

Molinaro Message #1 Backup

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American Journal News Headline: “Unearthed Audio Reveals Republican Marc Molinaro's Anti-Abortion Views” [American Journal News, [3/19/24](#)]

- **American Journal News: “According To An Unearthed Audio Recording, Republican Rep. Marc Molinaro Would Support A Federal Abortion Ban At 17 Weeks Of Pregnancy.”**
“According to an unearthed audio recording, Republican Rep. Marc Molinaro would support a federal abortion ban at 17 weeks of pregnancy. Former President Donald Trump proposed a similar prohibition earlier this year. Molinaro was elected in 2022 to represent New York’s 19th district in the U.S. House of Representatives. He is currently running for a second term. Abortion access is expected to be a major issue in the race.” [American Journal News, [3/19/24](#)]
- **At An August 2022 Town Hall In Endicott, Molinaro Said He Opposed Late-Term Abortion, Which He Clarified Was “In My Estimation, Personally, It Is After 17 Weeks.”** “The recording captures an exchange Molinaro had with a voter at a town hall event in Endicott, New York in August 2022. The voter asked Molinaro about his stance on the Women’s Health Protection Act, a bill that would create federal abortion access rights for patients and providers. In response, Molinaro discussed his opposition to late-term abortion. The voter then prompted Molinaro to define what a late-term abortion is. ‘In my estimation, personally, it is after 17 weeks,’ Molinaro said. He goes on to note that he would support exceptions for rape and incest.” [American Journal News, [3/19/24](#)]
- **Molinaro’s Statement Was More Restrictive Than The Standards Set By Roe Or New York’s Reproductive Health Act.** ““In my estimation, personally, it is after 17 weeks,” Molinaro said. He goes on to note that he would support exceptions for rape and incest. Seventeen weeks is shorter than the 24 weeks previously allowed by Roe v. Wade. It is also shorter than the 24 week window currently allowed in New York state. A New York Times analysis of Trump’s proposed 16-week abortion ban found such a limit would be unpopular with most voters.” [American Journal News, [3/19/24](#)]

Vox: A National Abortion Ban Would Supersede State Laws Meant To Protect Abortion Access Following The Overturning Of Roe. “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](#)]

...And Voted To Punish Doctors Who Provide Abortion Care.

Molinaro Voted For The So-Called 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, Molinaro 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](#)]

The Bill Would Establish Criminal Penalties For Doctors Who Did Not Follow Existing Federal Law Requiring Medical Care Be Given To Infants In The Very Unlikely Event Of A Failed Abortion. “Live births during an abortion procedure are exceedingly rare, experts said, and federal law already requires that a baby who survives an attempted abortion receive emergency medical care. The new bill would clarify the standard of care to which doctors are held and lay out penalties for violators. Policy organizations supporting abortion rights said the measure was an effort to discourage women from seeking abortions and doctors from performing them.” [New York Times, [1/11/23](#)]

The So-Called “Born-Alive” Bill Would Penalize Doctors Who Violated It With A Fine And/Or Up To Five Years In Prison. “(b) Penalties.— (1) IN GENERAL.—Whoever violates subsection (a) shall be fined under this title or imprisoned for not more than 5 years, or both.” [Congress.gov, HR 26, Text, introduced [1/9/23](#)]

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

Now He Could Be The Deciding Vote For A Total Abortion Ban With No Exceptions For Rape, Incest Or A Woman’s Life.

As Of August 2024, 131 House Republicans, Including Speaker Johnson, Cosponsored The Life At Conception Act. [HR 431, introduced [1/20/23](#)]

Los Angeles Times: The Life At Conception Act Would Constitute A Nationwide Abortion Ban 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](#)]

The Federal Life At Conception Act Would Ban Abortion Without Exceptions For Rape, Incest, Or To Save A Woman’s Life. “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.” [Rewire News Group, [9/28/19](#)]

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2022 – 2023: Corporate PACs Associated With Pharmaceutical Companies Contributed \$3,500 Total To Molinaro’s Campaign. [FEC, Disbursement Search, accessed [8/14/24](#)]

Date	Contributor	Amount
4/25/23	Regeneron Pharmaceuticals, Inc. PAC	\$2,500
11/21/22	KPH Healthcare Services, Inc. PAC	\$1,000
	Total	\$3,500

[FEC, Disbursement Search, accessed [8/14/24](#)]

...And Opposed Legislation To Cap Prescription Drug Prices And Hold Drug Companies Accountable For Price Gouging.

Molinaro Claimed The Inflation Reduction Act “Does Nothing To Lower Inflation & Hires An Army Of IRS Inspectors.” [Marc Molinaro, Twitter, [8/4/22](#)]



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[Marc Molinaro, Twitter, [8/4/22](#)]

NBC: The Inflation Reduction Act “Is Set To Lower The Cost Of Prescription Drugs.” “The Inflation Reduction Act, signed into law by President Joe Biden, is set to lower the cost of prescription drugs — including cancer medications, blood thinners and insulin — for millions of Americans, experts say. Exorbitant drug prices in the United States are a key reason many people in the U.S. are forced to skip or delay filling their needed prescriptions. A Kaiser Family Foundation poll published last month found that nearly 1 in 2 adults report difficulty affording their health care expenses, including their prescribed medications.” [NBC, [8/16/22](#)]

The Inflation Reduction Act 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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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 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](#)]

- **December 2023: President Biden Announced Dozens Of Drug Companies Would Be Required Under The IRA To Pay Rebates To Medicare For Price Gouging, Saving Seniors Up To \$2,786 Per Dose Of Their Medications.** “Today, President Biden will visit the National Institutes of Health Clinical Center in Bethesda, Maryland to announce that dozens of pharmaceutical companies will be required to pay rebates to Medicare for outrageous price hikes on prescription drugs that over 750,000 seniors take per year. For the last quarter of 2023, 48 Medicare Part B drugs raised their prices faster than inflation, and some drug companies raised prices of certain medications faster than inflation for every quarter over the last year. President Biden’s Inflation Reduction Act cracks down on this exorbitant price gouging, requiring these companies to pay rebates back to Medicare, saving seniors who take these drugs between \$1 and \$2,786 per dose on their medication.” [White House, Press Release, [12/14/23](#)]

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Molinaro Took Thousands In Contributions From A Corporate PAC That Works For NYSEG (In Albany, “A Utility Company”)...

2023: Avangrid PAC Contributed \$8,500 Total To Molinaro’s Campaign. [FEC, Disbursement Search, accessed [8/14/24](#)]

Date	Contributor	Amount
7/27/23	Avangrid Political Action Committee	\$1,000
6/20/23	Avangrid Political Action Committee	\$4,000
3/10/23	Avangrid Political Action Committee	\$1,000
1/31/23	Avangrid Political Action Committee	\$2,500
	Total	\$8,500

[FEC, Disbursement Search, accessed [8/14/24](#)]

NYSEG, An Electricity Distributor, Is A Subsidiary Of Avangrid. “New York State Electric & Gas Corporation (NYSEG) is a subsidiary of AVANGRID, Inc. Established in 1852, NYSEG operates approximately 35,000 miles of electric distribution lines and 4,500 miles of electric transmission lines across more than 40% of upstate New York.” [Avangrid, accessed [8/14/24](#)]

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October 2023: The New York Public Service Commission Approved A 62 Percent Increase In NYSEG’s Delivery Rates For Electricity. “The New York State Public Service Commission (PSC) unanimously approved large rate hikes for New York State Gas and Electricity (NYSEG) customers Thursday. The seven member commission unanimously approved a 62% increase in NYSEG’s delivery rates for electricity, and a 17.8% increase for its gas delivery rate, which will become expressed in the utility customers bills over the course of the next 18 months. Residential customers will see an average



increase of \$9.94 in their bill in November, then an average monthly increase of \$8.84 in May 2024, according to the PSC. In May 2025, customers will see an average monthly increase of \$11.34.” [Ithaca Voice, [10/13/23](#)]

The Rate Hike Would Equate To A Nearly \$30 Monthly Increase For The Average Residential Customer. “New York State Electric & Gas residential customers could be paying \$30 a month more for their electricity three years from now, if state regulators approve the utility’s proposed rate hike agreement. NYSEG is proposing hiking the average customer’s electric bill 22% over three years, with increases of 6.6%, 7.3% and 8.2% in each of the three years. That would be equivalent to monthly increases to average customers’ electric bills of \$9.61 in the first year, and then \$8.87 and \$11.34 in the following two years.” [Buffalo News, [6/15/23](#)]

Josh Riley Message Backup

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Riley Pledged To Not Accept Campaign Contributions From Corporate PACs. “Riley has also pledged to not take corporate PAC money, a promise he followed through on in 2022. He did accept money from non-corporate political action committees during the 2022 election.” [Times Union, [1/29/24](#)]

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