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H.B. 6 Was The Legislation Which Funded A $1.3 Billion Of Companies Like FirstEnergy. "Ohioans are starting to receive notices that they are eligible to receive money from the FirstEnergy House Bill 6 scandal, but it is long from over. […] Federal prosecutors say the $1.3 billion bailout to companies like FirstEnergy raised electricity rates and had Ohioans paying for fossil fuel power plants." [Ohio Capital Journal, 8/23/22]

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Contributor Name	Contributor Non Individual	Contributing PAC Reg No	Address	City	State	Zip	Report Type	Year	Contribution Date	Amount
	AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER OHIO COMMITTEE FOR RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT	C00096842	1 RIVERSIDE PLAZA 26TH FLOOR	COLUMBUS	OH	43215	SEMIANNUAL (JULY)	2021	07/30/2021	$1,000.00

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[Policy Matters Ohio, 1/7/25]

2022: Merrin Received A Donation From Windstream Holdings' PAC, Who Had Two Ohio Data Centers And Had "Key Data Center Locations" Made By Companies Who Received Tax Breaks

2022: Merrin Received $500 From Windstream Holdings LLC

September 2022: Windstream Holdings II LLC PAC Gave $500 To Derek Merrin. [Ohio Secretary of State, Contributions Search, accessed 6/24/26]

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	WINDSTREAM HOLDINGS II LLC PAC	C00425975	4001 RODNEY PARHAM ROAD	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72212	PRE-GENERAL	2022	09/12/2022	$500.00

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Windstream Holdings Listed Eight "Key Data Center Locations" In Ohio, Two Of Which Were Hosted By Companies Benefiting From Data Center Tax Breaks

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Note: Windstream and Uniti merged together in 2025. All old Windstream holdings are thus hosted under the Uniti website.

One Of Windstream's "Key Data Center Locations" Was Operated By Cologix, Who Had Received Over $6 Million In Data Center Tax Breaks And Was Projected To Receive $42 Million More

2016: Windstream Announced It Would Be Hosting A Colocation Point Of Presence At A Data Center At 555 Scherers Court, Columbus, Ohio, Owned By Cologix. "Windstream (NASDAQ: WIN), a leading provider of advanced network communications, today announced it has recently completed construction of a new colocation point of presence (PoP) in Dallas, Texas, and plans to complete construction of a new colocation PoP in Columbus, Ohio, in October – both in facilities operated by Cologix, a network-neutral interconnection and data center company. This adds to Windstream's already-established presence in the Cologix Minneapolis and Jacksonville data centers, and aligns with Windstream's continued aggressive Data Center Interconnect (DCI) efforts, adding carrier neutral data centers to its network and giving its wholesale and enterprise customers more options to access cloud resources. […] 555 Scherers Court, Columbus, Ohio The Cologix Columbus facility is strategically located at the convergence point for national carrier long-haul and regional carrier fiber networks in Central Ohio, providing an advantageous site for disaster recovery deployments backing up primary sites in Chicago and New York." [Windstream, Press Release, 8/10/16]

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July 2021: American Electric Power Ohio Committee For Responsible Government Donated $1,000 To Derek Merrin. [Ohio Secretary of State, Contributions Search, accessed 6/24/26]

Contributor Name ↑≡	Contributor Non Individual	Contributing PAC Reg No	Address	City	State	Zip	Report Type	Year	Contribution Date	Amount
	AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER OHIO COMMITTEE FOR RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT	C00096842	1 RIVERSIDE PLAZA 26TH FLOOR	COLUMBUS	OH	43215	SEMIANNUAL (JULY)	2021	07/30/2021	$1,000.00

[Ohio Secretary of State, Contributions Search, accessed 6/24/26]

According To Policy Matters Ohio, American Electric Power Had Received An Estimated $6.3 Million In State Sales Tax Breaks For Data Centers As Of September 2024. "First created in 2013, Ohio's sales-tax exemption covers computer data center equipment, as well as materials used in constructing the centers. The Ohio Tax Credit Authority, a five-member board headed by the director of the state development department, approves the initial exemption. To qualify, a company must make at least $100 million in capital investment over three years and pay annual compensation to employees of at least $1.5 million. One recent example: The Tax Credit Authority on Oct. 28 approved a 15-year sales tax exemption estimated to be worth $72.5 million for Microsoft covering three new data centers in Licking County." [Policy Matters Ohio, 1/7/25]

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The Kroger Co.	15	75%	15	$1.5M	$104.85M	$4.52M
Sidecat LLC (Meta)	15	100%	50	$4M	$750M	$43.13M
Quality Technology Services, LLC	15	100%	10	$1.5M	$1.55B	$89.36M
Progressive Casualty Insurance Company	15	100%	15	$1.5M	$100M	$5.75M
Ohio River Partners Shareholder LLC	10	75%	25	$1.5M	$120M	$5.18M
Montauk Innovations LLC (Google)	15	100%	30	$2.5M	$600M	$34.5M
Involta, LLC	15	75%	11	$1.15M	$30M	$1.29M
CyrusOne Management Services LLC	10	75%	10	$1.5M	$135M	$5.82M
Cologix, Inc.	10	75%	15	$1.5M	$153.7M	$6.63M
Cleveland Tech Holdings LLC	15	100%	20	$1.5M	$100M	$5.75M
American Electric Power Service Corporation	15	100%	17	$2.2M	$109.5M	$6.3M

[Policy Matters Ohio, 1/7/25]

2022: Merrin Received A Donation From Windstream Holdings' PAC, Who Had Two Ohio Data Centers And Had "Key Data Center Locations" Made By Companies Who Received Tax Breaks

2022: Merrin Received $500 From Windstream Holdings LLC

September 2022: Windstream Holdings II LLC PAC Gave $500 To Derek Merrin. [Ohio Secretary of State, Contributions Search, accessed 6/24/26]

Contributor Name ↑	Contributor Non Individual	Contributing PAC Reg No	Address	City	State	Zip	Report Type	Year	Contribution Date	Amount
	WINDSTREAM HOLDINGS II LLC PAC	C00425975	4001 RODNEY PARHAM ROAD	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72212	PRE-GENERAL	2022	09/12/2022	$500.00

[Ohio Secretary of State, Contributions Search, accessed 6/24/26]

Windstream Holdings Listed Eight "Key Data Center Locations" In Ohio, Two Of Which Were Hosted By Companies Benefiting From Data Center Tax Breaks

2022: Windstream Listed Eight "Key Data Center Locations," Including 103 Knightsbridge Dr.,

Hamilton, And 535/555 Scherers Ct., Worthington. [Uniti Wholesale, 2022 Key Data Center Locations, Accessed 6/24/26]

OHIO
229 W 7th St., Cincinnati - CyrusOne
1255 Euclid Ave., Cleveland - DataBank
200 W Prospect Ave., Cleveland - Windstream
226 N 5th St., Columbus - WOW
180 E. Broad St., Columbus- Windstream
103 Knightsbridge Dr., Hamilton - CyrusOne
5307 Muhlhauser Rd., West Chester Township - Flexential
535/555 Scherers Ct., Worthington - Cologix

[Uniti Wholesale, 2022 Key Data Center Locations, Accessed 6/24/26]

Note: Windstream and Uniti merged together in 2025. All old Windstream holdings are thus hosted under the Uniti website.

One Of Windstream's "Key Data Center Locations" Was Operated By Cologix, Who Had Received Over $6 Million In Data Center Tax Breaks And Was Projected To Receive $42 Million More

2016: Windstream Announced It Would Be Hosting A Colocation Point Of Presence At A Data Center At 555 Scherers Court, Columbus, Ohio, Owned By Cologix. "Windstream (NASDAQ: WIN), a leading provider of advanced network communications, today announced it has recently completed construction of a new colocation point of presence (PoP) in Dallas, Texas, and plans to complete construction of a new colocation PoP in Columbus, Ohio, in October – both in facilities operated by Cologix, a network-neutral interconnection and data center company. This adds to Windstream's already-established presence in the Cologix Minneapolis and Jacksonville data centers, and aligns with Windstream's continued aggressive Data Center Interconnect (DCI) efforts, adding carrier neutral data centers to its network and giving its wholesale and enterprise customers more options to access cloud resources. […] 555 Scherers Court, Columbus, Ohio The Cologix Columbus facility is strategically located at the convergence point for national carrier long-haul and regional carrier fiber networks in Central Ohio, providing an advantageous site for disaster recovery deployments backing up primary sites in Chicago and New York." [Windstream, Press Release, 8/10/16]

2022: The Ohio Tax Credit Authority Voted Unanimously To Approve A 75% Tax Credit For Cologix For A Data Center Project In Columbus. "Cologix, Inc. appeared before the Tax Credit Authority requesting a tax credit for a data center project in the City of Columbus, Franklin County. Lindner made a motion to approve a tax credit of 75% for 10 years for Cologix, Inc. in exchange for a commitment to create 15 full-time equivalent employees generating $1,500,000 in new annual payroll and to retain $1,892,000 in existing payroll at the project location in the City of Columbus, Franklin County. The tax credit would begin on 1/1/2023 and end on 12/31/2032. Cooper seconded. The vote was 4-0. All present voted yes." [Ohio Tax Credit Authority, Metting Minutes, 8/29/22]

According To Policy Matters Ohio, Cologix Had Received An Estimated $6.63 Million In State Sales Data Center Tax Breaks As Of September 2024. "First created in 2013, Ohio's sales-tax exemption covers computer data center equipment, as well as materials used in constructing the centers. The Ohio Tax Credit Authority, a five-member board headed by the director of the state development department, approves the initial exemption. To qualify, a company must make at least $100 million in capital investment over three years and pay annual compensation to employees of at least $1.5 million. One recent example: The Tax Credit Authority on Oct. 28 approved a 15-year sales tax exemption estimated to be worth $72.5 million for Microsoft covering three new data centers in Licking County." [Policy Matters Ohio, 1/7/25]

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[Policy Matters Ohio, 1/7/25]

June 2026: Ohio Officials Approved A $42 Million Tax Exemption For Cologix's Planned Data Centers In The Columbus Area. "Ohio officials have approved a new $42.3 million tax exemption for a pair of giant data center projects in the Columbus area. The move comes days after Gov. Mike DeWine announced a pause on these kinds of tax exemptions as scrutiny has grown over their mushrooming costs for the state. The new tax exemption will subsidize Cologix Inc.'s planned data centers in suburban Delaware and Licking counties." [Signal Ohio, 6/1/26]

One Of Windstream's "Key Data Center Locations" Was Operated By CyrusOne, Who Had Received Almost $6 Million In Data Center Tax Breaks

2022: Windstream Listed Eight "Key Data Center Locations," Including 103 Knightsbridge Dr., Hamilton, Owned By CyrusOne. [Uniti Wholesale, 2022 Key Data Center Locations, Accessed 6/24/26]

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[Uniti Wholesale, 2022 Key Data Center Locations, Accessed 6/24/26]

December 2023: The Ohio Tax Credit Authority Voted To Approve A 75% Tax Credit For CyrusOne For A Data Center Project In Lebanon. "CyrusOne Management Services LLC; C1 Cincinnati – North Cincinnati LLC appeared before the Tax Credit Authority requesting a tax exemption for a project in the City of Lebanon, Warren County. Restrepo made a motion to approve a tax exemption of 75% for 10 years for CyrusOne Management Services LLC; C1 Cincinnati – North Cincinnati LLC in exchange for a commitment to create 10 full-time equivalent employees generating $1,500,000 in new annual at the project location. In addition, the company will claim the tax credit on Ohio employee payroll generated at the project location in excess of the company's baseline payroll at the project location. The tax credit would begin on 1/1/2024 and end on 12/31/2033. Kelly abstained. McGraw seconded. The vote was 4-0. All present voted yes." [Ohio Tax Credit Authority, Meeting Minutes, 12/10/23]

According To Policy Matters Ohio, CyrusOne Had Received An Estimated $5.82 Million In State Sales Data Center Tax Breaks As Of September 2024. "First created in 2013, Ohio's sales-tax exemption covers computer data center equipment, as well as materials used in constructing the centers. The Ohio Tax Credit Authority, a five-member board headed by the director of the state development department, approves the initial exemption. To qualify, a company must make at least $100 million in capital investment over three years and pay annual compensation to employees of at least $1.5 million. One recent example: The Tax Credit Authority on Oct. 28 approved a 15-year sales tax exemption estimated to be worth $72.5 million for Microsoft covering three new data centers in Licking County." [Policy Matters Ohio, 1/7/25]

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[Policy Matters Ohio, 1/7/25]

October 2025: Data Center Tax Breaks Had Cost Ohio $2.5 Billion So Far

Ohio Signal Headline: "Data Centers In Ohio Have Claimed $2.5 Billion In Tax Breaks Since 2017, Report Says." [Ohio Signal, 10/6/25]

A Report Showed That Data Centers Had Received $2.5 Billion In State And Local Tax Incentives Between 2017 And 2024. "Data centers in Ohio have received $2.5 billion in state and local tax incentives between 2017 and 2024, according to a new, industry-backed report. These tax breaks come from three major places. First, for large scale facilities, there's an exemption to the state's 5.75% sales tax. Then there are state job creation tax credits. And finally, local governments usually grant data centers 75% property tax abatements lasting 15- to 30 years." [Ohio Signal, 10/6/25]

These Data Centers Consume Massive Amounts Of Electricity, Pushing Energy Costs Higher For Families And Small Businesses And Drain Local Water Supplies That Farms And Homes Depend On.

Data Centers Were Found To Be Raising Energy Costs And Draining Local Water Supplies

Consumer Reports: Residential Electricity Prices Were Rising Due To Hyperscale Data Centers Which Demanded "A Nearly Unimaginable Amount Of Energy." "It's no secret that electricity costs across the U.S. are skyrocketing. Residential prices jumped 7.1 percent in 2025—more than double the inflation rate—and topped 20 percent in some states, according to federal data. The AI data center rush isn't the only factor driving up prices—others include inflation and an aging power grid—but it's a significant one. That's because hyperscale data centers demand a nearly unimaginable amount of energy. The International Energy Agency says a typical hyperscale data center might use 100 megawatts (MW), as much electricity as 100,000 households." [Consumer Reports, 3/20/26]

Data Centers Were Using Up To 5 Million Gallons Of Water Every Day And Were Largely Built In Areas Already Experiencing Water Stress. "In the process, a data center can use up to 5 million gallons of water every day, as much as 16,000-plus average U.S. households, according to Environmental Protection Agency estimates. […] What's more, about two-thirds of the data centers built since 2022 are in areas already experiencing water stress, according to a Bloomberg News investigation." [Consumer Reports, 3/20/26]

Marcy Kaptur Message #1 Backup

Marcy Kaptur knows that Social Security and Medicare are under attack by extremists who want to cut them to pay for tax cuts for the wealthy. She will fight back against any effort to cut Social Security and Medicare so that our seniors receive the benefits that they spent their lives paying into, and says we should expand Medicare to cover eyeglasses, hearing aids, and dental care so that seniors can live comfortably and with dignity.

Marcy Kaptur says that families shouldn't have to choose between paying their bills and getting the healthcare they deserve. She's fighting to improve our healthcare system by fully funding Medicare and Medicaid, restoring Affordable Care Act tax credits, getting tough on big drug companies to lower prescription drug prices, and ending surprise medical billing that targets vulnerable families.

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Republicans Had Attempted To Cut Social Security And Medicare To Pay For Tax Cuts For The Wealthy

Bloomberg Headline: "Social Security Benefits Targeted For Cuts By House Conservatives." [Bloomberg, 6/14/23]

2023: The Republican Study Committee's FY24 Budget Called For Raising The Retirement Age For Social Security. The RSC Budget would "[…] make modest adjustments to the retirement age for future retirees to account for increases in life expectancy." "Every Social Security retirement reform supported by the RSC Budget was previously offered in a bipartisan fashion. For instance, the RSC Budget would make modest changes to the primary insurance amount (PIA) benefit formula for individuals who are not near retirement and earn more than the wealthiest PIA benefit factor. It would also make modest adjustments to the retirement age for future retirees to account for increases in life expectancy. Finally, for these individuals, it would limit and phase out auxiliary benefits for high income earners." [Republican Study Committee, Fiscal Year 2024 Budget, 6/14/23]

The RSC Budget Would Reform Medicare By Implementing A Premium Support Model. "To achieve this, the RSC budget would implement a premium support model where private plans would compete with a federal Medicare plan (the 'Fed Plan') that would offer the traditional Medicare benefits received through Part A, B, and D." [Republican Study Committee, Fiscal Year 2024 Budget, 6/14/23]

- **Premium Support Models Shifted Costs Onto Beneficiaries.** "In areas where Medicare incurs relatively high costs, the amount of the premium-support payment would equal the cost of a relatively inexpensive private plan, and beneficiaries would have to pay higher premiums to participate in traditional Medicare. In areas with relatively low Medicare spending, beneficiaries who wanted to

> enroll in a private plan would face higher premiums or fewer benefits, or might find that no private plan was available. […] The vouchers would purchase less coverage with each passing year, pushing more costs on to beneficiaries. Over time, seniors would have to pay more to keep the health plans and the doctors they like, or they would get fewer benefits." [Center On Budget and Policy Priorities, 3/28/12]

The RSC FY 2024 Budget Had $5.1 Trillion Of Tax Cuts And Tax Cut Extensions. "The Republican Study Committee (RSC) recently released its annual budget proposal for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024, covering the upcoming fiscal year and the decade after. The proposal, drafted by the Budget and Spending Task Force of the 175-member caucus, aims to balance the budget by 2030 and reduce debt to 68 percent of the economy by 2033. According to the budget's summary tables, the RSC budget calls for $17.1 trillion of deficit reduction over the next decade – which is the net effect of $14.0 trillion of spending cuts; $5.8 trillion of revenue from a combination of tax expenditure reforms, asset sales, and faster assumed economic growth; and $2.3 trillion of interest savings combined with $5.1 trillion of tax cuts and tax cuts extensions." [Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget, 6/20/23]

She Will Fight Back Against Any Effort To Cut Social Security And Medicare So That Our Seniors Receive The Benefits That They Spent Their Lives Paying Into…

Kaptur Said She Would Guarantee Social Security And Medicare Are Protected

Kaptur: "We Must Guarantee That Social Security, One Of The Most Successful Programs In American History, Remains Sound Not Only For Current Beneficiaries, But Also Future Generations." "Social Security is a compact between the government and the people and perhaps the most successful social program in American history. Signed into law in 1935 by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, the Social Security Act was designed to improve the economic circumstances of older adults during the Depression. Social Security has weathered difficult economic times, including 13 recessions over the last 75 years. Yet never once has it failed to pay beneficiaries; Americans continue to receive their benefit payments in total and on time. Social Security consists of benefits that are earned by working, so it should be there when you retire. At the end of 2011, 56 million people, including retirees, widows, disabled workers, and children, were receiving Social Security benefits. For many Americans, Social Security is the only thing standing between them and poverty. Average benefits are only $14,000 a year, but the at the same time, six out of ten seniors depend on Social Security benefits to make up more than half their incomes. Almost half the seniors in America (45%) would be living in poverty if not for Social Security. We must guarantee that Social Security, one of the most successful programs in American history, remains sound not only for current beneficiaries, but also future generations. The Social Security trustees have projected that the Trust Fund is projected to be $2.7 Trillion at the end of 2011, enough to pay full benefits until 2036." [Rep. Marcy Kaptur, Issues- Retirement Security, accessed 3/13/26]

Kaptur: "We Must Do Everything We Can To Protect Social Security, Medicare, And Medicaid Before It Is Too Late." "My heartfelt congratulations to Ohio native Travis Kelce on his engagement to Pennsylvania native Taylor Swift. Now that I have your attention—we must do everything we can to protect Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid before it is too late. People in both our states and nationwide depend on it." [Rep. Marcy Kaptur, Twitter, 8/26/25]

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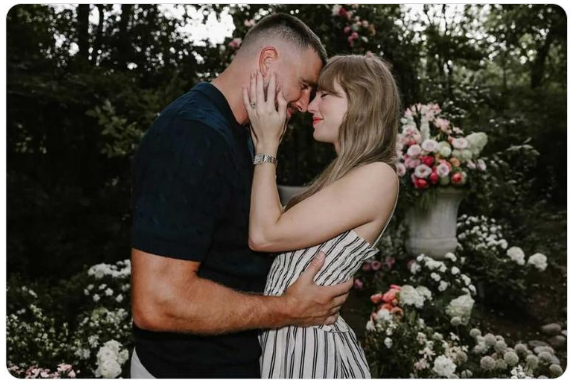

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[Rep. Marcy Kaptur, Twitter, 8/26/25]

… And Says We Should Expand Medicare To Cover Eyeglasses, Hearing Aids, And Dental Care So That Seniors Can Live Comfortably And With Dignity.

Kaptur Cosponsored A Bill To Extend Medicare To Cover Eye, Hearing, And Dental Care

Kaptur Was A Cosponsor Of The Medicare Dental, Vision, And Hearing Benefit Act. [H.R. 2045, Cosponsors, 3/11/25]

Medicare Dental, Vision, And Hearing Benefit Act Would Expand Access To Dental, Hearing, And Vision Care For Medicare Beneficiaries. "As millions of seniors and people with disabilities struggle to afford dentures, hearing aids and eye glasses, Rep. Lloyd Doggett (D-Texas), Ranking Member of the House Ways and Means Health Subcommittee, and Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.), Ranking Member of the Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) Committee, today introduced bicameral legislation to expand access to dental, hearing and vision care for the 68 million American seniors on Medicare." [Rep. Lloyd Doggett, Press Release, 3/11/25]

Marcy Kaptur Says That Families Shouldn't Have To Choose Between Paying Their Bills And Getting The Healthcare They Deserve. She's Fighting To Improve Our Healthcare System By Fully Funding Medicare And Medicaid…

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Kaptur Said She "Supported Hard Fought House Efforts To Pass Legislation That Will Meet The True Needs Of Our People" Including "Maintain[Ing] Our Enduring Commitment To Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid." "I supported hard fought House efforts to pass legislation that will meet the true needs of our people — for decent, affordable medical care and pharmaceuticals, maintain our enduring commitment to Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, and to fund health care and nursing home care for our veterans. Unfortunately, the one-sided bill that passed the House of Representatives by 3 votes earlier this week, and passed the Senate this evening by 8 votes is NOT such a bill." [Rep. Marcy Kaptur, Press Release, 3/14/25]

… Restoring Affordable Care Act Tax Credits…

Kaptur Signed A Discharge Petition To Extend ACA Tax Credits Which Had Expired

Kaptur Signed The Discharge Petition To Advance H.R. 1834, The Breaking The Gridlock Act. [Discharge Petition #10, 11/12/25]

The Breaking The Gridlock Act Would Extend ACA Tax Credits, Which Were Expiring At The End Of 2025. "The U.S. House of Representatives passed the Breaking the Gridlock Act with bipartisan support on Thursday, Jan. 8, extending Affordable Care Act tax credits for three years. The legislation addresses rising healthcare costs, as enhanced ACA premium tax credits are set to expire at the end of 2025. Without congressional action, millions of families could see their monthly premiums increase, making healthcare less affordable." [KGNS, 1/10/26]

NOTE: As of August 2026, Congress had still not passed an extension of the ACA Tax Credits that have expired at this point, hence needing them to be restored

… Getting Tough On Big Drug Companies To Lower Prescription Drug Prices…

Kaptur Voted For The Inflation Reduction Act Which Allowed Medicare To Negotiate Drug Prices, Reducing Costs For Seniors

Kaptur Voted For The Inflation Reduction Act. On August 12th, 2022, Marcy Kaptur voted for H.R. 5376, the Inflation Reduction Act. The bill passed, 220-207. [H.R. 5376, Vote #420, 8/12/22]

The Inflation Reduction Act Allowed Medicare To Negotiate Drug Prices, Reducing Drug Costs For Seniors And Reducing Federal Spending. "Medicare is poised to renegotiate the prices of some of its most expensive drugs through a historic expansion of its power, which could reduce costs for many seniors as well as federal spending on its prescription drug plan. The changes are tucked inside a massive spending-and-tax bill in Congress that includes $433 billion in investments in health-care and clean energy. House Democrats passed the Inflation Reduction Act on Friday in a 220 to 207 vote along party lines, ending a tortured legislative process that took more than a year. The bill empowers the Health and Human Services Secretary to negotiate prices for certain drugs covered under two different parts of Medicare and punish pharmaceutical companies that don't play by the rules. The legislation also caps out-of-pocket costs at $2,000 starting in 2025 for people who participate in Medicare Part D, the prescription drug plan for seniors." [CNBC, 8/12/22]

Kaptur Introduced A Bill To Enact Trump's "Most Favored Nation" Which Would Force Drugmakers To Lower Drug Prices

Kaptur Introduced The Global Fairness In Drug Pricing Act Which Would Codify Core Provisions Of Trump's Executive Orders On Prescription Drugs Into Law. "Representatives Marcy Kaptur (OH-09), Ro Khanna (CA-17), Anna Paulina Luna (FL-13), and Andy Biggs (AZ-05) introduced the bipartisan

Global Fairness in Drug Pricing Act to codify the core provisions of President Trump's Executive Order into law — ensuring lasting, enforceable reform that permanently delivers lower prices to Americans." [Rep. Marcy Kaptur, Press Release, 5/20/25]

- **Trump's Executive Orders To Impose The "Most Favored Nation" Policy Would Force Drugmakers To Lower Price Tags And Bring Them In Line With Prices Paid In Other Countries.** "Following through on President Donald Trump's 'most favored nation' policy, the HHS is about to drop a drug pricing hammer on the pharma industry. But that doesn't mean drugmakers will comply. The policy, issued by an executive order earlier this month in an attempt to bring U.S. drug prices in line with those paid in other countries, asks drugmakers to voluntarily lower their own price tags first. If they don't, HHS is then directed to "impose" the policy, which is expected to be met with legal challenges, as it was when Trump proposed a similar plan during his first term. […] The Global Fairness in Drug Pricing Act, introduced the same day as HHS' price target announcement, would similarly direct HHS to propose a rule to implement the MFN strategy." [Pharma Voice, 5/27/25]

… And Ending Surprise Medical Billing That Targets Vulnerable Families.

Kaptur Cosponsored A Bill To End Surprise Billings For Out-Of-Network Services

2019: Kaptur Cosponsored The End Surprise Billing Act Of 2019. [H.R. 861, Cosponsors, introduced 1/30/19]

The End Surprise Billing Act Would Require Hospitals To Comply With Certain Requirements Related To Notifications Around Billing For Out-Of-Network Services. "This bill requires a critical access hospital or other hospital to comply, as a condition of participation in Medicare, with certain requirements related to billing for out-of-network services. With respect to an individual who has health benefits coverage and is seeking services, a hospital must provide notice as to (1) whether the hospital, or any of the providers furnishing services to the individual at the hospital, is not within the health care provider network or otherwise a participating provider with respect to the individual's health care coverage; and (2) if so, the estimated out-of-pocket costs of the services to the individual. At least 24 hours prior to providing those services, the hospital must document that the individual (1) has been provided with the required notice, and (2) consents to be furnished with the services and charged an amount approximate to the estimate provided. Otherwise, the hospital may not charge the individual more than the individual would have been required to pay if the services had been furnished by an in-network or participating provider. With respect to such an individual who is seeking same-day emergency services, a hospital may not charge more than the individual would be required to pay for such services furnished by an in-network or participating provider." [H.R. 861, Summary, introduced 1/30/19]