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- Bresnahan Acquired His Grandparents’ Company, Kuharchik Construction, At Age 19.
 - Bresnahan Said He Had A Deal With His Grandmother To Acquire Kuharchik Construction In Exchange For Getting A College Degree.
 - Bresnahan “Took Over” When He Was 19 As Kuharchik Chief Financial Officer And Later Admitted To His Own Inexperience And To Learning On The Job.
- Bresnahan Became The Executive Vice President Of Wyoming Electric & Signals Inc., A Company Headed By His Mother, The Same Year He Started College.

Bresnahan Sold His Beloved Multi-Generational Family-Owned Businesses To A Private Equity Firm, Despite Claiming He Reinvested “Every Dollar” He Made Into Northeastern Pennsylvania

- Instead Of Keeping His Multi-Generational Companies In The Family, Bresnahan Sold Out And Obfuscated Ties To A Wall Street Investment Firm, CAI Capital Partners.
 - In July 2023, Midwestern Electric, A CAI Capital Partners Portfolio Company, Acquired Kuharchik Construction And Wyoming Electric & Signal.
 - CAI Capital Partners Was A Private Equity Firm.
 - Bresnahan “Retained A Meaningful Equity Stake In The Combined Businesses.”
 - 2024: Bresnahan Described The Sale Of His Company To Midwestern Electric As “The Opportunity To Partner With A Company Out Of Chicago,” Failing To Mention That Midwestern Electric Was A Portfolio Company Of CAI Capital Partners.
- Bresnahan Is The President Of Kuharchik Construction And Was Initially Given The Title Of CFO At Age 19 When He Was Offered A Deal To Buy The Company From His Grandparents.
- Bresnahan Is The Executive Vice President Of Wyoming Electric And Signal, Which Was Started By His Mother.
- Bresnahan Said “Every Dollar I’ve Ever Made Has Been Reinvested Into Northeastern Pennsylvania”

Bresnahan Repeatedly Insulted His Own Voters Across The District.

- April 2024: At A Rally In Luzerne County, Bresnahan Implied He Had The Bad Side Of Luzerne County In Pennsylvania’s 8th Congressional District.
- March 2024: Bresnahan Said The City Of Scranton, The Largest City In Pennsylvania’s 8th Congressional District, “Is Not What We Are.”

2018 – 2022: While Bresnahan Was An Elected Member Of The Pennsylvania Republican State Committee, The Pennsylvania Republican Party That Took An Far-Right Stance Against Abortion Rights And Gay Marriage

- 2018 – 2022: Bresnahan Was An Elected Member Of The Pennsylvania Republican State Committee.
 - During This Time, The Pennsylvania Republican Party Took An Open Stance Against Abortion Rights And Gay Marriage.
 - The Pennsylvania Republican Party Followed The Platform Of The National Republican Party, Whose Platform Was Emphatically Homophobic And Anti-Abortion.
 - The Republican Party’s Platform Was Overtly Anti-Abortion, Supporting A Human Life Amendment To The Constitution, Opposing Planned Parenthood, And Applauding The Born-Alive Infant Protection Act.
 - The Republican Party’s Platform Denounced Two Landmark Supreme Court Rulings For LGBTQ+ Rights And Stated, “Marriage Between One Man And One Woman [...] Is The Foundation For A Free Society.”

Bresnahan Refused To Denounce The House Republican Study Committee Budget That Endorsed A National Abortion Ban Without Exceptions And A Ban On Mifepristone

- April 2024: Bresnahan Refused To Say If He Would Support The Republican Study Committee’s Budget.
- The RSC Budget Endorsed A National Abortion Ban Without Exceptions.
- The RSC Budget Endorsed Legislation That Would Ban Chemical Abortions, Like The Use Of Mifepristone.”

Bresnahan Praised David McCormick—A Self-Interested Businessman Who Advocated For Looser Chinese Market Regulations To Benefit His Bottom Line

- April 2024: Bresnahan Called McCormick “An Awesome Senate Candidate.”
- As “One Of The Most Important US Liaisons To Chinese Economic And Finance Officials,” McCormick Advocated For China To Open Its Markets To Greater US Investment.
- 2008: The Treasury Department Heeded McCormick’s Call, Making It Easier For US Companies To Invest In The Chinese Financial Sector.
- After His Tenure In The Bush Administration, McCormick Became President Of Bridgewater Associates.
- Under McCormick’s Leadership, Bridgewater Associates Increased Their Chinese Holdings By 108,000%.
- Under McCormick’s Leadership, Bridgewater Associates Invested Hundreds Of Millions Of Dollars In Chinese Military Companies, Including At Least \$230 Million In At Least 20 Chinese Firms That Were Later Sanctioned By Trump Or Biden For Being Part Of Chinese Military Or Surveillance Efforts.
- Under McCormick’s Leadership, Bridgewater Associates Invested In At Least One Chinese Company Sanctioned By The US For Human Rights Violations.
- June 2021: One Of The Companies Bridgewater Invested In Was “Implicated In Human Rights Violations And Abuses In The Implementation Of China’s Campaign Of Repression, Mass Arbitrary Detention, Forced Labor ... Against Uyghurs.”
- McCormick Directly Benefited From The Policies He Pushed In The Bush Administration.

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- Representative Mike Kelly Endorsed Bresnahan.
- Mike Kelly Introduced The Heartbeat Protection Act Of 2021, Which Would Punish Physicians That Performed Abortions After A Detectable Heartbeat With 5 Years In Prison.
- Members Of Kelly’s Staff Were “Involved In An Effort To Alter The Count Of Electoral College Votes In The 2020 Presidential Election.”

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- 2020: Bresnahan Was A Campaign Consultant For Pennsylvania Republican Congressman Dan Meuser.
- Meuser Endorsed Bresnahan And Donated \$3,500 To His Campaign.
- Meuser Repeatedly Voted To Restrict Access To Abortion, Co-Sponsored A Bill Prohibiting The Use Of Federal Funds For Abortions, And Was Rated “A+” By Susan B. Anthony List, A Draconian Anti-Abortion Organization.
- Meuser Voted For Objecting To The Counting Of 2020 Electoral Votes From Pennsylvania And Arizona.

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- Dr. Mehmet Oz Was The Failed Republican Senate Candidate For Pennsylvania Who Was Criticized For Being A Wealthy, Out-Of-Touch Carpetbagger.
- Bresnahan Helped Coordinate Oz’s Visit To Exeter, PA, And Contributed \$6,300 To Oz’s Campaign.

Bresnahan Was Endorsed And Bankrolled By House Republicans Who Supported Policies That Hurt Northeastern Pennsylvania Families

- Bresnahan’s Endorsers And Campaign Funders Voted Against A \$15 Minimum Wage, Pushed Legislation That Would Increase Taxes For The Middle Class And Benefit The Rich, Voted Against Capping Insulin Prices, Voted Against Expanding Health Care, Voted To Slash Entitlement Benefits, And Voted Against Caring For Veterans.

Bresnahan Was Endorsed By An Anti-Union Dark Money Group That Backed The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act, Which Would Outsource Pennsylvania's Manufacturing Jobs

- Tax Experts Said The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Increased Incentives For Companies To Move Jobs Overseas.
- In February 2024, Bresnahan Was Endorsed By Americans For Prosperity Action And Called The Group "Principled."
 - Americans For Prosperity Was A Dark Money Group With An Agenda That Would Outsource Pennsylvania's Manufacturing Jobs And Cut Taxes For The Wealthiest Americans And Largest Corporations.
 - Americans For Prosperity Praised Lawmakers Who Supported The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act.

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- Bresnahan's Endorsers And Campaign Funders From The House Cosponsored A National Abortion Ban With No Exceptions, Voted To Overturn The 2020 Election, And Voted Against Codifying Marriage Protections For LGBTQ Couples.
- Bresnahan Accepted \$99,400 From 32 Co-Sponsors Of The Life At Conception Act, A National Abortion Ban With No Exceptions For Rape, Incest, Or To Save The Life Of The Mother.
 - The Life At Conception Act Would Ban Nearly All Abortions Nationwide With No Exceptions.
 - The Life At Conception Act Could Be Used To Attack Contraception And IVF.
- Bresnahan Accepted \$101,100 From 29 Republicans That Voted To Overturn The Results Of The 2020 Presidential Election.
- Bresnahan Accepted \$117,900 From 37 Republicans That Voted Against Protecting Marriage Equality For LGBTQ Couples.
 - The Respect For Marriage Act Repealed The Defense Of Marriage Act And Provided Federal Protections For Same-Sex And Interracial Couples.
 - 2022: 69% Of Pennsylvanians Supported Gay Marriage.

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- House Speaker Mike Johnson endorsed Bresnahan and gave \$5,000 to his campaign.
- In Addition To Cosponsoring A National Abortion Ban, Johnson Supported Jailing Doctors Who Provided Abortion Care And Said The Overturning Of Roe V. Wade Would Be "The Greatest Day Of My Life."
 - Johnson Consistently Received A+ Ratings On The Susan B. Anthony Pro-Life America Legislative Scorecard.
 - Johnson Supported Imprisoning Doctors For Up To 10 Years For Performing Abortions.
 - Johnson Said, "I'd Love It If The Supreme Court Would Overturn Roe V. Wade," And Called The Overturning Of Roe V. Wade "A Joyous Day."
- Not Only Did Johnson Vote To Overturn The 2020 Presidential Election – He Was "The Most Important Architect Of The Electoral College Objections."
 - Johnson Was Called "The Most Important Architect Of The Electoral College Objections" After About 75% Of The Republicans Who Objected To The Election Results "Chiefly Relied On Mr. Johnson's Argument."
 - Johnson Was The Lead Sponsor On An Amicus Brief To Overturn The 2020 Presidential Election Then Worked With Trump To Get Additional Republican Signatures On The Brief.
- Johnson Argued For Upholding A Same-Sex Marriage Ban And Spoke Out Against LGBTQ Youth.
 - Johnson Twice Argued To Uphold Louisiana's Same-Sex Marriage Ban At The State Supreme Court.
 - Johnson Called LGBTQ Youth A "Problem" And Said That "Something Has Gone Terribly Wrong."
 - Johnson Introduced A Bill That Barred Any Display Of LGBTQ Identity In Front Of Children.
 - Johnson Led A Hearing Arguing Against The Right To Gender-Affirming Care For Children.
 - Johnson Cosponsored A Bill Banning Gender-Affirming Care For Minors.
- As Chair of the Republican Study Committee, Johnson proposed drastic cuts to Social Security and Medicare.

- 116th Congress: Johnson published the Republican Study Committee Conservative Playbook while Chair of the Republican Study Committee.
- Johnson's Republican Study Committee proposed cutting Medicare by raising the eligibility age.
- Johnson's Republican Study Committee called for raising the retirement age to 69 and eventually 70 years old.
- 2019: Johnson's Republican Study Committee called for passage of the National Right to Work Act, which would depress union membership and keep wages lower for both union and non-union workers.
- 2019: Johnson's Republican Study Committee Conservative Playbook called for ending all student loan forgiveness and tuition tax credits.
- Johnson voted for the Republican health care repeal bill, which would repeal Obamacare and leave millions uninsured.
 - Johnson voted for the American Health Care Act – the Republican health care repeal bill.
 - Under the American Health Care Act, an estimated 777,000 Pennsylvanians would lose health insurance coverage by 2026, and Pennsylvanians would have to pay thousands in premiums for common conditions.
 - The American Health Care Act would gut protections for people with pre-existing conditions.
 - The American Health Care Act would lead to 23 million more uninsured – disproportionately older people with lower incomes.
 - The American Health Care Act would create an age tax on older Americans.
- Johnson voted for Republican resolutions that would repeal the Affordable Care Act.
 - Johnson voted for beginning the process of repealing the Affordable Care Act.
- Johnson voted against the Protecting Americans with Preexisting Conditions Act.
 - Johnson voted against an amendment to prohibit the use of appropriated funds to implement the August 2018 rule on short-term limited-duration insurance plans.
- Johnson opposed expanding the Affordable Care Act.
 - Johnson voted against the State Health Care Premium Reduction Act.
- Johnson voted repeatedly to allow the Trump administration's legal campaign against the Affordable Care Act to move forward.
- Johnson voted against authorizing House intervention into the Texas court case that found the Affordable Care Act unconstitutional.

Bresnahan Was Endorsed By Steve Scalise, Who Reportedly Called Himself “David Duke Without The Baggage”

- February 2024: Majority Leader Steve Scalise Endorsed Bresnahan.
- Guardian: “House Speaker Contender Steve Scalise Reportedly Called Himself David Duke Without The Baggage.”
 - Scalise Spoke At A Convention For A Group Affiliated With Racists And Neo-Nazi Activists.

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- December 2023: Republican Conference Chair Elise Stefanik Endorsed Bresnahan.
- After Refusing To Certify 2020 Election Results, Stefanik Tripled Down On Election Denying Claims, Calling The January 6th Investigation A “Partisan Political Witch Hunt” And Saying Trump “Rightfully” Challenged 2020 Election Results.
- Stefanik Introduced A 15-Week National Abortion Ban And Was Endorsed By Susan B. Anthony Pro-Life America, An Extremist Organization That Wanted To “End Abortion.”
- Stefanik Defended Using The White Supremacist “Great Replacement” Conspiracy Theory.

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- Majority Whip Tom Emmer Endorsed Bresnahan And Gave \$7,000 To His Campaign.
- Emmer Called Abortion Rights “Chinese Genocide” And Consistently Received A+ Ratings On The Susan B. Anthony Pro-Life America Legislative Scorecard.
- Emmer Supported The Big Lie And Sought To Overturn The 2020 Presidential Election.

- Emmer Accused Jewish Billionaires Of Buying Control Of Congress For Democrats.
- Emmer introduced legislation to eliminate Minnesota’s minimum wage.
- GOP lawmakers and strategists heavily criticized NRCC Chairman Tom Emmer and his team’s 2020 strategy, even calling his team “inept.”

Bresnahan Accepted Campaign Funds From Republican Megadonors, Who Together, Gave At Least \$7.1 Million To The Republican National Committee And At Least \$6 Million To The National Republican Congressional Committee

- Bresnahan Accepted \$27,883.63 From Donors Who Gave A Combined \$7,169,969.64 To The Republican National Committee And \$6,017,464.96 To The National Republican Congressional Committee.

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- Bresnahan Accepted \$134,000 From 42 Members Of The Republican Study Committee.
 - The Republican Study Committee Was House Republicans’ “Conservative Caucus” And A “Leading Influencer On The Right.”
 - The Republican Study Committee Published A “Fiscally Conservative Blueprint” For A Budget Every Year Since 1995.
 - The Republican Study Committee’s Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Proposal Would Slash Social Security Benefits.
 - The Republican Study Committee Plan Would End Crucial Health Care Protections, Forcing Americans To Pay More Out Of Pocket For Medicare And Kicking Vulnerable Americans Off Medicaid.
 - The Republican Study Committee Model Would Make Medicare Beneficiaries Pay More For Less.
 - The Republican Study Committee Plan Would Make Severe Cuts To Medicaid Funding.
 - The Republican Study Committee Plan Would Undermine Medicaid Funding For Children In Order To Save Money.

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- Bresnahan Accepted \$153,000 From 48 Republicans Who Voted In Favor Of A Bill To Suspend The Debt Limit Also Known As The Default On America Act.
- The House Republican Debt Limit Bill Would Slash Government Spending, Hurting Veterans, Students, Seniors, And Low-Income Families.
 - The House Republican Debt Limit Plan Was Expected To Force 22% In Cuts Across The Federal Government.
 - Veterans Were Left Vulnerable By The House Republican Debt Limit Plan, With Billions Taken Away From The VA, Limiting Healthcare Services.
 - Cutting Federal Spending By 22% Was Expected To Negatively Impact 25 Million Low-Income Students And 7.5 Million Students With Disabilities.
 - Cutting Federal Spending By 22% Was Expected To Take Away Nutrition Services For More Than A Million Seniors.
 - The Republican Debt Limit Plan Was Expected To Leave Over Half A Million Of The Poorest Americans Without Health Insurance.
 - The Republican Debt Limit Plan Was Expected To Cause Over 275,000 Americans A Month To Lose Access To Food Stamps And Medicaid.
 - Republican Spending Cuts Were Expected To Cut Cancer Research, Nutritional Assistance For Poor Mothers And Infants, And The Social Security Administration Employees By More Than Half.
 - The Debt Limit Bill Cut Unspent COVID-19 Relief Funds, Revoked Internal Revenue Service Funding, And Tightened Work Requirements For Medicaid And Food Stamp Recipients.
 - The Republican Debt Limit Plan Would Cut Funding For Infrastructure.
 - The Debt Limit Bill Rolled Back Student Loan Debt Forgiveness And Climate Provisions From The Inflation Reduction Act.

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- Bresnahan, The Grandchild Of A Veteran, Reminded People To Honor And Remember Veterans On Veterans Day.
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- The PACT Act Would Expand Health Care And Benefits For The 3.5 Million Veterans That Were Exposed To Toxic Substances While Serving Their Country.

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- Bresnahan Accepted \$134,000 From 40 Republicans Who Voted Against The Affordable Insulin Now Act, Which Would Cap The Price Of Insulin At \$35.
- The Affordable Insulin Now Act Capped The Price Of Insulin At \$35 Or 25% Of An Insurance Plan’s Negotiated Price, Whichever Was Lower.
- 11.3% Of Pennsylvanians Had Diagnosed Diabetes, And Health Costs For Those With Diabetes Were 2.3 Times Higher Than For People Without Diabetes.

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 - The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Was Enacted In The Infrastructure Investment And Jobs Act.
- Funding From The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Was Actively Being Used To Clean Up And Revitalize Abandoned Coal Mines And Coal Communities In Pennsylvania.
- The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Would Add Jobs, Fund Major Infrastructure Projects, Ensure Safe Travel, And Was Funded With Other Unspent Funds.
 - The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Was Projected To Add About 2,000,000 Jobs Per Year For A Decade.
 - The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Would Fund Major Projects, Such As Highways, Bridges, Roads, And Water Infrastructure.
 - The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Would Fund High-Speed Internet And The Power Grid.
 - The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Would Ensure Safe And Accessible Travel.

Bresnahan Accepted Nearly \$114,000 From 35 Republicans Who Voted Against The State Health Care Premium Reduction Act, Which Was “The First Significant Expansion Of The Affordable Care Act”

- Bresnahan Accepted \$113,725 From 35 Republicans Who Voted Against Expanding The Affordable Care Act.
- The State Health Care Premium Reduction Act Would Expand Enrollment In And Reduce Consumer Costs For State-And-Federally Operated Affordable Care Act Health Insurance Marketplace; Incentivize Medicaid Expansion By States; And Authorized Maximum Price Negotiations For Prescription Drugs Under Medicare.
 - The Bill Was “The First Significant Expansion Of The Affordable Care Act [...] Expanding Eligibility For Insurance Subsidies” And Promoting Medicaid Expansion.

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- Bresnahan Accepted \$110,300 From 32 Republicans That Voted For Final Passage Of The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act.
- Tax Cuts From The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Added \$1.9 Trillion To The National Debt.
- Big Corporations And The Ultrawealthy Got The Majority Of The Benefit From The Republican Tax Bill.
 - Big Corporations Benefitted From The Republican Tax Scam, Saving Billions Of Dollars.

- The Tax Bill Was A Giveaway For Big Pharma.
- The Tax Bill Was Great For The Oil & Gas Industry.
- The Tax Bill Was Great For Wall Street.
- Billionaires Saved Millions From The Tax Cuts And Even Avoided Paying Taxes Altogether.
- The Tax Cut Made It More Attractive For Companies To Move Jobs Overseas.
- Joint Economic Committee Democrats Estimated That The TCJA Would Risk Offshoring 635,728 Jobs In Pennsylvania.
- Republicans Planned On Going After Medicare And Social Security To Pay For The Tax Cuts.
 - Former Speaker Paul Ryan Pushed To “Reform” Entitlements To Decrease The Deficit.
 - Trump’s 2021 Budget Proposed \$500 Billion In Net Medicare Spending Reductions Over 10 Years.
 - Trump’s Proposed 2018 Budget Would Break His Promise To Seniors And Cut Medicare Spending By \$554 Billion Over A Decade.
- The Tax Bill Gave Tax Cuts To The Ultra-Wealthy.
- The Tax Bill Shifted The Tax Burden Over Time To The Middle Class.

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As A Teenager, Bresnahan Became CFO Of A Company Founded By His Grandparents And Executive Vice President Of A Company Led By His Mother

Bresnahan Admitted To “Starting On Third Base”

April 2024: Bresnahan Said, “I’ll Admit To Some Degree That I Started On A Base” But Didn’t Think “He Hit A Triple By Starting On Third Base.” BRESNAHAN: “And I’m the first one to admit I have been given incredible opportunities, and I’ll admit to some degree that I started on a base, but I’m not the kind of person that will stand in front of you that thinks he hit a triple by starting on third base. Every single thing has been a fight to some extent and everything that our family has when you are trying to grow a company and redevelop buildings in the middle of COVID, and you can’t get lumber, you can’t get a part for a toilet, or try to align different subcontractors.” [Rob Bresnahan, Meet and Greet, 4/17/24] (VIDEO 27:13)

February 2024: Bresnahan Said, “I’ve Always Described Myself As A Person Who Started On Base, But I Had To Steal Home.” “That was a bid reason why I decided to go to the University of Scranton. In 2008, when the financial world kind of came to a screeching halt, I was going to go to school in Philadelphia, I was going to work for some competitors, but my grandmother told me that I had to get a 4-year college degree from a university of her acceptance before they would begin to sell me the company. So with that happening, I thought – you know 2008 and I’ve – I took over as chief financial officer. Like Congress the power of the purse, because we had to get the economics of the company back on track. My grandparents built a wonderful company. I’ve always described myself as a person who started on base, but I had to steal home. I had to grow the company into what it was.” [Nikki Stone Show, [2/16/24](#)] (AUDIO 7:37-8:20)

Bresnahan Acquired His Grandparents’ Company, Kuharchik Construction, At Age 19

Bresnahan Acquired Kuharchik Construction At Age 19, Saying He Had A Deal With His Grandmother To Acquire The Company In Exchange For Obtaining A College Degree

Bresnahan Said He Had A “Deal With [His] Grandmother” That Would Allow Him To Take Over The Company His Grandparents In Exchange For Getting A College Degree. BRESNAHAN: “I actually took over when I was 19 as the Chief Financial Officer so that was 2009 while I was going to the University of Scranton and why I chose not to go to Drexel and not to go to Philadelphia.” HOST: “Oh here’s the... is this the story?” BRESNAHAN: “Yes this is kind of like the meat and potatoes as to you know I had an exit plan and it was halted quickly. [...] The deal with my grandmother was I had to get a 4-year college degree from an approved university of her choosing before I can begin to buy the company from my grandparents.” [OnTheStacks via YouTube, 12:51, uploaded [3/9/22](#)]

- **OnTheStacks Podcast: “At Age 19, And While Attending College, Rob [Bresnahan] Simultaneously Took On The Role Of CFO Of His Family’s 3rd Generation Electrical Contractor Business.”** On March 9th, 2022, The OnTheStacks podcast hosted Rob Bresnahan Jr. for an hour-long episode. The YouTube video description wrote a short biography of Bresnahan, which read “#OnTheStacks in the blue door studio with Rob Bresnahan Jr., President and CEO of Kuharchik Construction. At age 19, and while attending college, Rob simultaneously took on the role of CFO of his family’s 3rd generation electrical contractor business. After purchasing the company, Rob grew it from 50 employees to 150. In this episode, Rob talks about effective leadership skills, building a great company culture, and giving back to the local community through various volunteer efforts.” [OnTheStacks via YouTube, uploaded [3/9/22](#)]

Bresnahan: “My Grandmother Told Me That I Had To Get A Four Year College Degree From A University Of Her Acceptance Before They Would Begin To Sell Me The Company.” BRESNAHAN: “I was gonna go to school in Philadelphia, I was gonna work for some competitors. But my grandmother told me that I had to get a four year college

degree from a university of her acceptance before they would begin to sell me the company. So with that happening, I thought, you know, 2008, and I took over as Chief Financial Officer, like Congress, the power of the purse, because we had to get the economics of the company back on track, my grandparents built a wonderful company. I've always described myself as a person who started on base, but I had to steal home, I had to grow the company into what it was." [The Nikki Stone Show, Rob Bresnahan With Nikki Stone & Kevin Robinson, 8:18, [2/16/24](#)] (AUDIO)

Bresnahan “Took Over” When He Was 19 As Kuharchik Chief Financial Officer And Later Admitted To His Own Inexperience And To Learning On The Job

Bresnahan Said That He “Took Over When [He] Was 19 As The Chief Financial Officer” Of Kuharchik Construction. BRESNAHAN: “I actually took over when I was 19 as the Chief Financial Officer so that was 2009 while I was going to the University of Scranton and why I chose not to go to Drexel and not to go to Philadelphia.” [OnTheStacks via YouTube, 12:51, uploaded [3/9/22](#)]

Bresnahan Said “The First Couple Of Years [As CFO Of Kuharchik Construction] Was Just Getting A Handle On” The Job. BRESNAHAN: “I actually took over when I was 19 as the Chief Financial Officer so that was 2009 while I was going to the University of Scranton and why I chose not to go to Drexel and not to go to Philadelphia.” HOST: “Oh here’s the... is this the story?” BRESNAHAN: “Yes this is kind of like the meat and potatoes as to you know I had an exit plan and it was halted quickly. [...] The first couple of years was just getting a handle on... Yeah I saw it in the field, I see what a traffic signal is, what intelligent transportation systems are, I see the people we have and at that point we had 51 people and just trying to develop a rapport, you know going from 1st generation to 3rd generation and trying to get people to believe in your mission. [OnTheStacks via YouTube, 12:51, uploaded [3/9/22](#)]


Bresnahan On Kuharchik’s State When He Became CFO: “Some of The Problems Were A Lot Larger Than I Can Wrap Around My Head.” BRESNAHAN: “I actually took over when I was 19 as the Chief Financial Officer so that was 2009 while I was going to the University of Scranton and why I chose not to go to Drexel and not to go to Philadelphia.” HOST: “Oh here’s the... is this the story?” BRESNAHAN: “Yes this is kind of like the meat and potatoes as to you know I had an exit plan and it was halted quickly. [...] And 2009 came around and at this point my grandparents were getting older and we were growing slowly but surely and there was just a... I just said well jeez... just looking at things and I sort of realized well gosh this is... We have a lot of work to do. And I had the opportunity to go to Drexel but what was I would say the most fascinating element of it was I was 19 and I had cool hair and although I’ve been around the business my entire life, some of the problems were a lot larger than I can wrap my head around like I can’t read a book to understand 179 depreciation.” [OnTheStacks via YouTube, 12:51, uploaded [3/9/22](#)]

Bresnahan Claimed He Learned The Role Of CFO By “Getting Through Trenches.” HOST: “So you were 19 years old?” BRESNAHAN: “Yeah that when’s I took over as CFO” Host: “How did you figure it all out?” BRESNAHAN: “It’s getting through the trenches- get wet and get kicked and get back up.” [OnTheStacks via YouTube, 16:15, uploaded [3/9/22](#)]

Bresnahan Became The Executive Vice President Of Wyoming Electric & Signals Inc., A Company Headed By His Mother, The Same Year He Started College

Bresnahan Became The Executive Vice President At Wyoming Electric & Signals Inc. The Same Year He Started His Bachelor’s Degree At University Of Scranton

April 2008: Bresnahan Became Executive Vice President At Wyoming Electric & Signals. According to Bresnahan’s LinkedIn, he was Executive Vice President at “Wyoming Electric & Signal, Inc.” in Wyoming, Pennsylvania from April 2008 to present. [Robert Bresnahan Jr., LinkedIn, accessed [3/25/24](#)]




Robert Bresnahan Jr.
CEO • DEVELOPER • NEPA

 **Executive Vice President**
Wyoming Electric & Signal, Inc.
Apr 2008 - Present · 16 yrs
Wyoming, Pennsylvania

 Wyoming Electric & Signal Inc.
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[Robert Bresnahan Jr., LinkedIn, accessed [3/25/24](#)]

2008: Bresnahan Began His Bachelor Of Science Degree At The University Of Scranton. According to his LinkedIn profile, Bresnahan received a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, Management, and Operations from the University of Scranton, which he attended from 2008 to 2012. [Robert Bresnahan Jr., LinkedIn, accessed [3/25/24](#)]



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Education

 **University of Scranton**
Bachelor of Science - BS, Business Administration, Management and Operations
2008 - 2012
Activities and societies: Captain Men's Golf 2008-2012

[Robert Bresnahan Jr., LinkedIn, accessed [3/25/24](#)]

Bresnahan's Mother, Dodie Lynn Bresnahan, Served As The President Of Wyoming Electric & Signals Inc.

As Of March 2024, Dodie Lynn Bresnahan Was The Only Officer Listed On Wyoming Electric & Signals Inc's Business Filing Which Named Her The President, Treasurer, And Secretary Of The Corporation. According to the Pennsylvania Department of State, Wyoming Electric & Signals Inc. was a Domestic Business Corporation formed on April 10th, 1995. Dodie Lynn Bresnahan was listed as the only officer of the company and was listed as their Treasurer, Secretary, and President. [Pennsylvania Department of State Business search, Entity #2631601, accessed [3/25/24](#)]

WYOMING ELECTRIC & SIGNALS, INC. (2631601)	
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Initial Filing Date	04/10/1995
Status	Active
Formed In	PENNSYLVANIA
Filing Type	Domestic Business Corporation
Filing Subtype	Business
Registered Office	214 Wyoming Avenue Wyoming, PA 18644 County: Luzerne
Officers	President DODIE LYNN LYNN BRESHNAHAN 214 WYOMING AVE WYOMING PA 186441619 Secretary DODIE LYNN BRESHNAHAN 214 WYOMING AVE WYOMING PA 186441619 Treasurer DODIE LYNN BRESHNAHAN 214 WYOMING AVE WYOMING PA 186441619

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- According To Bresnahan’s Bio In The National Electrical Contractors Association Newsletter, Dodie Bresnahan Was His Mother. “Robert Bresnahan is the son of Robert & Dodie Bresnahan of Kuharchik Construction, Inc. in Exeter.” [National Electrical Contractors Association, Newsletter, [Winter 2009](#)]

Bresnahan Sold His Beloved Family-Owned Businesses To A Private Equity Firm, Despite Claiming He Reinvested “Every Dollar” He Made Into Northeastern Pennsylvania

Instead Of Keeping His Multi-Generational Companies In The Family, Bresnahan Sold Out And Obfuscated Ties To A Wall Street Investment Firm, CAI Capital Partners

July 2023: Foreign Owned CAI Capital Partners Included Midwestern Electric, Which Acquired Kuharchik Construction And Wyoming Electric & Signal, Among It’s Portfolio Companies

July 2023: Midwestern Electric, A CAI Capital Partners Portfolio Company, Acquired Kuharchik Construction And Wyoming Electric & Signal. “CAI Capital Partners has held the first closing of its seventh private equity fund, CAI Capital Partners VII, raising more than C\$45 million from new and returning investors. The fund’s target was not disclosed. CAI’s sixth fund closed in 2020 with C\$125 million in commitments. In conjunction with the first close, Fund VII wrapped up its debut deal. Midwestern Electric, a Fund VI portfolio company backed in 2021, acquired Kuharchik Construction and Wyoming Electric & Signal, together an Exeter, Pennsylvania-based electric infrastructure services provider focused on the maintenance and installation of traffic signals streetlights and intelligent transport systems. Kuharchik is led by Robert Bresnahan Jr, who has retained a meaningful equity stake in the combined business and will continue managing operations in Pennsylvania.” [PE Hub, [7/21/23](#)]

- **CAI Capital Partners Was A Private Equity Firm.** “CAI Capital Partners is a Vancouver-based private equity firm focused on partnering with and growing founder-owned businesses in the Canadian and US lower middle market. Over three decades, CAI has invested over C\$1.5 billion of equity capital into companies across North America.” [CAI Capital Partners, LinkedIn About, accessed [1/13/24](#)]
- **CAI Capital Partners Invested In U.S. And Canadian Businesses.** “Based In Vancouver, CAI invests in founder-owned lower mid-market businesses in Canada and the US. Over three declared, the firm has deployed C\$1.6 billion of equity capital.” [PE Hub, [7/21/23](#)]

CAI Capital Partners: Bresnahan “Retained A Meaningful Equity Stake In The Combined Businesses” Of Kuharchik Construction And Wyoming Electric & Signal Following Their Acquisition By Midwestern Electric. “In conjunction with the first close, Fund VII completed its first transaction. Its investment in Midwestern Electric (‘MWE’), a CAI Capital Partners VI LP portfolio company, will support MWE’s partnership with Kuharchik Construction, Inc. and Wyoming Electric & Signal, Inc. (collectively ‘Kuharchik’). Like MWE, Kuharchik is a specialized electrical infrastructure services provider that focuses on the maintenance and installation of traffic signals, streetlights, and intelligent transport systems. Based in Exeter, PA, Kuharchik services the state of Pennsylvania with a proven track record spanning decades. Kuharchik is led by Robert Bresnahan, Jr. who has retained a meaningful equity stake in the combined business and will continue managing operations in Pennsylvania. ‘Becoming part of the MWE and CAI team presents tremendous opportunities for our company and employees. We share a common vision for delivering exceptional electrical infrastructure solutions, and together, we have the resources to provide enhanced value to our customers in Pennsylvania and beyond,’ said Robert Bresnahan, Jr., President of Kuharchik.” [CAI Capital Partners, Press Release [7/19/23](#)]

2024: Bresnahan Described The Sale Of His Company To Midwestern Electric As “The Opportunity To Partner With A Company Out Of Chicago,” Failing To Mention That Midwestern Electric Was A Portfolio Company Of CAI Capital Partners

February 2024: Bresnahan Said, “Recently We Had The Opportunity To Partner With A Company Out Of Chicago, Midwestern Electric.” BRESNAHAN: “RBresnahan@Kuharchik.com, it’s quite the mouthful.” HOST: “So is that a family business that was started by.” BRESNAHAN: “My grandfather and grandmother in 1973. 50 years ago.” HOST: “50 years ago in 1973. And you’ve been keeping that flame alive.” BRESNAHAN: “Yeah. And it’s was an exciting journey and that was a big reason why I decided to go to the University of Scranton in 2008 when the financial world kind of came to a screeching halt. I was going to go to school in Philadelphia, I was going to work for some competitors, but my grandmother told me that I had to get a four-year college degree from a university of her acceptance before they would begin to sell me the company. So with that happening, I thought, you know, 2008 and I took over as Chief Financial Officer, like Congress, the power of the purse because we had to get the economics of the company back on track. My grandparents built a wonderful company. I’ve always described myself as a person who started on base but I had to steal home. I had to grow the company into what it was and from a point of 2009 to what we are now we saw a 400% growth. We went from 50 employees to 150 employees. We worked in I think it was up to 17 different states last year. [...] And recently we had the opportunity to partner with a company out of Chicago, Midwestern Electric, they’ve been – and now we employ probably 300 people from from Chicago all the way all the way over here to Northeastern PA. But understanding the pragmatic approach of the struggles – I mean, when I took over this company, we didn’t have available cash. We were deciding between payroll and vendors and how do we sort all of these things out? I mean, we were – I mean 2008 was really devastating to us.” [The Nikki Stone Show, Rob Bresnahan With Nikki Stone & Kevin Robinson, [2/16/24](#)] (AUDIO 7:18 – 9:40)

At Age 19, Bresnahan Was Given Kuharchik Construction By His Grandparents Starting As The CFO And Then Becoming The President

Bresnahan Was The President Of Kuharchik Construction

April 2009 – February 2024: Bresnahan Was The President Of Kuharchik Construction. According to LinkedIn,

Bresnahan was the president of Kuharchik Construction in Exeter, PA from April 2009 to present. [Robert Bresnahan Jr., LinkedIn, accessed [2/27/24](#)]



[Robert Bresnahan Jr., LinkedIn, accessed [2/27/24](#)]

2009: At Age 19, Bresnahan Was Given The Opportunity To Buy Kuharchik Construction, A Third Generation Electrical Contractor Business, By His Grandparents In Exchange For Getting A College Degree

Bresnahan Said He Had A “Deal With [His] Grandmother” That Would Allow Him To Buy The Company His Grandparents In Exchange For Getting A College Degree. BRESNAHAN: “I actually took over when I was 19 as the Chief Financial Officer so that was 2009 while I was going to the University of Scranton and why I chose not to go to Drexel and not to go to Philadelphia.” HOST: “Oh here’s the... is this the story?” BRESNAHAN: “Yes this is kind of like the meat and potatoes as to you know I had an exit plan and it was halted quickly. [...] The deal with my grandmother was I had to get a 4-year college degree from an approved university of her choosing before I can begin to buy the company from my grandparents.” [OnTheStacks via YouTube, 12:51, uploaded [3/9/22](#)] (VIDEO)

- **Bresnahan Claimed He Took Over The Company At Age 19 In 2009 While Attending The University Of Scranton.** BRESNAHAN: “I actually took over when I was 19 as the Chief Financial Officer so that was 2009 while I was going to the University of Scranton and why I chose not to go to Drexel and not to go to Philadelphia.” HOST: “Oh here’s the... is this the story?” BRESNAHAN: “Yes this is kind of like the meat and potatoes as to you know I had an exit plan and it was halted quickly. [...] The deal with my grandmother was I had to get a 4-year college degree from an approved university of her choosing before I can begin to buy the company from my grandparents.” [OnTheStacks via YouTube, 12:51, uploaded [3/9/22](#)] (VIDEO)
- **OnTheStacks Podcast: “At Age 19, And While Attending College, Rob [Bresnahan] Simultaneously Took On The Role Of CFO Of His Family’s 3rd Generation Electrical Contractor Business.”** On March 9th, 2022, The OnTheStacks podcast hosted Rob Bresnahan Jr. for an hour-long episode. The YouTube video description wrote a short biography of Bresnahan, which read “#OnTheStacks in the blue door studio with Rob Bresnahan Jr., President and CEO of Kuharchik Construction. At age 19, and while attending college, Rob simultaneously took on the role of CFO of his family’s 3rd generation electrical contractor business. After purchasing the company, Rob grew it from 50 employees to 150. In this episode, Rob talks about effective leadership skills, building a great company culture, and giving back to the local community through various volunteer efforts.” [OnTheStacks via YouTube, uploaded [3/9/22](#)] (VIDEO)

Feb. 2024: Bresnahan Claimed He Bought Kuharchik Construction Off Of His Grandparents Following A Deal With Them That Ge Had To Get A College Degree Before They’d Begin To Sell Him The Company.

BRESNAHAN: “RBresnahan@Kuharchik.com, it’s quite the mouthful.” HOST: “So is that a family business that was started by.” BRESNAHAN: “My grandfather and grandmother in 1973. 50 years ago.” HOST: “50 years ago in 1973. And you’ve been keeping that flame alive.” BRESNAHAN: “Yeah. And it’s was an exciting journey and that was a big reason why I decided to go to the University of Scranton in 2008 when the financial world kind of came to a screeching halt. I was going to go to school in Philadelphia, I was going to work for some competitors, but my grandmother told me that I had to get a four-year college degree from a university of her acceptance before they would begin to sell me the company. So with that happening, I thought, you know, 2008 and I took over as Chief Financial Officer, like Congress,

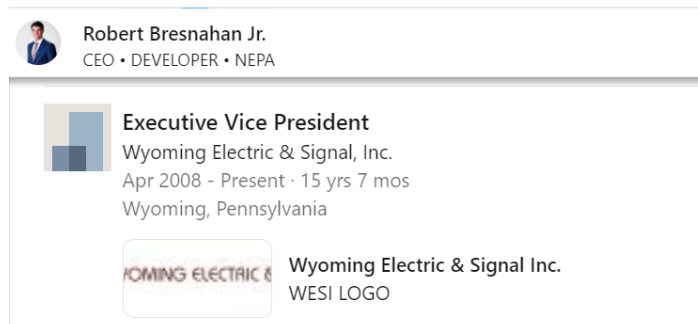
the power of the purse because we had to get the economics of the company back on track. My grandparents built a wonderful company. I've always described myself as a person who started on base but I had to steal home. I had to grow the company into what it was and from a point of 2009 to what we are now we saw a 400% growth. We went from 50 employees to 150 employees. We worked in I think it was up to 17 different states last year. [...] And recently we had the opportunity to partner with a company out of Chicago, Midwestern Electric, they've been – and now we employ probably 300 people from from Chicago all the way all the way over here to Northeastern PA. But understanding the pragmatic approach of the struggles – I mean, when I took over this company, we didn't have available cash. We were deciding between payroll and vendors and how do we sort all of these things out? I mean, we were – I mean 2008 was really devastating to us. [...] You know, we've been very fortuitous to be successful. Although it took a long time to get there from where we were in 2008. And I want to bounce back to a comment that you made earlier before the break about you know, the idea of a silver spoon or being handed something I mean, our business was it was hand to hand every single day. To whom much is given, much is required. And there was never a hand – I bought the company off of my grandparents.” [The Nikki Stone Show, Rob Bresnahan With Nikki Stone & Kevin Robinson, [2/16/24](#)] (AUDIO 7:18 – 17:19)

- **Feb. 2024: Bresnahan Characterized Taking Over Kuharchik Construction As “Start[ing] On Base.”**
BRESNAHAN: “RBresnahan@Kuharchik.com, it’s quite the mouthful.” HOST: “So is that a family business that was started by.” BRESNAHAN: “My grandfather and grandmother in 1973. 50 years ago.” HOST: “50 years ago in 1973. And you've been keeping that flame alive.” BRESNAHAN: “Yeah. And it’s was an exciting journey and that was a big reason why I decided to go to the University of Scranton in 2008 when the financial world kind of came to a screeching halt. I was going to go to school in Philadelphia, I was going to work for some competitors, but my grandmother told me that I had to get a four-year college degree from a university of her acceptance before they would begin to sell me the company. So with that happening, I thought, you know, 2008 and I took over as Chief Financial Officer, like Congress, the power of the purse because we had to get the economics of the company back on track. My grandparents built a wonderful company. I've always described myself as a person who started on base but I had to steal home. I had to grow the company into what it was and from a point of 2009 to what we are now we saw a 400% growth. We went from 50 employees to 150 employees. We worked in I think it was up to 17 different states last year.” [The Nikki Stone Show, Rob Bresnahan With Nikki Stone & Kevin Robinson, [2/16/24](#)] (AUDIO 7:18 – 8:30)

2008: Bresnahan Became The Executive Vice President Of His Mother’s Company Wyoming Electric And Signal

2008: Bresnahan Became The Executive Vice President Of Wyoming Electric & Signal Inc.

2008 – Present: Bresnahan Was Executive Vice President At Wyoming Electric and Signal Inc. According to his LinkedIn profile, Bresnahan became the Executive Vice President of Wyoming Electrical & Signal, Inc. in April 2008 as of January 2024, still held the position. [Robert Bresnahan Jr., LinkedIn, accessed [1/8/24](#)]



[Robert Bresnahan Jr., LinkedIn, accessed [1/8/24](#)]

Bresnahan’s Mother Was The Only Officer Listed As President, Treasurer, And Secretary For Wyoming Electric & Signal

January 2024: Dodie Lynn Bresnahan Was The Only Officer Listed On Wyoming Electric & Signals Inc’s Business Filing Which Named Her The President, Treasurer, And Secretary Of The Corporation. According to the Pennsylvania Department of State, Wyoming Electric & Signal Inc. was a Domestic Business Corporation formed on April 10th, 1995. Dodie Lynn Bresnahan was listed as the only officer of the company and was listed as their Treasurer, Secretary, and President. [Pennsylvania Department of State Business search, Entity #2631601, accessed [1/8/24](#)]

Request Certificate	
Initial Filing Date	04/10/1995
Status	Active
Formed In	PENNSYLVANIA
Filing Type	Domestic Business Corporation
Filing Subtype	Business
Registered Office	214 Wyoming Avenue Wyoming, PA 18644 County: Luzerne
Officers	<p>Treasurer DODIE LYNN BRESNAHAN 214 WYOMING AVE WYOMING PA 186441619</p> <p>Secretary DODIE LYNN BRESNAHAN 214 WYOMING AVE WYOMING PA 186441619</p> <p>President DODIE LYNN LYNN BRESNAHAN 214 WYOMING AVE WYOMING PA 186441619</p>

[Pennsylvania Department of State Business search, Entity #2631601, accessed [1/8/24](#)]

- **According To Bresnahan’s Bio In The National Electrical Contractors Association Newsletter, Dodie Bresnahan Was His Mother.** “Robert Bresnahan is the son of Robert & Dodie Bresnahan of Kuharchik Construction, Inc. in Exeter.” [National Electrical Contractors Association, Newsletter, [Winter 2009](#)]

Bresnahan Said “Every Dollar I’ve Ever Made Has Been Reinvested Into Northeastern Pennsylvania”

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 BRESNAHAN: “I was gonna go to school in Philadelphia to Drexel for construction management but chose to stay here and go to the University of Scranton. Every dollar I’ve ever made has been reinvested into Northeastern Pennsylvania because I love Northeastern Pennsylvania.” [The Nikki Stone Show, Rob Bresnahan With Nikki Stone & Kevin Robinson, 6:09, [2/16/24](#)] (AUDIO)

Bresnahan Said That Every Dollar He Has Ever Made Into “Property And Reinvestment” Had Been “Right Here In Northeastern Pennsylvania.” HOST: “Rob, how do you see the future here in Northeastern Pennsylvania?”
 BRESNAHAN: “I believe in Northeastern Pennsylvania. Every dollar I’ve ever made into property and reinvestment has been right here in Northeastern Pennsylvania.” [YouTube, The Sam Lesante Show - 2024 Primary Election Preview Pt. 3, 8:52, [3/1/24](#)] (VIDEO)

Bresnahan Invested More Than \$15,000 In 113 Entities Each, With A Total Value Between \$15,815,113 And \$63,450,000

Bresnahan Invested More Than \$15,000 In 113 Separate Entities Each. According to Bresnahan’s Personal Financial Disclosure, he had invested over \$15,000 in 113 separate entities. [U.S. House Clerk, Bresnahan 2023 Personal Financial Disclosure, filed [1/30/24](#)]

- **These Assets Had A Total Value Between \$15,815,113 And \$63,450,000.** According to Bresnahan’s Personal Financial Disclosure, his individual assets over \$15,000 totaled to between \$15,815,113 and \$63,450,000. [U.S. House Clerk, Bresnahan 2023 Personal Financial Disclosure, filed [1/30/24](#)]

Bresnahan Repeatedly Insulted Voters Across The 8th District.

April 2024: Bresnahan Insulted Voters In Luzerne County, Implying The Bad Side Of The County Was In PA-08

HEADLINE: “Pennsylvania Congressional Candidate Rob Bresnahan Seemingly Insults His Own Voters... Again.” [Heartland Signal, [4/15/24](#)]

- **April 8, 2024: At A Rally In Kingston, Pennsylvania, Bresnahan “Dissed The Eastern Half Of Luzerne County, Which Encompasses Much Of The Eighth Congressional District” Implying He Is Running In The Bad Half Of The County.** “While speaking at a rally in Kingston, Pa. last week, Republican Congressional candidate Rob Bresnahan seemingly dissed the eastern half of Luzerne County, which encompasses much of the Eighth Congressional District he is looking to represent. During the April 8 rally, Bresnahan acknowledged the help of U.S. Rep. Dan Meuser (R), who represents the adjacent Ninth Congressional District in Pennsylvania. He also said that Meuser speaks for the ‘good’ half of Luzerne County, implying that he is running in the bad half. ‘So I want to thank Congressman Meuser,’ Bresnahan said. ‘Early on, when I first thought about pursuing this endeavor, there was a lot of counseling, a lot of soul searching, some talking with my family speaking to Dan and having an opportunity to just pick his brain about his journey. And we have an incredible member of Congress that gets the good– the western side of Luzerne County.’ This is the second time in the last month where Bresnahan has evidently slighted his voters. During a town hall event last month, Bresnahan said that the city of Scranton is ‘not what we are.’” [Heartland Signal, [4/15/24](#)]

April 8, 2024: Bresnahan Said Congressman Meuser “Gets The Good – The Western Side Of Luzerne County”

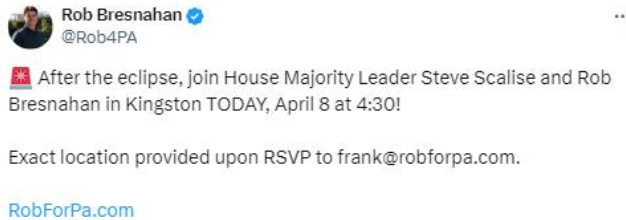
April 8, 2024: Bresnahan Said Congressman Meuser “Gets The Good – The Western Side Of Luzerne County.”
BRESNAHAN: “So I want to thank Congressman Meuser. Early on when I first thought about pursuing this endeavor there was a lot of counseling, a lot of soul searching, some talking with my family, but – yeah, please sit down, sit down, you don’t have to stand up – I’m not – sit down – but speaking to Dan and having an opportunity to just pick his brain about his journey, and we have an incredible member of Congress that gets the good – the western side of Luzerne County. So between your mentorship and your friendship, thank you for your guidance, your therapy sessions, and all that you’ve had to offer.” [Rob Bresnahan, Rally for Rob with Majority Leader Steve Scalise, [4/8/24](#)] (AUDIO)



[Rob Bresnahan, Rally for Rob with Majority Leader Steve Scalise, [4/8/24](#)] (AUDIO)

April 8, 2024: Bresnahan Held A Rally With Steve Scalise And Dan Meuser In Kingston, Pennsylvania

April 8, 2024: Bresnahan Held A Rally With Steve Scalise In Kingston. “🌅 After the eclipse, join House Majority Leader Steve Scalise and Rob Bresnahan in Kingston TODAY, April 8 at 4:30! Exact location provided upon RSVP to frank@robforpa.com. <http://RobForPa.com>.” [Rob Bresnahan, Twitter, [4/8/24](#)]



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[Rob Bresnahan, Twitter, [4/8/24](#)]

April 9, 2024: Bresnahan Thanked Steve Scalise And Dan Meuser For Attending His Rally The Previous Day. “Northeastern Pennsylvania is FIRED up for new leadership! In November we’re going to retire Matt Cartwright and his San Francisco values and I’m going to put the people of NEPA FIRST, where they belong! Thank you

to @SteveScaliseGOP and Dan Meuser for rallying my supporters yesterday! #PA08.” [Rob Bresnahan, Twitter, [4/9/24](#)]



[Rob Bresnahan, Twitter, [4/9/24](#)]

April 8, 2024: Bresnahan Posted A Photo From Kingston, Pennsylvania With Steve Scalise And Dan Meuser. “Welcome to NEPA, @SteveScaliseGOP! We’re home to the best people, politics, and pizza! #PA08.” [Rob Bresnahan, Twitter, [4/8/24](#)]



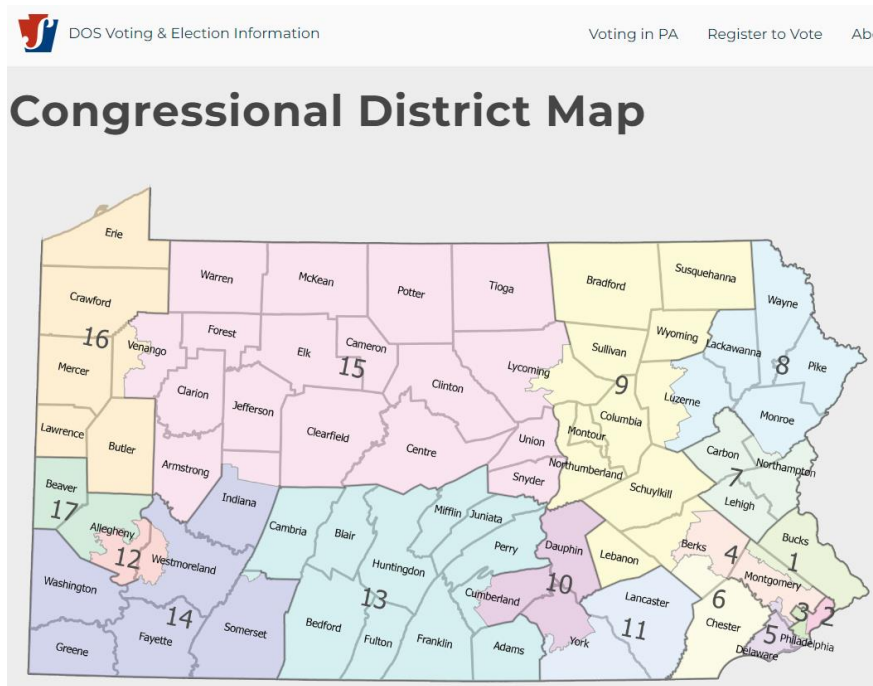
[Rob Bresnahan, Twitter, [4/8/24](#)]

Kingston Was In Luzerne County

Kingston Was In Luzerne County. The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation listed Kingston under townships and boroughs in Luzerne County. [Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, Luzerne County maps, accessed [4/9/24](#)]

Luzerne County Was Split Between Pennsylvania’s 8th And 9th Congressional Districts In The Eastern And Western Halves Of The County Respectively

Pennsylvania Department Of State: Luzerne County Was Split Between Pennsylvania’s 8th And 9th Congressional Districts In The Eastern And Western Halves Of The County Respectively. A map of Pennsylvania’s congressional districts showed that Luzerne County was split between the eighth and ninth congressional district. The map showed he western part of Luzerne County was in Pennsylvania’s ninth congressional district and the eastern part of Luzerne County was in Pennsylvania’s eighth congressional district. [Pennsylvania Department of State, Congressional District Map, accessed [4/9/24](#)]



[Pennsylvania Department of State, Congressional District Map, accessed [4/9/24](#)]

March 2024: Bresnahan Insulted His Voters In Scranton, The Largest City In Pennsylvania’s 8th Congressional District, Calling The City “Not What We Are”

March 2024: Bresnahan Said The City Of Scranton “Is Not What We Are”

HEADLINE: “Pennsylvania GOP Congressional Candidate Disses Scranton, Largest City In District, In Town Hall.” [Heartland Signal, [4/1/24](#)]

- **March 2024: At An Event In Wayne County, Bresnahan “Denounced The District’s Biggest City Scranton, Saying It “Is Not What We Are.”** “While speaking at a town hall in Wayne County last month, Pennsylvania congressional candidate Rob Bresnahan denounced the district’s biggest city, Scranton, saying it ‘is not what we are.’ ‘We need communities that are safe, and we are drastically mistaken if we do not think big city problems are going to find their way right here to Northeastern Pennsylvania,’ Bresnahan said. ‘If you look at the city of Scranton,

like Jonathan said, like Rep. Fritz said, that is not what we are.’ Pennsylvania’s Eighth Congressional District, which Bresnahan is running for, is largely suburban and rural but has two Democratic-leaning cities, Scranton and Wilkes-Barre. The U.S. Census estimates that Scranton has a population of 75,848 as of July 2022; Wilkes-Barre has an estimated population of 44,261 in that same time period. The majority of the district voted for Republican Donald Trump in the 2020 presidential election but for Democrats Josh Shapiro and John Fetterman in the state’s 2022 gubernatorial and Senate elections, respectively. The city of Pittston, where Bresnahan resides, has an estimated population of 7,614.” [Heartland Signal, [4/1/24](#)]

March 23, 2024: Bresnahan Said, “If You Looked At The City Of Scranton [...] That Is Not What We Are.”

BRESNAHAN: “We need communities that are safe and we are drastically mistaken if we do not think big city problems are going to find their way right here in northeastern Pennsylvania. If you looked at the City of Scranton and like Jonathan said, Representative Fritz said, that is not what we are. There might be a blue dot. And listen, I went to the University of Scranton. I’m not trying to catapult myself into northeastern Pennsylvania.” [Rob Bresnahan, Meet and Greet, [3/23/24](#)] (VIDEO)



[Rob Bresnahan, Meet and Greet, [3/23/24](#)] (VIDEO)

March 23, 2024: Bresnahan Held A Wayne County Meet And Greet In Honesdale, Pennsylvania. [Rob for PA, Facebook, [3/23/24](#)]



[Rob for PA, Facebook, [3/23/24](#)]

March 23, 2024: Bresnahan Held An Event In Wayne County. “With one month until the primary election, there was no better way to spend my Saturday than with the hard working men and women of Wayne County. I pledge to be a representative who truly represents the values of everyone in #PA08. Thank you to Sen. Lisa Baker, Rep. Jonathan Fritz, Paul Meagher, Mike Cavage, and Robert Grimm for hosting today’s incredible event.” [Rob Bresnahan, Twitter, [3/23/24](#)]



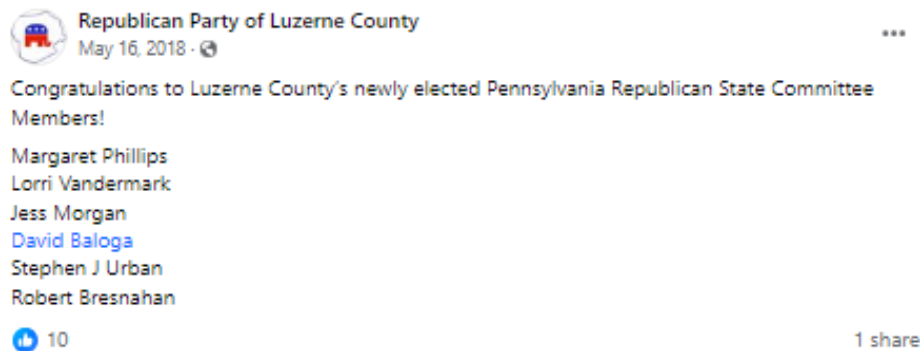
[Rob Bresnahan, Twitter, [3/23/24](#)]

2018 – 2022: While Bresnahan Was An Elected Member Of The Pennsylvania Republican State Committee, The Pennsylvania Republican Party Took An Extreme Stance Against Abortion Rights And Gay Marriage

2018 – 2022: Bresnahan Was An Elected Member Of The Pennsylvania Republican State Committee

2018: Bresnahan Was Elected To Be A Member Of The Pennsylvania Republican State Committee. “Republican State Committee Six total elected — three women and three men • Margaret Phillips, Dallas Township, 9,842 • Lori Vandermark, Swoyersville, 9,014 • Jessica Morgan, Dallas, 7,648 • Stephen J. Urban, Wilkes-Barre, 8,651 • Robert Bresnahan Jr., Kingston Township, 6,345 • David Baloga, Lake Township, 6,248.” [Times Leader, [5/15/18](#)]

- **The Luzerne County Republican Party Congratulated Bresnahan On His Election To The Pennsylvania Republican State Committee.** [Republican Party of Luzerne County, Facebook, [5/16/18](#)]



[Republican Party of Luzerne County, Facebook, [5/16/18](#)]

2020: The Luzerne County Republican Party Posted A Photo Of Bresnahan Calling Him A “GOP State Committeeman.” “GOP Vice-Chair and County Council woman Kendra Radle, GOP State Committeeman Rob

Bresnahan, County Council woman LeeAnn McDermott, and GOP Secretary Andrea Raffle waiting to welcome the Vice-President yesterday.” [Republican Party of Luzerne County, Facebook, [9/2/20](#)]



[Republican Party of Luzerne County, Facebook, [9/2/20](#)]

According To The Republican Party Of Pennsylvania, Members Of The Republican State Committee Served Four Year Terms. “Commencing with the Gubernatorial Primary held in 2010, and thereafter, the elected members of the State Party shall serve a four (4) year term, which shall commence on the first day after the Gubernatorial Primary and shall expire on the day of the next Gubernatorial Primary.” [Republican Party of Pennsylvania, Rules and Bylaws, [9/19/15](#)]

While Bresnahan Was A Member Of The Pennsylvania Republican State Committee, The Pennsylvania Republican Party Took An Extreme Stance Against Abortion Rights And Gay Marriage, Following The Platform Of The National Republican Party

A Value Of The Pennsylvania Republican Party Was “Protecting The Sanctity Of Marriage And The Rights Of The Unborn.” On the “About Us” page for the Pennsylvania Republican Party, one of their values was, “Strengthen our Families [...] Protecting the sanctity of marriage and the rights of the unborn.” [PA GOP via Internet Archive, About Us, archived [7/10/18](#)]

2018: The Pennsylvania Republican Party Followed The 2016 Platform Of The National Republican Party, Which Was Emphatically Anti-Abortion And Anti-LGBTQ

On The Pennsylvania Republican Party’s 2018 Website, Their “About Us” Page Said, “Learn More About What

We Stand For By Reading The Republican Party’s 2016 Platform. “About Us [...] Learn more about what we stand for by reading the Republican Party’s 2016 Platform.” [PA GOP via Internet Archive, About Us, archived [7/10/18](#)]

The Republican Party’s 2016 Platform Was Overtly Anti-Abortion, Supporting A Human Life Amendment To The Constitution, Opposing Planned Parenthood, And Applauding The Born-Alive Infant Protection Act

2016 Republican Platform: “We Assert The Sanctity Of Human Life And Affirm That The Unborn Child Has A Fundamental Right To Life Which Cannot Be Infringed.” “The Constitution’s guarantee that no one can ‘be deprived of life, liberty or property’ deliberately echoes the Declaration of Independence’s proclamation that ‘all’ are ‘endowed by their Creator’ with the inalienable right to life. Accordingly, we assert the sanctity of human life and affirm that the unborn child has a fundamental right to life which cannot be infringed.” [Republican Platform 2016, page 13, accessed [3/29/24](#)]

The 2016 Republican Platform Supported A Human Life Amendment To The Constitution. “We support a human life amendment to the Constitution and legislation to make clear that the Fourteenth Amendment’s protections apply to children before birth.” [Republican Platform 2016, page 13, accessed [3/29/24](#)]

The 2016 Republican Platform Opposed Public Funding For Planned Parenthood. “We oppose the use of public funds to perform or promote abortion or to fund organizations, like Planned Parenthood, so long as they provide or refer for elective abortions or sell fetal body parts rather than provide healthcare. We urge all states and Congress to make it a crime to acquire, transfer, or sell fetal tissues from elective abortions for research, and we call on Congress to enact a ban on any sale of fetal body parts. In the meantime, we call on Congress to ban the practice of misleading women on so-called fetal harvesting consent forms, a fact revealed by a 2015 investigation. We will not fund or subsidize healthcare that includes abortion coverage.” [Republican Platform 2016, page 13, accessed [3/29/24](#)]

The 2016 Republican Platform Supported The Born-Alive Infant Protection Act. “We applaud the U.S. House of Representatives for leading the effort to add enforcement to the Born-Alive Infant Protection Act by passing the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act, which imposes appropriate civil and criminal penalties on healthcare providers who fail to provide treatment and care to an infant who survives an abortion, including early induction delivery whether the death of the infant is intended.” [Republican Platform 2016, page 14, accessed [3/29/24](#)]

The Republican Party’s 2016 Platform Denounced Two Landmark Supreme Court Rulings For LGBTQ+ Rights And Stated, “Marriage Between One Man And One Woman [...] Is The Foundation For A Free Society”

Republican Platform 2016: “Marriage Between One Man And One Woman [...] Is The Foundation For A Free Society.” “Traditional marriage and family, based on marriage between one man and one woman, is the foundation for a free society and has for millennia been entrusted with rearing children and instilling cultural values.” [Republican Platform 2016, page 11, accessed [3/29/24](#)]

The 2016 Republican Platform Condemned The Supreme Court Cases United States V. Windsor And Obergefell V. Hodges. “We condemn the Supreme Court’s ruling in United States v. Windsor, which wrongly removed the ability of Congress to define marriage policy in federal law. We also condemn the Supreme Court’s lawless ruling in Obergefell v. Hodges, which in the words of the late Justice Antonin Scalia, was a “judicial Putsch” — full of “silly extravagances” — that reduced “the disciplined legal reasoning of John Marshall and Joseph Storey to the mystical aphorisms of a fortune cookie.” In Obergefell, five unelected lawyers robbed 320 million Americans of their legitimate constitutional authority to define marriage as the union of one man and one woman.” [Republican Platform 2016, page 11, accessed [3/29/24](#)]

- **Windsor V. United States Was A Landmark Supreme Court Ruling That Determined That “The Federal Government Cannot Discriminate Against Married Lesbian And Gay Couples For The Purposes Of Determining Federal Benefits And Protections.”** “Windsor v. United States [...] On June 26, 2013, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that section three of the so-called ‘Defense of Marriage Act’ (DOMA) is unconstitutional and that the federal government cannot discriminate against married lesbian and gay couples for the purposes of

determining federal benefits and protections.” [ACLU, accessed [3/29/24](#)]

- **Obergefell v. Hodges Was A Landmark Supreme Court Ruling That Established State Bans On Same-Sex Marriage As Unconstitutional.** “Obergefell v. Hodges, legal case in which the U.S. Supreme Court ruled (5–4) on June 26, 2015, that state bans on same-sex marriage and on recognizing same-sex marriages duly performed in other jurisdictions are unconstitutional under the due process and equal protection clauses of the Fourteenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.” [Britannica, [2/21/24](#)]

Bresnahan Refused To Denounce The House Republican Study Committee Budget That Endorsed A National Abortion Ban Without Exceptions And A Ban On Mifepristone

April 2024: Bresnahan Refused To Say If He Would Support The Republican Study Committee’s Budget

April 2024: Bresnahan Refused To Say If He Would Support A House Republican Budget That Raised The Social Security Retirement Age From 67 To 69 Saying, “Well, I’m Not A Member Of Congress Yet.” “Moments later, John Holland, a teachers union lawyer in the audience of about 50 people, stood up. Holland asked if Bresnahan supports a proposed House Republican budget that would raise the Social Security retirement age from 67 to 69. Bresnahan didn’t say. ‘Well, I’m not a member of Congress yet. I’m hoping I’ll be here,’ Bresnahan said before introducing Scalise. A spokesman for the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee later issued a statement defending Cartwright. The committee helps Democratic congressional candidates.” [WVIA, [4/8/24](#)]

- **The RSC Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Proposed Increasing The Retirement Age For Social Security Benefits.** “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, [3/20/24](#)]

The RSC Budget Endorsed A National Abortion Ban Without Exceptions

The RSC Budget Endorsed The Life At Conception Act

The RSC Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Endorsed The Life At Conception Act. “Rep. Alex Mooney’s (R-WV) Life at Conception Act, which would provide 14th amendment protections at all stages of life.” [Republican Study Committee, [3/20/24](#)]

The Life At Conception Act Was A National Abortion Ban

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

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



many would like to see a total ban on abortion.” [Washington Post, [5/2/22](#)]

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

The Life At Conception Act Did Not Include Exceptions To Protect IVF

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

The RSC Budget Endorsed Legislation That Would Ban Chemical Abortions, Like The Use Of Mifepristone

The RSC Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Endorsed The Ending Chemical Abortions Act Of 2023

The RSC Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Endorsed The Ending Chemical Abortions Act Of 2023. “The RSC Budget applauds the following measures designed to advance the cause of life: [...] Rep. Andy Ogles (R-TN) bill, the Ending Chemical Abortions Act of 2023, which would federally block the use of chemical abortions in the United States.” [Republican Study Committee, [3/20/24](#)]

The Ending Chemical Abortions Act Of 2023 Would Prohibit Chemical Abortions, Including Using Mifepristone

The Ending Chemical Abortions Act Of 2023 Would Prohibit Chemical Abortions, Including Using Mifepristone. “To amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit chemical abortions, and for other purposes. [...] According to the Guttmacher Institute, the Abortion Industry’s think tank, since 2000, the administration of mifepristone and misoprostol has grown to comprise over 50 percent of all induced abortions in the United States.” [Congress.gov, H.R. 5806, [9/28/23](#)]

Bresnahan Praised David McCormick—A Self-Interested Businessman Who Advocated For Looser Chinese Market Regulations To Benefit His Bottom Line

Bresnahan Called McCormick “An Awesome Senate Candidate”

April 2024: Bresnahan Called McCormick “An Awesome Senate Candidate.” BRESNAHAN: “But you know, we have an awesome Senate candidate. We have a great president on the top of the ticket, or a great presidential candidate coming down. And, I mean, these are the changes that we need to have. There needs to be a referendum on again, like you just said, the radical left. It’s not just your, you know, your Blue Dog Reagan Democrat here, it’s your progressive left.” [Bob Cordaro Show, [4/3/24](#)] (AUDIO 13:07-13:29)

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In The Bush Administration, McCormick Was “One Of The Most Important U.S. Liaisons To Chinese Economic And Finance Officials.” “As under secretary of the treasury for international affairs from 2007 to 2009, McCormick played a direct role in fostering increased trade between the two nations, especially by advocating for China to open up its markets to greater investment by U.S. financial firms. During his tenure, McCormick was one of the most important U.S. liaisons to Chinese economic and finance officials, often representing the U.S. in meetings with then-Chair of the People’s Bank of China Zhou Xiaochuan, and then-Chinese Finance Minister Xie Xuren. An October 2008 report in the South China Morning Post about a diplomatic visit by McCormick paraphrased him as saying that communication between the two countries had ‘never been stronger.’” [Huffington Post, [3/19/24](#)]

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McCormick Argued For China To Lower Barriers To US Investment, Framing It As “A Key Part Of Growing Bilateral Trade” Between The US And China. “In December 2007, McCormick touted bilateral talks with China that yielded U.S. financial firms greater access to Chinese markets, while lamenting that they had received vague assurances on lifting the cap on foreign investment in Chinese lenders to 20%. ‘We wish they would raise the equity caps now,’ McCormick said. The following year, McCormick continued to argue for China to lower barriers to U.S. investment, including through the artificial depression of its currency. He framed those reforms as a key part of growing bilateral trade between the two countries.” [Huffington Post, [3/19/24](#)]

2008: The Treasury Department Heeded McCormick’s Call, Making It Easier For US Companies To Invest In The Chinese Financial Sector

During The Bush Administration, McCormick Lowered Barriers For US Investments In China. “David McCormick, the leading Republican Senate candidate in Pennsylvania, helped open up China to U.S. investment as an official in the George W. Bush administration. Then, as a hedge fund manager, McCormick profited from the lower investment barriers he lobbied for.” [Huffington Post, [3/19/24](#)]

2008: After McCormick’s Advocacy, The Treasury Department Made It Easier For US Companies To Invest In The Chinese Financial Sector. “McCormick’s efforts bore fruit. In June 2008, the Treasury Department touted a number of Chinese reforms making it easier for U.S. companies to invest in the Chinese financial sector, following a Cabinet-level meeting between then-Treasury Secretary Hank Paulson and his Chinese counterpart.” [Huffington Post, [3/19/24](#)]

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After His Tenure In The Bush Administration, McCormick Became President Of Bridgewater Associates. “When the George W. Bush administration ended, McCormick returned to the private sector, becoming president of Bridgewater Associates, a Connecticut-based company that is currently the largest hedge fund in the world.” [Huffington Post, [3/19/24](#)]

Under McCormick’s Leadership, Bridgewater Associates Increased Their Chinese Holdings By 108,000%

Bridgewater Associates Increased Their Chinese Holdings By 108,000% Under McCormick’s Leadership. “Under McCormick’s leadership from 2017 through 2021, Bridgewater Associates disclosed holdings in US exchange traded Chinese companies grew from \$1.6 million in the second quarter of 2017 to \$1.77 billion in the final quarter of 2021, according to filings to the US Securities and Exchange Commission reviewed by CNN’s KFile. That amounts to a 108,000% increase in Chinese holdings over a five-year period. In 2017, Bridgewater reported investing in just one US exchange traded Chinese company; by the final quarter of 2021, its holdings included 47 Chinese companies.” [CNN, [11/4/23](#)]

CNN: “McCormick Oversaw Massive Investments Into US Exchange Traded Chinese Companies And Holdings.” “However, as the head of the world’s largest hedge fund, McCormick oversaw massive investments into US exchange traded Chinese companies and holdings, according to a CNN KFile review of the hedge fund’s holdings.” [CNN, [11/4/23](#)]

McCormick’s Hedge Fund Launched A China-Focused Investment Fund. “McCormick’s hedge fund also held an additional \$779 million indirectly in Chinese companies through their investments in exchange traded funds. And Bridgewater launched a China-focused investment fund in 2018 for investors that grew to \$6.15 billion by March 2022.” [CNN, [11/4/23](#)]

Bridgewater’s Holdings In Stocks In China Or Hong Kong Rose Under McCormick’s Leadership. “Bridgewater’s holdings in China or Hong Kong stocks rose from at least \$1.6 billion in 2017, when McCormick became co-CEO, to more than \$2 billion in 2019, among the funds included in the Labor Department filings.” [Bloomberg, [4/12/24](#)]

Under McCormick’s Leadership, Bridgewater Associates Invested Hundreds Of Millions Of Dollars In Chinese Military Companies

Under McCormick, Bridgewater Invested Millions Of Dollars Into Chinese Military Companies. “US Senate candidate David McCormick led Bridgewater Associates as the hedge fund steered millions of dollars of investments into Chinese companies that produce fighter jets, bombers, planes equipped to jam enemy radars, and the country’s first domestically built aircraft carrier, according to documents analyzed by Bloomberg Government.” [Bloomberg, [4/12/24](#)]

Under McCormick, Bridgewater Invested At Least \$230 Million In At Least 20 Chinese Firms That Were Later Sanctioned By Trump Or Biden For Being Part Of Chinese Military Or Surveillance Efforts. “But during his years as Bridgewater’s co-CEO or CEO its hedge funds held stock in at least 20 Chinese firms that were subsequently sanctioned by Presidents Donald Trump or Joe Biden for being part of the country’s military-industrial complex or surveillance efforts. The sanctions barred Americans from buying or selling publicly traded securities in the targeted companies. Bridgewater’s investments with those companies — at one point worth at least \$230 million — are outlined in filings with the US Department of Labor.” [Bloomberg, [4/12/24](#)]

Bridgewater Held Millions Of Dollars In Subsidiaries With Parent Companies That Produced Chinese Military Aircrafts, Warships, And Weapons. “Bridgewater funds also held millions of dollars more in subsidiaries whose state-owned parent companies are among China’s leading producers of military aircraft, naval warships, missiles and nuclear power. Several have been listed by China’s government as among the most critical to the country’s strategic and economic interests, and were also hit with US sanctions after being added to the Chinese Military Industrial Complex List.” [Bloomberg, [4/12/24](#)]

Under McCormick’s Leadership, Bridgewater Associates Invested In At Least One Chinese Company Sanctioned By The US For Human Rights Violations

Under McCormick, Bridgewater Associates Invested In At Least One Chinese Company With Ties To Human Rights Violations That Had Been Blacklisted By The US Government. “During McCormick’s leadership at

Bridgewater, at least one of the hedge fund's invested companies had ties to human rights violations and abuses in the country and has been blacklisted by the US government. Another has partnered with a state-run company the US government prohibits US investments in." [CNN, [11/4/23](#)]

- **June 2021: One Of The Companies Bridgewater Invested In Was “Implicated In Human Rights Violations And Abuses In The Implementation Of China’s Campaign Of Repression, Mass Arbitrary Detention, Forced Labor ... Against Uyghurs.”** “One of the subsidiaries of an energy company Bridgewater invested in was added to a US trade blacklist in June 2021 after they ‘were implicated in human rights violations and abuses in the implementation of China’s campaign of repression, mass arbitrary detention, forced labor.... against Uyghurs’ and other Muslim minority groups in the northwestern region of Xinjiang.” [CNN, [11/4/23](#)]
- **After The Blacklist, Bridgewater More Than Doubled Shares In The Parent Company.** “After the blacklist, Bridgewater Associates more than doubled its shares in the parent company, increasing its investment by 1.7 times between the second quarter of 2021 and the final quarter of the year.” [CNN, [11/4/23](#)]

McCormick Directly Benefited From The Policies He Pushed In The Bush Administration

Huffington Post: McCormick’s “Work Not Only Helped Meld [China’s And US’s] Economies In A Way Many American Politicians Have Come To Regret, But Also Benefited Him Personally In His Subsequent Roles As President And CEO Of A Massive Hedge Fund.” “But as McCormick accuses Casey of being soft on China, the Republican contender’s record as a top Treasury Department official shows he repeatedly worked to open up investment opportunities in China for American financial firms. His work not only helped meld the two countries’ economies in a way many American politicians have come to regret, but also benefited him personally in his subsequent roles as president and CEO of a massive hedge fund.” [Huffington Post, [3/19/24](#)]

Bresnahan Was Endorsed By Representative Mike Kelly, Who Introduced The Heartbeat Protection Act Of 2021 And Whose Staff Attempted To Alter 2020 Electoral Votes

Representative Mike Kelly Endorsed Bresnahan

January 2024: Representative Mike Kelly Endorsed Bresnahan. “Thank you to Congressman @MikeKellyforPA for your endorsement. #PA08” [Rob Bresnahan, Campaign Twitter, [1/12/24](#)]



[Rob Bresnahan, Campaign Twitter, [1/12/24](#)]

Mike Kelly Introduced The Heartbeat Protection Act Of 2021, Which Would Punish Physicians That Performed Abortions After A Detectable Heartbeat With 5 Years In Prison

February 2021: Representative Mike Kelly (R-PA-16) Introduced Heartbeat Protection Act Of 2021. [HR 705, Congress.gov, [2/2/21](#)]

Heartbeat Protection Act Made It A Crime For A Physician To Knowingly Perform An Abortion If Fetus Had Detectable Heartbeat Or Without Testing If Fetus Had Detectable Heartbeat. “This bill makes it a crime for a physician to knowingly perform an abortion (1) without determining whether the fetus has a detectable heartbeat, (2) without informing the mother of the results, or (3) after determining that a fetus has a detectable heartbeat. It provides an exception for an abortion that is necessary to save the life of a mother whose life is endangered by a physical (but not psychological or emotional) disorder, illness, or condition. A physician who performs a prohibited abortion is subject to criminal penalties—a fine, up to five years in prison, or both. A woman who undergoes a prohibited abortion may not be prosecuted for violating or conspiring to violate the provisions of this bill.” [HR 705, Congress.gov, Bill Summary, [3/22/21](#)]

- **Heartbeat Protection Act Provided Exception For Life Of The Mother.** “It provides an exception for an abortion that is necessary to save the life of a mother whose life is endangered by a physical (but not psychological or emotional) disorder, illness, or condition. A physician who performs a prohibited abortion is subject to criminal penalties—a fine, up to five years in prison, or both. A woman who undergoes a prohibited abortion may not be prosecuted for violating or conspiring to violate the provisions of this bill.” [HR 705, Congress.gov, Bill Summary, [3/22/21](#)]
- **Bill Text Did Not Include Exception For Rape Or Incest; Did Not Allow For “Psychological Or Emotional” Conditions As Justification For Exemption.** “A defendant indicted for an offense under this section may seek a hearing before the State Medical Board on whether the physician’s conduct was necessary to save the life of the mother whose life was endangered by a physical disorder, physical illness, or physical injury, including a life-endangering physical condition caused by or arising from the pregnancy itself, but not including psychological or emotional conditions. The findings on that issue are admissible on that issue at the trial of the defendant. Upon a motion of the defendant, the court shall delay the beginning of the trial for not more than 30 days to permit such a hearing to take place.” [HR 705, Congress.gov, Bill Summary, [3/22/21](#)]

Violation Of The Heartbeat Protection Act Would Punish Physicians That Violated The Parameters Of The Bill With Up To 5 Years In Prison. “shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than 5 years, or both. This subsection does not apply to an abortion that is necessary to save the life of a mother whose life is endangered by a physical disorder, physical illness, or physical injury, including a life-endangering physical condition caused by or arising from the pregnancy itself, but not including psychological or emotional conditions.” [HR 705, Congress.gov, Bill Summary, [3/22/21](#)]

Members Of Kelly’s Staff Were “Involved In An Effort To Alter The Count Of Electoral College Votes In The 2020 Presidential Election”

Members Of Kelly’s Staff Were “Involved In An Effort To Alter The Count Of Electoral College Votes In The 2020 Presidential Election.” “Congressman Mike Kelly’s office now confirms that members of his staff were involved in an effort to alter the count of electoral college votes in the 2020 presidential election. But Kelly continues to insist he was unaware of the effort — even if it included a longtime top aide. [...] Kelly originally denied those claims outright, issuing a statement that called them ‘patently false’ and saying Kelly ‘has no knowledge of the claims Mr. Johnson is making.’ But Johnson claimed to have phone records showing a call between his staff and Kelly’s then-chief of staff, Matt Stroia. And earlier this month, Kelly’s office disclosed an ‘internal investigation’ that did not refute Stroia’s involvement but asserted that neither Kelly nor anyone else currently on staff knew of his ‘reported actions.’” [WITF, [7/25/22](#)]

Bresnahan Worked For Pennsylvania Republican Congressman Dan Meuser, An Election Denier And Vehement Anti-Abortion Extremist

2020: Bresnahan Was A Campaign Consultant For Pennsylvania Republican Congressman Dan Meuser

Bresnahan Worked On Dan Meuser’s Campaign. “Oz started his day at Kuharchik Construction in Exeter, where he was greeted by Alfano and Kuharchik CEO Robert Bresnahan, who helped coordinate the doctor’s visit. ‘Rob worked on [Rep.] Dan Meuser’s campaign ... he had spoken with Dr. Oz a few months ago,’ Alfano said. ‘I’m glad we got him [Dr. Oz] here, he seems like he wants to get things done.’” [Sunday Dispatch, [2/8/22](#)]

2020: Bresnahan Received \$19,220.55 In Campaign Consulting Payments From Meuser For Congress. [FEC.gov, accessed [3/28/23](#)]

2022: Meuser For Congress Payments To Bresnahan				
Date	Spender	Recipient	Description	Amount
5/12/20	Meuser For Congress	Robert Bresnahan	Campaign Consulting	\$6,605.00
3/11/20	Meuser For Congress	Robert Bresnahan	Campaign Consulting	\$4,150.99
2/26/20	Meuser For Congress	Robert Bresnahan	Campaign Consulting	\$4,154.00
2/12/20	Meuser For Congress	Robert Bresnahan	Campaign Consulting	\$4,310.56
Total				\$19,220.55

[FEC.gov, accessed [3/28/23](#)]

- **Republican Congressman Meuser Represented Pennsylvania’s 9th District.** [FEC.gov, Committee Information, accessed [3/28/24](#)]

2019 – 2023: Bresnahan Donated \$2,000 To Meuser’s Campaigns

May 2023: Bresnahan Donated \$1,000 To Meuser’s Campaign. According to the Federal Election Commission, Bresnahan donated \$1,000 to Meuser for Congress. [FEC, accessed [3/28/24](#)]

November 2019: Bresnahan Donated \$1,000 To Meuser’s Campaign. According to the Federal Election Commission, Bresnahan donated \$1,000 to Meuser for Congress. [FEC, accessed [3/28/24](#)]

Representative Dan Meuser Endorsed Bresnahan, Donated \$3,500 To His Campaign, And Campaigned With Him

Representative Dan Meuser Endorsed Bresnahan

December 2023: Representative Dan Meuser Endorsed Bresnahan. “Thank you to Congressman Dan Meuser for your endorsement and support! ‘I’m excited to support Rob Bresnahan. Rob is a strong conservative who is serious about strengthening our national security, securing our border, and growing our economy. Rob Bresnahan, a fifth-generation Northeastern Pennsylvanian, is a leader in business who will deliver results for the people of Northeast PA.’” [Rob Bresnahan, Campaign Twitter, [12/5/23](#)]



[Rob Bresnahan, Campaign Twitter, [12/5/23](#)]

Meuser Donated \$3,500 To Bresnahan’s Campaign

Meuser Contributed \$3,500 To Bresnahan’s Campaign. Meuser for Congress gave Bresnahan’s campaign \$3,500. [FEC Receipts Search, accessed [4/1/24](#)]

Date	Source Name	Recipient	Total Amount
12/29/23	Meuser for Congress	Rob for PA	\$1,000
11/20/23	Meuser for Congress	Rob for PA	\$500
11/20/23	Meuser for Congress	Rob for PA	\$2,000
		Total:	\$3,500

[FEC Receipts Search, accessed [4/1/24](#)]

April 2024: Meuser Campaigned With Bresnahan

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[Rob Bresnahan, Twitter, [4/9/24](#)]

April 8, 2024: Bresnahan Posted A Photo From Kingston, Pennsylvania With Steve Scalise And Dan Meuser. “Welcome to NEPA, @SteveScaliseGOP! We’re home to the best people, politics, and pizza! #PA08.” [Rob Bresnahan, Twitter, [4/8/24](#)]

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 Dan Meuser

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[Rob Bresnahan, Twitter, [4/8/24](#)]

Meuser Repeatedly Voted To Restrict Access To Abortion, Co-Sponsored A Bill Prohibiting The Use Of Federal Funds For Abortions, And Was Given An “A+” Rating From Susan B. Anthony List, A Draconian Anti-Abortion Organization

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September 2023: Meuser Voted To Pass The Fiscal 2024 Agriculture Appropriations Including Republican Riders. In September 2023, Meuser voted for: “Passage of the bill that would provide roughly \$22 billion in discretionary funding in fiscal 2024 for the Agriculture Department and related agencies. The bill would provide \$6.2 billion to the Food and Drug Administration, including \$3 billion in discretionary budget authority and \$3.2 billion in user fees; \$3.4 billion for Agriculture Department rural development activities; \$1.5 billion for the Agricultural Research Service; and \$1 billion for the Food Safety and Inspection Service. It would provide \$122 billion for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, \$32 billion for child nutrition programs, and \$6 billion for the Women, Infants, and Children program. It would direct the USDA to take necessary actions to prohibit the purchase of U.S. agricultural land by non-resident aliens and foreign businesses associated with Russia, North Korea, Iran and China; nullify the FDA’s January 2023 rule allowing medical providers to dispense the abortion drug mifepristone without an in-person consultation; prohibit the use of funds for programs that promote critical race theory; and prohibit the use of funds to establish any office of diversity, equity and inclusion, among other policy provisions. As amended, the bill would prohibit the use of funds for carrying out various Biden administration executive orders related to climate change and sex discrimination, finalizing regulations that result in an annual effect on the economy of \$100 million or more, implementing the USDA COVID-19 workplace safety policy, or for any operations of the Civilian Climate Corps, among other restrictions. It also would reduce the salary of Deputy Undersecretary of Agriculture for Food and Nutrition Service Stacy Dean to \$1.” The bill was rejected by a vote of 191-237. [H.R. 4368, Vote #507, [9/28/23](#); CQ, [9/28/23](#)]

- **The Agriculture Appropriations Bill Included A Provision To Ban Mifepristone From Being Sold In Retail Pharmacies Or By Mail.** “A provision in the legislation would nullify a Biden administration rule allowing mifepristone to be sold in retail pharmacies and by mail with prescriptions from a certified health care provider.” [Fox 59, [9/27/23](#)]
- **Abortion Pills Accounted For The Majority Of Abortions.** “The pills may be taken in a doctor’s office or clinic, where patients sometimes have an ultrasound or lab tests beforehand. Some providers also offer the pills through telehealth visits and then send patients the medication by mail. Use of the pills has been increasing in recent years. As of 2020, they accounted for 54% of all U.S. abortions, according to preliminary data from the Guttmacher Institute. The group’s final estimate is due later this year.” [Associated Press, [7/2/22](#)]

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January 2023: Meuser Cosponsored A Bill Prohibiting The Use Of Federal Funds For Abortions Or Health Coverage That Included Abortions. “This bill modifies provisions relating to federal funding for, and health insurance coverage of, abortions. Specifically, the bill prohibits the use of federal funds for abortions or for health coverage that includes abortions. Such restrictions extend to the use of funds in the budget of the District of Columbia. Additionally, abortions may not be provided in a federal health care facility or by a federal employee. Historically, language has been included in annual appropriations bills for the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) that prohibits the use of federal funds for abortions—such language is commonly referred to as the Hyde Amendment. Similar language is also frequently included in appropriations bills for other federal agencies and the District of Columbia. The bill makes these restrictions permanent and extends the restrictions to all federal funds (rather than specific agencies). The bill’s restrictions regarding the use of federal funds do not apply in cases of rape, incest, or where a physical disorder, injury, or illness endangers a woman’s life unless an abortion is performed. The Hyde Amendment provides the same exceptions. The bill also prohibits qualified health plans from including coverage for abortions. Currently, qualified health

plans may cover abortion, but the portion of the premium attributable to abortion coverage is not eligible for subsidies.” [H.R. 7, Summary, [1/9/23](#); H.R. 7, Cosponsors, [1/9/23](#)]

January 2023: Meuser Voted For The Born Alive-Survivors Protection Act

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

- **The Born Alive Bill Would Punish Doctors For Providing Care To Patients.** “The offensively named ‘born-alive’ legislation is another cruel and misguided attempt to interfere with evidence-based medical decision making between patients and their physicians...Laws that ban or criminalize evidence-based care and rely on medically unsupported theories and misinformation are dangerous to families and their clinicians. This bill negatively affects all obstetric and gynecologic care.” [The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, accessed [6/26/23](#)]
- **Pro-Choice Advocates Said That The Bill Was “Deliberately Misleading And Offensive To Pregnant People.”** “‘This bill is deliberately misleading and offensive to pregnant people and the doctors and nurses who provide their care. It is yet another attempt by anti-abortion politicians to spread misinformation as a means to their warped political end: to ban safe and legal abortion,’ Jacqueline Ayers, the senior vice president of policy, organizing, and campaigns at Planned Parenthood Federation of America said in a statement about the bill.” [ABC News, [1/12/23](#)]
- **Born Alive Legislation Would Take Away Power Over Medical Interventions From Families And Physicians.** “‘The 2002 Born-Alive Infants Protection Act gives absolutely every protection that you would ever want or need for an infant who was born at any stage of development. In that situation, you want parents to be able to decide what the care for their child looks like,’ said Dr. Lauren Wilson, a hospital pediatrician and the president of the Montana chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics...Live births after an attempted abortion are exceedingly rare, and the proposed measure would take away power over medical interventions from families and physicians.” [19th, [1/6/23](#)]
- **HEADLINE: “House Passes Bill That Could Subject Some Abortion Doctors to Prosecution.”** [New York Times, [1/11/23](#)]

Meuser Was Given An “A+” Rating By Susan B. Anthony Pro-Life America, An Organization That Was “Dedicated To Ending Abortion”

Meuser Was Rated “A+” By Susan B. Anthony Pro-Life America. Susan B. Anthony Pro-Life America rated Dan Meuser “A+,” and said, “Rep Meuser has stood up against the ever-growing pro-abortion agenda of the Biden-Harris administration and the radical bureaucrats who are actively working to expand abortion access, resources, and funding. Rep. Meuser has voted consistently to defend the lives of the unborn and infants. This includes stopping hard-earned tax dollars from paying for abortion, including abortion travel expenses, whether domestically or internationally, and pushing back on the administration’s extreme abortion executive actions.” [Susan B. Anthony Pro-Life America, accessed [3/28/24](#)]

- **Susan B. Anthony List Was “Dedicated To Ending Abortion.”** “SBA List is a network of more than 837,000 pro-life Americans nationwide, dedicated to ending abortion by electing national leaders and advocating for laws that save lives, with a special calling to promote pro-life women leaders.” [Susan B. Anthony List, [1/2/20](#)]

Susan B. Anthony List Supported The Life At Conception Act, Which Would Ban Abortion Without Exceptions

Susan B. Anthony List Supported The Life At Conception Act, Which It Repeatedly Referred To As “Pro-Life” Legislation. In 2016, Susan B. Anthony List wrote of Mike Pence’s vice presidential candidacy, “During his six terms as a Congressman representing Indiana, Mike Pence authored or co-sponsored 28 pro-life bills including the Partial Birth Abortion Act, the Parental Notification and Intervention Act, the Ultrasound Informed Consent Act, the Life at Conception Act, the Title X Abortion Provider Prohibition Act and many more.” As of 2011, Susan B. Anthony List listed the “Life at Conception Act” as a piece of “pro-life legislation.” [Susan B. Anthony List via Internet Archive, archived [8/17/11](#)]

Pro-Life Legislation

Our pro-life heroes and heroines in Congress continue to offer thoughtful legislative remedies for protecting the sanctity of human life. From de-funding Planned Parenthood (America’s number one abortion provider) to reinforcing parental consent laws and offering support for student parents, a wide range of approaches is represented in the current Congress.

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- **The “Life At Conception Act” Would Effectively Ban Abortion With No Exceptions For Rape, Incest, Or If A Woman’s Health Was At Risk.** “H.R. 616 would grant equal protection under the 14th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States for the right to life of each born and ‘preborn’ human person. ‘Human person’ is defined as: [...] each and every member of the species homo sapiens at all stages of life, including the moment of fertilization, cloning, or other moment at which an individual member of the human species comes into being. The bill would grant constitutional rights to fertilized eggs, embryos, fetuses, and clones. It would effectively ban abortion with no exception for rape, incest, or to save the life of the pregnant person. It would also ban birth control pills, IUDs, and emergency contraception. In addition, it would eliminate certain medical choices for women, including some cancer treatments and in vitro fertilization. The bill would not allow for prosecution of any pregnant person for the ‘death’ of their ‘unborn child.’” [Rewire News Group, archived [6/15/22](#)]

Susan B. Anthony List Supported 15-Week And 6-Week Abortion Bans

Susan B. Anthony List Supported 15-Week And 6-Week Abortion Bans And Worked To Gather Co-Sponsors For Both. “Several abortion bans have already been introduced in Congress. A six-week abortion ban has been introduced in the House, by Rep. Mike Kelly (R-Pa.), and the Life at Conception Act, which would recognize a fetus as a person with equal protections under the 14th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, has been introduced in both chambers. Nineteen Republican senators and well over 100 Republicans in the House have co-sponsored the measure, signaling that many would like to see a total ban on abortion. [...] Susan B. Anthony List fully supports both a national six-week ban and a 15-week ban, said Dannenfelser, who has been working to gather co-sponsors for both pieces of legislation.” [Washington Post, [5/2/22](#)]

Susan B. Anthony List Claimed Texas' Six-Week Abortion Ban Without Exceptions For Rape Or Incest Saved "Thousands Of Lives." SBA List stated in a press release, "The national pro-life group Susan B. Anthony List (SBA List) celebrated today as data released by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission showed a 60% drop in the number of abortions performed in Texas in the first month after the Heartbeat Act went into effect. 'The data confirms that the Texas Heartbeat Act has saved thousands of lives,' said SBA List President Marjorie Dannenfelser." NPR reported, "With the U.S. Supreme Court mum, a new law went into effect in Texas that bans abortions after about six weeks of pregnancy. That's well before many women even know they are pregnant. The law allows private citizens to sue abortion providers and anyone else who helps a woman obtain an abortion — including those who give a woman a ride to a clinic or provide financial assistance to obtain an abortion. Private citizens who bring these suits don't need to show any connection to those they are suing. The law makes no exceptions for cases involving rape or incest. Here's why the law is one of the strictest abortion bans in the country." [Susan B. Anthony List, Press Release, [2/11/22](#); NPR, [9/1/21](#)]

Susan B. Anthony List Opposed IUDs And Emergency Contraception

Susan B. Anthony List Opposed IUDs And Emergency Contraception, Which It Falsely Claimed Were Abortifacient. "Donald Trump first committed to nominating 'pro-life' justices to the Supreme Court in a September 2016 letter made public by anti-choice group Susan B. Anthony List, where he announced that he had appointed SBA List president Marjorie Dannenfelser to lead his Pro-Life Coalition. (SBA List had previously urged caucus and primary voters to support 'anyone but Trump,' but then he won the Republican nomination in July 2016.) Not only does SBA List oppose abortion in all circumstances, they also oppose the copper IUD and emergency contraception, aka the morning-after pill, because they falsely believe they cause abortions." [VICE, [6/29/18](#)]

- **NYU Professor Op-Ed: Following The Overturning Of Roe, Contraception Could Be Banned If Anti-Choice Groups Including SBA List Succeed In Characterizing It Forms Of It As Abortifacient Under Abortion Bans.** "In a post-Roe America, it is easy to see how the right to contraception could be gutted by recasting some forms of contraception as abortifacients. For the last 10 years, this has been a standard move among abortion opponents. The Susan B. Anthony List, a prominent anti-abortion group, has characterized emergency contraceptives as 'abortion drugs.' Likewise, Americans United for Life, which drafts model anti-abortion legislation, maintains that IUDs and Plan B 'can kill an embryo by blocking its ability to implant in the uterus.' Most recently, the Louisiana Legislature flirted with a bill that would classify abortion as a homicide, prompting concern that the legislation could have criminalized IUDs and emergency contraception. As red states line up to prohibit — and even criminalize — abortion, the crucial question will be, What counts as an abortion?" [New York Times, Melissa Murray, professor of law at New York University, Op-Ed, [5/23/22](#)]

Susan B. Anthony List Opposed The Right To Contraception Act

July 2022: Susan B. Anthony List Announced Its Opposition To H.R. 8373, The Right To Contraception Act. "Today Susan B. Anthony Pro-Life America announced it will score against H.R. 8373, Democrats' 'Right to Contraception Act,' better described as the Payouts for Planned Parenthood Act. The SBA score letter reads in part: 'Far from being a bill that simply allows for access to contraception, this bill seeks to bail out the abortion industry, trample conscience rights, and require uninhibited access to dangerous chemical abortion drugs.'" [Susan B. Anthony Pro-Life America, Press Release, [7/20/22](#)]

- **The Right To Contraception Act Would Codify Contraception Rights Federally And Prevent States From Restricting Access To Birth Control Pills, IUDs, And Emergency Contraception.** "A Democratic effort to codify the right to contraception in federal law sputtered at the Senate on partisan lines Wednesday. Failure in the tightly divided chamber was predictable, as Democrats attempted to fast-track the Right to Contraception Act by a process called unanimous consent, which allows a bill to go to the floor and pass if all senators agree. [...] Today the federal right to contraceptives is accepted in the United States because the Supreme Court decided in the 1965 case *Griswold v. Connecticut* that married couples have a constitutional right to buy and use contraceptives without government intrusion. The Right to Contraception Act would enshrine that understanding into federal statutory law. It would ban

states from restricting access to the pill, IUDs and emergency contraceptives, while also giving both the attorney general and medical providers the authority to bring civil lawsuits against governments that restrict contraception access.” [Courthouse News Service, [7/27/22](#)]

- **6/24/22: NBC Headline: “Birth Control Restrictions Could Follow Abortion Bans, Experts Say”** [NBC, [6/24/22](#)]

Meuser Voted For Objecting To The Counting Of 2020 Electoral Votes From Pennsylvania And Arizona

139 Republican Members Of Congress Voted To Object To Arizona Or Pennsylvania’s 2020 Election Results.

“When a mob of President Trump’s supporters stormed the Capitol building on Wednesday, they forced an emergency recess in the Congressional proceedings to officially certify the results of the 2020 presidential election. The disruption came shortly after some Republican lawmakers made the first of a planned series of highly unusual objections, based on spurious allegations of widespread voter fraud, to states’ election results. The chambers were separately debating an objection to Arizona’s results when proceedings were halted and the Capitol was locked down. [...] Plans to challenge a number of states after Arizona were scrapped, as well — but one other objection, to Pennsylvania’s results, also advanced to a vote. Here are the eight senators and 139 representatives who voted to sustain one or both objections.” [New York Times, [1/7/21](#)]

- **January 2021: Meuser Voted For Objecting To The Counting Of 2020 Electoral Votes From Pennsylvania.** In January 2021, Meuser voted for the “Rep. Perry, R-Pa., and Sen. Hawley, R-Mo., objection to the counting of electoral votes from the state of Pennsylvania during the joint session of Congress, on the grounds that they were not, under all of the known circumstances, regularly given.” The objection was rejected, 138-282. [House [Vote #11](#), 1/7/21; CQ, [1/7/21](#)]
- **January 2021: Meuser Voted For Objecting To The Counting Of 2020 Electoral Votes From Arizona.** In January 2021, Meuser voted for the “Rep. Gosar, R-Ariz., and Sen. Cruz, R-Texas, objection to the counting of electoral votes from the state of Arizona during the joint session of Congress, on the grounds that they were not, under all of the known circumstances, regularly given.” The objection was rejected, 121-303. [House [Vote #10](#), 1/6/21; CQ, [1/6/21](#)]

Bresnahan Was A Strong Supporter Of Dr. Mehmet Oz – The Failed Pennsylvania Senate Candidate Who Was Criticized For Being An Out-Of-Touch Carpetbagger

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2022: Dr. Mehmet Oz Ran For Senate In Pennsylvania As A Republican And Lost To Democrat John Fetterman.

“Lt. Gov. John Fetterman has defeated Republican candidate Mehmet Oz, flipping the seat currently held by retiring GOP Sen. Pat Toomey into Democratic hands. Fetterman’s victory is a significant win for Democrats, representing potentially their only Senate pick up of the cycle. With Democratic incumbents facing tough races in other battleground states, winning Pennsylvania bolsters the party’s hopes to hold on to their no-room-for-error 50-50 majority for another two years.” [Politico, [11/9/22](#)]

Oz Lived In New Jersey For Several Decades And Was Frequently Pictured In His New Jersey Home After Announcing His Run For Pennsylvania Senate. “Mehmet Oz lived in North Jersey for more than three decades. The celebrity known as ‘Dr. Oz’ has invited magazines and TV cameras to his home overlooking the Hudson River and Manhattan skyline to showcase his lifestyle and advice. Now he’s running for U.S. Senate in Pennsylvania. [...] At the same time, Oz’s social media still frequently showed him at his North Jersey mansion, long after he said he moved to Pennsylvania.” [Philadelphia Inquirer, [12/2/21](#)]

- February 2021: Oz Bought A House In Pennsylvania In February Of The Same Year He Announced His Senate Run.** “Mehmet Oz lived in North Jersey for more than three decades. The celebrity known as “Dr. Oz” has invited magazines and TV cameras to his home overlooking the Hudson River and Manhattan skyline to showcase his lifestyle and advice. Now he’s running for U.S. Senate in Pennsylvania. [...] In April, months after this Dec. 2, 2021, story was initially published, a personal financial disclosure showed that Oz and his wife bought a home in the same Montgomery County town in which his in-laws live. Public records show the couple bought the house in February, paying \$3.1 million for what Realtor.com lists as an 8-bedroom, 7½-bath home on 34 acres.” [Philadelphia Inquirer, [12/2/21](#)]

Oz Reported Being Worth At Least \$100 Million. “Before he gave up his entertainment career to run for U.S. Senate, Mehmet Oz — the celebrity heart surgeon best known as the host of daytime TV’s ‘The Dr. Oz Show’ — amassed assets worth more than \$100 million, including homes, stock, life insurance and connections to his in-laws' tree-trimming empire.” [WESA, [4/8/22](#)]

Oz Said He Had Two Houses, Despite Public Records Showing That He Actually Owned Ten Houses. “Oz’s answer? ‘Legitimately, I own two houses,’ he said, according to footage filmed by the operative and obtained by The Daily Beast. ‘But one of them we’re building on, the other ones I rent,’ Oz added. The problem with that answer is Oz—legitimately—owns far more than two houses. In fact, according to public records, Dr. Oz owns 10 properties.” [Daily Beast, [8/16/22](#)]

Bresnahan Helped Coordinate Oz’s Visit To Exeter, PA, And Contributed \$6,300 To Oz’s Campaign For Senate

2022: Bresnahan “Helped Coordinate” Oz’s Visit To Exeter, PA, Hosting Oz At His Construction Company,

February 2022: Bresnahan “Helped Coordinate” Oz’s Visit To Exeter, With Oz “Start[ing] His Day At Kuharchik Construction,” Bresnahan’s Company. “In fact, it was Dr. Mehmet Oz who visited the Greater Pittston area Tuesday afternoon, spending time in both Pittston and West Pittston, checking out a few local businesses and getting a firsthand look at the Firefighters’ Memorial Bridge, which has been closed since August after an inspection revealed a bent eyebar. [...] Oz started his day at Kuharchik Construction in Exeter, where he was greeted by Alfano and Kuharchik CEO Robert Bresnahan, who helped coordinate the doctor’s visit. ‘Rob worked on [Rep.] Dan Meuser’s campaign ... he had spoken with Dr. Oz a few months ago,’ Alfano said. ‘I’m glad we got him [Dr. Oz] here, he seems like he wants to get things done.’” [Sunday Dispatch, [2/8/22](#)]

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2022: Bresnahan Contributions To Doctor Oz For Senate			
Date	Candidate (Office Sought) or Committee	Party	Amount
7/21/22	Doctor Oz For Senate	R	\$2,900.00
5/22/22	Doctor Oz For Senate	R	\$500.00
3/16/22	Doctor Oz For Senate	R	\$2,900.00
Total			\$6,300.00

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Bresnahan Was Endorsed And Bankrolled By House Republicans That Who Supported Policies That Hurt Northeastern Pennsylvania Families

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Rep.	Member of 2024 RSC	Voted To Suspend The Debt Limit (HR 2811; April 2023)	Voted Against The PACT Act (HR 3967; March 2022)	Voted Against Affordable Insulin Now Act (HR 6833; March 2022)	Voted Against IIJA (HR 3684; November 2021)	Voted Against State HC Premium Act (HR 1425; June 2020)	Voted Against \$15 Min. Wage (HR 582; July 2019)	Voted For TCJA (HR1; December 2017)	\$ To Bresnahan
Mike Johnson	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	\$5,000 from campaign
Steve Scalise	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	\$2,000 from campaign, \$5,000 from LPAC
Elise Stefanik	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	\$5,000 from LPAC
Tom Emmer	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	\$2,000 from campaign, \$5,000 from LPAC
Ashley Hinson	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	<i>Was not in Congress</i>	<i>Was not in Congress</i>	<i>Was not in Congress</i>	\$4,000 from campaign, \$1,000 from LPAC
Mike Turner	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	\$1,000 from campaign, \$1,000

									from LPAC
David Rouzer	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	\$2,000 from campaign
Garret Graves	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	\$1,000 from campaign, \$1,000 from LPAC
Erin Houchin	Yes	Yes	<i>Was not in Congress</i>	<i>Was not in Congress</i>	<i>Was not in Congress</i>	<i>Was not in Congress</i>	<i>Was not in Congress</i>	<i>Was not in Congress</i>	\$1,000 from LPAC
French Hill	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	\$2,500 from LPAC
David Kustoff	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	\$3,000 from campaign
Bob Latta	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	\$2,000 from campaign
Lisa McClain	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	<i>Was not in Congress</i>	<i>Was not in Congress</i>	<i>Was not in Congress</i>	\$3,300 from campaign
August Pfluger	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	<i>Was not in Congress</i>	<i>Was not in Congress</i>	<i>Was not in Congress</i>	\$5,000 from LPAC
Tom Cole	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	\$2,500 from LPAC
Jodey Arrington	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	\$4,000 from campaign
Nathaniel Moran	Yes	Yes	<i>Was not in Congress</i>	<i>Was not in Congress</i>	<i>Was not in Congress</i>	<i>Was not in Congress</i>	<i>Was not in Congress</i>	<i>Was not in Congress</i>	\$2,000 from campaign
Larry Bucshon	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	\$1,000 from campaign
John Joyce	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	\$4,000 campaign, \$5,000 LPAC
Glenn Thompson	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	\$2,000 from campaign

Greg Murphy	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	<i>Was not in Congress</i>	Yes	\$2,000 from campaign
Rudy Yakym	Yes	Yes	<i>Was not in Congress</i>	<i>Was not in Congress</i>	<i>Was not in Congress</i>	<i>Was not in Congress</i>	<i>Was not in Congress</i>	<i>Was not in Congress</i>	\$2,500 from LPAC
Bill Huizinga	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	\$5,000 from LPAC
Virginia Foxx	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	\$2,500 from LPAC
Brian Babin	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	\$3,300 from LPAC
Nick LaLota	Yes	Yes	<i>Was not in Congress</i>	<i>Was not in Congress</i>	<i>Was not in Congress</i>	<i>Was not in Congress</i>	<i>Was not in Congress</i>	<i>Was not in Congress</i>	\$1,000 from LPAC
Andy Harris	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	\$2,000 from campaign
Bruce Westerman	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	\$2,000 from LPAC
Debbie Lesko	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	<i>Was not in Congress</i>	\$2,000 from campaign
Roger Williams	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	\$5,000 from LPAC
Kelly Armstrong	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	<i>Was not in Congress</i>	\$3,125 from campaign
Buddy Carter	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	\$2,000 from campaign, \$1,500 from LPAC
Jake Ellzey	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	<i>Was not in Congress</i>	<i>Was not in Congress</i>	<i>Was not in Congress</i>	\$2,000 from campaign
Jake LaTurner	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	<i>Was not in Congress</i>	<i>Was not in Congress</i>	<i>Was not in Congress</i>	\$2,000 from campaign
Darin LaHood	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	\$2,500 from LPAC
Cathy McMorris Rodgers	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	\$2,500 from LPAC

Carol Miller	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	<i>Was not in Congress</i>	\$1,000 from campaign
Richard Hudson	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	\$2,500 from LPAC
Lloyd Smucker	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	\$5,000 from LPAC
Guy Reschenthaler	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	<i>Was not in Congress</i>	\$3,300 from LPAC
Rob Wittman	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	\$5,000 from LPAC
Michelle Steel	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	<i>Was not in Congress</i>	<i>Was not in Congress</i>	<i>Was not in Congress</i>	\$3,500 from campaign
Dan Meuser	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	<i>Was not in Congress</i>	\$3,500 from campaign
Tim Walberg	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	\$4,000 from campaign
Stephanie Bice	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	<i>Was not in Congress</i>	<i>Was not in Congress</i>	<i>Was not in Congress</i>	\$1,000 from campaign
Jason Smith	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	\$5,000 from campaign
Mario Diaz-Balart	<i>Was not in Congress</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	\$1,000 from campaign
Andy Barr	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	\$1,500 from LPAC

[Republican Study Committee, Membership, accessed [4/3/24](#); HR 582, [Vote #496](#), 7/18/19; CQ, [7/18/19](#); H.R. 3684, [Vote #369](#), 11/5/21; CQ, [11/5/21](#), HR 1, [Vote #699](#), 12/20/17; CQ Floor Votes, [12/20/17](#); H.R. 6833, [Vote #102](#), 3/31/22, CQ, [3/31/22](#); HR 1425, [Vote #124](#), 6/29/20; CQ, [6/29/20](#); H.R. 2811, [Vote #199](#), 4/26/23; CQ, [4/26/23](#); H.R. 3967, [Vote #57](#), 3/3/22; CQ, [3/3/22](#)]

Bresnahan Was Endorsed By An Anti-Union Dark Money Group That Backed The Same GOP Tax Cuts That Would Outsource Pennsylvania’s Manufacturing Jobs

Bresnahan Was Endorsed By Americans For Prosperity Action And Called The Group “Principled”

February 2024: Americans For Prosperity Action Endorsed Rob Bresnahan. “Americans for Prosperity Action (AFP Action) today announced its support for Rob Bresnahan’s bid to represent Pennsylvania’s 8th Congressional District in Congress. Owner of a local construction business, Bresnahan is prepared to advocate for policies that make it easier to

start and grow businesses in the Keystone State, including cutting unnecessary red tape, keeping taxes low, unleashing domestic energy, and ending wasteful government spending that drives up inflation. [...] After announcing the latest endorsement, AFP Action Senior Advisor Ashley Klingensmith gave the following statement: ‘For too long, Pennsylvanians have had lackluster representation in Congress. Instead of listening to constituents’ top priorities, Representatives like Matt Cartwright have advanced an agenda that grows government, grows the national debt, and grows onerous regulations that depress the economy. It’s time for new leadership in Congress and Rob Bresnahan will be part of a new generation of lawmakers in the Pennsylvania delegation that will turn the page on the status quo in Washington.’” [AFP Action, [2/12/24](#)]

Bresnahan: “We Are Excited That The Principled @AFPAction Has Joined Our Effort!” “We are uniting everyone in this campaign to bring a common sense approach back to government. We are excited that the principled @AFPAction has joined our effort!” [Rob Bresnahan, Campaign Twitter, [2/12/24](#)]



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[Rob Bresnahan, Campaign Twitter, [2/12/24](#)]

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

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

Mar. 2018: Americans For Prosperity Praised Lawmakers Who Supported The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act. “Americans for Prosperity (AFP) today launched a grassroots campaign, called American Pay Raise, to thank lawmakers who supported the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, hold accountable those who opposed it and urge Congress to protect tax reform

benefits that millions of Americans are already experiencing.” [Americans For Prosperity, Press Release, [3/16/18](#)]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Bresnahan Was Endorsed And Bankrolled By Members Of An Extreme Republican House Caucus That Was Hell Bent On Banning Abortion With No Exceptions, Pushed The Big Lie, And Was Vehemently Anti-LGBTQ

Bresnahan’s Endorsers And Campaign Funders From The House Cosponsored A National Abortion Ban With No Exceptions, Voted To Overturn The 2020 Election, And Voted Against Codifying Marriage Protections For LGBTQ Couples

Representative	Cosponsored Life At Conception Act	Voted To Overturn The 2020 Election	Voted Against Marriage Equality	Contributions To Bresnahan
Mike Johnson	Yes	Yes	Yes	\$5,000 from campaign
Steve Scalise	No	Yes	Yes	\$2,000 from campaign, \$5,000 from LPAC
Elise Stefanik	No	Yes	No	\$5,00 from LPAC
Ashley Hinson	Yes	No	No	\$4,000 from campaign, \$1,000 from LPAC
David Rouzer	Yes	Yes	Yes	\$2,000 from campaign
Garret Graves	Yes	Yes	Yes	\$1,000 from campaign, \$1,000 from LPAC
David Kustoff	Yes	Yes	Yes	\$3,000 from campaign
Bob Latta	Yes	No	Yes	\$2,000 from campaign
Lisa McClain	Yes	No	Yes	\$3,300 from campaign
August Pfluger	Yes	Yes	Yes	\$5,000 from LPAC
Tom Cole	Yes	Yes	Yes	\$2,500 from LPAC
Jodey Arrington	Yes	Yes	Yes	\$4,000 from campaign
Nathaniel Moran	Yes	<i>Was not in Congress</i>	<i>Was not in Congress</i>	\$2,000 from campaign
Larry Bucshon	Yes	No	Yes	\$1,000 from campaign
John Joyce	Yes	Yes	Yes	\$4,000 from campaign, \$5,000 from LPAC
Glenn Thompson	Yes	Yes	Yes	\$2,000 from campaign
Greg Murphy	Yes	Yes	Yes	\$2,000 from campaign
Rudy Yakym	Yes	No	Yes	\$2,500 from LPAC
Bill Huizinga	Yes	No	Yes	\$5,000 from LPAC
Virginia Foxx	Yes	Yes	Yes	\$2,500 from LPAC
Brian Babin	Yes	Yes	Yes	\$3,300 from LPAC
Andy Harris	Yes	Yes	Yes	\$2,000 from

				campaign
Bruce Westerman	Yes	No	Yes	\$2,000 from LPAC
Debbie Lesko	Yes	Yes	Yes	\$2,000 from campaign
Roger Williams	Yes	Yes	Yes	\$5,000 from LPAC
Buddy Carter	Yes	Yes	Yes	\$2,000 from campaign, \$1,500 from LPAC
Jake Ellzey	Yes	No	Yes	\$2,000 from campaign
Jake LaTurner	Yes	Yes	Yes	\$2,000 from campaign
Darin LaHood	Yes	No	Yes	\$2,500 from LPAC
Cathy McMorris Rodgers	Yes	No	Yes	\$2,500 from LPAC
Carol Miller	Yes	Yes	Yes	\$1,000 from campaign
Richard Hudson	Yes	Yes	Yes	\$2,500 from LPAC
Lloyd Smucker	Yes	Yes	Yes	\$5,000 from LPAC
Guy Reschenthaler	Yes	Yes	Yes	\$3,300 from LPAC
Rob Wittman	No	Yes	Yes	\$5,000 from LPAC
Dan Meuser	No	Yes	Yes	\$3,500 from campaign
Tim Walberg	No	Yes	Yes	\$4,000 from campaign
Stephanie Bice	No	Yes	Yes	\$1,000 from campaign
Jason Smith	No	Yes	Yes	\$5,000 from campaign
Mario Diaz-Balart	No	Yes	Yes	\$1,000 from campaign

[H.R. 431 Co-Sponsors, accessed [4/1/24](#); New York Times, [1/7/21](#); House Of Representatives, Vote #513, [12/8/22](#); FEC Receipts Search, accessed [4/1/24](#)]

Bresnahan Accepted \$99,400 From 32 Co-Sponsors Of The Life At Conception Act, A National Abortion Ban With No Exceptions For Rape, Incest, Or To Save The Life Of The Woman

Bresnahan Accepted \$99,400 From 32 Cosponsors Of The Life At Conception Act

Bresnahan Accepted \$99,400 From 32 House Republicans That Co-Sponsored The Life At Conception Act.

According to the Federal Election Commission and the co-sponsor list for H.R. 431, Bresnahan accepted \$99,400 from House Republicans that co-sponsored the Life at Conception Act. [FEC Receipts Search, accessed [4/1/24](#); H.R. 421, Co-sponsors, accessed [4/1/24](#)]

The Life At Conception Act Would Ban Nearly All Abortions Nationwide With No Exceptions

Life At Conception Act: “This Bill Declares That The Right To Life Guaranteed By The Constitution Is Vested In Each Human Being At All Stages Of Life, Including The Moment Of Fertilization, Cloning, Or Other Moment At Which An Individual Comes Into Being.” [H.R. 421, Introduced [1/20/23](#)]

The Life At Conception Act Would Implement Equal Protection Of The Right To Life For “Each [...] Preborn Human Person.” “To implement equal protection under the 14th article of amendment to the Constitution for the right to life of each born and preborn human person. [...] To implement equal protection for the right to life of each born and preborn human person, and pursuant to the duty and authority of the Congress, including Congress’ power under article I, section 8, to make necessary and proper laws, and Congress’ power under section 5 of the 14th article of amendment to the Constitution of the United States, the Congress hereby declares that the right to life guaranteed by the Constitution is vested in each human being.” [Congress.gov, [1/20/23](#)]

Washington Post: The Life At Conception Act Would “Ban Nearly All Abortions Nationwide.” “The congressional proposal, known as the Life at Conception Act, defines a “human being” to “include each member of the species homo sapiens at all stages of life, including the moment of fertilization or cloning, or other moment at which an individual member of the human species comes into being.” The bill would also provide equal protection under the 14th Amendment “for the right to life of each born and preborn human person.” The measure has no provisions for processes like IVF, meaning access to the procedure would not be protected. It would ban nearly all abortions nationwide.” [Washington Post, [2/25/24](#)]

The Life At Conception Act Did Not List Exceptions, Including Life Of Mother, Rape, Or Incest. [Congress.gov, [1/20/23](#)]

The Life At Conception Act Could Be Used To Attack Contraception And IVF

NARAL President: Life At Conception Act Could Be Used “To Really Attack Issues Like Contraception And Even Fertility Treatments Like IVF.” “Mini Timmaraju, President of NARAL, sees Mooney’s bill as a slippery slope. ‘I think life starts at conception is a line that’s used by extremist right-wing folks to really attack issues like contraception and even fertility treatments like IVF (in vitro fertilization). So, look, we know that that’s not based on science. However, that rhetoric is used to go after a much broader range of reproductive rights and services. So it’s really important that Americans understand what that’s code for. That’s code for going after your fundamental, basic, everyday medication like birth control. It’s code for going after something that we know more and more American women rely on to expand their families and to have children, which is IVF. It’s very dangerous. And we’re going to do everything we can to block any efforts at legislation that tries to do that,’ said Timmaraju.” [Gray DC, [1/25/23](#)]

Bresnahan Accepted \$101,100 From 29 Republicans Who Voted To Overturn The Results Of The 2020 Presidential Election

Bresnahan Accepted \$101,100 From 29 Republicans That Voted To Overturn The Results Of The 2020 Presidential Election. According to the Federal Election Commission and the New York Times, Bresnahan accepted \$101,100 from Representatives that voted to overturn the 2020 election. [New York Times, [1/7/21](#); FEC Receipts Search, accessed [4/1/24](#)]

- **These Representatives Voted To Sustain Objections To Certification Of The Results Of The 2020 Election.** “When a mob of President Trump’s supporters stormed the Capitol building on Wednesday, they forced an emergency recess in the Congressional proceedings to officially certify the results of the 2020 presidential election. The disruption came shortly after some Republican lawmakers made the first of a planned series of highly unusual objections, based on spurious allegations of widespread voter fraud, to states’ election results. The chambers were separately debating an objection to Arizona’s results when proceedings were halted and the Capitol was locked down. When the Senate reconvened at 8 p.m., and the House of Representatives an hour later, the proceedings — including the objection debates — continued, although some lawmakers who had previously planned to vote with the objectors stood down following the occupation of the Capitol. Plans to challenge a number of states after Arizona were scrapped, as well — but one other objection, to Pennsylvania’s results, also advanced to a vote. Here are the eight senators and 139 representatives who voted to sustain one or both objections.” [New York Times, [1/7/21](#)]

Bresnahan Accepted \$117,900 From 37 Republicans Who Voted Against Protecting Marriage Equality For LGBTQ Couples

Bresnahan Accepted \$117,900 From 37 House Republicans That Voted Against The Respect For Marriage Act. According to the Federal Election Commission and the votes list for H.R. 8404, Bresnahan accepted \$117,900 from Republicans that voted against the Respect for Marriage Act. [House Of Representatives, Vote #513, [12/8/22](#); FEC Receipts Search, accessed [4/1/24](#)]

The Respect For Marriage Act Repealed The Defense Of Marriage Act And Provided Federal Protections For Same-Sex And Interracial Couples

The Respect For Marriage Act Repealed The Defense Of Marriage Act And Provided Federal Protections For Same-Sex And Interracial Couples. “The House on Tuesday passed the Respect for Marriage Act, which would protect marriage equality by repealing the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) and providing federal protections for same-sex and interracial couples. The bill passed 267-157, with 47 Republicans joining every Democrat voting in favor of the bill. Congressional Democrats mounted the legislative response this week to a concurring opinion by Justice Clarence Thomas suggesting that Supreme Court decisions involving access to contraception and same-sex marriage should be reconsidered, with lawmakers holding votes on a pair of bills that aim to address concerns that more rights could be rolled back. While the Supreme Court struck down sections of DOMA in U.S. v. Windsor and Obergefell v. Hodges, the law still remains on the books.” [CBS News, [7/19/22](#)]

HEADLINE: “House Moves To Protect Same-Sex Marriage From Supreme Court Reversal.” [New York Times, [7/19/22](#)]

69% Of Pennsylvanians Supported Gay Marriage

2022: Human Rights Campaign: 69% Of Pennsylvanians Supported Gay Marriage. According to a poll from the Public Religion Research Institute, 69% of Pennsylvanians supported legal gay marriage. [HRC, [9/14/22](#)]

Bresnahan Was Endorsed And Accepted Contributions From Mike Johnson, An Anti-Abortion Extremist, Election Denier In Chief, And Anti-LGBTQ House Speaker Who Proposed Drastic Cuts To Social Security And Medicare And Called For Passage Of The National Right To Work Act

House Speaker Mike Johnson Endorsed Bresnahan

January 2024: House Speaker Mike Johnson Endorsed Bresnahan. “Thank you to Speaker @MikeJohnson for your endorsement and support! ‘I am excited to endorse Rob Bresnahan for Congress in Pennsylvania's 8th Congressional District. Rob is a conservative and proven businessman who puts his community first in everything he does. He will be a tremendous partner in our Republican majority as we secure our border, cut costs for families, and deliver for the American people. I’m confident Rob is the candidate who can deliver a win in Northeast Pennsylvania to expand our majority and I look forward to fighting alongside him in Congress!’” [Rob Bresnahan, Campaign Twitter, [1/2/24](#)]

Johnson Gave \$5,000 To Bresnahan’s Campaign

Johnson Gave \$5,000 To Bresnahan’s Campaign. According to the Federal Election Commission, American Revival PAC, Johnson’s Leadership PAC, gave Bresnahan’s campaign \$5,000. [FEC Receipts Search, accessed [4/1/24](#)]

In Addition To Cosponsoring A National Abortion Ban, Johnson Supported Jailing Doctors Who Provided Abortion Care And Said The Overturning Of Roe V. Wade Would Be “The Greatest Day Of My Life”

Johnson Consistently Received A+ Ratings On The Susan B. Anthony Pro-Life America Legislative Scorecard

118th Congress: Johnson Received An A+ On The Susan B. Anthony Pro-Life America Legislative Scorecard.
[Susan B. Anthony Pro-Life America, Scorecard, accessed [4/1/24](#)]

117th Congress: Johnson Received An A+ On The Susan B. Anthony Pro-Life America Legislative Scorecard.
[Susan B. Anthony Pro-Life America, Scorecard, accessed [10/25/23](#)]

116th Congress: Johnson Received An A+ On The Susan B. Anthony Pro-Life America Legislative Scorecard.
[Susan B. Anthony Pro-Life America, Scorecard, accessed [10/25/23](#)]

Susan B. Anthony Pro-Life America’s Mission Was To “End Abortion”

Susan B Anthony Pro-Life America Website: “SBA’s Mission Is To End Abortion.” “SBA List's mission is to end abortion by electing national leaders and advocating for laws that save lives, with a special calling to promote pro-life women leaders.” [Susan B Anthony Website, accessed [4/5/23](#)]

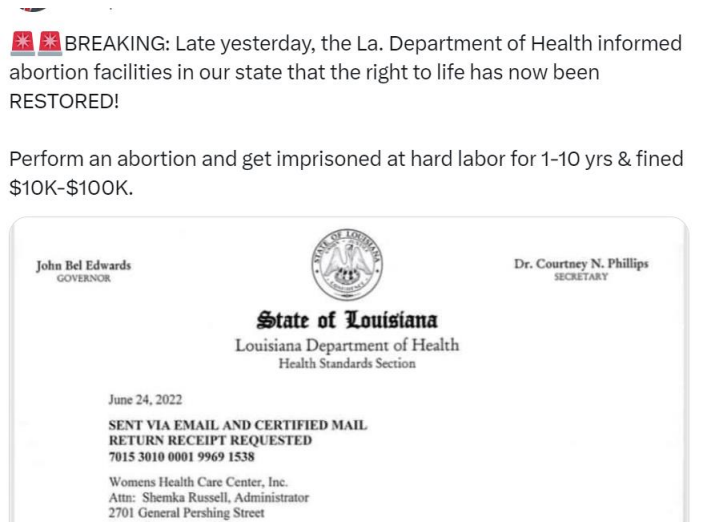
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[Susan B Anthony List Website, accessed [8/30/22](#)]

Johnson Supported Imprisoning Doctors For Up To 10 Years For Performing Abortions

Johnson Tweeted In Support Of Imprisoning Doctors Who Performed Abortions. “🚨🚨 BREAKING: Late yesterday, the La. Department of Health informed abortion facilities in our state that the right to life has now been RESTORED! Perform an abortion and get imprisoned at hard labor for 1-10 yrs & fined \$10K-\$100K” [Rep. Mike Johnson, Twitter, [6/25/22](#)]



[Rep. Mike Johnson, Twitter, [6/25/22](#)]

2001: Johnson Said, “I’d Love It If The Supreme Court Would Overturn Roe V. Wade”

2001: Johnson Said, “I’d Love It If The Supreme Court Would Overturn Roe V. Wade” And That The Overturning Of Roe V. Wade Would Be “The Greatest Day Of My Life.” “TRAP law supporters, who have been successful in 16 states, insist they are simply trying to legislate good medical practice. ‘Look, I’d love it if the Supreme Court would overturn Roe v. Wade,’ says Mike Johnson, a Baton Rouge attorney who has helped draft Louisiana’s anti-abortion legislation. ‘That would be the greatest day of my life. But until we can do that, I accept the fact that they can perform abortions legally, and I just want them to do it under the same health and safety standards that any other medical professional has to adhere to.’” [Mother Jones, [9/2001](#)]

Johnson Called The Overturning Of Roe V. Wade “A Joyous Day”

Rep. Mike Johnson Called The Overturning Of Roe V. Wade “A Joyous Day.” “Nearly a half century ago, an activist Supreme Court invented the ‘right to abortion’. On this joyous day, a new majority of Justices faithful to the Constitution finally corrected that devastating error. Thanks be to God!” [Rep. Mike Johnson ,Twitter, [6/24/22](#)]



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Johnson Characterized His Legal Career As Working To “Defend Human Life And Biblical Values.” “Some people are called to pastoral ministry and others to music ministry, etc. I was called to legal ministry and I’ve been out on the front lines of the ‘culture war’ defending religious freedom, the sanctity of human life, and biblical values, including the defense of traditional marriage, and other ideals like these when they’ve been under assault.” [Baptist Message, [9/30/16](#)]

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[Rep. Mike Johnson, Twitter, [6/24/22](#)]

Johnson’s Wife Was The North Louisiana Director Of Right To Life (Pro Life Louisiana)

Johnson’s Wife Was The North Louisiana Director Of Right To Life (Pro Life Louisiana). “Kelly Johnson joined the Louisiana Right to Life staff as North Louisiana Director in August 2018, after serving as a spokesperson and leader for the pro-life and pro-family movement in Louisiana and beyond for nearly two decades. She is now serving in an advisory capacity with Louisiana Right to Life. [...] Kelly and her husband, U.S. Congressman Mike Johnson (R-La.), have been called to serve in ministry together on the “front lines” of some of America’s most pivotal cultural battles.” [Pro-Life Louisiana, accessed [10/25/23](#)]

Johnson And His Wife Received “Champions Of The Faith Award” From The Southern Baptist Convention For Their Anti-Abortion Work. “Kelly and her husband, U.S. Congressman Mike Johnson (R-La.), have been called to serve in ministry together on the ‘front lines’ of some of America’s most pivotal cultural battles. For their work in promoting the sanctity of human life, marriage and traditional family values, they have been the recipients of many honors, including ‘Champions of the Faith’ award by the Southern Baptist Convention.” [Pro-Life Louisiana, accessed [10/25/23](#)]

Not Only Did Johnson Vote To Overturn The 2020 Presidential Election – He Was “The Most Important Architect Of The Electoral College Objections”

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

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

- **Johnson Was Credited With Coming Up With The Option For Republicans To Vote Not To Certify 2020 Election Results On The Grounds Of Changed Voting Procedures During The Pandemic.** “On the eve of the Jan. 6 votes, he presented colleagues with what he called a ‘third option.’ He faulted the way some states had changed

voting procedures during the pandemic, saying it was unconstitutional, without supporting the outlandish claims of Mr. Trump’s most vocal supporters. His Republican critics called it a Trojan horse that allowed lawmakers to vote with the president while hiding behind a more defensible case.” [New York Times, [10/3/22](#)]

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

New York Times: “Even Lawmakers Who Had Been Among The Noisiest ‘Stop The Steal’ Firebrands Took Refuge In Mr. Johnson’s [Election Denial] Claims.” “Even lawmakers who had been among the noisiest ‘stop the steal’ firebrands took refuge in Mr. Johnson’s narrow and lawyerly claims, though his nuanced argument was lost on the mob storming the Capitol, and over time it was the vision of the rioters — that a Democratic conspiracy had defrauded America — that prevailed in many Republican circles.” [New York Times, [10/3/22](#)]

Johnson Was The Lead Sponsor On An Amicus Brief To Overturn The 2020 Presidential Election Then Worked With Trump To Get Additional Republican Signatures On The Brief

Johnson Signed An Amicus Brief That Sought To Overturn The Results Of The 2020 Presidential Election. “More than 125 House Republicans have now signed on to an amicus brief backing a lawsuit from Texas to the Supreme Court seeking to overturn the results of the election in the states of Pennsylvania, Michigan, Wisconsin and Georgia. President-elect Joe Biden won the four battleground states in the 2020 election. The signatories include several House Republican leaders: Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy, House Minority Whip Steve Scalise and Republican Policy Committee Chairman Gary Palmer.” [CNN, [10/12/23](#)]

- **Johnson Was A Signatory On The Brief.** “Among the representatives who signed on are several members who have just won races in the very states whose elections they now allege are so rife with ‘irregularities’ that they want the court to throw out the results. There is no evidence of widespread electoral fraud. Here are their names: Rep. Mike Johnson of Louisiana’s 4th Congressional District.” [Buzzfeed News, [12/10/20](#)]

Johnson Was The Leading Name On The Amicus Brief. “Motion for Leave to File Brief Amicus Curiae and Brief Amicus Curiae of U.S. Representative Mike Johnson and 125 Other Members of the U.S. House of Representatives in Support of Plaintiff’s Motion for Leave to File a Bill of Complaint and Motion for a Preliminary Injunction.” [CNN, [10/12/23](#)]

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

Dear friends,

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

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

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

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

Onward,
Mike

Mr. Johnson sent a message on behalf of Mr. Trump to persuade lawmakers to rally behind the cause.

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

Johnson Argued For Upholding A Same-Sex Marriage Ban And Spoke Out Against LGBTQ Youth

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JOHNSON: “Today, nearly one in four high school students identifies as LGBTQ. Whether it’s by scalpel or by social coercion from teachers, professors, administrators, and left-wing media, it’s an attempt to transition the young people of our country. Something has gone terribly wrong and today we hope to shed light on what that is and how we can address the problem. Contrary to what the Democrats believe, the scourge of radical gender ideology is very real, efforts to cover up what’s being done to children are extreme, and the science is on our side.” [Rep. Mike Johnson, [7/27/23](#)]

Johnson Introduced A Bill That Barred Any Display Of LGBTQ Identity In Front Of Children

Johnson Introduced The Stop Sexualization Of Children Act. “To prohibit the use of Federal funds to develop, implement, facilitate, or fund any sexually oriented program, event, or literature for children under the age of 10, and for other purposes.” [H.R. 9197, [10/18/22](#)]

- **This Bill Would Allow Any Parent To Sue Any Public Or Private Entity For A Perceived “Exposure” That Used Federal Dollars.** “This bill allows parents to sue any public or private entity that uses federal dollars to expose their young children to sexually explicit materials or programs. If any organization violates the law twice in a five-year period, they would lose access to all federal funding.” [Mike Johnson, Twitter, [10/18/22](#)]



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- **Johnson Said H.R. 9197 Would Prevent “Radical Gender Ideology At School And In Public”** “BREAKING: Republicans are introducing the Stop the Sexualization of Children Act—the first bill to ensure that none of your tax dollars go to federal programs, state or local government agencies, or private orgs that expose children under 10 to sexually explicit material. [...] The Democrat Party and their cultural allies are on a crusade to immerse young children in sexual imagery and radical gender ideology at school and in public.” [Rep. Mike Johnson, [10/18/22](#)]



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In A Hearing, Johnson Said Gender Affirming Care Was “Barbaric.” “On Thursday, U.S. Congressman Mike Johnson (LA-04), Chairman of the House Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution and Limited Government, led a hearing on ‘The Dangers and Due Process Violations of “Gender-Affirming Care” for Children.’ The hearing examined motivations for the rapid increase in the use of these treatments on children and highlighted the ongoing, barbaric mutilation of children under the guise of ‘care.’ [...] ‘Sex isn’t something you are assigned at birth. It is a prenatal development that occurs when every unborn child is in its mother’s womb. You can’t surgically free yourself, or someone else, from this fact of life. ‘However, we see adults inflicting harm on helpless children to affirm their world view: that is, that gender is fluid, sex can be surgically altered, and that there are no lasting consequences as a result of these gender transition procedures. ‘The reach of radical sexual identity politics isn’t limited to young children. We see this extended to young adults—especially at the university level. [...] ‘Something has gone terribly wrong and today we hope to shed light on what that is and how we can address the problem. Contrary to what the Democrats believe, the scourge of radical gender ideology is very real, efforts to cover up what’s being done to children are extreme, and the science is on our side.’” [Rep. Mike Johnson, [7/27/23](#)]

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Johnson Cosponsored A Bill Banning Gender-Affirming Care For Minors

Johnson Cosponsored The Protect Children’s Innocence Act, Banning Gender-Affirming Care For Minors. “To amend chapter 110 of title 18, United States Code, to prohibit gender affirming care on minors.” [H.R. 5636, Text, [9/21/23](#); H.R. 5636, Cosponsors, [9/26/23](#)]

As Chair Of The Republican Study Committee, Johnson Proposed Drastic Cuts To Social Security And Medicare

116th Congress: Johnson Published The Republican Study Committee Conservative Playbook While Chair Of The Republican Study Committee

Johnson Promoted His Work Helping Publish The Republican Study Committee Conservative Playbook. “I was honored to serve as chairman of the Republican Study Committee, the largest caucus of conservatives in Congress, known as ‘the intellectual arsenal of conservatism in the House,’ during the 116th Congress. Here is some of the important work our committee published under my chairmanship, including The Conservative Playbook, a publication of over 400 policy proposals aimed at improving health care, national security, access to the American Dream, government efficiency and accountability, and the U.S. budget.” [U.S. Congressman Mike Johnson, Republican Study Committee Chairmanship, accessed [10/25/23](#)]

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“Adjust the Medicare Eligibility Age to Reflect Life Expectancy: Since Medicare’s creation in 1965, advances in science and medical technology have increased average life expectancy. This is a great miracle, but it does put additional stresses on the solvency of the Medicare program. As a result, the amount of time a Medicare beneficiary is expected to be covered by the program has increased from 14.6 years in 1965 to over 19 years in 2015. As beneficiaries continue to live longer, the ratio of workers to retirees shrinks threatening the solvency of Medicare. In 1965 there were 4.5 workers per Medicare beneficiary. That number shrunk to 3.3 workers in 2011, 3.1 in 2015, 2.8 in 2018 and is expected to continue to decrease to 2.3 workers per beneficiary by 2030. To address the increased demands on Medicare, this budget proposes increasing the age of Medicare so it is aligned with the normal retirement age for Social Security and then indexing this age to life expectancy, ensuring Medicare remains available for future generations.” [Republican Study Committee, Budget, [FY 2020](#)]

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Johnson’s Republican Study Committee Budget Called For Raising The Retirement Age To 69 And Eventually 70 Years Old. “The goal of the Social Security Reform Act is to ensure the long-term solvency of Social Security for this and future generations. It does so by modernizing the program, phasing out antiquated elements and bringing together a number of commonsense ideas to make the system work better for today’s workers and retirees. Many of the specific policies included in this legislation have bipartisan support and have been included in proposals put forward by members of Congress on both sides of the aisle and well-respected non-partisan organizations. Adjust the Retirement Age to Reflect Longevity: The bipartisan Social Security Amendments of 1983 phases in an increase in the Social Security full retirement age over time, beginning at 65 and reaching 67 by 2022 for those born in 1960 and later. The Social Security Reform Act would continue this gradual increase of the normal retirement age at a rate of three months per year until it reaches 69 for those reaching age 62 in 2030. The RSC Budget recognizes that, due to Congressional inaction, the Social Security Reform Act’s retirement age increase would need to be extended, likely to age 70, to achieve long-range sustainable solvency. Further, the existing 5-year gap between the normal and early retirement ages would be maintained as the full retirement age is incrementally adjusted.” [Republican Study Committee, Budget, [FY 2020](#)]

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Right To Work Laws Depressed Union Membership And Kept Wages Lower For Both Union And Non-Union Workers

“Right To Work” Laws Divert Resources Away From Bargaining, Keeping Wages Lower For Union Members And Allowing Competing Non-Union Workers To Be Paid Less. “Twenty-seven states have ‘right to work’ laws in place that prevent private-sector unions from collecting fees from all members. Why it matters: Unions have mostly adapted to these laws, and their popularity has died down since the 2010s. However, these laws remain a headwind as union organizing efforts pick up now, labor proponents say. They also serve to keep wages lower for all workers in the states where they’ve been enacted. Details: For decades, the laws have been a way to depress union membership and divert resources away from bargaining, said Robin Clark-Bennett, director of the labor center at the University of Iowa College Of Law. ‘When wages are lowered for union workers, it also means that competing non-union employers are able to pay lower wages,’ she said. She pointed to research from the Economic Policy Institute that found wages in right-to-work states were 3.1% lower than non-right-to-work states after accounting for differences in the cost of living.” [Axios, [9/5/22](#)]

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Johnson Voted For The Republican Health Care Repeal Bill, Which Would Repeal Obamacare And Leave Millions Uninsured

Johnson Voted For The American Health Care Act – The Republican Health Care Repeal Bill

2017: Johnson Voted For The American Health Care Act – The Republican Health Care Repeal Bill. In May 2017, Johnson voted for: “Passage of the bill that would make extensive changes to the 2010 health care overhaul law, by effectively repealing the individual and employer mandates as well as most of the taxes that finance the current system. It would, in 2020, convert Medicaid into a capped entitlement that would provide fixed federal payments to states and end additional federal funding for the 2010 law’s joint federal-state Medicaid expansion. It would prohibit federal funding to any entity, such as Planned Parenthood, that performs abortions and receives more than \$350 million a year in Medicaid funds. As amended, it would give states the option of receiving federal Medicaid funding as a block grant with greater state flexibility in how the funds are used, and would require states to establish their own essential health benefits standards. It would allow states to receive waivers to exempt insurers from having to provide certain minimum benefits, would provide \$8 billion over five years for individuals with pre-existing conditions whose insurance premiums increased because the state was granted a waiver to raise premiums based on an individual’s health status, and would create a \$15 billion federal risk sharing program to cover some of the costs of high medical claims.” The bill was passed by a vote of 217-213. [HR 1628, [Vote #256](#), 5/4/17; CQ, [5/4/17](#)]

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Center For American Progress: An Estimated 777,000 Pennsylvanians Would Lose Health Insurance Coverage By 2026 Under The American Health Care Act. According to the Center for American Progress, an estimated 777,000 non-elderly Pennsylvanians would lose health insurance coverage by 2026 under the American Health Care Act. [Center for American Progress, [5/25/17](#)]

The Center For American Progress Estimated The Premium Surcharges Under The American Health Care Act For Breast Cancer, Pregnancy, Major Depression, Diabetes, And Asthma Treatment. “The Center for American Progress has estimated the premium surcharges that consumers in each state—and the District of Columbia—would face for five conditions under the new congressional Republican proposal: breast cancer; pregnancy; major depression;

diabetes; and asthma. We have also accounted for the federal risk-sharing program that Republicans in Congress have put forward as a means of limiting premium increases. The numbers in the table are the average increases that people currently experiencing the listed conditions would pay on top of the standard rate for health coverage, including the new risk-sharing program.” [Center for American Progress, [4/21/17](#)]

- **Under The American Health Care Act, Pennsylvanians With Common Ailments Would Have To Pay Thousands Of Dollars For Care.** Under the American Health Care Act, Pennsylvanians with breast cancer had an estimated premium surcharge of \$32,740; pregnant Pennsylvanians had an estimated premium surcharge of \$9,700; Pennsylvanians with major depression had an estimated premium surcharge of \$9,700; Pennsylvanians with diabetes had an estimated premium surcharge of \$6,390; and Pennsylvanians with asthma had an estimated premium surcharge of \$4,950. [Center for American Progress, [4/21/17](#)]

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The American Health Care Act Would Gut Protections For People With Pre-Existing Conditions

Politifact Found That AHCA “Would Weaken Protections” For Those With Pre-Existing Conditions, “Would Allow States To Give Insurers The Power To Charge People Significantly More.” “An ad by the American Action Network says that under the American Health Care Act ‘people with pre-existing conditions are protected.’ The only kernel of truth here is that the amendment has language that states insurers can’t limit access to coverage for individuals with pre-existing conditions. However, the ad omits that the House GOP health plan would weaken protections for these patients. The legislation would allow states to give insurers the power to charge people significantly more if they had a pre-existing condition. While Republicans point to the fact that those patients could get help through high-risk pools, experts question their effectiveness. Current law does not allow states to charge people with pre-existing conditions significantly more. We rate this claim Mostly False.” [Politifact, [5/24/17](#)]

The American Health Care Act Would Lead To 23 Million More Uninsured – Disproportionally Older People With Lower Incomes

CBO Estimated 14 Million More People Would Be Uninsured In 2018; 23 Million More Uninsured By 2026. “CBO and JCT estimate that, in 2018, 14 million more people would be uninsured under H.R. 1628 than under current law. The increase in the number of uninsured people relative to the number under current law would reach 19 million in 2020 and 23 million in 2026 (see Table 4, at the end of this document).” [CBO, [5/24/17](#)]

- **CBO Found Increases In Uninsured Would Disproportionately Impact Older People With Lower Income.** “Although the agencies expect that the legislation would increase the number of uninsured broadly, the increase would be disproportionately larger among older people with lower income—particularly people between 50 and 64 years old with income of less than 200 percent of the federal poverty level (see Figure 2).” [CBO, [5/24/17](#)]
- **CBO: Even In States Without Waivers, More People Would Be Uninsured Than Under Current Law.** “CBO and JCT expect that under the current version of the legislation, the effects on health insurance coverage would be similar to those previously estimated for the half of the population that resides in states that would not obtain a waiver from the EHB or community-rating requirements. In general, under H.R. 1628, as passed by the House, fewer people would have coverage through the nongroup market, Medicaid, and employment-based coverage, and more people would be uninsured in those areas than under current law.” [CBO, [5/24/17](#)]

The American Health Care Act Would Create An Age Tax On Older Americans

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Adults. “Raises premiums for older people. The Affordable Care Act limited insurers from charging older customers more than three times what they charge younger adults. The House bill would raise that to five times. This may enable younger consumers to find cheaper coverage, but older policyholders would face higher rates.” [Huffington Post, [3/6/17](#)]

New York Times: ACHA Achieved Lower Premiums Not Through Increased Choice And Competition, But By Making Health Insurance So Unaffordable For Many Older Americans They Would Leave The Market. “There are a lot of unpleasant numbers for Republicans in the Congressional Budget Office’s assessment of their health care bill. But congressional leadership found one to cheer: The report says that the bill will eventually cut the average insurance premiums for people who buy their own insurance by 10 percent. [...] But the way the bill achieves those lower average premiums has little to do with increased choice and competition. It depends, rather, on penalizing older patients and rewarding younger ones. According to the C.B.O. report, the bill would make health insurance so unaffordable for many older Americans that they would simply leave the market and join the ranks of the uninsured.” [New York Times, [3/14/17](#)]

Johnson Voted For Republican Resolutions That Would Repeal The Affordable Care Act

Johnson Voted For Republican Budget Resolutions That Fully Repealed The Affordable Care Act

Johnson Voted For The Republican Study Committee Alternative FY18 Budget. [H Con Res 71, [Vote #555](#), 10/5/17; CQ, [10/5/17](#)]

- **The Republican Study Committee Budget Repealed Obamacare And Replaced It With The American Health Care Reform Act.** [McClintock Substitute Amendment, [10/5/17](#)]

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- **The Vote “Began The Process Of Dismantling The Affordable Care Act” By Allowing Republicans To Use Budget Reconciliation To Roll Back The Law.** “The House of Representatives began the process of dismantling the Affordable Care Act on Friday, approving a budget resolution on a mostly party line vote. The vote was 227-198. The Senate passed the measure earlier this week. It allows Republicans on Capitol Hill to use a process known as ‘budget reconciliation’ to roll back major parts of the health care law. Top Republican leaders are also saying they plan to move to replace Obamacare along the same track, but they are still struggling to come up with the details on how it will work.” [CNN, [1/3/17](#)]
- **HEADLINE: “House Takes First Step Towards Repealing Obamacare.”** [CNN, [1/3/17](#)]

Johnson Voted Against The Protecting Americans With Preexisting Conditions Act

Johnson Voted Against Passage Of The Protecting Americans With Preexisting Conditions Act, Prohibiting Federal Departments From Exempting State Health Care Plans From Federal Requirements Under The ACA. In May 2019, Johnson voted against: “Passage of the bill that would prohibit the Health and Human Services and Treasury departments from taking any action to implement or enforce their October 2018 guidance regarding criteria for evaluating Section 1332 state health care plan waivers under the 2010 health care overhaul, and would prohibit the departments from

effectively reissuing the guidance. Section 1332 waivers exempt state health care plans from certain federal requirements under the Affordable Care Act, including requirements related to qualified health plans, tax credits, and individual and employer mandates. To be eligible for such waivers, proposed state plans are required to provide care to a ‘comparable number’ of residents that is ‘as comprehensive’ and ‘as affordable’ as would otherwise be provided under the ACA. The October 2018 guidance modifies guidelines for considering waiver applications, emphasizing that a proposed state health care plan should be evaluated based on the number of residents that would have ‘access’ to comparable coverage under the plan, as opposed to the number of residents that purchase such coverage.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 230-183. [HR 986, [Vote #196](#), 5/9/19; CQ, [5/9/19](#)]

- **The Bill Would Nullify Trump Administration Guidance Allowing States To Make Major Changes To Their Affordable Care Act Markets.** “The bill would nullify a Trump administration guidance that would allow states to ask for waivers to make major changes to their Obamacare markets. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services laid out in November four examples of what states could request -- opening the door for people to use subsidies to buy coverage outside the Obamacare exchanges. This would include short-term health insurance plans that can reject people with pre-existing conditions or charge them higher premiums. The Trump administration last year made these policies more attractive by extending their terms to just under a year, instead of three months.” [CNN, [5/9/19](#)]

Johnson Voted Against An Amendment To Prohibit The Use Of Appropriated Funds To Implement The August 2018 Rule On Short-Term Limited-Duration Insurance Plans

Johnson Voted Against An Amendment To Prohibit The Use Of Appropriated Funds To Implement The August 2018 Rule On Short-Term Limited-Duration Insurance Plans. In June 2019, Johnson voted against: “Castor, D-Fla., amendment that would prohibit the use of funds made available under the bill for the implementation, administration or enforcement of an August 2018 rule issued by the Departments of the Treasury, Labor, and Health and Human Services related to short-term limited-duration insurance plans.” The amendment was adopted 236 to 188. [HR 2740, [Vote #283](#), 6/13/19; CQ, [6/13/19](#)]

- **The Trump Administration Rule Allowed Short Term Health Plans To Be Sold For Up To 3 Years; The Obama Administration Had Limited To 90 Days.** “Insurers will again be able to sell short-term health insurance good for up to 12 months under final rules released Wednesday by the Trump administration. This action overturns an Obama administration directive that limited such plans to 90 days. It also adds a new twist: If they wish, insurers can make the short-term plans renewable for up to three years. [...] But the plans could also raise premiums for those who remain in the Affordable Care Act marketplace — and the short-term coverage is far more limited.” [Kaiser Health News, [8/1/18](#)]
- **Short Term Plans Could Discriminate Based On Pre-existing Conditions, And Exclude Essential Health Benefits.** “Short-term plans are less expensive because, unlike their ACA counterparts, which cannot bar people with preexisting health conditions, insurers selling these policies can be choosy — rejecting people with illnesses or limiting their coverage. Short-term plans can also set annual and lifetime caps on benefits, and cover few prescription drugs. Most exclude benefits for maternity care, preventive care, mental health services or substance abuse treatment.” [Kaiser Health News, [8/1/18](#)]

Johnson Voted Repeatedly To Allow The Trump Administration’s Legal Campaign Against The Affordable Care Act To Move Forward

Johnson Voted Against An Amendment Prohibiting Justice Department Funds From Being Used To Argue The Affordable Care Act Was Unconstitutional. In June 2019, Johnson voted against: “Underwood, D-Ill., amendment that would prohibit the use of funds provided by the bill for the Justice Department to argue that the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act is unconstitutional or invalid in any litigation to which the U.S. is a party.” The motion was adopted by a vote of 238-194. [HR 3055, [Vote #374](#), 6/20/19; CQ, [6/20/19](#)]

Johnson Voted Against Condemning The Trump Administration’s Legal Campaign Against The Affordable Care Act. In April 2019, Johnson voted against: “Passage of the resolution that would express the sense of the House of Representatives that the Trump administration's stance on invalidating the 2010 health care law is ‘unacceptable’ and that the Justice Department should protect individuals with pre-existing conditions, individuals who pay high costs for prescription drugs, and individuals who ‘gained health insurance coverage since 2014.’ The resolution would recommend that the department reverse its position in the case of Texas v. United States.” The resolution passed 240 to 186. [H Res 271, [Vote #146](#), 4/3/19; CQ, [4/3/19](#)]

- **HEADLINE: “House Votes To Condemn Trump Administration’s Opposition To ACA.”** [Jurist.org, [4/4/19](#)]

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- **HEADLINE: “House Democrats Vote To Defend ACA In Court — And Jam Republicans.”** [Washington Post, [1/3/19](#)]

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Majority Leader Steve Scalise Endorsed Bresnahan

February 2024: Majority Leader Steve Scalise Endorsed Bresnahan. “Thank you to Majority Leader @SteveScaliseGOP for your endorsement and support! ‘I am proud to endorse Rob Bresnahan for Pennsylvania’s 8th Congressional District. Rob is a fifth-generation Northeastern Pennsylvanian, businessman, and community leader. He will vote to secure our border, stop Biden’s inflation, and help preserve and expand our Republican Majority.’” [Rob Bresnahan, Campaign Twitter, [2/16/24](#)]



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HEADLINE: “House Speaker Contender Steve Scalise Reportedly Called Himself David Duke Without The Baggage.” [The Guardian, [10/3/23](#)]

- **A Louisiana Reporter Told The New York Times That Scalise Called Himself “David Duke Without The Baggage.”** “Grace, a Louisiana politics reporter and columnist, told the New York Times that at the start of Scalise’s legislative career, while ‘explaining his politics’, he told her ‘he was like David Duke without the baggage’. Grace said she thought Scalise had ‘meant he supported the same policy ideas as David Duke, but he wasn’t David Duke, that he didn’t have the same feelings about certain people as David Duke did.’” [The Guardian, [10/3/23](#)]
- **The Anti-Defamation League Called Duke “Perhaps America’s Most Well-Known Racist And Anti-Semite.”** “David Duke, perhaps America's most well-known racist and anti-Semite, promotes anti-Semitic and white supremacist views as the leader of the white supremacist European American Unity and Rights Organization, as a writer of anti-Semitic tracts, and, in recent years, as an international figure who has promoted his anti-Jewish ideology in Europe and the Middle East, devoting particular attention to Russia and the Ukraine.” [Anti-Defamation League, [9/1/16](#)]

Scalise Spoke At A Convention For A Group Affiliated With Racists And Neo-Nazi Activists

HEADLINE: “House Majority Whip Scalise Confirms He Spoke To White Supremacists In 2002.” [Washington Post, [12/29/14](#)]

- **Scalise Said He Spoke At A Convention For A Group Affiliated With Racists And Neo-Nazi Activists.** “Rep. Steve Scalise (R-La.), the House majority whip, acknowledged Monday that he spoke at a gathering hosted by white-supremacist leaders while serving as a state representative in 2002, thrusting a racial controversy into House

Republican ranks days before the party assumes control of both congressional chambers. Scalise, 49, who ascended to the House GOP’s third-ranking post this year, confirmed through an adviser that he once appeared at a convention of the European-American Unity and Rights Organization, or EURO. But the adviser said the congressman didn’t know at the time about the group’s affiliation with racists and neo-Nazi activists.” [Washington Post, [12/29/14](#)]

Bresnahan Was Endorsed By Elise Stefanik, Who Has Served As A Mouthpiece For The Big Lie, Anti-Abortion Extremism, And Sympathy For White Supremacists

Republican Conference Chair Elise Stefanik Endorsed Bresnahan

December 2023: Republican Conference Chair Elise Stefanik Endorsed Bresnahan. Bresnahan wrote on Twitter, “Thank you to Republican Conference Chair @EliseStefanik for your endorsement and support! ‘I’m excited to endorse Rob Bresnahan for Congress in Pennsylvania’s 8th Congressional District. We need a new generation of leaders with real-world experience who care deeply about representing their districts and not liberal special interests, and no one will do this better than Rob. The road to keeping the Republican House Majority and saving our country runs through Pennsylvania’s 8th District, and Rob is the candidate to win. He has my complete and total support!’” [Rob Bresnahan, Campaign Twitter, [12/8/23](#)]

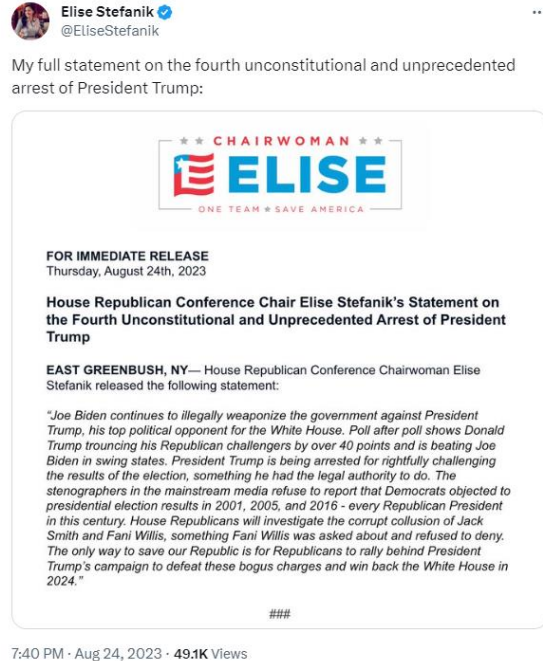


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After Refusing To Certify 2020 Election Results, Stefanik Tripled Down On Election Denying Claims, Calling The January 6th Investigation A “Partisan Political Witch Hunt” And Saying Trump “Rightfully” Challenged 2020 Election Results

2023: Stefanik Said Trump Rightfully Challenged The 2020 Election Results

Stefanik: “Trump Is Being Arrested For Rightfully Challenging The Results Of The Election.” “President Trump is being arrested for rightfully challenging the results of the election, something he had the legal authority to do.” [Elise Stefanik, Twitter, [8/24/23](#)]



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2022: Stefanik Called The January 6th Investigation A “Partisan Political Witch Hunt,” Doubled Down On Her Decision Not To Certify Election Results

One Year After January 6th, Stefanik Doubled Down On Her Decision To Not Certify The 2020 Election. “I swore an oath to protect and defend the U.S. Constitution, and I stand by my objection to the electors of certain states based on the unconstitutional overreach by unelected state officials and judges ignoring state election laws. I am committed to working to strengthen our elections and rebuild that faith, so that our elections are free, fair, secure, safe, and most importantly, that they are according to the United States Constitution.” [Congresswoman Elise Stefanik, [1/5/22](#)]

Stefanik Called The House’s January 6th Investigation A “Partisan Political Witch Hunt.” “This month, she's been one of Donald Trump's most vocal defenders – and one of the House Jan. 6 committee's biggest critics. ‘We want to make sure that every American knows that this is not a serious investigation. This is a partisan political witch hunt,’ Stefanik said in an interview with the conservative outlet Newsmax.” [NPR, [6/20/22](#)]

2021: Stefanik Defended The January 6th Election Falsehoods

HEADLINE: “Stefanik Defends Election Falsehoods Told On Jan. 6.” [Washington Post, [5/6/21](#)]

Ahead Of January 6th, Stefanik Released A Statement Saying She Would “Object To Certain Contested Electors” To “Protect Our Democratic Process.” “As the Representative for New York's 21st Congressional District, I plan to object to certain contested electors on January 6th. I do not take this action lightly. I am acting to protect our democratic process.” [Congresswoman Elise Stefanik, [1/4/21](#)]

Stefanik Introduced A 15-Week National Abortion Ban And Was Endorsed By An Extremist Organization That Wanted To “End Abortion”

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September 2022: Stefanik Introduced A 15-Week Abortion Ban With Exceptions For Rape And Incest.

“Congresswoman Elise Stefanik is a co-sponsor of a new bill that would ban abortions nationwide after the 15th week of pregnancy. Republicans introduced the bill on Tuesday. It contains exceptions for rape, incest, and life-threatening physical conditions, but does not make exceptions for ‘psychological or emotional conditions.’” [NCPR, [9/16/22](#)]

Stefanik Received A+ And B Ratings On The Susan B. Anthony Pro-Life America Legislative Scorecard

118th Congress: Stefanik Received An A+ On The Susan B. Anthony Pro-Life America Legislative Scorecard. [Susan B. Anthony Pro-Life America, Scorecard, accessed [4/1/24](#)]

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Susan B Anthony Pro-Life America Website: “SBA’s Mission Is To End Abortion.” “SBA List's mission is to end abortion by electing national leaders and advocating for laws that save lives, with a special calling to promote pro-life women leaders.” [Susan B Anthony Website, accessed [4/5/23](#)]

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[Susan B Anthony List Website, accessed [8/30/22](#)]

Stefanik Defended Using The White Supremacist “Great Replacement” Conspiracy Theory

2022: After The Mass Shooting In Buffalo, Stefanik Received Scrutiny Over An Ad That Warned Of A Immigrant Majority Overthrowing The Electorate. “[A]fter the deadly mass shooting in Buffalo, where a heavily armed white man is accused of killing 10 Black people at a supermarket in a racist rampage, Ms. Stefanik is under scrutiny for campaign advertisements she has circulated that play on themes of the white supremacist ‘great replacement’ theory. That belief, espoused by the Buffalo gunman, holds that the elite class, sometimes manipulated by Jews, wants to ‘replace’ and disempower white Americans. Last year, in an ad on Facebook, Ms. Stefanik accused ‘radical Democrats’ of planning what she described as a ‘PERMANENT ELECTION INSURRECTION.’ ‘Their plan to grant amnesty to 11 MILLION illegal immigrants will overthrow our current electorate and create a permanent liberal majority in Washington,’ the ad said.” [New York Times, [5/16/22](#)]

- **Stefanik Received Scrutiny For Echoing Themes Of The ‘Great Replacement’ Theory Used By White Nationalists In This Ad.** “When Rep. Elise Stefanik, R-N.Y., posted advertisements last fall embracing tenets of the ‘great replacement’ conspiracy theory — the false white supremacist assertion that the left seeks to remake American society by replacing white people using immigration and interracial marriage — it was extremely alarming. One bigoted ad, paid for by her campaign committee, claimed: ‘Radical Democrats are planning their most aggressive move yet: a PERMANENT ELECTION INSURRECTION.... Their plan to grant amnesty to 11 MILLION illegal immigrants will overthrow our current electorate and create a permanent liberal majority in Washington.’” [MSNBC, [5/17/22](#)]

Stefanik Stood By Her Statements In The Ad And Attacked The Media, But Refused To Disavow Replacement Theory Ideology. “On Monday, she released a lengthy statement attacking the media for reporting on statements she has

made that echo replacement theory claims, but never disavowed the ideology, and did not condemn racism or white supremacy. Later, asked in a brief exchange whether she would disavow or repudiate replacement theory, Ms. Stefanik did not, saying: ‘I condemn any form of racism.’” [New York Times, [5/16/22](#)]

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December 2023: Majority Whip Tom Emmer Endorsed Bresnahan. “Thank you to Majority Whip Tom Emmer for your endorsement and support! ‘I’m honored to endorse Rob Bresnahan for Pennsylvania’s 8th Congressional District. Rob is a proven businessman who knows the value of a hard-earned dollar. He will vote to secure the border, combat inflation, and support our law enforcement. We need more problem-solvers in Congress like Rob and I look forward to helping him defeat Matt Cartwright.’” [Rob Bresnahan, Campaign Twitter, [12/6/23](#)]



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Source Name	Leadership PAC Sponsor (if applicable)	Recipient	Total Amount
Electing Majority Making Effective Republicans (EMMER PAC)	Tom Emmer (MN-06)	Rob for PA	\$5,000
Emmer for Congress	N/A	Rob for PA	\$2,000

		Total:	\$7,000
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HEADLINE: “GOP Rep. Tom Emmer Manages To Be Both Racist And Sexist While Bashing Abortion Rights.”
[Yahoo Finance, [9/4/22](#)]

- **Emmer Called Abortion Rights “Chinese Genocide.”** “Minnesota Republican Rep. Tom Emmer managed Sunday to alienate a vast swath of humanity with a jaw-dropping attack, calling abortion rights ‘Chinese genocide.’ He blasted Democrats on Fox News for voting to protect reproductive rights [the Women’s Health Protection Act], which he referred to as the ‘Chinese genocide bill.’” [Yahoo Finance, [9/4/22](#)]

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Emmer Signed An Amicus Brief That Sought To Overturn The Results Of The 2020 Presidential Election. “More than 125 House Republicans have now signed on to an amicus brief backing a lawsuit from Texas to the Supreme Court seeking to overturn the results of the election in the states of Pennsylvania, Michigan, Wisconsin and Georgia. President-elect Joe Biden won the four battleground states in the 2020 election. The signatories include several House Republican leaders: Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy, House Minority Whip Steve Scalise and Republican Policy Committee Chairman Gary Palmer.” [CNN, [10/12/23](#)]

- **Emmer Was A Signatory On The Brief.** “Among the representatives who signed on are several members who have just won races in the very states whose elections they now allege are so rife with ‘irregularities’ that they want the

court to throw out the results. There is no evidence of widespread electoral fraud. Here are their names: [...] Rep. Tom Emmer of Minnesota’s 6th Congressional District.” [Buzzfeed News, [12/10/20](#)]

Emmer Accused Jewish Billionaires Of Buying Control Of Congress For Democrats

HEADLINE: “New No. 3 House Republican Once Accused Jewish Billionaires Of Buying Congress.” [Haaretz, [11/16/22](#)]

- **Emmer Accused Jewish Billionaires Of Buying Control Of Congress For Democrats.** “In 2019, he accused Jewish billionaires George Soros, Michael Bloomberg and Tom Steyer (a practicing Episcopalian whose father is Jewish) of buying control of Congress for the Democrats. Leading U.S. Jewish organizations and experts have warned that the invocation of tropes related to Soros, and further usage of Nazi imagery, reflect antisemitic messaging at a time of rising concern over anti-Jewish sentiment. ‘The news of impactful, real progress on turning our nation around was undercut by biased media and hundreds of millions of dollars of anti-Republican propaganda put out by liberal special interests, funded by deep-pocketed far-left billionaires George Soros, Tom Steyer and Michael Bloomberg,’ Emmer wrote to party members at the time.” [Haaretz, [11/16/22](#)]
- **The Jewish Democratic Council Of America On Emmer’s Win: “The Normalization Of Antisemitism Has Infected Every Level Of The Republican Party.”** “Following his win, the Jewish Democratic Council of America tweeted: ‘Tom Emmer, who has trafficked in the antisemitic trope that Jewish donors 'bought control of Congress for the Democrats,' was chosen by Republicans to serve as whip in the House GOP's leadership. The normalization of antisemitism has infected every level of the Republican Party.’” [Haaretz, [11/16/22](#)]

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Contributor	Total Amount Given To Bresnahan	Total Amount Given To RNC	Total Amount Given To NRCC
John Childs	\$344.46	\$1,656,569.64	\$1,536,889
Ross Perot, Jr.	\$6,600	\$1,187,800	\$1,097,275.96
Alfred Barbour	\$1,000	\$141,600	\$588,000
Rock Bordelon	\$656.25	\$7,700	\$60,500
Ron Wanek	\$656.25	\$946,500	\$46,700
W. Mark Lanier	\$4,426.67	\$0	\$295,000
Saul Fox	\$6,600	\$2,429,300	\$1,412,100
Keith W. Eckel	\$1,000	\$3,700	\$7,500
Charles B. Johnson	\$6,600	\$796,800	\$973,500
Total:	\$27,883.63	\$7,169,969.64	\$6,017,464.96

[FEC, accessed [4/1/24](#)]

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- **42 Of Bresnahan’s Donors Were Members Of The Republican Study Committee.** [Republican Study Committee, Membership, accessed [4/3/24](#)]

The Republican Study Committee Was House Republicans’ “Conservative Caucus” And A “Leading Influencer On The Right”

Republican Study Committee Website: “The Republican Study Committee (RSC) Served As The Conservative Caucus Of House Republicans And A Leading Influencer On The Right Since Its Original Founding In 1973.”

“The Republican Study Committee (RSC) has served as the conservative caucus of House Republicans and a leading influencer on the Right since its original founding in 1973. It exists to bring like-minded House members together to promote a strong, principled legislative agenda that will limit government, strengthen our national defense, boost America’s economy, preserve traditional values and balance our budget.” [Republican Study Committee, accessed [4/3/24](#)]

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“There’s the RSC-led effort to protect the Hyde Amendment’s long-standing ban on federal funding for abortion procedures as well as Banks’ ‘Save Democracy’ project, an ode-to-Trump plan to impose tighter voting rules that Banks circulated to his conservative colleagues just two days after the Capitol riot. There’s the drafting of the RSC’s signature budget — a fiscally conservative blueprint released annually by the group since 1995 — alongside its campaign to confront the alleged disproportional censorship of right-wing voices by Big Tech.” [Politico, [3/1/21](#)]

The Republican Study Committee’s Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Proposal Would Slash Social Security Benefits

HEADLINE: “Social Security Benefits Targeted For Cuts By House Conservatives.” [Bloomberg, [6/14/23](#)]

The Republican Study Committee’s 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](#)]

- **Roll Call: “The Plan Offered By The 175-Member Republican Study Committee Would Gradually Raise The Age At Which Future Retirees Can Start Claiming Full Social Security Benefits From 67 To 69.”** “The plan offered by the 175-member Republican Study Committee would gradually raise the age at which future retirees can

start claiming full Social Security benefits from 67 to 69, a politically fraught proposal that's all but certain to appear in Democratic campaign ads.” [Roll Call, [6/14/23](#)]

- **Roll Call: “The Retirement Age Would Reach 69 For Those Who Turn 62 In 2033.”** “Cline said the group has proposed gradually raising the Social Security retirement age, but not for current retirees or those nearing retirement. He said those now aged 59 would see an increase in the retirement age of three months per year beginning in 2026. The retirement age would reach 69 for those who turn 62 in 2033.” [Roll Call, [6/14/23](#)]

The Republican Study Committee Plan Would End Crucial Health Care Protections, Forcing Americans To Pay More Out Of Pocket For Medicare and Kicking Vulnerable Americans Off Medicaid

The Republican Study Committee Model Would Make Medicare Beneficiaries Pay More For Less

The Republican Study Committee Budget Would Implement 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 Republican Study Committee Plan Would Make Severe Cuts To Medicaid Funding

HEADLINE: “House Republican Study Committee Budget Plan Again Includes Draconian Medicaid Cuts.” [Georgetown University Center For Children and Families, [6/26/23](#)]

The Republican Study Committee Budget Plan Aimed To Cut Federal Spending On Medicaid By Over Half. “According to the budget summary tables in the RSC budget plan, together with a related proposal to block grant the Affordable Care Act’s marketplace subsidies, block granting Medicaid and instituting the other Medicaid cuts included in the RSC budget would cut federal spending by \$3.84 trillion over 10 years. That constitutes a 52.3 percent cut, relative to the Congressional Budget Office’s May 2023 baseline 2024-2033 spending levels for Medicaid, CHIP and ACA marketplace subsidies. By the tenth year (2033), the cut would equal a 56.4 percent reduction.” [Georgetown University Center For Children and Families, [6/26/23](#)]

The Republican Study Committee Budget Sought To Save Money By Imposing Medicaid Funding On States And Removing Federal Responsibility. “The funding for these [...] grants would take into account savings from effectively eliminating provider taxes, which CBO has estimated would reduce federal deficits by \$526 billion by eliminating unnecessary spending, and rebalancing the federal share of these support programs down from the average 64.6 percent to a 50/50 split with the states. While the current federal-state split encourages states to expand spending on optional services for individuals who could afford private coverage, moving to a 50/50 split will ensure that states focus Medicaid spending on mandatory benefits for vulnerable populations as the program was originally designed.” [Republican Study Committee, Fiscal Year 2024 Budget, [6/14/23](#)]

The Republican Study Committee Plan Would Undermine Medicaid Funding For Children In Order To Save Money

The Republican Study Committee Wanted To Move Federal Medicaid Support For Children And Other Groups Into State-Led Block Grants. “The RSC Budget proposes to create five new block grants by repurposing funding for these programs and the Obamacare exchange subsidies. First, Medicaid funding for children and CHIP funding would be combined into a block grant that states can use to help families acquire health insurance. [...] These reforms collectively would save more than \$4.2 trillion over 10 years.” [Republican Study Committee, Fiscal Year 2024 Budget, [6/14/23](#)]

- **Block Grants Encouraged States To Diminish Coverage In Cost Saving Efforts.** “Capping federal Medicaid funding (via a ‘per capita cap’ or block grant) is the same as a cut and would shift costs to states, force them to scale back benefits and services, and harm enrollees and the providers who serve them. The Republican Study Committee budget proposes to cut Medicaid by converting it to a block grant. [...] Because block grants also are intended to produce significant federal savings, Medicaid block grants would give states considerably less federal funding each year than they would receive under the current financing system. [...] Because states must balance their budgets annually, they would be forced to raise taxes, cut other parts of the budget, or cut Medicaid. Those cuts could leave more people uninsured, significantly weaken benefits, and reduce already inadequate Medicaid provider payment rates, making it more difficult for people with Medicaid to find care.” [Center On Budget and Policy Priorities, [3/20/23](#)]

The Republican Study Committee Budget Sought To Narrow Those Eligible for Medicaid. “Even if the care provided by Medicaid was not substandard, its growing costs are unsustainable. This problem was exacerbated by Obamacare, which drastically increased the scope of Medicaid from a program intended to serve individuals with disabilities, low-income children, low-income seniors and pregnant women to a program that can cover all adults below a certain income threshold. [...] Separating these funding streams would allow Congress to make sure federal taxpayers are going to provide for the health care needs of the populations Medicaid was traditionally intended to cover.” [Republican Study Committee, Fiscal Year 2024 Budget, [6/14/23](#)]

- **House Republicans Advocated For Cuts That Would Put Millions Of Children At Risk Of Losing Medicaid.** “If [reducing Medicaid expansion] happens, the fallout would not be limited to the millions of adults who would lose coverage; large numbers of children would likely lose coverage as well, since children are more likely to gain coverage when their parents are covered. Undermining the Medicaid expansion [...] would increase uncompensated care for states and providers and leave millions nationwide without an affordable health care option. States that keep the expansion would likely shift costs to providers by lowering their payment rates.” [Center On Budget and Policy Priorities, [3/20/23](#)]

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Bresnahan Accepted Nearly \$153,000 From 48 Republicans Who Voted In Favor Of The GOP’s Debt Limit Bill. According to the Federal Election Commission, Bresnahan accepted \$152,525 from donors who voted in favor of suspending the debt limit. [FEC Receipts Search, accessed [4/3/24](#), H.R. 2811, [Vote #199](#), 4/26/23; CQ, [4/26/23](#)]

- **48 Of Bresnahan’s Donors Voted For The Limit, Save, Grow Act To Suspend The Debt Limit Through March 2024 Or Until \$1.5 Trillion Has Been Reached And Capping Federal Spending For FY 2024 At 2022 Levels With A Capped 1% Per Year Growth.** In April 2023, 48 of Bresnahan’s donors voted for: “Passage of the bill, as

amended, that would suspend the statutory limit on federal debt through March 31, 2024, or until an additional \$1.5 trillion has been borrowed — whichever occurs first. It would also include a range of provisions to limit federal spending, as well as the text of a previously passed energy and permitting policy package. The bill would set base discretionary spending limits through fiscal 2033, capping spending for fiscal 2024 at the fiscal 2022 level of \$1.47 trillion — a reduction from current spending levels — and raising the cap by 1 percent annually through fiscal 2033. It would also include similar annual cap adjustments for specified programs, including for wildfire suppression, disability reviews and redeterminations, health care fraud and abuse control, and disaster reemployment services and eligibility assessments. The bill would rescind unobligated amounts from various funds provided by the fiscal 2022 reconciliation package (PL 117-169) for COVID-19 relief, IRS enforcement, and certain climate- and infrastructure-focused initiatives, as well as all unobligated funding from the March 2021 coronavirus relief reconciliation package (PL 117-2) and earlier coronavirus response laws. The bill would expand or establish work requirements for Medicaid beneficiaries aged 19 to 55 and raise from 49 to 55 the oldest age at which existing work requirements would apply for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program beneficiaries. It would also modify various work standards for the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program, including to update the baseline for calculating certain state workforce participation standards and require states to collect certain data related to work outcomes for TANF participants. To limit regulatory spending, the bill would nullify pending executive actions suspending student loan payments and prohibit the Education Department from implementing any substantially similar actions without congressional approval. It would also establish a process to require congressional approval of all “major” federal rules that would have an annual impact of at least \$100 million, cause a major increase in prices, or cause significant adverse effects to economic competitiveness. Among energy- and climate-focused provisions, the bill would repeal, phase out or narrow a variety of climate-focused tax credits under the fiscal 2022 reconciliation package, including repealing new credits for solar and wind projects, sustainable aviation fuel and clean fuel production. It would also include the full text of the House-passed energy and permitting package (HR 1) that would require a number of actions to boost the domestic production of fossil fuels and certain critical minerals and accelerate the construction of natural gas pipelines and other energy infrastructure, while reversing or repealing certain presidential actions taken and laws enacted during the Biden administration related to energy policy and climate change.” The bill passed by a vote of 217-215. [H.R. 2811, [Vote #199](#), 4/26/23; CQ, [4/26/23](#)]

The Limit, Save, Grow Act Was Also Called The Default On America Act. “The Limit, Save, Growth Act was also termed the Default On America Act. Speaker Kevin McCarthy passed his debt ceiling bill through the House on Wednesday by a wafer-thin vote of 217 to 215, with Democrats unifying to vote against it. But passing the bill may have deepened the impasse and made the path to averting a disastrous U.S. default even murkier. [...] Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., called McCarthy’s bill ‘the Default On America Act — because that’s exactly what it is, DOA, dead on arrival.’ ‘Our plan has always been the same: to avoid default, to pass a clean debt ceiling — no brinksmanship, no hostage-taking,’ Schumer said. ‘Once that is done, there’ll be plenty of time to discuss as usual, in the budget process, where there should be cuts, where there should be tax increases.’” [NBC News, [4/27/23](#)]

The House Republican Debt Limit Bill Would Slash Government Spending, Hurting Veterans, Students, Seniors, And Low-Income Families

HEADLINE: “GOP-Led House Passes Bill To Hike Debt Limit And Slash Spending.” [CBS News, [4/26/23](#)]

New York Times: The Republican Debt Limit Bill Did Not Include Many Specifics On What Government Spending Would Be Cut. “Their bill, which would raise the country’s borrowing limit for a year in exchange for a decade of spending reductions, does not include many specifics. It achieves most of its savings with spending caps for discretionary spending — the part of the budget allocated annually by Congress that is not automatic like Social Security payments — but it doesn’t say what discretionary programs should be cut and which ones should be spared.” [New York Times, [5/8/23](#)]

The House Republican Debt Limit Plan Was Expected To Force 22% In Cuts Across The Federal Government

The GOP Default On America Act Had 22% Spending Cuts. “The GOP Default on America Act’s 22% spending cut would slash nearly \$17 billion in funding for federal law enforcement, courts, and prisons that support public safety. Republicans are gambling with Americans’ safety by threatening to not raise the debt limit.” [Joint Economic Committee, [4/26/23](#)]

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Veterans Were Left Vulnerable By The House Republican Debt Limit Plan, With Billions Taken Away From The VA, Limiting Healthcare Services

Cutting Federal Spending By 22% Meant 30 Million Fewer Veteran Outpatient Visits And 81,000 Layoffs Across The Veterans Health Administration, Leaving Vets Vulnerable. “Cutting funding by 22 percent would mean 30 million fewer veteran outpatient visits, and 81,000 jobs lost across the Veterans Health Administration—leaving veterans unable to get appointments for care including wellness visits, cancer screenings, mental health services, and substance use disorder treatment.” [The White House, [4/20/23](#)]

Recouping Unspent Pandemic Aid Was Expected To Take Away Billions From The VA That Would Limit The Availability Of Healthcare Services For Veterans. “Democrats are jumping on the House GOP plan to recoup unspent pandemic aid in their debt limit bill, charging that the move will harm agencies counting on that funding, including the Department of Veterans Affairs. [...] But few issues carry the political resonance as potential cuts to veterans benefits, and Democrats have been aiming their fire particularly at over \$2 billion sitting in VA health accounts that the debt limit bill would cancel. Rescinding that money would “dramatically limit the ability for VA to provide healthcare services both within and outside of VA by clawing back needed funding for medical care,” according to the Democrats' memo.” [Roll Call, [4/25/23](#)]

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Cutting Federal Spending By 22% Was Expected To Take Away Nutrition Services For More Than A Million Seniors. “A 22 percent cut would take away nutrition services, such as Meals on Wheels, from more than 1 million seniors. For many of these seniors, these programs provide the only healthy meal they receive on any given day.” [The White House, [4/20/23](#)]

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The Republican Debt Limit Plan Was Expected To Leave Over Half A Million Of The Poorest Americans Without Health Insurance. “More than a half million of the poorest Americans could be left without health insurance under legislation passed by House Republicans that would require people to work in exchange for health care coverage through Medicaid. It's one of dozens of provisions tucked into a GOP bill that would allow for an increase in the debt limit but curb government spending over the next decade. The bill is unlikely to become law, though. It is being used by House Republicans to draw Democrats to the negotiating table and avoid a debt default.” [ABC News, [4/30/23](#)]

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The Republican Debt Limit Plan Was Expected To Cause Over 275,000 Americans A Month To Lose Access To Food Stamps. “House Republicans passed a debt ceiling bill last week with a provision to enact new work requirements for those seeking federal assistance, claiming the measure would help cut federal spending. The Congressional Budget Office (CBO), a nonpartisan agency, said last week that the stricter work requirements proposed by the House GOP would reduce federal spending by \$120 billion over the next decade, a small portion of the roughly \$4.8 trillion in savings the bill would generate. About 600,000 Americans would lose health insurance, while about 275,000 Americans a month would lose access to food stamps, the CBO said.” [Time, [5/1/23](#)]

The Debt Limit Bill Repealed Tax Incentives For Renewable Energy And Toughened Work Requirements For Antipoverty Programs, Including Medicaid. “The U.S. House of Representatives on Wednesday narrowly passed a bill to raise the government's \$31.4 trillion debt ceiling that includes sweeping spending cuts over the next decade. [...] The House bill would increase Washington's borrowing authority by \$1.5 trillion or until March 31, whichever comes first, raising the specter of another round of negotiations during the 2024 presidential campaign. The bill would pare spending to 2022 levels and then cap growth at 1% a year, repeal some tax incentives for renewable energy and stiffen work requirements for some antipoverty programs. [...] The overnight changes removed a provision that would have ended a tax credit for biofuels that was part of Biden's climate change initiatives in the 2022 Inflation Reduction Act. Bending to the far-right wing of the party, Republicans also accelerated some new, tougher work requirements for receiving Medicaid healthcare benefits for the poor, angering Democrats.” [Reuters, [4/27/23](#)]

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Republican Spending Cuts Were Expected To Cut Cancer Research, Nutritional Assistance For Poor Mothers And Infants, And The Social Security Administration Employees By More Than Half. “The charts above show how exempting big categories of spending would make the budget caps more draconian. Universal discretionary caps would cut spending by an average of 18 percent over a decade, compared with what's expected if current levels grew according to inflation. But with defense, veterans' care and homeland security exempted, the caps would result in cutting the rest of the discretionary budget by more than half. Defense is the largest category of discretionary spending in the budget. Veterans' health care is the second largest. The programs that would be subject to such deeper cuts include nutrition assistance for poor mothers and infants, air traffic control, the State Department, cancer research and Social Security Administration employees.” [New York Times, [5/8/23](#)]

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McCarthy a victory in his efforts to pressure the White House to begin negotiations ahead of a fast-approaching deadline to avoid a default. [...] The House voted 217 to 215 to pass the Limit, Save, Grow Act of 2023, with all but four Republican members voting in favor. The House GOP's plan would freeze spending at levels adopted in fiscal year 2022 and cap future federal spending increases at 1% annually for the next decade. It also claws back unspent federal COVID-19 relief funds, revokes some of the \$80 billion for the Internal Revenue Service included in the Inflation Reduction Act and tightens the work requirements for Medicaid and food stamp recipients.” [CBS News, [4/26/23](#)]

The Republican Debt Limit Plan Would Cut Funding For Infrastructure

Recouping Unspent Pandemic Aid Was Expected To Revoke Billions From The Department Of Transportation For Highway, Aviation And Transit Agencies. “Democrats are jumping on the House GOP plan to recoup unspent pandemic aid in their debt limit bill, charging that the move will harm agencies counting on that funding, including the Department of Veterans Affairs. [...] Almost \$6 billion would come out of unspent Transportation Department funds for highway, aviation and transit agencies. ‘Rescinding this funding would eliminate critical resources for mayors and governors to keep their airports open, trains running, and buses operating to get their essential workers to and from their jobs to keep our economy and people alive,’ the Democrats' memo states.” [Roll Call, [4/25/23](#)]

U.S. Department Of Transportation Reported The Republican Budget Cut Proposal Would Shut Down 375 Air Traffic Control Towers And Result In 7,500 Fewer Rail Safety Inspection Days. “The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) on Wednesday said a Republican budget cut proposal would shut down 375 federally-staffed and contract-run air traffic control towers around the country and result in 7,500 fewer rail safety inspection days. Overall, it said the Republican plan, which would sharply reduce budget spending in exchange for a short-term increase in the debt ceiling, would reduce funding for U.S. transit and highway infrastructure projects by nearly \$5.2 billion. The White House has said President Joe Biden would veto the legislation, and has called on Congress to raise the debt limit without conditions. President Biden and his administration have pushed back hard against the proposal from Republican House of Representatives Speaker Kevin McCarthy, which would implement \$4.5 trillion in spending cuts with a \$1.5 trillion increase in the \$31.4 trillion U.S. debt limit.” [Reuters, [4/26/23](#)]

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Despite Claiming To “Honor And Remember The Brave Men And Women Who Have Served Our Country,” Bresnahan Accepted \$127,000 From 39 Republicans Who Voted Against The PACT Act, Which Would Have Expanded Health Care Coverage For Veterans Exposed To Toxic Substances While Serving The United States Of America

Bresnahan, The Grandchild Of A Veteran, Reminded People To Honor And Remember Veterans On Veterans Day

November 2023: Bresnahan Asked People “To Honor And Remember The Brave Men And Women Who Have Served Our Country” On Veterans Day. “On this Veterans Day, please pause to honor and remember the brave men and women who have served our country. I am proud to be the grandson of a veteran and will continue to make sure he,

and all veterans, are always held in great respect #VeteransDay” [Rob Bresnahan, Campaign Twitter, [11/11/23](#)]



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- **March 2022: 39 Of Bresnahan’s Donors Voted Against The Honoring Our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics Act To Expand Veterans Affairs Health Care Benefits To Include Burn Pit And Other Toxic Substance Exposure.** In March 2022, 39 of Bresnahan’s donors voted against: “Passage of the bill, as amended, as amended, that would expand Veterans Affairs Department health care benefits for veterans with service-connected exposure to burn pits or other toxic substances, making such veterans eligible for VA hospital care, medical services and nursing home care. Specifically, it would establish a presumption of service-connected exposure for certain types of cancer and certain respiratory illnesses, including asthma diagnosed after service, for all veterans who served in certain periods and locations where burn pits or other airborne hazards were present, including those who served in Iraq, Afghanistan and Persian Gulf countries beginning in August 1990. It would require the VA to conduct outreach to inform such veterans of their eligibility. It would also require the VA to coordinate federally funded research activities related to health consequences of military toxic exposures; establish a toxic exposure advisory committee to assess cases of toxic exposure; and conduct research based on committee recommendations to make determinations for new or modified presumptions of service-connected exposure. Among other provisions, it would require the VA to publish a list of resources for toxic-exposed veterans and their caregivers and survivors; include a toxic exposure questionnaire in initial screenings conducted by VA primary care providers; provide department health care personnel with education and training to identify and treat illnesses related to toxic exposure; and establish a registry for servicemembers who may have been exposed to per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances due to the release of aqueous film-forming foam on military installations.” The bill passed by a vote of 256-174. [H.R. 3967, [Vote #57](#), 3/3/22; CQ, [3/3/22](#)]

The PACT Act Would Expand Health Care And Benefits For The 3.5 Million Veterans That Were

Exposed To Toxic Substances While Serving Their Country

The PACT Act “Expands VA Health Care And Benefits For Veterans Exposed To Burn Pits, Agent Orange, And Other Toxic Substances.” “The PACT Act is a law that expands VA health care and benefits for Veterans exposed to burn pits, Agent Orange, and other toxic substances. This law helps us provide generations of Veterans—and their survivors—with the care and benefits they’ve earned and deserve. And starting March 5, 2024, we’re expanding VA health care to millions of Veterans—years earlier than called for by the PACT Act.” [U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, accessed [4/3/24](#)]

- **3.5 Million U.S. Military Service Members Were Estimated To Have Been Exposed To Toxic Substances From Burn Pits.** “U.S. officials estimate that more than 3.5 million service members who deployed were exposed to toxic smoke from the roughly 250 pits used in Iraq and Afghanistan.” [New York Times, [9/7/21](#)]
- **Honoring Our PACT Act Designated 23 Illnesses And Cancers As Linked To Toxic Exposures From “Burn Pits And Airborne Hazards.”** “The bill would specifically designate 23 respiratory illnesses and cancers as likely linked to toxic exposures related to military burn pits and airborne hazards exposure. Currently, the Department of Veterans Affairs decides these exposure claims on a case-by-case basis, with the exception of those filed for asthma, rhinitis or sinusitis. The burden of proving one's illness is related to a burn pit exposure falls on the veteran, leading to delays in health care.” [ABC News, [3/3/22](#)]
- **Honoring Our PACT Act Included Veterans Affairs Benefits For Radiation During The Cold War And Additional Illnesses Linked To Agent Orange Used In The Vietnam War.** “The bill also provides for new benefits for veterans who faced radiation exposure during deployments throughout the Cold War, adds hypertension and monoclonal gammopathy to the list of illnesses linked to Agent Orange exposure in the Vietnam War, and requires new medical exams for all veterans with toxic exposure claims.” [Military.com, [3/3/22](#)]
- **Honoring Our Pact Act Provided Retroactive Veterans Affairs Benefits For Previously Denied Claims And To Deceased Veterans’ Survivors.** “The bill would open up Department of Veterans Affairs health care to millions of Iraq and Afghanistan veterans exposed to toxic substances during their service even if they don’t have a service-connected disability. The bill also would provide new or increased disability benefits to thousands of veterans who have become ill with cancer or respiratory conditions such as bronchitis or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, or COPD. The VA would presume that veterans developed their illness as a result of exposure to toxic substances during their service. [...] The bill also provides for retroactive benefits to veterans whose disability claims have been denied and to survivors of deceased veterans.” [AP News, [3/3/22](#)]

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- **40 Of Bresnahan’s Donors Voted Against The Affordable Insulin Now Act To Cap The Price Of Insulin At \$35.** In March 2022, 40 of Bresnahan’s donors voted against: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would require private health insurance and Medicare to cover certain insulin products and limit cost-sharing requirements for such products for plans beginning in 2023. Specifically, it would require private insurance plans to cover at least one of each dosage

form of each type of insulin, such as short-acting, long-acting and premixed insulin; prohibit the plans from applying a deductible for the insulin products; and cap cost-sharing for the insulin products at the lesser of \$35 or 25 percent of the plan's negotiated price for the product per 30-day supply. For Medicare plans, it would similarly prohibit the application of a deductible for covered insulin products and cap copayments at \$35 per 30-day supply. The bill would also increase funding available for the Medicare Improvement Fund from \$5 million to approximately \$9 billion. As an offset, it would delay for an additional year, through Jan. 1, 2027, implementation of a November 2020 rule ending a safe harbor provision that protects pharmacy benefit managers from federal anti-kickback laws for prescription drug rebates provided to health insurers under Medicare Part D." Passed by a vote of 232-193. [H.R. 6833, [Vote #102](#), 3/31/22, CQ, [3/31/22](#)]

The Affordable Insulin Now Act Capped The Price Of Insulin At \$35 Or 25% Of An Insurance Plan's Negotiated Price, Whichever Was Lower

The Affordable Insulin Now Act Capped The Price Of Insulin At \$35 Or 25% Of An Insurance Plan's Negotiated Price, Whichever Was Lower. "The House of Representatives voted Thursday to approve legislation that would limit cost-sharing for insulin under private health insurance and Medicare. The vote was 232-193, with 12 Republican members joining their Democratic colleagues to pass the measure. The Affordable Insulin Now Act would cap insulin prices at either \$35 a month or 25% of an insurance plan's negotiated price — whichever is lower. The legislation aims to take effect in 2023 but its fate in the Senate remains unclear." [NPR, [3/31/22](#)]

Insulin Prices Doubled Between 2012 And 2016. "Advocates of the legislation point to data from the Health Care Cost Institute, an independent nonprofit that studies health care prices, which shows prices for insulin doubled between 2012 and 2016. 'No one should have to choose between taking their medication as prescribed and putting food on the table or a roof over their head,' said Rep. Dan Kildee, one of three Democratic lawmakers who sponsored the legislation." [NPR, [3/31/22](#)]

11.3% Of Pennsylvanians Had Diagnosed Diabetes, And Health Costs For Those With Diabetes Were 2.3 Times Higher Than For People Without Diabetes

American Diabetes Association: "Approximately 1,162,598 People In Pennsylvania, Or 11.3% Of The Adult Population, Have Diagnosed Diabetes." [American Diabetes Association, [3/2023](#)]

- **American Diabetes Association: "An Additional 303,000 People In Pennsylvania Have Diabetes But Don't Know It, Greatly Increasing Their Health Risk."** [American Diabetes Association, [3/2023](#)]
- **American Diabetes Association: "There Are 3,484,000 People In Pennsylvania, 34.1% Of The Adult Population, Who Have Prediabetes With Blood Glucose Levels That Are Higher Than Normal But Not Yet High Enough To Be Diagnosed As Diabetes."** [American Diabetes Association, [3/2023](#)]

American Diabetes Association: "People With Diabetes Have Medical Expenses Approximately 2.3 Times Higher Than Those Who Do Not Have Diabetes." "People with diabetes have medical expenses approximately 2.3 times higher than those who do not have diabetes. Total direct medical expenses for diagnosed diabetes in Pennsylvania were estimated at \$9.3 billion in 2017. In addition, another \$3.5 billion was spent on indirect costs from lost productivity due to diabetes." [American Diabetes Association, [3/2023](#)]

Despite Seemingly Understanding The Importance Of Investing In Infrastructure, Bresnahan Accepted \$145,000 From 44 Republicans Who Voted Against The Infrastructure Investment And Jobs Act, Which Was Actively Being Used To Clean Up And Aid Coal Communities In Pennsylvania

Bresnahan Said That Investing In Infrastructure Comes With “Family-Sustaining Wage Jobs,” Seemingly Understanding The Importance Of Investing In Infrastructure

Bresnahan Said That Investing In Infrastructure Comes With “Family-Sustaining Wage Jobs.” “As a contractor who hires highly skilled IBEW union workers, Bresnahan told Raimondo that Kuharchik Construction has been struggling with the fluctuation of material prices and retaining skilled labor. ‘We have to invest in our infrastructure. That’s first and foremost,’ Bresnahan said. ‘And with that comes family-sustaining wage jobs.’” [The Citizens’ Voice, [3/18/23](#)]

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Bresnahan Accepted \$145,000 From 44 Republicans Who Voted Against The Infrastructure Investment And Jobs Act. According to the Federal Election Commission, Bresnahan accepted \$145,025 from Republicans who voted against the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. [FEC Receipts Search, accessed [4/3/24](#), H.R. 3684, [Vote #369](#), 11/5/21; CQ, [11/5/21](#)]

- **44 Of Bresnahan’s Donors Voted Against The Infrastructure Investment And Jobs Act, Providing \$550 Billion In New Infrastructure Spending.** In November 2021, 44 of Bresnahan’s donors voted against: “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](#)]

Funding From The Bipartisan Infrastructure Act Was Used To Clean Up And Revitalize Abandoned

Coal Mines And Coal Communities In Pennsylvania

HEADLINE: “Biden-Harris Administration Announces More Than \$244 Million To Address Legacy Pollution, Revitalize Communities In Pennsylvania.” [U.S Department of the Interior, [4/3/24](#)]

Funding From The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Was Allocated To Address Abandoned Coal Mines And Eliminate Pollution. “Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland and Lieutenant Governor Austin Davis today announced more than \$244 million in fiscal year 2023 funding from President Biden’s Investing in America agenda to address dangerous and polluting abandoned mine lands, create good-paying, family-sustaining jobs and catalyze economic opportunity in coal communities across Pennsylvania. This is the largest annual state allocation under the Abandoned Mine Land program through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. [...] Millions of Americans nationwide live less than a mile from an abandoned coal mine. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law allocated a total of \$16 billion to address legacy pollution, including \$11.3 billion in abandoned mine land (AML) funding over 15 years, facilitated by OSMRE. This historic funding is expected to address nearly all of the currently inventoried abandoned coal mine lands in the nation, which will help communities address and eliminate dangerous conditions and pollution caused by historic coal mining.” [U.S Department of the Interior, [4/3/24](#)]

- **The Funding Would Put An End To Toxic Discharge From Abandoned Mines Leaching Into Lands And Waterways.** “Communities once powered by the coal industry are now polluted by abandoned mine lands, which leach toxic discharge into lands and waterways, cause land subsidence and structural issues, and fuel underground mine fires.” [U.S Department of the Interior, [4/3/24](#)]
- **The Funding Would Ensure That Coal Communities Were Not Left Behind, But Instead Revitalized For Jobs And Economic Activity.** “This funding from President Biden’s Investing in America agenda will ensure coal communities are not left behind, but rather revitalized by the jobs for displaced coal workers, economic opportunity, and clean air and water provided by these cleanup projects. ‘Legacy pollution continues to impact far too many communities across the nation. Through President Biden’s Investing in America agenda, we are making once-in-a-generation investments to clean up environmental hazards that have harmed coal communities for far too long,’ said Secretary Deb Haaland. ‘Reclaiming and restoring these sites will create jobs, revitalize economic activity, and advance outdoor recreation across the country as we work to clean up these public safety hazards and build healthier communities.’” [U.S Department of the Interior, [4/3/24](#)]

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Would Add Jobs, Fund Major Infrastructure Projects, Ensure Safe Travel, And Was Funded With Other Unspent Funds

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The Biden Administration Projected The \$1 Trillion Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Would Add About 2,000,000 Jobs Per Year For A Decade. “The \$1 trillion infrastructure plan that now goes to President Joe Biden to sign into law has money for roads, bridges, ports, rail transit, safe water, the power grid, broadband internet and more [...] The new law promises to reach almost every corner of the country. It’s a historic investment that the president has compared to the building of the transcontinental railroad and Interstate Highway System. The White House is projecting that the investments will add, on average, about 2 million jobs per year over the coming decade.” [Associated Press, [11/6/21](#)]

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Would Fund Major Projects, Such As Highways, Bridges, Roads, And Water Infrastructure

Washington Post: Infrastructure Spending Included \$16 Billion For “Major Projects That Are Too Large Or Complex For Traditional Funding Programs.” “The \$1.2 trillion infrastructure bill adopted late Friday creates a multibillion-dollar fund to spur the type of complicated, ambitious projects that have been stymied by decades of tentative investment and inattention from Washington. Modern-day equivalents of megaprojects like the Hoover Dam can benefit

broad swaths of the United States, but infrastructure experts say they have often stagnated. [...] Among the projects that could see a boost: the Gateway rail project, a vast plan to expand capacity for train traffic between New York and New Jersey; and a long-delayed effort to replace the outmoded Brent Spence Bridge connecting Kentucky and Ohio, which is one of the nation's worst bottlenecks. [...] The infrastructure bill includes about \$16 billion for 'major projects that are too large or complex for traditional funding programs,' but that have big economic benefits, according to the White House." [Washington Post, [11/6/21](#)]

Bipartisan Infrastructure Deal Would Provide \$110 Billion For Repairs To Highways, Bridges, And Roads. "The bill would provide \$110 billion to repair the nation's aging highways, bridges and roads. According to the White House, 173,000 total miles or nearly 280,000 kilometers of America's highways and major roads and 45,000 bridges are in poor condition. And the almost \$40 billion for bridges is the single largest dedicated bridge investment since the construction of the national highway system, according to the Biden administration." [Associated Press, [11/6/21](#)]

Bipartisan Infrastructure Deal Would Invest \$55 Billion On Water And Wastewater Infrastructure, Including \$15 Billion To Replace Lead Pipes And \$10 Billion To Address PFAS Water Contamination. "The legislation would spend \$55 billion on water and wastewater infrastructure. It has \$15 billion to replace lead pipes and \$10 billion to address water contamination from polyfluoroalkyl substances — chemicals that were used in the production of Teflon and have also been used in firefighting foam, water-repellent clothing and many other items." [Associated Press, [11/6/21](#)]

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Would Fund High-Speed Internet And The Power Grid

Axios: The Infrastructure Bill Included \$65 Billion For "Building High-Speed Internet Networks, Helping Low-Income Families Pay For Service And Digital Equity Programs." "The infrastructure bill heading to President Biden's desk includes \$65 billion to improve high-speed internet access and affordability. [...] By the numbers: The funding is aimed towards building high-speed internet networks, helping low-income families pay for service and digital equity programs. \$42.45 billion in grants to states for broadband projects, which can range from network deployment to data collection to help determine areas that lack service. \$14.2 billion to provide a \$30-a-month voucher to low-income Americans to pay for internet service. It will replace the current \$50-a-month Emergency Broadband Benefit program, offering less money monthly, but increasing the number of those eligible. \$2.75 billion for digital inclusion and equity projects, such as improving digital literacy or online skills for seniors. \$2 billion each for a rural broadband construction program called ReConnect, run by USDA, and to the Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program run by the Commerce Department's National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA). \$1 billion to build so-called 'middle mile' infrastructure to connect local providers to larger internet access points. \$600 million for private activity bonds to finance broadband deployment projects in rural areas." [Axios, [11/8/21](#)]

Bipartisan Infrastructure Deal Would Invest \$65 Billion To Improve The Reliability Of The Power Grid And Boost Clean Power Generation. "To protect against the power outages that have become more frequent in recent years, the bill would spend \$65 billion to improve the reliability and resiliency of the power grid. It would also boost carbon capture technologies and more environmentally friendly electricity sources like clean hydrogen." [Associated Press, [11/6/21](#)]

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Would Ensure Safe And Accessible Travel

CNN: Experts Agreed The Infrastructure Spending Was "Sorely Needed To Ensure Safe Travel" And "Efficient Transport Of Goods And Produce." "Congress passed a \$1.2 trillion infrastructure package Friday, approving a signature part of President Joe Biden's economic agenda. It will deliver \$550 billion of new federal investments in America's infrastructure over five years, touching everything from bridges and roads to the nation's broadband, water and energy systems. Experts say the money is sorely needed to ensure safe travel, as well as the efficient transport of goods and produce across the country. The nation's infrastructure system earned a C- score from the American Society of Civil Engineers earlier this year." [CNN, [11/5/21](#)]

The Infrastructure Bill Included \$1.75 Billion To Increase The Accessibility Of Transit Systems. “A \$1.75 billion fund in the infrastructure package will aim to guarantee that transit stations are accessible, decades after campaigns by disability rights activists to demand lifts on buses helped to spur passage of the Americans With Disabilities Act. Almost a fifth of transit stations were not fully accessible in 2019, according to the most recent Federal Transit Administration data. [...] The bill also includes language about Amtrak, requiring that a person with disabilities be appointed to the railroad’s board and mandating spending on accessibility, which Duckworth said helped show that accessibility was a national issue and not only an urban concern. About 25 million people in the United States report having a disability that limits their transportation options, and the Labor Department attributes lower rates of employment among people with disabilities, in part, to those obstacles. People with disabilities are almost twice as likely as others to use public transit to get around, according to the Transportation Department.” [Washington Post, [11/6/21](#)]

Bipartisan Infrastructure Deal Would Invest \$7.5 Billion In Electrical Vehicle Charging Stations And \$5 Billion In Electric And Hybrid School Buses. “The bill would spend \$7.5 billion for electric vehicle charging stations, which the administration says are critical to accelerating the use of electric vehicles to curb climate change. It would also provide \$5 billion for the purchase of electric school buses and hybrids, reducing reliance on school buses that run on diesel fuel.” [Associated Press, [11/6/21](#)]

Bipartisan Infrastructure Deal Would Invest \$66 Billion In Amtrak, The Largest Federal Investment In The Service Since Its Founding. “To reduce Amtrak’s maintenance backlog, which has worsened since Superstorm Sandy nine years ago, the bill would provide \$66 billion to improve the rail service’s Northeast Corridor (457 miles, 735 km), as well as other routes. It’s less than the \$80 billion Biden — who famously rode Amtrak from Delaware to Washington during his time in the Senate — originally asked for, but it would be the largest federal investment in passenger rail service since Amtrak was founded 50 years ago.” [Associated Press, [11/6/21](#)]

Bipartisan Infrastructure Deal Would Invest \$25 Billion In Airport Improvements. “The bill would spend \$25 billion to improve runways, gates and taxiways at airports and to improve terminals. It would also improve aging air traffic control towers.” [Associated Press, [11/6/21](#)]

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- **35 Of Bresnahan’s Donors Voted Against The State Health Care Premium Reduction Act, Which Would Expand Enrollment In And Reduce Consumer Costs For State-And-Federally Operated Affordable Care Act Health Insurance Marketplace; Incentivize Medicaid Expansion By States; And Authorized Maximum Price Negotiations For Prescription Drugs Under Medicare.** In June 2020, 35 of Bresnahan’s donors voted against: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would include a number of provisions to expand enrollment in and reduce consumer costs for state- and federally-operated Affordable Care Act health insurance marketplaces; incentivize Medicaid expansion by states; and authorize maximum price negotiations for prescription drugs under Medicare. Title I of the bill would expand eligibility for federal tax subsidies toward insurance premiums and increase the percentage of premiums such subsidies would cover. It would provide \$10 billion annually beginning in fiscal 2022 to help states lower costs of ACA plans, including to provide reinsurance payments to health insurance issuers and subsidies to individuals. It would provide \$200 million for grants to states to establish and operate state-based ACA health

insurance marketplaces; \$100 million annually for Health and Human Services Department consumer outreach related to ACA marketplace plans; \$100 million annually for the HHS "navigator" program, which helps individuals enroll in qualified plans; and \$200 million annually through fiscal 2024 for grants to states to encourage plan enrollment. It would also prohibit implementation of August 2018 regulations related to health insurance plans that are not required to meet ACA patient protection requirements, including short-term, limited-duration plans. Title II of the bill would provide for full federal reimbursement of state Medicaid expansion costs for new enrollees for three years, then gradually decrease the federal medical assistance cost-share to 90% for those enrollees. It would authorize HHS to reduce the federal cost-share percentage for states that do not expand their Medicaid programs by 0.5% quarterly beginning in fiscal 2023, and by 10% beginning July 2027. It would permanently authorize funding for the Children's Health Insurance Program. It would require Medicaid and CHIP programs to provide at least 12 continuous months of coverage for qualifying individuals and provide one year of coverage for women after the end of a pregnancy. It would allow states to expand eligibility for Medicaid and CHIP programs to include children whose family income exceeds certain amounts, and it would make citizens of the Freely Associated States residing in the U.S. eligible for Medicaid. Title III of the bill would establish a fair price negotiation program under which the Health and Human Services Department would enter into agreements with drug manufacturers to negotiate a "maximum fair price" for insulin and up to 250 other Medicare-eligible, brand-name drugs that do not have generic competition and account for high levels of spending. It would require the department to negotiate the maximum price of at least 25 drugs for 2023 and at least 50 drugs in each subsequent year, with maximum prices not exceeding 120% of a drug's average international price or 85% of the average manufacturer price for that year. It would subject manufacturers who do not reach a negotiated agreement for a drug to excise taxes based on gross sales of that drug. It would require manufacturers to offer negotiated prices to private health insurers. It would authorize a total of \$3 billion through fiscal 2023 for implementation of the price negotiation program. As amended, the bill would authorize \$2 billion for National Institutes of Health cancer research and make Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program recipients eligible to enroll in ACA marketplace health plans." The bill passed 200-179. [HR 1425, [Vote #124](#), 6/29/20; CQ, [6/29/20](#)]

- **The Bill Was “The First Significant Expansion Of The Affordable Care Act [...] Expanding Eligibility For Insurance Subsidies” And Promoting Medicaid Expansion.** “The House Monday passed the first significant expansion of the Affordable Care Act since its birth a decade ago, providing Democrats a high-wattage platform to castigate President Trump for his efforts to overturn the landmark law during a pandemic and an election year [...] The legislation would add to some of the ACA’s central elements by expanding eligibility for insurance subsidies to those at higher incomes and pressuring more than a dozen states to expand Medicaid. It also would blunt some of the ways the Trump administration has watered down the law.” [Washington Post, [6/29/20](#)]

Bresnahan Accepted \$110,000 From 32 Republicans Who Voted For Final Passage Of The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act, Which Added Trillions To The National Debt, Increased Taxes For The Middle Class, And Gave Tax Breaks To Billion-Dollar Corporations

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- **32 Of Bresnahan’s Donors Voted For Final Passage Of The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act By Concurring With A Senate Amendment.** In December 2017, 32 of Bresnahan’s donors voted for “Brady, R-Texas, motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the tax overhaul that would revise the federal income tax system by: lowering the corporate tax rate from 35 percent to 21 percent; lowering individual tax rates through 2025; limiting state and local deductions

to \$10,000 through 2025; decreasing the limit on deductible mortgage debt through 2025; and creating a new system of taxing U.S. corporations with foreign subsidiaries. Specifically, it would repeal personal exemptions and would roughly double the standard deduction through 2025. It would raise the child tax credit to \$2,000 through 2025, would repeal the alternative minimum tax for corporations and provide for broader exemptions to the tax for individuals through 2025. It would double individual exemptions to the estate tax and gift tax through 2025, and would establish a new top tax rate for “pass-through” business income through 2025. It would effectively eliminate the penalty for not purchasing health insurance under the 2010 health care overhaul law in 2019. It would also open portions of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil and gas drilling.” The motion was passed 224-201. [HR 1, [Vote #699](#), 12/20/17; CQ Floor Votes, [12/20/17](#)]

Tax Cuts From The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Added \$1.9 Trillion To The National Debt

CBO Estimated The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Would Increase The Debt By \$1.9 Trillion Over 10 Years. “The GOP’s signature tax law is projected to increase the national debt by \$1.9 trillion between 2018 and 2028, according to a new report by the Congressional Budget Office (CBO). According to the report, the tax law would cost the government \$2.3 trillion in revenues, but economic growth would offset that figure by about \$461 billion.” [The Hill, [4/9/18](#)]

- **The Trump Tax Cuts Would Add Between \$1 And \$2 Trillion To The Debt Between 2018 And 2025 And Could Increase Even Further If Temporary Tax Cuts Were Extended.** “The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act cut taxes substantially from 2018 through 2025. The resulting deficits will add \$1 to \$2 trillion to the federal debt, according to official estimates. The debt increase will be larger if some of TCJA’s temporary tax cuts are extended.” [Tax Policy Center, [5/20](#)]
- **The Trump Tax Cuts Increased Debt By \$1.8 Trillion Through 2029 Which Could Even Climb To \$2.8 Trillion If Individual Tax Cuts Were Extended Past 2025.** “The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA) was the single largest contributor to the \$4.1 trillion figure, increasing debt by \$1.8 trillion through 2029 (more than the entire cost is through 2027). This number could easily climb higher if lawmakers extend the individual tax cuts that are set to expire after 2025, which would add another \$1 trillion to the debt.” [Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget, [7/25/19](#)]
- **The Trump Tax Cuts Would Increase Deficits By \$1.9 Trillion Over 11 Years.** “There were multiple culprits. Trump’s tax cuts, especially the sharp reduction in the corporate tax rate to 21 percent from 35 percent, took a big bite out of federal revenue. The CBO estimated in 2018 that the tax cut would increase deficits by about \$1.9 trillion over 11 years.” [Washington Post, [1/14/21](#)]

April 2018: CBO: The Republican Tax Law “Increases The Total Projected Deficit Over The 2018–2028 Period By About \$1.9 Trillion.” “What Are the Act’s Projected Budgetary Effects? To construct its baseline budget projections, CBO incorporated the effects of the tax act, taking into account economic feedback—that is, the ways in which the act is likely to affect the economy and in turn affect the budget. Doing so raised the 11-year projection of the cumulative primary deficit (that is, the deficit excluding the costs of servicing the debt) by \$1.3 trillion and raised projected debt-service costs by roughly \$600 billion. The act therefore increases the total projected deficit over the 2018–2028 period by about \$1.9 trillion.” [CBO Budget & Economic Outlook 2018 to 2028, Appendix B: The Effects of the 2017 Tax Act on CBO’s Economic and Budget Projects, p.105, [April 2018](#)]

June 2018: House Budget Chairman: “The Time Is Now For Our Congress To Step Up And Confront [...] Debt And Deficits.” “Nonetheless the budget serves as an expression of Republicans’ priorities at a time of rapidly rising deficits and debt. Although the nation’s growing indebtedness has been exacerbated by the GOP’s own policy decisions — including the new tax law, which most analyses say will add at least \$1 trillion to the debt — Republicans on the Budget Committee said they felt a responsibility to put the nation on a sounder fiscal trajectory. ‘The time is now for our Congress to step up and confront the biggest challenge to our society,’ said House Budget Chairman Steve Womack (R-Ark.). ‘There is not a bigger enemy on the domestic side than the debt and deficits.’” [Washington Post, [6/19/18](#)]

June 2018: Washington Post: “The Nation’s Growing Indebtedness Has Been Exacerbated By The GOP’s Own Policy Decisions — Including The New Tax Law.” “Nonetheless the budget serves as an expression of Republicans’ priorities at a time of rapidly rising deficits and debt. Although the nation’s growing indebtedness has been exacerbated by the GOP’s own policy decisions — including the new tax law, which most analyses say will add at least \$1 trillion to the debt — Republicans on the Budget Committee said they felt a responsibility to put the nation on a sounder fiscal trajectory.” [Washington Post, [6/19/18](#)]

Big Corporations And The Ultrawealthy Got The Majority Of The Benefit From The Republican Tax Bill

Big Corporations Benefitted From The Republican Tax Scam, Saving Billions Of Dollars

Major Corporations Received Bulk of Tax Cuts Under The Republican Tax Plan. “Widespread publicity about corporations sharing a big slice of their huge Trump tax cuts with their workers through bonuses and wage hikes is mostly hype, this Americans for Tax Fairness analysis reveals. Even though America’s biggest corporations are poised to reap hundreds of billions in tax cuts, only 18 corporations in the Fortune 100 have announced any sort of employee benefits tied to those cuts, as of today. Only 46 of the Fortune 500—just 9%—have announced any plans to share the tax-cut wealth.” [Americans For Tax Fairness, [1/29/18](#)]

S&P 500 Companies Could See \$1.64 Trillion in Tax Cuts Under The Republican Tax Bill. “In other words, you can thank tax cuts for nearly half the growth in big-company earnings in the first quarter. For many companies – including a favorite target of Trump’s ire, Amazon.com Inc. – the boost was even more substantial, representing all, or nearly all, the quarter’s growth. It gets better: At the rate they’re going, S&P 500 companies could save \$1.64 trillion in taxes over the next decade, Steve estimates – \$300 billion more than lawmakers expected. Now we’re talking real money.” [Bloomberg News, [5/25/18](#)]

- **S&P 500 Companies Included 500 Of The Country’s Largest Publicly Traded Companies.** “The Standard & Poor’s 500 Index - S&P 500 is a market capitalization weighted index of the 500 largest U.S. publicly traded companies by market value. The S&P 500 is a [market value](#) or market capitalization weighted index and one of the most common benchmarks for the broader U.S. equity markets. [Investopedia, accessed [6/20/18](#)]

Washington Post: Final Tax Bill Included A “Significant Tax Break For The Very Wealthy” And “A Massive Tax Cut For Corporations.” “A new tax cut for the rich: The final plan lowers the top tax rate for top earners. Under current law, the highest rate is 39.6 percent for married couples earning over \$470,700. The GOP bill would drop that to 37 percent and raise the threshold at which that top rate kicks in, to \$500,000 for individuals and \$600,000 for married couples. This amounts to a significant tax break for the very wealthy, a departure from repeated claims by Trump and his top officials that the bill would not benefit the rich. [...] A massive tax cut for corporations: Starting on Jan. 1, 2018, big businesses’ tax rate would fall from 35 percent to just 21 percent, the largest one-time rate cut in U.S. history for the nation’s largest companies.” [Washington Post, [12/15/17](#)]

- **HEADLINE: “4 Pharma Companies Saved \$7 Billion From GOP Tax Law”** [Axios, [4/9/19](#)]
- **Oxfam: Johnson & Johnson, Pfizer, Merck And Abbott Laboratories Collectively Kept \$7 Billion In Tax Savings In 2018 Due To Republicans’ 2017 Corporate Tax Overhaul.** “Four pharmaceutical companies — Johnson & Johnson, Pfizer, Merck and Abbott Laboratories — collectively kept \$7 billion in tax savings in 2018 due to Republicans’ 2017 corporate tax overhaul, according to a new Oxfam report.” [Axios, [4/9/19](#)]
- **Biopharma Dive: “Income Tax Payments By The 11 Biggest Drugmakers Shrank By Nearly \$4 Billion Between 2016 And 2018, To \$12.8 Billion In 2018.”** “Income tax payments by the 11 biggest drugmakers shrank by nearly \$4 billion between 2016 and 2018, to \$12.8 billion in 2018, according to a BioPharma Dive review of regulatory filings.

Yet the employment increase sold by the law's backers has not materialized, as the number of U.S.-based jobs at the companies that disclose those statistics rose just 2%, to 61,000." [BioPharma Dive, [5/9/19](#)]

- **According To The Institute On Taxation And Economic Policy, Eli Lilly Paid -\$54 Million In Taxes In 2018 With An Effective Tax Rate Of -9%.** [Institute On Taxation And Economic Policy, [4/11/19](#)]
- **Axios: "Large Health Insurance Companies Would Be Among The Biggest Winners Under Republicans' Tax Overhaul Bill."** "Large health insurance companies would be among the biggest winners under Republicans' tax overhaul bill. Nearly all of their business is based in the U.S. and they consequently pay close to the full 35% corporate tax rate. The bottom line: Cutting the corporate tax rate to 20% would instantly boost insurers' profits." [Axios, [12/11/17](#)]

Corporate Tax Cuts In The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Cost Roughly \$1 Trillion. "It still amounts to roughly a \$1 trillion tax cut for businesses over the next decade. Republicans argue this will make the economy surge in the coming years, but most independent economists and Wall Street banks predict only a modest and short-lived boost to growth." [Washington Post, [12/15/17](#)]

HEADLINE: Analysis—Major Corporation Getting Huge Trump Tax Cut Not Very Generous To Workers. [Americans For Tax Fairness, [1/29/18](#)]

New York Times: Following The 2017 Republican Tax Cuts, "Dozens Of Fortune 500 Companies Were Able To Further Shrink Their Tax Bill — Sometimes To Zero." "Just as the Biden administration is pushing to raise taxes on corporations, a new study finds that at least 55 of America's largest paid no taxes last year on billions of dollars in profits. The sweeping tax bill passed in 2017 by a Republican Congress and signed into law by President Donald J. Trump reduced the corporate tax rate to 21 percent from 35 percent. But dozens of Fortune 500 companies were able to further shrink their tax bill — sometimes to zero — thanks to a range of legal deductions and exemptions that have become staples of the tax code, according to the analysis." [New York Times, [10/7/21](#)]

The Tax Bill Was A Giveaway For Big Pharma

Politico: Repatriation Provision In Tax Bill Was A "Major Victory For Pharma Manufacturers." "Senate Republicans cobbled together enough support to pass what could amount to the biggest rewrite of the tax code in nearly three decades. The bill, H.R. 1 (115), lowers the corporate tax rate and would offer a one-time reduction on profits U.S.-based multinational companies earn and keep abroad. The repatriation provision is seen as a major victory for pharma manufacturers who store boatloads of cash in countries where tax rates are lower. The Senate bill also scaled back the orphan drug tax credit, a definite loss for drugmakers (the House version repealed the credit outright). The Senate's tax plan now has to be reconciled with the House-passed version in a legislative conference." [Politico, [12/4/17](#)]

Pharmaceutical Companies Were "One Of The Biggest Beneficiaries" Of The Provision, And Were Seen As Likely To Return Money To Their Shareholders, Rather Than Invest In Research And Innovation. "U.S. drugmakers will be one of the biggest beneficiaries of the repatriation portion of the bill. They've been sitting on billions of dollars in overseas earnings and can now bring home that cash at a reduced rate. While the tax bill has been promoted by Republicans as a job creator, the reality is that drug companies are more likely to return the money to shareholders, or use it to make acquisitions." [Bloomberg, [12/20/17](#)] See Article #40.

Tax Bill Was Estimated To Save Top Five Pharmaceutical Companies \$42.7 Billion. "The tax proposal supported by President Donald Trump and congressional Republicans would give five top pharmaceutical corporations a \$42.7 billion tax break." [Public Citizen and ITEP, [11/20/17](#)] See Exhibit #9

The Tax Bill Was Great For Oil & Gas

Pacific Standard: "The Oil And Gas Industry... Are Among The Tax Bill's Largest And Most Long-Lasting

Financial Beneficiaries. “Pacific Standard's original analysis finds that it is the oil and gas industry, including companies that backed the presidency of Trump and whose former executives and current boosters now populate it, that are among the tax bill's largest and most long-lasting financial beneficiaries. Just 17 American oil and gas companies reported a combined total of \$25 billion in direct one-time benefits from the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. Many of the companies will also receive millions of dollars in income tax refunds this year.” [Pacific Standard, [3/27/18](#)]

The Tax Bill Was Great For Wall Street

AP: The Nation’s Six Big Wall Street Banks, Including Bank Of America, Saved At Least \$3.59 Billion In Taxes In The First Quarter Of 2018, According To An Associated Press Estimate, Using The Bank’s Tax Rates Going Back To 2015. “The nation's six big Wall Street banks posted record, or near record, profits in the first quarter, and they can thank one person in particular: President Donald Trump. While higher interest rates allowed banks to earn more from lending in the first quarter, the main boost to bank came from the billions of dollars they saved in taxes under the tax law Trump signed in December. Combined, the six banks saved at least \$3.59 billion last quarter, according to an Associated Press estimate, using the bank's tax rates going back to 2015. Big publicly traded banks — such as JPMorgan Chase, Citigroup, Wells Fargo, Goldman Sachs, Morgan Stanley and Bank of America — typically kick off the earnings season. The reports for the January-March quarter are giving investors and the public their first glimpse into how the new tax law is impacting Corporate America.” [AP, [4/20/18](#)]

Billions Saved From The Tax Cuts And Even Avoided Paying Taxes Altogether

HEADLINE: Special Trump Tax Provision Gives \$17 Billion Break To Millionaires, Gov't Report Finds. [NBC News, [4/24/18](#)]

ProPublica: Billionaires Including Jeff Bezos, Elon Musk, And Michael Bloomberg Have Avoided Paying Federal Income Taxes Entirely Sometimes In Recent Years. “In 2007, Jeff Bezos, then a multibillionaire and now the world’s richest man, did not pay a penny in federal income taxes. He achieved the feat again in 2011. In 2018, Tesla founder Elon Musk, the second-richest person in the world, also paid no federal income taxes. Michael Bloomberg managed to do the same in recent years. Billionaire investor Carl Icahn did it twice. George Soros paid no federal income tax three years in a row.” [ProPublica, [6/8/21](#)]

2014-2018: Centibillionaire Warren Buffett Paid \$23.7 Million In Taxes At The Same Time His Net Worth Grew \$24.3 Billion. No one among the 25 wealthiest avoided as much tax as Buffett, the grandfatherly centibillionaire. That’s perhaps surprising, given his public stance as an advocate of higher taxes for the rich. According to Forbes, his riches rose \$24.3 billion between 2014 and 2018. Over those years, the data shows, Buffett reported paying \$23.7 million in taxes. [ProPublica, [6/8/21](#)]

The Tax Cut Made It More Attractive For Companies To Move Jobs Overseas

The Trump Tax Cut Created Clear Incentives For American-Based Corporations To Move Operations And Jobs Abroad, Including A Zero Percent Tax Rate On Many Profits Generated Offshore. “The Trump-GOP tax law enacted in December 2017 creates clear incentives for American-based corporations to move operations and jobs abroad, including a zero percent tax rate on many profits generated offshore. Now the Trump administration and some lawmakers who supported the 2017 law say they are concerned about companies moving jobs offshore, particularly to China, and call for additional tax breaks to lure them back. New tax cuts to incentivize bringing jobs back to the United States will fail. No new tax provisions can be more generous than the zero percent rate the 2017 law provides for many offshore profits or the loopholes that allow corporations to shift profits to countries with minimal or no corporate income taxes.” [Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy, [6/2/20](#)]

CBO: Provisions In The Tax Cuts & Jobs Act “May Increase Corporations” Incentive To Locate Tangible Assets” Like Factories “Abroad” Because “By Locating Fewer Tangible Assets In The United States,” The Corporation

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

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

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

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

- **HEADLINE: Trump promised ‘America First’ would keep jobs here. But the tax plan might push them overseas.** [Washington Post, [12/15/17](#)] *See Article #43.*
- **Because Of The Way The Tax Bill Taxed Foreign Income, Corporations Would Increase Tax Free Income The More Equipment It Had Abroad.** “In the future, corporations would be required to pay about a 10 percent minimum tax on overseas income above a certain level. The provision is billed as a way to discourage the movement of jobs and profit overseas. But the fine print of the new global minimum tax would make the problem worse, several tax specialists said. [...] First, a corporation would pay that global minimum tax only on profit above a ‘routine’ rate of return on the tangible assets — such as factories — it has overseas. So the more equipment a corporation has in other countries, the more tax-free income it can earn. The legislation thus offers corporations ‘a perverse incentive’ to shift assembly lines abroad, said Steve Rosenthal of the Tax Policy Center.” [Washington Post, [12/15/17](#)] *See Article #43*

- **Under Tax Bill, A Corporation That Built A Plant In A Foreign Country Would Pay Substantially Less In Taxes On Foreign Profit Than Profits Earned In The United States.** “Second, the bill sets the ‘routine’ return at 10 percent — far more generous than would typically be the case. Such allowances are normally fixed a couple of percentage points above risk-free Treasury yields, which are currently around 2.4 percent. As a result, a U.S. corporation that builds a \$100 million plant in another country and makes a foreign profit of \$20 million would pay roughly \$1 million in tax versus \$4 million on the same profit if earned in the United States, said Rosenthal, who has been a tax lawyer for 25 years and drafted tax legislation as a staffer for the Joint Committee on Taxation.” [Washington Post, [12/15/17](#)] *See Article #43.*

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

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Republicans Planned On Going After Medicare And Social Security To Pay For The Tax Cuts

AP: “A Wide Range Of Economists And Nonpartisan Analysts Have Warned That The Bill Will Likely Escalate Federal Debt, Intensify Pressure To Cut Spending On Social Programs And Further Widen America's Troubling Income Inequality.” “The tax overhaul of 2017 amounts to a high-stakes gamble by Republicans in Congress: That slashing taxes for corporations and wealthy individuals will accelerate growth and assure greater prosperity for Americans for years to come. The risks are considerable. A wide range of economists and nonpartisan analysts have warned that the bill will likely escalate federal debt, intensify pressure to cut spending on social programs and further widen America's troubling income inequality.” [AP, [12/17/17](#)]

US News: “The Most Likely Targets For Cuts And Restructuring In The Coming Months Are Likely To Be Medicare And Social Security Benefits.” “Instead, the most likely targets for cuts and restructuring in the coming months are likely to be Medicare and Social Security benefits. Rubio last week indicated ‘the driver of our debt is the structure of Social Security and Medicare for future beneficiaries.’ Ryan issued a similar assessment just a few days later, noting that ‘health care entitlements ... are the big drivers of our debt.’” [US News, [12/7/17](#)]

- **On The GOP Perspective On Properly Balancing A Budget, Sen. Marco Rubio Said, “You Also Have To Bring Spending Under Control. If You Just Do [Tax Cuts]” Without Reducing Deficits, “You’re Going To Have A Debt Problem... We’ve Got To Do Both.”** “Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., broke down what appears to be the GOP's current perspective on the government's budgetary obligations during an event last week hosted by Politico. He theorized that two primary ingredients were required to properly balance a budget. ‘You have got to generate economic growth, because growth generates revenue. But you also have to bring spending under control,’ he said. ‘If you just do [tax cuts] and you don't do the other piece, you're going to have a debt problem. That's a fact. And we've got to do both.’” [US News, [12/7/17](#)]
- **Rubio: “The Driver Of Our Debt Is The Structure Of Social Security And Medicare For Future Beneficiaries.”** “Passing tax legislation effectively accomplishes the first part of the equation, Rubio said, as he and his colleagues

predict their broad corporate and personal tax tweaks will help kick-start economic growth in the coming years. [...] Instead, the most likely targets for cuts and restructuring in the coming months are likely to be Medicare and Social Security benefits. Rubio last week indicated ‘the driver of our debt is the structure of Social Security and Medicare for future beneficiaries.’” [US News, [12/7/17](#)]

On The Eve Of Passage Of The Tax Bill, Ryan Said Republicans Planned To Target Welfare, Medicare, Medicaid Spending For Cuts In The Future. “House Speaker Paul D. Ryan (R-Wis.) said Wednesday that congressional Republicans will aim next year to reduce spending on both federal health care and anti-poverty programs, citing the need to reduce America's deficit. ‘We're going to have to get back next year at entitlement reform, which is how you tackle the debt and the deficit,’ Ryan said during an appearance on Ross Kaminsky's talk radio show. ‘... Frankly, it's the health care entitlements that are the big drivers of our debt, so we spend more time on the health care entitlements — because that's really where the problem lies, fiscally speaking.’ Ryan said that he believes he has begun convincing President Trump in their private conversations about the need to rein in Medicare, the federal health program that primarily insures the elderly. [...] Ryan said he's optimistic, adding that Republicans could target the Affordable Care Act and Medicaid next year in addition to Medicare, despite their failure to repeal the health care law in 2017.” [Washington Post, [12/6/17](#)]

- **2017: McCarthy Was The Majority Leader Of The House of Representatives, And The Second-Most Powerful Member In The House.** “Put in a call to Kevin McCarthy, the six-term Republican from Bakersfield, California, and majority leader of the House of Representatives. [...] On paper, McCarthy is the second-most powerful member in the House after Speaker Paul Ryan” [Cal Matters, [5/17/17](#)]

2019: Republicans In Congress Pointed To Rising Deficits And Promised To Cut Social Security And Medicare After They Expanded Deficits Through The Tax Cuts. “Donald Trump won't say it, but Republicans in the Senate will: Social Security and Medicare would be on the chopping block in a second Trump term. Pointing to rising deficits, Republican senators have all but promised to gut entitlements if Trump gets four more years. Sen. John Thune (R-SD), the second-ranking Senate Republican, expressed hope to the New York Times that Trump would be ‘interested’ in reforming Social Security and Medicare. Sen. John Barrasso (R-WY) was even more optimistic. ‘We've brought it up with President Trump, who has talked about it being a second-term project,’ Barrasso said. Senate Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) has made no secret of wanting to cut Social Security. In using deficit fears to target entitlement programs, many Republicans are hoping to use Trump's second term to cut Medicare and Social Security. First, expand deficits through tax cuts, then declare that spending must be slashed. The chief target of these proposed cuts is Social Security, which historians have noted the mainstream Republican party has long sought to diminish, privatize, or both.” [Forbes, [8/23/19](#)]

Former Speaker Paul Ryan Pushed To “Reform” Entitlements To Decrease The Deficit

After Passing A Tax Bill That Added Trillions To The Deficit, Speaker Ryan Said Medicare And Medicaid Would Need To Be “Reformed” In Order To Decrease The Deficit. “With his dream of tax reform now realized, Ryan is hoping to make progress on two other issues he's targeted during his two-decade career in Washington: entitlement and welfare reform. ‘We're going to have to get back next year at entitlement reform, which is how you tackle the debt and the deficit,’ Ryan, a former Budget Committee chairman, said in a recent interview this month on the Ross Kaminsky radio talk show. Medicare and Medicaid are the ‘big drivers of debt,’ Ryan said, suggesting Republicans could once again use the budget reconciliation process to avoid a Democratic filibuster. Medicare is the ‘biggest entitlement that's got to have reform,’ Ryan added.” [The Hill, [12/26/17](#)]

- **HEADLINE: “After Tax Overhaul, GOP Sets Sights On Medicare, Social Security.”** [US News, [12/7/17](#)]
- **HEADLINE: “Ryan Says Republicans To Target Welfare, Medicare, Medicaid Spending In 2018.”** [Washington Post, [12/6/17](#)]

- **HEADLINE: “Paul Ryan Pushes To Keep Overhaul Of Safety-Net Programs On GOP Agenda.”** [Wall Street Journal, [2/4/18](#)]

2017: Former House Speaker Paul Ryan Wanted To Cut Funding For Medicare And Social Security But Was Limited On Changing Social Security Due To Senate Rules. “House Speaker Paul D. Ryan (R-Wis.) said Wednesday that congressional Republicans will aim next year to reduce spending on both federal health care and anti-poverty programs, citing the need to reduce America’s deficit. ‘We’re going to have to get back next year at entitlement reform, which is how you tackle the debt and the deficit,’ Ryan said during an appearance on Ross Kaminsky’s talk radio show. ‘... Frankly, it’s the health care entitlements that are the big drivers of our debt, so we spend more time on the health care entitlements — because that’s really where the problem lies, fiscally speaking.’ Ryan said that he believes he has begun convincing President Trump in their private conversations about the need to rein in Medicare, the federal health program that primarily insures the elderly. As a candidate, Trump vowed not to cut spending on Social Security, Medicare, or Medicaid. (Ryan also suggested congressional Republicans were unlikely to try changing Social Security, because the rules of the Senate forbid changes to the program through reconciliation — the procedure the Senate can use to pass legislation with only 50 votes.)” [Washington Post, [12/6/17](#)]

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2018: Around 4.5 Million Medicare Beneficiaries Would Pay About \$1,000 More For Their Prescription Drugs Under Trump’s Budget Proposal. “Some Medicare beneficiaries would pay more for their prescription drugs under President Donald Trump’s budget even as the sickest patients save thousands of dollars, a complex trade-off that may make it harder to sell Congress on the plan in an election year ... But about 4.5 million seniors in the group just behind them could end up spending more of their own money ... They could wind up paying about \$1,000 more.” [Associated Press, [2/13/18](#)]

HEADLINE: “House GOP Plan Would Cut Medicare, Medicaid To Balance Budget.” [Washington Post, [6/19/18](#)]

June 2018: Washington Post: The House Republican Budget Proposed To Address Debts & Deficits By “Remaking” Medicare Into A Voucher Program And Would Also “Squeeze \$537 Billion Out Of Medicare Over The Next Decade.” “Nonetheless the budget serves as an expression of Republicans’ priorities at a time of rapidly rising deficits and debt. Although the nation’s growing indebtedness has been exacerbated by the GOP’s own policy decisions — including the new tax law, which most analyses say will add at least \$1 trillion to the debt — Republicans on the Budget Committee said they felt a responsibility to put the nation on a sounder fiscal trajectory. [...] The House Republican budget, titled ‘A Brighter American Future,’ would remake Medicare by giving seniors the option of enrolling in private plans that compete with traditional Medicare, a system of competition designed to keep costs down but dismissed by critics as an effort to privatize the program. Along with other changes, the budget proposes to squeeze \$537 billion out of Medicare over the next decade.” [Washington Post, [6/19/18](#)]

June 2018: House Republicans’ Budget Proposed Cutting Social Security By \$4 Billion Over The Decade By Eliminating Unemployment Benefits For People With Disabilities Receiving Social Security Disability Insurance Payments. “Social Security comes in for more modest cuts of \$4 billion over the decade, which the budget projects could be reached by eliminating concurrent receipt of unemployment benefits and Social Security disability insurance.” [Washington Post, [6/19/18](#)]

2021: Senate Republicans Pushed For Legislation Creating A Commission To Balance The Budget By Targeting Spending On Social Security, Medicare And Medicaid. “Senate Republicans will introduce legislation Thursday to create a new bipartisan national commission to reduce the deficit and balance the federal budget within 10 years [...] The purpose of the commission would be to find policies to improve the fiscal situation of the federal government in the medium and long term by balancing the national budget. In particular, this would include “changes to address the growth of entitlement spending and the gap between the projected revenues and expenditures of the Federal Government.” Entitlement spending primarily consists of federal government programs such as Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid.” [Washington Examiner, [4/15/21](#)]

The Budget Further Required Unspecified Spending Cuts Of \$302 Billion. “The budget also relies on rosy economic-growth projections and proposes using a budgetary mechanism to require other congressional committees to come up with a combined \$302 billion in unspecified deficit reduction.” [Washington Post, [6/19/18](#)]

Harvard Business Review: Because of Tax Plan Increase in Deficit, Medicare and Social Security Are Targets For Cuts. “Increases in the federal deficit will prompt efforts to reduce federal spending. Because Medicare and Medicaid

together accounted for about \$1.25 trillion in federal spending in 2016, about 30% of the federal budget, they will be the major targets for deficit reduction. There is no guarantee that such efforts will succeed, but if they do, reforms could take a number of directions. For Medicare, this could include increasing the eligibility age from 65 to 67 or beyond (resulting in fewer covered elderly), caps on spending per beneficiary (possibly reducing covered benefits), or increases in cost-sharing that would lead to beneficiaries using fewer services. For Medicaid, reforms would likely lead similarly to fewer people covered, reduced benefits, and/or higher cost-sharing. For conservatives who have long sought to reduce the generosity of entitlements in the United States, these changes would be a welcome way to reduce the size of government. There is no question that American health care can be reduced through carefully planned and implemented reforms in our delivery system. Precipitous cuts, however, could be damaging.” [Harvard Business Review, [12/19/17](#)]

Modern Healthcare Editorial: Less Taxes Mean Medicare Would Have To Cut Its Way to Solvency. “The tax cut law will reduce the federal tax take to just 16.6% of GDP. That’s a full percentage point below 2007, the last business-cycle peak; and 3 percentage points below the late 1990s. It’s simply not realistic in an aging society. Last week, former HHS Secretary Dr. Tom Price, when asked that question in a healthcare forum, replied that Medicare could cut its way to solvency. Trump’s first HHS pick pointed to value-based payment changes and suggested that tort reform and elimination of defensive medicine alone could cut \$600 billion in annual healthcare spending. That’s wishful thinking. Recent studies estimate defensive medicine accounts for just 2% to 3% of health spending. If we could eliminate it all, it would provide a nice one-time ratcheting down of spending, but the long-term upward arc of the cost curve would remain unbent.” [Modern Healthcare, Editorial, [5/5/18](#)]

Center For American Progress: House Budget Would Allow House Republicans To Cut Social Security Supplemental Security Income, A Program To Help Older And Disabled Individuals Meet Basic Living Standards, With No Democratic Votes. “President Trump’s budget broke his promise to not cut Social Security, and the House budget doubles down on this betrayal, proposing \$4 billion in cuts to Social Security benefits over the next decade. The budget targets Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI). Specifically, the budget proposes preventing unemployed workers with disabilities from receiving both the SSDI and unemployment insurance benefits they have earned. This proposal would reduce economic security for workers with disabilities who have lost a job through no fault of their own, as well as their families. Though the House budget does not specifically propose cutting Supplemental Security Income (SSI), a program that helps older or disabled individuals with very little income meet basic living standards, it is still at risk. The budget instructs policy makers to cut at least \$203 billion over the next ten years from a variety of programs—cuts that are likely to include SSI. Cutting SSI would be especially harmful to people living in rural areas, who have higher rates of disability. Click here for a breakdown of people with disabilities by Congressional district. Secretary of the Treasury Steven Mnuchin further walked back President Trump’s promise to not cut Social Security recently, telling Congress that changing the program is “within your prerogative.” If Congress passes Social Security cuts, President Trump may sign those into law. While SSDI cannot be cut via reconciliation, the reconciliation instructions in the House budget would enable Congress to cut SSI without any Democratic votes.” [CAP, [7/18/17](#)]

The 2018 Balanced Budget Amendment Would Result In Social Security Cuts And Would Limit The Ability For Social Security To Draw Down On The Balances It Accumulated In Previous Years. “Beyond the economy, a balanced budget amendment would raise other problems. That’s because of its requirement that federal expenditures in any year must be offset by revenues collected in that same year. Social Security could not draw down the balances it has accumulated in previous years to pay benefits in a later year but, instead, could be forced to cut benefits even if it had ample balances in its trust funds; currently, those balances approach \$2.9 trillion.” [Center on Budget Policy Priorities, [3/16/18](#)]

Center for American Progress: The Balanced-Budget Amendment Threatens Americans’ Health Care, Social Security, and Jobs [Center for American Progress, [4/11/18](#)]

AARP Opposed The Balanced Budget Amendment Because It Would “Likely Harm Social Security And Medicare, Subjecting Both Programs To Potentially Deep Cuts.” “AARP is writing to express our opposition to a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution of the United States. [...] A balanced budget amendment would likely harm Social Security and Medicare, subjecting both programs to potentially deep cuts without regard to the impact on the health and

financial security of individuals. It would also likely diminish the resources available for programs assisting Americans who are least able to provide for themselves – services such as meals or heating for those who are too poor or physically unable to take care of their basic needs without some support.” [AARP, Letter, [4/9/18](#)]

The Tax Bill Gave Tax Cuts To The Ultra Wealthy

The Atlantic: “The Richer The Family, The Bigger The Cut, Both In Absolute Terms And In Proportional Income” From The GOP Tax Bill. “The GOP tax bill operates by two simple principles. First, families at every income level can expect a tax cut—but the richer the family, the bigger the cut, both in absolute terms and in proportional income. Households making between \$500,000 and \$1 million would get a \$21,000 tax cut in 2019 and their after-tax income would rise by 4.3 percent. That proportional gain is four times larger than the average after-tax benefit for a family making \$40,000. Second, as time goes by, most families’ tax benefits would shrink—with the major exception being the most affluent. Most of the plan’s individual tax cuts end after 2025. This provision is necessary (because of the procedure congressional Republicans chose for the bill) to pay for a permanent corporate tax cut whose benefits flow mostly through capital gains and dividends to shareholders. The bars below illustrate this effect: The tax cuts shrink between 2018 and 2025 before disappearing for all levels in 2027—except for the richest households, the ones with the most money invested in stocks, who will still be reaping the benefits of lower corporate taxes.” [The Atlantic, [12/19/17](#)]

- **According To Tax Policy Center, In 2018, Households Earning \$1 Million or More Would Receive 16.5 Percent Of Total Benefit Of Changes To Individual Tax Rates.** “Put another way, in 2018, households earning \$1 million or more — or, 0.4 percent of all tax filers — would be getting 16.5 percent of the total benefit from the bill.” [NPR, [12/19/17](#)]

Washington Post: Final Tax Bill Included A “Significant Tax Break For The Very Wealthy” And “A Massive Tax Cut For Corporations.” “A new tax cut for the rich: The final plan lowers the top tax rate for top earners. Under current law, the highest rate is 39.6 percent for married couples earning over \$470,700. The GOP bill would drop that to 37 percent and raise the threshold at which that top rate kicks in, to \$500,000 for individuals and \$600,000 for married couples. This amounts to a significant tax break for the very wealthy, a departure from repeated claims by Trump and his top officials that the bill would not benefit the rich. [...] A massive tax cut for corporations “A massive tax cut for corporations: Starting on Jan. 1, 2018, big businesses’ tax rate would fall from 35 percent to just 21 percent, the largest one-time rate cut in U.S. history for the nation’s largest companies.” [Washington Post, [12/15/17](#)]

The Tax Cut Benefitted The Top 1% Of Earners And “Will Reap More Than 20% Of The Total Value Of The Tax Cut, Roughly The Same Amount As Americans In The Bottom 60% Of The Income Distribution.” “No one in the middle class is going to turn up their nose at an extra thousand bucks. But critics have been pointing out that the tax bill could have done much more for middle earners. That \$900 pales in comparison to the average \$51,000 tax cut that Americans in the top 1% of earners — those taking home \$733,000 and up — will reap. Overall, the 1% will reap more than 20% of the total value of the tax cut, roughly the same amount as Americans in the bottom 60% of the income distribution, the Tax Policy Center found.” [Time, [12/20/17](#)]

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The Tax Bill Shifted The Tax Burden Over Time To The Middle Class

Time: The Tax Bill “Will Work Against Middle-Class Taxpayers Over Time” And In A Decade Two Thirds Of Middle-Class Taxpayers Will Be Subject To A Tax Hike. “There may be an even bigger problem for the middle class, however. Budget rules tied Republicans’ hands, limiting their ability to make changes that extend more than 10 years in the future. As a result, most personal tax provisions in the bill expire by 2026. Meanwhile, other tweaks — like a new, less generous way of accounting for inflation — will work against middle-class taxpayers over time. As a result, a decade from now, about two thirds of middle-class taxpayers will actually see a tax hike, albeit a relatively small one of about \$150, according to the Tax Policy Center.” [Time, [12/20/17](#)]

Politifact: GOP Tax Bill Would Raise Taxes For The Middle Class After Individual Tax Cut Provisions Expired In 2025. “Gillibrand said the Republican ‘tax [plan] raises middle-class taxes.’ That's not true during the first years of the new tax provisions. If not for the sunset for the tax changes for individuals, we likely would have rated Gillibrand's statement False or perhaps Mostly False. Middle-income taxpayers will either benefit or see no change in their tax liability through 2025. But her claim could hold up after the bill's individual provisions expire that year. There's no guarantee a future Congress will extend those parts of the bill.” [Politifact, [12/22/17](#)]

- **PolitiFact: “After The Individual Provisions Expire, All Filers Who Make \$75,000 Or Less Annually Will See A Tax Increase. ‘Only Those Income Ranges Above \$75,000 Still See A Cut By 2027,’ According To The PolitiFact Analysis.”** “The Joint Committee on Taxation predicted that taxpayers making \$40,000 and up would see a tax cut immediately until 2025 under the law. In 2019, filers at every income level will see a tax cut. The average person making \$45,000 would see the amount of their income spent on federal taxes decrease from 10.9 percent to 9.9 percent, according to the committee's report. The tax benefit shifts after 2025 when most changes for individual filers expire, including the lower tax brackets and cap on state and local tax deductions. After the individual provisions expire, all filers who make \$75,000 or less annually will see a tax increase. ‘Only those income ranges above \$75,000 still see a cut by 2027,’ according to the PolitiFact analysis. ‘That’s a significantly different pattern than in 2019, when every group saves, on average.’” [PolitiFact, [12/22/17](#)]
- **Under GOP Tax Bill, Individual Tax Cuts Expired In 2025, While Reductions For Businesses Were**

Permanent. “But all of the individual tax cuts are scheduled to go away after 2025. Republicans opted to make tax cuts for families temporary and reductions for businesses permanent.” [Washington Post, [12/15/17](#)]

- **Tax Policy Center: In 2018, 5 Percent Of Taxpayers Would Pay More In Taxes Under The GOP Tax Bill, But Would Increase To 53 Percent Of Taxpayers In 2027.** “Some taxpayers would pay more in taxes under the proposal in 2018 and 2025 than under current law: about 5 percent of taxpayers in 2018 and 9 percent in 2025. In 2027, however, taxes would increase for 53 percent of taxpayers compared with current law.” [Tax Policy Center, [12/18/17](#)]

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UC Berkeley Economists Emmanuel Saez And Gabriel Zucman Calculated That The 2017 Republican Tax Cuts Helped Billionaires Pay A Lower Tax Rate Than The Working Class For The First Time In History. “According to a new book Donald Trump’s \$1.5tn tax cuts have helped billionaires pay a lower rate than the working class for the first time in history. In 2018 the richest 400 families in the US paid an average effective tax rate of 23% while the bottom half of American households paid a rate of 24.2%, University of California at Berkeley economists Emmanuel Saez and Gabriel Zucman calculate in their new book, *The Triumph of Injustice*. [...] Thanks to the controversial tax package the top 0.1% of US households were granted a 2.5% tax cut that pushed their rate below that of the lower 50% of US earners.” [The Guardian, [10/9/19](#)]

Center For A Responsible Federal Budget Found True Cost of Tax Bill Would Be \$2 Trillion Or More, After Budget Gimmicks Were Accounted For. “Adding these gimmicks to the cost of the bill would increase the total cost to \$2.0 trillion to \$2.2 trillion. Though the dynamic effect of making the bill permanent is unknown, we estimate a permanent bill would produce roughly \$450 billion of feedback,* leading to a dynamic cost of roughly \$1.6 trillion to \$1.7 trillion. With interest, these costs would rise to \$2.4 trillion to \$2.5 trillion, or \$1.9 trillion to \$2 trillion with dynamic effects included, over a decade.” [CRFB, [12/18/17](#)]

HEADLINE: Final Tax Bill Includes Huge Estate Tax Win For The Rich: The \$22.4 Million Exemption. [Forbes, [12/21/17](#)]

- **The Final Tax Bill Doubled The Exemption Amount For The Estate Tax.** “The tax bill, passed by the House and Senate yesterday, temporarily doubles the exemption amount for estate, gift and generation-skipping taxes from the \$5 million base, set in 2011, to a new \$10 million base, good for tax years 2018 through 2025. The exemption is indexed for inflation, so it looks like an individual can shelter \$11.2 million in assets from these taxes. Another federal estate law provision called portability lets couples who do proper planning double that exemption. So, a couple could exclude \$22.4 million for 2018. Watch out: The law’s sunset means that, absent further Congressional action, the exemption amount would revert to the \$5 million base, indexed.” [Forbes, [12/21/17](#)]
- **In 2027, The Top One Percent Would Claim 83 Percent Of The Benefits Of The Bill, And Would See An Average Tax Cut Of \$20,660.** “The rich and ultrarich, by contrast, would continue to see massive tax breaks due to the corporate provisions. The top 1 percent would claim 82.8 percent of the benefit of the bill, and receive an average cut of \$20,660. The top 0.1 percent, the richest of the rich earning \$5.1 million or more a year, would get \$148,260 back on average.” [Vox, [12/18/17](#)]

- **In 2027, 53 Percent Of Americans Would Pay More In Taxes.** “By 2027, more than half of all Americans — 53 percent — would pay more in taxes under the tax bill agreed to by House and Senate Republicans, a new analysis by the Tax Policy Center finds. That year, 82.8 percent of the bill’s benefit would go to the top 1 percent, up from 62.1 under the Senate bill.” [Vox, [12/18/17](#)]
- **PolitiFact: “After The Individual Provisions Expire, All Filers Who Make \$75,000 Or Less Annually Will See A Tax Increase. ‘Only Those Income Ranges Above \$75,000 Still See A Cut By 2027,’ According To The PolitiFact Analysis.”** “The Joint Committee on Taxation predicted that taxpayers making \$40,000 and up would see a tax cut immediately until 2025 under the law. In 2019, filers at every income level will see a tax cut. The average person making \$45,000 would see the amount of their income spent on federal taxes decrease from 10.9 percent to 9.9 percent, according to the committee's report. The tax benefit shifts after 2025 when most changes for individual filers expire, including the lower tax brackets and cap on state and local tax deductions. After the individual provisions expire, all filers who make \$75,000 or less annually will see a tax increase. ‘Only those income ranges above \$75,000 still see a cut by 2027,’ according to the PolitiFact analysis. ‘That’s a significantly different pattern than in 2019, when every group saves, on average.’” [PolitiFact, [12/22/17](#)]
- **Under GOP Tax Bill, Individual Tax Cuts Expired In 2025, While Reductions For Businesses Were Permanent.** “But all of the individual tax cuts are scheduled to go away after 2025. Republicans opted to make tax cuts for families temporary and reductions for businesses permanent.” [Washington Post, [12/15/17](#)]