limit, Save, Grow Act of 2023, with all but four Republican members voting in favor. The House GOP's plan would freeze spending at levels adopted in fiscal year 2022 and cap future federal spending increases at 1% annually for the next decade. It also claws back unspent federal COVID-19 relief funds, revokes some of the \$80 billion for the Internal Revenue Service included in the Inflation Reduction Act and tightens the work requirements for Medicaid and food stamp recipients.” [CBS News, [4/26/23](#)]
- Recouping Unspent Pandemic Aid Was Expected To Revoke Billions From The Department Of Transportation For Highway, Aviation And Transit Agencies.** “Democrats are jumping on the House GOP plan to recoup unspent pandemic aid in their debt limit bill, charging that the move will harm agencies counting on that funding, including the Department of Veterans Affairs. [...] Almost \$6 billion would come out of unspent Transportation Department funds for highway, aviation and transit agencies. ‘Rescinding this funding would eliminate critical resources for mayors and governors to keep their airports open, trains running, and buses operating to get their essential workers to and from their jobs to keep our economy and people alive,’ the Democrats' memo states.” [Roll Call, [4/25/23](#)]
- U.S. Department Of Transportation Reported The Republican Budget Cut Proposal Would Shut Down 375 Air Traffic Control Towers And Result In 7,500 Fewer Rail Safety Inspection Days.** “The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) on Wednesday said a Republican budget cut proposal would shut down 375 federally-staffed and contract-run air traffic control towers around the country and result in 7,500 fewer rail safety inspection days. Overall, it said the Republican plan, which would sharply reduce budget spending in exchange for a short-term increase in the debt ceiling, would reduce funding for U.S.

transit and highway infrastructure projects by nearly \$5.2 billion. The White House has said President Joe Biden would veto the legislation, and has called on Congress to raise the debt limit without conditions. President Biden and his administration have pushed back hard against the proposal from Republican House of Representatives Speaker Kevin McCarthy, which would implement \$4.5 trillion in spending cuts with a \$1.5 trillion increase in the \$31.4 trillion U.S. debt limit.” [Reuters, [4/26/23](#)]

- **The Debt Limit Bill Rolled Back Student Loan Debt Forgiveness And Climate Provisions From The Inflation Reduction Act.** “The House on Wednesday passed a bill that would raise the debt ceiling and slash trillions of dollars in government spending, delivering House Speaker Kevin McCarthy a victory in his efforts to pressure the White House to begin negotiations ahead of a fast-approaching deadline to avoid a default. [...] The bill rolls back some of the president's signature policies, including his plan to forgive up to \$20,000 in student loan debt — two challenges to the debt relief program are pending before the Supreme Court — and climate provisions enacted through the Inflation Reduction Act, Democrats' signature health care, tax and climate package.” [CBS News, [4/26/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against A Motion To Recommit The Limit Save Grow Act To Suspend The Debt Limit And Cap Federal Spending To Committee.** In April 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Ryan, D-N.Y., motion to recommit the bill to the House Ways and Means Committee.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 211-221. [H.R. 2811, [Vote #198](#), 4/26/23; CQ, [4/26/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For Considering The Republican Debt Limit Package. In April 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 327) that would provide for floor consideration of the Republican debt limit package (HR 2811). The rule would provide for up to two hours of debate on the bill and provide for automatic adoption of an Arrington, R-Texas, amendment. The Arrington amendment to HR 2811 would strike from the bill provisions that would repeal tax credits for biofuels and other alternative fuels, which were initially enacted in the fiscal 2022 reconciliation law (PL 117-169), and strike from the bill a provision that would narrow eligibility for tax credits for carbon oxide sequestration. It would create a transition rule for the bill's repeal of sustainable aviation fuel and clean fuel production credits, maintaining eligibility for entities to receive such credits based on binding contracts or other investment actions between Aug. 26, 2022, and April 19, 2023. It would rescind the balances of unobligated funds provided by the fiscal 2022 reconciliation law for programs related to greenhouse gas pollution reduction, energy infrastructure updates, Federal Highway Administration neighborhood access and equity projects, energy efficient building codes and National Park System maintenance. Finally, the amendment would make certain modifications in the bill to the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program, including increased work requirements, effective one year earlier, on Oct. 1, 2024, and establish that a purpose of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program is to 'assist low-income adults in obtaining employment and increasing their earnings.' The rule would also provide for up to one hour of debate on a joint resolution (H J Res 39) providing for congressional disapproval of a Commerce Department rule related to duties for solar-energy materials.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 219-210. [H.Res. 327, [Vote #196](#), 4/26/23; CQ, [4/26/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For Repealing Remaining IRS Funding From The \$71 Billion Appropriated In The FY 2022 Budget. In January 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Passage of the bill that would rescind unobligated balances from \$71 billion appropriated to the IRS in the fiscal 2022 budget reconciliation bill (PL 117-169) for tax enforcement and operations support, as well as \$726 million for a task force to design a free direct e-file system for tax returns; the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration; Office of Tax Policy functions related to promulgating tax regulations; the U.S. Tax Court; and Treasury Department oversight and support of the IRS. It would not rescind any funding from the \$3.1 billion provided by the reconciliation bill for taxpayer services or the \$4.7 billion for business systems modernization.” The bill passed by a vote of 221-210. [H.R. 23, [Vote #25](#), 1/9/23; CQ, 1/9/23]

- **D'Esposito Voted Against A Motion To Recommit The Repeal Of IRS Funding To Committee.** In January 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Kildee, D-Mich., motion to recommit the bill that would rescind IRS funding appropriated by the fiscal 2022 budget reconciliation bill (PL 117-169) to the House Ways and Means Committee.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 208-221. [H.R. 23, [Vote #24](#), 1/9/23; CQ, 1/9/23]

COVID-19 & Pandemic Relief Issues

D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To The Military Construction-VA Appropriations Bill To Ban Funds From The Bill From Being Used For COVID Vaccination Programs For VA Health Care Employees. In July 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Roy, R-Texas, amendment no. 38 that would bar the use of funds provided by the bill to carry out the COVID-19 vaccination program for Veterans Health Administration health care personnel.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 224-210. [H.R. 4366, [Vote #375](#), 7/26/23; CQ, [7/26/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To The Military Construction-VA Appropriations Bill To Ban Funds From The Bill From Being Used For COVID Mask Mandates. In July 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Rosendale, R-Mont., amendment no. 37 that would bar the use of funds provided by the bill to enforce any COVID-19 mask mandates.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 223-211. [H.R. 4366, [Vote #374](#), 7/26/23; CQ, [7/26/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To The Bill To Reauthorize The Federal Aviation Administration To Require That Airlines Rehire Pilots Who Were Fired Due To COVID Vaccine Mandates. In July 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Miller, R-Ill., for Greene, R-Ga., amendment no. 36 that would require airlines to reinstate pilots who were fired or forced to resign because of COVID-19 vaccine mandates.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 141-294. [H.R. 3935, [Vote #346](#), 7/19/23 CQ, [7/19/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For Extending The Time States Have To Recover Fraudulent COVID-19 And Unemployment Insurance Payments By Extending The Statute Of Limitations By Five Years. In May 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would extend the length of time that states have to recover fraudulent COVID-19 and regular unemployment insurance benefit payments and allow states to retain certain percentages of recovered overpayments to use for UI program integrity initiatives. Specifically, the bill would extend from five to 10 years the statute of limitations for criminal charges or civil enforcement actions alleging that an individual engaged in UI benefit fraud. It would extend, from three to 10 years after a payment is made, the amount of time states have to recover UI overpayments made due to fraud under pandemic unemployment assistance programs, the mixed earner unemployment benefit program established during the pandemic, extended UI benefits during the pandemic, and the first week of regular benefits that were fully federally-funded during the pandemic. It would allow states to retain 25 percent of any such recovered funds and require states to use such funds for certain UI program integrity activities, including hiring fraud investigators and prosecutors and modernizing unemployment compensation systems. Beginning two years after enactment, it would allow states to retain five percent of any recovered overpayments of regular and extended unemployment insurance benefits, unless the overpayment was caused by a state agency's error, to be used for UI program integrity and administration costs, including deterring, detecting and preventing improper payments; payments to the Treasury Department on a state loan from the unemployment trust fund; and modernizing state UI technology infrastructure. It would establish requirements for states to be eligible for retention of such funds, including that they use a system for crossmatching UI claimants, use a national new hires directory to identify individuals who may have become employed, and take actions to prevent payments to incarcerated and deceased individuals. It would also reinstate and extend through 2030 certain flexibility for states to hire temporary staff to identify and prosecute fraudulent pandemic UI benefits. As an offset, the bill would repeal a provision in the March 2020 coronavirus response law (PL 116-136) that provided \$2 billion for the Labor Department to detect and prevent fraud, promote equitable access, and ensure timely payment with respect to unemployment compensation programs.” The bill passed by a vote of 230-200. [H.R. 1163, [Vote #211](#), 5/11/23; CQ, [5/11/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Voted Against A Motion To Recommit The Unemployment Insurance Fraud Bill To The Ways And Means Committee.** In May 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Sykes, D-Ohio, motion to recommit the bill to the House Ways and Means Committee.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 210-221. [H.R. 1163, [Vote #210](#), 5/11/23; CQ, [5/11/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For Considering The Secure The Border Act And The Protecting Taxpayers And Victims Of Unemployment Fraud Act.** In May 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H.Res.

383), as amended, that would provide for floor consideration of the Secure the Border Act (HR 2) and the Protecting Taxpayers and Victims of Unemployment Fraud Act (HR 1163). The rule would provide for up to five hours of debate on the Secure the Border Act and up to one hour of debate on the Protecting Taxpayers and Victims of Unemployment Fraud Act. It would provide for automatic adoption of a Smith, R-Mo., manager's amendment to HR 1163 that would direct the Treasury Department to use unobligated funds provided by previous pandemic relief legislation for administration and fraud prevention of unemployment programs to offset any loss in the amount of funds deposited in state unemployment funds as a result of the bill, subject to appropriations. As amended, the rule would also provide for automatic adoption of an amendment to HR 2 that would strike a section requiring the Homeland Security Department to submit a report to Congress on whether certain Mexican drug cartels meet the criteria to be designated as foreign terrorist organizations; instead require Congress to commission a report containing a national strategy to address Mexican drug cartels, including a determination of whether there should be a new designation for such cartels and information on actions by such cartels that harm the U.S.; and express the sense of Congress that, in implementing the E-Verify Program, DHS shall ensure any adverse impact on the U.S. agricultural workforce, operations and food security is considered and addressed." The rule passed by a vote of 215-209. [H.Res. 383, [Vote #207](#), 5/10/23; CQ, [5/10/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For Declassification Of National Intelligence Information Linking The Origin Of COVID-19 To The Wuhan Institute Of Virology In China. In March 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Passage of the bill that would require the National Intelligence director, within 90 days of enactment, to declassify any and all information relating to potential links between the Wuhan Institute of Virology in China and the origin of COVID-19 and submit an unclassified report to Congress, including redactions only as necessary to protect sources and methods. It would require the DNI to declassify information regarding activities at the Wuhan facility performed with or on behalf of the Chinese military, coronavirus-related research at the facility performed prior to the outbreak of COVID-19, and researchers at the facility who fell ill in the autumn of 2019. It would express the sense of Congress that identifying the origin of COVID-19 is critical for preventing a similar pandemic outbreak in the future, that there is reason to believe that COVID-19 may have originated at the Wuhan Institute of Virology, and that the DNI should declassify and make publicly available as much information as possible about the origin of COVID-19 so the United States and other countries can use that information to identify the virus origins and take measures to prevent future pandemics." The bill passed, thus cleared for the president, by a vote of 419-0. [S. 619, [Vote #143](#), 3/10/23; CQ, [3/10/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For Considering The Protecting Speech From Government Interference Act, Disapproval Of A Defense Department And Environmental Protection Agency Rule On Federal Jurisdiction, And Declassification Of Intelligence Information Relating To COVID-19 Origins. In March 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Adoption of the rule (H Res 199) that would provide for floor consideration of the Protecting Speech from Government Interference Act (HR 140); the joint resolution (H J Res 27) providing for congressional disapproval of a Defense Department and EPA rule related to federal jurisdiction over waters of the United States; and the bill (S 619) requiring the Director of National Intelligence to declassify information relating to the origin of COVID-19. The rule would provide for one hour of general debate on each measure and would make in order floor consideration of ten amendments to HR 140. It would also provide for the House, on March 23, to consider and vote on overriding the president's veto of the joint resolution (H J Res 30) disapproving the Labor Department ESG fiduciary rule, if the president vetoes the measure." The rule was adopted by a vote of 216-206. [H.Res. 199, [Vote #135](#), 3/8/23; CQ, [3/8/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For Terminating The CDC Requirement For Proof Of COVID-19 Vaccination For Foreign Travelers Entering The U.S.. In February 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Passage of the bill, as amended, that would terminate the April 2022 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention rule requiring COVID-19 vaccinations for noncitizen, nonimmigrant travelers entering the United States by air travel. It would also deem any subsequent similar CDC vaccine requirements as having no force or effect." The bill passed by a vote of 227-201. [H.R. 185, [Vote #116](#), 2/8/23; CQ, [2/8/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Voted Against A Motion To Recommit The Termination Of The CDC Requirement For Proof Of COVID-19 Vaccination For Foreign Travelers.** In February 2023, D'Esposito voted against:

“Schrier, D-Wash., motion to recommit the bill to the House Energy and Commerce Committee.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 208-220. [H.R. 185, [Vote #115](#), 2/8/23; CQ, [2/8/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Delay The Bill's Effective Date Until Certification That It Won't Result In Increased COVID-19 Hospitalizations.** In February 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Torres, D-Calif., amendment no. 5 that would delay the bill's effective date until the Health and Human Services Department certifies to Congress that its requirements would not result in an increase in hospitalizations due to the COVID-19 pandemic.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 209-224. [H.R. 185, [Vote #114](#), 2/8/23; CQ, [2/8/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Prevent The Bill From Affecting A CDC Order Requiring A Negative COVID-19 Test For People Traveling To The U.S. From China Or Who Have Been In China Within 10 Days.** In February 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Rose, R-Tenn., amendment no. 4 that would specify that the bill's provisions would not affect a January 2023 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention order requiring a negative pre-departure COVID-19 test result or documentation of recovery from COVID-19 for aircraft passengers who are traveling to the United States from China or have been in China within the 10 days prior to U.S. entry.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 426-8. [H.R. 185, [Vote #113](#), 2/8/23; CQ, [2/8/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Prevent The Bill From Applying To Future CDC Orders With Similar Requirements.** In February 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Golden, D-Maine, for Gluesenkamp Perez, D-Wash., amendment no. 3 that would specify that the bill's prohibition on implementation of the April 2022 COVID-19 vaccine mandate for foreign travelers would not apply to implementation of any future Centers for Disease Control and Prevention orders with similar requirements. It would strike language from the bill that would preempt such subsequent mandates.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 207-220. [H.R. 185, [Vote #112](#), 2/8/23; CQ, [2/8/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Require A Report On The Number Of Individuals Denied Entry To The U.S. Under The Vaccinate Mandate Terminated By The Bill.** In February 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Boebert, R-Colo., amendment no. 2 that would require the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, within 90 days of enactment, to submit a report to Congress on the number of individuals denied entry to the U.S. under the vaccine mandate terminated by the bill.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 253-168. [H.R. 185, [Vote #111](#), 2/8/23; CQ, [2/8/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Prevent The Bill From Affecting CDC's Authority To Mandate Vaccination Against Diseases Other Than COVID-19 For Foreign Travelers.** In February 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “McGovern, D-Mass., amendment no. 1 that would specify that the bill would not affect the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's authority, in the interest of public health, to mandate vaccination against diseases other than COVID-19 for foreign travelers who enter the U.S. by air travel.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 210-222. [H.R. 185, [Vote #110](#), 2/8/23; CQ, [2/8/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For Considering Terminating The CDC Requirement For Proof Of COVID-19 Vaccination For Foreign Travelers And Disapproving Of The DC Council's Actions To Approve The Local Voting Rights Amendment And Revised Criminal Code.** In February 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 97) that would provide for consideration of a bill (HR 185) to terminate the CDC's vaccination requirement for foreign travelers; a joint resolution (H J Res 24) disapproving the D.C. Council voting eligibility law; and a joint resolution (H J Res 26) disapproving D.C. Council criminal code adjustments. The rule would provide up to one hour of general debate on each measure and floor consideration of five amendments to HR 185.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 217-208. [H.Res. 97, [Vote #109](#), 2/7/23; CQ, [2/7/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For A Joint Resolution To End The COVID-19 National Emergency Declared On March 13, 2020. In January 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Passage of the joint resolution that would terminate the COVID-

19 national emergency declared by the president on March 13, 2020.” The bill passed by a vote of 229-197. [H.J.Res. 7, [Vote #104](#), 2/1/23; CQ, [2/1/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For The SHOW UP Act To Reinstate Telework Policies In Place Before The COVID-19 Pandemic At Federal Agencies. In January 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Passage of the bill that would require federal agencies, within 30 days of enactment, to reinstate their telework policies and practices that were in place on Dec. 31, 2019. It would prohibit agencies from increasing telework unless they submit a plan to Congress, certified by the Office of Personnel Management, stating that the expansion will have a ‘substantial positive effect’ on agency performance or substantially lower costs. It would also require each agency to submit to Congress, within six months of enactment, a study on how expanded telework during the pandemic impacted the agency and its mission.” The bill passed by a vote of 221-206. [H.R. 139, [Vote #103](#), 2/1/23; CQ, [2/1/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For The Pandemic Is Over Act To End The COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Declared On January 31, 2020. In January 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Passage of the bill that would terminate the COVID-19 public health emergency declared by the Health and Human Services Department on Jan. 31, 2020.” The bill passed by a vote of 220-210. [H.R. 382, [Vote #100](#), 2/1/23; CQ, [2/1/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted Against A Motion To Recommit The Pandemic Is Over Act. In January 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Moskowitz, D-Fla., motion to recommit the bill to the House Energy and Commerce Committee.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 210-220. [H.R. 382, [Vote #99](#), 1/31/23; CQ, [1/31/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For The Freedom For Health Care Workers Act To Prohibit The Implementation Or Enforcement Of The Health And Human Services Rule To Require Vaccinations For Health Care Providers In Medicare And Medicaid Facilities. In January 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Passage of the bill that would prohibit the Health and Human Services Department from implementing or enforcing the November 2021 rule requiring vaccinations for health care providers in Medicare- and Medicaid-certified facilities. It would also prohibit the department from promulgating any ‘substantially similar’ rule.” The bill passed by a vote of 227-203. [H.R. 497, [Vote #98](#), 1/31/23; CQ, [1/31/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted Against A Motion To Recommit The Freedom For Health Care Workers Act To Committee. In January 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Jacobs, D-Calif., motion to recommit the bill to the House Energy and Commerce Committee.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 210-219. [H.R. 497, [Vote #97](#), 1/31/23; CQ, [1/31/23](#)]

D'Esposito Did Not Vote On Considering A Resolution Relating To The National COVID-19 Emergency, The SHOW UP Act, The Pandemic Is Over Act, And The Freedom For Health Care Workers Act. In January 2023, D'Esposito did not vote on: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 75) that would provide for floor consideration of the resolution relating to a national emergency declared by the president on March 13, 2020 (H J Res 7), the Stopping Home Office Work's Unproductive Problems (SHOW UP) Act (HR 139), the Pandemic is Over Act (HR 382) and the Freedom for Health Care Workers Act (HR 497). The rule would provide for one hour of general debate on each bill.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 216-208. [H.Res. 75, [Vote #96](#), 1/31/23; CQ, [1/31/23](#)]

Crime, Policing, & Public Safety Issues

D'Esposito Voted For Veto Override Disapproving Of D.C. Policing Bill. In June 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Passage, over President Biden's May 25, 2023, veto of the joint resolution that would establish congressional disapproval of, effectively repealing, the January 2023 District of Columbia Council legislation that would codify or establish accountability measures and restrictions on policing in the district. Among other provisions, the D.C. law would establish a board to review the D.C. Metropolitan Police Department's use of force; expand officer training requirements; prohibit the hiring of officers with a history of serious misconduct; ban the use of neck restraints by officers; restrict MPD purchases of military-grade equipment; and establish new procedures to expand access to body-worn camera footage and police disciplinary records.” The bill passed 233 to 197. [H.J.Res. 42, [Vote #253](#), 6/13/23; CQ, [6/13/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For A Resolution Condemning Anti-Semitism. In May 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Issa, R-Calif., motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, as amended, that would state that the House of Representatives calls on elected officials, faith leaders and civil society leaders to condemn and combat any and all acts of antisemitism; takes all possible steps to ensure the safety and security of Jewish American communities; and calls on the executive branch and civic leaders to identify and educate the public on the contributions of the Jewish American community." The motion was agreed to by a vote of 429-0. [H.Res. 382, [Vote #242](#), 5/31/23; CQ, [5/31/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For Classifying Fentanyl-Related Substances As Schedule I Drugs And Establishing Expedited Procedures For Using Schedule I And Schedule II Substances In Research. In May 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Passage of the bill, as amended, that would permanently classify all fentanyl-related substances as Schedule I drugs under the Controlled Substances Act - unless they are specifically exempted or listed in another schedule - thereby extending to those drugs mandatory minimum sentencing requirements. It would also establish expedited procedures for the use of Schedule I and Schedule II controlled substances in research. The bill would permit researchers who are currently registered to study Schedule I and Schedule II to begin research on additional substances beginning 30 days after they notify the Justice Department, if the research is part of an investigational use exemption; conducted or funded by the Health and Human Services, Veterans Affairs or Defense departments; and the researcher provides certain information on the substances to be used and demonstrates they are authorized by state law to conduct such research. It would require the Justice Department to approve or deny the registration status of a new researcher within 45 days of receiving an application. It would also allow additional researchers at the same institution or at related research sites to be added to an existing registration instead of registering separately; require researchers working on substances newly classified under Schedule I to submit research applications within 90 days of the new classification; and allow researchers to manufacture small quantities of Schedule I substances for research purposes without first obtaining a manufacturing registration. Among other provisions, the bill would require the Justice Department to issue regulations to implement the bill's provisions within six months of its enactment. It would also express the sense of Congress that it agrees with a 2021 U.S. Court of Appeals decision (*United States v. McCray*) that concluded that a substance can be an analogue of fentanyl even if it is not listed as a controlled substance analogue and that dealing in 10 grams or more of a fentanyl analogue is subject to enhanced penalty. The bill would define fentanyl-related substances as those structurally related to fentanyl by certain substitutions, which contain the salts, isomers, and salts of isomers of fentanyl within a specific chemical designation." The bill passed by a vote of 289-133. [H.R. 467, [Vote #237](#), 5/25/23; CQ, [5/25/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Certify That The Provisions Would Decrease Overdose Deaths Before The Provisions Take Effect.** In May 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Pettersen, D-Colo., amendment no. 3 that would prohibit the bill's provisions from taking effect until the Health and Human Services and Justice departments certify that its provisions will lead to a reduction in overdose deaths." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 190-233. [H.R. 467, [Vote #236](#), 5/25/23; CQ, [5/25/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For Considering The Halt All Lethal Trafficking Of Fentanyl Act, A Joint Resolution Disapproving Of An EPA Rule On Heavy-Duty Vehicle Emissions, And A Joint Resolution Disapproving Of Biden's Student Loan Forgiveness.** In May 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Adoption of the rule (H.Res. 429) that would provide for floor consideration of the Halt All Lethal Trafficking of (HALT) Fentanyl Act (HR 467); the joint resolution (S J Res 11) disapproving an EPA rule on heavy-duty vehicle emissions; and the joint resolution (H J Res 45) disapproving the Biden administration's student loan forgiveness rule. The rule would provide for up to one hour of general debate on each measure. It would make in order floor consideration of three amendments to HR 467." The rule was adopted by a vote of 217-204. [H.Res. 429, [Vote #231](#), 5/23/23; CQ, [5/23/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For Requiring The Government Accountability Office To Conduct A Study On The Illegal Funding Of Synthetic Drug Trafficking. In May 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Luetkemeyer, R-Mo., motion to

suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would require the Government Accountability Office to conduct a study on illicit financing associated with the trafficking of synthetic drugs, including fentanyl, methamphetamine and their precursors. It would require the study to include business information and models used by transnational criminal organizations and their overlap with human and synthetic drug trafficking; the use of social media and digital platforms to sell synthetic drugs and process illicit financial transactions; and federal activities to combat drug trafficking and illicit financing, including interagency collaboration and identification of gaps or resource deficiencies. It would require the GAO, within one year of enactment, to submit a report to Congress on study findings and determinations.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 402-2. [H.R. 1076, [Vote #228](#), 5/22/23; CQ, [5/22/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For Appreciating Law Enforcement Officers And Condemning Defunding Or Abolishing The Police. In May 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Passage of the concurrent resolution, as amended, that would express that Congress recognizes and appreciates the ‘dedication and devotion’ of local law enforcement officers and condemns ‘calls to defund, disband, dismantle, or abolish the police.’ Among other provisions, the resolution's preamble would state that ‘looting, rioting, and violence in major cities’ in the summer of 2020 caused the destruction of many businesses; that the national murder rate in 2020 was the highest total since 1995; that ‘leftist activists and progressive politicians’ have called for defunding or dismantling police and ‘actively encouraged resentment toward local law enforcement’; that ‘the defund police movement vilifies and demonizes local law enforcement officers and puts them at greater risk of danger;’ and that ‘violent leftist extremists have repeatedly attacked and assaulted local law enforcement officers.’ As amended, it would express that local law enforcement officers who have been accused of misconduct should have certain rights in the course of investigations and encourage states to adopt a ‘Bill of Rights’ related to such officers' rights.” The resolution passed by a vote of 301-119. [H.Con.Res. 40, [Vote #227](#), 5/18/23; CQ, [5/18/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Provide Additional Protections For Law Enforcement Officers During Misconduct Investigations And Urge States To Adopt A Bill Of Rights For Law Enforcement Officers.** In May 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “D'Esposito, R-N.Y., amendment no. 1 that would expand the resolution's preamble to state that local law enforcement officers who have been accused of misconduct should have certain rights in the course of investigations, including an inherent right to self-defense against physical threats; a right to legal recourse if a civilian attempts to assault them; a right to have representation present during questioning; a right to be informed of the nature of an investigation before any interview commences, including the name of the complainant; a right not to be threatened with departmental, civil or criminal charges during questioning; a right to respond to adverse accusations; and a right not to be disciplined for exercising a Fifth Amendment right to remain silent. Among other provisions, it would encourage states to adopt a ‘Bill of Rights’ for local law enforcement personnel for protections related to investigations arising from their official duties.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 268-156. [H.Con.Res. 40, [Vote #226](#), 5/18/23; CQ, [5/18/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For Considering The Protect Our Law Enforcement With Immigration Control And Enforcement Act, The Federal Law Enforcement Officer Service Weapon Purchase Act, And A Resolution To Express Support For Law Enforcement.** In May 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H.Res. 398) that would provide for floor consideration of the Protect Our Law enforcement with Immigration Control and Enforcement (POLICE) Act (HR 2494); the Federal Law Enforcement Officer Service Weapon Purchase Act (HR 3091); and the concurrent resolution (H Con Res 40) expressing support for law enforcement and condemning efforts to defund law enforcement agencies. The rule would provide for one hour of general debate on each bill. It would make in order floor consideration of two amendments to HR 2494, four amendments to HR 3091 and one amendment to H Con Res 40.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 222-203. [H.Res. 398, [Vote #216](#), 5/16/23; CQ, [5/16/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For Making Assaulting A Law Enforcement Officer A Deportable Offense. In May 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would establish that it is a deportable offense for a foreign national to commit an offense involving assault, as defined by the applicable jurisdiction, against a law enforcement officer if the assault occurred while the officer was on duty or because of their performance of official

duties or their status as an officer. The bill's definition of law enforcement officers would include any person legally authorized to apprehend, arrest or prosecute an individual for a criminal offense, as well as firefighters and other first responders. As amended, the bill would require the Homeland Security Department to annually submit to Congress and publish on its website a report on the number of individuals deported in the previous year for assault against a police officer, under the bill's provisions." The bill passed by a vote of 255-175. [H.R. 2494, [Vote #225](#), 5/17/23; CQ, [5/17/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Require The Homeland Security Department To Publicly Report The Number Of Individuals Deported For Assault Against A Law Enforcement Officer.** In May 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Boebert, R-Colo., amendment no. 1 that would require the Homeland Security Department to annually submit to Congress and make publicly available on its website a report on the number of individuals deported in the previous year for assault against a law enforcement officer, under the bill's provisions." The amendment was adopted by a vote of 303-126. [H.R. 2494, [Vote #223](#), 5/17/23; CQ, [5/17/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Make Assaulting A Law Enforcement Officer A Deportable Offense Only If An Individual Is Convicted Of Doing So.** In May 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Correa, D-Calif., amendment no. 2 that would apply the bill's provisions making assault against a law enforcement officer a deportable offense only to individuals convicted of such actions, striking language applying to individuals who admit to committing such acts." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 209-225. [H.R. 2494, [Vote #224](#), 5/17/23; CQ, [5/17/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For Considering The Protect Our Law Enforcement With Immigration Control And Enforcement Act, The Federal Law Enforcement Officer Service Weapon Purchase Act, And A Resolution To Express Support For Law Enforcement.** In May 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Adoption of the rule (H.Res. 398) that would provide for floor consideration of the Protect Our Law enforcement with Immigration Control and Enforcement (POLICE) Act (HR 2494); the Federal Law Enforcement Officer Service Weapon Purchase Act (HR 3091); and the concurrent resolution (H Con Res 40) expressing support for law enforcement and condemning efforts to defund law enforcement agencies. The rule would provide for one hour of general debate on each bill. It would make in order floor consideration of two amendments to HR 2494, four amendments to HR 3091 and one amendment to H Con Res 40." The rule was adopted by a vote of 222-203. [H.Res. 398, [Vote #216](#), 5/16/23; CQ, [5/16/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For Allowing Federal Law Enforcement Officers To Purchase Firearms Issued To Them During Service. In May 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Passage of the bill, as amended, that would require the General Services Administration, within one year of enactment, to establish a program for federal law enforcement officers, including retired officers, to purchase any firearm, except a machine gun, that was issued to them by an agency when the gun is declared as surplus, provided the officer is in good standing and the purchase is made within six months of the weapon's retirement. As amended, it would require such firearms to be sold at 'salvage value,' or the value at the end of an asset's useful life." The bill passed by a vote of 232-198. [H.R. 3091, [Vote #222](#), 5/17/23; CQ, [5/17/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Establish Procedures For Determining If An Officer Is In Good Standing To Purchase Agency-Issued Firearms.** In May 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Jacobs, D-Calif., amendment no. 1 that would require each relevant federal agency, within one year and 30 days after enactment, to establish procedures for determining if an officer is 'in good standing' with respect to the bill's provisions." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 216-219. [H.R. 3091, [Vote #218](#), 5/17/23; CQ, [5/17/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Require The Firearms Be Sold At The Value At The End Of Their Useful Life Instead Of Fair Market Value.** In May 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "McCormick, R-Ga., amendment no. 2 that would require handguns purchased under the bill to be sold at 'salvage value,'

or the value of an asset at the end of its useful life, instead of at 'fair market value.'" The amendment was adopted by a vote of 248-184. [H.R. 3091, [Vote #219](#), 5/17/23; CQ, [5/17/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Make Retired Officers Eligible To Purchase Retired Service Weapons.** In May 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Luttrell, R-Texas, amendment no. 3 that would make retired federal law enforcement officers eligible to purchase retired service weapons under the bill's provisions." The amendment was adopted by a vote of 232-202. [H.R. 3091, [Vote #220](#), 5/17/23; CQ, [5/17/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Allow Officers To Purchase Any Retired Firearms Aside From Machine Guns.** In May 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Rosendale, R-Mont., amendment no. 4 that would allow for officers, under the bill's provisions, to purchase any retired firearms except machine guns, as opposed to only handguns." The amendment was adopted by a vote of 218-217. [H.R. 3091, [Vote #221](#), 5/17/23; CQ, [5/17/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For Considering The Protect Our Law Enforcement With Immigration Control And Enforcement Act, The Federal Law Enforcement Officer Service Weapon Purchase Act, And A Resolution To Express Support For Law Enforcement.** In May 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Adoption of the rule (H.Res. 398) that would provide for floor consideration of the Protect Our Law enforcement with Immigration Control and Enforcement (POLICE) Act (HR 2494); the Federal Law Enforcement Officer Service Weapon Purchase Act (HR 3091); and the concurrent resolution (H Con Res 40) expressing support for law enforcement and condemning efforts to defund law enforcement agencies. The rule would provide for one hour of general debate on each bill. It would make in order floor consideration of two amendments to HR 2494, four amendments to HR 3091 and one amendment to H Con Res 40." The rule was adopted by a vote of 222-203. [H.Res. 398, [Vote #216](#), 5/16/23; CQ, [5/16/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For Remembering And Honoring Law Enforcement Personnel And Expressing "Unwavering Support" For Law Enforcement Officers. In May 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Fitzgerald, R-Wis., motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, as amended, that would state that the House of Representatives acknowledges that police officers and other law enforcement personnel, especially those who died in the line of duty, should be 'remembered and honored.' It would express condolences and appreciation to the loved ones of officers who died in the line of duty and specifically name 556 law enforcement officers who died in the line of duty or whose stories were recovered in 2022. It would also state that the House expresses 'unwavering support' for law enforcement officers across the United States in the pursuit of preserving safe and secure communities; recognizes the need to ensure that officers have the necessary resources to protect their health and safety; and recognizes the law enforcement community for 'continual unseen acts of sacrifice and heroism.'" The motion was agreed to by a vote of 413-2. [H.Res. 363, [Vote #214](#), 5/15/23; CQ, [5/15/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For Tightening Rules For Granting Court Requests To Delay Notification If An Individual's Digital Communications Have Been Searched And Preventing Service Providers From Notifying Their Customers Who Have Been Searched. In May 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Fitzgerald, R-Wis., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would tighten rules under which courts can grant requests by governmental entities to delay notification of an individual whose electronic communication records have been subject to a search and to prevent electronic communications service providers from providing such notification to their customers. It would place a 90-day limit on the period for which the government may apply for a court nondisclosure order preventing service providers from informing customers of a search and allow providers to apply to the courts to modify or vacate such orders. The bill would require such applications to include, to the best of the applicant's knowledge, whether the subject is aware of the investigation or is suspected of a crime. It would require courts to issue a written determination of facts and findings before granting a delay, extension of delay or nondisclosure order. It would require the government to deliver notice of the search by at least two methods within five business days after a delay or nondisclosure order expires. It would also require the Justice Department to report annually to Congress regarding the number and outcomes of searches, requests for court orders and

investigations related to the bill's provisions." The motion was agreed to by a vote of 412-0. [H.R. 3089, [Vote #213](#), 5/15/23; CQ, [5/15/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For Requiring The National Institute Of Standards And Technology To Research The Use Of A Veterinary Sedative In Narcotics And Other Synthetic Opioids Or Emerging Substances. In May 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Miller, R-Ohio, motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would require the National Institute of Standards and Technology to support research to advance the detection, categorization and further study of xylazine, a drug commonly used as a veterinary sedative that has been used as a cutting agent for narcotics, and other novel synthetic opioids or emerging substances. Specifically, the bill would require the institute to support research to further analytical methods and shorten timelines for categorizing and detecting the presence of such drugs; coordinate with private, public and educational entities to develop strategies and best practices for their safe handling, transport and analysis; coordinate interagency and other partnerships to advance narcotic and opioid detection capabilities related to such drugs; and provide opportunities for graduate and postgraduate research. It would require NIST, within one year of enactment, to report to Congress on the bill's implementation, including any further legislative recommendations." The bill passed by a vote of 425-0. [H.R. 1734, [Vote #212](#), 5/11/23; CQ, [5/11/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For Disapproving And Repealing The January 2023 District Of Columbia Council Legislation For Police Accountability And Restrictions In The District. In April 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Passage of the joint resolution that would establish congressional disapproval of, effectively repealing, the January 2023 District of Columbia Council legislation that would codify or establish accountability measures and restrictions on policing in the district. Among other provisions, the D.C. law would establish a board to review the D.C. Metropolitan Police Department's use of force; expand officer training requirements; prohibit the hiring of officers with a history of serious misconduct; ban the use of neck restraints by officers; restrict MPD purchases of military-grade equipment; and establish new procedures to expand access to body-worn camera footage and police disciplinary records." The bill passed by a vote of 229-189. [H.J.Res. 42, [Vote #188](#), 4/19/23; CQ, [4/19/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For Considering Limiting Transgender Women's Participation In School Athletics And Disapproving Of A D.C. Police Reform Law. In April 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Adoption of the rule (H Res 298) that would provide for floor consideration of the bill (HR 734) limiting the participation of transgender women in school athletics and the joint resolution (H J Res 42) disapproving a D.C. policing reform law. The rule would provide for one hour of general debate on each measure. It would make in order floor consideration of two amendments to HR 734." The rule was adopted by a vote of 217-202. [H.Res. 298, [Vote #186](#), 4/18/23; CQ, [4/18/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For Disapproving The DC Council's Approval Of The Revised Criminal Code Act. In February 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Passage of the joint resolution that would establish congressional disapproval of, effectively repealing, the January 2023 District of Columbia Council legislation that would overhaul D.C.'s criminal code effective October 2025. Among other provisions, the overhaul would eliminate most mandatory minimum sentences, require jury trials for misdemeanor offenses and reduce maximum penalties for certain crimes." The bill passed by a vote of 250-173. [H.J.Res. 26, [Vote #119](#), 2/9/23; CQ, [2/9/23](#)]

- **Fox News Headline: "DC Council Softens Penalties For Violent Crimes By Overriding Mayor's Veto Of Criminal Code Rewrite."** [Fox News, [1/17/23](#)]
- **The Disapproval Resolution Would Take Aim At D.C.'S New Criminal Code That Clarified And Updated Criminal Offenses, Established New Penalties, And Expanded Trial, Sentencing, And Parole Procedures.** "The second disapproval resolution would take aim at the sweeping bill passed by the council last year that overhauls the city's criminal code, much of which dates back to its original drafting by Congress in the early 1900s. The bill clarifies and updates definitions of criminal offenses, establishes new penalties to match the severity of crimes, expands the right to a jury trial to those charged with misdemeanors, and gives people serving prison sentences new opportunities to request early release." [DCist, [2/2/23](#)]

- **D.C.'s Previous Criminal Code Dated Back To The 1900s.** "The second disapproval resolution would take aim at the sweeping bill passed by the council last year that overhauls the city's criminal code, much of which dates back to its original drafting by Congress in the early 1900s. The bill clarifies and updates definitions of criminal offenses, establishes new penalties to match the severity of crimes, expands the right to a jury trial to those charged with misdemeanors, and gives people serving prison sentences new opportunities to request early release." [DCist, [2/2/23](#)]
- **The D.C. Police Chief Robert Contee III Opposed Provisions Of The Bill Dealing With Penalties For Violent Crimes.** "That refers to portions of the bill that lowered maximum allowable penalties for certain violent offenses to, as proponents argued, better match the sentences that D.C. judges were actually handing down. Those provisions have also drawn opposition from D.C. Police Chief Robert J. Contee III and Mayor Muriel Bowser" [DCist, [2/2/23](#)]
- **D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser Vetoed The Legislation But Had Her Veto Overridden By The D.C. Council.** "The D.C. Council on Tuesday voted to override Mayor Muriel E. Bowser's (D) veto of a major overhaul of the city's criminal code, which city lawmakers had unanimously approved in November despite concerns from court and law enforcement leaders. Lawmakers voted 12-1 to override Bowser's veto of the bill, with Trayon White Sr. (D-Ward 8) breaking from the rest of the council. Council member Charles Allen (D-Ward 6), who chaired the public safety committee when the legislation passed, said lawmakers 'stand at the finish line of a 16-year process that would make significant improvements and modernize an outdated criminal code from another era.'" [Washington Post, [1/17/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For Considering Terminating The CDC Requirement For Proof Of COVID-19 Vaccination For Foreign Travelers And Disapproving Of The DC Council's Actions To Approve The Local Voting Rights Amendment And Revised Criminal Code. In February 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Adoption of the rule (H Res 97) that would provide for consideration of a bill (HR 185) to terminate the CDC's vaccination requirement for foreign travelers; a joint resolution (H J Res 24) disapproving the D.C. Council voting eligibility law; and a joint resolution (H J Res 26) disapproving D.C. Council criminal code adjustments. The rule would provide up to one hour of general debate on each measure and floor consideration of five amendments to HR 185." The rule was adopted by a vote of 217-208. [H.Res. 97, [Vote #109](#), 2/7/23; CQ, [2/7/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For Establishing A Select Subcommittee On The Weaponization Of The Federal Government On The House Judiciary Committee. In January 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Agreeing to the resolution that would establish a Select Subcommittee on the Weaponization of the Federal Government on the House Judiciary Committee and require the subcommittee to conduct an investigation of and submit a report on executive branch authorities and activities to investigate and collect information regarding U.S. citizens, including ongoing criminal investigations; how federal agencies work with private and public entities to share information to facilitate action against U.S. citizens, including any illegal or unethical activities by agencies; and any other issues related to violations of individual civil liberties. Among other provisions, the resolution would specify that the subcommittee would be composed of 15 members, including six from the minority party. It would require the subcommittee to issue a final report to the House on its findings no later than Jan. 2, 2025, and sunset the subcommittee 30 days after it files the report." The bill passed by a vote of 221-211. [H. Res. 12, [Vote #27](#), 1/10/23; CQ, [1/10/23](#)]

Defense & National Security Issues

D'Esposito Voted For Passing Fiscal 2024 Homeland Security Appropriations Including Republican Riders. In September 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Passage of the bill, as amended, that would provide \$91.5 billion in discretionary spending for fiscal 2024 for the Homeland Security Department, including \$62.8 billion subject to the bill's discretionary cap and \$20.2 billion for major disaster relief under a disaster cap adjustment. It would provide \$19.9 billion for Customs and Border Protection, \$9.8 billion for Immigration and Customs Enforcement, \$10.6 billion for the Transportation Security Administration, \$13.6 billion for the Coast Guard and \$26.1 billion for the

Federal Emergency Management Agency. Among other provisions, it would provide \$2.1 billion to resume construction of the wall along the U.S.-Mexico border and \$2.9 billion for the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency. It would prohibit the use of any of the bill's funds to purchase unmanned aircraft systems that are manufactured in China or by a China-based company. The bill would also include restrictions on the use of any funds provided by the bill for any DHS diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives or to advance critical race theory; prohibit funding for any DHS component to label certain social media posts as misinformation; and prohibit funding provided by the bill to provide any gender-affirming care for individuals in ICE custody. As amended, the bill would bar the use of funds provided in the bill for the Uniting for Ukraine program, which provides a pathway for Ukrainian citizens and their immediate family members who are outside of the U.S. to come to the U.S. and stay temporarily under a two-year parole period; reduce DHS Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas' salary to \$1; and prohibit the use of funds provided by the bill to house undocumented immigrants who are unlawfully present in the U.S. at military installations, except during a federally declared major disaster." The bill passed by a vote of 220-208. [H.R. 4367, [Vote #505](#), 9/28/23; CQ, [9/28/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce The Homeland Security Deputy Secretary's Salary To \$1.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Norman, R-S.C., amendment no. 66 that would reduce the salary of the Department of Homeland Security Deputy Secretary Kristie Canegallo to \$1." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 169-261. [H.R. 4367, [Vote #458](#), 9/28/23; CQ, [9/28/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce The Homeland Security Executive Secretary's Salary To \$1.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Norman, R-S.C., amendment no. 67 that would reduce the salary of the Department of Homeland Security Executive Secretary Kimberly O'Connor to \$1." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 165-263. [H.R. 4367, [Vote #459](#), 9/28/23; CQ, [9/28/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce The Homeland Security Assistant Secretary for Border And Immigration Policy's Salary To \$1.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Norman, R-S.C., amendment no. 69 that would reduce the salary of Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security for Border and Immigration Policy Blas Nunez-Neto to \$1." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 170-260. [H.R. 4367, [Vote #460](#), 9/28/23; CQ, [9/28/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Decrease The Funds Provided By The Bill By \$8.7 Billion.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Rosendale, R-Mont., amendment no. 74 that would decrease the total amount of funds provided by the bill by \$8.7 billion." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 75-347. [H.R. 4367, [Vote #461](#), 9/28/23; CQ, [9/28/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Add Funding For Customs And Border Protections Officers At Ports Of Entry.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Correa, D-Calif., amendment no. 13 that would reduce by \$496.3 million, and increase by the same amount, funding for U.S. Customs and Border Protection operations and support, intended to hire additional CBP officers for ports of entry." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 206-223. [H.R. 4367, [Vote #442](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Strike Numerous Immigration Provisions That Block Use Of Funds For: Facilitating Migrant's Parole Into The U.S., Transporting Adult Migrants Into The U.S. For Non-Enforcement Purposes, And Issuing Employment Authorization For Migrants Whose Asylum Was Denied Or Committed A Crime While Their Application Is Pending.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Wasserman Schultz, D-Fla., amendment no. 23 that would strike numerous provisions, including language to bar the use of funds under the bill for: U.S. Customs and Border Protection's CBP One application to facilitate any migrant's parole into the U.S.; transporting adult migrants into the U.S. interior for non-immigration enforcement purposes; and to issue any employment authorization document to a migrant whose asylum application has been denied or who has been convicted of a federal or state crime while their asylum application is pending." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 209-220. [H.R. 4367, [Vote #443](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Strike Language Requiring The Department Of Homeland Security To Fund Immigrations And Customs Enforcement To Maintain Full Capacity Of Detainees.** September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Escobar, D-Texas, amendment no. 25 that would strike language to require the Department of Homeland Security to allocate amounts for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement operations and support in order to ensure the average daily population of detainees is maintained at the full capacity funded by the bill throughout the fiscal year and ensure that every migrant who is not detained has mandatory GPS monitoring throughout the duration of all applicable immigration proceedings." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 210-220. [H.R. 4367, [Vote #444](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce Funding For Cybersecurity And Infrastructure Security Agency Operations.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Clyde, R-Ga., amendment no. 29 that would reduce funding for Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency operations and support from \$2.4 billion to \$1.8 billion." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 108-320. [H.R. 4367, [Vote #445](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Eliminate The Salary Of Cybersecurity And Infrastructure Security Agency Director Jen Easterly.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Biggs, R-Ariz., amendment no. 39 that would bar the use funds under the bill to pay the salary and expenses of the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency Director Jen Easterly." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 147-282. [H.R. 4367, [Vote #446](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Eliminate The Salary Of Cybersecurity And Infrastructure Security Agency's Election Security Initiative Director Geoffrey Hale.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Biggs, R-Ariz., amendment no. 40 that would bar the use of funds under the bill to pay the salary and expenses of the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency's Election Security Initiative Director Geoffrey Hale." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 160-270. [H.R. 4367, [Vote #447](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Eliminate The Salary Of DHS Undersecretary Of The Office Of Strategy, Policy And Plans Robert Silvers.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Biggs, R-Ariz., amendment no. 41 that would bar the use of funds under the bill to pay the salary and expenses of the Department of Homeland Security Undersecretary of the Office of Strategy, Policy and Plans Robert Silvers." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 168-261. [H.R. 4367, [Vote #448](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Eliminate The Salary Of DHS Assistant Secretary For Counter Terrorism And Threat Prevention Samantha Vinograd.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Biggs, R-Ariz., amendment no. 42 that would bar the use of funds under the bill to pay the salary and expenses of the Department of Homeland Security Assistant Secretary for Counter Terrorism and Threat Prevention Samantha Vinograd." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 164-265. [H.R. 4367, [Vote #449](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Eliminate The Salary Of DHS Director of the Homeland Security Department Government Accountability Office - Office of Inspector General Liaison Office Jim Crumpacker.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Biggs, R-Ariz., amendment no. 43 that would bar the use of funds under the bill to pay the salary and expenses of the Department of Homeland Security Director of the Homeland Security Department Government Accountability Office - Office of Inspector General Liaison Office Jim Crumpacker." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 162-264. [H.R. 4367, [Vote #450](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce The Salary Undersecretary Of Homeland Security For Intelligence And Analysis Kenneth L. Wainstein To \$1.** In September 2023, D'Esposito

voted against: “Boebert, R-Colo., amendment no. 48 that would reduce the salary of Undersecretary of Homeland Security for Intelligence and Analysis Kenneth L. Wainstein to \$1.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 159-269. [H.R. 4367, [Vote #451](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce The Salary Of Immigration and Customs Enforcement Office of Immigration Program Evaluation Assistant Director Claire Trickler-McNulty's To \$1.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Boebert, R-Colo., amendment no. 49 that would reduce Immigration and Customs Enforcement Office of Immigration Program Evaluation Assistant Director Claire Trickler-McNulty's salary to \$1.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 161-267. [H.R. 4367, [Vote #452](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce The Salary Of The DHS Civil Rights Officer Shoba Sivaprasad Wadhia to \$1.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Boebert, R-Colo., amendment no. 50 that would reduce Civil Rights and Civil Liberties Officer Shoba Sivaprasad Wadhia's salary to \$1.” The amendment was reject by a vote of 161-268. [H.R. 4367, [Vote #453](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Prohibit Funds For The Texas Border Program Operation Lone Star.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Castro, D-Texas, amendment no. 51 that would prohibit the use of any funds provided by the bill for the Texas border and immigration enforcement program known as "Operation Lone Star.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 211-220. [H.R. 4367, [Vote #454](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Prohibit Funding To The DHS Office For Civil Rights.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Nehls, R-Texas, amendment no. 64 that would prohibit the use of any funds provided by the bill for the Department of Homeland Security's Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 182-247. [H.R. 4367, [Vote #455](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against Recommitting FY 2024 Homeland Security Appropriations To The House Appropriations Committee.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Escobar, D-Texas, motion to recommit the bill to the House Appropriations Committee.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 210-218. [H.R. 4367, [Vote #504](#), 9/28/23; CQ, [9/28/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For Passing Fiscal 2024 Defense Appropriations Including Republican Riders. In September 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would provide \$826.4 billion in discretionary defense spending for fiscal 2024. It includes \$293.1 billion for operation and maintenance activities, \$165.1 billion for weapons and other procurement, \$146.8 billion for military research and development and \$177.9 billion for military personnel. It would provide approximately \$9 billion for the Pacific Deterrence Initiative and \$4 billion for the European Deterrence Initiative, primarily intended to counter aggression by China and Russia, respectively. It would also provide \$500 million for cooperative missile defense programs with Israel. The bill would provide approximately \$30 billion for missile defense programs, \$40.7 billion for military aircraft, \$32.9 billion for shipbuilding, \$1.2 billion for drug interdiction and counterdrug activities and \$39.4 billion for defense health care programs. It would provide \$9.6 billion for the procurement of 86 F-35 Joint Strike Fighters. Among other provisions, the bill would provide funding for a 5.2 percent military pay increase and prohibit the use of funds for construction on any Space Command facilities until a final basing decision for the headquarters is delivered to Congress. Upon adoption of the rule (H Res 730), \$300 million in security assistance to Ukraine was removed from the bill. As amended, the bill would prohibit the use of funds to deploy U.S. troops to Ukraine, reduce Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin's salary to \$1, prohibit the use of funds to require armed forces servicemembers or civilian Defense Department employees to get a COVID-19 vaccine and prohibit the use of funds to enforce any COVID-19 mask mandates.” The bill passed by a vote of 218-210. [H.R. 4365, [Vote #502](#), 9/28/23; CQ, [9/28/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce Funding For Defense Department Operations And Maintenance By \$50 Million And Use The Money To Fund The Advanced Defense Capabilities Pilot Program.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Houlahan, D-Pa., amendment no. 34 that would reduce by \$50 million funding for Defense Department-wide operation and maintenance and increase by the same amount funding for Defense Production Act purchases, intended to fund the advanced defense capabilities pilot program.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 240-191. [H.R. 4365, [Vote #431](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Decrease Defense Department Funding For Ukraine Security Assistance By \$300 Million And Transfer The Money To The Spending Reduction Account.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Biggs, R-Ariz., amendment no. 149 that would decrease by \$300 million funding for Defense Department-wide operation and maintenance to be used for the Ukraine Security Assistance Initiative and transfer the savings to the spending reduction account.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 104-330. [H.R. 4365, [Vote #432](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Remove A Prohibition On The Use Of Funds To Classify Communications Of Any U.S. Person Or Partner With An Organization That Recommends Censoring Constitutionally Protected Speech.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Plaskett, D-V.I., amendment no. 151 that would strike from the bill a prohibition on the use of funds to classify communications of any U.S. person as misinformation or partner with an organization that recommends that pressures or recommends censoring constitutionally protected speech.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 203-231. [H.R. 4365, [Vote #433](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce The Assistant Defense Secretary for Readiness Salary To \$1.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Boebert, R-Colo., amendment no. 152 that would reduce Assistant Defense Secretary for Readiness Shawn Skelly's salary to \$1.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 150-282. [H.R. 4365, [Vote #434](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce The Defense Department's Diversity And Inclusion Management Director's Salary To \$1.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Boebert, R-Colo., amendment no. 153 that would reduce to \$1 the salary of Norvel Dillard, director of Diversity and Inclusion Management at the Defense Department Office for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 184-248. [H.R. 4365, [Vote #435](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Prohibit The Use Of Funds For A Naming Commission To Remove Confederate Names, Symbols, And Monuments From Department Of Defense Assets.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Clyde, R-Ga., amendment no. 155 that would prohibit the use of funds for a naming commission to carry out an existing legal requirement for the Defense Department to remove from its assets any names, symbols, monuments and other displays that honor or commemorate the Confederate States of America.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 172-261. [H.R. 4365, [Vote #436](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Prohibit The Use Of Funds In Anyways That Violates Current Legal Requirements For The Department Of Defense.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Connolly, D-Va., amendment no. 156 that would prohibit the use of funds in any way that violates existing legal requirements for Defense Department total force management.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 215-218. [H.R. 4365, [Vote #437](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Bar The Use Of Funds To Provide Assistance To Ukraine.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Gaetz, R-Fla., amendment no. 160 that would bar the use of funds under the bill to provide security assistance to Ukraine.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 93-339. [H.R. 4365, [Vote #438](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Prohibit Use Of Funds To Transfer Cluster Munitions, Specifically To Ukraine.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Gaetz, R-Fla., amendment no. 161 that would prohibit the use of funds to transfer cluster munitions, including to Ukraine." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 160-269. [H.R. 4365, [Vote #439](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Prohibit Use Of Funds To Carry Out Reporting Requirements For Unfunded Defense Priorities.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Jayapal, D-Wash., amendment no. 166 that would prohibit the use of funds to carry out certain reporting requirements related to unfunded defense priorities." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 176-258. [H.R. 4365, [Vote #440](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Use DoD Funds To Observe Pride Month.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Roy, R-Texas, amendment no. 175 that would prohibit the use of funds for the Defense Department or Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute to observe Pride month as specified in the DOD's Cultural Observances and Awareness Events List and authorized by the undersecretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 202-231. [H.R. 4365, [Vote #441](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Use DoD Funds To Observe Pride Month.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Roy, R-Texas, amendment no. 175 that would prohibit the use of funds for the Defense Department or Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute to observe Pride month as specified in the DOD's Cultural Observances and Awareness Events List and authorized by the undersecretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 202-231. [H.R. 4365, [Vote #441](#), 9/27/23; CQ, [9/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against Recommitting FY 2024 Defense Appropriations To The House Appropriations Committee.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Jacobs, D-Calif., motion to recommit the bill to the House Appropriations Committee." The motion was rejected by a vote of 210-208. [H.R. 4365, [Vote #501](#), 9/28/23; CQ, [9/28/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For Creating Minimum Education Requirements For Cybersecurity Positions. In October 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Comer, R-Ky., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would restrict agencies from prescribing minimum educational requirements for cybersecurity positions unless required by the State or locality where the duties are to be performed. It would also restrict agencies from considering education when determining whether a candidate meets the minimum qualifications unless the candidate's education directly reflects the competencies necessary to satisfy the qualifications of the position. The bill would require the Office of Personnel Management to annually publish on its website any changes made to minimum educational qualifications for cybersecurity positions and data indicating the education level of all hired cybersecurity workers. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 394-1. [H.R. 4502, [Vote #515](#), 10/2/23; CQ, [10/2/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For Providing Floor Consideration For FY 2024 Defense Appropriations, Promoting Liquefied Natural Gas, And Condemning New Mexico's Governor's Gun Legislation. In September 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Cole, R-Okla., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 712) that would provide for floor consideration of the Department of Defense Appropriations Act (HR 4365), the Unlocking our Domestic LNG Potential Act (HR 1130) and a resolution condemning the actions of Governor of New Mexico, Michelle Lujan Grisham (H Res 684). The rule would provide for up to one hour of general debate on each bill. It would make in order floor consideration of 184 amendments to HR 4365 and two amendments to HR 1130. The motion was rejected by a vote of 212-216. [H. Res. 712, [Vote #403](#), 9/21/23; CQ, [9/21/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Voted For Blocking Consideration For FY 2024 Defense Appropriations, Promoting Liquefied Natural Gas, And Condemning New Mexico's Governor's Gun Legislation.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Cole, R-Okla., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and

possibility of amendment). According to the Congressional Record, Rep. Cole said, “The right thing today is to move ahead and pass this rule, get onto a debate about what we think are important issues. Defending the country is certainly an important issue. Securing our energy future is important, and dealing with constitutional rights, and we will continue to discuss and work on these other matters. I will agree with my friend. I am not for shutting down the government. I hope we don’t get there, and I always worry about that as we approach these kind of deadlines. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time, and I move the previous question on the resolution.” **A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the resolution.** The motion was agreed to by a vote of 216-202. [H. Res. 712, [Vote #402](#), 9/21/23; CQ, [9/21/23](#), Congressional Record, [9/21/23](#)]

D’Esposito Voted For Providing Floor Consideration Of The Department Of Defense Appropriations Act 2024. In September 2023, D’Esposito voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 680) that would provide for floor consideration of the Department of Defense Appropriations Act (HR 4365). The rule would provide for up to one hour of general debate and make in order 184 amendments to the bill.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 212-214. [H. Res. 680, [Vote #398](#), 9/19/23; CQ, [9/19/23](#)]

- **D’Esposito Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Resolution To Protect Social Security And Medicare.** In September 2023 D’Esposito voted for: “Cole, R-Okla., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Congressional Record, Rep. Fernandez said, “I am going to offer my friends, my dear friends, a chance to show the American people that they are serious about preserving Social Security and Medicare. I urge you all to join us in defeating the previous question. If we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to provide for consideration of a resolution which plainly states that the people’s House won’t cut a single cent from these crucial programs that so many of my constituents, so many of your constituents, rely on.” **A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the resolution.** The motion was agreed to by a vote of 217-209. [H. Res. 680, [Vote #397](#), 9/19/23; CQ, [9/19/23](#); Congressional Record, [9/19/23](#)]

D’Esposito Voted For A Motion To Close Portions Of The Conference On The Fiscal 2024 Defense Authorization Bill. In September 2023, D’Esposito voted for: “Rogers, R-Ala., motion to close portions of the conference on the Fiscal 2024 Defense Authorization bill (HR 2670).” The motion passed by a vote of 409-0. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #396](#), 9/19/23; CQ, [9/19/23](#)]

D’Esposito Voted For A Motion To From The Desk The Fiscal 2024 Defense Authorization Act And To Request A Conference With The Senate. In September 2023, D’Esposito voted for: “Rogers, R-Ala., motion to take from the desk the Fiscal 2024 Defense Authorization bill (HR 2670) and the Senate amendment to the bill, disagree with the Senate amendment to the bill and request a conference with the Senate.” The motion passed by a vote of 393-27. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #395](#), 9/19/23; CQ, [9/19/23](#)]

D’Esposito Voted For A Motion To Suspend The Rules And Pass A Bill To Extend The Homeland Security Department’s Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards Program Through July 27, 2025. In November 2022, D’Esposito voted for: “Guest, R-Miss., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would extend for two years, through July 27, 2025, the Homeland Security Department’s Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards program, which assesses security vulnerabilities of chemical facilities.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 409-1. [H.R. 4470, [Vote #366](#), 7/25/23; CQ, [7/25/23](#)]

D’Esposito Voted For Authorizing The Defense Budget For Fiscal Year 2024. In July 2023, D’Esposito voted for: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would authorize \$874.2 billion in national defense spending, including \$841.5 billion for the Defense Department and \$32.2 billion for national security programs within the Energy Department. The bill would authorize approximately \$168.6 billion for weapons and other procurement and \$145.2 billion for military research and development. Within these totals, it would authorize \$32.3 billion for shipbuilding; \$13.2 billion for Air Force procurement of 83 new F-35 series tactical force aircraft; \$17.4 billion for 92 Navy aircraft; \$539 million for the Ground Based Strategic Deterrent ballistic missile system; and approximately \$30 billion for missile defense programs, including \$434 million for a hypersonic missile defense system, \$498 million

for continued development of Guam missile defense systems, \$160 million for Israeli missile defense systems and \$2.6 billion for a Space Force defendable missile warning satellite system. Within Energy Department funding, it would authorize \$23.9 billion for the National Nuclear Security Administration, primarily for the maintenance of a nuclear weapons stockpile. It would authorize \$38.2 billion for the Defense Health Program and \$17.5 billion for military construction. It would authorize \$9.7 billion for the Pacific Deterrence Initiative and \$3.6 billion for the European Deterrence Initiative, primarily intended to counter aggression by China and Russia, respectively. For international assistance and cooperation, it would authorize \$4 billion to bolster U.S. and allied forces in Europe against Russian aggression, including \$300 million in security assistance to Ukraine; \$565 million for the U.S. Africa Command; \$398 million for forces in Syria and Iraq combating the Islamic State group; \$336 million for a cooperative threat reduction program assisting former Soviet Union countries; \$300 million for cooperative research and development programs with Israel; and \$210 million for the Baltic Security Initiative. The bill would authorize a 5.2 percent military pay increase and authorize the Defense Department to issue bonuses to junior enlisted servicemembers to counteract inflation. It would authorize \$1.1 billion for the Defense Department environmental restoration fund and require the department to undertake various environmental cleanup activities. It would eliminate the position of chief diversity officer within the Defense Department and include various provisions to restrict DOD programs that involve diversity, equity and inclusion and critical race theory. The bill would establish a special inspector general for Ukraine assistance and require the Defense Department to make plans to increase the energy resiliency of each main operating base in the U.S. European Command zone. It would repeal a 2022 Defense Department memorandum regarding access to reproductive health care and prohibit the department from paying for or reimbursing expenses relating to abortion services; eliminate all Defense Department and Armed Forces offices established to promote diversity, equity and inclusion as well as terminate all personnel within such offices; and prevent the Defense Department from purchasing data of U.S. individuals that would otherwise require a warrant, court order or subpoena.” The bill passed by a vote of 219-210. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #328](#), 7/14/23; CQ, [7/14/23](#)]

- **HEADLINE: “House Narrowly Passes Divisive Pentagon Policy Bill.”** [Washington Post, [7/14/23](#)]
- **The Bill Authorized \$886 Billion For National Defense And A 5.2% Pay Increase For Servicemembers.** “It authorizes \$886 billion for national defense programs as well as a 5.2% pay increase for servicemembers, according to a fact sheet from the House Armed Services Committee.” [CNN, [7/14/23](#)]
- **The Bill Included Increased Investment In Advanced War Technologies “As The United States Directs Greater Attention Toward China.”** “The NDAA, which sets Pentagon policy and spending limits for the year ahead, includes increased investment in precision missiles, warships and newer technologies like artificial intelligence and hypersonics — necessities, leading lawmakers and the Biden administration say, as the United States directs greater attention toward China.” [Washington Post, [7/14/23](#)]
- **New York Times: NDAA Was “A Deeply Partisan Defense Bill.”** “Republicans on Friday rammed through the House a deeply partisan defense bill that would limit abortion access, transgender care and diversity training for military personnel, setting up a showdown in the Senate that could imperil the crucial annual measure to provide a pay raise for troops, set defense policy to counter U.S. adversaries and sustain Pentagon programs at a time of rising threats.” [New York Times, [7/14/23](#)]
- **Washington Post: “The Most Conservative National Defense Authorization Act In Decades.”** “Congress’s decades-long streak of bipartisan support for its annual defense policy and spending plan collapsed Friday, after House Republicans rammed through the most conservative National Defense Authorization Act in decades — restricting military personnel’s access to reproductive care and diversity protections, and imperiling lawmakers’ broader effort to set major national security priorities.” [Washington Post, [7/14/23](#)]
- **D’Esposito Voted Against A Motion To Recommit The National Defense Authorization Act To The House Armed Services Committee.** In July 2023 D’Esposito voted against: “Houlahan, D-Pa., motion to

recommit the bill to the House Armed Services Committee.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 210-217. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #327](#), 7/14/23; CQ, [7/14/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Prohibit The Defense Department From Implementing Biden Climate Change Executive Orders.** In July 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Roy, R-Texas, amendment no. 64 to HR 2670 that would prohibit the Defense Department from implementing several Biden administration executive orders relating to climate change and environmental policy.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 217-216. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #326](#), 7/14/23; CQ, [7/14/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Prohibit Military Service Academies To Use NDAA Funds Toward Race-Based Admissions Practices.** In July 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Banks, R-Ind., amendment no. 63 that would prohibit military service academies from using any funds authorized by the bill to discriminate or use quotas in admissions on the basis of race or ethnicity.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 218-210. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #325](#), 7/14/23; CQ, [7/14/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Prohibit DOD From Hiring Additional For DEI Positions And Repeal The Creation Of A DOD Inspector General.** In July 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Burlison, R-Mo., amendment no. 62 that would prohibit the Defense Department from establishing any new positions or filling any vacancies in positions with responsibilities involving diversity, equity and inclusion. It would also repeal the creation of a DOD inspector general focused on diversity and inclusion oversight and preventing supremacist, extremist and criminal gang activity by servicemembers.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 218-213. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #324](#), 7/13/23; CQ, [7/13/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Prohibit DOD Funds To Support The Taliban Or Its Affiliates.** In July 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Perry, R-Pa., amendment no. 56 that would prohibit the use of funds authorized by the bill to provide any kind of support to the Taliban or its affiliates. It would prohibit the waiver or mitigation of any sanction imposed by the U.S. against the Taliban on or before Aug. 18, 2021, unless such a policy is enacted by law.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 247-185. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #323](#), 7/13/23; CQ, [7/13/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Prohibit Defense Department Land From Being Designated As A “Critical Habitat” Under The Endangered Species Act.** In July 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Biggs, R-Ariz., amendment no. 55 that would prohibit, under the Endangered Species Act, a ‘critical habitat’ designation for any military installation or other Defense Department land necessary for military purposes.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 193-237. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #322](#), 7/13/23; CQ, [7/13/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Prohibit Federal Funds For DEI Training.** In July 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Gaetz, R-Fla., amendment no. 52 that would prohibit the use of any funds authorized by the bill for training on diversity, equity and inclusion.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 210-221. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #321](#), 7/13/23; CQ, [7/13/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Express A Sense That NATO Member Countries Should Meet A Minimum 2% GDP Defense Spending Obligation.** In July 2023, D'Esposito voted for: Davidson, “R-Ohio, for Roy, R-Texas, amendment no. 51 that would express the sense of Congress that the majority of NATO members have relied ‘for too long’ on the financial and military contributions of the U.S. and that all member countries should meet a minimum 2 percent GDP defense spending obligation.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 212-218. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #320](#), 7/13/23; CQ, [7/13/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Strike Authorization To Give NATO Funds For The Defense Innovation Accelerator For The North Atlantic Initiative.** In July 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Davidson, R-Ohio, amendment no. 50 that would strike from the bill a section to authorize the

Defense Department to make funds available to NATO for the joint fund established for the Defense Innovation Accelerator for the North Atlantic (DIANA) initiative.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 79-353. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #319](#), 7/13/23; CQ, [7/13/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Require The Defense Department's Counter-Extremism Working Group To Submit A Report To Congress.** In July 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Hageman, R-Wyo., amendment no. 49 that would require the Defense Department, within 90 days of enactment, to submit to Congress a report containing all documents from the department's working group to counter extremism.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 218-213. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #318](#), 7/13/23; CQ, [7/13/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Prohibit Cluster Munitions And Technology From Being Given To Ukraine.** In July 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Greene, R-Ga., amendment no. 48 that would prohibit the sale or transfer of cluster munitions or cluster munitions technology to Ukraine.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 147-276. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #317](#), 7/13/23; CQ, [7/13/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Prohibit The Use Of Federal Funds To Carry Out The Recommendations Of The Naming Commission To Rename Federal Properties.** In July 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Good, R-Va., amendment no. 47 that would prohibit the use of federal funds to carry out Naming Commission recommendations.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 177-253. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #316](#), 7/13/23; CQ, [7/13/23](#)]
 - **The Naming Commission's Mission Was To Rename DOD Items That Commemorated The Confederacy.** “Retired Navy Adm. Michelle Howard chaired the congressionally mandated Naming Commission. The commission's mission was to provide removal and renaming recommendations for all DOD items ‘that commemorate the Confederate States of America or any person who served voluntarily with the Confederate States of America.’” [Department of Defense, [1/5/23](#)]
 - **Good's Amendment Would Block Funds From Being Used To Rename DOD Property Named After Confederates.** “None of the funds authorized to be appropriated by this Act or otherwise made available for fiscal year 2024 may be used to operate the commission on the naming of items of the Department of Defense that commemorate the Confederate States of America or any person who served voluntarily with the Confederate States of America established pursuant to section 370 of the William M. (Mac) Thornberry National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2021 (10 U.S.C. 113 note).” [House Rules Committee, [6/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Allow The Department Of Defense To Transfer Excess Controlled Property To Federal And State Agencies.** In July 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Waltz, R-Fla., amendment no. 41 that would allow the Defense Department to transfer excess controlled property to federal and state agencies.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 234-198. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #315](#), 7/13/23; CQ, [7/13/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Prohibit Department Of Defense School Libraries From Having “Pornographic And Radical Gender Ideology Books.”** In July 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Boebert, R-Colo., amendment no. 35 that would prohibit Defense Department Education Activity schools from using funds to purchase and maintain pornographic and radical gender ideology books in school libraries.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 222-209. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #314](#), 7/13/23; CQ, [7/13/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Prohibit The Display Of Unapproved Flags.** In July 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Norman, R-S.C., amendment no. 34 that would establish a list of flags the Defense Department is allowed to display in any DOD work place, common access area or public area, including

the American flag, a military service flag, and the POW/MIA flag.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 218-213. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #313](#), 7/13/23; CQ, [7/13/23](#)]

- **D’Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Eliminate DEI Offices From The Armed Forces And Department Of Defense (Revote).** In July 2023, D’Esposito voted for: “Norman, R-S.C., amendment no. 33 that would eliminate all Defense Department and Armed Forces offices established to promote diversity, equity, and inclusion as well as terminate all personnel within such offices.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 214-213. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #312](#), 7/13/23; CQ, [7/13/23](#)]
- **D’Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Eliminate DEI Offices From The Armed Forces And Department Of Defense.** In July 2023, D’Esposito voted for: “Norman, R-S.C., amendment no. 33 that would eliminate all Defense Department and Armed Forces offices established to promote diversity, equity, and inclusion as well as terminate all personnel within such offices.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 216-216. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #311](#), 7/13/23; CQ, [7/13/23](#)]
- **D’Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Prohibit The Department Of Defense From Requiring Training On Race-Based Concepts For Its Employees.** In July 2023, D’Esposito voted for: “Crane, R-Ariz., amendment no. 32 that would prohibit the Defense Department from making participation in training or support for certain politically-based concepts, including concepts related to race, color, sex or nationality, a requirement for hiring, promotion or retention of individuals. It also would stipulate that DOD employees and servicemembers cannot be compelled to declare belief in or participate in training that promotes such concepts as a condition of favorable personnel actions.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 214-210. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #310](#), 7/13/23; CQ, [7/13/23](#)]
- **D’Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Prohibit Race-Related Teaching In DOD Education.** In July 2023, D’Esposito voted for: “Roy, R-Texas, amendment no. 31 that would prohibit the use of federal funds for the Department of Defense Education Activity to promote race-related theories or teachings. It would stipulate that nothing in the amendment would be construed to restrict a teacher, student or other individual’s free speech.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 227-201. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #309](#), 7/13/23; CQ, [7/13/23](#)]
- **D’Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Prohibit The Establishment Of DEI Officers In The Defense Department.** In July 2023, D’Esposito voted for: “Roy, R-Texas, amendment no. 30 that would prohibit the use of federal funds to establish, within the Defense Department, any positions similar to chief diversity officers or senior advisors for diversity and inclusion.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 217-212. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #308](#), 7/13/23; CQ, [7/13/23](#)]
- **D’Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Strike An Extension To The Government’s Authority To Lend Defense Articles To Ukraine.** In July 2023, D’Esposito voted against: “Ogles, R-Tenn., amendment no. 25 that would strike language that would extend through fiscal 2024 the federal government's authority to lend or lease defense articles to Ukraine.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 71-360. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #307](#), 7/13/23; CQ, [7/13/23](#)]
- **D’Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Create A Report On The Strategy For U.S. Involvement In Ukraine.** In July 2023, D’Esposito voted against: “Davidson, R-Ohio, amendment no. 24 that would require the president, in coordination with the Defense and State departments, to submit a report to the congressional defense and foreign committees, within 90 days of the bill's enactment, on a strategy for U.S. involvement in Ukraine. It would stipulate that no funding authorized by the bill would be available for Ukraine until the report is submitted. It also would require the departments to brief such committees, within 45 days of report's submission, on plans to implement the strategy.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 129-301. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #306](#), 7/13/23; CQ, [7/13/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment That Would Block A Report From The DoD Studying The Feasibility Of Creating A Center Of Excellence In Ukraine.** In July 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Greene, R-Ga., amendment no. 23 that would strike language to direct the Defense Department to conduct a feasibility study on the creation of a Center of Excellence in Ukraine to treat traumatic injuries." The amendment was rejected to by a vote of 95-332. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #305](#), 7/14/23; CQ, [7/13/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Prohibit Funding for Ukraine Security Assistance.** In July 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Gaetz, R-Fla., amendment no. 22 that would prohibit the use of federal funds to provide security assistance for Ukraine." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 70-358. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #304](#), 7/13/23; CQ, [7/13/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Strike \$300 Million In Ukraine Funding.** In July 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Greene, R-Ga., amendment no. 21 that would strike \$300 million in funding authorized for Ukraine." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 89-341. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #303](#), 7/13/23; CQ, [7/13/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Prohibit Gender Transition Coverage For Military Family Minors.** In July 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Norman, R-S.C., amendment no. 20 that would prohibit gender transition procedures through the Exceptional Family Member Program for military minor family members, including surgery or medication." The amendment was adopted by a vote of 222-210. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #302](#), 7/13/23; CQ, [7/13/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Prohibit The Defense Department From Covering Sex Reassignment Surgeries And Gender Hormone Treatments.** In July 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Rosendale, R-Mont., amendment no. 10 that would prohibit TRICARE from covering and the Defense Department from furnishing sex reassignment surgeries and gender hormone treatments for transgender individuals." The amendment was adopted by a vote of 222-211. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #301](#), 7/13/23; CQ, [7/13/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Prohibit The Defense Department From Paying For Expenses Related To Abortion Services.** In July 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Jackson, R-Texas, amendment no. 5 that would repeal a 2022 Defense Department memorandum regarding access to reproductive health care and prohibit the department from paying for or reimbursing expenses relating to abortion services." The amendment was adopted by a vote of 221-213. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #300](#), 7/13/23; CQ, [7/13/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Strike Language That Would Result In A Reduction In The Number Of Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles.** In July 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Tlaib, D-Mich., amendment no. 28 that would strike language to prohibit the reduction of the total number of Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles deployed in the U.S." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 160-266. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #299](#), 7/13/23; CQ, [7/13/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Strike A Provision Barring Funds For B83-1 Bomb Retirement.** In July 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Blumenauer, D-Ore., amendment no. 27 that would strike a provision that would bar the use of funds authorized by the bill or otherwise made available in fiscal 2024 or any year thereafter to retire the B83-1 nuclear gravity bombs to sustain such bombs." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 198-217. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #298](#), 7/13/23; CQ, [7/13/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For A Bipartisan En Bloc Amendment Package For The National Defense Authorization Act For Fiscal Year 2024.** In July 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Adoption of the Rogers, R-Ala., en bloc amendment package no. 5, consisting of amendment nos. 236-250." The amendment was adopted by a vote of 399-31. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #297](#), 7/13/23; CQ, [7/13/23](#); Republican Cloakroom, En Bloc #5, [7/12/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Voted For A Second Rule That Would Provide For Floor Consideration Of 80 Additional Amendments To The National Defense Authorization Act For Fiscal Year 2024.** In July 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Adoption of the second rule (H Res 583) that would provide for floor consideration of the fiscal 2024 Defense Authorization Act (HR 2670). The rule would make in order 80 additional amendments to HR 2670 and would not provide for any additional time for general debate on the bill." The resolution was adopted 220-208. [H.Res. 583, [Vote #296](#), 7/13/23; CQ, [7/13/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Protecting Social Security and Medicare.** In July 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Cole, R-Okla, motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment)." According to the Congressional Record, Rep. McGovern, D-Mass, said, "Mr. Speaker, rather than these culture wars designed to kind of relive the Confederacy that some of my colleagues seem hell-bent on doing, we ought to be talking about things that matter to the American people. We ought to be talking about how we protect Social Security and Medicare. I am going to urge a 'no' vote so that we can bring up an amendment to get Members on record saying that they do want to protect Social Security and Medicare." *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the bill.* The motion was agreed to by a vote of 214-207. [H.Res. 583, [Vote #295](#), 7/14/23; CQ, [7/13/23](#); Congressional Record, [7/13/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For A Rule Providing Consideration of The National Defense Authorization Act For Fiscal Year 2024. In July 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Adoption of the first rule (H Res 582), as amended, that would provide for floor consideration of the Fiscal 2024 Defense Authorization Act (HR 2670). The rule would provide for up to one hour of general debate on HR 2670 and make in order 289 amendments to the bill. The rule would specify that once amendment debate concludes no further consideration of the bill would be in order, except pursuant to a subsequent order of the House. It would provide for the automatic adoption of the Rogers, R-Ala., manager's amendment that would make several technical corrections to the bill and add a requirement for the Defense Department, beginning in January 2024, to provide quarterly briefings to Congress on its implementation of a pilot program to hire special needs inclusion coordinators at child development centers." The rule was adopted by a vote of 217-207. [H.Res. 582, [Vote #294](#), 7/12/23; CQ, [7/12/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Not Consider Including Honorably Discharged Veterans In The Military Parole In Place Law, Which Allows Family Of Foreign Nationals Serving In The US Military To Stay In The US.** In July 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Cole, R-Okla., amendment no. 1 to the rule that would specify it would not be in order to consider the Correa, D-Calif., amendment no. 60 to the Fiscal 2024 Defense Authorization Act (HR 2670). The Correa amendment would amend current military parole in place law that allows family of foreign nationals serving in the military who came to the U.S. without authorization to stay in the country, to also include honorably discharged veterans." The amendment was adopted 218 to 207. [H.Res. 582, [Vote #293](#), 7/12/23; CQ, [7/12/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Affirming The House's Commitment To Protecting Social Security And Medicare.** In July 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Cole, R-Okla, motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment)." According to the Congressional Record, Rep. Bowman said, "Mr. Speaker, if we defeat the previous question, we can bring up H. Res. 178, an important piece of legislation affirming the House's commitment to protecting Social Security and Medicare." *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the bill.* The motion was agreed to by a vote of 215-201. [H.Res. 582, [Vote #292](#), 7/12/23; CQ, [7/12/23](#); Congressional Record, [7/12/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For Requiring The State Department To Report On The Use Of Untrusted Telecommunications Equipment And Services Owned Or Controlled By The Chinese Or Russian Government. In April 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Mast, R-Fla., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would require State Department reports on the use of 'untrusted' telecommunications equipment or services, defined as those provided by Huawei Technologies Company, ZTE Corporation or any other entity owned

or controlled by the Chinese or Russian government. It would require the State Department, within 180 days of enactment, to submit a report to Congress assessing the use of untrusted telecommunications equipment or services in U.S. embassies and by U.S. embassy personnel and, within 180 days of enactment and annually thereafter, to submit a report to Congress on the prevalence of such equipment or services in the networks of U.S. allies and partners, including those with which the United States has entered into a collective defense agreement. It would also require the department to support telecommunications infrastructure projects around the world that have the potential to promote U.S. national security.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 410-8. [H.R. 1149, [Vote #189](#), 4/19/23; CQ, [4/19/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For Condemning Russia's Downing Of A U.S. Air Force MQ-9 Reaper Drone Over The Black Sea On March 14, 2023. In April 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Mast, R-Fla., motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, as amended, that would state that the House condemns Russia’s downing of a U.S. Air Force MQ-9 Reaper drone over the Black Sea on March 14, 2023, and reaffirms that the U.S. will not be deterred from operating drones in international airspace in the Black Sea region. It would state that the U.S. drone was operating safely in international airspace when two Russian fighter jets 'acted unprofessionally and in a reckless manner' by releasing fuel and bumping into the drone, causing it to crash.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 410-0. [H.Res. 240, [Vote #184](#), 4/17/23; CQ, [4/17/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For Condemning China's Use Of The A High-Altitude Surveillance Balloon Over U.S. Airspace And Urging Actions And Sanctions To Neutralize Similar Threats And Combat China's Intelligence Collection Misinformation. In April 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Mast, R-Fla., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would express the sense of Congress condemning China’s use of a high-altitude surveillance balloon over U.S. airspace as an 'unacceptable violation' of U.S. sovereignty and urge a number of diplomatic actions and sanctions intended to neutralize similar, future threats and combat Chinese misinformation and propaganda about its intelligence collection efforts. The bill would require the State Department, in consultation with the National Intelligence director and the U.S. representative to the United Nations, to develop and report to Congress on a diplomatic strategy to inform allies and partners of the scope of China’s surveillance program and build global consensus to address the program — including to advocate for Taiwan’s participation in International Civil Aviation Organization events and meetings; promote international coordination to identify and track future Chinese surveillance balloons, continue to share information regarding Chinese surveillance, and implement related sanctions; and advocate at the U.N. and other international organizations to increase diplomatic pressure on China to halt its surveillance collection operations that violate international sovereignty. The bill also would require the Commerce Department to evaluate U.S. export and transfer policies for aerospace items and technologies that are used by China for intelligence and reconnaissance, and to report to Congress, within 180 days, on the evaluations and a list of related controls it has implemented or plans to implement. It would authorize the president to impose property-blocking and visa sanctions against any Chinese individual that the president determines is 'directly managing and overseeing' the Chinese global surveillance balloon program.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 405-6. [H.R. 1151, [Vote #183](#), 4/17/23; CQ, [4/17/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted Against A Joint Resolution To Direct The President To Remove U.S. Armed Forces From Syria Within 180 Days. In March 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Passage of the joint resolution that would direct the president to remove U.S. armed forces from Syria within 180 days of adoption of the concurrent resolution.” The resolution failed by a vote of 103-321. [H.Con.Res. 21, [Vote #136](#), 3/8/23; CQ, [3/8/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For Considering The Protecting Speech From Government Interference Act, Disapproval Of A Defense Department And Environmental Protection Agency Rule On Federal Jurisdiction, And Declassification Of Intelligence Information Relating To COVID-19 Origins. In March 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 199) that would provide for floor consideration of the Protecting Speech from Government Interference Act (HR 140); the joint resolution (H J Res 27) providing for congressional disapproval of a Defense Department and EPA rule related to federal jurisdiction over waters of the United States; and the bill (S 619) requiring the Director of National Intelligence to declassify information relating to the origin of COVID-19. The rule would provide for one hour of general debate on each measure and would make in order floor

consideration of ten amendments to HR 140. It would also provide for the House, on March 23, to consider and vote on overriding the president's veto of the joint resolution (H J Res 30) disapproving the Labor Department ESG fiduciary rule, if the president vetoes the measure." The rule was adopted by a vote of 216-206. [H.Res. 199, [Vote #135](#), 3/8/23; CQ, [3/8/23](#)]

Economy & Jobs Issues

D'Esposito Voted For Requiring The Commerce Department To Report On The Global Competitiveness Of The US In Attracting Foreign Direct Investment From Private-Sector Entities. In July 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Bilirakis, R-Fla., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would require the Commerce Department, in consultation with the Federal Interagency Investment Working Group, to report to Congress, within one year of enactment, on the global competitiveness of the U.S. in attracting foreign direct investment from private-sector entities. It would specify that the review includes, among other provisions, the economic impact of foreign direct investment in the United States, a comparison of foreign and domestic investment, and an evaluation of the federal government's efforts to encourage and facilitate investment." The motion was agreed to by a vote of 386-22. [H.R. 813, [Vote #330](#), 7/17/23; CQ, [7/17/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For A Bill Exempting Actions Taken By The Small Business Capital Formation Advocate From Office Of Management And Budget Approvals. In July 2023 D'Esposito voted for: "Wagner, R-Mo., motion to suspend the rules to pass the bill, as amended, that would clarify that actions taken by the Small Business Capital Formation advocate are not considered as collections of information under the Paperwork Reduction Act, exempting them from Office of Management and Budget approvals. It also would specify that the advocate would still be required to submit information to the OMB and indicate that a collection of information is in accordance with relevant clearance requirements." The motion was agreed to by a vote of 398-11. [H.R. 1548, [Vote #290](#), 7/11/23; CQ, [7/11/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For The Passage Of The Middle Class Borrower Protect Action Act (Rescinding Federal Housing Finance Agency Loan Price Adjustments). In June 2023, D'Esposito voted for: Passage of the bill, as amended, that would rescind, within 60 days of the bill's enactment, the Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac loan-level pricing adjustment framework issued in 2023 by the Federal Housing Finance Agency. It would require the FHFA to reimplement the LLPA framework for single-family mortgages that was in effect prior to May 1, 2023. It would prohibit FHFA from further modifying the LLPA framework until 90 days after the Government Accountability Office has completed a study on the effects of the modifications made by FHFA in January 2023. It would require the GAO to analyze the methodology used by FHFA to develop the revised LLPAs, the economic impact of such revisions, their effects on the safety and soundness on Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, and whether the revised framework deviated from the principle of risk-based pricing. It would require the GAO to submit a report to Congress on the study within 14 months of the bill's enactment. The bill would require FHFA to follow administrative rulemaking procedures as 'close as practicable' when proposing future adjustments to the LLPA framework following the completion of the GAO study. It would require such revisions to be based, to the 'greatest extent feasible,' on the risk posed by mortgage loans to Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. It would prohibit FHFA or Fannie and Freddie from imposing any loan-level pricing adjustment fee that is based on a borrower's debt-to-income ratio." The resolution passed 230 to 189. [H.R. 3564, [Vote #289](#), 6/23/23; CQ, [6/23/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Voted Against A Motion To Recommit The Middle Class Borrower Protection Act (Rescinding Federal Housing Finance Agency Loan Adjustments To Determine Any Increased Fees).** In June 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Cleaver, D-Mo., motion to recommit the bill to the House Financial Services Committee." The motion was rejected 197 to 214. [H.R. 3564, [Vote #288](#), 6/23/23; CQ, [6/23/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Rescind Federal Housing Loan Adjustments To Determine Any Increased Fees.** In June 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Pettersen, D-Colo., amendment no. 4 that would bar the bill's requirements from taking effect if the Federal Housing Finance Agency

determines that a provision to require the agency to revise the recalibrated single-family pricing framework charged by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac for guarantee of mortgages on single-family housing so that such fees are identical to the fees of the standard single-family pricing framework in effect immediately before May 1, 2023, would result in increased loan-level pricing adjustment fees for middle class borrowers who are first-time homeowners.” The amendment was rejected 204 to 216. [H.R. 3564, [Vote #287](#), 6/23/23; CQ, [6/23/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Voted For The Passage Of A Rule That Would Provide For Floor Consideration Of The Middle Class Borrower Protection Act, The Custom Health Option And Individual Care Expense (CHOICE) Arrangement Act, And The Resolution Condemning The Use Of School Facilities To Provide Shelter For Illegal Aliens.** In June 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H.Res. 524) that would provide for floor consideration of the Middle Class Borrower Protection Act (HR 3564), the Custom Health Option and Individual Care Expense (CHOICE) Arrangement Act (HR 3799) and the resolution (H.Res. 461) condemning the use of school facilities to provide shelter for illegal aliens. The rule would provide for up to 80 minutes of general debate on HR 3799 and one hour of general debate on HR 3564 and H.Res. 461. It would make in order four amendments to HR 3564 and three amendments to HR 3799. It would provide for automatic adoption of the Davidson, R-Ohio, manager's amendment to HR 3564 that would extend, from Oct. 1, 2032 to Oct. 1, 2033, Federal Housing Finance Agency enterprise guarantee fees. It would also provide for automatic adoption of the Smith, R-Mo., manager's amendment to HR 3799 that would reduce, from \$1.3 billion to \$1.1 billion, the amount authorized in fiscal 2024 for the Health and Human Services Department Prevention and Public Health Fund.” The resolution passed 215 to 211. [H.Res. 524, [Vote #275](#), 6/21/23; CQ, [6/21/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Rule That Would Provide For Floor Consideration Of The Middle Class Borrower Protection Act, The Custom Health Option And Individual Care Expense (CHOICE) Arrangement Act, And The Resolution Condemning The Use Of School Facilities To Provide Shelter For Illegal Aliens.** In June 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “McGovern, D-Mass., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and the possibility of amendment).” According to the Congressional Record, “Mr. Speaker, I am going to urge that we defeat the previous question, and if we do, I am going to offer an amendment to the rule to provide for consideration of a resolution which states that it is the House’s duty to protect and preserve Social Security and Medicare for future generations and reject any cuts to these essential programs.” **A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the bill.** The motion was agreed to 215-207. [H.Res. 524, [Vote #274](#), 6/21/23; CQ, [6/21/23](#); Congressional Record, [6/21/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For The Passage Of A Bill Giving Requiring Congressional Approval for Executive Actions Deemed “Major Rules.” In June 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would require congressional approval of a joint resolution to implement any ‘major rule’ that has or is likely to result in an annual economic effect of at least \$100 million; a major increase in costs or prices; or significant adverse effects on U.S. competition, employment, productivity or international competitiveness. It would exempt from the bill’s requirements any rule issued by the Federal Reserve Board of Governors or the Federal Open Market Committee. The bill would allow a major rule to go into effect without congressional approval for a 90-day period if the president determines by executive order that such rule is necessary because of an imminent threat or emergency, necessary for national security or the enforcement of criminal laws, or if the rule has been issued to implement an international trade agreement. If a joint resolution of approval for a major rule is not enacted within 70 legislative days, it would prohibit consideration of a joint resolution of approval for the same rule for the duration of the Congress.” The bill passed 221 to 210. [H.R. 277, [Vote #265](#), 6/14/23; CQ, [6/14/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Lower The Threshold Of A Major Rule For Executive Action Review.** In June 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Biggs, R-Ariz., amendment no. 4 that would amend the bill’s definition of a ‘major rule’ to include any rule with an annual economic effect of \$50 million, rather than \$100 million.” The amendment was rejected 211 to 223. [H.R. 277, [Vote #257](#), 6/14/23; CQ, [6/14/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Expand Major Rule In Executive Action Reviews To Include Abortion Services Or Related Travel.** In June 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Good, R-Va., amendment no. 9 that would expand the bill’s definition of a ‘major rule’ to include any rule likely to increase access to abortion services or abortion-related travel.” The amendment was rejected 211 to 223. [H.R. 277, [Vote #258](#), 6/14/23; CQ, [6/14/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Delay HR 277 , The REINS Act Of 2023, Until After Passage And Once The GAO Has Submitted A Report Detailing The Effects Of Implementing This Bill.** In June 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Green, D-Texas, amendment no. 10 that would delay the bill’s implementation for one year after the bill’s enactment and until the date when the Government Accountability Office has submitted a report to Congress detailing the effects of implementation.” The amendment was rejected 207 to 225. [H.R. 277, [Vote #259](#), 6/14/23; CQ, [6/14/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Create A 70 Day Deadline For Executive Action Reviews.** In June 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Green, D-Texas, amendment no. 11 that would allow a major rule to go into effect if Congress does not vote on a joint resolution approving such a rule within 70 legislative days of receiving the relevant agency’s report on the rule.” The amendment was rejected 213 to 221. [H.R. 277, [Vote #260](#), 6/14/23; CQ, [6/14/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Increase the Major Rule Threshold For Executive Action Review From \$100 Million To \$1 Billion In Economic Effects.** In June 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Houlahan, D-Pa., amendment no. 12 that would change the bill’s definition of a ‘major rule’ as determined by its annual effect on the economy, increasing the threshold from \$100 million to \$1 billion.” The amendment was rejected 213 to 221. [H.R. 277, [Vote #261](#), 6/14/23; CQ, [6/14/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Increase The Major Rule Threshold For Executive Action Review To Include References To Joe Biden’s Executive Orders On Diversity, Equity And Inclusion.** In June 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Roy, R-Texas, amendment no. 14 that would expand the bill’s definition of a ‘major rule’ to include any rule that references one of President Joe Biden’s six executive orders related to diversity, equity and inclusion (nos. 14091, 14075, 14035, 14021, 13988 and 13985).” The amendment was rejected 217 to 219. [H.R. 277, [Vote #262](#), 6/14/23; CQ, [6/14/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against A Motion To Recommit HR 277, The REINS Act Of 2023.** In February 2021, D'Esposito voted against: “Deluzio, D-Pa., motion to recommit the bill to the House Judiciary Committee.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 210-220. [H.R. 277, [Vote #264](#), 2/26/21; CQ, [6/14/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Did Not Vote On Considering The Regulations From The Executive In Need Of Scrutiny (REINS) Act, The Separation Of Powers Restoration (SOPRA) Act, The Gas Stove Protection And Freedom Act , The Save Our Gas Stoves Act, And The Joint Resolution (H J Res 44) Providing For Congressional Disapproval Of A Bureau Of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, And Explosives Rule Relating To Firearm Stabilizing Braces.** In June 2023, D'Esposito did not vote on: “Adoption of the rule (H.Res. 495) that would provide for floor consideration of the Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny (REINS) Act (HR 277); the Separation of powers Restoration (SOPRA) Act (HR 288); the Gas Stove Protection and Freedom Act (HR 1615); the Save Our Gas Stoves Act (HR 1640); and the joint resolution (H J Res 44) providing for congressional disapproval of a Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives rule relating to firearm stabilizing braces. The rule would provide for up to one hour of general debate on each measure. It would make in order floor consideration of 15 amendments to HR 277, one amendment to HR 288, two amendments to HR 1615 and three amendments to HR 1640.” The rule passed by a vote of 218-209. [H.Res. 495, [Vote #250](#), 6/13/23; CQ, [6/13/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For A Government Accountability Office And Securities And Exchange Commission

Report On The Costs Associated With Small- And Medium-Sized Companies Undertaking Initial Public Offerings. In June 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Wagner, R-Mo., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would require the Government Accountability Office, in consultation with the Securities and Exchange Commission and Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, within 360 days of enactment, to report to Congress on the costs for small- and medium-sized companies to undertake initial public offerings. It would require the report to consider both direct and indirect costs of an IPO, compare such costs with alternative sources of financing and liquidity, analyze the impact of such costs on the companies’ availability to retail investors, and analyze IPO trends over time.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 390-10. [H.R. 2812, [Vote #246](#), 6/5/23; CQ, [6/5/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For Codifying Existing Securities And Exchange Commission “Test-The-Waters” Rules That Allow Companies To Submit Draft Registration Prior To Their IPO Date. In June 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Wagner, R-Mo., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would codify existing Securities and Exchange Commission ‘test-the-waters’ rules that allow companies, regardless of size, to submit to the SEC draft registration statements for confidential review prior to an initial public offering at least 10 days before the IPO date or up to one year thereafter in the case of a subsequent offer. This would match current law that applies specifically to emerging growth companies. The bill would specify that companies may communicate with potential qualified institutional buyers or investors to determine whether they might have an interest in a potential securities offering, either before or after filing a registration statement with the SEC. It would also allow the SEC to issue rules or regulations, subject to public notice and comment, to impose additional terms and conditions on the submission of draft registration statements or communications with investors prior to filing a registration statement. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 384-13. [H.R. 2793, [Vote #245](#), 6/5/23; CQ, [6/5/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For Requiring The Securities And Exchange Commission To Create A Certification Exam For Accredited Investors. In May 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Wagner, R-Mo., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would require the Securities and Exchange Commission, within one year of enactment, to establish an examination to certify individuals as accredited investors and update its regulatory definition of an ‘accredited investor’ to include such certified individuals. It would require the exam to be designed with an ‘appropriate level of difficulty such that an individual with financial sophistication would be unlikely to fail’ and administered free of cost by the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority. The bill would require the examination to test an individual's competency in areas including different types of securities; applicable disclosure requirements for both public and private companies; corporate governance issues; financial statements; the risks associated with unregistered and private securities, such as limited disclosures and information asymmetry; and conflicts of interest.’ The motion was agreed to by a vote of 383-18. [H.R. 2797, [Vote #244](#), 5/31/23; CQ, [5/31/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For Lifting The Debt Ceiling Until January 1, 2025. In May 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would suspend the statutory limit on federal debt through Jan. 1, 2025. It would also set discretionary spending caps for the next two years and include a range of provisions to limit federal spending, rescind unobligated funds and streamline environmental permitting processes. The bill would set base discretionary spending limits for defense and nondefense spending for fiscal years 2024 and 2025, capping defense spending for fiscal 2024 at \$886.4 billion -- an increase of approximately 3 percent -- and nondefense spending at \$703.7 billion -- a cut of more than 5 percent. Both caps would increase for fiscal 2025 by 1 percent. Through fiscal 2025, it would also include specific annual cap adjustments for specified programs; provide \$44.8 for the veterans' toxic exposure fund established by the PACT Act (PL 117-168); and provide \$22 billion for a Commerce Department IT modernization and facility improvement fund. If appropriations legislation for fiscal years 2024 and 2025 is not enacted by Jan. 1 of each year, the bill would set discretionary spending limits for funds provided under a continuing resolution at levels reduced 1 percent from the previous fiscal year. For the subsequent four years, the bill would set overall discretionary spending limits for the purpose of congressional budget enforcement, establishing a cap of \$1.62 trillion in fiscal 2026, increasing 1 percent annually to \$1.67 trillion in fiscal 2029. The bill would rescind approximately \$27.7 billion in unobligated funds, primarily for coronavirus response, including \$10.4 billion for the Public Health and Social Services Emergency Fund, \$3.2 billion for Agriculture Department food supply chain and other activities, \$2.2 billion for highway infrastructure programs, and \$1.7 billion for Centers for Disease Control and Prevention virus tracking and vaccine development activities. It would also rescind \$1.4

billion for IRS enforcement provided by the fiscal 2022 reconciliation package (PL 117-169). The bill would temporarily raise from 49 to 54 the oldest age at which existing work requirements would apply for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, while also exempting homeless individuals, veterans, and individuals under age 25 who aged out of foster care. It would reduce from 12 to 8 percent the maximum number of individuals that states may exempt from SNAP work requirements. It would update the baseline for calculating certain state workforce participation standards for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program and provide for a pilot program for states to establish work outcome benchmarks and reduce assistance to beneficiaries who refuse to meet work requirements. The bill would establish an 'administrative pay-as-you-go' requirement for federal agencies, requiring agencies to submit to the Office of Management and Budget an estimate of the budgetary effects for any proposed administrative action and, if the action would increase direct spending by at least \$1 billion over the next 10 years or \$100 million in any one year, include a proposal for an action to reduce spending by at least an equal amount – effective through 2024. The bill would statutorily end the pause on student loan repayments on Aug. 29, 2023. Among provisions to streamline the permitting process under the National Environmental Policy Act, the bill would set deadlines of one year for environmental assessments and two years for environmental impact statements; limit the page length of such documents; adjust thresholds for levels of review; limit the scope of reviews to 'reasonably foreseeable' environmental effects of an action; and limit the definition of major federal actions under NEPA to those subject to 'substantial federal control and responsibility.' The bill would also legislatively approve the West Virginia-to-Virginia Mountain Valley Pipeline." The bill passed by a vote of 314-117. [H.R. 3746, [Vote #243](#), 5/31/23; CQ, [5/31/23](#)]

- **HEADLINE/SUBHEADER: "Biden Tried An Ice-Then-Court Strategy With House Dems. It Worked. The President Scored The Support He Needed To Get His Debt Ceiling Deal Through The House. Here's How."** [Politico, [5/31/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For Considering The Bipartisan Debt Limit Bill. In May 2023, D'Esposito voted for: 'Adoption of the rule (H.Res. 456) that would provide for floor consideration of the bipartisan debt limit bill (HR 3746). The rule would provide for up to one hour of general debate on HR 3746 and automatic adoption of the Smith, R-Mo., manager's amendment to the bill that would make minor technical changes.' The rule was agreed to by a vote of 241-187. [H.R. 3746, [Vote #241](#), 5/31/23; CQ, [5/31/23](#)]

- **Non-Defense Discretionary Spending Would Go Back To FY 2022 Levels And Topline Federal Spending Would Be Limited To 1% Annual Growth Until 2029.** 'According to a House GOP fact sheet, non-defense discretionary spending will be rolled back to fiscal 2022 levels and topline federal spending will be limited to 1% annual growth for the next six years.' [CNN, [6/02/23](#)]
- **\$886 Billion Was Allocated For Defense In The Bill.** 'Some \$886 billion will be spent on defense, according to the bill text.' [CNN, [6/02/23](#)]
- **Veterans Medical Care Would Remain Fully Funded.** 'The legislation will maintain full funding for veterans' health care and will increase support for the PACT Act's toxic exposure fund by nearly \$15 billion for fiscal year 2024, according to a White House source. The House GOP fact sheet says veterans' medical care will be fully funded.' [CNN, [6/02/23](#)]
- **The Bill Increased Work Requirements For Receiving Food Stamps, Set To End In 2030.** 'The package calls for temporarily broadening of work requirements for certain adults receiving food stamps. Currently, childless, able-bodied adults ages 18 to 49 are only able to get food stamps for three months out of every three years unless they are employed at least 20 hours a week or meet other criteria. The legislation will increase the upper limit of the mandate to age 55 in phases, according to the bill text. [...] And all the changes will end in 2030.' [CNN, [6/02/23](#)]
- **The Bill Retained \$5 Billion For Covid Vaccine Development.** 'It will retain \$5 billion in funding to accelerate the development of Covid-19 vaccines and treatments, and funding for vaccines and treatments for the uninsured, according to a White House source.' [CNN, [6/02/23](#)]

- **The Bill Restarted Student Loan Payments.** ‘Under the package, borrowers will have to begin paying back their student loans at the end of the summer, as the Biden administration has already announced, according to a third source familiar with the debt ceiling talks. The pause has been in effect since the Covid-19 pandemic began.’ [CNN, [6/02/23](#)]
- **The Bill Left Biden’s Plan For Up To \$20,000 In Student Loan Relief Intact.** ‘Also, the package will maintain Biden’s plan to provide up to \$20,000 in debt relief for qualifying borrowers, the source said. The measure is currently before the Supreme Court, which is expected to rule on it in coming weeks.’ [CNN, [6/02/23](#)]
- **The Bill Left Inflation Reduction Act Climate Provisions Intact.** ‘The legislation will not make any changes to the Inflation Reduction Act’s climate and clean energy provisions, according to the White House talking points.’ [CNN, [6/02/23](#)]
- **The Bill Stopped The First Year Of The 10-Year Increase In The IRS Budget.** ‘Republicans wanted about \$71 billion in IRS funding over the next decade to be cut, passing legislation to do so upon taking the majority in the House and including the same cut in the debt ceiling bill the House GOP passed last month. They were targeting tens of thousands of new agents funded by the Inflation Reduction Act, and even campaigned during the midterm elections on cutting the additional IRS funding, which was aimed at modernizing the IRS and improving enforcement against high-income tax cheats. [...] According to Rep. French Hill, Republican of Arkansas, who appeared on CBS News’ ‘Face the Nation’ the day after the deal was announced, the agreement would ‘stop the first year of the 10-year increase in the IRS budget.’ That, he continued, would be ‘nearly \$2 billion of spending stopped of that \$80 billion that was to be spent over 10 years for hiring IRS agents.’’ [CBS, [6/02/23](#)]
- **There Were No New Tax Increases In The Bill** ‘There are no new tax increases in the deal, which Mr. Biden had suggested, and Republicans rejected.’ [CBS, [6/02/23](#)]

D’Esposito Voted For Requiring The Securities And Exchange Commission To Assist And Provide Resources About Capital-Raising Options For Certain Small Businesses. In May 2023, D’Esposito voted for: “Wagner, R-Mo., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would require the Securities and Exchange Commission Office of the Advocate for Small Business Capital Formation to provide educational resources and host events to raise awareness of capital-raising options for underrepresented small businesses, businesses in rural areas, and small businesses affected by natural disasters. It would also require the office to meet, at least annually, with representatives of state securities commissions to discuss opportunities for collaboration and coordination with respect to assisting small businesses and small business investors.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 309-67. [H.R. 2796, [Vote #240](#), 5/30/23; CQ, [5/30/23](#)]

D’Esposito Voted For Directing The Securities And Exchange Commission To Require Companies With Multi-Class Shares To Disclose The Voting Shares And Power Of Their Executives. In May 2023, D’Esposito voted for: “Wagner, R-Mo., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would direct the Securities and Exchange Commission to put forth a rule requiring companies with a multi-class share structure to disclose the number of voting shares and total percentage of voting power held by each person who is a director, director nominee, executive officer, or any other beneficial owner who controls 5 percent or more of the total shareholder voting power. The rule would require companies to disclose such information in any proxy or consent solicitation for an annual shareholder meeting or any other filing as the SEC deems appropriate.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 347-30. [H.R. 2795, [Vote #239](#), 5/30/23; CQ, [5/30/23](#)]

D’Esposito Voted For Requiring The Securities And Exchange Commission To Study And Potentially Redefine Its Definition Of “Small Entity.” In May 2023, D’Esposito voted for: “Wagner, R-Mo., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would require the Securities and Exchange Commission, within one year of enactment and again five years thereafter, to conduct a study on its definition of the term ‘small

entity' with respect to SEC regulatory functions under the Regulatory Flexibility Act and update its rules consistent with study results. It would require the study to consider the extent to which the term small entity aligns with certain congressional findings and declarations related to the purpose of federal regulations; the amount by which U.S. financial markets have grown since the SEC last changed the definition of small entity; and how the definition can be changed to include a 'meaningful number of entities.' It would require the SEC to submit to Congress the studies' findings with specific recommendations on how to amend the definition; revise its rules consistent with each study's results under a notice and comment process; and, as soon as practicable following enactment, and every five years thereafter, adjust all the dollar figures with respect to defining small entities for inflation." The motion was agreed to by a vote of 367-8. [H.R. 2792, [Vote #238](#), 5/30/23; CQ, [5/30/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For Requiring The Office Of Management And Budget To Prepare Statements On The Estimated Inflationary Impact Of Any Executive Order With A Budgetary Or Economic Effect Of \$1 Million Or More. In March 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Passage of the bill, as amended, that would require the White House, acting through the Office of Management and Budget and the Council of Economic Advisers, to prepare and consider a statement on the estimated inflationary impact of any executive order projected to have an annual gross budgetary or economic effect of at least \$1 million. The bill would direct each executive agency to provide assistance and information as needed in preparing inflation statements. It would require the OMB and CEA, within 180 days of enactment and annually thereafter, to submit a report to Congress containing each inflation statement prepared during the year. The bill's requirements would not apply to executive orders that provide emergency relief at the request of a state or local government or that are necessary for national security or implementing international treaty obligations." The bill passed by a vote of 272-148. [H.R. 347, [Vote #131](#), 3/1/23; CQ, [3/1/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Include Spent Patterns Of Military Personnel And Non-Metropolitan Residents In The Statements Required By The Bill.** In March 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Bost, R-Ill., amendment no. 1 that would require the inflationary impact statements required by the bill to take into account the spending patterns of military personnel and residents of non-metropolitan areas, including rural areas and farm households." The amendment was adopted in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 324-83. [H.R. 347, [Vote #125](#), 3/1/23; CQ, [3/1/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Require Statements Under The Bill To Be Published Online.** In March 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Boebert, R-Colo., amendment no. 3 that would require the annual reports required by the bill to be published on the Office of Management and Budget's public website." The amendment was adopted in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 386-31. [H.R. 347, [Vote #126](#), 3/1/23; CQ, [3/1/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Strike The Requirement For An Inflationary Impact Statement If Inflation Cannot Be Quantified At The Time From The Bill .** In March 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Jackson Lee, D-Texas, amendment no. 6 that would strike language to require the inflationary impact statements required by the bill to include whether the executive order is expected to have a significant impact on inflation but the amount cannot be determined at the time of the estimate." The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 181-236. [H.R. 347, [Vote #127](#), 3/1/23; CQ, [3/1/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Define A "Significant Impact" Of An Executive Order Under The Bill As An At Least 1% Change In Consumer Price Index Inflation Over A Year.** In March 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Jackson Lee, D-Texas, amendment no. 7 that would specify that a 'significant impact' of an executive order is an estimated increase or decrease in consumer price index inflation by at least 1 percentage point over a year." The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 187-232. [H.R. 347, [Vote #128](#), 3/1/23; CQ, [3/1/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Clarify Combatting Inflation As Not The Sole Responsibility Of The Executive Branch.** In March 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Lee, D-Nev.,

amendment no. 9 that would specify that the bill could not be construed to suggest that the task of controlling inflation is the sole responsibility of the Executive Office of the President and is not also a 'key pursuit' of legislative action in the 118th Congress." The amendment was adopted in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 364-56. [H.R. 347, [Vote #129](#), 3/1/23; CQ, [3/1/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Strike Exceptions For Emergency Assistance And National Security Or Ratification Or Implementation Of International Treaty Requirements.** In March 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Roy, R-Texas, amendment no. 14 that would eliminate exemptions for executive orders related to national security and emergency response from the bill's inflationary impact statement requirements." The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 199-226. [H.R. 347, [Vote #130](#), 3/1/23; CQ, [3/1/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For Considering The Reduce Exacerbated Inflation Negatively Impacting The Nation Act And A Joint Resolution Disapproving Of The December 202 Labor Department ESG Fiduciary Rule. In February 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Adoption of the rule (H Res 166) that would provide for House floor consideration of the Reduce Exacerbated Inflation Negatively Impacting the Nation (REIN IN) Act (HR 347) and the joint resolution (H J Res 30) disapproving of the December 2022 Labor Department ESG fiduciary rule. The rule would provide for up to one hour of general debate on each measure and would make in order floor consideration of 15 amendments to HR 347." The rule was adopted by a vote of 216-205. [H.Res. 166, [Vote #123](#), 2/28/23; CQ, [2/28/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For Increase Bank Investments In Small Business Investment Companies From 5% To 15% Of Capital Or Surplus. In January 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Williams, R-Texas, motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would increase from 5 percent to 15 percent the amount of its capital and surplus a national bank, Federal Reserve System member bank, or nonmember insured bank may invest in small business investment companies, which are private investment funds licensed and regulated by the Small Business Administration." The motion was agreed to by a vote of 411-13. [H.R. 400, [Vote #35](#), 1/25/23; CQ, [1/25/23](#)]

Education Issues

D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Prohibit Military Service Academies To Use NDAA Funds Toward Race-Based Admissions Practices. In July 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Banks, R-Ind., amendment no. 63 that would prohibit military service academies from using any funds authorized by the bill to discriminate or use quotas in admissions on the basis of race or ethnicity." The amendment was adopted by a vote of 218-210. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #325](#), 7/14/23; CQ, 7/14/23]

D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Prohibit Federal Funds For DEI Training. In July 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Gaetz, R-Fla., amendment no. 52 that would prohibit the use of any funds authorized by the bill for training on diversity, equity and inclusion." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 210-221. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #321](#), 7/13/23; CQ, [7/13/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Prohibit Department Of Defense School Libraries From Having "Pornographic And Radical Gender Ideology Books." In July 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Boebert, R-Colo., amendment no. 35 that would prohibit Defense Department Education Activity schools from using funds to purchase and maintain pornographic and radical gender ideology books in school libraries." The amendment was adopted by a vote of 222-209. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #314](#), 7/13/23; CQ, [7/13/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For Veto Override Disapproving Of The Student Loan Forgiveness Rule. In June 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Passage, over President Biden's June 7, 2023, veto of the joint resolution that would provide for congressional disapproval of an October 2022 Education Department rule that allows for loan forgiveness of up to \$10,000 in loan debt for federal student loan borrowers and another \$10,000 for such borrowers who also received a Pell Grant. The rule limits eligibility for such loan forgiveness to borrowers with a maximum adjusted

gross income of \$125,000, or \$250,000 for joint filers. The rule also extended, through the end of 2022, the suspension of student loan payments, the cessation of interest accrual and the suspension of involuntary loan collections. It allowed suspended loan payments during that period to count towards loan forgiveness or loan rehabilitation programs. The rule took effect on Oct. 12, 2022, but its loan forgiveness provisions have not been implemented pending legal challenges. Under the provisions of the joint resolution, the Education Department rule would have no force or effect, canceling the loan forgiveness program and reinstating loan payments and interest accrual that were suspended under the rule.” The bill passed 221 to 206. [HR.J.Res 45, [Vote #277](#), 6/21/23; CQ, [6/21/23](#)]

D’Esposito Voted For A Joint Resolution To Disapprove Of Student Loan Forgiveness Of Up To \$20,000. In May 2023, D’Esposito voted for: “Passage of the joint resolution that would provide for congressional disapproval of an October 2022 Education Department rule that allows for loan forgiveness of up to \$10,000 in loan debt for federal student loan borrowers and another \$10,000 for such borrowers who also received a Pell Grant. The rule limits eligibility for such loan forgiveness to borrowers with a maximum adjusted gross income of \$125,000, or \$250,000 for joint filers. The rule also extended, through the end of 2022, the suspension of student loan payments, the cessation of interest accrual and the suspension of involuntary loan collections. It allowed suspended loan payments during that period to count towards loan forgiveness or loan rehabilitation programs. The rule took effect on Oct. 12, 2022, but its loan forgiveness provisions have not been implemented pending legal challenges. Under the provisions of the joint resolution, the Education Department rule would have no force or effect, canceling the loan forgiveness program and reinstating loan payments and interest accrual that was suspended under the rule.” The joint resolution passed by a vote of 218-203. [H.J.Res. 45, [Vote #234](#), 5/24/23; CQ, [5/24/23](#)]

- **D’Esposito Voted For Considering The Halt All Lethal Trafficking Of Fentanyl Act, A Joint Resolution Disapproving Of An EPA Rule On Heavy-Duty Vehicle Emissions, And A Joint Resolution Disapproving Of Biden’s Student Loan Forgiveness.** In May 2023, D’Esposito voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H.Res. 429) that would provide for floor consideration of the Halt All Lethal Trafficking of (HALT) Fentanyl Act (HR 467); the joint resolution (S J Res 11) disapproving an EPA rule on heavy-duty vehicle emissions; and the joint resolution (H J Res 45) disapproving the Biden administration’s student loan forgiveness rule. The rule would provide for up to one hour of general debate on each measure. It would make in order floor consideration of three amendments to HR 467.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 217-204. [H.Res. 429, [Vote #231](#), 5/23/23; CQ, [5/23/23](#)]

D’Esposito Voted For The Parents Bill Of Rights Act To Establish Requirements For Schools To Provide Parents With Certain Information On Their Child’s Education. In March 2023, D’Esposito voted for: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would establish various requirements for public elementary and secondary schools to provide parents with information and certain rights regarding their children’s education. It would generally require schools that receive federal funding to obtain parental consent before providing a non-emergency medical screening or examination or before changing a child’s gender markers or sex-based accommodations. It would require schools to allow parents to inspect and provide feedback on all instructional and reading materials used in evaluations or available to students through school libraries, as well as professional development materials for teachers. It would prohibit schools from acting as agents of parents to consent to the use of online technology or the administration of vaccinations, and from selling student information for commercial gain. To increase transparency at Title I schools, the bill would generally require school districts to publicly disseminate curricula for each grade, as well as notices of any changes to the state’s academic standards; include detailed budget information for each school in their annual report cards; and allow parents to meet with teachers at least twice a year, address the school board and review professional development materials. It would require local educational agencies to ensure that Title I schools provide and inform parents of their rights to receive information regarding their child’s education, including if a school changes their child’s gender markers or sex-based accommodations, the number of school counselors in their child’s school, if their child receives mental health treatment or brings a weapon to school, all enrollment and transfer options, planned outside speakers at school events, violent activity on school grounds, elimination of gifted and talented programs, and notification if a student is not grade-level proficient in reading at the end of third grade. Among other provisions, the bill would specify that it does not authorize federal involvement in curriculum or school personnel decisions and does not authorize parents to prohibit students who are not their

children from accessing books or reading materials available in a school's library. It would express the sense of Congress that public school students should have access to broadband and opportunities to learn the history of the Holocaust and anti-Semitism, and that parents have a constitutional right to 'direct the education of their children.'" The bill passed by a vote of 213-208. [H.R. 5, [Vote #161](#), 3/24/23; CQ, [3/24/23](#)]

- **The Bill Required Schools To Provide Parents With A List Of School Library Books And Reading Materials And Post Curriculum Publicly.** "Among other things, H.R. 5, also known as the 'Parents Bill of Rights Act,' would amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to require schools to provide parents with a list of books and reading materials available in the school library as well as posting curriculum publicly. It would also require elementary and middle schools that receive federal funding to obtain parental consent before 'changing a minor child's gender markers, pronouns, or preferred name on any school form; or allowing a child to change the child's sex-based accommodations, including locker rooms or bathrooms.'" [CNN, [3/24/23](#)]
- **The Bill Required Elementary And Middle Schools To Obtain Parental Consent Before Changing A Child's Pronoun, Or Preferred Name Or Allowing A Child To Change Locker Rooms Or Bathrooms.** "Among other things, H.R. 5, also known as the 'Parents Bill of Rights Act,' would amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to require schools to provide parents with a list of books and reading materials available in the school library as well as posting curriculum publicly. It would also require elementary and middle schools that receive federal funding to obtain parental consent before 'changing a minor child's gender markers, pronouns, or preferred name on any school form; or allowing a child to change the child's sex-based accommodations, including locker rooms or bathrooms.'" [CNN, [3/24/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For Considering The Parents Bill Of Rights Act.** In March 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Adoption of the rule (H Res 241) that would provide for House floor consideration of the bill (HR 5) establishing requirements for schools to provide parents with information and certain rights regarding their children's education. The rule would provide for up to two hours of general debate on the bill and make in order floor consideration of 22 amendments." The rule was adopted by a vote of 218-205. [H.Res. 241, [Vote #147](#), 3/23/23; CQ, [3/23/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against A Motion To Recommit The Parents Bill Of Rights Act To Committee.** In March 2023 D'Esposito voted against: "Hayes, D-Conn., motion to recommit the bill to the House Education and Workforce Committee." The motion was rejected by a vote of 203-218. [H.R. 5, [Vote #160](#), 3/24/23; CQ, [3/24/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Require Title 1 Local Education Agencies To Notify Parents Of Major School Cyberattacks That May Have Compromised Student Or Parent Information .** In March 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Green, R-Tenn., amendment no. 10 to the bill that would require Title I local education agencies to notify parents of any major cyberattack against a school that may have compromised student or parent information." The amendment was adopted in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 420-5. [H.R. 5, [Vote #154](#), 3/24/23; CQ, [3/24/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment For A Report After One Year Evaluating The Bill's Costs To Education Agencies And Schools And Impact On Parental Rights.** In March 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Fitzpatrick, R-Pa., amendment no. 8 to the bill that would direct the Government Accountability Office to submit a report to Congress, within one year of the bill's enactment, on the costs of the bill on states and local educational agencies and public schools. The report also must evaluate the impact of the bill on parental rights regarding their children's education." The amendment was adopted in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 386-39. [H.R. 5, [Vote #153](#), 3/23/23; CQ, [3/23/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Require Funds Under The Elementary And Secondary Education Act To Be Consolidated And Awarded Proportional To The Number Of Students In Each State.** In March 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Roy, R-Texas, amendment no. 20 to the bill that would

require any funds made available under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act after the bill's enactment to be consolidated and awarded to each state in a proportional amount to the number of students in the state relative to the total number of students in the United States, for each state to carry out educational activities permitted by state laws." The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 83-331. [H.R. 5, [Vote #159](#), 3/24/23; CQ, [3/24/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Allow Title 1 Funds To "Follow A Student" To The School They Attend.** In March 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Roy, R-Texas, amendment no. 19 to the bill that would allow Title I funds to 'follow a student' to the school they attend -- including in-person or remote public, private or home schools -- and permit the funds to be used for educational and instructional materials, tutoring, private school tuition, extracurricular activities, testing expenses and educational therapies for students with disabilities." The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 113-311. [H.R. 5, [Vote #158](#), 3/24/23; CQ, [3/24/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Inform Parents Of Non-Curriculum-Based Celebrations Or Events By The School, Other Than For Birthdays And Federal Holidays.** In March 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "McCormick, R-Ga., amendment no. 17 to the bill that would require schools to inform parents of any non-curriculum-based celebratory initiatives or events organized by the school for students, other than those related to birthdays or federal holidays and provide notice that parents must grant written or electronic permission for their child to participate in or attend such events." The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 107-317. [H.R. 5, [Vote #157](#), 3/24/23; CQ, [3/24/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Terminate Education Department's Elementary And Secondary Education Functions By The End Of 2023.** In March 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Massie, R-Ky., amendment no. 15 to the bill that would express the sense of Congress in support of terminating the Education Department's elementary and secondary education functions by Dec. 31, 2023." The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 161-265. [H.R. 5, [Vote #156](#), 3/24/23; CQ, [3/24/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Strike Provisions Requiring Schools To Allow Parents To Review Teacher Professional Development Materials.** In March 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Jacobs, D-Calif., amendment no. 13 to the bill that would strike provisions requiring schools to allow parents to review teacher professional development materials at their child's school." The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 203-217. [H.R. 5, [Vote #155](#), 3/24/23; CQ, [3/24/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Require Title I And Title II Education Agencies To Hold Annual Open Enrollement For Students To Apply To Attend Other Schools Including Outside Their Geographic Region.** In March 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Davidson, R-Ohio, amendment no. 7 to the bill that would require Title I and II local education agencies to hold annual open enrollment periods during which students may apply to attend other schools served by the agency, including if they live outside the geographic region served by those schools. It would require agencies to consider and approve or disapprove such applications 'within a reasonable time.'" The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 89-338. [H.R. 5, [Vote #152](#), 3/23/23; CQ, [3/23/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Create A Private Legal Right Of Action For Parents Against Schools If They Don't Comply.** In March 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Crane, R-Ariz., amendment no. 6 to the bill that would create a private right of action for parents if schools do not comply with the bill's requirements. It would set a statute of limitations of 30 days and allow courts to grant injunctive relief or compensation for damages, including attorneys' fees." The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 61-365. [H.R. 5, [Vote #151](#), 3/23/23; CQ, [3/23/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Replace The Bill's Text With Congressional Fundings On The Rights Already Held By Parents Regarding Their Children's Education.** In March 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Bonamici, D-Ore., amendment no. 5 to the bill that would replace the text of the bill with

congressional findings language that outlines the rights parents have under current law with respect to their children's education. It also would add language to express the sense of Congress that students deserve 'a fair, equitable and high-quality education' that is free from censorship and in a learning environment free from discrimination." The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 203-223. [H.R. 5, [Vote #150](#), 3/23/23; CQ, [3/23/23](#)]

Election Law, Voting Rights, & Campaign Finance Issues

D'Esposito Voted For Disapproving The DC Council's Approval Of The Local Resident Voting Rights Amendment Act To All Resident's To Vote In Local Elections, Regardless Of Citizenship. In February 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Passage of the joint resolution that would establish congressional disapproval of, effectively repealing, the November 2022 District of Columbia Council legislation allowing noncitizens, including undocumented immigrants, to vote in local D.C. elections beginning in 2024." The bill passed by a vote of 260-162. [H.J.Res. 24, [Vote #118](#), 2/9/23; CQ, [2/9/23](#)]

- **The DC Council In October 2022 Passed Legislation To Allow Noncitizens To Vote; Versions Of The Legislation Had Been Introduced For Decades But Failed To Pass.** "The D.C. Council on Tuesday sent a pair of bills to Mayor Muriel Bowser that would greatly expand who can vote in local elections and how they cast their ballot. The first bill would allow noncitizens, including undocumented residents, to vote in local elections, meaning D.C. would join a few jurisdictions nationwide (including neighboring Takoma Park). [...] The bill had been floating around the Council for at least a decade, but struggled to move out of committee until this year. A previous version had only let green card-holders vote in local elections. But the judiciary committee, chaired by Ward 6 Councilmember Charles Allen, was compelled to expand voting rights to undocumented immigrants after public testimony." [DCist, [10/18/22](#)]
- **Advocates For The Legislation Argued That Noncitizens Paid Taxes And Are Impacted By Local Policies And Thus Should Be Allowed To Vote.** "D.C. lawmakers say that noncitizens pay taxes and are impacted by local policies, and should thus have a say in the people who make them. (A number of Maryland towns such as Takoma Park and Hyattsville similarly allow noncitizens to vote, albeit only legal permanent residents.)" [DCist, [2/2/23](#)]
- **2018 Polling On Legislation That Would Allow Noncitizens To Vote Found 91% Of Republicans And 54% Of Democrats Opposing The Legislation, 71% Of Respondents Overall Opposed.** "San Francisco's Department of Elections last week made the move to start allowing non-U.S. citizens to vote in the city's school board elections, sparking a national debate. [...] According to the survey, which is a joint project of Hill.TV and the HarrisX polling company, 71 percent of respondents opposed San Francisco's decision, while only 29 percent said they supported the move. Ninety-one percent of Republicans polled said they opposed giving the right to vote to noncitizens, as did 54 percent of Democrats. Seventy percent of independents said they were also in opposition to the decision. When respondents were asked the same question but with the wording changed to include the term 'illegal immigrants' instead of non-U.S. citizens, the results were nearly the same. Sixty-nine percent of Americans said they opposed the measure, while only 31 percent said they supported the measure. When asked the question with the term 'illegal immigrant,' 91 percent of Republicans said they opposed giving them voter rights, while 55 percent of Democrats also said they disagreed with the move. Sixty-five percent of Democrats also said they were against the measure. [...] The poll was conducted July 21–22 among 1,001 registered voters." [The Hill, [7/26/18](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For Considering Terminating The CDC Requirement For Proof Of COVID-19 Vaccination For Foreign Travelers And Disapproving Of The DC Council's Actions To Approve The Local Voting Rights Amendment And Revised Criminal Code. In February 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Adoption of the rule (H Res 97) that would provide for consideration of a bill (HR 185) to terminate the CDC's vaccination requirement for foreign travelers; a joint resolution (H J Res 24) disapproving the D.C. Council voting eligibility

law; and a joint resolution (H J Res 26) disapproving D.C. Council criminal code adjustments. The rule would provide up to one hour of general debate on each measure and floor consideration of five amendments to HR 185." The rule was adopted by a vote of 217-208. [H.Res. 97, [Vote #109](#), 2/7/23; CQ, [2/7/23](#)]

Energy & Environment Issues

D'Esposito Voted For Passing FY 2024 Interior And Environment Appropriations With Republican Riders.

In November 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Passage of the bill, as amended, that would provide \$37.7 billion in discretionary spending, including \$25.4 billion subject to the measure's discretionary cap and \$9.4 billion offset by rescissions. It would provide \$14.6 billion for the Interior Department, including \$3 billion for the National Park Service; \$1.5 billion for the Fish and Wildlife Service; \$1.3 billion for the U.S. Geological Survey; and \$1.3 billion for the Bureau of Land Management. It would provide approximately \$11.2 billion for Native American programs in fiscal 2024, including \$2.6 billion for the Bureau of Indian Affairs, \$1.4 billion for the Bureau of Indian Education and \$7.1 billion for the Health and Human Services Department's Indian Health Service (an IHS total that includes \$5.1 billion in advance appropriations enacted in the fiscal 2023 spending measure). The bill would provide an additional \$5.9 billion in fiscal 2025 advance appropriations for IHS. The bill would provide \$6.2 billion for the EPA, which includes \$2.4 billion for environmental programs and management and \$561 million for science and technology. It would provide \$8 billion for the Forest Service, including \$4.4 billion for wildfire management and response. Between the Forest Service and Interior Department, it would provide \$619 million for wildfire preparedness and \$1.4 billion for fire suppression activities. The bill would also provide \$960 million for the Smithsonian Institution; \$178 million for the National Gallery of Art; and \$373 million combined for the National Endowment for the Arts and the National Endowment for the Humanities. Among its policy provisions, it would prohibit the use of funds to promote "critical race theory"; block a January 2023 EPA and Army Corps of Engineers rule on the definition of "Waters of the United States"; prohibit the EPA from issuing a waiver to allow California to issue its own emissions standards for small off-road vehicle engines; require the Interior Department to conduct quarterly onshore oil and gas lease sales; and prohibit the use of funds to implement certain regulations under the Endangered Species Act, including protections for the lesser prairie-chicken and the northern long-eared bat. It would rescind \$9.4 billion in funding for the EPA, Interior Department and Council on Environmental Quality provided under the fiscal 2022 budget reconciliation bill (PL 117-169), including \$7.8 billion for renewable energy projects and \$1.4 billion for environmental and climate justice projects. As amended, the bill would bar the use of funds provided by the bill for the American Climate Corps; prohibit the use of funds provided by the bill to enforce any COVID-19 mask mandates; bar the use of funds provided by the bill to implement, administer, apply, enforce or carry out any plastic straw prohibitions; prohibit the use of funds provided by the bill for the cancellation or suspension of oil and gas leases in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge or the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska; and prohibit the use of funds provided by the bill to reduce the number of oil and gas leases issued by the Interior Department, among other provisions." The bill passed by a vote of 213-203. [H.R. 4821, [Vote #597](#), 11/3/23; CQ, [11/3/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Voted Against Recommitting FY 2024 Interior And Environment Appropriations To Committee.** In November 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Leger Fernandez, D-N.M., motion to recommit the bill to the House Appropriations Committee." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 201-215. [H.R. 4821, [Vote #596](#), 11/3/23; CQ, [11/3/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For Prohibiting Using Funds For Executive Orders On Climate Change.** In November 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Roy, R-Texas, amendment no. 127 that would prohibit the use of any funds provided by the bill to implement a series of Biden administration executive orders (Executive Order nos. 13990, 14008, 14013, 14030, 14057, 14082 and 14096) related to climate concerns." The amendment was adopted by a vote of 208-207. [H.R. 4821, [Vote #595](#), 11/3/23; CQ, [11/3/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For Prohibiting Using Funds For Environmental Justice Activities.** In November 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Roy, R-Texas, amendment no. 126 that would bar the use of funds provided by the bill from being used for environmental justice activities." The amendment was adopted by a vote of 212-204 [H.R.

4821, [Vote #594](#), 11/3/23; CQ, [11/3/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Voted For Prohibiting Using Funds For Oil And Gas Royalty Enforcements From The Inflation Reduction Act.** In November 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Ogles, R-Tenn., amendment no. 120 that would prohibit the use of funds provided by the bill to implement, administer or enforce a section of the Inflation Reduction Act (PL 117-169) related to increasing onshore oil and gas royalty rates, minimum bid requirements and rental fees." The amendment was adopted by a vote of 213-204. [H.R. 4821, [Vote #593](#), 11/3/23; CQ, [11/3/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For Reducing Interior Secretary Deb Haaland's Salary To \$1.** In November 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Norman, R-S.C., amendment no. 115 that would reduce Interior Secretary Deb Haaland's salary to \$1." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 156-263. [H.R. 4821, [Vote #591](#), 11/2/23; CQ, [11/2/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For Reducing EPA Administrator Michael S. Regan's Salary To \$1.** In November 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Norman, R-S.C., amendment no. 113 that would reduce EPA Administrator Michael S. Regan's salary to \$1." The resolution was rejected by a vote of 179-213. [H.R. 4821, [Vote #590](#), 11/2/23; CQ, [11/2/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For Reducing Bureau of Land Management Director Tracy Stone-Manning's Salary To \$1.** In November 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Norman, R-S.C., amendment no. 112 that would reduce Bureau of Land Management Director Tracy Stone-Manning's salary to \$1." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 159-259. [H.R. 4821, [Vote #589](#), 11/2/23; CQ, [11/2/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For Defunding The Interior Department's Office Of Diversity, Inclusion And Civil Rights.** In November 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Norman, R-S.C., amendment no. 110 that would bar the use of funds provided by the bill for the Interior Department's Office of Diversity, Inclusion and Civil Rights." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 207-213. [H.R. 4821, [Vote #588](#), 11/2/23; CQ, [11/2/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For Defunding The EPA's Clean School Bus Program.** In November 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Nehls, R-Texas, amendment no. 107 that would prohibit the use of funds provided by the bill for the EPA's Clean School Bus Program." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 196-222. [H.R. 4821, [Vote #587](#), 11/2/23; CQ, [11/2/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against Reducing Deputy Assistant EPA Administrator For Pesticide Programs Ya-Wei Li's Salary To \$1.** In November 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Miller, R-Ill., amendment no. 103 that would reduce Deputy Assistant EPA Administrator for Pesticide Programs Ya-Wei Li's salary to \$1." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 151-263. [H.R. 4821, [Vote #586](#), 11/2/23; CQ, [11/2/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For Defunding Executive Orders Promoting The Use Of Clean Energy And Environmental Justice.** In November 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "McCormick, R-Ga., amendment no. 102 that would prohibit the use of funds provided by the bill to implement Executive Order 14037, related to strengthening American leadership in clean cars and trucks; EO 14057, related to catalyzing clean energy industries and jobs through federal sustainability; and EO 14096, relating to revitalizing U.S. commitment to environmental justice for all." The amendment was adopted by a vote of 217-202. [H.R. 4821, [Vote #585](#), 11/2/23; CQ, [11/2/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For Reducing Deputy Assistant EPA Administrator For Environmental Justice Matthew Tejada's Salary To \$1.** In November 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "McCormick, R-Ga., amendment no. 101 that would reduce Deputy Assistant EPA Administrator for Environmental Justice Matthew Tejada's salary to \$1." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 166-251. [H.R. 4821, [Vote #584](#), 11/2/23; CQ, [11/2/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Voted For Prohibiting The Use Of Funds To Remove Monuments On Land Controlled By The Interior Department.** In November 2023, D'Esposito voted for: Greene, R-Ga., amendment no. 94 that would prohibit the use of funds provided by the bill to remove any monument on land under the jurisdiction of the Interior Department." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 191-227. [H.R. 4821, [Vote #583](#), 11/2/23; CQ, [11/2/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For Prohibiting The Use Of Funds For An EPA Rule For Air Quality Standards.** In November 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Gosar, R-Ariz., amendment no. 91 that would prohibit the use of funds provided by the bill to finalize, implement or enforce a 2023 proposed EPA rule titled "Reconsideration of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for Particulate Matter." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 212-206. [H.R. 4821, [Vote #582](#), 11/2/23; CQ, [11/2/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For Prohibiting The Use Of Funds For An Executive Order To Tackle Climate Change.** In November 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Fulcher, R-Idaho, amendment no. 89 that would prohibit the use of funds provided by the bill to implement, administer, apply, enforce or carry out a section of Executive Order 14008 related to tackling climate change domestically and internationally." The amendment was adopted by a vote of 212-202. [H.R. 4821, [Vote #581](#), 11/2/23; CQ, [11/2/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For Prohibiting The Use Of Funds From Enforcing A Land Order Withdrawing Acres Of Chaco Canyon National Historical Park From Mining And Mineral Leasing.** In November 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Crane, R-Ariz., amendment no. 86 that would prohibit the use of funds provided by the bill to implement, administer or enforce Public Land Order 7923 that withdrew roughly 336,404 acres around Chaco Culture National Historical Park in New Mexico from mining and mineral leasing." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 191-219. [H.R. 4821, [Vote #580](#), 11/2/23; CQ, [11/2/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against Reducing The Council On Environmental Quality Chair Brenda Mallory To \$1.** In November 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Crane, R-Ariz., amendment no. 85 that would reduce the salary of Council on Environmental Quality Chair Brenda Mallory to \$1." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 161-251. [H.R. 4821, [Vote #579](#), 11/2/23; CQ, [11/2/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against Prohibiting Funds For The EPA To Hire New Consultants Or Fellows.** In November 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Burgess, R-Texas, amendment no. 78 that would prohibit the use of funds provided by the bill for the EPA to hire or pay the salary of any special consultants or fellows who are not already receiving pay as of the bill's enactment." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 188-237. [H.R. 4821, [Vote #576](#), 11/2/23; CQ, [11/2/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For Barring Funds To Enforce Rules To Protect Endangered Wildlife, Plants, And Threatened Habitats.** In November 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Boebert, R-Colo., amendment no. 74 that would bar the use of funds provided by the bill from being used to finalize, implement, administer or enforce the following proposed 2023 rules: --"Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Revision of Regulations for Interagency Cooperation" by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. --"Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Listing Endangered and Threatened Species and Designating Critical Habitat" by FWS and NOAA. --"Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Regulations Pertaining to Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants" by FWS." The amendment was adopted by a vote of 213-212. [H.R. 4821, [Vote #575](#), 11/2/23; CQ, [11/2/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Decrease The Bureau Of Ocean Energy Management Director's Salary To \$1.** In November 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Boebert, R-Colo., amendment no. 73 that would reduce Bureau of Ocean Energy Management Director Elizabeth Klein's salary to \$1." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 163-261. [H.R. 4821, [Vote #574](#), 11/2/23; CQ, [11/2/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Prohibit Bill Funding For The Environmental Protection Agency To Take Actions Related To Watershed Implementation.** In November 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Perry, R-Pa., amendment no. 70 that would prohibit funding provided by the bill for the EPA to take any ‘backstop’ actions as described in a December 2009 letter related to watershed implementation.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 180-243. [H.R. 4821, [Vote #573](#), 11/2/23; CQ, [11/2/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Prohibit Bill Funding For The U.S. Board On Geographic Names.** In November 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Harshbarger, R-Tenn., amendment no. 66 that would prohibit the use of funds provided by the bill for the U.S. Board on Geographic Names.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 177-246. [H.R. 4821, [Vote #572](#), 11/2/23; CQ, [11/2/23](#)]
 - **The Board On Geographic Names Renamed Locations Individuals Found Offensive, Including Geographic Names After Confederates.** “In the middle of the 20th century, the BGN also began reviewing petitions from individual citizens to change names that were already standardized on the U.S. map, whether because of a spelling error, a misplaced location, or something more serious—like a name that locals find offensive. [...] The slow drip of requests to change landmarks with Confederate names has surprised Runyon. ‘I confess, I thought I'd have more by now,’ she says. But she suspects that the reason isn’t a lack of desire to remove these names—rather, most people either aren’t familiar with the process for requesting a name change or don't want to commit to multiple months of waiting.” [Smithsonian Magazine, [8/1/19](#)]
 - **The Board Of Geographic Names Replaced Names That Included Historic Slurs.** “The Department of the Interior today announced the Board on Geographic Names (BGN) has voted on the final replacement names for nearly 650 geographic features featuring the word sq____. The final vote completes the last step in the historic efforts to remove a term from federal use that has historically been used as an offensive ethnic, racial and sexist slur, particularly for Indigenous women.” [Department of the Interior, Press Releases, [9/8/22](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce Bill Funding For The National Endowment For The Humanities By \$186 Million.** In November 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Perry, R-Pa., amendment no. 61 that would strike \$186 million provided by the bill for the National Endowment for the Humanities and transfer the savings to the spending reduction account.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 132-292. [H.R. 4821, [Vote #571](#), 11/2/23; CQ, [11/2/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Decrease Bill Funding For The National Endowment For The Arts By \$186 Million.** In November 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Perry, R-Pa., amendment no. 60 that would strike \$186 million provided by the bill for the National Endowment for the Arts and transfer the savings to the spending reduction account.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 129-292. [H.R. 4821, [Vote #570](#), 11/2/23; CQ, [11/2/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce Council On Environmental Quality Funding By \$3.8 Million.** In November 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Perry, R-Pa., amendment no. 59 that would reduce by \$3.8 million funding for the Council on Environmental Quality and transfer the savings to the spending reduction account.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 166-253. [H.R. 4821, [Vote #569](#), 11/2/23; CQ, [11/2/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Increase National Park Service Construction Funding By \$3.8 Million And Decrease Council On Environmental Quality Funding By The Same Amount.** In November 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Collins, R-Ga., amendment no. 15 that would increase by \$3.8 million funding for National Park Service construction, and decrease funding for the Council on Environmental Quality by the same amount.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 184-239. [H.R. 4821, [Vote #568](#), 11/2/23; CQ, [11/2/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce Bureau Of Land Management Funds By \$590.3 Million.** In November 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Hageman, R-Wyo., amendment no. 2 that would reduce funds made available for the Bureau of Land Management by \$590.3 million." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 144-280. [H.R. 4821, [Vote #567](#), 11/2/23; CQ, [11/2/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For Considering Department Of Transportation Appropriations, Department Of Interior Appropriations, And Israel Security Supplemental Appropriations.** In November 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Adoption of the rule (H Res 838) that would provide for House floor consideration of the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act (HR 4820), the Department of Interior and Environment Appropriations Act (HR 4821) and the Israel Security Supplemental Appropriations Act (HR 6126). The rule would provide up to one hour of debate on each bill. It would make in order 74 amendments to HR 4820 and 131 amendments to HR 4821." The rule was adopted by a vote of 213-203. [H.Res. 838, [Vote #566](#), 11/2/23; CQ, [11/2/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Stating That The House Would Not Cut Money From Social Security Or Medicare. In November 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Fishbach, R-Minn, motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment)." According to the Congressional Record, Rep. McGovern said, "Madam Speaker, if we defeat the previous question, I will offer a resolution to state unequivocally that the House won't cut a single cent from these crucial programs that so many of our constituents rely on." *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the bill.* The motion was rejected by a vote of 213-200. [H.Res. 838, [Vote #565](#), 11/2/23; CQ, [11/2/23](#); Congressional Record, [11/2/23](#)]

D'Esposito Did Not Vote On Transferring National Forest Service Land For The Salt River Project in Arizona. In November 2023, D'Esposito did not vote on: "Westerman, R-Ark., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would transfer a portion of National Forest Service land adjacent to the Salt River Project in Arizona to be used for development, generation and transmission of electricity as part of the Salt River Federal Reclamation Project. It would direct the Agriculture Department to prepare a map depicting the boundary of the land. The bill would require new electrical energy facilities built on the land to conform with Bureau of Reclamation standards, subject to Interior Department review and approval. It would also specify that the covered land would be permanently withdrawn from public land, mining, mineral leasing, mineral materials and geothermal leasing laws." The motion was agreed to by a vote of 384-1. [H.R. 1607, [Vote #599](#), 11/6/23; CQ, [11/6/23](#)]

D'Esposito Did Not Vote On To Designate Fort San Geronimo Del Boqueron As Part Of The National Park System. In November 2023, D'Esposito did not vote on: "Westerman, R-Ark., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would designate Fort San Geronimo del Boqueron in San Juan, Puerto Rico, as an affiliated area of the National Park System." The motion was agreed to by a vote of 359-24. [H.R. 359, [Vote #600](#), 11/6/23; CQ, [11/6/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For FY 2024 Appropriations For The Energy Department, Including Republican Riders. In October 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Passage of the bill, as amended, that would provide \$60 billion in fiscal 2024 funding for the Energy Department, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Bureau of Reclamation and independent federal agencies. It would provide \$49 billion for the Energy Department, \$24 billion for the National Nuclear Security Administration, and \$2.8 billion for the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund. Within NNSA funding, it would provide \$19.1 billion appropriated for weapons activities, \$1.9 billion for naval reactors and \$2.4 billion for defense nuclear nonproliferation. The bill would provide \$2 billion for the Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Office. It would redirect \$3.6 billion in unobligated funds previously appropriated by the 2021 bipartisan infrastructure law for advanced nuclear reactor demonstration programs, including \$2.4 billion for advanced nuclear fuel and \$1.2 billion for small modular reactor research and development. The funding for each would be evenly distributed over the next three fiscal years. It would provide \$470 million for the Advanced Research Projects Agency-Energy, \$281 million for the Strategic Petroleum Reserve and \$858 million for the Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management. The bill would provide \$9.6 billion for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. For programs within the Interior Department, the bill would provide \$1.9 billion, including \$1.7 billion for the Bureau of Reclamation and \$23 million for the Central Utah Project. It would also prohibit the use of funds provided by the

bill to finalize an Energy Department rule proposed in February 2023, on energy conservation standards for gas ranges and ovens, or any rule that would directly or indirectly limit consumer access to gas kitchen ranges or ovens." The bill passed by a vote of 210-199. [H.R. 4394, [Vote #558](#), 10/26/23; CQ, [10/26/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Voted Against A Motion To Recommit FY2024 Energy Appropriations To The House Appropriations Committee.** In October 2023 D'Esposito voted against: "Castor, D-Fla., motion to recommit the bill to the House Appropriations Committee." The motion was rejected by a vote of 199-210. [H.R. 4394, [Vote #557](#), 10/27/23; CQ, [10/26/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Prohibit Using Funds To Implement Various Biden Administration Executive Orders Relating To Climate Change.** In October 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Rosendale, R-Mont., for Roy, R-Texas, amendment no. 60 that would prohibit the use of funds to implement various Biden administration executive orders relating to climate change." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 192-222. [H.R. 4394, [Vote #556](#), 10/26/23; CQ, [10/26/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce By \$620 Million The Amount Of Appropriations Provided By FY2024 Energy Appropriations To The Army Corps Of Engineers.** In October 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Rosendale, R-Mont., amendment no. 59 that would reduce by \$620 million the amount of appropriations provided by the bill to the Army Corps of Engineers." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 76-335. [H.R. 4394, [Vote #555](#), 10/26/23; CQ, [10/26/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To \$1.55 Billion The Total Amount Of Appropriations Provided By FY2024 Energy Appropriations.** In October 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Rosendale, R-Mont., amendment no. 58 that would reduce by \$1.55 billion the total amount of appropriations provided by the bill." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 100-314. [H.R. 4394, [Vote #554](#), 10/26/23; CQ, [10/26/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Reduce The Salary Of Andrew Light, Assistant Secretary Of Energy For International Affairs, To \$1.** In October 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Pfluger, R-Texas, amendment no. 57 that would reduce the salary of Andrew Light, assistant secretary of Energy for International Affairs, to \$1." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 164-249. [H.R. 4394, [Vote #553](#), 10/26/23; CQ, [10/26/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce The Salary Of Gene Rodrigues, Assistant Secretary For The Office Of Electricity, To \$1.** In October 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Pfluger, R-Texas, amendment no. 56 that would reduce the salary of Gene Rodrigues, assistant secretary for the Office of Electricity, to \$1." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 160-250. [H.R. 4394, [Vote #552](#), 10/26/23; CQ, [10/26/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce The Salary Of Energy Secretary Jennifer M. Granholm To \$1.** In October 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Norman, R-S.C., amendment no. 51 that would reduce the salary of Energy Secretary Jennifer M. Granholm to \$1." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 166-247. [H.R. 4394, [Vote #551](#), 10/26/23; CQ, [10/26/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Bar The Use Of Funds Under FY2024 Energy Appropriations For The American Climate Corps.** In October 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Norman, R-S.C., amendment no. 50 that would bar the use of funds under the bill for the American Climate Corps." The amendment was adopted by a vote of 207-204. [H.R. 4394, [Vote #550](#), 10/26/23; CQ, [10/26/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Bar The Use Of Funds Under FY2024 Energy Appropriations For The American Climate Corps.** In October 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Norman, R-S.C., amendment no. 50 that would bar the use of funds under the bill for the American Climate Corps." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 208-209. [H.R. 4394, [Vote #549](#), 10/26/23; CQ, [10/26/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Bar The Use Of Funds Under FY2024 Energy Appropriations For The Energy Department's Office Of Scientific Workforce Diversity, Equity And Inclusion.** In October 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Norman, R-S.C., amendment no. 47 that would bar the use of funds under the bill for the Energy Department's Office of Scientific Workforce Diversity, Equity and Inclusion." The amendment was adopted by a vote of 207-204. [H.R. 4394, [Vote #548](#), 10/26/23; CQ, [10/26/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce The Salary Of Assistant Army Secretary For Civil Works Michael Connor To \$1.** In October 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Luna, R-Fla., amendment no. 43 that would reduce the salary of Assistant Army Secretary for Civil Works Michael Connor to \$1." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 120-291. [H.R. 4394, [Vote #547](#), 10/26/23; CQ, [10/26/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Bar The Use Of Funds Under 2024 Energy Appropriations For The Energy Department's SuperTruck III Program.** In October 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Hageman, R-Wyo., amendment no. 39 that would bar the use of funds under the bill for the Energy Department's SuperTruck III program." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 176-241. [H.R. 4394, [Vote #546](#), 10/26/23; CQ, [10/26/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Bar Funds Under 2024 Energy Appropriations For The National Nuclear Security Administration Warhead Modification Program.** In October 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Garamendi, D-Calif., amendment no. 37 that would bar funds under the bill for the National Nuclear Security Administration W87-1 warhead modification program." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 121-299. [H.R. 4394, [Vote #545](#), 10/26/23; CQ, [10/26/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Bar Funds Under FY 2024 Energy Appropriations For The Savannah River Plutonium Modernization Program.** In October 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Garamendi, D-Calif., amendment no. 36 that would bar funds under the bill for the Savannah River Plutonium Modernization Program." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 116-303. [H.R. 4394, [Vote #544](#), 10/26/23; CQ, [10/26/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Decrease By \$2.5 Million Funding For The Great Lakes Authority.** In October 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Perry, R-Pa., amendment no. 32 that would decrease by \$2.5 million funding for the Great Lakes Authority and transfer the savings to the spending reduction account." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 122-295. [H.R. 4394, [Vote #543](#), 10/26/23; CQ, [10/26/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Decrease By \$2.5 Million Funding For The Southwest Border Regional Commission.** In October 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Perry, R-Pa., amendment no. 31 that would decrease by \$2.5 million funding for the Southwest Border Regional Commission and transfer the savings to the spending reduction account." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 130-287. [H.R. 4394, [Vote #542](#), 10/26/23; CQ, [10/26/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce Funding For The Southeast Crescent Regional Commission By \$19.8 Million.** In October 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Perry, R-Pa., amendment no. 30 that would reduce funding for the Southeast Crescent Regional Commission by \$19.8 million and transfer the savings to the spending reduction account." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 122-299. [H.R. 4394, [Vote #541](#), 10/26/23; CQ, [10/26/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Did Not Vote On An Amendment To Reduce Funding For The Northern Border Regional Commission By \$20 Million.** In October 2023, D'Esposito did not vote on: "Perry, R-Pa., amendment no. 29 that would reduce funding for the Northern Border Regional Commission by \$20 million and transfer

the savings to the spending reduction account.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 134-283. [H.R. 4394, [Vote #540](#), 10/26/23; CQ, [10/26/23](#)]

- **D’Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Eliminate \$17 Million For The Denali Commission.** In October 2023, D’Esposito voted against: “Perry, R-Pa., for Norman, R-S.C., amendment no. 28 that would eliminate the \$17 million provided for the Denali Commission.” The amendment rejected by a vote of 105-316. [H.R. 4394, [Vote #539](#), 10/26/23; CQ, [10/26/23](#)]
- **D’Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce Funding For The Denali Commission By \$2 Million.** In October 2023, D’Esposito voted against: “Perry, R-Pa., amendment no. 27 that would reduce funding for the Denali Commission by \$2 million and transfer the savings to the spending reduction account.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 137-283. [H.R. 4394, [Vote #538](#), 10/26/23; CQ, [10/26/23](#)]
- **D’Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce Funding For The Delta Regional Commission By \$6.1 Million.** In October 2023, D’Esposito voted against: “Perry, R-Pa., amendment no. 26 that would reduce funding for the Delta Regional Commission by \$6.1 million and transfer the savings to the spending reduction account.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 123-300. [H.R. 4394, [Vote #537](#), 10/26/23; CQ, [10/26/23](#)]
- **D’Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce Funding For The Appalachian Regional Commission By \$35 Million.** In October 2023, D’Esposito voted against: “Perry, R-Pa., amendment no. 25 that would reduce funding for the Appalachian Regional Commission by \$35 million and transfer the savings to the spending reduction account.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 115-306. [H.R. 4394, [Vote #536](#), 10/26/23; CQ, [10/26/23](#)]
- **D’Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Eliminate \$470 Million For The Advanced Research Projects Agency – Energy.** In October 2023, D’Esposito voted against: “Norman, R-S.C., amendment no. 20 that would eliminate \$470 million provided for the Advanced Research Projects Agency - Energy.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 105-319. [H.R. 4394, [Vote #535](#), 10/26/23; CQ, [10/26/23](#)]
- **D’Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Strike \$35 Million For Energy Department Clean Energy Demonstrations.** In October 2023, D’Esposito voted against: “Perry, R-Pa., amendment no. 19 that would strike \$35 million provided for Energy Department clean energy demonstrations and transfer the savings to the spending reduction account.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 135-284. [H.R. 4394, [Vote #534](#), 10/26/23; CQ, [10/26/23](#)]
- **D’Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Eliminate All Bill Funding For Energy Department Energy Efficiency And Renewable Energy Programs.** In October 2023, D’Esposito voted for: “Roy, R-Texas, amendment no.16 that would eliminate all funding in the bill for the DOE energy efficiency and renewable energy programs.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 137-287. [H.R. 4394, [Vote #533](#), 10/26/23; CQ, [10/26/23](#)]
- **D’Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Increasing Funding For Energy Department Fossil Fuel And Carbon Management Programs And Reducing Funding For The Energy Efficiency And Renewable Energy Programs.** In October 2023, D’Esposito voted against: “Griffith, R-Va., amendment no. 15 that would increase funding by \$600 million for the Energy Department’s fossil energy and carbon management programs and reduce funding by \$1.1 billion for the department’s energy efficiency and renewable energy programs.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 161-257. [H.R. 4394, [Vote #532](#), 10/26/23; CQ, [10/26/23](#)]
- **D’Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Reduce Bureau Of Reclamation Policy And Administration Expenses By \$5 Million.** In October 2023, D’Esposito voted for: “Westerman, R-Ark.,

amendment no. 14 that would reduce funding by \$5 million for Bureau of Reclamation policy and administration expenses.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 212-213. [H.R. 4394, [Vote #531](#), 10/26/23; CQ, [10/26/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Increase Funding For The Upper Colorado And San Juan Tiver Endangered Fish Recovery Programs Offset By A Decrease In Funding For Energy Department Salaries.** In October 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Neguse, D-Colo., amendment no. 12 that would increase funding by \$1 million for Bureau of Reclamation water and natural resources projects, which is intended for the Upper Colorado and San Juan River Endangered Fish Recovery programs, offset by an equal reduction in funding for Energy Department salaries and expenses.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 277-142. [H.R. 4394, [Vote #530](#), 10/26/23; CQ, [10/26/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Eliminate The Delaware River Basin Commission From The Army Corps Of Engineers Investigations.** In October 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Perry, R-Pa., amendment no. 3 that would decrease by \$715,000 funding for Army Corps of Engineers investigations, intended to eliminate the Delaware River Basin Commission, and transfer the savings to the spending reduction account.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 156-265. [H.R. 4394, [Vote #529](#), 10/26/23; CQ, [10/26/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For Considering Striking \$1 Billion In Funding For Renewable Energy From Energy And Water Development Appropriations And Barring Any Raises For Members From Legislative Branch Appropriations. In October 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 756) that would that would provide for floor consideration of the Fiscal 2024 Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act (HR 4394) and the Fiscal 2024 Legislative Branch Appropriations Act (HR 4364). The rule would provide for up to one hour of general debate on each measure. It would make in order 60 amendments to HR 4394. It would provide for the automatic adoption of a Fleischmann, R-Tenn., manager's amendment to HR 4394. The amendment would strike \$1 billion in funding from Energy Department (DOE) energy efficiency and renewable energy programs. It would provide for the automatic adoption of a Amodei, R-Nev., manager's amendment to HR 4364 would be considered as adopted. The amendment would bar any cost-of-living adjustments for members of Congress during fiscal 2024. It also would provide that H Res 699 would be automatically laid on the table. The resolution would provide for floor consideration of a short-term funding bill (HR 5525), a measure concerning natural gas export-import (HR 1130) and a resolution (H Res 684) condemning actions taken by New Mexico Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 218-208. [H.Res. 756, [Vote #517](#), 10/3/23; CQ, [10/3/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For Providing Floor Consideration For FY 2024 Defense Appropriations, Promoting Liquified Natural Gas, And Condemning New Mexico's Governor's Gun Legislation. In September 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Cole, R-Okla., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment Cole, R-Okla., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 712) that would provide for floor consideration of the Department of Defense Appropriations Act (HR 4365), the Unlocking our Domestic LNG Potential Act (HR 1130) and a resolution condemning the actions of Governor of New Mexico, Michelle Lujan Grisham (H Res 684). The rule would provide for up to one hour of general debate on each bill. It would make in order floor consideration of 184 amendments to HR 4365 and two amendments to HR 1130. The motion was rejected by a vote of 212-216. [H. Res. 712, [Vote #403](#), 9/21/23; CQ, [9/21/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Voted For Blocking Consideration For FY 2024 Defense Appropriations, Promoting Liquified Natural Gas, And Condemning New Mexico's Governor's Gun Legislation.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Cole, R-Okla., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment). According to the Congressional Record, Rep. Cole said, “The right thing today is to move ahead and pass this rule, get onto a debate about what we think are important issues. Defending the country is certainly an important issue. Securing our energy future is important, and dealing with constitutional rights, and we will continue to discuss and work on these other matters. I will agree with my

friend. I am not for shutting down the government. I hope we don't get there, and I always worry about that as we approach these kind of deadlines. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time, and I move the previous question on the resolution." **A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the resolution.** The motion was agreed to by a vote of 216-202. [H. Res. 712, [Vote #402](#), 9/21/23; CQ, [9/21/23](#), Congressional Record, [9/21/23](#)]

D'Esposito Did Not Vote On Prohibiting The Environmental Protection Agency From Allowing States To Enact Vehicle Emissions Requirements If They Limit The Use Of Vehicles With Internal Combustion Engines. In September 2023, D'Esposito did not vote on: "Passage of the bill that would prohibit the EPA from issuing a waiver allowing states to enact vehicle emissions requirements if they limit the sale or use of motor vehicles with internal combustion engines." The motion was agreed to by a vote of 222-190. [H.R. 1435, [Vote #391](#), 9/14/23; CQ, [9/14/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Did Not Vote On Considering The Preserving Choice In Vehicle Purchases Act.** In September 2023, D'Esposito did not vote on: "Adoption of the rule (H Res 681) that would provide for floor consideration of the Preserving Choice in Vehicle Purchases Act (HR 1435). The rule would provide for up to one hour of general debate on HR 1435." The rule was adopted by a vote of 215-200. [H.Res. 681, [Vote #389](#), 9/14/23; CQ, [9/14/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Did Not Vote On A Motion To Recommit The Preserving Choice In Vehicle Purchases Act To The Energy And Commerce Committee.** In September 2023 D'Esposito did not vote on: "Levin, D-Calif., motion to recommit the bill to the Energy and Commerce Committee." The motion was rejected by a vote of 193-212. [H.R. 1435, [Vote #390](#), 9/14/23; CQ, [9/14/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For Extending The Authority Of The Shasta-Trinity Marina National Forest To Collect Fees Through Fiscal Year 2029. In September 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Westerman, R-Ark., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would extend by six years, through fiscal 2029, the authority of the Shasta-Trinity National Forest to collect, retain and use marina fees. The motion passed by a vote of 415-0. [H.R. 3324, [Vote #387](#), 9/13/23; CQ, [9/13/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For Requiring The Department Of Agriculture To Implement Standardized Procedures To Report Hazardous Fuel Reduction. In September 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Westerman, R-Ark., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would require the Agriculture and Interior departments, within 90 days of enactment, to implement standardized procedures for tracking and reporting data related to their hazardous fuels reduction, or vegetation management that reduces the risk of wildfire. It would require the standardized procedures to include regular data accuracy reviews and verification methods, among other requirements. The bill would require the departments to include a report on the department's hazardous fuels reduction activities in the previous fiscal year in the materials submitted in support of the president's annual budget request. It also would require the Government Accountability Office, within two years of enactment, to conduct a study and submit a report to Congress on the implementation of the bill with respect to the departments' reporting and tracking of hazardous fuels reduction activities. The motion passed by a vote of 406-4. [H.R. 1567, [Vote #386](#), 9/13/23; CQ, [9/13/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To The Military Construction-VA Appropriations Bill To Ban Funds From The Bill From Being Used To Implement Biden Executive Orders Related To Climate Change. In July 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Roy, R-Texas, amendment no. 40 that would bar the use of funds provided by the bill to implement seven Biden administration executive orders relating to climate change." The amendment was adopted by a vote of 220-214. [H.R. 4366, [Vote #377](#), 7/26/23; CQ, [7/26/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To The Military Construction-VA Appropriations Bill To Ban Funds From The Bill From Being Used To Promote Clean Energy Industries And Jobs. In July 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Zinke, R-Mont., amendment no. 41 that would bar the use of funds provided by the bill to implement

the December 2021 Biden administration executive order regarding the promotion of clean energy industries and jobs.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 222-212. [H.R. 4366, [Vote #378](#), 7/26/23; CQ, [7/26/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To The Bill To Reauthorize The Federal Aviation Administration Make Turbulence Studies Focus On Weather Conditions Rather Than Climate Change. In July 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Ogles, R-Tenn., amendment no. 70 that would require the Federal Aviation Administration to include in a study on air turbulence the impacts of weather, rather than climate change.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 206-227. [H.R. 3935, [Vote #356](#), 7/19/23 CQ, [7/19/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Prohibit Defense Department Land From Being Designated As A “Critical Habitat” Under The Endangered Species Act. In July 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Biggs, R-Ariz., amendment no. 55 that would prohibit, under the Endangered Species Act, a ‘critical habitat’ designation for any military installation or other Defense Department land necessary for military purposes.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 193-237. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #322](#), 7/13/23; CQ, [7/13/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Prohibit The Defense Department From Implementing Biden Climate Change Executive Orders. In July 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Roy, R-Texas, amendment no. 64 to HR 2670 that would prohibit the Defense Department from implementing several Biden administration executive orders relating to climate change and environmental policy.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 217-216. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #326](#), 7/14/23; CQ, [7/14/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For The Passage Of A Bill Prohibiting The Energy Department From Enforcing Stricter Gas Stove Efficiency Standards. In June 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would prohibit the Energy Department from finalizing, implementing or enforcing a February 2023 proposed rule that would impose stricter gas stove efficiency standards, or any ‘substantially similar’ rule. It would also prohibit the department from determining that an energy conservation standard for kitchen ranges or ovens is economically justified unless it determines that the standard would not likely result in the unavailability of a type of product in the United States based on what type of fuel it consumes.” The bill passed 249 to 181. [H.R. 1640, [Vote #268](#), 6/14/23; CQ, [6/14/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To The Save Our Gas Stoves Bill Delaying Enforcement Of Regulation.** In June 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “McGovern, D-Mass., amendment no. 2 that would delay the bill’s prohibition on enforcement of the gas stove efficiency regulation until the Energy Department declares that the absence of the rule will not adversely affect American energy security.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 207-224. [H.R. 1640, [Vote #266](#), 2/26/21; CQ, [6/14/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To The Save Our Gas Stoves Bill Requiring The Energy Department To Determine The Impact On Product Availability.** In June 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Pallone, D-N.J., amendment no. 3 that would strike language requiring the Energy Department to determine the impact on product availability before imposing a new energy conservation standard for kitchen ranges or ovens. It would also strike the bill’s prohibition on future DOE rulemaking that is ‘substantially similar’ to the February 2023 rule on gas stove efficiency standards.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 209-225. [H.R. 1640, [Vote #267](#), 2/26/21; CQ, [6/14/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Did Not Vote On Considering The Regulations From The Executive In Need Of Scrutiny (REINS) Act, The Separation Of Powers Restoration (SOPRA) Act, The Gas Stove Protection And Freedom Act , The Save Our Gas Stoves Act, And The Joint Resolution (H J Res 44) Providing For Congressional Disapproval Of A Bureau Of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, And Explosives Rule Relating To Firearm Stabilizing Braces.** In June 2023, D'Esposito did not vote on: “Adoption of the rule (H.Res. 495) that would provide for floor consideration of the Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny (REINS) Act (HR 277); the Separation of powers Restoration (SOPRA) Act (HR 288); the Gas Stove Protection and Freedom Act (HR 1615); the Save Our Gas Stoves Act (HR 1640); and the joint resolution (H J Res 44) providing for congressional disapproval of a Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco,

Firearms, and Explosives rule relating to firearm stabilizing braces. The rule would provide for up to one hour of general debate on each measure. It would make in order floor consideration of 15 amendments to HR 277, one amendment to HR 288, two amendments to HR 1615 and three amendments to HR 1640.” The rule passed by a vote of 218-209. [H.Res. 495, [Vote #250](#), 6/13/23; CQ, [6/13/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Voted For Consideration Of The Rule That Would Provide For House Floor Consideration Of The Regulations From The Executive In Need Of Scrutiny (REINS) Act, The Separation Of Powers Restoration Act (SOPRA), The Gas Stove Protection And Freedom Act And The Save Our Gas Stoves Act.** In June 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H.Res. 463) that would provide for House floor consideration of the Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny (REINS) Act (HR 277), the Separation of Powers Restoration Act (SOPRA) (HR 288), the Gas Stove Protection and Freedom Act (HR 1615), and the Save Our Gas Stoves Act (HR 1640). The rule would provide for up to one hour of general debate on each bill. It would make in order floor consideration of 15 amendments to HR 277, one amendment to HR 288, two amendments to HR 1615, and three amendments to HR 1640.” The rule failed by a vote of 206-220. [H.Res. 463, [Vote #248](#), 2/13/19; CQ, [6/6/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For The Passage Of A Bill Prohibiting Using Federal Funds To Regulate Gas Stoves. In June 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would prohibit the Consumer Product Safety Commission from using federal funds to regulate gas stoves as banned hazardous products or to impose any consumer product safety standard or rule on gas stoves that would either result in their prohibition or ‘substantially increase’ their average price. As amended, the bill would broaden the bill's prohibition on gas stove regulations to include regulatory actions that would result in the unavailability in the United States of a type of product based on the fuel it uses.” The bill passed 248 to 180. [H.R. 1615, [Vote #255](#), 6/13/23; CQ, [6/13/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Did Not Vote On An Amendment To Prohibit Restrictions On Gas Stoves Based On Product Fuel Type.** In June 2023, D'Esposito did not vote on: “Boebert, R-Colo., amendment no. 1 to the bill that would broaden the bill’s prohibition on gas stove regulations to include regulatory actions that would result in the unavailability in the United States of a type of product based on the fuel it uses.” The amendment was adopted 222 to 210. [H.R. 1615, [Vote #254](#), 6/13/23; CQ, [6/13/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Did Not Vote On Considering The Regulations From The Executive In Need Of Scrutiny (REINS) Act, The Separation Of Powers Restoration (SOPRA) Act, The Gas Stove Protection And Freedom Act, The Save Our Gas Stoves Act, And The Joint Resolution (H J Res 44) Providing For Congressional Disapproval Of A Bureau Of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, And Explosives Rule Relating To Firearm Stabilizing Braces.** In June 2023, D'Esposito did not vote on: “Adoption of the rule (H.Res. 495) that would provide for floor consideration of the Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny (REINS) Act (HR 277); the Separation of powers Restoration (SOPRA) Act (HR 288); the Gas Stove Protection and Freedom Act (HR 1615); the Save Our Gas Stoves Act (HR 1640); and the joint resolution (H J Res 44) providing for congressional disapproval of a Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives rule relating to firearm stabilizing braces. The rule would provide for up to one hour of general debate on each measure. It would make in order floor consideration of 15 amendments to HR 277, one amendment to HR 288, two amendments to HR 1615 and three amendments to HR 1640.” The rule passed by a vote of 218-209. [H.Res. 495, [Vote #250](#), 6/13/23; CQ, [6/13/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For Consideration Of The Rule That Would Provide For House Floor Consideration Of The Regulations From The Executive In Need Of Scrutiny (REINS) Act, The Separation Of Powers Restoration Act (SOPRA), The Gas Stove Protection And Freedom Act And The Save Our Gas Stoves Act.** In June 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H.Res. 463) that would provide for House floor consideration of the Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny (REINS) Act (HR 277), the Separation of Powers Restoration Act (SOPRA) (HR 288), the Gas Stove Protection and Freedom Act (HR 1615), and the Save Our Gas Stoves Act (HR 1640). The rule would provide for up to one hour of general debate on each bill. It would make in order floor consideration

of 15 amendments to HR 277, one amendment to HR 288, two amendments to HR 1615, and three amendments to HR 1640.” The rule failed by a vote of 206-220. [H.Res. 463, [Vote #248](#), 2/13/19; CQ, [6/6/23](#)]

D’Esposito Voted For A Joint Resolution To Disapprove Of More Stringent Emissions Standards On Heavy-Duty Vehicles. In May 2023, D’Esposito voted for: “Passage of the joint resolution that would provide for congressional disapproval of the January 2023 EPA rule imposing more stringent emissions standards on heavy-duty engines and vehicles. The rule requires heavy-duty vehicles, starting in model year 2027, to comply with reduced emissions limits of nitrogen oxides and other pollutants, both in real-world conditions and laboratory-tested scenarios. It would also lengthen the period during the engine’s operational life when the reduced emissions standard must be met. According to the EPA, the rule will reduce nitrogen oxide emissions from heavy-duty trucks by almost 50 percent by 2045. The EPA rule took effect on March 27, 2023. Under the joint resolution, the rule would have no force or effect.” The joint resolution passed by a vote of 221-203. [S.J.Res. 11, [Vote #232](#), 5/23/23; CQ, [5/23/23](#)]

- **D’Esposito Voted For Considering The Halt All Lethal Trafficking Of Fentanyl Act, A Joint Resolution Disapproving Of An EPA Rule On Heavy-Duty Vehicle Emissions, And A Joint Resolution Disapproving Of Biden’s Student Loan Forgiveness.** In May 2023, D’Esposito voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H.Res. 429) that would provide for floor consideration of the Halt All Lethal Trafficking of (HALT) Fentanyl Act (HR 467); the joint resolution (S J Res 11) disapproving an EPA rule on heavy-duty vehicle emissions; and the joint resolution (H J Res 45) disapproving the Biden administration’s student loan forgiveness rule. The rule would provide for up to one hour of general debate on each measure. It would make in order floor consideration of three amendments to HR 467.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 217-204. [H.Res. 429, [Vote #231](#), 5/23/23; CQ, [5/23/23](#)]

D’Esposito Voted For Requiring The Energy Department And The National Oceanic And Atmospheric Administration To Use Artificial Intelligence To Advance Climate Models And Weather Predictions. In May 2023, D’Esposito voted for: “Miller, R-Ohio, motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would require the Energy Department and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to carry out joint collaborative research and development activities in artificial intelligence and high-performance computing focused on advancing climate models and weather prediction -- including to develop methods to accommodate large weather and climate data sets; conduct research to optimize modeling, machine learning and analysis techniques; support scientific computing infrastructure and interoperability; and provide data access to promote collaboration and data sharing between federal agencies and nonprofit research institutions. It would also require NOAA, in collaboration with the Energy Department, to carry out a five-year proof-of-concept initiative to run advanced climate and weather models and compare them to existing forecasts and models. It would direct NOAA to consider applications from federal agencies and research institutions to carry out the initiative, and to report to Congress on the program’s effectiveness. Within two years of the bill’s enactment, it would require the Energy Department and NOAA to submit a joint report to Congress on ongoing interagency coordination, collaborative research and any potential opportunities to expand the agencies’ technical capabilities.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 356-50. [H.R. 1715, [Vote #204](#), 5/9/23; CQ, [5/9/23](#)]

D’Esposito Voted For Requiring The National Oceanic And Atmospheric Administration To Modify Existing Ocean Acidification Programs, Particularly To Increase Engagement With Indian Tribes And Coastal Communities. In May 2023, D’Esposito voted for: “Miller, R-Ohio, motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would require the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s Ocean Acidification Advisory Board to take certain actions and modify several existing ocean acidification programs, particularly to increase engagement with Indian tribes and coastal communities. The bill would require the board to establish and maintain a mechanism for stakeholders - including industry members, fishery management councils, community acidification networks, indigenous knowledge groups, resource managers and scientific experts -- to provide input on research, data and monitoring related to ocean and coastal acidification. It would add two board seats for representatives of affected Indian tribes, tribal organizations or consortia, and reduce the number of seats for state and local government representatives from six to four. It would require the board, within one year of enactment, to

develop and implement a policy for engagement and coordination with tribes. Among other provisions, the bill would also require NOAA to build on existing state and local activities to conduct acidification vulnerability assessments and establish that the agency's strategic acidification research plan only needs to address monitoring to support stakeholders affected by ocean acidification, not those that may potentially be impacted." The motion was agreed to by a vote of 351-58. [H.R. 676, [Vote #203](#), 5/9/23; CQ, [5/9/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted Against Disapproving Of The September 2022 Commerce Department Rule That Suspended A Solar Panel Tariff For Products Assembled In Cambodia, Malaysia, Thailand, Or Vietnam Using Parts Made In China. In April 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Passage of the joint resolution that would provide for congressional disapproval of the September 2022 Commerce Department rule that provided for the suspension of duties for certain crystalline silicon photovoltaic cells and modules, or solar panels, assembled in Cambodia, Malaysia, Thailand or Vietnam using parts and components manufactured in China. The rule took effect on Nov. 15, 2022. Under the provisions of the joint resolution, the Commerce Department rule would have no force or effect." The resolution passed by a vote of 221-202. [H.J.Res. 39, [Vote #202](#), 4/28/23; CQ, [4/28/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For Disapproving Of The January 2023 Army Corp Of Engineers And Environmental Protection Agency Rule Expanding Federal Jurisdiction Over Bodies Of Water Under The Clean Water Act. In April 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Passage, over President Biden's April 6, 2023, veto of the joint resolution that would provide for congressional disapproval of the January 2023 Army Corps of Engineers and EPA rule expanding federal jurisdiction over bodies of water under the Clean Water Act. The joint resolution would effectively restore jurisdiction that was in place prior to a 2015 Obama administration rule. Under the measure, the January rule, which took effect on March 20, 2023, would have no force or effect." The bill passed by a vote of 227-196. [H.J.Res. 27, [Vote #187](#), 4/18/23; CQ, [4/18/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For The Lower Energy Costs Act. In March 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Passage of the bill, as amended, that would require a number of actions to boost the domestic production of fossil fuels and critical minerals, accelerate the construction of natural gas pipelines and other energy infrastructure, and reverse or repeal certain recent policies related to energy and climate change. Among provisions to boost oil and gas leasing and production, the bill would require the Interior Department to resume quarterly oil and gas lease sales on federal lands; complete certain proposed sales on the Outer Continental Shelf; and implement at least two lease sales per year in each of the Gulf of Mexico and the Alaska regions of the Shelf. It would roll back increased fees and royalties for onshore and offshore oil and gas development and production established by the 2022 budget reconciliation package (PL 117-69). It would adjust revenue sharing requirements for onshore and offshore production to generally decrease federal shares and increase state shares, particularly for coastal states. It would also require annual geothermal lease sales; terminate a moratorium on new coal leasing; and provide for final approval of previously authorized coal leases. It would prohibit the president from declaring a moratorium on the use of hydraulic fracturing and from taking any action that would delay new leases, sales and drill permits for oil and gas, coal or mineral exploration. It would remove restrictions on the import and export of liquified natural gas and prohibit the Chinese Communist Party or a person acting on its behalf from acquiring any interest with respect to lands leased for oil or gas. Among provisions to streamline the permitting process under the National Environmental Policy Act, the bill would set deadlines for the completion of NEPA environmental reviews and adjust thresholds for levels of review; limit the scope of reviews to 'reasonably foreseeable' effects and codify 2020 regulations removing requirements to consider climate change impacts in the review process; and direct agencies to use previously completed reviews to satisfy NEPA requirements for substantially similar proposed actions. For oil and gas projects, it would limit the scope of environmental reviews to areas within or immediately adjacent to affected plots and prohibit the consideration of downstream, indirect effects of oil and gas consumption. To expedite certain energy production and infrastructure projects, it would establish procedures and a 120-day expedited deadline for federal agencies to review applications for cross-border oil and natural gas pipelines; and expand the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's role as the lead agency for natural gas pipeline permitting. To address critical mineral supply, the bill would require the Energy Department to conduct ongoing assessments of and develop strategies to strengthen domestic supply chains for critical energy resources, including through increased mining and processing and permit the EPA to temporarily waive certain pollution regulation requirements for processing and refining projects at critical energy resource facilities to address supply chain concerns. It would

make coal and critical mineral mining projects eligible for certain expedited infrastructure permitting processes; provide for appointment of a lead agency to coordinate the permitting process for mineral exploration; and limit the withdrawal of federal lands and waters from mineral leasing. The bill would also repeal certain climate-related programs established by the 2022 budget reconciliation package, including the \$27 billion 'Greenhouse Gas Reduction' fund to support low- and zero-carbon projects, a program imposing fees on methane emissions from oil and gas drilling sites on federal lands, and energy rebate programs to incentivize energy-efficient homes and buildings." The bill passed by a vote of 225-204, with 221 Republicans and 4 Democrats voting for the bill, 1 Republican and 203 Democrats voting against the bill, and six Democrats not voting. [H.R. 1, [Vote #182](#), 3/20/23; CQ, [3/30/23](#)]

- **HEADLINE: "House Passes Sprawling GOP Energy Bill Aimed At Reversing Biden Climate Policies."** [CBS News, [3/30/23](#)]
- **HEADLINE: "House Republicans Pass Energy Bill To Roll Back Regulation Of Fossil Fuel Production."** [PBS, [3/30/23](#)]
- **White House: H.R.1 Doubled The Cost Of Energy Efficiency Upgrades.** "This Administration is making unprecedented progress in protecting America's energy security and reducing energy costs for Americans – in their homes and at the pump. H.R. 1 would do just the opposite, replacing pro-consumer policies with a thinly veiled license to pollute. It would raise costs for American families by repealing household energy rebates and rolling back historic investments to increase access to cost-lowering clean energy technologies. Instead of protecting American consumers, it would pad oil and gas company profits – already at record levels – and undercut our public health and environment. The Administration strongly opposes this bill. H.R. 1 would double the cost of energy efficiency upgrades that families need to reduce household bills and would repeal the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund that will cut energy costs and boost economic development in rural and urban communities across the country." [White House, Statement of Administration Policy, [3/27/23](#)]
- **Joseph Minott Op-Ed: H.R. 1 Eliminated The Methane Emissions Reduction Program (MERP) And The Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund, Which Helped Families Reduce Energy Consumption And Therefore Their Energy Bills.** "In addition to a series of handouts to fossil fuel corporations and the removal of vital environmental protections, H.R. 1 truly takes money away from the communities that need it most by eliminating both the Methane Emissions Reduction Program (MERP) and the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund, both passed within the Inflation Reduction Act last August. [...] EPA is proposing to allow third-party air monitoring experts to help communities identify and resolve pollution incidents, but the SERP needs MERP to fund that air monitoring. Without it, it is unclear how air monitoring experts will work with local communities. In addition, MERP funds can be used to update ventilation systems and improve insulation in homes, businesses and public spaces impacted by the gas industry, truly reducing energy consumption and utility expenses. The Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund could also be used to upgrade ventilation and improve overall energy efficiency in low-income communities across the country, in addition to supporting clean energy like rooftop solar and geothermal heating systems." [Pennsylvania Capital-Star, Op-Ed, [4/2/23](#)]
- **National Parks Conservation Association: The Lower Energy Costs Act Was Bad For Climate Change, Environmental Laws, And Air And Water Pollution.** "The Lower Energy Costs Act should be a nonstarter for anyone who wants to preserve our national parks and everything they protect. Here are five reasons why: 1. The act would worsen climate change [...] The Lower Energy Costs Act would deepen our nation's dependency on fossil fuel energy, slowing the benefits from our efforts to transition to clean energy, such as wind and solar. If enacted, hundreds of thousands of acres of public lands and waters would be vulnerable to mining and oil and gas development, with little regard to the effects these activities would have on our national parks, communities and climate. [...] 2. The act would gut existing environmental laws Even worse, the Lower Energy Costs Act would undercut bedrock environmental laws that address the impacts of climate change on our environment and give people a voice in how their public lands are managed. 3. The act would pollute air and water The Environmental Protection Agency estimates that 40 percent of the watersheds in the western United States are already contaminated by pollution from hard rock mines. For decades, mining and drilling

activities across the country have wreaked havoc on our environment and communities, polluting the air we breathe and water we drink. The Lower Energy Costs Act would make matters worse, opening up swaths of public lands for unabated mining and oil and gas drilling.” [National Parks Conservation Association, Blog, [3/27/23](#)]

- **The Lower Energy Costs Act Codified A Trump Administration Rule That Weakened The National Environmental Policy Act.** “U.S. President Joe Biden would veto a Republican energy legislation package if it were to pass Congress, citing cost increases that the legislation could lead to, the White House said on Monday. ‘H.R. 1 (Lower Energy Costs Act) would double the cost of energy efficiency upgrades that families need to reduce household bills and would repeal the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund that will cut energy costs and boost economic development in rural and urban communities across the country,’ the White House said. [...] The bill would codify into a law a Trump administration rule that sought limits on reviews and public input on fossil fuel projects and road building, weakening the fundamental conservation law the National Environmental Policy Act, or NEPA.” [Reuters, [3/27/23](#)]
- **D’Esposito Voted For Considering The Lower Energy Costs Act.** In March 2023, D’Esposito voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 260) that would provide for floor consideration of the Lower Energy Costs Act (HR 1). The rule would provide for up to seven hours of general debate on HR 1 and make in order floor consideration of 37 amendments to the bill. It would provide for automatic adoption of a Westerman, R-Ark., manager’s amendment to HR 1 that would sunset on Sept. 30, 2032, a title of the bill that would reduce the federal share of revenue and provide for direct revenue sharing to states from certain Outer Continental Shelf and other offshore wind projects.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 218-203. [H.Res. 260, [Vote #166](#), 3/28/23; CQ, [3/28/23](#)]
- **D’Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Disapprove Of Oregon’s Denial Of Permits For The Jordan Cove Energy Project.** In March 2023, D’Esposito voted for: “Boebert, R-Colo., amendment no. 2 that would express that Congress disapproves of the state of Oregon’s denial of permits necessary for the Jordan Cove Energy Project, which was intended to build a liquefied natural gas export terminal in Coos County, Oregon.” The amendment was adopted in the Committee of the Whole by a vote of 221-208. [H.R. 1, [Vote #167](#), 3/29/23; CQ, [3/29/23](#)]
- **D’Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Disapprove Of President Biden’s Tax Increase For Oil And Natural Gas Producers In His FY 2024 Budget.** In March 2023, D’Esposito voted for: “Hern, R-Okla., amendment no. 5 that would express that Congress disapproves of President Joe Biden’s proposed repeal of tax provisions that are ‘vital to the oil and natural gas industry’ in his fiscal 2024 budget request, including findings that the policy would result in a ‘tax hike’ on U.S. oil and natural gas producers.” The amendment was adopted in the Committee of the Whole by a vote of 228-206. [H.R. 1, [Vote #168](#), 3/29/23; CQ, [3/29/23](#)]
- **D’Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Require A Report On Environmental Protection Agency Regulations Before The Bill’s Enactment That Reduced Energy Independence And Security Or Increased Energy Costs.** In March 2023, D’Esposito voted for: “Jackson, R-Texas, amendment no. 7 that would require the EPA, in consultation with the Energy Department and within 120 days of enactment, to submit a report to Congress on EPA regulations during the 15-year period prior to enactment that reduced energy independence and security, increased regulatory burdens or decreased energy output for energy producers, or increased energy costs for consumers in the United States.” The amendment was adopted in the Committee of the Whole by a vote of 245-189. [H.R. 1, [Vote #169](#), 3/29/23; CQ, [3/29/23](#)]
- **D’Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Require A Government Accountability Office Study On The Effect Of Banning Gas Appliances On Electricity Costs.** In March 2023, D’Esposito voted for: “Molinaro, R-N.Y., amendment no. 9 that would require the Government Accountability Office, within one year of enactment, to conduct a study on how banning gas appliances would affect electricity costs.” The amendment was adopted in the Committee of the Whole by a vote of 268-163. [H.R. 1, [Vote #170](#), 3/29/23; CQ, [3/29/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Prohibit The Energy Department From Finalizing Or Implementing A Rule On Energy Conservation Standards For Gas Kitchen Ranges And Ovens.** In March 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Palmer, R-Ala., amendment no. 10 that would prohibit the Energy Department from finalizing or implementing a proposed rule concerning energy conservation standards for gas kitchen ranges and ovens, or any substantially similar rule, including any rule that would directly or indirectly limit consumer access to such ranges and ovens.” The amendment was adopted in the Committee of the Whole by a vote of 251-181. [H.R. 1, [Vote #171](#), 3/29/23; CQ, [3/29/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against A Motion To Prohibit Susquehanna, Delaware, And Potomac River Hydraulic Fracturing Regulations To Authorities Other Than To The State Of Implementation.** In March 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Perry, R-Pa., amendment no. 11 that would prohibit the Susquehanna, Delaware and Potomac river basin commissions from finalizing, implementing or enforcing any regulation relating to hydraulic fracturing issued pursuant to any authority other than that of the state where the regulation would be implemented or enforced.” The motion was rejected in the Committee of the Whole by a vote of 210-223. [H.R. 1, [Vote #172](#), 3/29/23; CQ, [3/29/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Repeal Law Requiring State Governors To Eliminate Dangerous Air Pollutants In Their States Determined By The Environmental Protection Agency.** In March 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Perry, R-Pa., amendment no. 12 that would repeal current law that requires state governors to prevent or eliminate air pollutants emitted in their states that the EPA determines endanger public health or welfare in a foreign country, if certain conditions are met.” The amendment was rejected in the Committee of the Whole by a vote of 96-336. [H.R. 1, [Vote #173](#), 3/29/23; CQ, [3/29/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Prohibit The Chinese Communist Party From Acquiring Interest On U.S. Farmland Or Land For Renewable Energy Production.** In March 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Westerman, R-Ark., for Feenstra, R-Iowa, amendment no. 20 that would add language to prohibit the Chinese Communist Party from acquiring any interest with respect to U.S. farmland or any lands used for domestic renewable energy production.” The amendment was adopted in the Committee of the Whole by a vote of 407-26. [H.R. 1, [Vote #174](#), 3/30/23; CQ, [3/30/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Require Local Units Of The National Park Service, Bureau Of Land Management, And U.S. Forest Service To Conduct Outreach On Open Civil Service Positions Relating To Permitting Or Natural Resources.** In March 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Leger Fernandez, D-N.M., amendment no. 25 that would require each local unit of the National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management and U.S. Forest Service, within one year of enactment, to conduct an outreach plan to advertise open civil service positions in their offices relating to permitting or natural resources, including outreach to local educational and other relevant institutions. It would permit local units to collaborate to produce a joint outreach plan with nearby units.” The amendment was adopted in the Committee of the Whole by a vote of 323-109. [H.R. 1, [Vote #175](#), 3/30/23; CQ, [3/30/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Strike A Section Of The Bill That Rolls Back Fees And Royalties On Onshore And Offshore Oil And Gas Development.** In March 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Levin, D-Calif., amendment no. 26 that would strike a section of the bill that would roll back fees and royalties on onshore and offshore oil and gas development imposed by the 2022 budget reconciliation package (PL 117-169).” The amendment was rejected in the Committee of the Whole by a vote of 205-228. [H.R. 1, [Vote #176](#), 3/30/23; CQ, [3/30/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For A Motion To Prohibit Entities Under Jurisdiction Of The Chinese Government From Acquiring Interest In Lands Leased For Oil And Gas Or Acquiring Claims Under Mining Laws.** In March 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Ogles, R-Tenn., amendment no. 31 that would prohibit any entity owned by or subject to the jurisdiction of the Chinese government from acquiring any interest with respect to lands leased for oil or gas under existing mineral leasing law, or from acquiring any claims under existing mining

claims law.” The motion was agreed to in the Committee of the Whole by a vote of 405-24. [H.R. 1, [Vote #177](#), 3/30/23; CQ, [3/30/23](#)]

- **D’Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Exempt Solar Panels, Electric Vehicles And Their Batteries And Infrastructure From The Bill’s Requirement Defense Production Act Actions Are Eligible For Expedited Permitting.** In March 2023, D’Esposito voted against: “Perry, R-Pa., amendment no. 34 that would exempt activities related to the production, construction or procurement of solar panels, electric vehicles, electric vehicle batteries or electric vehicle infrastructure from the bill’s requirement that actions taken under the Defense Production Act be eligible for expedited federal permitting procedures.” The amendment was rejected in the Committee of the Whole by a vote of 201-230. [H.R. 1, [Vote #178](#), 3/30/23; CQ, [3/30/23](#)]
- **D’Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Conduct A Study On The Sufficiency Of Environmental Review Process For Offshore Wind Projects.** In March 2023, D’Esposito voted for: “Smith, R-N.J., amendment no. 35 that would require the Government Accountability Office, within 60 days of enactment, to conduct a study to assess the sufficiency of the environmental review process for offshore wind projects. Among other provisions, it would require the study to consider the impacts of offshore wind projects on whales, fishing, air quality, military use, and the sustainability of shoreline beaches and inlets; the impacts of hurricanes on offshore wind projects; how agencies determine which stakeholders are consulted; and the estimated cost of and who pays for offshore wind projects.” The amendment was adopted in the Committee of the Whole by a vote of 244-189. [H.R. 1, [Vote #179](#), 3/30/23; CQ, [3/30/23](#)]
- **D’Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Require A Report On Potential Adverse Effects Of Wind Energy Development In The North Atlantic Planning Area.** In March 2023, D’Esposito voted for: “Van Drew, R-N.J., amendment no. 36 that would require the Government Accountability Office to publish a report on all potential adverse effects of wind energy development in the North Atlantic Planning Area, including associated infrastructure and vessel traffic, on maritime safety, the economic impacts on commercial fishing, and marine environment and ecology.” The amendment was adopted in the Committee of the Whole by a vote of 220-213. [H.R. 1, [Vote #180](#), 3/30/23; CQ, [3/30/23](#)]
- **D’Esposito Voted Against A Motion To Recommit The Lower Energy Costs Act To Committee.** In March 2023, D’Esposito voted against: “Porter, D-Calif., motion to recommit the bill to the House Natural Resources Committee.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 207-222. [H.R. 1, [Vote #181](#), 3/30/23; CQ, [3/20/23](#)]

D’Esposito Voted For Disapproving Of The December 2022 Labor Department Rule To Allow Retirement Plan Fiduciaries To Consider Environmental, Social, And Governance Factors. In March 2023, D’Esposito voted for: “Passage, over President Joe Biden’s March 20, 2023 veto, of the joint resolution that would provide for congressional disapproval of the December 2022 Labor Department rule modifying standards under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act to allow retirement plan fiduciaries to consider environmental, social and governance factors in making investment decisions and exercising shareholder rights, including when voting on shareholder resolutions and board nominations. The December rule took effect on Jan. 30, 2023, and reversed a Trump-era rule stating that fiduciaries may only select investments based on ‘pecuniary factors.’ Under the joint resolution, the December rule would have no force or effect.” The bill passed by a vote of 219-200. [H.J.Res. 30, [Vote #149](#), 3/23/23; CQ, [3/23/23](#)]

D’Esposito Voted For Disapproving Of The January 2023 Rule To Expand Federal Jurisdiction Over Bodies Of Water Under The Clean Water Act. In March 2023, D’Esposito voted for: “Passage of the joint resolution that would provide for congressional disapproval of the January 2023 Army Corps of Engineers and EPA rule expanding federal jurisdiction over bodies of water under the Clean Water Act. It would effectively restore jurisdiction that was in place prior to a 2015 Obama administration rule. Under the measure, the January rule would have no force or effect, instead of taking effect on March 20, 2023.” The bill passed by a vote of 227-198. [H.J.Res. 27, [Vote #142](#), 3/9/23; CQ, [3/9/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For Considering The Protecting Speech From Government Interference Act, Disapproval Of A Defense Department And Environmental Protection Agency Rule On Federal Jurisdiction, And Declassification Of Intelligence Information Relating To COVID-19 Origins. In March 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Adoption of the rule (H Res 199) that would provide for floor consideration of the Protecting Speech from Government Interference Act (HR 140); the joint resolution (H J Res 27) providing for congressional disapproval of a Defense Department and EPA rule related to federal jurisdiction over waters of the United States; and the bill (S 619) requiring the Director of National Intelligence to declassify information relating to the origin of COVID-19. The rule would provide for one hour of general debate on each measure and would make in order floor consideration of ten amendments to HR 140. It would also provide for the House, on March 23, to consider and vote on overriding the president's veto of the joint resolution (H J Res 30) disapproving the Labor Department ESG fiduciary rule, if the president vetoes the measure." The rule was adopted by a vote of 216-206. [H.Res. 199, [Vote #135](#), 3/8/23; CQ, [3/8/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For Disapproving Of The December 2022 Labor Department Rule To Allow Fiduciaries To Consider Environmental, Social, And Governance Factors. In February 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Passage of the joint resolution that would provide for congressional disapproval of the December 2022 Labor Department rule modifying standards under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act to allow retirement plan fiduciaries to consider environmental, social and governance factors in making investment decisions and exercising shareholder rights, including when voting on shareholder resolutions and board nominations. The December rule took effect on Jan. 30, 2023, and reversed a Trump-era rule stating that fiduciaries may only select investments based on 'pecuniary factors.' Under the joint resolution, the December rule would have no force or effect." The bill passed by a vote of 216-204. [H.J.Res. 30, [Vote #124](#), 2/28/23; CQ, [2/28/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For Considering The Reduce Exacerbated Inflation Negatively Impacting The Nation Act And A Joint Resolution Disapproving Of The December 202 Labor Department ESG Fiduciary Rule. In February 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Adoption of the rule (H Res 166) that would provide for House floor consideration of the Reduce Exacerbated Inflation Negatively Impacting the Nation (REIN IN) Act (HR 347) and the joint resolution (H J Res 30) disapproving of the December 2022 Labor Department ESG fiduciary rule. The rule would provide for up to one hour of general debate on each measure and would make in order floor consideration of 15 amendments to HR 347." The rule was adopted by a vote of 216-205. [H.Res. 166, [Vote #123](#), 2/28/23; CQ, [2/28/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For Financial Assistance For Higher Education Scholarships And Research Projects To Build The Next Generation Energy-Specific Cybersecurity Workforce. In February 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Lucas, R-Okla., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would require the Energy Department to support the development of a next-generation energy-specific cybersecurity workforce by providing competitive financial assistance for scholarships and research projects at institutions of higher education for graduate and postdoctoral students and providing them with research traineeship experiences at National Laboratories." The motion was agreed to by a vote of 357-56. [H.R. 302, [Vote #107](#), 2/6/23; CQ, [2/6/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For The Strategic Production Response Act To Prohibit Oil Drawdowns From The Strategic Petroleum Reserve Until The Department Of Energy Develops A Plan To Expand Energy Leasing For Oil Equal To The Amount Drawn From The Reserve. In January 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Passage of the bill, as amended, that would prohibit the Department of Energy, after the bill's enactment, from executing a first drawdown of petroleum products from the U.S. Strategic Petroleum Reserve for sale, exchange or loan until the DOE first develops a plan — in consultation with the Agriculture, Interior and Defense departments — to increase the percentage of federal lands leased for oil and gas production by an amount equal to the percentage of petroleum in the Reserve that would be drawn down, up to a maximum of 15 percent. The bill would provide an exception to the planning requirement if the president determines a drawdown is required due to a severe energy supply interruption, defined as an emergency situation reducing the supply of petroleum products and resulting in price increases that would have a major adverse impact on the national economy. Prior to passage, the House adopted 12 amendments to the bill. As amended, the bill would also apply the oil and gas leasing plan requirement retroactively to drawdowns initiated on Jan. 21, 2021, and afterward; require DOE to ensure that such plans would

not result in the sale of drawn-down petroleum products to Iran, China, North Korea or Russia; and require DOE to submit such plans to Congress, among other provisions.” The bill passed by a vote of 221-205. [H.R. 21, [Vote #93](#), 1/27/23; CQ, [1/27/23](#)]

- **D’Esposito Voted Against An Amendment No. 77 To The Strategic Production Response Act To Allow Drawdowns From The Strategic Petroleum Reserve To Prevent Inflation.** In January 2023, D’Esposito voted against: “Nickel, D-N.C., amendment no. 77 that would allow the Energy Department to make drawdowns from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve prior to the development of an oil and gas leasing plan if a delay in executing a drawdown would worsen inflation.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 207-222. [H.R. 21, [Vote #92](#), 1/27/23; CQ, [1/27/23](#)]
- **D’Esposito Voted Against An Amendment No. 61 To The Strategic Production Response Act To Allow Drawdowns From The Strategic Petroleum Reserve For Federal Government Profit.** In January 2023, D’Esposito voted against: “Lieu, D-Calif., amendment no. 61 that would allow the Energy Department to make drawdowns from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve prior to the development of an oil and gas leasing plan if such drawdown would result in a net profit for the federal government.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 198-229. [H.R. 21, [Vote #91](#), 1/27/23; CQ, [1/27/23](#)]
- **D’Esposito Voted Against An Amendment No. 46 To The Strategic Production Response Act To Allow Drawdowns From The Strategic Petroleum Reserve To Prevent Harm To National Security.** In January 2023, D’Esposito voted against: “Jackson, D-N.C., amendment no. 46 that would allow the Energy Department to make drawdowns from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve prior to the development of an oil and gas leasing plan if the department determines that a delay in drawing down products will harm national security.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 210-220. [H.R. 21, [Vote #90](#), 1/27/23; CQ, [1/27/23](#)]
- **D’Esposito Voted Against An Amendment No. 145 To The Strategic Production Response Act To Prevent Leasing On Protected Lands, Including National Parks, National Wildlife Refuge Systems, National Monuments And Areas Of Critical Environment Concern.** In January 2023, D’Esposito voted against: “Grijalva, D-Ariz., amendment no. 145 that would prohibit the oil and gas leasing plan required by the bill from including leasing on any protected public lands, including National Park System units, National Wildlife Refuge System units, national monuments, national recreation areas and areas of critical environmental concern.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 210-218. [H.R. 21, [Vote #89](#), 1/27/23; CQ, [1/27/23](#)]
- **D’Esposito Voted Against An Amendment No. 92 To The Strategic Production Response Act To Prohibit Leasing By Contributors To Oil And Gas Price-Gouging.** In January 2023, D’Esposito voted against: “Bowman, D-N.Y., amendment no. 92 that would prohibit the oil and gas leasing plan required by the bill from authorizing the participation, including in any lease auction, of any corporation or entity that the Energy Department determines to have contributed to oil and gas price-gouging in 2022.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 201-229. [H.R. 21, [Vote #88](#), 1/27/23; CQ, [1/27/23](#)]
- **D’Esposito Voted Against An Amendment No. 79 To The Strategic Production Response Act To Prohibit Leasing In Washington/Oregon That Harms Coastal Fisheries.** In January 2023, D’Esposito voted against: “Perez, D-Wash., amendment no. 79 that would prohibit the oil and gas leasing plan required by the bill from including any tract in the Washington/Oregon planning area if such leasing would adversely impact coastal fisheries.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 210-219. [H.R. 21, [Vote #87](#), 1/27/23; CQ, [1/27/23](#)]
- **D’Esposito Voted Against An Amendment No. 43 To The Strategic Production Response Act To Postpone The Bill’s Effective Date Until Confirming It Won’t Increase Consumer Energy Prices.** In January 2023, D’Esposito voted against: “Plaskett, D-V.I., amendment no. 43 that would postpone the effective date of the bill’s requirements until the Energy Department submits a certification to Congress stating that

implementing the bill will not increase the average price of energy for consumers.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 209-221. [H.R. 21, [Vote #86](#), 1/27/23; CQ, [1/27/23](#)]

- **D’Esposito Voted Against An Amendment No. 24 To The Strategic Production Response Act To Prohibit Leasing Near Residences, Schools, And Hospitals.** In January 2023, D’Esposito voted against: “Barragan, D-Calif., amendment no. 24 that would prohibit the oil and gas leasing plan required by the bill from including any federal land with a boundary within 3,200 feet of a residence, school or hospital.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 209-219. [H.R. 21, [Vote #85](#), 1/27/23; CQ, [1/27/23](#)]
- **D’Esposito Voted Against An Amendment No. 4 To The Strategic Production Response Act To Prohibit Leasing Orphaned Oil And Gas Well Areas.** In January 2023, D’Esposito voted against: “Castro, D-Texas, amendment no. 4 that would prohibit the oil and gas leasing plan required by the bill from including leasing of federal lands with a high concentration of orphaned oil and gas wells.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 197-230. [H.R. 21, [Vote #84](#), 1/27/23; CQ, [1/27/23](#)]
- **D’Esposito Voted Against An Amendment No. 81 To The Strategic Production Response Act To Consider Existing Inactive Approved Oil And Gas Leases.** In January 2023, D’Esposito voted against: “Takano, D-Calif., amendment no. 81 that would require the Energy Department, in developing the oil and gas leasing plan required by the bill, to consider the number of inactive but approved federal oil and gas leases and permits issued before bill's enactment.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 208-221. [H.R. 21, [Vote #83](#), 1/27/23; CQ, [1/27/23](#)]
- **D’Esposito Voted Against An Amendment No. 82 To The Strategic Production Response Act To Prohibit Leasing In The Outer Continental Shelf Off The Coasts Of Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, And New York.** In January 2023, D’Esposito voted against: “Cicilline, D-R.I., amendment no. 135 that would prohibit the oil and gas leasing plan required by the bill from providing for leasing for oil and gas production in any area of the outer Continental Shelf off the coasts of Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut or New York.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 211-217. [H.R. 21, [Vote #82](#), 1/27/23; CQ, [1/27/23](#)]
- **D’Esposito Voted Against An Amendment No. 64 To The Strategic Production Response Act To To Replace The Bill With Requiring The Energy Department To Acquire Domestic Oil And Gas For The Strategic Petroleum Reserve.** In January 2023, D’Esposito voted against: “Vasquez, D-N.M., amendment no. 64 that would strike the text of the bill and substitute it with a requirement that the Energy Department, to the greatest extent possible, should acquire petroleum products for the Strategic Petroleum Reserve that are produced from domestic sources.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 187-240. [H.R. 21, [Vote #81](#), 1/27/23; CQ, [1/27/23](#)]
- **D’Esposito Voted Against An Amendment No. 63 To The Strategic Production Response Act To Postpone The Bill’s Effective Date For A Report On Unused Oil And Gas Permits.** In January 2023, D’Esposito voted against: “Vasquez, D-N.M., amendment no. 63 that would postpone the effective date of the bill's requirements until the Energy Department, in consultation with the Interior Department, publishes a report on the number, location and owner of all unused permits to drill for oil and gas on federal land.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 204-224. [H.R. 21, [Vote #80](#), 1/27/23; CQ, [1/27/23](#)]
- **D’Esposito Voted Against An Amendment No. 45 To The Strategic Production Response Act To Prohibit Providing Benefit Or Participation Of Entities Allowed To Deplete Natural Resources Under Existing Law.** In January 2023, D’Esposito voted against: “Porter, D-Calif., amendment no. 45 that would prohibit the oil and gas leasing plan required by the bill from providing for the financial benefit or participation of any entities, such as mining companies, that are allowed to deplete natural resources under existing law.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 173-256. [H.R. 21, [Vote #79](#), 1/27/23; CQ, [1/27/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment No. 25 To The Strategic Production Response Act To Prohibit Increasing The Amount Of Lands With No Or Low Potential For Oil And Gas Development.** In January 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Lee, D-Nev., amendment no. 25 that would prohibit the oil and gas leasing plan required by the bill from increasing the amount of federal lands leased that have no or low potential for oil and gas development." The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 207-221. [H.R. 21, [Vote #78](#), 1/27/23; CQ, [1/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment No. 60 To The Strategic Production Response Act To Allow Drawdowns From The Strategic Petroleum Reserve To Avoid Gas Price Increases.** In January 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Scholten, D-Mich., amendment no. 60 that would allow the Energy Department to make drawdowns from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve prior to the development of an oil and gas leasing plan if a delay in executing a drawdown would increase gas prices." The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 207-221. [H.R. 21, [Vote #77](#), 1/27/23; CQ, [1/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment No. 27 To The Strategic Production Response Act To Exclude Submerged Land Of The Outer Continental Shelf From Leasing.** In January 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Manning, D-N.C., amendment no. 27 that would exclude submerged lands of the Outer Continental Shelf from the oil and gas leasing plan required by the bill." The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 206-220. [H.R. 21, [Vote #76](#), 1/27/23; CQ, [1/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment No. 68 To The Strategic Production Response Act To Remove The Requirement To Increase The Percentage Of Federal Lands Leased For Gas Production.** In January 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Casten, D-Ill., amendment no. 68 that would remove the requirement that the oil and gas leasing plan required by the bill increase the percentage of federal lands leased for gas production." The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 191-237. [H.R. 21, [Vote #75](#), 1/27/23; CQ, [1/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment No. 67 To The Strategic Production Response Act To Remove The Requirement To Increase The Percentage Of Federal Lands Leased And Prohibit Increasing The Percentage Of Lands Leased.** In January 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Casten, D-Ill., amendment no. 67 that would remove the requirement that the oil and gas leasing plan required by the bill increase the percentage of federal lands leased for gas production. It would also prohibit the plan from increasing the percentage of federal lands leased for oil production unless the Energy Department determines that the amount of a proposed drawdown from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve is greater than the amount of oil expected to be domestically produced and exported in the following six months." The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 195-229. [H.R. 21, [Vote #74](#), 1/27/23; CQ, [1/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment No. 66 To The Strategic Production Response Act To Remove The Requirement To Increase The Percentage Of Federal Lands Leased And Prohibit Participation From The Fossil Fuel Entities That Don't Agree Reduce Their Pollution By 50% By 2030 And Eliminate By 2050.** In January 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Casten, D-Ill., amendment no. 66 that would remove the requirement that the oil and gas leasing plan required by the bill increase the percentage of federal lands leased for gas production. It would also prohibit fossil fuel industry participation in oil production activities under the plan unless an industry entity submits a plan to the Energy Department for reducing its global warming-related pollution by 50 percent of 2022 levels by 2030, without offsets; eliminating such pollution by 2050, without offsets; and limiting its methane emissions from oil production." The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 199-231. [H.R. 21, [Vote #73](#), 1/27/23; CQ, [1/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment No. 70 To The Strategic Production Response Act To Prohibit Leasing In The Mid-Atlantic Planning Area.** In January 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Ross, D-N.C., amendment no. 70 that would prohibit the oil and gas leasing plan required by the bill from including leasing in

the Mid-Atlantic Planning Area.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 212-218. [H.R. 21, [Vote #72](#), 1/27/23; CQ, [1/27/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment No. 36 To The Strategic Production Response Act To Allow Test Drawdowns From The Strategic Petroleum Reserve And Delay The Bill's Effective Date For A Report On The Necessity Of Refilling The Reserve.** In January 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Jackson Lee, D-Texas, amendment no. 36 that would allow the Energy Department to make test drawdowns from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve prior to the development of an oil and gas leasing plan. It would also postpone the effective date of the bill's requirements until the Energy Department reports to Congress on the necessity of refilling the Strategic Petroleum Reserve.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 207-220. [H.R. 21, [Vote #71](#), 1/27/23; CQ, [1/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment No. 35 To The Strategic Production Response Act To Allow Drawdowns Before The Leasing Plan If The Products Are Exchanged With Foreign Nations And Delay The Bill's Effective Date For A Report On The Necessity Of Refilling The Reserve.** In January 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Jackson Lee, D-Texas, amendment no. 35 that would allow the Energy Department to make drawdowns from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve prior to the development of an oil and gas leasing plan if the products drawn down will be exchanged with foreign nations. It would also postpone the effective date of the bill's requirements until the Energy Department reports to Congress on the necessity of refilling the Strategic Petroleum Reserve.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 205-224. [H.R. 21, [Vote #70](#), 1/27/23; CQ, [1/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment No. 73 To The Strategic Production Response Act To Prohibit Leasing Under The Bill That Is Inconsistent With The Paris Climate Accords.** In January 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Ocasio-Cortez, D-N.Y., amendment no. 73 that would prohibit the oil and gas leasing plan required by the bill from including the leasing of federal land that would be inconsistent with the goals of the Paris Climate Accords.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 199-229. [H.R. 21, [Vote #69](#), 1/27/23; CQ, [1/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment No. 72 To The Strategic Production Response Act To Prohibit Leasing Under The Bill That Would Increase Net Carbon Emissions.** In January 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Ocasio-Cortez, D-N.Y., amendment no. 72 that would prohibit the oil and gas leasing plan required by the bill from including the lease of federal land that would increase net carbon emissions.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 193-228. [H.R. 21, [Vote #68](#), 1/27/23; CQ, [1/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment No. 74 To The Strategic Production Response Act To Prohibit Leasing To A Company That Purchased Equity Security In The Last 10 Years Of It Being Listed On The National Securities Exchange.** In January 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Ocasio-Cortez, D-N.Y., amendment no. 74 that would prohibit the oil and gas leasing plan required by the bill from including the lease of any land to a company that has purchased an equity security within the last decade of a company that is listed on a national securities exchange.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 171-256. [H.R. 21, [Vote #67](#), 1/27/23; CQ, [1/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment No. 58 To The Strategic Production Response Act To Delay The Bill's Effective Date Until The Leasing Plan Is Determined Not To Negatively Affect Consumers Who Heat Their Homes With Petroleum Fuels.** In January 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Magaziner, D-R.I., amendment no. 58 that would postpone the effective date of the bill's requirements until the Energy Department determines that the bill's oil and gas leasing plan will not negatively affect consumers whose homes are heated using heating oil or other petroleum-based fuels.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 205-220. [H.R. 21, [Vote #66](#), 1/27/23; CQ, [1/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment No. 59 To The Strategic Production Response Act To Prevent The Bill From Impacting The Authority Of The President And Energy Department From Initiating**

Drawdowns From The Reserve To Lower Gas Prices. In January 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Magaziner, D-R.I., amendment no. 59 that would specify that the bill does not impact the authority of the president or the Energy Department to initiate drawdowns from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve for the purpose of lowering gas prices." The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 204-222. [H.R. 21, [Vote #65](#), 1/27/23; CQ, [1/27/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment No. 131 To The Strategic Production Response Act To Prohibit The Leasing In The Great Lakes.** In January 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Schneider, D-Ill., amendment no. 131 that would prohibit the oil and gas leasing plan required by the bill from including leasing located in the Great Lakes." The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 209-215. [H.R. 21, [Vote #64](#), 1/27/23; CQ, [1/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment No. 63 To The Strategic Production Response Act To Prohibit Leasing Within The Big Cypress National Preserve In Florida.** In January 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Wasserman Schultz, D-Fla., amendment no. 75 that would prohibit the oil and leasing plan required by the bill from including any tract located within the Big Cypress National Preserve in Florida." The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 212-215. [H.R. 21, [Vote #63](#), 1/27/23; CQ, [1/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment No. 76 To The Strategic Production Response Act To Not Deny That Communities Of Color And Low-Wealth Communities Face The Greatest Harms Of Climate Change.** In January 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Payne, D-N.J., amendment no. 76 that would specify that the bill may not be construed to deny that communities of color and low-wealth communities 'face the greatest harms due to climate change and greenhouse gas emissions.'" The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 211-217. [H.R. 21, [Vote #62](#), 1/27/23; CQ, [1/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment No. 84 To The Strategic Production Response Act To Delay The Bill's Effective Date For Certification That Increased Leases Won't Perpetuate Environmental Injustice.** In January 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Lee, D-Calif., amendment no. 84 that would postpone the effective date of the bill's requirements until the Energy Department certifies that an increase of federal lands leased for oil and gas production would not perpetuate environmental injustice." The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 207-223. [H.R. 21, [Vote #61](#), 1/27/23; CQ, [1/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment No. 53 To The Strategic Production Response Act To Delay The Bill's Effective Date For Certification That Increased Leases Won't Increase Greenhouse Gas Emissions.** In January 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Garcia, D-Calif., amendment no. 53 that would postpone the effective date of the bill's requirements until the Energy Department certifies to Congress that an increase in the percentage of federal lands leased for oil and gas production will not result in an increase in greenhouse gas emissions." The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 199-230. [H.R. 21, [Vote #60](#), 1/26/23; CQ, [1/26/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment No. 129 To The Strategic Production Response Act To Require Leasing Entities Engaging In Oil Or Gas Production To Ensure No Negative Impact On Air Quality.** In January 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Cohen, D-Tenn., amendment no. 129 that would prohibit the oil and gas leasing plan required by the bill from providing any entity with the opportunity to engage in oil or gas production activities unless such activities will not negatively impact air quality." The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 199-232. [H.R. 21, [Vote #59](#), 1/26/23; CQ, [1/26/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment No. 86 To The Strategic Production Response Act To Prohibit Drawdown Sales To Iran, China, North Korea, And Russia.** In January 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Gottheimer, D-N.J., amendment no. 86 that would require the Energy Department to ensure that the oil and gas leasing plan required by the bill would not result in the sale of drawn-down petroleum products to Iran, China, North Korea or Russia." The amendment was adopted in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 418-12. [H.R. 21, [Vote #58](#), 1/26/23; CQ, [1/26/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment No. 85 To The Strategic Production Response Act To Prohibit Leasing From Providing Financial Benefit Or Participation Of An Entity Under The Influence Of A Country Subject To U.S. Sanctions.** In January 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Gottheimer, D-N.J., amendment no. 85 that would prohibit the oil and gas leasing plan required by the bill from providing for the financial benefit or participation of any entity that has a contractual relationship with, or is owned, controlled or under the influence of China, North Korea, Russia, Iran or any other country whose government is subject to U.S. sanctions." The amendment was adopted in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 419-13. [H.R. 21, [Vote #57](#), 1/26/23; CQ, [1/26/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment No. 50 To The Strategic Production Response Act To Delay The Bill's Effective Date Until Certification That The Leasing Plan Is Necessary To Replenish The Strategic Petroleum Reserve.** In January 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Torres, D-Calif., amendment no. 50 that would postpone the effective date of the bill's requirements until the Energy Department certifies that the oil and gas leasing plan required by the bill is necessary to replenish the Strategic Petroleum Reserve to its size on Feb. 23, 2022." The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 204-228. [H.R. 21, [Vote #56](#), 1/26/23; CQ, [1/26/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment No. 89 To The Strategic Production Response Act To Require Leases Not Excessively Increase The Sale Price Of Petroleum During A Disrupted Or Decreased Petroleum Supply.** In January 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "DeGette, D-Colo., amendment no. 89 that would specify that the oil and gas leasing plan required by the bill would only allow a lease or permit to be issued if it certifies to the Energy Department that such lease or permit would not excessively increase the sale price of petroleum products during a severe energy supply interruption or a period of decreased supply of petroleum products." The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 212-220. [H.R. 21, [Vote #55](#), 1/26/23; CQ, [1/26/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment No. 57 To The Strategic Production Response Act To Exclude Lands Viable For Renewable Energy Production From The Leasing Plan.** In January 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Grijalva, D-Ariz., amendment no. 57 that would exclude federal lands that are viable for renewable energy production from the oil and gas leasing plan required by the bill." The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 197-235. [H.R. 21, [Vote #54](#), 1/26/23; CQ, [1/26/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment No. 56 To The Strategic Production Response Act To Prohibit Leasing Land That Would Burden Communities Of Color, Low-Income Communities, And Tribal And Indigenous Communities.** In January 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Grijalva, D-Ariz., amendment no. 56 that would prohibit the oil and gas leasing plan required by the bill from including any federal land where such leasing would result in or exacerbate disproportionate burdens on communities of color, low-income communities, and tribal and indigenous communities." The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 213-219. [H.R. 21, [Vote #53](#), 1/26/23; CQ, [1/26/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment No. 55 To The Strategic Production Response Act To Require A Tribal Consultation Plan With Tribal Governments.** In January 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Grijalva, D-Ariz., amendment no. 55 that would require the oil and gas leasing plan required by the bill to include a tribal consultation plan with tribal governments and the Interior, Agriculture, Defense and Energy departments." The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 213-219. [H.R. 21, [Vote #52](#), 1/26/23; CQ, [1/26/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment No. 21 To The Strategic Production Response Act To Prohibit Increased Leasing That Doesn't Provide A "Fair Return" To Taxpayers.** In January 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Levin, D-Calif., amendment no. 21 that would prohibit the oil and gas leasing plan required by the bill from providing an increase in leased federal lands that would not provide a 'fair return' to taxpayers."

The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 210-222. [H.R. 21, [Vote #51](#), 1/26/23; CQ, [1/26/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment No. 7 To The Strategic Production Response Act To Prohibit Leasing In The Washington/Oregon Planning Area.** In January 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “DelBene, D-Wash., amendment no. 7 that would prohibit the oil and gas leasing plan required by the bill from including leasing located in the Washington/Oregon planning area.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 213-219. [H.R. 21, [Vote #50](#), 1/26/23; CQ, [1/26/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment No. 49 To The Strategic Production Response Act To Prohibit Leasing In The Southern California Planning Area.** In January 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Levin, D-Calif., amendment no. 18 that would prohibit the oil and gas leasing plan required by the bill from including any tract located in the Southern California planning area.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 213-218. [H.R. 21, [Vote #49](#), 1/26/23; CQ, [1/26/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment No. 26 To The Strategic Production Response Act To Prohibit Leasing In The Central California Planning Area.** In January 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Panetta, D-Calif., amendment no. 26 that would prohibit the oil and gas leasing plan required by the bill from including any tract located in the Central California planning area.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 213-218. [H.R. 21, [Vote #48](#), 1/26/23; CQ, [1/26/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment No. 65 To The Strategic Production Response Act To Prohibit Leasing On Land Where The Leasing Would Decrease Land And Water Available For Outdoor Recreation.** In January 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Huffman, D-Calif., amendment no. 65 that would prohibit the oil and gas leasing plan required by the bill from including tracts of land where oil and gas leasing would decrease land and water available for outdoor recreation.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 205-225. [H.R. 21, [Vote #47](#), 1/26/23; CQ, [1/26/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment No. 15 To The Strategic Production Response Act To Prohibit Leasing In The Northern California Planning Area.** In January 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Huffman, D-Calif., amendment no. 15 that would prohibit the oil and gas leasing plan required by the bill from including any tract located in the Northern California planning area.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 212-218. [H.R. 21, [Vote #46](#), 1/26/23; CQ, [1/26/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment No. 29 To The Strategic Production Response Act To Prohibit Leasing Off The Coast Of Virginia.** In January 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Spanberger, D-Va., amendment no. 29 that would prohibit the oil and gas leasing plan required by the bill from including any tract located off the coast of Virginia.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 213-218. [H.R. 21, [Vote #45](#), 1/26/23; CQ, [1/26/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment No. 33 To The Strategic Production Response Act To Increase The Maximum Amount Of Federal Land For Oil And Gas Production Leases From 10% To 15%.** In January 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Boebert, R-Colo., amendment no. 33 that would increase, from 10 to 15 percent, the maximum percentage increase of federal land that may be leased for oil and gas production under the leasing plan required by the bill.” The amendment was adopted in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 220-212. [H.R. 21, [Vote #44](#), 1/26/23; CQ, [1/26/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment No. 44 To The Strategic Production Response Act To Delay The Bill's Effective Date Until Certification That Gas Prices Won't Increase In The U.S. Petroleum Administration Districts During Leasing Plan Development.** In January 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Soto, D-Fla., amendment no. 44 that would postpone the effective date of the bill's requirements until the Energy Department submits a certification to Congress stating that the price of gasoline and diesel fuel will not increase in any of the five U.S. petroleum administration districts during the development of the oil and gas

leasing plan required by the bill.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 213-218. [H.R. 21, [Vote #43](#), 1/26/23; CQ, [1/26/23](#)]

- **D’Esposito Voted Against An Amendment No. 2 To The Strategic Production Response Act To Strike An Exemption Allowing Drawdowns Before The Leasing Plan For Severe Energy Supply Interruption.** In January 2023, D’Esposito voted against: “Greene, R-Ga., amendment no. 2 that would strike an exemption in the bill allowing the Energy Department to make drawdowns from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve prior to the development of an oil and gas leasing plan in the case of a severe energy supply interruption.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 14-418. [H.R. 21, [Vote #42](#), 1/26/23; CQ, [1/26/23](#)]
- **D’Esposito Voted For An Amendment No. 133 To The Strategic Production Response Act To Prevent The Bill From Affecting Existing Prohibitions On Oil And Gas Leasing In The South Atlantic Planning Area.** In January 2023, D’Esposito voted for: “Mace, R-S.C., amendment no. 133 that would specify that the bill would not affect any statutory or regulatory restrictions in effect at the time of enactment that prohibit oil and gas leasing within the South Atlantic planning area.” The amendment was adopted in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 389-42. [H.R. 21, [Vote #41](#), 1/26/23; CQ, [1/26/23](#)]
- **D’Esposito Voted Against An Amendment No. 104 To The Strategic Production Response Act To Prohibit Leasing In The North Atlantic Planning Area.** In January 2023, D’Esposito voted against: “Pallone, D-N.J., amendment no. 104 that would prohibit the oil and gas leasing plan required by the bill from including any tract located in the North Atlantic planning area.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 214-219. [H.R. 21, [Vote #40](#), 1/26/23; CQ, [1/26/23](#)]
- **D’Esposito Voted Against An Amendment No. 3 To The Strategic Production Response Act To Prohibit Leasing In The South Atlantic Planning Area, Straits Of Florida, And Areas Of The Eastern Gulf Of Mexico.** In January 2023, D’Esposito voted against: “Castor, D-Fla., amendment no. 3 that would prohibit the oil and gas leasing plan required by the bill from including leasing located in the South Atlantic Planning Area, Straits of Florida, and certain areas in the Eastern Gulf of Mexico.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 214-219. [H.R. 21, [Vote #39](#), 1/26/23; CQ, [1/26/23](#)]
- **D’Esposito Voted Against An Amendment No. 71 To The Strategic Production Response Act To Prevent The Bill From Opposing U.S. Commitments Under The Paris Agreement To Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions.** In January 2023, D’Esposito voted against: “Blunt Rochester, D-Del., amendment no. 71 that would specify that the bill may not be used to controvert U.S. commitments under the Paris Agreement to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 213-218. [H.R. 21, [Vote #38](#), 1/26/23; CQ, [1/26/23](#)]
- **D’Esposito Voted Against An Amendment No. 11 To The Strategic Production Response Act To Require The Leasing Plan Be Developed With The Environmental Protection Agency And Council On Environmental Quality.** In January 2023, D’Esposito voted against: “Tlaib, D-Mich., amendment no. 11 that would require the Energy Department to develop the oil and gas leasing plan required by the bill in consultation with the EPA and the Council on Environmental Quality.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 205-220. [H.R. 21, [Vote #37](#), 1/26/23; CQ, [1/26/23](#)]

Equal Rights & Workplace Fairness Issues

D’Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To The Military Construction-VA Appropriations Bill To Strike All Funding For The DEI Office Within The VA Department. In July 2023, D’Esposito voted against: “Greene, R-Ga., amendment no. 34 that would strike all funding, \$86.5 million, for the Office of Resolution Management, Diversity, and Inclusion within the Veterans Affairs Department.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 204-227. [H.R. 4366, [Vote #372](#), 7/26/23; CQ, [7/26/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To The Bill To Reauthorize The Federal Aviation Administration To Restrict Funding For DEI Officials Or Training. In July 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Miller, R-Ill., amendment no. 65 that would prohibit the use of funds authorized by the bill to hire diversity, equity, and inclusion officials or to conduct DEI training." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 181-254. [H.R. 3935, [Vote #353](#), 7/19/23 CQ, [7/19/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To The NDAA To Eliminate DEI Offices From The Armed Forces And Department Of Defense (Revote). In July 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Norman, R-S.C., amendment no. 33 that would eliminate all Defense Department and Armed Forces offices established to promote diversity, equity, and inclusion as well as terminate all personnel within such offices." The amendment was adopted by a vote of 214-213. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #312](#), 7/13/23; CQ, [7/13/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To The NDAA To Eliminate DEI Offices From The Armed Forces And Department Of Defense. In July 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Norman, R-S.C., amendment no. 33 that would eliminate all Defense Department and Armed Forces offices established to promote diversity, equity, and inclusion as well as terminate all personnel within such offices." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 216-216. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #311](#), 7/13/23; CQ, [7/13/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To The NDAA To Prohibit The Department Of Defense From Requiring Training On Race-Based Concepts For Its Employees. In July 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Crane, R-Ariz., amendment no. 32 that would prohibit the Defense Department from making participation in training or support for certain politically-based concepts, including concepts related to race, color, sex or nationality, a requirement for hiring, promotion or retention of individuals. It also would stipulate that DOD employees and servicemembers cannot be compelled to declare belief in or participate in training that promotes such concepts as a condition of favorable personnel actions." The amendment was adopted by a vote of 214-210. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #310](#), 7/13/23; CQ, [7/13/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To The NDAA To Prohibit Race-Related Teaching In DOD Education. In July 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Roy, R-Texas, amendment no. 31 that would prohibit the use of federal funds for the Department of Defense Education Activity to promote race-related theories or teachings. It would stipulate that nothing in the amendment would be construed to restrict a teacher, student or other individual's free speech." The amendment was adopted by a vote of 227-201. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #309](#), 7/13/23; CQ, [7/13/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To The NDAA To Prohibit The Establishment Of DEI Officers In The Defense Department. In July 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Roy, R-Texas, amendment no. 30 that would prohibit the use of federal funds to establish, within the Defense Department, any positions similar to chief diversity officers or senior advisors for diversity and inclusion." The amendment was adopted by a vote of 217-212. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #308](#), 7/13/23; CQ, [7/13/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To The NDAA To Prohibit The Display Of Unapproved Flags. In July 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Norman, R-S.C., amendment no. 34 that would establish a list of flags the Defense Department is allowed to display in any DOD work place, common access area or public area, including the American flag, a military service flag, and the POW/MIA flag." The amendment was adopted by a vote of 218-213. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #313](#), 7/13/23; CQ, [7/13/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To The NDAA To Prohibit Federal Funds For DEI Training. In July 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Gaetz, R-Fla., amendment no. 52 that would prohibit the use of any funds authorized by the bill for training on diversity, equity and inclusion." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 210-221. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #321](#), 7/13/23; CQ, [7/13/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To The NDAA To Prohibit Military Service Academies To Use NDAA Funds Toward Race-Based Admissions Practices. In July 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Banks, R-Ind., amendment no. 63 that would prohibit military service academies from using any funds authorized by the bill to

discriminate or use quotas in admissions on the basis of race or ethnicity.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 218-210. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #325](#), 7/14/23; CQ, 7/14/23]

D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To The NDAA To Prohibit DOD From Hiring Additional For DEI Positions And Repeal The Creation Of A DOD Inspector General. In July 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Burlison, R-Mo., amendment no. 62 that would prohibit the Defense Department from establishing any new positions or filling any vacancies in positions with responsibilities involving diversity, equity and inclusion. It would also repeal the creation of a DOD inspector general focused on diversity and inclusion oversight and preventing supremacist, extremist and criminal gang activity by servicemembers.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 218-213. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #324](#), 7/13/23; CQ, [7/13/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For Considering The Protecting Speech From Government Interference Act, Disapproval Of A Defense Department And Environmental Protection Agency Rule On Federal Jurisdiction, And Declassification Of Intelligence Information Relating To COVID-19 Origins. In March 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 199) that would provide for floor consideration of the Protecting Speech from Government Interference Act (HR 140); the joint resolution (H J Res 27) providing for congressional disapproval of a Defense Department and EPA rule related to federal jurisdiction over waters of the United States; and the bill (S 619) requiring the Director of National Intelligence to declassify information relating to the origin of COVID-19. The rule would provide for one hour of general debate on each measure and would make in order floor consideration of ten amendments to HR 140. It would also provide for the House, on March 23, to consider and vote on overriding the president's veto of the joint resolution (H J Res 30) disapproving the Labor Department ESG fiduciary rule, if the president vetoes the measure.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 216-206. [H.Res. 199, [Vote #135](#), 3/8/23; CQ, [3/8/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For Delaying The Redemption Of A Security If The Redemption Involves The Financial Exploitation Of A Person Age 65+ Or Age 18+ Unable To Protect Their Interests. In January 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “McHenry, R-N.C., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would allow open-end investment companies, such as mutual funds, or their agents to postpone a redemption payment from a security for up to 15 business days if they suspect the redemption request is part of an effort to financially exploit a person aged 65 or older or who has a mental or physical impairment that renders them unable to protect their own interests. The bill would allow the company and its agents to postpone the payment for 10 additional business days if they initiate an internal review; make a reasonable attempt to notify the affected customer's trusted point of contact of the situation; and hold the amounts of the delayed payment in a demand deposit account. It would require eligible investment companies to implement internal procedures related to identifying financial exploitation and the retention of records for postponed transactions. It would also require the Securities and Exchange Commission, within one year of enactment and in consultation with other regulatory entities, to report to Congress with regulatory and legislative recommendations to address such financial exploitation.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 419-0. [H.R. 500, [Vote #94](#), 1/30/23; CQ, [1/30/23](#)]

Ethics & Investigations

D'Esposito Voted For A Resolution To Expel Representative George Santos. In November 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Agreeing to the resolution that would expel Rep. Santos, R-N.Y., from the House of Representatives.” The resolution was rejected by a vote of 179-213. [H. Res. 773, [Vote #564](#), 11/1/23; CQ, [11/1/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For Requiring Federal Agencies To Post 100-Word Summaries Of Proposed Rules On Regulations.gov. In July 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Van Drew, R-N.J., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would require federal agencies to post a 100-word summary of all proposed rules on regulations.gov.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 400-0. [S. 111, [Vote #329](#), 7/17/23; CQ, [7/17/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For The Passage Of The Resolution To Impeach Joe Biden. In June 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 529) that would re-refer the resolution (H Res 503) impeaching President Joe

Biden for high crimes and misdemeanors to the House Judiciary and Homeland Security Committees.” The resolution passed 219 to 208. [H.Res. 529, [Vote #285](#), 6/22/23; CQ, [6/22/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted Against A Motion To Table H.Res. 489, Censuring And Condemning Adam Schiff, D-Calif. In June 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Clark, D-Mass., motion to table the resolution that would censure and condemn Rep. Schiff, D-Calif.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 225-196. [H.Res. 489, [Vote #269](#), 6/14/23; CQ, [6/14/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For The Passage Of The Resolution To Censure Adam Schiff (D-Calif). In June 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Agreeing to the resolution that would censure Rep. Adam B. Schiff, D-Calif., ‘for misleading the American public’ and for conduct unbecoming of a representative. It would require Schiff to present himself in the well of the House for the pronouncement of censure. It would also require the House Ethics Committee to conduct an investigation into Schiff’s ‘falsehoods, misrepresentations, and abuses of sensitive information.’” The resolution passed 213 to 209. [H.Res. 521, [Vote #283](#), 6/21/23; CQ, [6/21/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Voted Against A Motion To Table H.Res. 489, Censuring And Condemning Adam Schiff, D-Calif.** In June 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Clark, D-Mass., motion to table the resolution (H.Res. 521) that would censure Rep. Schiff, D-Calif.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 208-218. [H.Res. 521, [Vote #276](#), 6/21/23; CQ, [6/21/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For A Motion To Refer A Resolution To Expel George Santos To The House Ethics Committee. In May 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “D'Esposito, R-N.Y., motion to refer the resolution to the House Ethics Committee. The resolution would expel Rep. George Santos, R-N.Y., from the House of Representatives.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 221-204. [H.Res. 114, [Vote #217](#), 5/17/23; CQ, [5/17/23](#)]

Federal Personnel & OMB

D'Esposito Voted For The Passage Of A Bill Undermining Judicial Review Of Agency Interpretation And Implementation Of Laws And Regulations. In June 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would require federal courts to decide questions of law regarding agency actions without deferring to an agency's previous legal determinations. It would place such requirements on judicial review of interpretation of constitutional and statutory provisions and other agency rules.” The bill passed 220 to 211. [H.R. 288, [Vote #271](#), 6/15/23; CQ, [6/15/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Voted Against A Motion To Recommit A Bill Undermining Judicial Review Of Agency Interpretation And Implementation Of Laws And Regulations** In June 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Dean, D-Pa., motion to recommit the bill to the House Judiciary Committee.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 210-220. [H.R. 288, [Vote #270](#), 6/15/23; CQ, [6/15/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Did Not Vote On Considering The Regulations From The Executive In Need Of Scrutiny (REINS) Act, The Separation Of Powers Restoration (SOPRA) Act, The Gas Stove Protection And Freedom Act, The Save Our Gas Stoves Act, And The Joint Resolution (H J Res 44) Providing For Congressional Disapproval Of A Bureau Of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, And Explosives Rule Relating To Firearm Stabilizing Braces.** In June 2023, D'Esposito did not vote on: “Adoption of the rule (H.Res. 495) that would provide for floor consideration of the Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny (REINS) Act (HR 277); the Separation of Powers Restoration (SOPRA) Act (HR 288); the Gas Stove Protection and Freedom Act (HR 1615); the Save Our Gas Stoves Act (HR 1640); and the joint resolution (H J Res 44) providing for congressional disapproval of a Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives rule relating to firearm stabilizing braces. The rule would provide for up to one hour of general debate on each measure. It would make in order floor consideration of 15 amendments to HR 277, one amendment to HR 288, two amendments to HR 1615 and three amendments to HR 1640.” The rule passed by a vote of 218-209. [H.Res. 495, [Vote #250](#), 6/13/23; CQ, [6/13/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Voted For Consideration Of The Rule That Would Provide For House Floor Consideration Of The Regulations From The Executive In Need Of Scrutiny (REINS) Act, The Separation Of Powers Restoration Act (SOPRA), The Gas Stove Protection And Freedom Act And The Save Our Gas Stoves Act.** In June 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Adoption of the rule (H.Res. 463) that would provide for House floor consideration of the Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny (REINS) Act (HR 277), the Separation of Powers Restoration Act (SOPRA) (HR 288), the Gas Stove Protection and Freedom Act (HR 1615), and the Save Our Gas Stoves Act (HR 1640). The rule would provide for up to one hour of general debate on each bill. It would make in order floor consideration of 15 amendments to HR 277, one amendment to HR 288, two amendments to HR 1615, and three amendments to HR 1640." The rule failed by a vote of 206-220. [H.Res. 463, [Vote #248](#), 2/13/19; CQ, [6/6/23](#)]

D'Esposito Did Not Vote On Considering A Resolution Relating To The National COVID-19 Emergency, The SHOW UP Act, The Pandemic Is Over Act, And The Freedom For Health Care Workers Act. In January 2023, D'Esposito did not vote on: "Adoption of the rule (H Res 75) that would provide for floor consideration of the resolution relating to a national emergency declared by the president on March 13, 2020 (H J Res 7), the Stopping Home Office Work's Unproductive Problems (SHOW UP) Act (HR 139), the Pandemic is Over Act (HR 382) and the Freedom for Health Care Workers Act (HR 497). The rule would provide for one hour of general debate on each bill." The rule was adopted by a vote of 216-208. [H.Res. 75, [Vote #96](#), 1/31/23; CQ, [1/31/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For The SHOW UP Act To Reinstate Telework Policies In Place Before The COVID-19 Pandemic At Federal Agencies. In January 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Passage of the bill that would require federal agencies, within 30 days of enactment, to reinstate their telework policies and practices that were in place on Dec. 31, 2019. It would prohibit agencies from increasing telework unless they submit a plan to Congress, certified by the Office of Personnel Management, stating that the expansion will have a 'substantial positive effect' on agency performance or substantially lower costs. It would also require each agency to submit to Congress, within six months of enactment, a study on how expanded telework during the pandemic impacted the agency and its mission." The bill passed by a vote of 221-206. [H.R. 139, [Vote #103](#), 2/1/23; CQ, [2/1/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For A Federal Settlement Agreement Database Managed By The Office Of Management And Budget. In January 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Comer, R-Ky., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would require federal agencies to submit regularly to the Office of Management and Budget information on all settlement agreements entered into by the agencies and require OMB to create and maintain, within one year of enactment, a public database of such information." The motion was agreed to by a vote of 425-0. [H.R. 300, [Vote #33](#), 1/24/23; CQ, [1/24/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For Modifying Hire Procedures For Federal Civil Service Positions To Them More Competitive. In January 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Comer, R-Ky., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would modify hiring procedures for federal civil service positions. It would establish that, beginning two years after enactment, examinations for applicants must include a skills-based assessment and a resume review by a subject matter expert, and may not solely include a self-assessment or determination of an individual's educational attainment. It would allow agencies to seek waivers of the requirement through the Office of Personnel Management for no more than 10 percent of the agency's hired positions in a fiscal year. Among other provisions, it would require OPM to review the examinations for all positions that currently have a minimum educational requirement related to the role's scientific, technical or professional responsibilities to determine if the requirement is justified and, within two years of enactment, eliminate the use of any examinations that do not meet the bill's updated requirements. It would require OPM to create various online tools, including to share the resumes of individuals certified to be eligible for a specified position with other agencies; list information on positions with a minimum educational requirement; and publicly share information on the types of assessments used for each civil service position. It would require OPM to regularly update guidance for the appropriate use of hiring records systems at federal departments and agencies." The motion was agreed to by a vote of 422-2. [H.R. 159, [Vote #32](#), 1/24/23; CQ, [1/24/23](#)]

Foreign Policy Issues

D'Esposito Voted For Establishing Additional Sanctions For Purchasing Iranian Oil. In November 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Lawler, R-N.Y., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would require the president, within 90 days of the bill’s enactment, to impose property blocking and visa ineligibility sanctions on foreign persons involved in petroleum trade operations with Iran. It would require the Energy Information Administration to submit a report to Congress, within 120 days of the bill’s enactment and annually thereafter, describing Iran’s growing exports of petroleum and petroleum products. It would require the president to strengthen sanctions on foreign persons involved in petroleum trade operations with Iran, including trade in petrochemicals. The bill’s provisions would be terminated 30 days after the president certifies to Congress that Iran no longer provides support for international terrorism and Iran has ceased the pursuit, acquisition and development of, and verifiably dismantled, its nuclear, biological and chemical weapons, ballistic missiles, and ballistic missile launch technology.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 342-69. [H.R. 3774, [Vote #598](#), 11/3/23; CQ, [11/3/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For Stating U.S. Policy Is To Prevent International Terrorist Financing And Confirming Sanctions On Hamas. In November 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “McCaul, R-Texas motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would state that it is U.S. policy to prevent Hamas, Palestinian Islamic Jihad, Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigade, the Lion’s Den, or any affiliate or successor thereof from accessing its international support networks. It would also state that it is U.S. policy to oppose such groups from using goods, including medicine and dual use items, to smuggle weapons and other materials to further acts of terrorism, including against Israel. Among other provisions, the bill would require the president to impose sanctions on foreign individuals and states that engage in significant financial transactions or provide significant material support to such groups. It would terminate the bill’s provisions seven years after the date of enactment, unless the president certifies to Congress at a sooner date that Hamas is no longer designated as a foreign terrorist organization, or that Hamas and the other listed terrorist organizations no longer meet the criteria to be subject to anti-terrorist financing sanctions under U.S. law..” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 363-46. [H.R. 340, [Vote #561](#), 11/1/23; CQ, [11/1/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For Permitting The U.S. To Use Any Means Necessary To Prevent Iran From Obtaining Nuclear Weapons. In November 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “McCaul, R-Texas, motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution, as amended, that would permit the United States to use all means necessary to prevent Iran from obtaining nuclear weapons.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 354-53. [H. R.es. 559, [Vote #560](#), 11/1/23; CQ, [11/1/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted Against Tabling The Resolution To Censure Rep. Tlaib. In November 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Clark, D-Mass., motion to the table the resolution (H Res 829) that would censure Rep. Tlaib, D-Mich.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 222-186. [H. Res. 829, [Vote #559](#), 11/1/23; CQ, [10/26/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For Reaffirming Israel’s Right To Self Defense, Condemning Hamas’ War Against Israel, Calling On Hamas To Cease Attacks, And Reaffirming U.S. Commitment To Israel’s Security. In October 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “McCaul, R-Texas, motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution that would reaffirm Israel’s right to self defense, condemn Hamas’ war against Israel and call on other countries to do the same. The resolution also calls for Hamas to cease violent attacks, safely release all living hostages and return the bodies of deceased hostages. The resolution would also reaffirm the United States’ commitment to Israel’s security and condemn Iran’s support for terrorist groups, including Hamas and the Palestinian Islamic Jihad. The resolution would also urge enforcement of U.S. sanctions against Iran to prevent Iran’s funding of terrorist groups.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 412-10. [H.Res. 771, [Vote #528](#), 10/25/23; CQ, [10/25/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For Passing Fiscal 2024 State-Foreign Operations Appropriations Including Republican Riders. In September 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would provide \$53.3 billion in federal funding for fiscal 2024. The bill includes a \$12.9 billion offset, including \$11.1 billion from a rescission of funding from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund from the fiscal 2022 budget reconciliation bill (PL

117-169). The bill would provide \$4.4 billion to counter the Chinese Communist Party's influence and prohibit the use of funds to repay loans to the Chinese government or to support forced labor, crimes against humanity or genocide in China. The bill would provide \$3.1 billion for Israel, \$1.5 billion for Egypt and \$1.7 billion for Jordan. The bill would also require the executive branch, within 60 days of enactment, to report to Congress on a strategy to prioritize U.S. national security interests in responding to the Russian invasion of Ukraine, and create new monitoring and oversight mechanisms. Among other provisions, the bill would provide \$10 billion for global health programs, strike funding for the Green Climate Fund, and reimpose the prohibition on federal funding for international non-governmental organizations that provide abortion services. As amended, the bill would reduce the salary of Secretary of State Antony Blinken to \$1, prohibit the use of funds for the Office of Palestinian Affairs, and add language to expand eligibility for security upgrades to soft targets to include places of worship for U.S. embassy staff and their dependents." The bill passed by a vote of 216-212. [H.R. 4665, [Vote #500](#), 9/28/23; CQ, [9/28/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Strike The \$38.6 Million Of Funding For The Institute Of Peace And Transfer Savings To The Spending Reduction Account.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Biggs, R-Ariz., amendment no. 8 that would strike all \$38.6 million of funding for the United States Institute of Peace and transfer the savings to the spending reduction account." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 134-298. [H.R. 4665, [Vote #462](#), 9/28/23; CQ, [9/28/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Strike The \$2.9 Million Of Funding For Commission On Security And Cooperation In Europe Expenses And Transfer Savings To The Spending Reduction Account.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Biggs, R-Ariz., amendment no. 10 that would strike all \$2.9 million of funding for salaries and expenses at the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe and transfer the savings to the spending reduction account." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 78-353. [H.R. 4665, [Vote #463](#), 9/28/23; CQ, [9/28/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce Funding For The Agency For International Development Operating Expenses By 50%, Approximately \$607.4 Million.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Crane, R-Ariz., amendment no. 13 that would reduce funding for U.S. Agency for International Development operating expenses by 50 percent, approximately \$607.4 million." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 102-326. [H.R. 4665, [Vote #464](#), 9/28/23; CQ, [9/28/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Strike All \$230.6 Million Of Funding For The International Development Capital Investment Fund And Transfer Savings To The Spending Reduction Account.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Biggs, R-Ariz., amendment no. 15 that would strike all \$230.6 million of funding for the U.S. Agency for International Development Capital Investment Fund and transfer the savings to the spending reduction account." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 111-315. [H.R. 4665, [Vote #465](#), 9/28/23; CQ, [9/28/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Reduce Agency For International Development Funding By \$4.5 Billion And Transfer Savings To The Spending Reduction Account To Help Ukraine Pay Off Sovereign Debt.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Gaetz, R-Fla., amendment no. 17 that would reduce funding for the U.S. Agency for International Development by \$4.5 billion and transfer the savings to the spending reduction account to help Ukraine pay off its sovereign debt." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 115-312. [H.R. 4665, [Vote #466](#), 9/28/23; CQ, [9/28/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Cut All \$3.9 Billion Of Funding For International Disaster Assistance And Transfer Savings To The Spending Reduction Account.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Perry, R-Pa., amendment no. 18 that would strike all \$3.9 billion of funding for international disaster assistance and transfer the savings to the spending reduction account." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 86-346. [H.R. 4665, [Vote #467](#), 9/28/23; CQ, [9/28/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Decrease Funding For The Economic Support Fund By \$1.2 Billion And Transfer Savings To The Spending Reduction Account.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Perry, R-Pa., amendment no. 20 that would decrease funding for the Economic Support Fund by \$1.2 billion and transfer the savings to the spending reduction account." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 133-297. [H.R. 4665, [Vote #468](#), 9/28/23; CQ, [9/28/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Strike All \$2.5 Billion Of State Department Migration And Refugee Assistance Funding And Transfer Savings To The Spending Reduction Account.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Perry, R-Pa., amendment no. 22 that would strike all \$2.5 billion of funding for State Department migration and refugee assistance and transfer the savings to the spending reduction account." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 121-311. [H.R. 4665, [Vote #469](#), 9/28/23; CQ, [9/28/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce Peace Corps Funding By \$14.3 Million And Transfer Savings To The Spending Reduction Account.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Ogles, R-Tenn., amendment no. 23 that would reduce Peace Corps funding by \$14.3 million and transfer the savings to the spending reduction account." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 135-295. [H.R. 4665, [Vote #470](#), 9/28/23; CQ, [9/28/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Decrease Funding For The Global Environment Facility Fund By \$10 Million.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Kelly, R-Miss., amendment no. 27 that would decrease by \$10 million funding for the Global Environment Facility Fund." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 199-231. [H.R. 4665, [Vote #471](#), 9/28/23; CQ, [9/28/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Strike Language Banning Bill Funding To Classify Communications Made By U.S. Person Or Partner With Organizations That Censor Constitutionally Protected Speech.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Plaskett, D-V.I., amendment no. 36 that would strike language in the bill to ban the use funding in the bill to classify any communications made by a U.S. person as misinformation, disinformation or malinformation or partner with organizations that seek to suppress or censor the constitutionally protected speech of U.S. persons, including on social media." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 195-236. [H.R. 4665, [Vote #472](#), 9/28/23; CQ, [9/28/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Prohibit Use Of Bill Funds To Provide Assistance To Ukraine.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Greene, R-Ga., amendment no. 42 that would prohibit the use funds in the bill to provide assistance to Ukraine." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 90-342. [H.R. 4665, [Vote #473](#), 9/28/23; CQ, [9/28/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Prohibit Bill Funds To Deliver Defense Services To Ukraine.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Greene, R-Ga., amendment no. 43 that would prohibit the use of funding in the bill for the secretary of State to initiate a drawdown and delivery of defense articles and services from Defense Department stocks to Ukraine." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 92-340. [H.R. 4665, [Vote #474](#), 9/28/23; CQ, [9/28/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Prohibit Bill Funds To Support The Lebanese Armed Forces.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Steube, R-Fla., amendment no. 44 that would prohibit the use funds in the bill to support the Lebanese Armed Forces." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 120-309. [H.R. 4665, [Vote #475](#), 9/28/23; CQ, [9/28/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Prohibit Bill Funds To Provide Assistance To Iraq.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Steube, R-Fla., amendment no. 45 that would prohibit the use funds in the bill to provide assistance to Iraq." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 104-327. [H.R. 4665, [Vote #476](#), 9/28/23; CQ, [9/28/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Prohibit Bill Funds To Implement Paris Agreement Climate Provisions.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Gaetz, R-Fla., amendment no. 46 that would prohibit the use funds in the bill to implement the 2015 United Nations agreement on climate change, commonly known as the Paris Agreement." The amendment was adopted by a vote of 219-213. [H.R. 4665, [Vote #477](#), 9/28/23; CQ, [9/28/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce The Salary Of The Ambassador To The United Nations To \$1.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Boebert, R-Colo., amendment no. 47 that would reduce the salary of U.S. ambassador to the United Nations Linda Thomas-Greenfield to \$1." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 151-278. [H.R. 4665, [Vote #478](#), 9/28/23; CQ, [9/28/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce The Secretary Of State's Policy Planning Staff Director's Salary To \$1.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Boebert, R-Colo., amendment no. 48 that would decrease the salary of the Secretary of State's Policy Planning Staff Director Salaman Ahmed to \$1." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 166-265. [H.R. 4665, [Vote #479](#), 9/28/23; CQ, [9/28/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce The State Department's Acting Chief Of Diversity And Inclusion's Salary To \$1.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Boebert, R-Colo., amendment no. 49 that would decrease the salary of the State Department Acting Chief of Diversity and Inclusion Constance Mayor to \$1." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 187-241. [H.R. 4665, [Vote #480](#), 9/28/23; CQ, [9/28/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Reduce The Salary Of The Office Of Palestinian Affairs Chief To \$1.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Boebert, R-Colo., amendment no. 50 that would decrease the salary of the U.S. Office of Palestinian Affairs Chief George Noll to \$1." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 191-238. [H.R. 4665, [Vote #481](#), 9/28/23; CQ, [9/28/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Prohibit Bill Funds To Provide Aid To Pakistan.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Ogles, R-Tenn., amendment no. 51 that would prohibit the use funds in the bill to provide assistance to Pakistan." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 132-298. [H.R. 4665, [Vote #482](#), 9/28/23; CQ, [9/28/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Prohibit Bill Funds For A State Department Refugee Travel Loan Program.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Gooden, R-Texas, amendment no. 54 that would prohibit funding in the bill from being used by the State Department for the International Organization for Migration's Refugee Travel Loan Program." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 198-232. [H.R. 4665, [Vote #483](#), 9/28/23; CQ, [9/28/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Prohibit Bill Funds For United Nations Entities Unless Specifically Authorized By Law.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Spartz, R-Ind., amendment no. 57 that would prohibit the use of funds in the bill for any United Nations entities unless specifically authorized by law." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 188-242. [H.R. 4665, [Vote #484](#), 9/28/23; CQ, [9/28/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Prohibit Bill Funds For The State Department's Office Of Global Change.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Hageman, R-Wyo., amendment no. 58 that would prohibit the use of funds in the bill for the State Department's Office of Global Change." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 213-219. [H.R. 4665, [Vote #485](#), 9/28/23; CQ, [9/28/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Prohibit Bill Funds For Sending State Department Employees To Any Event Hosted By The Clinton Global Initiative.** In September 2023, D'Esposito

voted for: “Foxx, R-N.C., amendment no. 61 that would prohibit the use of funds in the bill by the State Department to send employees to any event or conference hosted by the Clinton Global Initiative.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 218-215. [H.R. 4665, [Vote #486](#), 9/28/23; CQ, [9/28/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce Voice Of America's Special Assistant To The Director Of Programming's Salary To \$1.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Burchett, R-Tenn., amendment no. 63 that would reduce the salary of Setareh Sieg, special assistant to the director of programming at Voice of America, to \$1.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 170-260. [H.R. 4665, [Vote #487](#), 9/28/23; CQ, [9/28/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce The Agency For Global Media's Chief Management Officer's Salary.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Burchett, R-Tenn., amendment no. 64 that would reduce the salary of David Kotz, chief management officer at the U.S. Agency for Global Media.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 171-258. [H.R. 4665, [Vote #488](#), 9/28/23; CQ, [9/28/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce The Salary Of The Agency For Global Media's Deputy CEO's Salary To \$1.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Burchett, R-Tenn., amendment no. 65 that would reduce the salary of Kelu Chao, deputy CEO at the U.S. Agency for Global Media, to \$1.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 173-255. [H.R. 4665, [Vote #489](#), 9/28/23; CQ, [9/28/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Prohibit Bill Funds For The Special Presidential Envoy For Climate.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Burchett, R-Tenn., amendment no. 67 that would prohibit the use of funds in the bill for the Special Presidential Envoy for Climate.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 217-212. [H.R. 4665, [Vote #490](#), 9/28/23; CQ, [9/28/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Prohibit Bill Funds From Being Used To Relocate The U.S. Embassy In Israel Out Of Jerusalem.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Tenney, R-N.Y., amendment no. 69 that would prohibit the use of funds in the bill to relocate the U.S. Embassy in Israel out of Jerusalem.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 360-67. [H.R. 4665, [Vote #491](#), 9/28/23; CQ, [9/28/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Prohibit Bill Funds From Being Used For Biden Executive Orders On The Climate.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Roy, R-Texas, amendment no. 70 that would prohibit the use of any funds provided by the bill to implement a series of Biden administration executive orders (Executive Order nos. 13990, 14008, 14013, 14030, 14057, 14082 and 14096) related to climate concerns.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 216-213. [H.R. 4665, [Vote #492](#), 9/28/23; CQ, [9/28/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce The Deputy Secretary Of State And Undersecretary For Political Affairs To \$1.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Davidson, R-Ohio, amendment no. 71 that would reduce the salary of Victoria Nuland, acting U.S. Deputy Secretary of State and Undersecretary for Political Affairs, to \$1.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 161-268. [H.R. 4665, [Vote #493](#), 9/28/23; CQ, [9/28/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Prohibit Bill Funds From Being Used To Provide Assistance To UNESCO.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Steube, R-Fla., amendment no. 73 that would prohibit the use funds in the bill to provide assistance to UNESCO.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 198-232. [H.R. 4665, [Vote #494](#), 9/28/23; CQ, [9/28/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Prohibit Bill Funds For The United Nations Relief And Works Agency.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Perry, R-Pa., amendment no. 74 that would

prohibit the use of funds in the bill for the United Nations Relief and Works Agency.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 213-218. [H.R. 4665, [Vote #495](#), 9/28/23; CQ, [9/28/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Ban Use Of Funds To Delist The Islamic Revolutionary Guard As A Foreign Terrorist Organization.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Ogles, R-Tenn., amendment no. 76 that would prohibit the use of funds in the bill to delist the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps as a foreign terrorist organization.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 351-81. [H.R. 4665, [Vote #496](#), 9/28/23; CQ, [9/28/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Ban Bill Funds To Transfer Of Cluster Munitions To Any Foreign Country.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Massie, R-Ky., amendment no. 77 that would prohibit the use of funds in the bill to transfer cluster munitions to any foreign country.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 178-253. [H.R. 4665, [Vote #497](#), 9/28/23; CQ, [9/28/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce Central America Aid In FY 2024 State-Foreign Operations Appropriations.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Burgess, R-Texas, amendment no. 78 that would reduce foreign assistance to Guatemala by \$908.8 million, to Honduras by \$560.7 million and El Salvador by \$251.4 million.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 187-244. [H.R. 4665, [Vote #498](#), 9/28/23; CQ, [9/28/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against Recommitting FY 2024 State-Foreign Operations Appropriations To The House Appropriations Committee.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Salinas, D-Ore., motion to recommit the bill to the House Appropriations Committee.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 210-217. [H.R. 4665, [Vote #499](#), 9/28/23; CQ, [9/28/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For Providing \$300 Million In Supplemental Funding To Ukraine. In September 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Passage of the bill that would provide \$300 million in supplemental funding for security assistance to Ukraine in fiscal 2024.” The bill passed by a vote of 311-117. [H.R. 5692, [Vote #503](#), 9/28/23; CQ, [9/28/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Voted For Considering The Ukraine Security Assistance And Oversight Supplemental Appropriations Act, Automatically Striking Language To Provide \$300 Million In Security Assistance To Ukraine From Defense Appropriations And Striking Language Regarding Counting Migrant Workers For The H-2B Visas From Homeland Security Appropriations.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 730) that would provide for floor consideration of the Ukraine Security Assistance and Oversight Supplemental Appropriations Act (HR 5692). The rule would provide for up to 30 minutes of general debate on HR 5692. It would also provide for the automatic adoption of an amendment to the Fiscal 2024 Defense Appropriations Act (HR 4365) that would strike language to provide \$300 million in security assistance to Ukraine. It would also provide for the automatic adoption of an amendment to the Fiscal 2024 Homeland Security Appropriations Act (HR 4367) that would strike language to specify that a returning migrant worker who has already been counted toward numerical limitations on H-2B temporary non-agricultural worker visas during any of the previous three fiscal years would not again be counted toward such limitation in fiscal 2024. The amendment would add language to authorize DHS, after consulting with the Labor Department and upon determining that the needs of U.S. businesses cannot be met in fiscal 2024 with U.S. workers, to increase the total number of migrants who could receive an H-2B visa in such fiscal year.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 217-211. [H.Res. 730, [Vote #457](#), 9/28/23; CQ, [9/28/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For To Block Consideration For Providing Additional Aid To Ukraine Through FY24 Defense Appropriations.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Cole, R-Okla, motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Congressional Record, Rep. McGovern said, “House the opportunity to demonstrate for a third time that we stand by Ukraine in their time of need, and I urge that we defeat the previous question. If we do, I will offer an

amendment that would strike the provision of the rule eliminating security assistance funding for Ukraine.” A vote *for the motion* was a vote to block consideration of the bill. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 214-210. [H.Res. 730, [Vote #456](#), 9/28/23; CQ, [9/28/23](#); Congressional Record, [9/28/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For Constraining Iran's Ballistic Missile Capacities By Extending Iran Missile-Related Restrictions And Requiring The State Department To Report Annually On Strategy To Deter Iranian Missile Capabilities. In September 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “McCaul, R-Texas, motion to suspend the rules and agree to the bill, as amended, that would establish that the United States will seek to constrain Iran's ballistic missile capabilities by ‘urgently’ seeking an extension of missile-related restrictions relative to Iran, as established in a 2015 U.N. Security Council resolution and using all other available authorities. The bill would also establish property blocking and visa ineligibility sanctions for any foreign person determined to have engaged in furthering Iranian missile technology, including providing materials, exporting or providing financial support. It would require the State Department to report annually to Congress on a diplomatic strategy to renew the U.N. restrictions, the restrictions' impact on Iran, and the U.S. strategy to deter Iranian missile capabilities.” The bill passed by a vote of 403-8. [H.R. 3152, [Vote #383](#), 9/12/23; CQ, [9/12/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For Establishing A Sense Of Congress That The U.S. Should Support Human Rights In Iran. In September 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “McCaul, R-Texas, motion to suspend the rules and agree to the bill, as amended, that would establish the sense of Congress that the United States should support the people of Iran in their demand for fundamental human rights and continue to hold the Iranian government accountable for human rights abuses. Among other provisions, it would require the administration to determine annually whether to sanction Iranian authorities, including the supreme leader, president and cabinet ministers, under existing authorities.” The bill passed by a vote of 410-3. [H.R. 589, [Vote #384](#), 9/12/23; CQ, [9/12/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For Establishing That The House Of Representatives Condemns Iran's “State-Sponsored Persecution Of The Baha'i Minority.” In September 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “McCaul, R-Texas, motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution that would establish that the House of Representatives condemns Iran's ‘state-sponsored persecution of the Baha'i minority.’ It would call on Iran to immediately release detained Baha'is and end state-sponsored propaganda and policies denying equal rights and opportunities to legal minorities.” The bill passed by a vote of 413-2. [H.Res. 492, [Vote #385](#), 9/12/23; CQ, [9/12/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For A Motion To Suspend The Rules And Pass A Resolution Expressing Support For The State Of Israel And Expressing That Israel Is Not A Racist Or Apartheid State. In July 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “McCaul, R-Texas, motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution that would express the sense of Congress that Israel is not a racist or apartheid state. It would also state that Congress rejects antisemitism and xenophobia and that the U.S. will always be a staunch supporter of Israel.” The resolution passed by a vote of 412-9. [H.Con. Res 57, [Vote #338](#), 7/18/23; CQ, [7/18/23](#)]

- **Axios Headline: “U.S. House Takes Pro-Israel Vote Following Jayapal Comments.”** [Axios, [7/19/23](#)]
- **After Jayapal Called Israel A ‘Racist State’ And Members Of The Squad Boycotted A Speech By Israel's President, Republicans Introduced A Resolution Forcing The Chamber To Vote On A Statement Of Support For Israel.** “Democrats’ liberal “Squad” members took care to avoid a blowup when they decided to boycott Israeli President Isaac Herzog’s speech to Congress this week. Progressive leader Pramila Jayapal created one anyway. The House GOP has turned the Washington Democrat’s weekend comments — in which she called Israel a “racist state” — into a week-long political boon, forcing the entire chamber to vote Tuesday as a form of rebuke. The vast majority of Democrats backed the Republican resolution that affirms support for Israel [...]” [Politico, [7/18/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted Against A Joint Resolution That Would Terminate The National Emergency Declared In 2004 In Syria. In July 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Passage of the joint resolution that would terminate the national emergency declared by the president on May 11, 2004, with respect to sanctions due to Syria’s designation

as a State Sponsor of Terrorism.” The resolution failed by a vote of 24-394. [H.J. Res 79, [Vote #337](#), 7/18/23; CQ, [7/18/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted Against A Joint Resolution That Would Terminate The National Emergency Declared In 2003 In Iraq. In July 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Passage of the joint resolution that would terminate the national emergency declared by the president on May 22, 2003, with respect to the Development Fund for Iraq.” The resolution failed by a vote of 26-394. [H.J. Res 71, [Vote #336](#), 7/18/23; CQ, [7/18/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted Against A Joint Resolution That Would Terminate The National Emergency Declared In 2012 In Yemen. In July 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Passage of the joint resolution that would terminate the national emergency declared by the president on May 16, 2012, with respect to sanctions due to the conflict in Yemen.” The resolution failed by a vote of 27-393. [H.J. Res 74, [Vote #335](#), 7/18/23; CQ, [7/18/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted Against A Joint Resolution That Would Terminate The National Emergency Declared In 2011 In Libya. In July 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Passage of the joint resolution that would terminate the national emergency declared by the president on Feb. 25, 2011, with respect to sanctions due to the conflict in Libya.” The resolution failed by a vote of 30-388. [H.J. Res 70, [Vote #334](#), 7/18/23; CQ, [7/18/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted Against A Joint Resolution That Would Terminate The National Emergency Declared In 2006 In The Democratic Republic Of The Congo. In July 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Passage of the joint resolution that would terminate the national emergency declared by the president on Oct. 27, 2006, with respect to sanctions due to the conflict in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.” The resolution failed by a vote of 27-381. [H.J. Res 68, [Vote #333](#), 7/18/23; CQ, [7/18/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Prohibit DOD Funds To Support The Taliban Or Its Affiliates. In July 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Perry, R-Pa., amendment no. 56 that would prohibit the use of funds authorized by the bill to provide any kind of support to the Taliban or its affiliates. It would prohibit the waiver or mitigation of any sanction imposed by the U.S. against the Taliban on or before Aug. 18, 2021, unless such a policy is enacted by law.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 247-185. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #323](#), 7/13/23; CQ, [7/13/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Express A Sense That NATO Member Countries Should Meet A Minimum 2% GDP Defense Spending Obligation. In July 2023, D'Esposito voted for: Davidson, “R-Ohio, for Roy, R-Texas, amendment no. 51 that would express the sense of Congress that the majority of NATO members have relied ‘for too long’ on the financial and military contributions of the U.S. and that all member countries should meet a minimum 2 percent GDP defense spending obligation.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 212-218. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #320](#), 7/13/23; CQ, [7/13/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Strike Authorization To Give NATO Funds For The Defense Innovation Accelerator For The North Atlantic Initiative. In July 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Davidson, R-Ohio, amendment no. 50 that would strike from the bill a section to authorize the Defense Department to make funds available to NATO for the joint fund established for the Defense Innovation Accelerator for the North Atlantic (DIANA) initiative.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 79-353. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #319](#), 7/13/23; CQ, [7/13/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Prohibit Cluster Munitions And Technology From Being Given To Ukraine. In July 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Greene, R-Ga., amendment no. 48 that would prohibit the sale or transfer of cluster munitions or cluster munitions technology to Ukraine.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 147-276. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #317](#), 7/13/23; CQ, [7/13/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Strike An Extension To The Government's Authority To Lend Defense Articles To Ukraine. In July 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Ogles, R-Tenn., amendment no. 25 that would strike language that would extend through fiscal 2024 the federal government's authority to lend or lease

defense articles to Ukraine.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 71-360. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #307](#), 7/13/23; CQ, [7/13/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Create A Report On The Strategy For U.S. Involvement In Ukraine. In July 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Davidson, R-Ohio, amendment no. 24 that would require the president, in coordination with the Defense and State departments, to submit a report to the congressional defense and foreign committees, within 90 days of the bill's enactment, on a strategy for U.S. involvement in Ukraine. It would stipulate that no funding authorized by the bill would be available for Ukraine until the report is submitted. It also would require the departments to brief such committees, within 45 days of report's submission, on plans to implement the strategy.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 129-301. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #306](#), 7/13/23; CQ, [7/13/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment That Would Block A Report From The DoD Studying The Feasibility Of Creating A Center Of Excellence In Ukraine. In July 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Greene, R-Ga., amendment no. 23 that would strike language to direct the Defense Department to conduct a feasibility study on the creation of a Center of Excellence in Ukraine to treat traumatic injuries.” The amendment was rejected to by a vote of 95-332. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #305](#), 7/14/23; CQ, [7/13/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Prohibit Funding for Ukraine Security Assistance. In July 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Gaetz, R-Fla., amendment no. 22 that would prohibit the use of federal funds to provide security assistance for Ukraine.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 70-358. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #304](#), 7/13/23; CQ, [7/13/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Strike \$300 Million In Ukraine Funding. In July 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Greene, R-Ga., amendment no. 21 that would strike \$300 million in funding authorized for Ukraine.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 89-341. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #303](#), 7/13/23; CQ, [7/13/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For Calling On Russia To Immediately Release Wall Street Journal Reporter Evan Gershkovich. In June 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “McCaul, R-Texas, motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, as amended, that would state that the House of Representatives calls on Russia to immediately release Evan Gershkovich, a Wall Street Journal reporter who has been detained since March 2023. It would urge U.S. executive branch officials to raise the case in all interactions with Russia and urge Russia to provide Gershkovich with full consular access and respect his human rights. The resolution would also condemn Russia's continued use of detentions and prosecutions of U.S. citizens and lawful permanent residents for political purposes. It would call for the immediate release of Paul Whelan and express support for all American citizens detained abroad. It would urge Russia to respect the rights of accredited journalists and desist from ‘seeking to intimidate journalists in order to curtail or censor an independent press.’” The motion was passed by a vote of 422-0. [H.Res. 377, [Vote #256](#), 6/13/23; CQ, [6/13/23](#)]

D'Esposito Did Not Vote On Creating The Position Of A Special Envoy For The Abraham Accords Within The State Department To Encourage Countries To Establish Diplomatic Relations With Israel And Expand Relationships Between Israel And Muslim-Majority Countries. In June 2023, D'Esposito did not vote on: “Caul, R-Texas, motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would create the position of special envoy for the Abraham Accords within the State Department. It would specify that the envoy's duties would include encouraging countries to establish diplomatic relations with Israel, expanding existing relationships between Israel and Muslim-majority countries, and providing diplomatic support for Israel's integration into cooperative regional security efforts. The bill would specify that the special envoy would have the rank of ambassador and require Senate confirmation. It would require the special envoy, within one year of Senate confirmation and annually thereafter, to submit to Congress an unclassified report describing all U.S. efforts to expand the Abraham Accords.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 413-13. [H.R. 3099, [Vote #251](#), 6/13/23; CQ, [6/13/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted Against Vetoing A Joint Resolution That Disapproved Of A Rule That Suspended Solar Panels That Had Parts Manufactured In China. In May 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Passage, over

President Biden's May 16, 2023, veto of the joint resolution that would provide for congressional disapproval of the September 2022 Commerce Department rule that provided for the suspension of duties for certain crystalline silicon photovoltaic cells and modules, or solar panels, assembled in Cambodia, Malaysia, Thailand or Vietnam using parts and components manufactured in China. The rule took effect on Nov. 15, 2022. Under the provisions of the joint resolution, the Commerce Department rule would have no force or effect.” The joint resolution passed by a vote of 214-205. [H.J.Res. 39, [Vote #233](#), 5/24/23; CQ, [5/24/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For Requiring The Treasury Department To Report On The U.S. Exposure To The Chinese Financial Sector. In May 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Luetkemeyer, R-Mo., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would require the Treasury Department, within one year of enactment and in consultation with the Federal Reserve System, Securities and Exchange Commission, Commodity Futures Trading Commission and the State Department, to report to Congress on the exposure of the U.S. to the Chinese financial sector. It would require the study to include an assessment of the effects of Chinese financial sector reforms, a description of the policies the U.S. is adopting to protect American interests, risks to U.S. financial stability and the global economy, and recommendations for additional federal action.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 400-5. [H.R. 1156, [Vote #229](#), 5/22/23; CQ, [5/22/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted Against Directing The President To Remove U.S. Armed Forces From Somalia Within A Year, Except Those Assigned To Protect The U.S. Embassy. In April 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Passage of the joint resolution that would direct the president to remove all U.S. armed forces from Somalia, other than those assigned to protect the U.S. embassy, within one year of agreement to the concurrent resolution.” The resolution was rejected by a vote of 102-321. [H.Con.Res. 30, [Vote #201](#), 4/27/23; CQ, [4/27/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For Encouraging The U.S. And Israel To Continue To "Deepen And Expand" Bilateral Cooperation On Economic, Security, And Civilian Issues. In April 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “McCaul, R-Texas, motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would state that the House of Representatives encourages the United States and Israel to continue to 'deepen and expand' bilateral cooperation across economic, security and civilian issues. It would encourage the expansion and strengthening of the 2020 Abraham Accords to urge other nations to normalize relations with Israel and 'ensure that existing agreements reap tangible security and economic benefits.' It would also express continued support for security assistance to Israel as outlined in a 2016 U.S.-Israel memorandum of understanding related to military and security assistance to support Israeli self-defense and international engagement aligned with the U.S.-Israeli partnership.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 401-19. [H.Res. 311, [Vote #194](#), 4/25/23; CQ, [4/25/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For Demanding That China And The Chinese Communist Party Immediately Release American Mark Swidan, Who Was Arrested On Drug Charges On A Business Trip In 2012. In April 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “McCaul, R-Texas, motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would state that the House of Representatives demands that China and the Chinese Communist Party immediately release American Mark Swidan, who was arrested on drug charges while on a business trip to China in 2012. The resolution would condemn China and the CCP for refusing to provide Swidan with regular communication with his family, access to U.S. diplomats and independent and 'competent' medical care and evaluation. It would call on the U.S. government to deepen and prioritize efforts to secure Swidan's release, including through engagement with Chinese counterparts and by using the voice and vote of U.S. diplomats in international forums to highlight Swidan's case.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 418-0. [H.Res. 90, [Vote #193](#), 4/25/23; CQ, [4/25/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For Stating U.S. Policy Should Oppose The Treatment Of China As A Developing Country In International Agreements. In March 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Smith, R-N.J., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would state that it should be U.S. policy to oppose the treatment of China as a developing country in any international agreements and organizations and pursue the labeling and treatment of China as an upper-middle-income, high-income or developed country. It would require the State Department and other federal agencies to urge international organizations to seek to change China's status as a developing country and ensure that China does not receive preferential treatment based on a developing country status. It would also require the department to identify and report to Congress on any ongoing treaty negotiations to which China may be

a party that may include different enforcement standards based on member states' development status." The motion was agreed to by a vote of 415-0. [H.R. 1107, [Vote #164](#), 3/27/23; CQ, [3/27/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For Requiring The President To Impose Property-Blocking And Visa Sanctions On People Involved In Forced Organ Harvesting. In March 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Smith, R-N.J., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would require the president to identify and impose property-blocking and visa sanctions against persons involved in forced organ harvesting. It would allow the State Department to deny or revoke passports for illegal organ purchasers and require the department to report to Congress annually on forced organ harvesting and related trafficking in foreign countries. It would state that it is U.S. policy to combat international trafficking in persons for the removal of organs; promote the establishment of voluntary organ donation systems in bilateral diplomatic meetings and international health forums; promote the 'dignity and security of human life' in accordance with the 1948 U.N. Universal Declaration of Human Rights; and hold persons, including members of the Chinese Communist Party, accountable for forced organ harvesting and trafficking." The motion was agreed to by a vote of 413-2. [H.R. 1154, [Vote #163](#), 3/27/23; CQ, [3/27/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For Extending Provisions Of The 1945 International Organizations Immunities Act To The Association Of Southeast Asian Nations. In March 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Wagner, D-Mo., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would extend the provisions of the 1945 International Organizations Immunities Act to the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, providing for a permanent ASEAN mission to the United States with the same privileges and immunities as embassies, such as exemptions from certain tax and search and seizure laws." The motion was agreed to by a vote of 388-33. [H.R. 406, [Vote #148](#), 3/23/23; CQ, [3/23/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For Updating A 2020 Law Outlining The U.S.'s Support For Taiwan And Require Biennial State Department Reviews Of U.S. Taiwan Relations Guidance. In March 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Wagner, D-Mo., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would update a 2020 law outlining U.S. policy to support Taiwan to require the State Department to conduct biennial reviews of its guidance governing U.S. relations with Taiwan and submit updated reports to Congress describing the reviews. It would require the reports to describe how the guidance meets the objectives for U.S.-Taiwan relations outlined in the 2020 law and to identify opportunities to lift self-imposed restrictions on relations with Taiwan." The motion was agreed to by a vote of 404-7. [H.R. 1159, [Vote #145](#), 3/22/23; CQ, [3/22/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For A State Department Report On The Implementation Of The "Advanced Capabilities Pillar" Of The 2021 Trilateral Security Technology-Sharing Partnership Between The U.S., U.K, And Australia. In March 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "McCaul, R-Texas, motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would require the State Department, within 90 days of enactment, to submit a report to Congress on its efforts to implement the 'advanced capabilities pillar' of the 2021 trilateral security technology-sharing partnership between the U.S., U.K. and Australia known as AUKUS. Advanced capabilities identified by AUKUS include undersea capabilities, quantum technology, artificial intelligence, cyber capabilities, hypersonic capabilities, electronic warfare, innovation and information sharing. The bill would require the report to include information on: the department's processing of applications for defense exports to the U.K and Australia; instances of violations of arms export laws; relevant U.S. laws, treaties and international agreements that govern authorizations for defense article exports; and an assessment of recommendations to revise the export control laws of the three member countries to implement the AUKUS partnership." The motion was agreed to by a vote of 393-4. [H.R. 1093, [Vote #144](#), 3/22/23; CQ, [3/22/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For Applauding Humanitarian Aid To Turkey And Syria Following The February 6, 2023 Earthquakes And Condemning The Assad Regime's Exploitation Of The Disaster. In February 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Wilson, R-S.C., motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution that would state that the House of Representatives mourns the loss of life caused by the Feb. 6, 2023, earthquake in Turkey and Syria and applauds the humanitarian assistance provided by workers on the ground, including teams led by the U.S. Agency for International Development, the U.S. Armed Forces and the Syrian Civil Defence, known as the White Helmets. The resolution would condemn efforts by the Assad regime in Syria to 'cynically exploit' the disaster to 'evade

international pressure and accountability,' including by blocking U.N. assistance to Syria through multiple Syria-Turkey border crossings, and call on the Biden administration to use all diplomatic tools to open such border crossings for U.N. assistance. It would also call for increased oversight to ensure U.S. assistance is not diverted to benefit the Assad regime and for continued implementation of the 2019 law establishing human rights-related sanctions against the Syrian government." The motion was agreed to by a vote of 414-2. [H.Res. 132, [Vote #120](#), 2/27/22; CQ, [2/27/22](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For Condemning The Chinese Communist Party's Use Of A Surveillance Balloon Over The United States. In February 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "McCaul, R-Texas, motion to suspend the rules and pass the resolution that would state that the House of Representatives condemns China's use, in February 2023, of a high-altitude balloon to conduct surveillance over United States territory and its 'efforts to deceive the international community ... about its intelligence collection campaigns.' It would state that the Feb. 2 incident was a 'brazen violation of United States sovereignty' and that it should be U.S. policy to take prompt action to prevent foreign aerial surveillance platforms from violating U.S. sovereignty. It would further request that the Biden administration provide comprehensive briefings to Congress on the issue, including on prior instances of China violating U.S. airspace; the timeline of events from the first detection of the balloon to its shootdown; surveillance data the balloon may have collected or transmitted; options identified to respond to the balloon and timing of recommendations made by the military regarding the options; diplomatic communications with China regarding the incident; and the administration's plans to combat future intelligence collection activities by China and other adversaries in the national airspace system." The motion was agreed to by a vote of 419-0. [H.Res. 104, [Vote #117](#), 2/9/23; CQ, [2/9/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For Removing Rep. Ilhan Omar From The House Foreign Affairs Committee. In February 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Agreeing to the resolution that would remove Rep. Omar, D-Minn., from the House Foreign Affairs Committee. It would describe Omar's 2019 comments regarding the political influence of pro-Israel lobbying groups and subsequent comments regarding Israel and 9/11, including her comparison of 'atrocities' committed by the U.S. and Israel to those committed by Hamas and the Taliban. It would state that Omar 'has disqualified herself from serving on the Committee' and that her comments 'have brought dishonor to the House of Representatives.'" The bill passed by a vote of 218-211. [H. Res. 76, [Vote #105](#), 2/2/23; CQ, [2/2/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For Considering Denouncing Socialism And "Socialist Policies" And Removing Rep. Omar From The House Foreign Affairs Committee. In January 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Adoption of the rule that would provide for floor consideration of a resolution (H Con Res 9) that would denounce socialism and 'socialist policies' and a resolution (H Res 76) that would remove Rep. Omar, D-Minn., from the House Foreign Affairs Committee. The rule would provide for up to one hour of general debate on each measure." The rule was adopted by a vote of 218-209. [H.Res. 83, [Vote #102](#), 2/1/23; CQ, [2/1/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For Condemning Iran's Suppression Of Human Rights And Government Censorship Protesters. In January 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Tenney, R-N.Y., motion to suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution, as amended, that would state that Congress condemns the beating and death of Mahsa Amini by Iranian police due to her 'improper' wearing of a hijab and condemns Iran's violent suppression of individuals participating in demonstrations in response to Amini's death. It would also state that Congress supports Iranians protesting to defend their human rights, supports internet freedom programs to circumvent government censorship, and welcomes international efforts to support protestors in Iran." The motion was agreed to by a vote of 420-1. [H.Con.Res. 7, [Vote #36](#), 1/25/23; CQ, [1/25/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For Prohibiting The Sale Of Products From The Strategic Petroleum Reserve To An Entity Controlled Or Influence By The Chinese Communist Party. In January 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Passage of the bill that would prohibit the Energy Department from drawing down and selling petroleum products from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve to any entity under the control or influence of the Chinese Communist Party, unless the products will not be exported to China." The bill passed by a vote of 331-97. [H.R. 22, [Vote #31](#), 1/12/22; CQ, [1/12/22](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For Establishing A House Select Committee On The Strategic Competition Between The United States And The Chinese Communist Party. In January 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Agreeing to the resolution that would establish a House Select Committee on the Strategic Competition Between the United States and the Chinese Communist Party to investigate and make policy recommendations on 'the status of the Chinese Communist Party's economic, technological, and security progress and its competition with the United States.' Among other provisions, the resolution would specify that the committee would be composed of 16 members, including seven from the minority party, and that it would not have any legislative jurisdiction. It would require the committee to submit reports on its investigations to the House no later than Dec. 31, 2024, and submit policy recommendations to relevant House standing committees no later than Dec. 31, 2023, or within 30 days of the committee adopting a legislative proposal." The bill passed by a vote of 365-65. [H. Res. 11, [Vote #26](#), 1/10/23; CQ, [1/10/23](#)]

Gun Issues

D'Esposito Voted For Allowing Federal Funds To Be Used For Activities In Schools That Use Dangerous Weapons, Such As Archery, Hunting, Shooting Sports, And Culinary Arts. In September 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Grothman, R-Wis., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would allow federal funds appropriated for elementary and secondary education to be used for educational instruction or extracurricular activities that involve the use of a dangerous weapon, such as archery, hunting, other shooting sports or culinary arts." The bill passed by a vote of 424-1. [H.R. 5110, [Vote #407](#), 9/26/23; CQ, [9/26/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For Providing Floor Consideration For FY 2024 Defense Appropriations, Promoting Liquefied Natural Gas, And Condemning New Mexico's Governor's Gun Legislation. In September 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Cole, R-Okla., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment) on the rule (H Res 712) that would provide for floor consideration of the Department of Defense Appropriations Act (HR 4365), the Unlocking our Domestic LNG Potential Act (HR 1130) and a resolution condemning the actions of Governor of New Mexico, Michelle Lujan Grisham (H Res 684). The rule would provide for up to one hour of general debate on each bill. It would make in order floor consideration of 184 amendments to HR 4365 and two amendments to HR 1130. The motion was rejected by a vote of 212-216. [H. Res. 712, [Vote #403](#), 9/21/23; CQ, [9/21/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Voted For Blocking Consideration For FY 2024 Defense Appropriations, Promoting Liquefied Natural Gas, And Condemning New Mexico's Governor's Gun Legislation.** In September 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Cole, R-Okla., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment). According to the Congressional Record, Rep. Cole said, "The right thing today is to move ahead and pass this rule, get onto a debate about what we think are important issues. Defending the country is certainly an important issue. Securing our energy future is important, and dealing with constitutional rights, and we will continue to discuss and work on these other matters. I will agree with my friend. I am not for shutting down the government. I hope we don't get there, and I always worry about that as we approach these kind of deadlines. Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time, and I move the previous question on the resolution." *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the resolution.* The motion was agreed to by a vote of 216-202. [H. Res. 712, [Vote #402](#), 9/21/23; CQ, [9/21/23](#), Congressional Record, [9/21/23](#)]

D'Esposito Did Not Vote On Congressional Disapproval Of A Rule Subjecting Firearms To Higher Regulations. In June 2023, D'Esposito did not vote on: "Passage of the joint resolution that would provide for congressional disapproval of the January 2023 Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives rule that expands the definition of a 'short-barreled rifle' to include a pistol equipped with a stabilizing brace attachment. The rule also subjects such firearms to heightened regulations under the National Firearms Act, including taxation, identification and registration requirements, and as of May 31, 2023 required owners to register, modify or destroy such firearms. Under the provisions of the joint resolution, the ATF rule would have no force or effect." The resolution passed by a vote of 219-210. [H.J. Res. 44, [Vote #252](#), 6/13/23; CQ, [6/13/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Did Not Vote On Considering The Regulations From The Executive In Need Of Scrutiny (REINS) Act, The Separation Of Powers Restoration (SOPRA) Act, The Gas Stove Protection And Freedom Act, The Save Our Gas Stoves Act, And The Joint Resolution (H J Res 44) Providing For Congressional Disapproval Of A Bureau Of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, And Explosives Rule Relating To Firearm Stabilizing Braces.** In June 2023, D'Esposito did not vote on: “Adoption of the rule (H.Res. 495) that would provide for floor consideration of the Regulations from the Executive in Need of Scrutiny (REINS) Act (HR 277); the Separation of Powers Restoration (SOPRA) Act (HR 288); the Gas Stove Protection and Freedom Act (HR 1615); the Save Our Gas Stoves Act (HR 1640); and the joint resolution (H J Res 44) providing for congressional disapproval of a Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives rule relating to firearm stabilizing braces. The rule would provide for up to one hour of general debate on each measure. It would make in order floor consideration of 15 amendments to HR 277, one amendment to HR 288, two amendments to HR 1615 and three amendments to HR 1640.” The rule passed by a vote of 218-209. [H.Res. 495, [Vote #250](#), 6/13/23; CQ, [6/13/23](#)]

Health Care Issues

D'Esposito Voted For Providing Health Care, Job Training, And Other Benefits To Children Of Vietnam Veterans Who Have Spina Bifida Or Other Birth Defects. In September 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Bost, R-Ill., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would require the Veterans Affairs Department to provide health care, job training and monetary benefits to children of Vietnam veterans who have spina bifida or other birth defects. The bill would require the VA to establish an advisory council on health care and benefits for such children and require the VA to establish care and coordination teams to conduct outreach, at least every 180 days, to ensure the continued care of such children. It would also require the VA to provide to Congress a list of conditions that will trigger outreach to covered children and to attempt to contact such children as soon as practicable after identification of a condition.” The motion passed by a vote of 422-0. [S. 112, [Vote #399](#), 9/19/23; CQ, [9/19/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For The Passage Of The Bill Allowing Employers More Flexibility In Deciding What Type Of Healthcare To Provide Employees. In June 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would create additional flexibilities for employers providing health insurance. The bill would allow groups of employers to establish and maintain group health plans for employees. It would require such groups to provide coverage to at least 51 employees and to have been in existence for at least two years prior to establishing the health plan. It would allow self-employed individuals to establish a group for the purpose of maintaining a group health plan. The bill would also allow employer-financed health reimbursement arrangements (HRA) to be used by employees to purchase insurance plans on state exchanges. It would also deem such HRAs compliant with requirements under current law for employers to provide health insurance coverage. To be eligible, it would require employers to offer the same HRA plan to all employees of a certain class, as defined by the bill, including full- and part-time employees, employees under the same collective bargaining agreement, and non-resident alien employees. It would also require employers to give eligible employees 90 days' written notice prior to the beginning of the plan year of their rights and obligations. Among other provisions, the bill would rescind \$245 million in fiscal 2024 from the Health and Human Services Department's Prevention and Public Health Fund, specify that stop-loss policies obtained by a self-insured group health plan or plan sponsor do not qualify as health insurance coverage under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act, and require the Treasury Department, within one year of enactment, to notify employers of the availability of tax-advantaged flexible health insurance benefits, with an initial focus on small businesses. HR 3799 also contains the text of the Small Business Flexibility Act (HR 3798), the Association Health Plans Act (HR 2868) and the Self-Insurance Protection Act (HR 2813).” The bill passed 220 to 209. [H.R. 3799, [Vote #282](#), 6/21/23; CQ, [6/21/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Delay Implementing Providing Health Care Flexibilities To Avoid Higher Premium Rates For Older Workers.** In June 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Hayes, D-Conn., amendment no. 1 that would delay the effective date of the bill's provisions until the Labor Department certifies that they would not result in higher premium rates for older workers.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 211-220. [H.R. 3799, [Vote #278](#), 6/21/23; CQ, [6/21/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Delay Implementing Providing Health Care Flexibilities To Ensure Health Insurance Notifications In Rural Areas** In June 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Molinaro, R-N.Y. , amendment no. 2 that would require the Labor Department to focus on notifying small business employers in rural areas of the availability of tax-advantaged flexible health insurance benefits.” The amendment was agreed to by a vote of 281-151. [H.R. 3799, [Vote #279](#), 6/21/23; CQ, [6/21/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Delay Implementing Providing Health Care Flexibilities To Ensure Express Support For Healthcare Freedom.** In June 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Roy, R-Texas, amendment no. 3 that would express the sense of Congress that the ‘future of healthcare lies in healthcare freedom, not in socialized medicine’ and that expanding direct access to health care should be prioritized over expanding access to coverage.” The amendment was agreed to by a vote of 228-206 [H.R. 3799, [Vote #280](#), 6/21/23; CQ, [6/21/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against A Motion To Recommit HR 3799, Custom Health Option And Individual Care Expense (CHOICE) Arrangement Act.** In February 2021, D'Esposito voted against: “Doggett, D-Texas, motion to recommit the bill to the House Ways and Means Committee.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 209-220. [H.R. 3799, [Vote #281](#), 6/21/23; CQ, [6/21/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For The Passage Of A Rule That Would Provide For Floor Consideration Of The Middle Class Borrower Protection Act, The Custom Health Option And Individual Care Expense (CHOICE) Arrangement Act, And The Resolution Condemning The Use Of School Facilities To Provide Shelter For Illegal Aliens.** In June 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H.Res. 524) that would provide for floor consideration of the Middle Class Borrower Protection Act (HR 3564), the Custom Health Option and Individual Care Expense (CHOICE) Arrangement Act (HR 3799) and the resolution (H.Res. 461) condemning the use of school facilities to provide shelter for illegal aliens. The rule would provide for up to 80 minutes of general debate on HR 3799 and one hour of general debate on HR 3564 and H.Res. 461. It would make in order four amendments to HR 3564 and three amendments to HR 3799. It would provide for automatic adoption of the Davidson, R-Ohio, manager's amendment to HR 3564 that would extend, from Oct. 1, 2032 to Oct. 1, 2033, Federal Housing Finance Agency enterprise guarantee fees. It would also provide for automatic adoption of the Smith, R-Mo., manager's amendment to HR 3799 that would reduce, from \$1.3 billion to \$1.1 billion, the amount authorized in fiscal 2024 for the Health and Human Services Department Prevention and Public Health Fund.” The rule passed 215 to 211. [H.Res. 524, [Vote #275](#) , 6/21/23; CQ, [6/21/23](#)]

House Administration & Adjournment Votes

D'Esposito Voted For Authorizing The Use Of The Capitol Visitor Center Emancipation Hall For A Holocaust Remembrance Day Ceremony. In March 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Steil, R-Wisc., motion to suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution that would authorize the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center on April 20, 2023, for a ceremony as part of the commemoration of the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 405-0. [H.Con.Res. 25, [Vote #162](#), 3/24/23; CQ, [3/24/23](#)]

Committee Removal

D'Esposito Voted For Considering Denouncing Socialism And “Socialist Policies” And Removing Rep. Omar From The House Foreign Affairs Committee. In January 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Adoption of the rule that would provide for floor consideration of a resolution (H Con Res 9) that would denounce socialism and ‘socialist policies’ and a resolution (H Res 76) that would remove Rep. Omar, D-Minn., from the House Foreign

Affairs Committee. The rule would provide for up to one hour of general debate on each measure.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 218-209. [H.Res. 83, [Vote #102](#), 2/1/23; CQ, [2/1/23](#)]

Adjournment

D'Esposito Voted Against A Motion To Adjourn. In September 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Clark, D-Mass., motion to adjourn.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 0-427. [[Vote #512](#), 9/30/23; CQ, [9/30/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted 4 Times To Postpone Voting For The Speaker Of The House

D'Esposito Voted For A Motion To Adjourn, Postponing A Vote To Elect The Speaker Of The House. In January 2023, D'Esposito voted for: electing Kevin McCarthy as Speaker of the House. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 216-214. [Adjourn, [Vote #8](#), 1/4/23; CQ, 1/4/23]

D'Esposito Voted For A Motion To Adjourn, Postponing A Vote To Elect The Speaker Of The House. In January 2023, D'Esposito voted for: electing Kevin McCarthy as Speaker of the House. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 219-213. [Adjourn, [Vote #14](#), 1/5/23; CQ, 1/5/23]

D'Esposito Voted For A Motion To Adjourn, Postponing A Vote To Elect The Speaker Of The House. In January 2023, D'Esposito voted for: electing Kevin McCarthy as Speaker of the House. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 220-212. [Adjourn, [Vote #17](#), 1/6/23; CQ, 1/6/23]

D'Esposito Voted Against A Motion To Adjourn, Postponing A Vote To Elect The Speaker Of The House. In January 2023, D'Esposito voted against: electing Kevin McCarthy as Speaker of the House. The motion was rejected by a vote of 155-279. [Adjourn, [Vote #19](#), 1/6/23; CQ, 1/6/23]

House Rules

D'Esposito Voted Against A Motion To Commit The Rules Package For The 118th Congress To A Select Committee Of The Majority And Minority Leaders. In January 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Delauro, D-Conn., motion to commit the rules package to a select committee composed of the majority and minority leaders.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 210-220. [H.Res. 5, [Vote #22](#), 1/9/23; CQ, [1/9/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For The Rules Package For The 118th Congress. In January 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 5) that would establish the rules of the House for the 118th Congress. Among other provisions, the resolution would restore rules allowing any member to make a privileged motion to vacate the speakership, thus prompting a simple-majority vote on removal of the speaker; create a point of order against any rule waiving the House germaneness rule for amendments; require all legislation to be introduced with a statement specifying the single subject it is intended to address; allow the speaker to reduce vote times to two minutes per vote after the first vote in a series; and maintain rules requiring measures to be posted publicly at least 72 hours prior to their consideration. It would reinstate or modify a range of budget rules, including to replace ‘pay-as-you-go’ rules with ‘cut-as-you-go’ rules to make it out of order to consider bills that have the net impact of increasing mandatory spending over a five- or ten-year period; repeal the so-called ‘Gephardt rule’ providing for an automatic debt limit increase when both chambers have acted on an annual budget resolution; prohibit consideration of budget reconciliation directives that would increase net spending under the covered period; require a three-fifths majority vote to approve measures that would increase federal income tax rates; and require Congressional Budget Office and Joint Committee on Taxation estimates for major legislation to include macroeconomic variables. For appropriations bills, it would add a point of order against amendments proposing a net increase to the bill’s budget authority; provide for amendments that transfer funding in the bill to a deficit reduction account; and allow amendments that reduce the number or salaries of federal employees. Among provisions related to House committees, the resolution would establish an Oversight Committee subcommittee to investigate the origins of and government’s response to the coronavirus pandemic, including federal funding of gain-of-function research with

respect to virus origins; the effectiveness and accountability of federal funding and laws to address the pandemic; the impacts of school closures; and implementation of vaccination policies for federal workers and servicemembers. It would require each standing committee to adopt an authorization and oversight plan for programs and agencies under its jurisdiction. It would rename the Oversight and Reform Committee as the Oversight and Accountability Committee and rename the Education and Labor Committee as the Education and Workforce Committee. It would require the Office of Congressional Ethics to adopt rules to create a process to receive complaints from the public and empanel an investigative subcommittee within 30 days of criminal charges against or indictment of a member. It would set a term limit of eight years for OCE board members and require the office to make staffing decisions within 30 days. It would also revoke collective bargaining rights for employees of the House of Representatives. It would continue orders from the 117th Congress related to anti-harassment and anti-discrimination policies in House offices. Finally, the rules package would provide for House floor consideration of 12 measures, including measures to address Republican priorities on energy, immigration and abortion.” The resolution passed by a vote of 220-213. [H. Res. 5, [Vote #23](#), 1/9/23; CQ, [1/9/23](#)]

House Speaker

October 2023 House Speaker Election

D'Esposito Voted For Electing Mike Johnson As Speaker Of The House On The Fourth Ballot. In October 2023, D'Esposito voted for: electing Mike Johnson as Speaker of the House. The vote results were: Johnson-220, Jeffries-209. [Election of the Speaker, [Vote #527](#), 10/25/23; CQ, [10/25/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted Against Electing Jim Jordan As Speaker Of The House On The Third Ballot. In October 2023, D'Esposito voted against: electing Jim Jordan as Speaker of the House. The vote results were: Jordan-194, Jeffries-210, Scalise-8, McHenry-6, Zeldin-4, Donalds-2, McCarthy-2, Garcia (Mike)-1, Emmer-1, and Westerman-1. [Election of the Speaker, [Vote #525](#), 10/20/23; CQ, [10/20/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted Against Electing Jim Jordan As Speaker Of The House On The Second Ballot. In October 2023, D'Esposito voted against: electing Jim Jordan as Speaker of the House. The vote results were: Jordan-199, Jeffries-212, Scalise-7, McCarthy-5, Zeldin-3, Donalds-1, Emmer-1, Garcia (Mike)-1, Boehner-1, Granger-1, Westerman-1, and Miller (Candice) -1. [Election of the Speaker, [Vote #523](#), 10/18/23; CQ, [10/18/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted Against Electing Jim Jordan As Speaker Of The House On The First Ballot. In October 2023, D'Esposito voted against: electing Jim Jordan as Speaker of the House. The vote results were: Jordan-200, Jeffries-212, Scalise-7, McCarthy-6, Zeldin-3, Garcia (Mike)-1, Emmer-1, Cole-1, and Massie-1. [Election of the Speaker, [Vote #521](#), 10/17/23; CQ, [10/17/23](#)]

October 2023 Votes To Remove Kevin McCarthy

D'Esposito Voted Against Removing Kevin McCarthy As Speaker Of The House And Declaring The Office Vacant. In October 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Agreeing to the resolution that would declare the office of the Speaker of the House vacant.” The resolution was passed by a vote of 216-210. [H Res 757, [Vote #519](#), 10/3/23; CQ, [10/3/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For A Motion To Table Removing Kevin McCarthy As Speaker Of The House. In October 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Cole, R-Okla., motion to table the Gaetz, R-Fla., resolution.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 208-218. [H.Res 757, [Vote #518](#), 10/3/23; CQ, [10/3/23](#)]

January 2023 House Speaker Election

January 2023: D'Esposito Voted 15 Times To Elect Kevin McCarthy As Speaker Of The House

D'Esposito Voted For Electing Kevin McCarthy As Speaker Of The House On The First Vote. In January 2023, D'Esposito voted for: electing Kevin McCarthy as Speaker of the House. The vote results were: McCarthy-203, Jeffries-212 votes, Biggs-10, Jordan-6, Banks-1, Zeldin-1, and Donalds-1. [Election of the Speaker, [Vote #2](#), 1/4/23; CQ, 1/4/23]

D'Esposito Voted For Electing Kevin McCarthy As Speaker Of The House On The Second Vote. In January 2023, D'Esposito voted for: Kevin McCarthy as Speaker of the House. The vote results were: McCarthy-203, Jeffries-212, and Jordan-19. [Election of the Speaker, [Vote #3](#), 1/4/23; CQ, 1/4/23]

D'Esposito Voted For Electing Kevin McCarthy As Speaker Of The House On The Third Vote. In January 2023, D'Esposito voted for: electing Kevin McCarthy as Speaker of the House. The vote results were: McCarthy-202, Jeffries-212, and Jordan-20. [Election of the Speaker, [Vote #4](#), 1/4/23; CQ, 1/4/23]

D'Esposito Voted For Electing Kevin McCarthy As Speaker Of The House On The Fourth Vote. In January 2023, D'Esposito voted for: electing Kevin McCarthy as Speaker of the House. The vote results were: McCarthy-201, Jeffries-212, and Donalds-20 with one member voting present. [Election of the Speaker, [Vote #5](#), 1/4/23; CQ, 1/4/23]

D'Esposito Voted For Electing Kevin McCarthy As Speaker Of The House On The Fifth Vote. In January 2023, D'Esposito voted for: electing Kevin McCarthy as Speaker of the House. The vote results were: McCarthy-201, Jeffries-212, and Donalds-20 with one member voting present. [Election of the Speaker, [Vote #6](#), 1/4/23; CQ, 1/4/23]

D'Esposito Voted For Electing Kevin McCarthy As Speaker Of The House On The Sixth Vote. In January 2023, D'Esposito voted for: electing Kevin McCarthy as Speaker of the House. The vote results were: McCarthy-201, Jeffries-212, and Donalds-20 with one member voting present. [Election of the Speaker, [Vote #7](#), 1/4/23; CQ, 1/4/23]

D'Esposito Voted For Electing Kevin McCarthy As Speaker Of The House On The Seventh Vote. In January 2023, D'Esposito voted for: electing Kevin McCarthy as Speaker of the House. The vote results were: McCarthy-201, Jeffries-212, Donalds-19, and Trump-1 with one member voting present. [Election of the Speaker, [Vote #9](#), 1/5/23; CQ, 1/5/23]

D'Esposito Voted For Electing Kevin McCarthy As Speaker Of The House On The Eighth Vote. In January 2023, D'Esposito voted for: electing Kevin McCarthy as Speaker of the House. The vote results were: McCarthy-201, Jeffries-212, Donalds-17, Hern-2, and Trump-1 with one member voting present. [Election of the Speaker, [Vote #10](#), 1/5/23; CQ, 1/5/23]

D'Esposito Voted For Electing Kevin McCarthy As Speaker Of The House On The Ninth Vote. In January 2023, D'Esposito voted for: electing Kevin McCarthy as Speaker of the House. The vote results were: McCarthy-200, Jeffries-212, Donalds-17, and Hern-3 with one member voting present and one member not voting. [Election of the Speaker, [Vote #11](#), 1/5/23; CQ, 1/5/23]

D'Esposito Voted For Electing Kevin McCarthy As Speaker Of The House On The Tenth Vote. In January 2023, D'Esposito voted for: electing Kevin McCarthy as Speaker of the House. The vote results were: McCarthy-200, Jeffries-212, Donalds-13, and Hern-7 with one member voting present and one member not voting. [Election of the Speaker, [Vote #12](#), 1/5/23; CQ, 1/5/23]

D'Esposito Voted For Electing Kevin McCarthy As Speaker Of The House On The Eleventh Vote. In January 2023, D'Esposito voted for: electing Kevin McCarthy as Speaker of the House. The vote results were: McCarthy-200, Jeffries-212, Donalds-12, Hern-7, and Trump-1 with one member voting present and one member not voting. [Election of the Speaker, [Vote #13](#), 1/5/23; CQ, 1/5/23]

D'Esposito Voted For Electing Kevin McCarthy As Speaker Of The House On The Twelfth Vote. In January 2023, D'Esposito voted for: electing Kevin McCarthy as Speaker of the House. The vote results were: McCarthy-213, Jeffries-211, Jordan-4, and Hern-3 with three members not voting. [Election of the Speaker, [Vote #15](#), 1/6/23; CQ, 1/6/23]

D'Esposito Voted For Electing Kevin McCarthy As Speaker Of The House On The Thirteenth Vote. In January 2023, D'Esposito voted for: electing Kevin McCarthy as Speaker of the House. The vote results were: McCarthy-214, Jeffries-212, and Jordan-6 with two members not voting. [Election of the Speaker, [Vote #16](#), 1/6/23; CQ, 1/6/23]

D'Esposito Voted For Electing Kevin McCarthy As Speaker Of The House On The Fourteenth Vote. In January 2023, D'Esposito voted for: electing Kevin McCarthy as Speaker of the House. The vote results were: McCarthy-216, Jeffries-212, Jordan-2, and Biggs-2 with two members voting present. [Election of the Speaker, [Vote #18](#), 1/6/23; CQ, 1/6/23]

D'Esposito Voted For Electing Kevin McCarthy As Speaker Of The House On The Fifteenth And Final Vote. In January 2023, D'Esposito voted for: electing Kevin McCarthy as Speaker of the House. The vote results were: McCarthy-216 and Jeffries-212 with six members voting present. [Election of the Speaker, [Vote #20](#), 1/7/23; CQ, 1/7/23]

Immigration & Border Issues

D'Esposito Voted For Prohibiting Schools From Providing Shelter To Undocumented Immigrants. In July 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Passage of the bill, as amended, that would prohibit elementary and secondary schools and higher education institutions that receive federal financial assistance from providing shelter or housing to undocumented immigrants." The bill passed by a vote of 222-201. [H.R. 3941, [Vote #340](#), 7/19/23; CQ, [7/19/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Voted Against A Motion To Recommit The Schools Not Shelters Act To The House Education And Workforce Committee.** In July 2023 D'Esposito voted against: "Vasquez, D-N.M., motion to recommit the Schools Not Shelters Act (HR 3941) to House Education and Workforce Committee." The motion was rejected by a vote of 200-212. [H.R. 3941, [Vote #339](#), 7/19/23; CQ, [7/19/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For A Resolution To Provide Floor Consideration Of 104 Amendments To The Federal Aviation Administration Re-Authorization, As Well As Consideration For A Bill Prohibiting Schools From Providing Shelter For Undocumented Immigrants.** In July 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Adoption of the rule (H Res 597) that would provide for floor consideration of the Schools Not Shelters Act (HR 3941) and the Securing Growth and Robust Leadership in American Aviation Act (HR 3935). The rule would provide for one hour of general debate on each bill and make in order 104 amendments to HR 3935, which may be offered en bloc, and one amendment to HR 3941." The resolution was agreed to by a vote of 213-206. [H. Res. 597, [Vote #332](#), 7/18/23; CQ, [7/18/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Not Consider Including Honorably Discharged Veterans In The Military Parole In Place Law, Which Allows Family Of Foreign Nationals Serving In The US Military To Stay In The US. In July 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Cole, R-Okla., amendment no. 1 to the rule that would specify it would not be in order to consider the Correa, D-Calif., amendment no. 60 to the Fiscal 2024 Defense Authorization Act (HR 2670). The Correa amendment would amend current military parole in place law that allows family of foreign nationals serving in the military who came to the U.S. without authorization to stay in the country, to also include honorably discharged veterans." The amendment was adopted 218 to 207. [H.Res. 582, [Vote #293](#), 7/12/23; CQ, [7/12/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For The Passage Of The Resolution To Condemn The Use Of School Facilities That Provide Shelter For Illegal Immigrants. In June 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Agreeing to the resolution that

would state that the House of Representatives condemns the use of public elementary or secondary school facilities to provide shelter for undocumented aliens who have not been admitted to the United States." The resolution passed 223 to 201. [H.Res. 461, [Vote #286](#), 6/22/23; CQ, [6/22/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Voted For The Passage Of A Rule That Would Provide For Floor Consideration Of The Middle Class Borrower Protection Act, The Custom Health Option And Individual Care Expense (CHOICE) Arrangement Act, And The Resolution Condemning The Use Of School Facilities To Provide Shelter For Illegal Aliens.** In June 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Adoption of the rule (H.Res. 524) that would provide for floor consideration of the Middle Class Borrower Protection Act (HR 3564), the Custom Health Option and Individual Care Expense (CHOICE) Arrangement Act (HR 3799) and the resolution (H.Res. 461) condemning the use of school facilities to provide shelter for illegal aliens. The rule would provide for up to 80 minutes of general debate on HR 3799 and one hour of general debate on HR 3564 and H.Res. 461. It would make in order four amendments to HR 3564 and three amendments to HR 3799. It would provide for automatic adoption of the Davidson, R-Ohio, manager's amendment to HR 3564 that would extend, from Oct. 1, 2032 to Oct. 1, 2033, Federal Housing Finance Agency enterprise guarantee fees. It would also provide for automatic adoption of the Smith, R-Mo., manager's amendment to HR 3799 that would reduce, from \$1.3 billion to \$1.1 billion, the amount authorized in fiscal 2024 for the Health and Human Services Department Prevention and Public Health Fund." The resolution passed 215 to 211. [H.Res. 524, [Vote #275](#), 6/21/23; CQ, [6/21/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For Requiring Homeland Security To Take Actions To Limit Illegal Immigration And Resuming Construction Of The "Border Wall" At The Southwestern Border. In May 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Passage of the bill, as amended, that would require the Homeland Security Department to take a number of actions to limit illegal immigration into the United States, including by resuming construction of the 'border wall' along the southwestern border, bolstering Customs and Border Protection, reopening border detention facilities, limiting asylum applications and eligibility, and establishing a mandatory employment verification system. To enhance physical border security, the bill would require DHS to resume all previously planned border wall construction on the U.S.-Mexico border. It would require DHS to design, install and operate at least 900 total miles of physical barriers and other infrastructure and technology along the border, until the department achieves 'operational control' of the border, defined under current law as the prevention of all unlawful entries into the country. To bolster operations and capacity of Customs and Border Protection, the bill would require CBP to maintain at least 22,000 full-time agents by Sept. 30, 2025, and authorize up to \$100 million for agent retention bonuses. It would authorize \$110 million annually through fiscal 2028 for new DHS grants to law enforcement agencies in border states to assist with CBP operations. It would authorize funding for CBP to upgrade license plate readers and install cameras, microphones, and surveillance and intrusion detection systems at the northern and southern borders. It would require CBP to issue and regularly update a strategic plan to enhance U.S. border security, including to address security gaps between ports of entry, staffing requirements and information sharing. It would require DHS to ensure that the CBP Air and Marine Operations carries out at least 110,000 flight hours annually and operates unmanned aircraft systems over the southern border 24 hours per day. As amended, the bill would require Congress to commission a report that contains a national strategy to address Mexican drug cartels, including a determination of whether there should be a designation established to address such cartels. Among provisions limiting eligibility for asylum within the United States, the bill would specify that noncitizens are eligible for asylum only if they arrived at an official U.S. port of entry. It would tighten standards for determining whether an individual has a 'credible fear of persecution' and is persecuted as part of a 'social group' or based on a 'political opinion.' It would expand reasons disqualifying individuals from asylum eligibility, including convictions for certain offenses such as using a false ID, domestic violence, child abuse, certain drug possession or trafficking, and repeated or serious driving while intoxicated; traveling through but not seeking asylum in at least one other country party to certain refugee protection treaties; and ability to avoid persecution by relocating to another part of their home country. It would require DHS to return asylum seekers who cannot be detained to a safe third country during their immigration proceedings. Among other immigration enforcement provisions, the bill would require DHS to reopen or restore the use of all Immigration and Customs Enforcement detention facilities that were in operation on Jan. 20, 2021. It would require DHS to detain parents and their children together and return all unaccompanied children to their country of origin. It would limit 'parole' authority allowing noncitizens to

temporarily live and work in the U.S. allowing DHS to grant parole only on a case-by-case individual basis. The bill would require DHS to create a system based on the E-Verify pilot program to verify whether prospective employees are eligible to work in the U.S. and gradually require all employers to begin using the new system over 24 months, with 36-month deadline for agricultural sector employers.” The bill passed by a vote of 219-213. [H.R. 2, [Vote #209](#), 5/11/23; CQ, [5/11/23](#)]

- **The Border Security Bill Tightened Limits On Asylum Seekers, Requiring Them To Apply For U.S. Protection From Outside The Country.** "The package, which Democrats have warned will be blocked in the Senate, would set tight limits on asylum seekers and require them to apply for U.S. protection outside the country. It also would resume construction of a wall along the border and expand federal law enforcement efforts." [Reuters, [5/12/23](#)]
- **The Bill Barred Border Agents From "Processing" Migrants, Preventing Officers From Doing Basic Tasks.** "H.R. 2 — originally designed to be one of the first major pieces of legislation passed under the new Republican majority — was approved with a 219-213 vote, a day after wrangling over relatively minor sections of the bill briefly delayed its advancement. Beyond building the wall, the legislation greatly increases the hiring of border agents and seeks to bar them from doing any 'processing' of migrants, language Democrats said would prevent officers from doing basic tasks." [The Hill, [5/11/23](#)]
- **The Bill Required Homeland Security To Resume Constructing The Border Wall.** "It also would require the homeland security secretary to resume construction of the border wall, a centerpiece of former President Donald Trump's administration." [NBC News, [5/11/23](#)]
- **Leader Jeffries Called The Bill The "Child Deportation Act."** "Congressional Democrats sharply criticized the bill when House Republicans announced it at the end of April, saying it would go beyond the scope of border security and punish all noncitizens, including legal residents, trafficking victims and refugees. Reached for comment before Thursday's vote, the office of House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries, D-N.Y., pointed to his comments at a news conference Wednesday, when he called the bill the 'Child Deportation Act' and characterized it as 'one of the extreme MAGA Republicans' top priorities." [NBC News, [5/11/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Strike A Section Of The Bill Requiring A Homeland Security Report On If Mexican Drug Cartels Can Be Designated As Foreign Terrorist Organizations.** In May 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Roy, R-Texas, amendment no. 1 to the rule including an amendment to HR 2 that would strike a section that would require the Homeland Security Department to submit a report to Congress on whether certain Mexican drug cartels meet the criteria to be designated as foreign terrorist organizations. It would instead require Congress, within 60 days of enactment, to commission a report that contains a national strategy to address Mexican drug cartels; a determination of whether there should be a designation established to address such cartels; and information on actions by such cartels that harm the U.S. It would also express the sense of Congress that, in implementing the E-Verify Program, DHS shall ensure any adverse impact on the nation's agricultural workforce, operations and food security are considered and addressed." The amendment was adopted by a vote of 236-190. [H.Res. 383, [Vote #206](#), 5/10/23; CQ, [5/10/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against A Motion To Recommit The Secure The Border Act To Committee.** In May 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Garcia, D-Texas, motion to recommit the bill to a committee." The motion was rejected by a vote of 211-221. [H.R. 2, [Vote #208](#), 5/11/23; CQ, [5/11/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For Considering The Secure The Border Act And The Protecting Taxpayers And Victims Of Unemployment Fraud Act.** In May 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Adoption of the rule (H.Res. 383), as amended, that would provide for floor consideration of the Secure the Border Act (HR 2) and the Protecting Taxpayers and Victims of Unemployment Fraud Act (HR 1163). The rule would provide for up to five hours of debate on the Secure the Border Act and up to one hour of debate on the Protecting Taxpayers and Victims of Unemployment Fraud Act. It would provide for automatic adoption of a Smith, R-Mo., manager's amendment to HR 1163 that would direct the Treasury Department to use unobligated funds provided by

previous pandemic relief legislation for administration and fraud prevention of unemployment programs to offset any loss in the amount of funds deposited in state unemployment funds as a result of the bill, subject to appropriations. As amended, the rule would also provide for automatic adoption of an amendment to HR 2 that would strike a section requiring the Homeland Security Department to submit a report to Congress on whether certain Mexican drug cartels meet the criteria to be designated as foreign terrorist organizations; instead require Congress to commission a report containing a national strategy to address Mexican drug cartels, including a determination of whether there should be a new designation for such cartels and information on actions by such cartels that harm the U.S.; and express the sense of Congress that, in implementing the E-Verify Program, DHS shall ensure any adverse impact on the U.S. agricultural workforce, operations and food security is considered and addressed." The rule passed by a vote of 215-209. [H.Res. 383, [Vote #207](#), 5/10/23; CQ, [5/10/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For Disapproving The DC Council's Approval Of The Local Resident Voting Rights Amendment Act To All Resident's To Vote In Local Elections, Regardless Of Citizenship. In February 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Passage of the joint resolution that would establish congressional disapproval of, effectively repealing, the November 2022 District of Columbia Council legislation allowing noncitizens, including undocumented immigrants, to vote in local D.C. elections beginning in 2024." The bill passed by a vote of 260-162. [H.J.Res. 24, [Vote #118](#), 2/9/23; CQ, [2/9/23](#)]

- **The DC Council In October 2022 Passed Legislation To Allow Noncitizens To Vote; Versions Of The Legislation Had Been Introduced For Decades But Failed To Pass.** "The D.C. Council on Tuesday sent a pair of bills to Mayor Muriel Bowser that would greatly expand who can vote in local elections and how they cast their ballot. The first bill would allow noncitizens, including undocumented residents, to vote in local elections, meaning D.C. would join a few jurisdictions nationwide (including neighboring Takoma Park). [...] The bill had been floating around the Council for at least a decade, but struggled to move out of committee until this year. A previous version had only let green card-holders vote in local elections. But the judiciary committee, chaired by Ward 6 Councilmember Charles Allen, was compelled to expand voting rights to undocumented immigrants after public testimony." [DCist, [10/18/22](#)]
- **Advocates For The Legislation Argued That Noncitizens Paid Taxes And Are Impacted By Local Policies And Thus Should Be Allowed To Vote.** "D.C. lawmakers say that noncitizens pay taxes and are impacted by local policies, and should thus have a say in the people who make them. (A number of Maryland towns such as Takoma Park and Hyattsville similarly allow noncitizens to vote, albeit only legal permanent residents.)" [DCist, [2/2/23](#)]
- **2018 Polling On Legislation That Would Allow Noncitizens To Vote Found 91% Of Republicans And 54% Of Democrats Opposing The Legislation, 71% Of Respondents Overall Opposed.** "San Francisco's Department of Elections last week made the move to start allowing non-U.S. citizens to vote in the city's school board elections, sparking a national debate. [...] According to the survey, which is a joint project of Hill.TV and the HarrisX polling company, 71 percent of respondents opposed San Francisco's decision, while only 29 percent said they supported the move. Ninety-one percent of Republicans polled said they opposed giving the right to vote to noncitizens, as did 54 percent of Democrats. Seventy percent of independents said they were also in opposition to the decision. When respondents were asked the same question but with the wording changed to include the term 'illegal immigrants' instead of non-U.S. citizens, the results were nearly the same. Sixty-nine percent of Americans said they opposed the measure, while only 31 percent said they supported the measure. When asked the question with the term 'illegal immigrant,' 91 percent of Republicans said they opposed giving them voter rights, while 55 percent of Democrats also said they disagreed with the move. Sixty-five percent of Democrats also said they were against the measure. [...] The poll was conducted July 21–22 among 1,001 registered voters." [The Hill, [7/26/18](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For Requiring The Federal Communications Commission To Issue Rules For People To Apply For Emergency Connectivity Services In Underserved Areas. In April 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Latta, R-Ohio, motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would require the Federal Communications Commission, within 18 months of enactment, to issue rules for persons to apply to receive electromagnetic spectrum access to provide emergency connectivity services, such as wireless emergency alert and enhanced 9-1-1 services, to underserved areas, including newly underserved areas. Among other provisions, it would specify that applicants must demonstrate that they would only use spectrum access for the proposed services, that they could provide the services 'in a rapid manner,' and that the services would be resilient to natural disasters. It would require the FCC to ensure that providers receive consent to access the electromagnetic spectrum from any entity already authorized to use the spectrum, receive timely determinations from such entities, and do not cause any interference to spectrum use by such entities. The bill would also extend liability protections for alert messages and 9-1-1 service to emergency connectivity service providers." The motion was agreed to by a vote of 422-1. [H.R. 1353, [Vote #197](#), 4/26/23; CQ, [4/26/23](#)]

LGBTQ Issues

D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Prohibit The Display Of Unapproved Flags. In July 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Norman, R-S.C., amendment no. 34 that would establish a list of flags the Defense Department is allowed to display in any DOD work place, common access area or public area, including the American flag, a military service flag, and the POW/MIA flag." The amendment was adopted by a vote of 218-213. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #313](#), 7/13/23; CQ, [7/13/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Prohibit Gender Transition Coverage For Military Family Minors. In July 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Norman, R-S.C., amendment no. 20 that would prohibit gender transition procedures through the Exceptional Family Member Program for military minor family members, including surgery or medication." The amendment was adopted by a vote of 222-210. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #302](#), 7/13/23; CQ, [7/13/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Prohibit The Defense Department From Covering Sex Reassignment Surgeries And Gender Hormone Treatments. In July 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Rosendale, R-Mont., amendment no. 10 that would prohibit TRICARE from covering and the Defense Department from furnishing sex reassignment surgeries and gender hormone treatments for transgender individuals." The amendment was adopted by a vote of 222-211. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #301](#), 7/13/23; CQ, [7/13/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For Banning Transgender Women And Girls From Competing On Women's Athletic Teams That Receive Federal Funds. In April 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Passage of the bill, as amended, that would effectively ban transgender women and girls from competing on women's athletic teams that receive federal funds. It would specifically amend existing prohibitions on sex discrimination in federally funded (Title IX) educational programs to also prohibit such programs from allowing persons 'whose sex is male' to participate in athletic programs designed for girls or women. It would specify that, for the purposes of the bill, a sex is 'based solely on a person's reproductive biology and genetics at birth.' The bill would allow Title IX programs to permit males to train or practice with an athletic program designed for girls or women as long as no female is deprived of any benefit of participation, such as a place on a team, scholarship, or the ability to participate in a practice or competition." The bill passed by a vote of 219-203. [H.R. 734, [Vote #192](#), 4/20/23; CQ, [4/20/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Require A Study On The Psychological, Developmental, Participatory, And Sociological Effects Of Permitting Transgender Women In Women's Sports.** In April 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Mace, R-S.C., amendment no. 1 that would require the Government Accountability Office to conduct a study and submit a report to Congress on the psychological, developmental, participatory and sociological effects that permitting trans women to participate in women's and girls' sports has on cis women." The amendment was adopted in the Committee of the Whole by a vote of 216-205. [H.R. 734, [Vote #190](#), 4/20/23; CQ, [4/20/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Voted Against A Motion To Recommit The Ban On Transgender Women And Girls From Competing On Women's Athletic Teams.** In April 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Balint, D-Vt., motion to recommit the bill to the House Education and Workforce Committee.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 204-218. [H.R. 734, [Vote #191](#), 4/20/23; CQ, [4/20/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For Considering Limiting Transgender Women's Participation In School Athletics And Disapproving Of A D.C. Police Reform Law. In April 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 298) that would provide for floor consideration of the bill (HR 734) limiting the participation of transgender women in school athletics and the joint resolution (H J Res 42) disapproving a D.C. policing reform law. The rule would provide for one hour of general debate on each measure. It would make in order floor consideration of two amendments to HR 734.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 217-202. [H.Res. 298, [Vote #186](#), 4/18/23; CQ, [4/18/23](#)]

Military Personnel Issues

D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Prohibit The Defense Department From Paying For Expenses Related To Abortion Services. In July 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Jackson, R-Texas, amendment no. 5 that would repeal a 2022 Defense Department memorandum regarding access to reproductive health care and prohibit the department from paying for or reimbursing expenses relating to abortion services.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 221-213. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #300](#), 7/13/23; CQ, [7/13/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Prohibit The Defense Department From Covering Sex Reassignment Surgeries And Gender Hormone Treatments. In July 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Rosendale, R-Mont., amendment no. 10 that would prohibit TRICARE from covering and the Defense Department from furnishing sex reassignment surgeries and gender hormone treatments for transgender individuals.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 222-211. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #301](#), 7/13/23; CQ, [7/13/23](#)]

Indigenous Peoples Issues

D'Esposito Voted For Placing The Indian Child Abuse Treatment Grant Program Under The Indian Health Service And Establishing Programming To Address Child Abuse In Indigenous Communities. In September 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Collins, R-Ga., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would place the Indian Child Abuse Treatment Grant Program under the jurisdiction of the Indian Health Service within the Health and Human Services Department. It would require the IHS to encourage the use of culturally appropriate treatment methods. The bill would require the IHS, within two years of enactment, to report to Congress on the awarding of grants and what they have been used to fund. The bill would also require HHS, within one year of enactment, to establish the National Indian Child Resource and Family Services Center, including a 12-member advisory board. It would require the board to assist the center in coordinating programs, identifying training and technical assistance materials, and developing intergovernmental agreements relating to family violence, child abuse and child neglect.” The bill passed by a vote of 378-32. [H.R. 663, [Vote #394](#), 9/18/23; CQ, [9/18/23](#)]

Seniors & Retirement Issues

D'Esposito Voted For To Block Consideration For Protecting Social Security And Medicare. In September 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Reschenthaler, R-Pa. motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Congressional Record, Rep. Scanlon said, “Madam Speaker, if we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to provide for consideration of a resolution which clearly states that it is the people’s House’s duty to keep our promise to American workers and seniors to protect and preserve Social Security and Medicare and fight against any cuts to these vital programs.” A vote *for the motion* was a vote to block consideration of the bill. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 218-207. [H.Res. 756, [Vote #516](#), 10/3/23; CQ, [10/3/23](#); Congressional Record, [10/3/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Resolution To Protect Social Security And Medicare. In September 2023 D'Esposito voted for: “Cole, R-Okla., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Congressional Record, Rep. Fernandez said, “I am going to offer my friends, my dear friends, a chance to show the American people that they are serious about preserving Social Security and Medicare. I urge you all to join us in defeating the previous question. If we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to provide for consideration of a resolution which plainly states that the people’s House won’t cut a single cent from these crucial programs that so many of my constituents, so many of your constituents, rely on.” *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the resolution.* The motion was agreed to by a vote of 217-209. [H. Res. 680, [Vote #397](#), 9/19/23; CQ, [9/19/23](#); Congressional Record, [9/19/23](#)]

D'Esposito Did Not Vote On Blocking Consideration Of Protecting And Preserving Social Security And Medicare. In September 2023, D'Esposito did not vote on: “Burgess, R-Texas, motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Congressional Record, Rep. Leger Fernandez said, “Mr. Speaker, if we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to provide for consideration of a resolution which clearly states that it is the people’s House’s duty to keep our promise to American workers and seniors to protect and preserve Social Security and Medicare and fight against any cuts to these vital programs.” *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the bill.* The motion was agreed to by a vote of 214-198. [H.Res. 681, [Vote #388](#), 9/14/23; CQ, [9/14/23](#); Congressional Record, [9/14/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Protecting Social Security And Medicare. In July 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Reschenthaler, R-Pa., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Congressional Record, Rep. Neguse said, “Mr. Speaker, if we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment that we have offered before to the rule to provide for consideration of a resolution which unambiguously states that it is the House’s duty to keep our solemn promise to American workers and seniors to protect and preserve Social Security and Medicare and reject any cuts to these critical programs.” *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the bill.* The motion was agreed to by a vote of 208-191. [H.Res. 614, [Vote #367](#), 7/26/23; CQ, [7/26/23](#); Congressional Record, [7/26/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Resolution To Protect Social Security and Medicare. In July 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Houchin, R-Ind motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Congressional Record, Rep. Scanlon, D-___ said, “Mr. Speaker, if we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to provide for consideration of a resolution which unequivocally states that it is the House’s duty to keep our sacred promise to American workers and seniors to protect and preserve Social Security and Medicare and reject any cuts to those essential programs.” *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the bill.* The motion was agreed to by a vote of 213-207. [H.Res. 597, [Vote #331](#), 7/18/23; CQ, [7/18/23](#); Congressional Record, [7/18/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Resolution Stating It Is The House’s Responsibility To Provide Social Security And Medicaid And To Reject Cuts To The Programs. In June 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Roy, R,Texas., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and the possibility of amendment).” According to the Congressional Record, Rep McGovern said, “Mr. Speaker, I urge that we defeat the previous question, and I will offer an amendment to the rule to provide for consideration of a resolution assuring our constituents that the people’s House will protect and preserve Social Security and Medicare for our future generations and reject any cuts to these essential programs.” *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the resolution.* The motion was agreed to 214-206. [H.Res. 463, [Vote #284](#), 6/22/23; CQ, [6/22/23](#); Congressional Record, [6/22/23](#)]

D'Esposito Did Not Vote On Blocking Consideration Of A Joint Resolution Stating It Is The House’s Responsibility To Provide Social Security And Medicaid And To Reject Cuts To The Programs. In June 2023, D'Esposito did not vote on: “Massie, R, Ky.,, motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and the possibility of amendment).” According to the Congressional Record, Rep McGovern said ““Mr. Speaker, I am going to urge that we defeat the previous question, and if we do, then I will offer an amendment to the rule to

provide for consideration of a resolution which states that it is the House's duty to protect and preserve Social Security and Medicare for our future generations and reject any cuts to these essential programs.” *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the bill.* The motion was agreed to 216-209. [H.Res. 495, [Vote #249](#), 6/13/23; CQ, [6/13/23](#); Congressional Record, [6/13/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Resolution Stating It's The House's Responsibility To Protect And Preserve Social Security And Medicaid And To Reject Cuts To The Programs. In February 2019, D'Esposito voted for: “Massie, R-Ky, motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and the possibility of amendment).” According to the Congressional Record, Rep. Scanlon said “Mr. Speaker, if we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to provide for consideration of a resolution which states that it is the House's responsibility to protect and preserve Social Security and Medicaid for our future generations and reject any cuts to these essential programs.” *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the bill.* The motion was agreed to 215-203. [H. Res. 463, [Vote #247](#), 6/6/23; CQ, [6/6/23](#); Congressional Record, [6/6/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Protecting Social Security And Medicare And Rejecting Cuts To The Programs. In May 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Burgess, R-Texas, motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Congressional Record, Rep. Leger Fernandez said, “Madam Speaker, I point out that if we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to provide for consideration of a resolution, which states that it is the House's responsibility to protect and preserve Social Security and Medicare for future generations and reject any cuts to these essential programs.” *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the bill.* The motion was agreed to by a vote of 219-208. [H.Res. 429, [Vote #230](#), 5/23/23; CQ, [5/23/23](#); Congressional Record, [5/23/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Protecting Social Security And Medicare And Rejecting Cuts To The Programs. In May 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Fischbach, R-Minn, motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Congressional Record, Rep. McGovern said, “Mr. Speaker, I urge that we defeat the previous question. If we do, I will offer an amendment to the rule for consideration of a resolution which states that it is the House's responsibility to protect and preserve Social Security and Medicare for future generations and reject any cuts to these essential programs.” *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the bill.* The motion was agreed to by a vote of 220-209. [H.Res. 398, [Vote #215](#), 5/16/23; CQ, [5/16/23](#); Congressional Record, [5/16/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Protecting Social Security And Medicare And Rejecting Cuts To The Programs. In May 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Roy, R-Texas, motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Congressional Record, Rep. Scanlon said, “Mr. Speaker, if we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to provide for consideration of a resolution which states that it is the House's responsibility to protect and preserve Social Security and Medicare for our future generations and reject any cuts to these essential programs.” *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the bill.* The motion was agreed to by a vote of 215-211. [H.Res.383, [Vote #205](#), 5/10/23; CQ, [5/10/23](#); Congressional Record, [5/10/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Stating Responsibility To Defend And Preserve Social Security And Medicare And Reject Cuts To The Programs. In April 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Cole, R-Okla., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Congressional Record, Rep. McGovern said, “Mr. Speaker, I urge that we defeat the previous question. If we do, then I will offer an amendment to the rule to provide for consideration of a resolution that allows the House to state unequivocally that it is our responsibility to defend and preserve Social Security and Medicare for generations to come and reject any cuts to these vital programs.” *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the bill.* The motion was agreed to by a vote of 218-210. [H. Res. 327, [Vote #195](#), 4/26/23; CQ, [4/26/23](#); Congressional Record, [4/26/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Affirming Commitment To Protect And Strengthen Social Security And Medicare And Reject Cuts To The Programs. In April 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Houchin, R-

Ind., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Congressional Record, Rep. Leger Fernandez said, “Mr. Speaker, if we defeat the previous question, which I hope we do, I will offer an amendment to the rule to provide for consideration of a resolution that affirms the House’s unwavering commitment to protect and strengthen Social Security and Medicare and states that it is the position of the House to reject any cuts to the program.” *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the bill.* The motion was agreed to by a vote of 218-203. [H.Res. 298, [Vote #185](#), 4/18/23; CQ, [4/18/23](#); Congressional Record, [4/18/23](#)]

D’Esposito Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Affirming Commitment To Protect And Strengthen Social Security And Medicare. In March 2023, D’Esposito voted for: “Reschenthaler, R-Pa., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Congressional Record, Rep. McGovern said, “Mr. Speaker, I urge that we defeat the previous question. If we do, I will offer an amendment to the rule to provide for consideration of a resolution that affirms the House’s unwavering commitment to protect and strengthen Social Security and Medicare, and states that it is the position of the House of Representatives to reject any cuts to these programs.” *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the bill.* The motion was agreed to by a vote of 218-203. [H.Res. 260, [Vote #165](#), 3/28/23; CQ, [3/28/23](#); Congressional Record, [3/28/23](#)]

D’Esposito Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Resolution To Defend And Preserve Social Security And Medicare And Reject Cuts To The Programs. In March 2023, D’Esposito voted for: “Houchin, R-Ind., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Congressional Record, Rep. Scanlon said, “Mr. Speaker, if we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to provide for consideration of a resolution that states the House’s unyielding responsibility to defend and preserve Social Security and Medicare for generations to come and to affirm that it is the position of the House to reject any cuts to these vital programs.” *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the bill.* The motion was agreed to by a vote of 219-204. [H.Res. 241, [Vote #146](#), 3/23/23; CQ, [3/23/23](#); Congressional Record, [3/23/23](#)]

D’Esposito Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Affirming Commitment To Protect Social Security And Medicare And To Reject Cuts To The Programs. In March 2023, D’Esposito voted for: “Massie, R-Ky., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Congressional Record, Rep. McGovern said, “Madam Speaker, I urge that we defeat the previous question, and if we do, I will offer an amendment to the rule to provide for consideration of a resolution that affirms the House’s unwavering commitment to protect and strengthen Social Security and Medicare and states that it is the position of the House to reject any cuts in the program.” *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the bill.* The motion was agreed to by a vote of 217-205. [H.Res. 199, [Vote #134](#), 3/8/23; CQ, [3/8/23](#); Congressional Record, [3/8/23](#)]

D’Esposito Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Affirming Commitment To Protect And Strengthen Social Security And Medicare And Reject Cuts To The Programs. In February 2023, D’Esposito voted for: “Burgess, R-Texas, motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Congressional Record, Rep. McGovern said, “Mr. Speaker, if we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to provide for consideration of a resolution that affirms the House’s unwavering commitment to protect and strengthen Social Security and Medicare and states that it is the position of the House to reject any cuts to the programs.” *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the bill.* The motion was agreed to by a vote of 213-201. [H.Res. 166, [Vote #122](#), 2/28/23; CQ, [2/28/23](#); Congressional Record, [2/28/23](#)]

D’Esposito Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Certification That A Bill Won’t Decrease Social Security Benefits Before It Can Take Effect. In February 2023, D’Esposito voted for: “Langworthy, R-N.Y., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Congressional Record, Rep. Scanlon said, “Mr. Speaker, if we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to ensure that H.R. 185 does not take effect unless it is certified that it won’t decrease Social Security benefits.” *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the bill.* The motion was agreed to by a vote of 217-208. [H.Res. 97, [Vote #108](#), 2/7/23; CQ, [2/7/23](#); Congressional Record, [2/7/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Preventing Bills Under Consideration From Decreasing Social Security Benefits. In January 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Reschenthaler, R-Pa., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Congressional Record, Rep. McGovern said, “Mr. Speaker, if we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to this rule to include this important amendment and give every Member on the floor the opportunity to clarify that existing Federal programs like Social Security and Medicare are not under attack by this new Congress.” *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the bill.* The motion was agreed to by a vote of 219-207. [H. Res. 83, [Vote #101](#), 2/1/23; CQ, [2/1/23](#); Congressional Record, [2/1/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For Blocking Consideration Of Preventing Bills Under Consideration From Decreasing Social Security Benefits. In January 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Burgess, R-Texas, motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Congressional Record, Rep. McGovern said, “Madam Speaker, if we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to ensure that none of the bills in this rule take effect unless it is certified that they do not decrease Social Security benefits.” *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the bill.* The motion was agreed to by a vote of 218-209. [H.Res. 75, [Vote #95](#), 1/31/23; CQ, [1/31/23](#); Congressional Record, [1/31/23](#)]

Technology Issues

D'Esposito Voted For A Motion To Suspend The Rules And Pass A Bill To Create Deadlines For The FCC To Process License Applications For Operating In Specific Spectrum Bands And For Grants Of Access To U.S. Markets. In November 2022, D'Esposito voted for: “Latta, R-Ohio, motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would create deadlines for the Federal Communications Commission to process license applications for earth and space stations in a satellite system, for operating in specific spectrum bands, and for grants of access to U.S. markets. Specifically, the bill would set a one-year deadline for a decision on applications involving an orbit satellite, an earth station that connects to a satellite, or a combined application. It would also require the FCC to renew licenses that were previously approved by the commission for a term not to exceed the original term of the license or grant of market access if they meet the renewal requirements. It would allow the FCC to pause the deadlines in cases of "extraordinary circumstances" for renewable 90-day periods.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 250-163. [H.R. 1338, [Vote #365](#), 7/25/23; CQ, [7/25/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For Prohibiting Federal Employees From Using Their Official Authority To Promote Censorship Of Private Entities' Speech On Social Media Platforms. In March 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would prohibit federal employees from using their official authority, whether on or off duty, to influence or promote the censorship of any private entity’s lawful speech on online social media platforms, including if the employee is in any federal workplace, wearing an official uniform or insignia, or using a federal vehicle or federal information technology, such as email. It would state congressional policy that employees acting in their official capacity should not influence or promote such censorship; require all agencies to provide mandatory annual compliance training for employees; direct the Office of Special Counsel to investigate any allegations of censorship activities prohibited by the bill; and establish penalties for employees who violate the bill’s provisions, including disciplinary actions and fines of up to \$1,000, or up to \$50,000 for certain senior officials. It would provide an exception to the prohibition for employees engaging in legitimate law enforcement activities against unlawful speech, provided that the employing agency submits a report to Congress and the Office of Special Counsel at least 72 hours prior to any censorship action detailing the action to be taken and the agency’s legal authority to exercise the law enforcement function; but the reporting requirement would not apply to law enforcement activities relating to combating child exploitation and human or drug trafficking, and reports may be submitted within 72 hours after the action is taken in the case of actions to prevent the dissemination of classified national security information.” The bill passed by a vote of 219-206. [H.R. 140, [Vote #141](#), 3/9/23; CQ, [3/9/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Prohibit Federal Employees From Engaging In Censorship Under The Bill While Engaged In Collective Bargaining.** In March 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Perry, R-Pa., for Foxx, R-N.C., amendment no. 4 that would specifically prohibit federal employees from engaging in censorship under the bill's provisions while the employee is engaged in collective bargaining

activities for which official time is authorized under existing law.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 207-223. [H.R. 140, [Vote #138](#), 3/8/23; CQ, [3/8/23](#)]

- **D’Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Strike Allowing The Remainder Of The Bill To Remain In Effect If Another Provision Of The Bill Is Ruled Unconstitutional.** In March 2023, D’Esposito voted against: “Jackson Lee, D-Texas, amendment no. 6 that would strike a severability clause that would permit the remainder of the bill and the application of its provisions to remain in effect if any other provision, amendment or application of the bill is found unconstitutional.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 209-221. [H.R. 140, [Vote #139](#), 3/8/23; CQ, [3/8/23](#)]
- **D’Esposito Voted Against A Motion To Recommit A Ban On Private Entity Social Media Censorship By Federal Employees To Committee.** In March 2023, D’Esposito voted against: “Landsman, D-Ohio, motion to recommit the bill to the House Oversight and Accountability Committee.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 204-218. [H.R. 140, [Vote #140](#), 3/9/23; CQ, [3/9/23](#)]

D’Esposito Voted For A Report On The Cybersecurity Of Mobile Service Networks And Their Vulnerabilities To Hackers And Foreign Entities. In March 2023, D’Esposito voted for: “Latta, R-Ohio, motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would require the National Telecommunications and Information Administration to submit to Congress, within one year of enactment, a report assessing the cybersecurity of mobile service networks and their vulnerability to cyberattacks and surveillance by unauthorized hackers and foreign entities with a history of conducting adverse activities.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 393-22. [H.R. 1123, [Vote #133](#), 3/7/23; CQ, [3/7/23](#)]

D’Esposito Voted For Requiring Manufacturers To Disclose If There Is A Microphone Or Camera In An Internet-Connected Device, Such As Smart Appliances, Excluding Devices Reasonably Expected To Have A Microphone Or Camera. In February 2023, D’Esposito voted for: “Bilirakis, R-Fla., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would require manufacturers of internet-connected devices, such as smart appliances, to disclose whether a device has a camera or microphone, not including cameras, phones or other devices that a consumer would ‘reasonably expect’ to have a microphone or camera. The bill would establish that violations of the disclosure requirements would be treated as unfair or deceptive acts under existing consumer law and require the Federal Trade Commission, within 180 days of enactment, to issue guidance to help manufacturers comply with the requirements.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 406-12. [H.R. 538, [Vote #121](#), 2/27/22; CQ, [2/27/22](#)]

D’Esposito Voted For Financial Assistance For Higher Education Scholarships And Research Projects To Build The Next Generation Energy-Specific Cybersecurity Workforce. In February 2023, D’Esposito voted for: “Lucas, R-Okla., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would require the Energy Department to support the development of a next-generation energy-specific cybersecurity workforce by providing competitive financial assistance for scholarships and research projects at institutions of higher education for graduate and postdoctoral students and providing them with research traineeship experiences at National Laboratories.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 357-56. [H.R. 302, [Vote #107](#), 1/6/23; CQ, [1/6/23](#)]

Terrorism & Homeland Security Issues

D’Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Require The Defense Department’s Counter-Extremism Working Group To Submit A Report To Congress. In July 2023, D’Esposito voted for: “Hageman, R-Wyo., amendment no. 49 that would require the Defense Department, within 90 days of enactment, to submit to Congress a report containing all documents from the department’s working group to counter extremism.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 218-213. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #318](#), 7/13/23; CQ, [7/13/23](#)]

Trade & Outsourcing Issues

D’Esposito Voted For Establishing Additional Sanctions For Purchasing Iranian Oil. In November 2023,

D'Esposito voted for: “Lawler, R-N.Y., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would require the president, within 90 days of the bill’s enactment, to impose property blocking and visa ineligibility sanctions on foreign persons involved in petroleum trade operations with Iran. It would require the Energy Information Administration to submit a report to Congress, within 120 days of the bill’s enactment and annually thereafter, describing Iran’s growing exports of petroleum and petroleum products. It would require the president to strengthen sanctions on foreign persons involved in petroleum trade operations with Iran, including trade in petrochemicals. The bill’s provisions would be terminated 30 days after the president certifies to Congress that Iran no longer provides support for international terrorism and Iran has ceased the pursuit, acquisition and development of, and verifiably dismantled, its nuclear, biological and chemical weapons, ballistic missiles, and ballistic missile launch technology.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 342-69. [H.R. 3774, [Vote #598](#), 11/3/23; CQ, [11/3/23](#)]

Transportation

D'Esposito Voted For The Passage Of A Bill To Reauthorize The Federal Aviation Administration Through FY2028. In July 2022, D'Esposito voted for: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would reauthorize federal aviation programs through fiscal 2028. The measure would authorize \$12.7 billion in fiscal 2024, and gradually increase that amount to \$14 billion in fiscal 2028, for Federal Aviation Administration operations; \$4 billion annually for airport planning and development; \$3.4 billion in fiscal 2024, and gradually increase that amount to \$3.5 billion in fiscal 2028, for facilities and equipment; and \$255 million in fiscal 2024, and gradually increase that amount to \$279 million in fiscal 2028, for research and development. It also would expand workforce development programs and increase, from 65 to 67, the mandatory retirement age for commercial pilots. It would transfer oversight authority over unmanned aircraft systems from the Transportation Department to the FAA and direct the agency to determine how to integrate UAS operations into the national airspace system. It also would require air carriers to establish food and lodging reimbursement policies for travelers whose flights are canceled, require children to be seated next to their parents at no additional cost, and establish training standards for personnel who assist wheelchair users in boarding a plane or who stow wheelchairs and scooters. As amended, the bill would establish an apprenticeship program to bolster the qualified pilot pipeline, require the Transportation Department to provide more detailed information about the cause of a commercial passenger flight cancellation or delay, and allow an airport or retail fuel seller to sell approved unleaded aviation gasoline, if there is industry consensus for its use.” The bill passed by a vote of 351-69. [H.R. 3935, [Vote #364](#), 7/20/23; CQ, [7/20/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Remove Language Allowing People Applying For An Airline Transport Certificate To Obtain Additional Hours Of The Experience Requirement In A Flight Simulator.** In July 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Langworthy, R-N.Y., amendment no. 10 that would remove language in the bill that would allow a person applying for an airline transport certificate with an airplane category and class rating to obtain up to 150 additional hours of the total aeronautical experience requirement in a full flight simulator.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 243-191. [H.R. 3935, [Vote #341](#), 7/19/23 CQ, [7/19/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Exempt Non-Hub Airports From The Requirement To Have An Emergency Medical Technician During Air Carrier Operations.** In July 2023, D'Esposito voted against: “Feenstra, R-Iowa, amendment no. 27 that would exempt non-hub airports from the requirement to have at least one individual who maintains certification as an emergency medical technician during air carrier operations.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 203-231. [H.R. 3935, [Vote #342](#), 7/19/23 CQ, [7/19/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Require The FAA To Mandate That Commercial Passenger Aircrafts Have Secondary Barriers To Protect Pilots.** In July 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Fitzpatrick, R-Pa., amendment no. 29 that would require the Federal Aviation Administration to implement as a rule the recommendations issued by the aviation rulemaking committee for the installation of a secondary cockpit barrier on commercial passenger aircrafts.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 392-41. [H.R. 3935, [Vote #343](#), 7/19/23 CQ, [7/19/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Prohibit Changes To National Park Air Tour Management Plans.** In July 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Gosar, R-Ariz. amendment no. 33 that would prohibit changes to existing National Park air tour management plans." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 193-236. [H.R. 3935, [Vote #344](#), 7/19/23 CQ, [7/19/23](#)]
 - **The Amendment Would Require The FAA To Consider The Economics Of Commercial Air Tours.** "Gosar #33 – Requires the FAA to factor in the economics of commercial air tours over National Parks when creating National Park air tour management plans, which were intended to mitigate noise and environmental impacts over National Parks." [Democratic Whip, Floor Updates, [7/19/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Require An Investigation Into The FAA's Decision To Increase The Permissible Electrocardiogram (EKG) Range For Pilots To Fly.** In July 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Miller, R-Ill., for Greene, R-Ga., amendment no. 35 that would require the Transportation Department's inspector general to investigate, within 90 days of the bill's enactment, the Federal Aviation Administration's decision to increase the permissible electrocardiogram range for pilots to fly." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 177-258. [H.R. 3935, [Vote #345](#), 7/19/23 CQ, [7/19/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Require That Airlines Rehire Pilots Who Were Fired Due To COVID Vaccine Mandates.** In July 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Miller, R-Ill., for Greene, R-Ga., amendment no. 36 that would require airlines to reinstate pilots who were fired or forced to resign because of COVID-19 vaccine mandates." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 141-294. [H.R. 3935, [Vote #346](#), 7/19/23 CQ, [7/19/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Prioritize Entities That Collaborate With The Defense Department Or National Guard For Grant Funding Under The Advanced Air Mobility Infrastructure Pilot Program.** In July 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Huizenga, R-Mich., amendment no. 44 that would require the Transportation Department, in the process of prioritizing awarding grants under the Advanced Air Mobility Infrastructure Pilot Program, to also prioritize eligible entities that collaborate with the Defense Department or National Guard." The amendment was adopted by a vote of 220-215. [H.R. 3935, [Vote #347](#), 7/19/23 CQ, [7/19/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Require The FAA To Assess Aviation Safety Bulletins From Agencies Outside The FAA.** In July 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Issa, R-Calif., amendment no. 47 that would require the Federal Aviation Administration to make an objective, independent assessment of a Notice to Air Missions request when it comes from an outside agency." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 214-219. [H.R. 3935, [Vote #348](#), 7/19/23 CQ, [7/19/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Restrict Drone Flights Over Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations And Eligible Meat And Food Processing Facilities.** In July 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Jackson, R-Texas, amendment no. 48 that would amend current law to add concentrated animal feeding operations and eligible meat and food processing facilities to the list of facilities that could apply to the Federal Aviation Administration to restrict the operation of drones in close proximity to such facilities." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 211-224. [H.R. 3935, [Vote #349](#), 7/19/23 CQ, [7/19/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Provide More Detailed Information About The Cause Of A Commercial Passenger Flight Cancellation Or Delay.** In July 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Kean, R-N.J., amendment no. 50 that would require the Transportation Department, within 60 days of the bill's enactment, to refine the reporting directives to provide more detailed information about the cause of a commercial passenger flight cancellation or delay." The amendment was adopted by a vote of 240-195. [H.R. 3935, [Vote #350](#), 7/19/23 CQ, [7/19/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Strike Authorization For \$1.5 Billion For The Essential Air Service.** In July 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "McClintock, R-Calif., amendment no. 62 that would strike language that would authorize \$1.5 billion over five years for the Essential Air Service." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 49-386. [H.R. 3935, [Vote #351](#), 7/19/23 CQ, [7/19/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Report The Transportation Secretary's Flight Records For The Last Three Years.** In July 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Miller, R-Ill., amendment no. 64 that would require the Federal Aviation Administration to report to Congress on the Transportation secretary's flight records for the previous three years." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 216-219. [H.R. 3935, [Vote #352](#), 7/19/23 CQ, [7/19/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Restrict Funding For DEI Officials Or Training.** In July 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Miller, R-Ill., amendment no. 65 that would prohibit the use of funds authorized by the bill to hire diversity, equity, and inclusion officials or to conduct DEI training." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 181-254. [H.R. 3935, [Vote #353](#), 7/19/23 CQ, [7/19/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Not Prevent Airports From Selling Approved Unleaded Fuel If There Is Industry Consensus For Its Use.** In July 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Obernolte, R-Calif., amendment no. 68 that would specify that the bill would not prevent an airport or retail fuel seller from selling approved unleaded aviation gasoline, if there is industry consensus for its use." The amendment was adopted by a vote of 229-205. [H.R. 3935, [Vote #354](#), 7/19/23 CQ, [7/19/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Strike Language Requiring The FAA's BEYOND Drone Program To Address Social Factors.** In July 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Ogles, R-Tenn., amendment no. 69 that would strike language to require the Federal Aviation Administration to address the social factors of expanding the FAA Beyond Program." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 191-244. [H.R. 3935, [Vote #355](#), 7/19/23 CQ, [7/19/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Make Turbulence Studies Focus On Weather Conditions Rather Than Climate Change.** In July 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Ogles, R-Tenn., amendment no. 70 that would require the Federal Aviation Administration to include in a study on air turbulence the impacts of weather, rather than climate change." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 206-227. [H.R. 3935, [Vote #356](#), 7/19/23 CQ, [7/19/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Add 7 Roundtrip Flight Slots To Washington National Airport (DCA).** In July 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Owens, R-Utah, amendment no. 71 that would add seven new roundtrip in-and-beyond perimeter slots at Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport split between the seven airlines servicing the airport." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 205-229. [H.R. 3935, [Vote #357](#), 7/19/23 CQ, [7/19/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Strike A Section Requiring The FAA To Consider Broadening Eligibility For The Continuous Lower Energy, Emission And Noise Program.** In July 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Perry, R-Pa., amendment no. 73 that would strike from the bill a section to direct the Federal Aviation Administration to consider expanding and broadening eligibility for the Continuous Lower Energy, Emission and Noise (CLEEN) program." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 127-308. [H.R. 3935, [Vote #358](#), 7/19/23 CQ, [7/19/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Reduce Airport Improvement Program Funding, FAA's Operations Budget, And FAA's Research And Development Budget.** In July 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Perry, R-Pa., amendment no. 74 that would reduce the amount authorized annually through fiscal 2028 for airport planning and development by \$200 million, for Federal Aviation Administration

operations by approximately \$700 million; and for research and development by \$47 million.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 52-381. [H.R. 3935, [Vote #359](#), 7/19/23 CQ, [7/19/23](#)]

- **D’Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Strike Vertiports From The Heliport Definition Under The Airport Improvement Program.** In July 2023, D’Esposito voted against: “Perry, R-Pa., amendment no. 75 that would amend the definition of a heliport, under Airport Improvement Program modifications, to exclude a vertiport.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 45-387. [H.R. 3935, [Vote #360](#), 7/19/23 CQ, [7/19/23](#)]
- **D’Esposito Voted For A Bipartisan Series of En Bloc Amendments to The Federal Aviation Administration Reauthorization.** In July 2023, D’Esposito voted for: “Graves, R-Mo., en bloc amendments no. 4.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 348-57. [H.R. 3935, [Vote #361](#), 7/20/23; CQ, [7/20/23](#)]
- **D’Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To A Bill To Reauthorize the Federal Aviation Administration That Aims To Increase Accountability For Aircraft Registration Numbers.** In July 2023, D’Esposito voted against: “Perry, R-Pa., amendment no. 76 that would strike language from the bill concerning prohibition on N-Number profiteering and accountability for aircraft registration numbers.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 64-329. [H.R. 3935, [Vote #362](#), 7/20/23; CQ, [7/20/23](#)]
- **D’Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To A Bill To Reauthorize the Federal Aviation Administration That Restored Pre-Pandemic Telework Policies To The Agency.** In July 2023, D’Esposito voted against: “Perry, R-Pa., amendment no. 77 that would strike from the bill language to authorize the Federal Aviation Administration to establish telework policies and add a requirement for the FAA, within 30 days of enactment, to reinstate its telework policy in effect as of Dec. 31, 2019.” The amendment was rejected by a vote of 195-226. [H.R. 3935, [Vote #363](#), 7/20/23; CQ, [7/20/23](#)]
- **D’Esposito Voted For A Resolution To Provide Floor Consideration Of 104 Amendments To The Federal Aviation Administration Re-Authorization, As Well As Consideration For A Bill Prohibiting Schools From Providing Shelter For Undocumented Immigrants.** In July 2023, D’Esposito voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 597) that would provide for floor consideration of the Schools Not Shelters Act (HR 3941) and the Securing Growth and Robust Leadership in American Aviation Act (HR 3935). The rule would provide for one hour of general debate on each bill and make in order 104 amendments to HR 3935, which may be offered en bloc, and one amendment to HR 3941.” The resolution was agreed to by a vote of 213-206. [H. Res. 597, [Vote #332](#), 7/18/23; CQ, [7/18/23](#)]

D’Esposito Voted For Establishing A Federal Aviation Administration Task Force To Improve The Notice To Air Missions System For Real-Time Flight Path Information. In January 2023, D’Esposito voted for: “Graves, R-Mo., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would establish a Federal Aviation Administration task force to improve the Notice to Air Missions system, which provides pilots with real-time flight path information. It would require the task force to make recommendations to improve the presentation of NOTAMs to prioritize or highlight the most important information; to ensure that NOTAMs are complete and accurate; to ensure the resiliency and cybersecurity of the NOTAM computer system; and on best practices for the FAA to improve the accuracy and understandability of flight operations information. It would require the task force to include members representing air carriers, airports, pilot unions, air traffic controller unions, aeronautical information unions and general aviation, as well as experts in aviation safety, human factors and cybersecurity.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 424-4. [H.R. 346, [Vote #34](#), 1/25/23; CQ, [1/25/23](#)]

Veterans & Military Family Issues

D’Esposito Voted For Renaming The Post Office In St. Charles, IL. As The “Veterans Of The Vietnam War Memorial Post Office.” In October 2023, D’Esposito voted for: “Comer, R-Ky., motion to suspend the rules and

pass the bill that would designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 616 East Main Street in St. Charles, Illinois, as the "Veterans of the Vietnam War Memorial Post Office." The motion was agreed to by a vote of 390-0. [H.R. 2379, [Vote #514](#), 10/2/23; CQ, [10/2/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For Improving Provisions Of Benefits To Veterans By The Veterans Affairs Department.

In September 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Bost, R-Ill., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would make numerous changes to improve the provision of benefits to veterans by the Veterans Affairs Department. Among changes to the determination of disability benefits eligibility, the bill would require online questionnaires to be updated, require the VA to issue a report on improving travel cost reimbursements for overseas veterans who must attend a disability exam, and direct the VA to improve communication on the scheduling of a disability exam between contract examiners, veterans and the veterans' representatives. The bill would also increase from seven to nine the number of judges on the Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims and require the VA to establish a program to reimburse the costs of state bar exam preparation and annual bar dues for recent law graduates who commit to a three-year service agreement with the VA." The motion passed by a vote of 423-0. [H.R. 1530, [Vote #401](#), 9/20/23; CQ, [9/20/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For Providing Health Care, Job Training, And Other Benefits To Children Of Vietnam Veterans Who Have Spina Bifida Or Other Birth Defects.

In September 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Bost, R-Ill., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would require the Veterans Affairs Department to provide health care, job training and monetary benefits to children of Vietnam veterans who have spina bifida or other birth defects. The bill would require the VA to establish an advisory council on health care and benefits for such children and require the VA to establish care and coordination teams to conduct outreach, at least every 180 days, to ensure the continued care of such children. It would also require the VA to provide to Congress a list of conditions that will trigger outreach to covered children and to attempt to contact such children as soon as practicable after identification of a condition." The motion passed by a vote of 422-0. [S. 112, [Vote #399](#), 9/19/23; CQ, [9/19/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For Renaming A New Mexico Veterans Affairs Clinic After A Korean War Medal Of Honor Recipient.

In September 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Bost, R-Ill., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would designate the Veterans Affairs clinic in Gallup, N.M., as the 'Hiroshi 'Hershey' Miyamura Department of Veterans Affairs Clinic' or the 'Hiroshi 'Hershey' Miyamura VA Clinic.'" The bill passed by a vote of 409-0. [S. 475, [Vote #393](#), 9/18/23; CQ, [9/18/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For Requiring Educational Institutions Approved For Veterans Affairs Department Educational Benefits To Agree To Turn Over Documents For Government Actions.

In September 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Bost, R-Ill., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would require educational institutions, in order to be approved for Veterans Affairs Department educational benefits, to agree to turn over any requested documentation as part of a government action within 30 days. It would also require educational institutions that receive GI Bill education benefits to preemptively report any non-compliance within 30 days to the VA and make any institution that fails to report certain unfavorable events ineligible to receive VA payments for GI Bill education benefits." The bill passed by a vote of 410-0. [H.R. 3981, [Vote #392](#), 9/18/23; CQ, [9/18/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For A Bill That Would Provide Appropriations Funding For Veterans Affairs And Military Construction, But Prohibits Use Of Funds For Abortion And Gender-Affirming Care.

In July 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Passage of the bill that would provide \$317.4 billion in mandatory and discretionary funding for the VA, including \$121 billion for VA medical care programs, \$166 billion for veteran disability compensation and other benefits, \$151.4 billion for veteran pensions, \$17.5 billion for military construction projects and \$2 billion for military personnel housing. It would also provide \$293 million for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization Security Investment Program, intended to counter Russian and Chinese military activities. Among other provisions, it would prohibit the use of funds provided by the bill to close or realign Naval Station Guantanamo Bay and provide \$189 million for Arlington National Cemetery, including funding for its southern expansion. The bill would allow the use of funding for the Veterans Affairs Department Medical Services to reimburse veterans and their spouses for assisted reproductive technology treatments or adoption expenses. It would also prohibit the use of the bill's funds to provide abortions, to implement a September 2022 VA rule that allows

abortion counseling and establishes exceptions for the prohibition on abortions in the medical benefits package for veterans and civilian beneficiaries, to provide surgical procedures or hormone therapies for gender-affirming care, and to fly or display a flag over a VA facility or national cemetery that is not the U.S. flag, military-related or another government jurisdiction. As amended, the bill would prohibit the use of the bill's funds to interfere with a veteran's participation in a legal state medical cannabis program, to enforce COVID-19 mask mandates, and to implement the COVID-19 vaccination program for VA health care personnel." The bill passed by a vote of 219-211. [H.R. 4366, [Vote #380](#), 7/27/23; CQ, [7/27/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Direct \$103 Million To Address Flooding Damage At West Point.** In July 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Ryan, D-N.Y., amendment no. 1 that would increase by \$103 million, and reduce by the same amount, funding for Army acquisition and construction of public works, military installations, facilities and real property, intended to address flooding damage at the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, New York." The amendment was adopted by a vote of 394-19. [H.R. 4366, [Vote #369](#), 7/26/23; CQ, [7/26/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Transfer \$3 Million In Funding Away From NATO And Toward The Spending Reduction Account.** In July 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Ogles, R-Tenn, amendment no. 2 that would reduce by \$3 million funding for the NATO Security Investment Program and transfer the savings to the spending reduction account." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 99-327. [H.R. 4366, [Vote #370](#), 7/26/23; CQ, [7/26/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Transfer \$73.3 Million In Funding Away From NATO And Toward The Spending Reduction Account.** In July 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Greene, R-Ga., amendment no. 3 that would decrease funding by \$73.3 million for the NATO Security Investment Program, and transfer the savings to the spending reduction account." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 83-347. [H.R. 4366, [Vote #371](#), 7/26/23; CQ, [7/26/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against An Amendment To Strike All Funding For The DEI Office Within The VA Department.** In July 2023, D'Esposito voted against: "Greene, R-Ga., amendment no. 34 that would strike all funding, \$86.5 million, for the Office of Resolution Management, Diversity, and Inclusion within the Veterans Affairs Department." The amendment was rejected by a vote of 204-227. [H.R. 4366, [Vote #372](#), 7/26/23; CQ, [7/26/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Prohibiting The VA Department From Using Funds To Submit A Beneficiary's Name To The National Instant Criminal Background Check System.** In July 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Bost, R-Ill., amendment no. 35 that would prohibit the Veterans Affairs Department from using funds to submit a beneficiary's name to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System based on the department's appointment of a fiduciary." The amendment was adopted by a vote of 228-206. [H.R. 4366, [Vote #373](#), 7/26/23; CQ, [7/26/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Ban Funds From The Bill From Being Used For COVID Mask Mandates.** In July 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Rosendale, R-Mont., amendment no. 37 that would bar the use of funds provided by the bill to enforce any COVID-19 mask mandates." The amendment was adopted by a vote of 223-211. [H.R. 4366, [Vote #374](#), 7/26/23; CQ, [7/26/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Ban Funds From The Bill From Being Used For COVID Vaccination Programs For VA Health Care Employees.** In July 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Roy, R-Texas, amendment no. 38 that would bar the use of funds provided by the bill to carry out the COVID-19 vaccination program for Veterans Health Administration health care personnel." The amendment was adopted by a vote of 224-210. [H.R. 4366, [Vote #375](#), 7/26/23; CQ, [7/26/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Ban Funds From The Bill From Being Used To Modify Or Remove VA Displays That Bear Its Mission Statement.** In July 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Roy, R-

Texas, amendment no. 39 that would bar the use of funds provided by the bill to modify or remove any display of the Veterans Affairs Department that bears its mission statement.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 221-212. [H.R. 4366, [Vote #376](#), 7/26/23; CQ, [7/26/23](#)]

- **D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Ban Funds From The Bill From Being Used To Implement Biden Executive Orders Related To Climate Change.** In July 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Roy, R-Texas, amendment no. 40 that would bar the use of funds provided by the bill to implement seven Biden administration executive orders relating to climate change.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 220-214. [H.R. 4366, [Vote #377](#), 7/26/23; CQ, [7/26/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Ban Funds From The Bill From Being Used To Promote Clean Energy Industries And Jobs.** In July 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Zinke, R-Mont., amendment no. 41 that would bar the use of funds provided by the bill to implement the December 2021 Biden administration executive order regarding the promotion of clean energy industries and jobs.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 222-212. [H.R. 4366, [Vote #378](#), 7/26/23; CQ, [7/26/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted Against A Motion To Recommit A Bill Addressing Appropriations For Military Construction, Veterans Affairs And Related Agencies, But Prohibits Use Of Funds For Abortion And Gender-Affirming Care.** In July 2023 D'Esposito voted against: “Wasserman Schultz, D-Fla., motion to recommit the bill to the House Appropriations Committee.” The motion was rejected by a vote of 206-219. [H.R. 4366, [Vote #379](#), 7/27/23; CQ, [7/27/23](#)]
- **D'Esposito Voted For Considering The Military Construction-VA Appropriations Bill, A Joint Resolution Disapproving Of A Rule Related To The Lesser Prairie Chicken, And A Joint Resolution Disapproving Of Designating The Northern Long-Eared Bat As Endangered.** In July 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 614), as amended, that would provide for floor consideration of the Military Construction-VA appropriations bill (HR 4366), the joint resolution (S J Res 9) providing for congressional disapproval of a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service rule related to the lesser prairie chicken and the joint resolution (S J Res 24) providing for congressional disapproval of an FWS rule designating the northern long-eared bat as an endangered species. The rule would provide for up to one hour of general debate on each bill and make in order 41 amendments to HR 4366.” The rule was adopted by a vote of 217-206. [H.Res. 614, [Vote #368](#), 7/26/23; CQ, [7/26/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Prohibit Department Of Defense School Libraries From Having “Pornographic And Radical Gender Ideology Books.” In July 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Boebert, R-Colo., amendment no. 35 that would prohibit Defense Department Education Activity schools from using funds to purchase and maintain pornographic and radical gender ideology books in school libraries.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 222-209. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #314](#), 7/13/23; CQ, [7/13/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Prohibit Gender Transition Coverage For Military Family Minors. In July 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Norman, R-S.C., amendment no. 20 that would prohibit gender transition procedures through the Exceptional Family Member Program for military minor family members, including surgery or medication.” The amendment was adopted by a vote of 222-210. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #302](#), 7/13/23; CQ, [7/13/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For An Amendment To Not Consider Including Honorably Discharged Veterans In The Military Parole In Place Law, Which Allows Family Of Foreign Nationals Serving In The US Military To Stay In The US. In July 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Cole, R-Okla., amendment no. 1 to the rule that would specify it would not be in order to consider the Correa, D-Calif., amendment no. 60 to the Fiscal 2024 Defense Authorization Act (HR 2670). The Correa amendment would amend current military parole in place law that allows family of foreign nationals serving in the military who came to the U.S. without authorization to stay in the country, to also include honorably discharged veterans.” The amendment was adopted 218 to 207. [H.Res. 582, [Vote #293](#), 7/12/23; CQ, [7/12/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For Creating A Commemorative Coin For The 250th Anniversary Of The United States Marine Corps To Raise Money For The Marine Corps Heritage Foundation. In July 2023 D'Esposito voted for: "Wagner, R-Mo., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would require the Treasury Department to mint and issue, during the 2025 calendar year, 1.2 million coins commemorating the 250th anniversary of the U.S. Marine Corps. The bill would establish design requirements and set surcharges for the sale of each of three types of coins, which would be legal tender. The surcharges would be paid to the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation." The motion was agreed to by a vote of 409-1. [H.R. 1096, [Vote #291](#), 7/11/23; CQ, [7/11/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For Renaming A VA Outpatient Clinic In Indian River, Mich. In June 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Bost, R-Ill., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill that would designate a Veterans Affairs outpatient clinic in Indian River, Mich., as the 'Pfc. Justin T. Paton Department of Veterans Affairs Clinic.'" The motion was agreed to by a vote of 409-0. [H.R. 3672, [Vote #273](#), 6/20/23; CQ, [6/20/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For Providing Entrepreneurship Training To Servicemembers, Veterans, And Military Spouses Interested In Business Ownership. In June 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Ellzey, R-Texas, motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would codify the Small Business Administration's Boots to Business Program, which provides entrepreneurship training to servicemembers, veterans and military spouses interested in business ownership. It would authorize the program until Sept. 30, 2028. Among other provisions, it would allow the SBA to collaborate with public and private entities to develop courses and to issue grants to veteran business outreach centers and other entities to carry out the program. It would require the SBA to submit an annual report to Congress on the program, including its costs, participant demographic information, and an evaluation of its effectiveness." The motion was agreed to by a vote of 407-0. [H.R. 1606, [Vote #272](#), 6/20/23; CQ, [6/20/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For Codifying A Program That Provides Funding For Up To 6,000 Veterans Annually To Enroll In Technology Education Programs. In May 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Bost, R-Ill., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would codify the Veteran Employment Through Technology Education Courses (VET-TEC) pilot program, which provides funding for veterans to enroll in technology education and training programs that teach skills sought by employers in 'high technology' industries, including computer programming, software and information sciences. Participating veterans are generally eligible for GI Bill education benefits, including housing stipends. It would specifically direct the Veterans Affairs Department to carry out the program for up to 6,000 veterans annually by contracting with certified providers of technology educational programs, with preference given to providers whose graduates have a high rate of employment in their fields of study and that offer tuition reimbursement for graduates who do not find relevant employment. It would specify that the VA would pay providers 25 percent of a veteran's tuition and fees upon their enrollment, 25 percent upon their graduation and 50 percent after they have been employed in their field of study for 180 days, employed by the program provider for one year, or enrolled in a related continuing education program. The bill would also modify a number of other VA programs, including to require the VA to provide a burial allowance to the families of certain veterans who die while receiving at-home VA hospice care; include non-degree flight training programs in a vocational rehabilitation program for veterans with service-connected disabilities; specify that overpayments for educational assistance are the sole responsibility of a veteran, not their dependent; and repeal a current policy that halves the amount of survivors' and dependents' educational assistance for programs in the Philippines. As an offset, it would delay a scheduled decrease in fees borrowers pay to the VA for home loans from Nov. 14, 2031, to April 30, 2032." The motion was agreed to by a vote of 409-9. [H.R. 1669, [Vote #235](#), 5/24/23; CQ, [5/24/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For Requiring The Veterans Affairs Department To Develop A Cost Savings Analysis Model On Medical Waste Treatment. In March 2023, D'Esposito voted for: "Bost, R-Ill., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would require the Veterans Affairs Department to develop a uniform analysis model to determine cost savings comparing the costs of treating regulated medical waste off- and on-site, and to identify department facilities that would benefit from the use of an on-site regulated medical waste treatment system over a five-year period. The bill would specify that no additional funds are authorized to implement its requirements." The motion was agreed to by a vote of 426-0. [H.R. 753, [Vote #137](#), 3/8/23; CQ, [3/8/23](#)]

D'Esposito Voted For Requiring The Veterans Affairs Department To Create A Digital Platform For Veterans To Submit Benefits Claims Requests. In March 2023, D'Esposito voted for: “Bost, R-Ill., motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended, that would require the Veterans Affairs Department to establish and maintain a secure digital platform, within one year of enactment, for a veteran claimant or their representative to submit an electronic request for their C-File, which is a record of all benefits claims the veteran has filed with the VA, to be fulfilled by the VA within 120 days of such request. Among other provisions, the bill would require the VA to display a warning, in English, Spanish, Tagalog and the seven other most commonly spoken languages in the United States, on department websites and online tools about potential predatory practices related to veterans’ claims, including links to online tools through which users can report predatory individuals or search for attorneys or other VA-recognized entities to assist with VA claims. The bill would specify that no additional funds are authorized to implement its requirements.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 422-0. [H.R. 1226, [Vote #132](#), 3/7/23; CQ, [3/7/23](#)]