

(PA-07) Message #1 Backup

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2017: Mackenzie Voted In Favor Of SB 3. “An Act amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in abortion, further providing for definitions, for medical consultation and judgment and for the offense of abortion on unborn child of 24 or more weeks gestational age, providing for dismemberment abortion ban and further providing for reporting.” Mackenzie voted in favor of the bill. [Pennsylvania General Assembly, [SB 3](#); RCS No. 929, [12/12/17](#)]

- **ACLU Pennsylvania: SB 3 Would Criminalize Abortion At 20 Weeks.** “Senate Bill 3 would criminalize abortion at 20 weeks gestation, replacing the current ban at 24 weeks.” [ACLU Pennsylvania, accessed [6/5/24](#)]
- **ACLU Pennsylvania: SB 3 Would Ban Dilation And Evacuation, A “Commonly Used, Medically-Tested, And Safe” Method “At Any Stage During Pregnancy.”** “SB 3 would impose the most extreme abortion ban in the country SB 3 is what is known as a ‘double abortion ban’ and if passed, would make Pennsylvania’s law the most restrictive in the country. First, SB 3 criminalizes abortions after nineteen weeks gestation, except in the rarest of circumstances. Second, it bans a commonly used, medically tested, and safe method of second trimester abortions – dilation and evacuation (D&E) – at any stage during pregnancy. These extreme provisions fail to consider the range of complex circumstances a woman may be facing when she seeks later abortion care.” [ACLU Pennsylvania, Letter To State House, [12/4/17](#)]
- **ACLU Pennsylvania: SB 3 Did Not Offer A “True Health Exception” For Women And Contained “No Exceptions For Rape, Incest.”** “Banning a safe medical procedure and limiting women’s choices in sometimes tragic situations only serve to put women’s lives at risk. SB 3 does not offer a true health exception; it would require women to sustain damage to their health, including severe damage, as long as the damage is not ‘irreversible’ or impairs a ‘major’ bodily function (a function not defined in the bill). SB 3 contains no exceptions for rape, incest, health, or tragic fetal anomalies. Medical professionals like the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists agree these restrictions are without medical or scientific basis, and in fact will cause substantial harm to patient care.” [ACLU Pennsylvania, Letter To State House, [12/4/17](#)]

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

1948 passed the House 132-65 but did not advance in the Senate. [Pennsylvania General Assembly, House Bill# 1948, Passed: [6/21/16](#); H.B. 1948, House Roll Call 1533, [6/21/16](#)]

- **The Only Exception To The 20-Week Abortion Ban Was To Protect The Health Of The Woman.** “It will prohibit an individual from performing or inducing an abortion upon another person when the gestational age of the unborn child is 20 or more weeks, unless the abortion is performed to protect the life of the mother; or if failing to perform the abortion would lead to a substantial and irreversible impairment of a major bodily function. Under current law the prohibition is set at the gestational age of 24 weeks. It also adds a new section that prohibits ‘dismemberment abortions’ as defined in the bill. Exceptions to this prohibition are provided and differ based on the gestational age of the unborn child. The section also specifies that liability for performing a dismemberment abortion cannot fall on the patient or any individual involved in the abortion process who acts at the direction of a physician. Performing a dismemberment abortion is graded as a felony of the third degree, punishable by a fine of up to \$15,000 and/or up to 7 years in prison. House Bill 1948 also repeals provisions relating to spousal notice and clarifies that medical consultations that occur prior to an abortion procedure must occur in-person.” House Bill 1948 passed the House 132-65 but did not advance in the Senate. [Pennsylvania General Assembly, House Bill#: 1948, Passed: [6/21/16](#)]
- **HEADLINE: “Pennsylvania House Passes Bill Setting New Limits On Abortion Rights.”** [PennLive, [6/22/16](#)]

And To Ban The Medication Used For Abortions In The Very Early Weeks Of Pregnancy.

November 2019: Mackenzie Voted For S.B. 857 To Expand Telemedicine Access. In November 2019, Mackenzie voted for: “An Act amending Title 40 (Insurance) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, providing for telemedicine, authorizing the regulation of telemedicine by professional licensing boards and providing for insurance coverage of telemedicine.” The bill passed by a vote of 111-77. [Pennsylvania General Assembly, S.B. 857, Bill Information, accessed [6/24/24](#); Pennsylvania General Assembly, S.B. 857, RCS # 917, [11/21/19](#)]

- **November 2019: Mackenzie Voted Against An Amendment To S.B. 857 To Remove A Provision Of The Bill That Prohibited Telemedicine Services From Being Used On Services On The Food And Drug Administration’s Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy (REMS) List.** In November 2019, Mackenzie voted against Amendment 03992 To S.B. 857 “to remove an unnecessary barrier which could dramatically and negatively impact patient health. As is, this bill would make it so that telemedicine services could not be used if the service was on the REMS list. The REMS list is – REMS itself is short for the Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy. A treatment falls on the REMS list if there is a potential danger of an adverse effect when it has been prescribed, or if there is potential danger if a treatment is not offered in a specific facility. That being said, as we all know, science, medication, treatments, and technology all evolve. Drugs are regularly placed on the REMS list by the FDA (Food and Drug Administration), only to be removed at a later date when the science changes. However, this legislation as written locks in telemedicine coverage for medicines that are on the REMS list as of July 1, 2019. If the medicine is placed on the REMS list and the technology evolves at a later date, this bill still prohibits its use via telemedicine. This can happen even if the FDA changes it at a later date.” The amendment failed by a vote of 92-104. [Pennsylvania General Assembly, S.B. 857, A3992, RCS #880, [11/20/19](#); Pennsylvania House of Representatives Legislative Journal, [11/20/19](#)]
- **November 2019: Mackenzie Voted Against A Motion To Revert To The Prior Version Of S.B. 857.** In November 2019, Mackenzie voted against a motion to revert to prior printer’s number. Speaking on behalf of the motion, Rep. Harris said: “Mr. Speaker, the concerns that we have with SB 857 as amended by amendment A03871 is that it locks in a standard as of July 1, 2019. As the good gentleman spoke about earlier, in the last decade more than 200 different drugs have come off of this list, in the last decade. As we know, medicine evolves and it continues to change, and locking us in on this standard we believe will hinder telemedicine and hinder our advancement with regards to medicine in the Commonwealth, and therefore, we ask to revert to the prior printer's number.” [Pennsylvania General Assembly, S.B. 857, Motion to Revert to Prior Printer’s Number, RCS #881, [11/20/19](#); Pennsylvania House of Representatives Legislative Journal, [11/20/19](#)]

Governor Wolf Vetoed Senate Bill 857 Because It Contained A Provision To Prohibit Access To Mifepristone, A Medication Used To Induce Abortions. “Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Wolf vetoed a bill on Wednesday that would have expanded telemedicine access, drawing the ire of the Republican majorities in the House and Senate. [...] Wolf rejected Senate Bill 857 over a provision contained within that prohibits access to mifepristone, a medication used to induce abortions. He also said the bill doesn’t require insurance companies to reimburse health care providers for telemedicine visits at the same rate as in-person appointments. ‘I supported a prior printer’s number of the bill, but as amended in the House of Representatives, this legislation arbitrarily restricts the use of telemedicine for certain doctor-patient interactions,’ he said in his veto message. ‘As amended, this bill interferes with women’s health care and the crucial decision-making between patients and their physicians.’” [Center Square [4/29/20](#)]

- **Governor Wolf Supported A Prior Version Of S.B. 857 Before It Was Amended In The House Of Representatives To Include Restricts For Certain Doctor-Patient Interactions And Interfered To Women’s Health Care.** “I supported a prior printer’s number of the bill, but as amended in the House of Representatives, this legislation arbitrarily restricts the use of telemedicine for certain doctor-patient interactions. As amended, this bill interferes with women’s health care and the crucial decision-making between patients and their physicians.” [Governor Wolf, Letter To The Pennsylvania Senate, [4/29/20](#)]

Planned Parenthood: “‘Abortion Pill’ Is The Common Name For Using Two Different Medicines To End A Pregnancy: Mifepristone And Misoprostol.” “‘Abortion pill’ is the common name for using two different medicines to end a pregnancy: mifepristone and misoprostol. You can also use misoprostol alone to have an abortion. First, you take a pill called mifepristone. Pregnancy needs a hormone called progesterone to grow normally. Mifepristone blocks your body’s own progesterone, stopping the pregnancy from growing. Then you take the second medicine, misoprostol, either right away or up to 48 hours later. This medicine causes cramping and bleeding to empty your uterus. It’s kind of like having a really heavy, crampy period, and the process is very similar to an early miscarriage. If you don’t have any bleeding within 24 hours after taking misoprostol, call your nurse or doctor.” [Planned Parenthood, The Abortion Pill, accessed [6/23/24](#)]

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2022: Mackenzie Voted Yes On Senate Bill 106, That Said: “That There Is No Constitutional Right To Taxpayer-Funded Abortion Or Other Right Relating To Abortion.” Mackenzie voted for: “A Joint Resolution proposing separate and distinct amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, providing that there is no constitutional right to taxpayer-funded abortion or other right relating to abortion; further providing for action on concurrent orders and resolutions, for Lieutenant Governor and for qualifications of electors; and providing for election audits.” Senate Bill 106 passed the House 107-92 and passed the Senate 28-22. [Pennsylvania General Assembly, Senate Bill 106, Last Action: [7/11/22](#); S.B. 106, House Roll Call, [7/8/22](#)]

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- **The ACLU Of Pennsylvania Said That S.B. 106 Would “Threaten The Fundamental Rights Of Every Pennsylvanian.”** “In July 2022, under the cover of darkness and with no public notice, extremist state legislators undermined our rights in a partisan power grab by passing a bill that would drastically change our state constitution. It proposed five constitutional amendments that would undermine our democracy and

threaten the fundamental rights of every Pennsylvanian. [...] These proposed amendments are a disaster for everyday Pennsylvanians and the balance of power in Harrisburg.” [ACLU Pennsylvania, accessed [7/24/23](#)]

(PA-07) Message #2 Backup

The same right wing extremist billionaires have spent millions of dollars backing Project 2025 and Ryan Mackenzie. Project 2025 is an extreme plan that would threaten abortion access nationwide, create mandatory government monitoring of women’s pregnancies that could allow them to be prosecuted for having an abortion, and let insurers deny women coverage for birth control. Ryan Mackenzie will support this dangerous agenda to rob women of their reproductive rights and freedoms.

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February-August 2024: AFP Action Spent \$490,909.78 On Independent Expenditures In Support Of Ryan Mackenzie. [Federal Election Commission, accessed [9/3/24](#)]

Koch Inc. Political Action Committee (KochPAC) Gave Mackenzie For Congress \$5,000. [Federal Election Commission, accessed [9/4/24](#)]

Reuters: AFP Action Was “A Major Conservative Advocacy Group Backed By Billionaire Charles Koch” That Spent Millions On Ads To Boost Republicans. “AFP Action, a major conservative advocacy group backed by billionaire Charles Koch, is rolling out over \$4 million worth of digital ads starting on Monday backing Republican congressional candidates throughout the country. The ad buy, first disclosed to Reuters, will buoy Republican Senate candidates in Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Ohio, Montana and Nevada. In all of those states, Republican challengers are locked in relatively tight races with incumbent Democratic senators. [...] The group is spending \$3.5 million for ads in Senate races and \$549,500 on House races, with \$1 million dedicated to supporting the candidacy of Pennsylvania Senate candidate David McCormick. The latest ads will run on multiple digital platforms, including streaming services. So far this election cycle, the group has spent slightly over \$15 million supporting Republican congressional candidates, excluding the latest buy.” [Reuters, [7/8/24](#)]

Accountable.US: “Charles Koch’s Network Directed Over \$4.4 Million In 2022 To Project 2025 Advisory Groups Through Its Donor Conduit, Stand Together Trust. “New reporting from NBC today revealed over \$55 million flowing from Leonard Leo’s and Charles Koch’s dark money networks into Project 2025 advisory groups, shedding new light on the key conservatives bankrolling the dangerous initiative. Project 2025’s advisory board — led by The Heritage Foundation — has grown to over 100 groups and has garnered increased attention recently over its controversial positions, including its support for extreme abortion restrictions and plans to invoke the Insurrection Act on ‘Day One.’ [...] Oil billionaire Charles Koch’s network also directed over \$4.4 million in 2022 to Project 2025 advisory groups through its donor conduit, Stand Together Trust. As NBC notes, ‘Project 2025’s vision for the next conservative administration’s energy agenda would rapidly increase oil and gas leases and production through the Interior Department to focus on energy security, and proposals include reforming offices of the Energy Department to end focus on climate change and green subsidies’ — all while receiving millions from industry.” [Accountable.US, Press Release, [3/21/24](#)]

NBC News: Leonard Leo And The Koch Network And Groups That Have Received Funding From Them “Have Funneled Over \$50.7 Million To The Groups Advising The 2025 Presidential Transition Project As Part Of Its ‘Project 2025 Advisory Board.’” “Huge funding from influential conservative donor networks is flowing into groups affiliated with a conservative venture aimed at creating a Republican ‘government-in-waiting,’ including over \$55 million from groups linked to conservative activist Leonard Leo and the Koch network, according to an Accountable.US review shared exclusively with NBC News. [...] Huge funding from influential

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- **HEADLINE: “Leonard Leo, Koch Networks Pour Millions Into Groups Prepping For Potential Second Trump Administration.”** [NBC News, [3/21/24](#)]

Mother Jones: The Heritage Foundation “Has Ties To Fossil Fuel Billionaire Charles Koch.” “An alliance of rightwing groups has crafted an extensive presidential proposal to bolster the planet-heating oil and gas industry and hamstringing the energy transition, it has emerged. Against a backdrop of record-breaking heat and floods this year, the \$22 million endeavor, Project 2025, was convened by the notorious rightwing, climate-denying think tank the Heritage Foundation, which has ties to fossil fuel billionaire Charles Koch. Called the ‘Mandate for Leadership: The Conservative Promise,’ it is meant to guide the first 180 days of presidency for an incoming Republican president. Climate experts and advocates criticized planning that would dismantle US climate policy.” [Mother Jones, [7/31/23](#)]

The Heritage Foundation Developed Project 2025. “Former President Donald Trump named Sen. JD Vance, R-Ohio, as his vice presidential candidate Monday—a pick that could complicate Trump’s effort to distance himself from the controversial policy agenda known as Project 2025, as Vance has close associations with the right-wing organization behind the project. [...]Vance, however, openly has close ties with the Heritage Foundation and its founder Kevin Roberts, who told reporters Monday the organization was privately ‘really rooting’ for Vance to be the VP pick and praised him on X, formerly known as Twitter, on Monday as ‘a man who personifies hope for our nation’s future.’ Vance has been a key champion of Roberts’ efforts to turn the Heritage Foundation ‘into the de facto institutional home of Trumpism,’ Politico reported in a March piece, in which Roberts said the senator ‘is absolutely going to be one of the leaders — if not the leader — of our movement.’” [Forbes, [7/16/24](#)]

Project 2025 Is An Extreme Plan That Would Threaten Abortion Access Nationwide,

Center For American Progress: Project 2025 Would Aim To Effectuate A Nationwide Abortion Ban, Beginning With Its Ban On Mailed Abortion Pills Center For American Progress

Project 2025 Would Severely Limit Abortion Access Nationwide. “Project 2025 calls for hundreds of individual policy changes that will impact our constitutional freedoms, and every aspect of our lives. Among them are: Gutting Abortion Access Severely limiting abortion access nationwide by reversing the FDA’s approval of mifepristone, a drug used in medication abortion, and reviving a 19th century law, the Comstock Act, to ban any abortion medications, equipment, or materials from being sent through the U.S. Postal Service.” [Project 2025, accessed [8/19/24](#)]

Project 2025 Called To Enforce The Comstock Act. “Project 2025, the presidential transition plan backed by many of Trump’s conservative allies and embraced by other Republicans, calls for Comstock’s enforcement. Spencer Chretien, Project 2025’s associate director and previous special assistant to former President Trump, told NOTUS that, ‘the most intense focus is on the first 180 days, the first six months of the new administration. That’s when the president has the most capital. That’s when you’ve got to go big.’ Among the actions that the project considers a priority during this period, Chretien said, is enforcing Comstock.” [NOTUS, [1/19/24](#)]

The Comstock Act Prohibited The Shipment Of Anything Intended For An Abortion. “They’re pinning their hopes on the Comstock Act, a series of laws enacted in 1873 that prohibit the shipment of ‘every article or thing

designed, adapted or intended for producing abortion.’ The law was essentially unenforceable during the Roe era, but a federal judge in Texas ruled in 2023 that the Comstock Act prohibits the shipment of the two drugs used in more than half of all abortions today.” [NOTUS, [1/19/24](#)]

Project 2025 Called For A Future President To Withdraw From A Biden Administration Memo Which Stated That The Comstock Act Made Mailing Abortion Pills Illegal When “The Sender Intends Them To Be Used Unlawfully.” “The plan calls for a future president to withdraw a 2022 memo issued by the Biden administration stating that Comstock makes mailing abortion pills illegal only when ‘the sender intends them to be used unlawfully.’ A new GOP-led Justice Department could then issue guidance telling federal agencies how to interpret the law and who should be prosecuted when the law is broken.” [NOTUS, [1/19/24](#)]

Mary Ziegler, A Law Professor At The University Of California, Davis, Said The Comstock Act Would Lead To An Abortion Ban Because “There Are No Abortions That Take Place In The United States Without An Item That Was Sent In The Mail.” “Interpreting Comstock that way would effectively ban abortion pills nationwide — even in states that protect abortion rights. With a broader interpretation of Comstock, women in blue states would be able to access some surgical abortions in places where those tools already are, but the inability to mail devices would lead to a full ban because ‘there are no abortions that take place in the United States without an item that was sent in the mail,’ said Mary Ziegler, a professor of law at the University of California, Davis, who specializes in abortion issues. She added that tools and drugs used in abortions are acquired from ‘drug companies and medical suppliers’ who then ship those to health providers.” [NOTUS, [1/19/24](#)]

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Project 2025 Called For The President To Work With Congress To Use Federal Power To “Protect Innocent Life” And Ban Federal Funding For Abortion. “Finally, conservatives should gratefully celebrate the greatest pro-family win in a generation: overturning Roe v. Wade, a decision that for five decades made a mockery of our Constitution and facilitated the deaths of tens of millions of unborn children. But the Dobbs decision is just the beginning. Conservatives in the states and in Washington, including in the next conservative Administration, should push as hard as possible to protect the unborn in every jurisdiction in America. In particular, the next conservative President should work with Congress to enact the most robust protections for the unborn that Congress will support while deploying existing federal powers to protect innocent life and vigorously complying with statutory bans on the federal funding of abortion. Conservatives should ardently pursue these pro-life and pro-family policies while recognizing the many women who find themselves in immensely difficult and often tragic situations and the heroism of every choice to become a mother. Alternative options to abortion, especially adoption, should receive federal and state support.” [2025 Mandate for Leadership, Pg 5, accessed [7/23/24](#)]

Create Mandatory Government Monitoring Of Women’s Pregnancies That Could Allow Them To Be Prosecuted For Having An Abortion,

Project 2025 Would Create A Mandatory Government Monitoring Of Women's Pregnancy To Potentially Prosecute Them If They Have An Abortion

Project 2025 Called For Expansive Government Tracking Of “Spontaneous Miscarriage; Treatments That Incidentally Result In The Death Of A Child (Such As Chemotherapy); Stillbirths; And Induced Abortion.” “The word ‘abortion’ appears 199 times in Project 2025. The playbook includes an expansive array of suggestions of ways the government should regulate pregnancy and abortion, including: • Removing emergency contraception from the list of preventive services insurers must cover under the Affordable Care Act • Calling on the FDA to rescind its approval of ‘chemical abortion drugs’ such as mifepristone • Using the Comstock Act to make it illegal to mail abortion medication • Revoking Medicaid funds from states that require private insurance policies to cover abortions • Prohibiting hospital emergency rooms from providing an abortion in order to save a woman’s life • Conducting expansive government tracking of every instance of ‘spontaneous miscarriage; treatments that

incidentally result in the death of a child (such as chemotherapy); stillbirths; and induced abortion.” [Bloomberg, [7/11/24](#)]

Project 2025 Would Require States To Report Gestational Age, The Reason For The Abortion, The Women’s State Of Residence, And Method, Or Lose Medicaid Funding

Project 2025 Called For All States To Report “How Many Abortions Take Place Within Its Borders, At What Gestational Age Of The Child, For What Reason, The Mother’s State Of Residence, And By What Method,” Or Lose Federal Funding. “The CDC’s abortion surveillance and maternity mortality reporting systems are woefully inadequate. CDC abortion data are reported by states on a voluntary basis, and California, Maryland, and New Hampshire do not submit abortion data at all. Accurate and reliable statistical data about abortion, abortion survivors, and abortion-related maternal deaths are essential to timely, reliable public health and policy analysis. Because liberal states have now become sanctuaries for abortion tourism, HHS should use every available tool, including the cutting of funds, to ensure that every state reports exactly how many abortions take place within its borders, at what gestational age of the child, for what reason, the mother’s state of residence, and by what method. It should also ensure that statistics are separated by category: spontaneous miscarriage; treatments that incidentally result in the death of a child (such as chemotherapy); stillbirths; and induced abortion. In addition, CDC should require monitoring and reporting for complications due to abortion and every instance of children being born alive after an abortion. Moreover, abortion should be clearly defined as only those procedures that intentionally end an unborn child’s life. Miscarriage management or standard ectopic pregnancy treatments should never be conflated with abortion. Comparisons between live births and abortion should be tracked across various demographic indicators to assess whether certain populations are targeted by — 456 — Mandate for Leadership: The Conservative Promise abortion providers and whether better prenatal physical, mental, and social care improves infant outcomes and decreases abortion rates, especially among those who are most vulnerable.” [2025 Mandate for Leadership, Pg 455, accessed [7/23/24](#)]

- **Project 2025 Wanted To Enact The Ensuring Accurate And Complete Abortion Data Reporting Act Of 2023 Which Would Have Required States To Report Abortions, In Order To Receive Federal Medicaid Payments.** “The Ensuring Accurate and Complete Abortion Data Reporting Act of 20239 would amend title XIX of the Social Security Act and Public Health Service Act to improve the CDC’s abortion reporting mechanisms by requiring states, as a condition of federal Medicaid payments for family planning services, to report streamlined variables in a timely manner.” [2025 Mandate for Leadership, Pg 455, accessed [7/23/24](#)]

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And Let Insurers Deny Women Coverage For Birth Control. Ryan Mackenzie Will Support This Dangerous Agenda To Rob Women Of Their Reproductive Rights And Freedoms.

Project 2025 Would Allow Employers Not To Cover Birth Control Through Insurance

Project 2025 Called To Restore Trump-Era Religious And Moral Exceptions To The Contraception Mandate, Which Would Allow Employers To Not Cover Birth Control

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Mandate. “Restore Trump religious and moral exemptions to the contraceptive mandate (also a CMS rule). HHS should rescind, if finalized, the regulation titled ‘Coverage of Certain Preventive Services Under the Affordable Care Act,’ proposed jointly by HHS, Treasury, and Labor. This rule proposes to amend Trump-era final rules regarding religious and moral exemptions and accommodations for coverage of certain preventive services under the ACA. Preventive services include contraception, and it appears the proposed rule would change the existing regulations for religious and moral exemptions to the ACA’s contraception mandate. There is no need for further rulemaking that curtails existing exemptions and accommodations.” [2025 Mandate for Leadership, Pg 483, accessed [7/23/24](#)]

- **The Contraception Mandate Was A Part Of The ACA And Required All Health Insurance Plans To Cover Female Contraception.** “As of August 1, 2012, the ACA contraception mandate required that all new health insurance plans provide FDA-approved female contraception and contraceptive services, without patient cost-sharing[9,10]. This mandate reduced out-of-pocket costs[11–15], and while evidence is mixed[11,15–18], some research suggests the mandate increased use of specific contraceptives such as LARCs[14,19,20]. Patterns of contraceptive use and effects of the mandate on contraceptive use also appear to differ by race/ethnicity, insurance type, and relationship status[7,19,21–25]. Whether the ACA contraception mandate reduced unintended pregnancies (i.e., via increased access and affordability of contraceptive resources), and whether that decrease was uniform across women of reproductive age, or if it differed by demographic characteristics (race/ethnicity, insurance type, or relationship status) remains unknown.” [National Library of Medicine, [10/23/19](#)]
- **The Trump Era Ban Allowed Employers To Exclude Contraceptive Coverage.** “In October 2017, the Trump administration made it much easier for an employer to exclude contraceptive coverage from any health plan it offers to its employees and their dependents. One regulation allows any employer—nonprofit or for-profit—to exclude some or all contraceptive methods and services from the health plans it sponsors if the employer has religious objections. Another regulation allows employers with moral objections to do the same, although it applies to a slightly narrower set of employers (any employer that is not a publicly traded company). Enforcement of these regulations has been blocked by the courts. Previous federal regulations are in effect that offer an exemption for a much narrower set of explicitly religious employers and provide an ‘accommodation’ for other nonprofit and closely held for-profit employers with religious objections that allows them to avoid paying or arranging for contraceptive coverage while still ensuring that employees and dependents receive coverage seamlessly from the same insurance company. Most of the state laws that expand contraceptive coverage offer exemptions as well, although few of them are as broad as the blocked federal exemption.” [Guttmacher, [9/1/23](#)]

Project 2025 Would Remove Plan B From The Contraception Mandate So That Insurance Would No Longer Be Required To Cover It

Project 2025 Called Plan B An “Abortifacient” And Called For Plan B To Be Removed From The Contraception Mandate.

“Eliminate the week-after-pill from the contraceptive mandate as a potential abortifacient. One of the emergency contraceptives covered under the HRSA preventive services guidelines is Ella (ulipristal acetate). Like its close cousin, the abortion pill mifepristone, Ella is a progesterone blocker and can prevent a recently fertilized embryo from implanting in a woman’s uterus. HRSA should eliminate this potential abortifacient from the contraceptive mandate.” [2025 Mandate for Leadership, Pg 485, accessed [7/23/24](#)]

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- **Abortifacient Referred To A Drug Or Chemical That Induced Abortion.** “Abortifacient, any drug or chemical preparation that induces abortion. For centuries, herbal abortifacients have been made from infusions or oils of plants such as pennyroyal (*Mentha pulegium*), angelica (*Angelica species*), and tansy (*Tanacetum vulgare*). Such preparations are no more likely to terminate a pregnancy than they are to induce potentially lethal reactions such as vomiting, hemorrhages, and convulsions in the women who take them. Truly effective abortifacients were not developed until the end of the 20th century, when the biochemical processes behind cell division and growth and the role of hormones in reproductive processes were understood.” [Britannica, accessed [7/24/24](#)]

Center For American Progress: Project 2025 Would Take Away Access To Free Emergency Contraception For 48 Million Women. “In ‘Project 2025: A Presidential Transition Project,’ far-right extremists outline their intent to exclude some forms of emergency contraception from no-cost coverage. The Affordable Care Act (ACA) requires most private health insurance plans to provide no-cost coverage—without copayment, coinsurance, or deductible—for recommended preventive services. This benefit includes the full range of U.S. Food and Drug Administration-approved birth control methods and counseling, including emergency contraception. Rescinding no-cost coverage could have lifelong consequences for women nationwide. A new Center for American Progress analysis estimates that if Project 2025 were enacted, nearly 48 million women of reproductive age would lose their guaranteed no-cost access to emergency contraception.” [Center for American Progress, Article, [6/18/24](#)]

Project 2025 Called For Removing Emergency Contraception From The List Of Preventative Services Insurers Must Cover Under The Affordable Care Act. “The word ‘abortion’ appears 199 times in Project 2025. The playbook includes an expansive array of suggestions of ways the government should regulate pregnancy and abortion, including: • Removing emergency contraception from the list of preventive services insurers must cover under the Affordable Care Act • Calling on the FDA to rescind its approval of ‘chemical abortion drugs’ such as mifepristone • Using the Comstock Act to make it illegal to mail abortion medication • Revoking Medicaid funds from states that require private insurance policies to cover abortions • Prohibiting hospital emergency rooms from providing an abortion in order to save a woman’s life • Conducting expansive government tracking of every instance of ‘spontaneous miscarriage; treatments that incidentally result in the death of a child (such as chemotherapy); stillbirths; and induced abortion.’” [Bloomberg, [7/11/24](#)]

(PA-07) Message #3 Backup

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Mackenzie Said He Was “A Fan Of Zero-Based Budgeting.” HOST: Are you a vote to cut the spending?” MACKENZIE: “When there are areas where there is waste or a program has just simply outlived its usefulness, it’s appropriate to make changes and cuts the funding for certain things at those times. I mean, there’s no doubt about that. And that’s what every business does every family does. You need to assess your finances on a regular basis. Why in Pennsylvania, I’ve been a fan of zero-based budgeting starting every year looking at your budget, figuring out what are the things that are appropriate, what needs to be done, and a number of years ago, a group there were

about 12 to 15 of us that we were stuck at a budget impasse with our liberal governor. And we decided we spent the summer in a conference room in Harrisburg going line by line through the budget, figuring out areas where we could bring in that wasteful spending.” [The Wilkow Majority, Ryan Mackenzie joins Andrew Wilkow, 1:00, [9/7/23](#)] (AUDIO)

Zero-Based Budgeting Was “A Method Of Budgeting In Which All Expenses Must Be Justified For Each New Period.” “Zero-based budgeting (ZBB) is a method of budgeting in which all expenses must be justified for each new period. The process of zero-based budgeting starts from a ‘zero base,’ and every function within an organization is analyzed for its needs and costs. The budgets are then built around what is needed for the upcoming period, regardless of whether each budget is higher or lower than the previous one.” [Investopedia, [4/23/23](#)]

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

- **Discretionary Spending Was Federal Spending That Must Be Appropriated By Congress Every Year In Contrast To Mandatory Spending On Programs Like Social Security And Medicare That The Government Was Required To Provide Benefits Under To Those Who Qualify.** “Discretionary spending is federal spending that must be appropriated by Congress every year. In 2022, it represented a little over a quarter of all federal spending and included everything from building roads to paying salaries of federal workers. In contrast, mandatory spending—spending on programs like Social Security, Medicare for the elderly and disabled, and Medicaid for the poor—is not approved by Congress each year. Instead, the government must provide program benefits to anyone who qualifies for them. Congress created these programs and can change them, but it doesn’t approve spending for them; they are on autopilot.” [Brookings, [7/11/23](#)]

(PA-07) Message #4 Backup

Susan Wild’s number one priority since taking office has been helping her constituents. She has brought home tens of millions of dollars for things like flood relief, skills training, and removing lead pipes, and she has solved nearly sixteen thousand constituent cases regardless of who they vote for, including making sure that people receive their Social Security, Medicare, and veterans’ benefits.

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January 2023: Wild Opened A New Office In Downtown Lehighton In Carbon County. “Today, Rep. Susan Wild and the Carbon County Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting ceremony for Wild’s new office in downtown Lehighton. Members of the community including representatives from the Chamber, Carbon County Coroner’s Office, Carbon County Economic Development, Palmerton Borough, Bowmanstown Borough, Wild’s constituent service advocate staff, and constituents were in attendance. ‘I am thrilled that we were able to get an office opened so quickly this year, and we look forward to working with everyone in Carbon County to make sure that people are getting the kinds of services they need,’ said Rep. Wild. ‘Having an office space in the county is really important, people should not have to travel far to see their Representative and their staff.’ Wild and staff

spoke with the community about the services and resources the office provides including: Speeding up delayed tax refunds; Assistance with Social Security and Medicare benefits; Navigating federal entities such as the Veterans Administration; Expediting passport renewals; Connecting local governments, businesses, and non-profit organizations with relevant government programs, grants, and initiatives. Constituents can schedule an appointment to visit the new Lehigh office at 1001 Mahoning Street and meet with a staff member by calling the office at 570-807-0333.” [Rep. Susan Wild, Press Release, [1/13/23](#)]

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March 2024: Wild Secured \$10 Million In Community Project Funding, Including \$750,000 For Coplay Creek Flood Mitigation. “Last week, Representative Wild voted to approve \$10,921,479 in Community Project Funding for Pennsylvania’s 7th District, which she advocated for in the 2024 government funding packages. This funding, included in the first of the appropriations bills, responds directly to some of the most pressing needs in the Greater Lehigh Valley, including millions for public safety programs. ‘I am incredibly proud to have secured nearly \$11 million in Community Project Funding through this bill, and to uplift key organizations and projects that will have a profound impact on our district,’ said Congresswoman Wild. ‘These investments will help improve public safety, repair our infrastructure, and support working families and seniors by growing our economy. I know this funding will make a real difference in the lives of so many in our community, and I was honored to fight for these projects to be included in the final package.’ Rep. Wild championed funding for 14 projects that will directly benefit PA-07 residents. These include: [...] \$750,000 for Coplay Creek Flood Mitigation.” [Rep. Susan Wild, Press Release, [3/12/24](#)]

December 2023: Wild Secured \$500,000 In Grant Funding For Allentown For A Program To Identify And Create A Plan For Tackling Local Barriers To Employment, Including Access To Child Care, Transportation And Job Training. “This morning, Congresswoman Susan Wild, Senator Bob Casey, and Allentown Mayor Matt Tuerk held a press conference highlighting how the \$500,000 federal Recompete Pilot Program grant they secured for the City of Allentown will allow the city to create jobs, tackle barriers to employment, and expand economic opportunity. [...] Yesterday, the Department of Commerce announced that the City of Allentown is receiving a \$500,000 strategy development grant through the Recompete Pilot Program to help identify and create a plan for tackling local barriers to employment – including access to child care, transportation, and job training. The City also received approval of their Recompete Plan, which will allow Allentown to compete for \$20 million to \$50 million in implementation funding in Phase II of the Recompete Program. This plan lays out a comprehensive strategy to connect residents to good-paying jobs and overcome barriers to entry to the workforce through collaborating with labor unions and employers to expand apprenticeships, skills training, and re-entry programs, investing in micro-transit and childcare services, and funding site development. Earlier this year, Congresswoman Wild advocated for Allentown to receive this funding in a letter to Alejandra Castillo, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Economic Development. Additionally, Senator Casey advocated for the Allentown to receive this funding in a letter to Secretary of Commerce Gina Raimondo. Both Congresswoman Wild and Senator Casey voted to pass the CHIPS and Science Act last year, which established the Recompete Pilot Program.” [Rep. Susan Wild, Press Release, [12/21/23](#)]

Wild Voted For The Infrastructure Investment And Jobs Act, Providing \$550 Billion In New Infrastructure Spending. In November 2021, Wild Voted For: “DeFazio, D-Ore., motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the bill that would provide approximately \$550 billion in new infrastructure spending, including for surface transportation, broadband, water and energy infrastructure. In supplemental appropriations and increased contract authority, the bill would provide \$110 billion for roads, bridges and major surface transportation projects, including \$47.3 for highway infrastructure and \$40 billion for bridge construction and repair; \$66 billion for rail, including \$58 billion for Amtrak; and \$39 billion for transit, including \$5.3 billion for zero- and low-emission transit buses and \$2 billion for accessibility improvements. It would provide \$25 billion for airports and approximately \$17 billion for ports and waterways, including \$3.4 billion to modernize land ports of entry and \$2.25 billion for water port upgrades, including resilience and electrification projects. It would provide approximately \$11 billion for various transportation safety and research programs. It would provide \$7.5 billion for electric vehicle charging infrastructure and \$5 billion for zero- and low-emission school bus programs. It would establish requirements for

many new and existing surface transportation programs to consider the environmental and equity impacts of funded activities and authorize a range of transportation programs related to emissions reduction and climate change resilience. It would provide \$1 billion for activities to reconnect neighborhoods by removing or remediating the effects of transportation infrastructure construction in disadvantaged and underserved communities. The bill would provide approximately \$65 billion for broadband, including \$42.5 billion for grants to states to increase access in unserved areas and \$14.2 billion to extend a program initially authorized in response to the coronavirus pandemic that provides stipends to help low-income families pay for internet services. It would provide approximately \$62 billion for the Energy Department, including \$21.5 billion for clean energy demonstration projects, \$16.3 billion for energy efficiency and renewable energy programs, \$8 billion for power grid resilience and other electricity projects, and \$7.5 billion for fossil energy and carbon management. It would authorize or expand several programs to incentivize clean energy manufacturing, development and adoption. It would provide approximately \$55 billion for water infrastructure and safety, including \$30.7 billion for the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund, including \$15 billion to replace lead service lines and \$4 billion to address per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances and other emerging contaminants; and \$12.7 billion for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund. Across various departments, the bill would provide funding for climate change response and environmental remediation, including; \$11.3 billion for abandoned mine land and water reclamation projects, approximately \$5.75 billion for wildfire management, \$3.5 billion for the EPA hazardous substance superfund and \$3.5 billion for FEMA flood mitigation. It would also provide more than \$1.7 billion for cybersecurity resilience programs. The bill would include a number of provisions intended to offset spending, including by rescinding certain unobligated COVID-19 relief funding and establishing tax reporting requirements for cryptocurrency and other digital assets.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 228-206. [H.R. 3684, [Vote #369](#), 11/5/21; CQ, [11/5/21](#)]

- **Wild: The EPA’s Collaborative Lead Service Line Replacement Accelerators Under The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Gave “Communities Across Pennsylvania The Tools And Resources They Needed To Identify And Replace Dangerous Lead Service Lines.** “Today, EPA announced a major new initiative to accelerate progress toward the Biden-Harris Administration’s goal of achieving 100% lead service line removal and replacement. The ‘Lead Service Line Replacement Accelerators’ initiative was introduced during a White House convening with Vice President Kamala Harris and EPA Administrator Michael S. Regan, alongside state and local leaders celebrating the one-year anniversary of the Lead Pipe and Paint Action Plan. The new Accelerator will provide targeted technical assistance services to help underserved communities access funds from President Biden’s Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and replace lead pipes that pose risks to the health of children and families. The initiative is a partnership with the Department of Labor, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Wisconsin and will work with 40 communities across those states in 2023. [...] ‘Drinking a glass of water from your own sink or giving your children a bath in your own home should not constitute a health risk, which is why it is urgent to deploy the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law’s investment in replacing lead pipes across the United States. The EPA’s collaborative Lead Service Line Replacement Accelerators initiative will give communities across Pennsylvania the tools and resources they need to identify and replace dangerous lead service lines,’ said U.S. Representative Susan Wild (D-PA, 7th)” [U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, [1/27/23](#)]
- **Funding For The West Water View Authority Increased By \$8 Million Through The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.** “Today, May 2, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced \$3 billion from President Biden’s Investing in America agenda to help every state and territory identify and replace lead service lines, preventing exposure to lead in drinking water. Lead can cause a range of serious health impacts, including irreversible harm to brain development in children. To protect children and families, President Biden has committed to replacing every lead pipe in the country. Today’s announcement, funded by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and available through EPA’s successful Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF), takes another major step to advance this work and the Administration’s commitment to environmental justice. This funding builds on the Administration’s Lead Pipe and Paint Action Plan and EPA’s Get the Lead Out Initiative. [...] The Biden-Harris Administration’s ambitious initiative to remove lead pipes has already delivered significant results for families across the nation. Today’s latest funding will ensure more families benefit from these unprecedented resources, and support projects like these: West View Water Authority in Pennsylvania has received \$8 million through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to replace 750 lead service lines in underserved areas of the community — primarily in Allegheny County. Of that funding, more than \$5.4

million is forgivable, reducing the overall financial burden on ratepayers and the community.” [Environmental Protection Agency, [5/2/24](#)]

And She Has Solved Nearly Sixteen Thousand Constituent Cases Regardless Of Who They Vote For, Including Making Sure That People Receive Their Social Security, Medicare, And Veterans' Benefits.

2023: Wild Closed 4,170 Constituent Cases, Bringing The Total Number Of Closed Cases During Wild's Time In Office To 15,980, Including Helping Constituents With Issues Related To VA Benefits, Social Security, Tax Refunds, And More. “Today, Congresswoman Susan Wild announced that she had returned \$10,382,988.11 in federal casework funds back to constituents in the Greater Lehigh Valley this year. This brings the total amount of money she brought home to the district to over \$34.9 million since taking office in 2018. ‘I work every day on behalf of the people of our community, which includes helping constituents who are having issues with VA benefits, Social Security, tax refunds, and more,’ said Congresswoman Susan Wild. ‘I’m so proud of the over \$10.3 million I was able to return to people across PA-07 and the thousands of cases my team closed. I’ll never stop fighting to make the government work better for the Greater Lehigh Valley.’ Congresswoman Wild’s constituent advocates have been busy helping constituents with federal agencies this year. In 2023, Congresswoman Wild’s office closed 4,170 constituent cases, bringing the total number of cases closed up to 15,980 since the beginning of her time in office. Of those constituent cases, the team helped 590 individuals with their passports – more passport cases than were handled from 2019 to 2022 combined! In 2023, the top federal agencies constituent advocates assisted with were the Department of State, IRS, and Citizenship and Immigration Services. Constituents seeking help with these or other federal agencies should click here.” [Rep. Susan Wild, Press Release, [12/14/23](#)]

Wild's Constituent Casework Stories Included Social Security And Military Benefits/Veterans. “Social Security: ‘Thank you from the bottom of my heart. My grandson finally received and was finally acknowledged by the SSA for his documents. In his letter it stated his actual social security card would be forthcoming in approximately 2 weeks. Thank you again, we appreciate all you do.’ – Anne [...] Military Benefits/Veterans: ‘Thank you for your efforts. I have received my first deposit in the new amount and I am good with it.’ - Joanne ‘Dear Congresswoman Susan Wild, Thank you for your efforts and follow through to help my mother, who received her correct Veterans Assistance. No Veteran/Veteran's Spouse should be denied what is due. My father would want me to thank you very much. Thank you. I tried very hard to make sense of the VA's process and asked my questions over and over. Without your help I feel that my mother would have lost out financially. She turned 95 in May. I wish you could meet her. On her behalf I say thank you for caring so much. We are grateful to your office for support in obtaining the outcome.’ -Barb and Ann.” [Rep. Susan Wild, Constituent Casework Stories, accessed [9/6/24](#)]

A Rep. Wild Constituent Services Day Event Said “Learn More About How Her Office Can Help You With Social Security And Medicare.” “Constituent Services Day with Sen. Boscola Event Date Tuesday, March 10, 2020 – 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM Address One E. Broad Street Suite 120 Bethlehem, PA 18018 United StatesU.S. Representative Susan Wild invites you to attend Constituent Services Day at the Office of State Senator Lisa Boscola. Learn more about how her office can help you with: Social Security and Medicare Veterans Affairs Federal Grants Immigration Issues Commendations and Greetings Tours and Tickets in DC.” [Rep. Susan Wild, Events, accessed [9/6/24](#)]

(PA-07) Message #5 Backup

As a Representative trapped in the United States Capitol during the January 6th attack, Susan Wild knows all too well the threats to our democracy and the importance of defending it. She is working to strengthen penalties for those who commit political violence and voter intimidation at polling places, and stop Republican efforts to decertify elections and throw out the votes of people of color.

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HEADLINE: “Pa. Congresswoman Susan Wild Describes The Attack On The Capitol: ‘I Started Hearing Shots And Breaking Glass’.” [Philadelphia Inquirer, [1/6/21](#)]

She Is Working To Strengthen Penalties For Those Who Commit Political Violence And Voter Intimidation At Polling Places And Stop Republican Efforts To Decertify Elections And Throw Out The Votes Of People Of Color.

Wild Was An Original Cosponsor Of H.R. 11, The Freedom To Vote Act To Expand Voter Registration And Voting Access. On July 18, 2023, Wild cosponsored H.R. 11, The Freedom To Vote Act, on the same day it was introduced, to: “This bill addresses voter registration and voting access, election integrity and security, redistricting, and campaign finance. Specifically, the bill expands voter registration (e.g., automatic and same-day registration) and voting access (e.g., vote-by-mail and early voting). It also limits removing voters from voter rolls. Next, the bill establishes Election Day as a federal holiday. The bill declares that the right of a U.S. citizen to vote in any election for federal office shall not be denied or abridged because that individual has been convicted of a criminal offense unless, at the time of the election, such individual is serving a felony sentence. The bill establishes certain federal criminal offenses related to voting. In particular, the bill establishes a new criminal offense for conduct (or attempted conduct) to corruptly hinder, interfere with, or prevent another person from registering to vote or helping someone register to vote. Additionally, the bill sets forth provisions related to election security, including by requiring states to conduct post-election audits for federal elections. The bill outlines criteria for congressional redistricting and generally prohibits mid-decade redistricting. The bill addresses campaign finance, including by expanding the prohibition on campaign spending by foreign nationals, requiring additional disclosure of campaign-related fundraising and spending, requiring additional disclaimers regarding certain political advertising, and establishing an alternative campaign funding system for certain federal offices.” [H.R. 11, Summary, introduced [7/18/23](#)]

- **CQ: H.R. 11 Established A Criminal Offense For Conduct Or Attempted Conduct “To Corruptly Hinder, Interfere With, Or Prevent Another Person From Registering To Vote Or Helping Someone Register To Vote.”** CQ’s summary of H.R. 11 was: “This bill addresses voter registration and voting access, election integrity and security, redistricting, and campaign finance. Specifically, the bill expands voter registration (e.g., automatic and same-day registration) and voting access (e.g., vote-by-mail and early voting). It also limits removing voters from voter rolls. Next, the bill establishes Election Day as a federal holiday. The bill declares that the right of a U.S. citizen to vote in any election for federal office shall not be denied or abridged because that individual has been convicted of a criminal offense unless, at the time of the election, such individual is serving a felony sentence. The bill establishes certain federal criminal offenses related to voting. In particular, the bill establishes a new criminal offense for conduct (or attempted conduct) to corruptly hinder, interfere with, or prevent another person from registering to vote or helping someone register to vote. Additionally, the bill sets forth provisions related to election security, including by requiring states to conduct post-election audits for federal elections. The bill outlines criteria for congressional redistricting and generally prohibits mid-decade redistricting. The bill addresses campaign finance, including by expanding the prohibition on campaign spending by foreign nationals, requiring additional disclosure of campaign-related fundraising and spending, requiring additional disclaimers regarding certain political advertising, and establishing an alternative campaign funding system for certain federal offices.” [CQ, H.R. 11, [9/4/24](#)]
- **July 2023: Sarbanes Reintroduced The Freedom To Vote Act, Which Would “Combat Voter Intimidation And Voter Suppression.”** “Today, Task Force on Strengthening Democracy Co-Chair Representative John Sarbanes (MD-03) led his colleagues in reintroducing the Freedom to Vote Act, bicameral legislation to improve access to the ballot for Americans, advance commonsense federal election standards and campaign finance reforms, and strengthen our democracy. ‘The Freedom to Vote Act reflects

Congressional Democrats' unwavering commitment to ensuring every American has a voice and a vote in our democracy,' said Congressman Sarbanes. 'By designating the Freedom to Vote Act as H.R. 11 in the House and S.1 in the Senate, we are giving this bill the highest possible priority because our most fundamental freedoms are at stake. I am proud to join my colleagues in reintroducing this bicameral legislation that returns power to the people by ensuring access to the ballot box, fixing partisan gerrymandering and finally addressing the undue and corrupting influence of big money on our politics and the functioning of our government.' [...] 'Over the last several years, extreme MAGA Republicans have proven time and time again that they will abandon our most fundamental principles of democracy in favor of extremism,' said House Minority Leader Jeffries. 'At this critical moment, Democrats know that nothing is more important than protecting and strengthening our democracy. The Freedom to Vote Act protects the right to vote, supports election workers, bans dark money and ends partisan gerrymandering so that our democracy can work For The People.' [...] Specifically, H.R. 11, The Freedom to Vote Act would: Expand automatic voter registration and same day registration; Strengthen vote by mail, early voting and ballot access; Combat voter intimidation and voter suppression; Protect elections from foreign interference; Fix partisan gerrymandering; Promote digital ad transparency; Force disclosure of dark money; and Empower small donors with matching funds paid for by lawbreakers, not taxpayers." [Rep. John Sarbanes, Press Release, [7/18/2023](#)]

Brennan Center For Justice: The Freedom To Vote Act Would Set “Baseline National Standards To Protect The Freedom To Vote, Counter Election Denial, End Partisan Gerrymandering, And Help Curb Big Money In Politics.” “Congress has the legal and constitutional power to strengthen our democracy by passing the Freedom to Vote Act. This landmark legislation sets baseline national standards to protect the freedom to vote, counter election denial, end partisan gerrymandering, and help curb big money in politics. It builds off momentum in states across the country to put in place pro-voter policies.” [Brennan Center for Justice, Fact Sheet, [7/13/23](#)]

- **Brennan Center For Justice: The Freedom To Vote Act Helped Stop Anti-Voter Efforts By Creating Criminal Penalties To Crack “Down On Deceptive And Intimidating Practices,” Restore Voting Rights, Counter Long Lines “And Related Discriminatory Practices,” And Create A Private Right Of Action For Voters To Sue When Their Voting Rights Are Infringed Upon.** “Stopping Anti-Voter Efforts The Freedom to Vote Act would directly respond to overt voter suppression that blocks Americans’ access to the ballot. • Cracking down on deceptive and intimidating practices: The bill would prohibit the dissemination of false and misleading information designed to deter eligible voters from casting a ballot. It would also establish federal criminal penalties for deceiving voters and allow the attorney general to share accurate information about elections if state officials fail to do so. Finally, it would increase existing penalties for voter intimidation. • Voting rights restoration: The bill restores federal voting rights to formerly incarcerated citizens upon their release, establishing a bright-line standard to replace the confusing patchwork of state laws and removing the vestiges of restrictions born out of Jim Crow. • Countering long lines and related discriminatory practices: The bill creates protections for individuals subjected to excessive lines on Election Day — most often Black and Latino voters — by requiring states to ensure that lines last no longer than 30 minutes and restricting states from prohibiting donations of food or water to voters waiting in line. • Private right of action: The bill creates a cause of action that allows voters to sue when their constitutional right to vote is infringed upon.” [Brennan Center for Justice, Fact Sheet, [7/13/23](#)]
- **Brennan Center For Justice: The Freedom To Vote Act Prevented Election Denial Tactics By Increasing “Restrictions On The Politicized Removal Of Election Officials And Related Safeguards,” Enhancing Ballot And Records Protections, And Creating A Right For Voters To Sue In The Event Of “An Unreasonable Failure To Certify Election Results.”** “Preventing Election Denial Tactics Voter suppression and extreme gerrymandering are themselves forms of election sabotage, but the Freedom to Vote Act also includes new specific protections to counter tactics that arose after 2020, from attacks on election officials to partisan election ‘reviews.’ Restrictions on the politicized removal of election officials and related safeguards: The bill would increase protections for local election administrators and help prevent them from being removed for partisan or political reasons. The bill allows officials administering federal elections to bring a lawsuit challenging their removal if they were replaced for reasons other than gross negligence, neglect of duty, or malfeasance in office. It also increases other federal protections against intimidation of election workers. Enhanced protections for ballots and records: The bill would protect against partisan, postelection

attempts to tamper with results by expanding the penalties for destroying or altering ballots and other election records and expanding the categories of what records must be preserved after federal elections. These provisions are intended to protect against the postelection mishandling of ballots and other records (such as what is alleged to have taken place in the partisan review of Maricopa County's election results). Remedy for failure to certify results: The bill's cause of action for infringement of the right to vote would allow an individual to bring a lawsuit challenging not only the violation of their right to cast a ballot but also their right to have that ballot counted and certified. This would allow voters to sue in the event of an unreasonable failure to certify election results or other efforts to set aside a valid election outcome." [Brennan Center for Justice, Fact Sheet, [7/13/23](#)]

(PA-07) Message #6 Backup

- *Congresswoman Susan Wild has a proven track record of delivering for Pennsylvania families.*
- *Susan has always stood up to protect our reproductive rights – her opponent has repeatedly voted to ban abortion in Pennsylvania without exceptions for rape and incest.*
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- *She has worked to fuel our local manufacturing economy and bring home thousands of good-paying jobs.*

Congresswoman Susan Wild Has A Proven Track Record Of Delivering For Pennsylvania Families. Susan Has Always Stood Up To Protect Our Reproductive Rights –

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

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

July 2022: Wild Voted For The Women's Health Protection Act To Establish The Statutory Right For Patients To Receive And For Providers To Provide Abortions And To Prohibit Certain State Restrictions On Abortion. In July 2022 Wild voted for: "Passage of the bill that would statutorily establish that health care providers have a right to provide and patients have a right to receive abortion services, and it would prohibit certain restrictions related to abortion services. The bill would specify that rights established by the bill may not be restricted by certain requirements or limitations related to abortion services, including prohibitions on abortion prior to fetal viability, or after fetal viability if a provider determines that continuation of a pregnancy would pose a risk to a patient's life or health; requirements that patients disclose reasons for seeking an abortion or make medically

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

- **The Women's Health Protection Act "Enshrine[d] The Protections Of Roe V. Wade Into Law."** "The House on Friday passed legislation that would protect access to reproductive health care, including the ability to travel across state lines for an abortion, as part of Democrats' efforts to minimize the consequences of the Supreme Court overturning *Roe v. Wade* last month. One bill, the Women's Health Protection Act, would enshrine the protections of *Roe v. Wade* into law. The House already passed the bill last year, but it did not advance in a Senate vote in May. The House passed the bill, 219-210, prompting applause from Democrats in the chamber." [Washington Post, [7/15/22](#)]
- **The Women's Health Protection Act Prevented States From Prohibiting Abortions Before Fetal Viability Or After Fetal Viability When The Patient's Life Or Health Is At Risk.** "The bill would prevent state governments from limiting a health care provider's ability to prescribe certain drugs, offer abortion services via telemedicine, or immediately provide abortion services when the provider determines a delay risks the patient's health, according to CRS. It also prevents states from requiring patients to make medically unnecessary in-person visits before receiving abortion services or forcing women to disclose their reasons for obtaining abortions and related services. WHPA would ban states from prohibiting abortion services before or after fetal viability when a provider determines the pregnancy risks the patient's life or health." [ABC News, [3/7/22](#)]

September 2021: Wild Voted For The Women's Health Protection Act. In September 2021, Wild voted for: "Passage of the bill that would statutorily establish that health care providers have a right to provide and patients have a right to receive abortion services, and it would prohibit certain restrictions related to abortion services. The bill would specify that rights established by the bill may not be restricted by certain requirements or limitations related to abortion services, including prohibitions on abortion prior to fetal viability, or after fetal viability if a provider determines that continuation of a pregnancy would pose a risk to a patient's life or health; requirements that patients disclose reasons for seeking an abortion or make medically unnecessary in-person appointments; requirements that providers provide medically inaccurate information or perform specific medical tests or procedures in connection with the provision of abortion services; limitations on providers' ability to prescribe drugs based on good-faith medical judgment, provide services via telemedicine or provide immediate services when a delay would pose a risk to a patient's health; and requirements for facilities and personnel that would not apply to facilities providing medically comparable procedures. It would also prohibit requirements or limitations that are similar to those established by the bill or that impede access to abortion services and expressly or implicitly single

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- **Passage Of The WHPA Was In Response To A Restrictive Texas Abortion Law.** "Passage of the Women's Health Protection Act is a response to a Texas law that essentially bans abortion after six weeks, before most people realize they are pregnant. The U.S. Supreme Court refused to block the law from taking effect, although the decision leaves the door open for future challenges." [NPR, [9/24/21](#)]

Her Opponent Has Repeatedly Voted To Ban Abortion In Pennsylvania Without Exceptions For Rape And Incest.

See Message #1 backup.

She Has Brought Home Tens Of Millions Of Dollars For Things Like Flood Relief, Skills Training, And Removing Lead Pipes, And Has Solved Nearly Sixteen Thousand Constituent Cases.

See Message #4 backup.

She Has Worked To Fuel Our Local Manufacturing Economy And Bring Home Thousands Of Good-Paying Jobs.

Nearly 4,500 Manufacturing Jobs Were Added In The Last Five Years In The Lehigh Valley. "From Industrial Age titans to Digital Age pioneers, the Lehigh Valley has a tradition of manufacturing excellence, and it's growing. Available natural resources, a skilled workforce, and proximity to large population centers drove Lehigh Valley's first industrial revolution. Those same fundamentals are behind the new, more diversified Lehigh Valley manufacturing sector that is celebrated during Manufacturing Week from Oct. 6-13. [...] The average salary for a manufacturing employee in the Lehigh Valley is about \$76,000. Manufacturing employs about 37,000 people in the region, and that workforce is growing, with nearly 4,500 manufacturing jobs added in the last five years. [...] 'We embrace that as part of our culture and our heritage, of being makers, of making and producing goods. You know, people say we don't make things in America anymore. Well, 18% of our economy in the Lehigh Valley is manufacturing,' Don Cunningham, President and CEO of Lehigh Valley Economic Development Corp. (LVEDC), told a group of small business leaders recently." [Lehigh Valley Economic Development, [10/9/23](#)]

U.S. Department Of Labor Statistics: Between May 2017 And May 2024, Manufacturing Jobs In Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton, PA-NJ Increased From 37,000 To 41,000. [U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Databases, Tables & Calculators by Subject, accessed [7/7/2024](#)]

Date	Number Of Manufacturing Jobs
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May 2017	37,000
May 2024 (Preliminary)	41,600

[U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Databases, Tables & Calculators by Subject, accessed [7/7/2024](#)]

(PA-07) Message #7 Backup

- *Congresswoman Susan Wild has a proven track record of delivering for Pennsylvania families.*
- *She has brought home tens of millions of dollars for things like flood relief, skills training, and removing lead pipes.*
- *She has worked to fuel our local manufacturing economy and bring home thousands of good-paying jobs.*
- *Having grown up in a working class, military household, Susan knows firsthand that we need to bring down the cost of living for our families.*
- *She is committed to making sure safe, affordable, high-quality housing is available for tenants in every corner of our community, and she is working to lower the costs of gas and prescription medication.*

Congresswoman Susan Wild Has A Proven Track Record Of Delivering For Pennsylvania Families. She Has Brought Home Tens Of Millions Of Dollars For Things Like Flood Relief, Skills Training, And Removing Lead Pipes.

See Message #4 backup.

She Has Worked To Fuel Our Local Manufacturing Economy And Bring Home Thousands Of Good-Paying Jobs.

See Message #6 backup.

Having Grown Up In A Working Class, Military Household, Susan Knows Firsthand That We Need To Bring Down The Cost Of Living For Our Families.

Wild's Father Was An Air Force Officer Causing Her To Move Frequently Throughout Her Childhood. “As the daughter of an Air Force officer, I moved frequently throughout my childhood—both around the United States and across the world. I moved to the Lehigh Valley more than three decades ago to raise my family, and it’s the only place I’ve ever truly called home.” [Wild For Congress, accessed [9/24/24](#)]

Wild Grew Up In A Military Household To Parents Who Living During The Great Depression. “My dad grew up poor. He was one of six children and his father died when he was eight years old. He and his older brother lived in an orphanage for a couple of years, while their mother was getting back on her feet. My mother’s family did somewhat better, but her father also died when she was only eight, leaving a young widow with two daughters. So both of my parents instilled in me the notion that our circumstances can change on a dime, that whatever fortunate circumstances we may enjoy, we must help others around us who are less fortunate. And, having grown up in a military household to parents who lived through the Great Depression, I understand the concerns of working-class families, because I’ve lived them. I am guided by a core set of values, in part instilled by my liberal Democrat mother and conservative Republican father: that regardless of political party, we must all look out for one another; that everyone deserves an equal voice in our civic processes; and that we must be guided by the simple yet urgent principle of leaving our children a better world than we had ourselves.” [Wild For Congress, accessed [9/24/24](#)]

She Is Committed To Making Sure Safe, Affordable, High-Quality Housing Is Available For Tenants In Every Corner Of Our Community,

Wild Included Building Safe, Affordable, High-Quality Housing On Her Campaign Website Issues Page And Touted Passing The American Rescue Plan, Which Provided Housing Assistance To Struggling Renters And Homeowners. “Every American should be able to count on safe, affordable, high-quality housing. I helped pass the American Rescue Plan Act, legislation which provided a lifeline to struggling renters and homeowners alike, and I took on both parties to ensure that the funding wasn’t being held up in Harrisburg instead of getting to working and middle-class Pennsylvanians. With major investments in emergency rental assistance, the Homeowner Assistance fund, and Housing Choice Vouchers for the neediest families in our community, I’m proud of the vital assistance we delivered. [...] Working together, I know that we can build enough safe, affordable, high-quality housing for every one of our neighbors and finally fulfill President Franklin Delano Roosevelt’s pledge to honor ‘the right of every family to a decent home.’” [Wild For Congress, accessed [9/24/24](#)]

Wild Voted For Concurring In The Senate Amendment To The American Rescue Plan Act. In March 2021, Wild voted for: “Yarmuth, D-Ky., motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the bill comprising a \$1.9 trillion coronavirus relief package to further address the health and economic effects of COVID-19, including approximately \$362 billion in direct aid to state and local governments; \$47.8 billion for testing and contact tracing; \$168 billion to assist educational institutions; and \$53.6 billion to assist small businesses. It would extend federal unemployment compensation benefits through Sept. 6, 2021; provide tax rebates of \$1,400 for individuals with incomes of \$75,000 or less; and extend or expand a number of employer and individual tax credits, including credits to subsidize health insurance premiums. The bill would provide direct assistance of \$195.3 billion for states and \$130.2 billion for local governments, as well as \$10 billion for grants to states to support capital projects, such as broadband access. It would provide \$122.8 billion for an Education Department elementary and secondary school emergency relief fund; \$39.6 billion for grants to higher education institutions; \$3 billion for education programs for individuals with disabilities and \$2.75 billion for non-public schools. It would provide \$39 billion for child care block grants to states. It would provide \$27.8 billion for emergency rental assistance and housing vouchers, \$10 billion for homeownership assistance and \$5 billion for assistance to individuals experiencing homelessness. It would continue the 15% increase in Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits through September 2021. It would provide over \$92 billion for the Health and Human Services Department, including \$47.8 billion for COVID-19 testing and contact tracing; \$7.5 billion for vaccine administration and distribution; \$6.1 billion for vaccine and therapeutic development, manufacturing and procurement; \$7.6 billion to expand the public health workforce; \$7.6 billion for community health centers; \$6.1 billion for Native American health programs; and \$3 billion for substance abuse and mental health block grant programs. It would provide \$50 billion for the Federal Emergency Management Agency disaster relief fund; \$14.5 billion for veterans’ health care services; \$10 billion for emergency medical supply production under the Defense Production Act; \$8.7 billion for COVID-19 health response efforts overseas; and \$200 million for Labor Department worker protection activities, including at least half for the Occupational Safety and Health Administration. It would extend federal unemployment compensation benefits of \$300 per week through Sep. 6, 2021. It would provide an additional tax rebate of \$1,400 for individuals with incomes of \$75,000 or less, increased by \$1,400 for each dependent. It would expand eligibility and increase the maximum earned income tax credit for childless adults and increase the child tax credit to \$3,000 per child. It would expand and extend through September 2021 paid sick and family leave tax credits for employers. It would require Medicaid and the Children’s Health Insurance Program to fully cover the cost of COVID-19 vaccines. It would provide for full federal subsidies of individual COBRA premiums and require the VA to waive health treatment copayments through September 2021. It would expand eligibility in 2021 and 2022 for federal tax subsidies toward Affordable Care Act marketplace insurance premiums, including to fully cover premium costs for individuals earning up to 150% of the federal poverty level and cap premiums at 8.5% of household income. It would provide for temporary increases in federal medical assistance percentages for certain services and eliminate the Medicaid drug rebate cap beginning in 2023. It would provide \$50 billion for small business assistance, including \$28.6 billion for restaurants and \$7.25 billion for the Paycheck Protection Program. It would provide \$4 billion for Agriculture Department pandemic-related assistance.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 220-211. [HR 1319, [Vote #72](#), 3/10/21; CQ, [3/10/21](#)]

- **The American Rescue Plan Created The Homeowner Assistance Fund.** “The Homeowner Assistance Fund (HAF) authorized by the American Rescue Plan Act, provides \$9.961 billion to support homeowners facing financial hardship associated with COVID-19. HAF funds were distributed to states, U.S. Territories, and Indian Tribes. Funds from HAF may be used for assistance with mortgage payments, homeowner’s insurance,

utility payments, and other specified purposes. Through 2022, HAF-funded programs have assisted over 230,000 homeowners, helping to prevent mortgage delinquencies and defaults, foreclosures, losses of utilities and home energy services, and displacement. In 2022, foreclosure filings were significantly lower than in any pre-pandemic year with available data. Data also show that very low-income homeowners, homeowners of color, and female homeowners have received a majority of HAF assistance.” [U.S. Department of the Treasury, Homeowner Assistance Fund, accessed [9/24/24](#)]

And She Is Working To Lower The Costs Of Gas And Prescription Medication.

Wild Voted For The Consumer Fuel Price Gouging Prevention Act To Bar Excessive Or Exploitative Fuel Prices. In May 2022 Wild Voted For: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would prohibit the sale of consumer fuel at excessive costs during a presidentially declared energy emergency. Specifically, the bill would allow the president to issue an energy emergency proclamation for any U.S. area for a renewable period of up to 30 days. During an energy emergency period, it would prohibit the sale of consumer fuel at a price that is ‘unconscionably excessive’ and indicates that the seller is ‘exploiting’ the circumstances of the emergency to unreasonably increase prices. It would direct the Federal Trade Commission to enforce such violations under existing law related to unfair or deceptive practices. It would establish an affirmative defense for civil and administrative action brought to enforce the violation that an increase in price ‘reasonably reflects’ additional costs or risks taken to produce, distribute, obtain or sell fuel. It would specify aggravating and mitigating factors in determining violations including whether the price grossly exceeds the average price of fuel offered in the 30 days before the emergency proclamation or during a benchmark period established by the FTC; whether the price grossly exceeds the average price offered during the emergency period by other sellers in the same area; and whether the quantity of fuel produced, distributed or sold increased in an area during the emergency period, accounting for usual seasonal variation. Among other provisions related to enforcement, it would require the FTC to prioritize enforcement against companies with sales over \$500 million annually; allow state attorneys general to enforce the prohibition through civil action and allow the FTC to intervene in such cases; and establish the Consumer Relief Trust Fund for funds collected from penalties, to be used to provide energy assistance to low-income households. It would also increase from \$1 million to \$2 million the maximum penalty under existing law and expand FTC enforcement authority for market manipulation and sharing false information with respect to transportation fuel pricing. It would require the Energy Department’s Energy Information Administration to conduct surveys of energy companies to collect information on U.S. crude oil and transportation fuel markets and share survey results and related analyses with the public and the FTC. It would require the FTC to investigate and create a strategy to address price manipulation and price gouging practices for gasoline during national or international emergencies.” The bill passed by a vote of 217-207. [H.R. 7688, [Vote #232](#), 5/19/22; CQ, [5/19/22](#)]

- **The Price Gouging Prevention Bill “Prohibit[ed] Price Increases During National Emergencies” And Authorized The Federal Trade Commission “To Issue Penalties For Price Gouging.”** “The measure, which is unlikely to garner the Republican support needed to become law, would prohibit price increases during national energy emergencies declared by the president. [...] The bill, called the Consumer Fuel Price Gouging Prevention Act, would also give the Federal Trade Commission the power to issue penalties for price gouging, according to a summary of the legislation. It would prioritize penalizing larger companies, while protecting independently owned gas stations.” [Bloomberg, [5/12/22](#)]
- **March 2022: 87% Of Voters Supported “A Crackdown On Price Gouging By Oil Companies, Including 63% Who Strongly Favor It.”** “Of all the actions the President and Congress might take to address the problem of rising gasoline prices and long-term energy costs, the one voters support most strongly and most broadly is cracking down on price gouging and excessive price increases by oil companies. Eighty-seven percent (87%) of voters favor a crackdown on price gouging by oil companies, including 63% who strongly favor it. One reason voters are so emphatic about cracking down on price gouging is that they believe oil company CEOs are “profiteering” off of the war between Russia and Ukraine and are using the war as an opportunity to raise gas prices just to increase their profits. [...] 49% say the prices at the pump are a reflection of oil companies wanting to increase their profits as much as possible.” [Hart Research Associates, [3/15/22](#)]

Wild Voted For Passing The Inflation Reduction Act Through Reconciliation. In August 2022 Wild voted for: “Yarmuth, D-Ky., motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the bill comprising a package of climate, tax and health care provisions. Among drug pricing provisions, the bill would require the Health and Human Services Department to negotiate a ‘maximum fair price’ with drug manufacturers for certain Medicare-eligible, brand-name drugs that do not have generic competition; cap cost-sharing for insulin products covered under Medicare at \$35 a month; and require single-source drug manufacturers to provide rebates to HHS for the price of drugs under Medicare Parts B and D for which price increases outpace inflation. For Medicare Part D, it would cap the annual out-of-pocket limit at \$2,000. It would extend through 2025 tax subsidies toward Affordable Care Act marketplace insurance premiums for individuals under a certain income level. The bill would provide for approximately \$270 billion in new or expanded tax credits to incentivize actions by businesses and individuals to mitigate climate change, including production credits for electricity produced by renewable and nuclear facilities; investment tax credits for certain renewable energy equipment and facilities; and credits for advanced energy manufacturing projects, including in areas where a coal mine or power plant has closed. To incentivize emission reduction and clean fuel production, it would create or extend tax credits for carbon oxide sequestration facilities; biodiesel, renewable diesel and alternative fuels; and clean hydrogen facilities. For most of its corporate tax credits, it would add prevailing wage and apprenticeship requirements and establish bonus credits for using domestic materials in facility construction. It would also expand individual tax credits for residential energy efficiency improvements and renewable energy expenses; increase credits for new energy efficient homes; and create credits for the purchase of used electric vehicles by individuals under a certain income level. It would reinstate the Superfund tax on crude oil at a rate of 16.4 cents per barrel. Among other tax provisions, the bill would establish a 15 percent alternative minimum tax for corporations with a book income of at least \$1 million annually and institute a 1 percent excise tax on corporate stock buybacks. It would authorize \$79.3 billion for IRS operations, including enforcement activities and systems modernization. The bill would provide funding for various activities to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, promote energy-efficient technologies and mitigate the impacts of climate change, including \$27 billion for grants to state, local and nonprofit entities for greenhouse gas emission reduction activities; \$9.7 billion for zero-emission or carbon capture rural electric systems; \$5 billion for loan guarantees to replace or reduce emissions of energy infrastructure; \$3 billion for zero-emission vehicles for the Postal Service; and \$1.6 billion for methane emissions reduction and mitigation. It would provide \$9 billion for residential energy efficiency improvement rebates; \$3 billion for new EPA environmental and climate justice block grants for community-led activities to address pollution, emission reduction, climate resiliency and public engagement; and \$3 billion for Federal Highway Administration grants for projects that address surface transportation facilities that disconnect or negatively impact communities. It would provide \$4 billion for drought mitigation in Western states; \$2.15 billion for hazardous fuel reduction and restoration projects; and \$1 billion to improve energy and water efficiency or climate resilience of affordable housing. It would require the Interior Department to accept bids for certain canceled oil and gas leases on the outer continental shelf. It would authorize wind lease sales adjacent to U.S. territories but prohibit new wind or solar development rights on federal lands for 10 years unless the department completes certain oil or gas lease sales.” The bill passed by a vote of 220-207. [H.R. 5376, [Vote #420](#), 8/12/22; CQ, [8/12/22](#)]

- **The Inflation Reduction Act Allowed Medicare To Negotiate Drug Prices.** “For the first time in history, Medicare has the ability to directly negotiate the prices of covered prescription drugs due to the Inflation Reduction Act.” [Department of Health and Human Services, [8/16/23](#)]
- **The Inflation Reduction Act Capped The Cost Of Insulin To \$35 Per Month.** “The Inflation Reduction Act caps out-of-pocket spending at \$35 per month’s supply of each insulin product covered under Medicare. These provisions are making insulin more affordable for many people covered by Medicare.” [Department of Health and Human Services, [8/16/23](#)]
- **The IRA Protected Seniors By Capping Prescription Prices At \$2,000 Out Of Pocket Annually, As Well As Free Vaccines For All Seniors And Medicare Insulin Prices Being Capped At \$35 Per Month.** “The package would cap the out-of-pocket costs that seniors pay annually for prescription drugs at \$2,000, and would ensure that seniors have access to free vaccines. Lawmakers also included a rebate should price increases outpace the rate of inflation. [...] Republicans successfully challenged the inclusion of a \$35 price cap on insulin for patients on private insurance during a rapid-fire series of amendment votes early Sunday

morning, forcing its removal. But a separate proposal that caps the price of insulin at \$35 per month for Medicare patients remained intact.” [New York Times, [8/7/22](#)]