

Tom Suozzi (NY-03) Message #1 Backup

Suozzi believes both parties need to come together and pass commonsense bipartisan immigration reform that stops illegal migrants from crossing the border and creates a path to citizenship for migrants who follow the rules. In Congress, he worked with Republican Rep. Peter King on a bipartisan solution – and, Suozzi voted to fund ICE to strengthen our border security and solve the immigration crisis.

Suozzi Believes Both Parties Need To Come Together And Pass Commonsense Bipartisan Immigration Reform That Stops Illegal Migrants From Crossing The Border And Creates A Path To Citizenship For Migrants Who Follow The Rules. In Congress, He Worked With Republican Rep. Peter King On A Bipartisan Solution...

2019: New York Times Suozzi And King Op-Ed Headline: “A Grand Compromise On Immigration” [New York Times, Peter King and Tom Suozzi Op-Ed, [3/24/19](#)]

- **Under King And Suozzi’s Plan, Five Million People, Including Dreamers, TPS Recipients, And Their Relatives, Would Become Eligible For A Path To Citizenship.** “First, our plan would create a path to citizenship for approximately 1.9 million immigrants brought by their parents, without documentation, when they were 18 or under, the so-called Dreamers. To be eligible, they must have graduated from high school; have no record of criminal activity; and be either in the military, working full time for at least three years or attending college. We would extend similar coverage to the 400,000 people who were invited to America and given temporary protective status after facing natural disasters, violence and extreme poverty in their home countries. Finally, relatives of Dreamers, of T.P.S. recipients and of others who are undocumented — approximately 2.7 million more people — would be eligible for three years of protective status, renewable indefinitely, if they have been in the United States for a significant number of years and have no record of criminal activity. Taken together, this represents five million people.” [New York Times, Peter King and Tom Suozzi Op-Ed, [3/24/19](#)]
- **Dreamers Would Have To Have Graduated From High School; Have No Record Of Criminal Activity; And Be Either In The Military, Working Full Time For At Least Three Years Or Attending College To Be Eligible.** “First, our plan would create a path to citizenship for approximately 1.9 million immigrants brought by their parents, without documentation, when they were 18 or under, the so-called Dreamers. To be eligible, they must have graduated from high school; have no record of criminal activity; and be either in the military, working full time for at least three years or attending college. We would extend similar coverage to the 400,000 people who were invited to America and given temporary protective status after facing natural disasters, violence and extreme poverty in their home countries. Finally, relatives of Dreamers, of T.P.S. recipients and of others who are undocumented — approximately 2.7 million more people — would be eligible for three years of protective status, renewable indefinitely, if they have been in the United States for a significant number of years and have no record of criminal activity. Taken together, this represents five million people.” [New York Times, Peter King and Tom Suozzi Op-Ed, [3/24/19](#)]
- **Relatives Of Dreamers, Relatives Of TPS Recipients, And Other Undocumented People Would Be Eligible If They Had Been In The U.S. For A “Significant” Number Of Years And Had No Criminal Record.** “First, our plan would create a path to citizenship for approximately 1.9 million immigrants brought by their parents, without documentation, when they were 18 or under, the so-called Dreamers. To be eligible, they must have graduated from high school; have no record of criminal activity; and be either in the military, working full time for at least three years or attending college. We would extend similar coverage to the 400,000 people who were invited to America and given temporary protective status after facing natural disasters, violence and extreme poverty in their home countries. Finally, relatives of Dreamers, of T.P.S. recipients and of others who are undocumented — approximately 2.7 million more people — would be eligible for three years of protective status, renewable indefinitely, if they have been in the United States for a significant number of years and have no record of criminal activity. Taken together, this represents five million

people.” [New York Times, Peter King and Tom Suozzi Op-Ed, [3/24/19](#)]

- **Those Five Million People Would Pay \$2,000 For Legal Protection, Which Would Fund Border Security Investments And Aid To Central American Countries.** “Next, to qualify for protection, an undocumented person would be required to pay a \$2,000 fee. If each of the five million paid that amount, our plan would generate \$10 billion. Some of that money, in turn, would be used to cover the administrative costs of this new program; we figure those costs would be \$1.4 billion. The remaining \$8.6 billion would be split evenly: \$4.3 billion would pay for additional physical structures along the United States-Mexico border, as proposed by the Department of Homeland Security, and \$4.3 billion would go to aid to El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras to help prevent further out-migration from those countries, as well as to radar technology, improved ports of entry, immigration judges, border patrol personnel and humanitarian assistance along the border, as recommended by the Department Homeland Security.” [New York Times, Peter King and Tom Suozzi Op-Ed, [3/24/19](#)]

... And, Suozzi Voted To Fund ICE To Strengthen Our Border Security And Solve The Immigration Crisis.

July 2018: Suozzi Was One Of 18 Democrats To Vote For A Resolution Expressing The House’s Continued Support For ICE And Denouncing Calls To Abolish ICE. In July 2018, Suozzi voted for: “Goodlatte, R-Va., motion to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution that would express the House of Representative’s continued support for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and all government entities tasked with law enforcement duties on or near the nation’s borders. It would also denounce calls to abolish ICE.” The motion was agreed to, 244-35. [H Res 990, [Vote #337](#), 7/18/18; CQ, [7/18/18](#)]

- **July 2018: Fox News Headline: “Rep. Suozzi Breaks With Dem Party In Vote To Support ICE”** [Fox News, [7/20/18](#)]
- **Suozzi Told Fox News, “I Do Support ICE. ICE Is An Important Government Agency.”** ANCHOR: “You were one of 18 that voted to support ICE. First of all, why did you vote that way?” SUOZZI: “You know, because I do support ICE. ICE is an important government agency, and I thought this was a political stunt, quite frankly, to put it on the floor. Why don’t we put on the floor that we support the intelligence agencies after the President knocked them? You remember when the Republicans back in 2015 were saying we should abolish the IRS. We’re not going to abolish the IRS, I mean, it’s a political stunt.” [Fox News, :33, [7/20/18](#)] (VIDEO)

June 2019: Suozzi Voted For Concurring With A Senate Amendment To Emergency Supplemental Funding At The U.S.-Mexico Border, Including \$209 Million For ICE. In June 2019, Suozzi voted for: “Lowey, D-N.Y., motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations for Humanitarian Assistance and Security at the Southern Border Act that would authorize a total of \$4.6 billion in supplemental fiscal 2019 appropriations to address humanitarian concerns for migrants at the U.S.-Mexico border. Specifically, It would provide \$2.9 billion for the Health and Human Services Department office of refugee resettlement, including \$866 million for the provision of care in state-licensed shelters and expansion of the number of licensed shelters and \$100 million for post-release, legal, and child advocacy services. It would provide \$1.1 billion for U.S. Customs and Border Protection, including \$793 million for acquisition, construction, and operation of migrant processing facilities, \$112 million for medical care, food, water, sanitary items, and other supplies for migrants. It would provide \$209 million for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, including \$45 million for detainee medical care and \$35.9 million for the transportation of unaccompanied minors to HHS custody. It would provide \$144.8 million to the Department of Defense for operating expenses of the Army, Marine Corps, Air Force, and National Guard for activities in response to migration at the U.S. southwest border, including medical assistance and mobile surveillance. It would also provide \$30 million for Federal Emergency Management Agency emergency food and shelter programs providing assistance to migrants released from DHS custody, \$15 million for the Justice Department immigration review office legal orientation program, and \$155 million to the U.S. Marshals Service for federal prisoner detention. It would also establish contracting standards for unlicensed facilities used as ‘influx shelters’ by HHS, limit the period unaccompanied minors may be held at such facilities, and require HHS to ensure that certain minors are not held at such facilities, including those with special medical needs. The measure is now

cleared for the president.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 305-102. [HR 3401, [Vote #429](#), 6/27/19; CQ, [6/27/19](#)]

Tom Suozzi (NY-03) Message #2 Backup

Tom Suozzi has worked with police to lower crime, has a tough, realistic plan to combat illegal immigration and is a common sense centrist who will get things done.

Tom Suozzi Has Worked With Police To Lower Crime...

As Nassau County Executive, Suozzi Worked With Police To Develop Technology To Target High-Crime Areas

As Nassau County Executive Suozzi And The Nassau Police Commissioner Developed The ‘NASSTAT’ Program, Which “Uses Technology To Target High Crime Areas”. “Suozzi and police Commissioner Lawrence Mulvey developed NASSTAT -- a program modeled after the NYPD's COMPSTAT system -- which uses technology to target high-crime areas. The county also implemented the ShotSpotter gunshot location system, formed task forces for high-crime areas and began a series of gun buyback programs, Suozzi said.” [Newsday, [10/30/12](#)]

- **The NASSTAT System Provides Precincts With Localized Crime Statistics That Prevented Community Crime.** “Another weapon in O'Connor's crime-fighting arsenal is the new NASSTAT system, which provides precincts with weekly computerized crime statistics. With the data, commanding officers can compare statistics on a weekly, monthly and yearly basis to identify problems and target them. Commanding officers from each precinct also meet with the police commissioner every month to go over statistics and share feedback on what's working and what isn't in other communities. NASSTAT allows precincts to target a community's needs and helps police to be more innovative, O'Connor explained. For example, O'Connor said that he recently identified a rash of burglaries on Grand Avenue, and when night patrols in the area were stepped up, the burglaries stopped.” [Long Island Herald, [11/4/02](#)]

Suozzi Implemented Nassau County's Gun Buyback Program As County Executive

2008: Nassau County Began Its Illegal Gun Buy-Back Program. “Nassau County's gun-buy-back program kicked off on Dec. 20, 2008, with pickup points in Hempstead, Uniondale and Freeport. To date, it has collected almost 600 illegal guns, including a Tec-9 handgun, which was the most lethal weapon received. Tinker and the church plan to hold the event again next spring. Along with the gun-buy-back program, the church has also worked with the county in a apprenticeship program that helps residents earn certifications and jobs in the construction industry. The church is also working with the Martin Luther King Jr. Center in Long Beach to have parole and probation hearings for residents close to home, which would be more convenient than traveling to Mineola or Hempstead.” [Long Island Herald, [10/1/09](#)]

Suozzi Called The Gun-Buy-Back Program “A Great Success In Getting Guns Off Our Streets.” ““We were saying cautiously at the time that if we had 100 guns that came in through the gun buyback program, that would be a great success,” said County Executive Tom Suozzi. ‘Much to our astonishment, more than 450 guns came back to us. This was a great success in getting guns off our streets.’” [Long Island Herald, [1/2/09](#)]

- **2008: Suozzi And Nassau County Police Commissioner Held A Press Conference To Discuss The Gun Buyback Program.** “Nassau County Police Commissioner Lawrence Mulvey and Nassau County Executive Thomas Suozzi discuss the gun buyback program during a news conference at police headquarters in Mineola. (Dec. 22, 2008).” [Newsday, [2/3/11](#)]

Suozzi Appointed A ‘Gang Czar’ To Coordinate “Hundreds” Of Anti-Gang Efforts Across Nassau County

2004: As County Executive, Suozzi Appointed A ‘Gang Czar.’ “There's no shortage of groups committed to uprooting gangs and their attraction for young people, said Nassau County Executive Tom Suozzi. The challenge, he contends, is getting them all to work together. To coordinate the hundreds of disparate anti-gang efforts - by schools, nonprofits, churches and government agencies - Suozzi yesterday appointed Nassau Police Inspector Robert Turk as the county's first ‘gang czar.’” [New York Daily News, [11/23/04](#)]

The Gang-Czar’s Role Was To Coordinate Anti-Gang Efforts By Schools, Nonprofits, Churches And Government Agencies In Nassau County. “There's no shortage of groups committed to uprooting gangs and their attraction for young people, said Nassau County Executive Tom Suozzi. The challenge, he contends, is getting them all to work together. To coordinate the hundreds of disparate anti-gang efforts - by schools, nonprofits, churches and government agencies - Suozzi yesterday appointed Nassau Police Inspector Robert Turk as the county's first ‘gang czar.’ [New York Daily News, [11/23/04](#)]

Suozzi Announced \$1.3 Million In New York State Funding To Suppress Gang Violence And Illegal Guns In Nassau County

2009: Suozzi Announced \$1.3 Million In New York State Funding To Suppress Gang Violence And Illegal Guns In Nassau County. “Nassau County Executive Tom Suozzi said: ‘I am pleased to hear that Nassau County, through the County Police Department, Village and City Police Departments and the District Attorney's Office, will be receiving \$1.3 million in IMPACT funding for 2009. Since last year, this funding has been used to suppress gang violence and get hundreds of illegal guns off the street. We have been able to purchase new heat sensor technology that will help us continue our mission to find guns fired at or near crime scenes.’” [New York State Office Of The Governor, Press Release, [7/20/10](#)]

Suozzi Brought In Over \$300,000 In Federal Grants For The Suffolk County Police Department

2021: Suozzi Announced Over \$317,000 In Federal Grants For The Suffolk County Police Department. “The following information was released by the office of New York Rep. Thomas Suozzi: ‘Grants will be used for community policing, youth engagement, and de-escalation training programs; Since first elected to public office, Suozzi has vigorously worked to provide funds to support local police departments Today, Congressman Tom Suozzi (D-Long Island, Queens) announced that the Suffolk County Police Department will receive over \$317,000 in federal grants for de-escalation and youth engagement training programs.’” [Rep. Tom Suozzi, Press Release, 10/8/21]

Suozzi Voted For And Cosponsored The Invest To Protect Act To Establish A Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Grant For Local Police Departments To Provide Training, Access To Mental Health Resources, And Improving Officer Recruitment And Retention

Suozzi Voted For And Cosponsored The Invest To Protect Act To Establish A Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Grant For Local Police Departments To Provide Training, Access To Mental Health Resources, And Improving Officer Recruitment And Retention. In September 2022 Suozzi voted for: “Passage of the bill that would establish a grant program at the Justice Department’s Office of Community Oriented Policing Services for local police departments with fewer than 125 officers to provide training and access to mental health resources for officers and improve officer recruitment and retention. It would authorize \$60 million annually through fiscal 2027 for the program. Activities eligible for grant funding would include training on de-escalation, victim-centered domestic violence response and the use of nonlethal force; overtime and bonus pay; stipends of up to \$10,000 for officers to pursue graduate education in mental health, public health or social work; and access to behavioral health services for officers. It would stipulate grant reporting and accountability requirements and require the Justice Department to evaluate annually the efficacy of funded training programs in reducing the

incidence of use of force by law enforcement agencies.” The bill passed by a vote of 360-64. [H.R. 6448, [Vote #451](#), 9/22/22; cosponsored [1/20/22](#); CQ, [9/22/22](#)]

- **The Invest To Protect Act Included \$60,000,000 Per Year For Five Years To Support Local Police Departments.** “The bipartisan Invest to Protect Act of 2022 will: Invest in officer safety, de-escalation, and domestic violence response training, allowing officers to receive critical training that will make them even more effective at their jobs; Create grants for small departments to recruit and retain new officers, to help keep their existing officers and recruit new ones; Allow departments to provide mental health resources for their officers; and, Authorize \$60,000,000 a year for 5 years for local police departments.” [Representative Josh Gottheimer, Press Release, [9/22/22](#)]
- **The Invest To Protect Act Invested In Local Police Departments, Community Violence Prevention And Intervention Programs, And Assisting Law Enforcement Address Gun Crimes.** “The House on Thursday passed bipartisan legislation to increase funding for local police departments, after Democrats overcame bitter divisions in their ranks over a package aimed at blunting Republican efforts to portray them as soft on crime ahead of midterm elections. [...] A broad bipartisan majority voted, 360 to 64, in favor of the centerpiece of the four-bill package, called the Invest to Protect Act, which would give \$60,000,000 a year for five years to local police departments. The funds could be used for purchasing body cameras and conducting de-escalation training, as well as other activities. [...] The package of bills also would provide federal grants for communities that practice violence intervention and prevention. It would offer assistance to law enforcement specifically addressing gun crimes and supporting shooting victims.” [New York Times, [9/22/22](#)]

Suozzi Co-Sponsored The Public Safety and Second Amendment Rights Protection Act, Which Would Expand Background Checks On All Commercial Firearm Sales

116th Congress: Suozzi Co-Sponsored The Public Safety and Second Amendment Rights Protection Act. [Congress.gov, [11/3/17](#), Cosponsored [11/6/17](#)]

The Public Safety and Second Amendment Rights Protection Act Would Expand Background Checks On All Commercial Firearm Sales. SUOZZI: “[I] support House legislation like H.R. 4240, the Public Safety and Second Amendment Rights Protection Act. If adopted, the measure would expand background checks to include all commercial firearm sales, provide reasonable exceptions for family and friend transfers, and preserve Second Amendment rights. It would also offer states better federal funding to maintain proper record-sharing systems to help report criminals and the mentally ill. These are necessary steps to reduce the kind of senseless killings that have felled many of our children.” [Newsday, Opinion, [2/22/18](#)]

As Nassau County Executive, Suozzi Helped Lower Crime Levels To Historic Lows

2009: Nassau County’s Total Crime Index Decreased By More Than 6.5% From 2001 Levels According to the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services, the Nassau County total crime rate per 100,000 people in 2001, the year before Suozzi took office as county executive, was 1726.0. In 2009, Suozzi’s last year as county executive, the total crime rate per 100,000 people was 1613.4. [New York State, Division Of Criminal Justice Services, Accessed [12/15/23](#)]

2009: Nassau County’s Violent Crime Index Decreased By More Than 7.5% From 2001 Levels. According to the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services, the Nassau County violent crime rate per 100,000 people in 2001, the year before Suozzi took office as county executive, was 199.8. In 2009, Suozzi’s last year as county executive, the violent crime rate per 100,000 people was 184.5. [New York State, Division Of Criminal Justice Services, Accessed [12/15/23](#)]

The Nassau County Police Inspector Said Nassau County Had The Lowest Crime Rate In Over 42 Years. “Crime reports in the Third Precinct are down this year over last year according to Nassau County Police Inspector Kevin Canavan, who was the guest speaker at the Mineola Chamber of Commerce meeting Tuesday night[...]

‘When I came to this command last year, we had enjoyed in the county the lowest crime rate in over 42 years,’ Canavan said. ‘The crime rate had continually gone down. It was a pretty tough act to follow.’ Eleven months into 2010, Canavan said that in terms of total overall crime, the precinct is down 13-percent down from “our lowest level in 42 years last year.” [Mineloa Patch, [11/16/10](#)]

...Has A Tough, Realistic Plan To Combat Illegal Immigration And Is A Common Sense Centrist Who Will Get Things Done.

2019: New York Times Suozzi And King Op-Ed Headline: “A Grand Compromise On Immigration” [New York Times, Peter King and Tom Suozzi Op-Ed, [3/24/19](#)]

- **Under King And Suozzi’s Plan, Five Million People, Including Dreamers, TPS Recipients, And Their Relatives, Would Become Eligible For A Path To Citizenship.** “First, our plan would create a path to citizenship for approximately 1.9 million immigrants brought by their parents, without documentation, when they were 18 or under, the so-called Dreamers. To be eligible, they must have graduated from high school; have no record of criminal activity; and be either in the military, working full time for at least three years or attending college. We would extend similar coverage to the 400,000 people who were invited to America and given temporary protective status after facing natural disasters, violence and extreme poverty in their home countries. Finally, relatives of Dreamers, of T.P.S. recipients and of others who are undocumented — approximately 2.7 million more people — would be eligible for three years of protective status, renewable indefinitely, if they have been in the United States for a significant number of years and have no record of criminal activity. Taken together, this represents five million people.” [New York Times, Peter King and Tom Suozzi Op-Ed, [3/24/19](#)]
- **Those Five Million People Would Pay \$2,000 For Legal Protection, Which Would Fund Border Security Investments And Aid To Central American Countries.** “Next, to qualify for protection, an undocumented person would be required to pay a \$2,000 fee. If each of the five million paid that amount, our plan would generate \$10 billion. Some of that money, in turn, would be used to cover the administrative costs of this new program; we figure those costs would be \$1.4 billion. The remaining \$8.6 billion would be split evenly: \$4.3 billion would pay for additional physical structures along the United States-Mexico border, as proposed by the Department of Homeland Security, and \$4.3 billion would go to aid to El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras to help prevent further out-migration from those countries, as well as to radar technology, improved ports of entry, immigration judges, border patrol personnel and humanitarian assistance along the border, as recommended by the Department Homeland Security.” [New York Times, Peter King and Tom Suozzi Op-Ed, [3/24/19](#)]

Tom Suozzi (NY-03) Message #3 Backup

- *Suozzi has been praised by Newsday for his ability to deliver for the district.*
- *Suozzi is a leader fighting for working families and is endorsed by the AFL-CIO, and the Building Trades Unions.*
- *Suozzi has a record of fighting to clean the Sound, protect drinking water and combat climate change. He is supported by New York League of Conservation Voters, the League of Conservation Voters, the National Resources Defense Council, and the Sierra Club – who call him “The Only Proven Environmental Champion in the Race.”*
- *Suozzi is a strong supporter of gun safety laws – he has an F rating from the NRA and a record as Nassau County Executive of working productively with police and lowering crime. Suozzi is endorsed by Brady PAC, Giffords PAC, and is a Moms Demand Action candidate of distinction.*
- *Suozzi is endorsed by Planned Parenthood. Suozzi has a 100% rating from Planned Parenthood and is a strong and reliable supporter of abortion rights.*
- *Suozzi pushed for solutions that would lower costs for us; from fighting to lower taxes by reinstating SALT, the deduction for state and local taxes to reducing the cost of insulin and other prescription medicine, he will always work to help families get ahead.*

- *Suozzi worked across the aisle to push for solutions that would help our veterans in Queens and on Long Island receive better healthcare.*
- *Suozzi has developed a bipartisan immigration plan that strengthens border security and puts in place a common sense path to citizenship for those who follow the rules.*

Suozzi Has Been Praised By Newsday For His Ability To Deliver For The District.

2022: Newsday Editorial Board: “For Six Years, Democrat Thomas Suozzi Has Represented The 3rd Congressional District Well.” “For six years, Democrat Thomas Suozzi has represented the 3rd Congressional District well. But Suozzi's decision to run for governor opened the door for new leadership in the district whose lines were altered to stretch across the north shore of eastern Queens and Nassau County, and then dip south.” [Newsday, Editorial Board, [10/18/22](#)]

2020: Newsday’s Editorial Board Endorsed Suozzi As A “Relentless Voice Long Island Needs In Washington,” Praising His Efforts To Repeal The SALT Deduction Cap And Fund Pollution Cleanup. “Thomas Suozzi is the relentless voice Long Island needs in Washington. The second-term Democrat, 58, has carried the mantle on the crucial reversal of the SALT deduction cap. He helped negotiate an elimination of the cap for 2020 into the pandemic relief bill that passed in the House. Environmentally, he has put fixing the Bethpage plume at the forefront. He successfully appealed this past spring to the House Appropriations Committee for more federal funds to clean the polluted former U.S. Navy site, and he repeatedly has urged the Navy and Northrop Grumman to speed cleanup as the groundwater contamination continues to spread through Bethpage and beyond. He wants the Navy and Grumman to cede responsibility to local water authorities to get the job done. [...] Newsday endorses Suozzi.” [Newsday, Editorial Board, [10/13/20](#)]

2018: Newsday’s Editorial Board Endorsed Suozzi, Citing His Bipartisan Efforts To Remediate The Bethpage Plume, Clean Up The Long Island Sound, And Improve Veterans’ Health Care. “Thomas R. Suozzi has long been a big thinker and an advocate for bipartisan solutions to problems, and his first term in Congress has shown him once again to be out in front on key Long Island issues. Suozzi, 56, admits he’s been ‘humbled by the job’ and talks about how difficult it’s been in the toxic environment to get important bills voted on while a member of the Democratic minority. Even so, the Glen Cove resident has tried to reach across the aisle. He has brought attention and money to remediate the Bethpage plume, clean the Long Island Sound and improve the Northport VA Medical Center, and brought a mobile medical clinic to North Hempstead. Unlike many members of Congress, he is one of the most visible and accessible elected officials, holding 24 town halls during his two-year term in a district that stretches from Whitestone east to Kings Park, and south to Hicksville, Bethpage, Plainview and Commack. [...] Newsday endorses Suozzi.” [Newsday, Editorial Board, [10/22/18](#)]

2016: Newsday’s Editorial Board Endorsed Suozzi In His First Campaign For NY-03, Citing His “Track Record Of Focusing Intently On Complex Problems And Coming Up With Comprehensive Solutions.” “The battle for the 3rd Congressional District features two men who have enjoyed significant successes in politics and governance, and received consistent past endorsements from this board. Each can make a strong case that he would represent the region well in Washington. Of the two, Thomas Suozzi’s track record of focusing intently on complex problems and coming up with comprehensive solutions makes him the better choice. [...] Newsday endorses Suozzi.” [Newsday, Editorial Board, [10/25/16](#)]

2013: Newsday’s Editorial Board Endorsed Suozzi’s Reelection Nassau County Executive, Citing His Proven Ability To Resolve The County’s Financial Issues. “To understand why Thomas Suozzi is the right man to lead Nassau County into the future, consider the past. Suozzi, a Democrat, became county executive in 2002, replacing Thomas Gulotta, the Republican whose 14-year tenure ran the county into the ground. Nassau's books were a disaster, and even a \$100-million bailout from Albany and the creation of a state control board to oversee county finances didn't turn things around. Borrowing was out of control and cronyism was the determining factor behind decision making. Operations of the county were faltering, services failing, confidence crumbling. Perhaps worst of all, there was a sense that the days of greatness were in the past for America's earliest and wealthiest suburb. Into this stepped Suozzi. Enthusiastic and energetic, he picked talented, professional managers. He attacked Nassau's financial problems with a property tax increase that was critically necessary, but he also streamlined operations,

restored competence and created a plan to slow the annual glut of borrowing.” [Newsday, Editorial Board, [10/20/13](#)]

Suozzi Is A Leader Fighting For Working Families And Is Endorsed By The AFL-CIO, And The Building Trades Unions.

December 2023: New York AFL-CIO Endorsed Suozzi In His Campaign For NY-03. “The New York State AFL-CIO, representing 2.5 million union members, retirees, and their families today announced the endorsement of Tom Suozzi in the 3rd Congressional District special election being held on February 13, 2024. ‘We need someone in Washington who will create more union jobs, fight for fair wages and a better quality of life for all New Yorkers while fighting back against the ‘right to work’ movement and Tom Suozzi has a proven record of doing just that,’ said Mario Cilento, president of the New York State AFL-CIO. ‘When Tom served in the House of Representatives, he had a 94% lifetime voting record supporting workers and spearheaded the labor caucus, proving himself a fierce advocate for working people. He is exactly who we need representing us,’ Cilento said. ‘I have enjoyed a long and warm relationship with the labor unions, and I am grateful for the support and endorsement of the New York State AFL-CIO,’ said Tom Suozzi. ‘This will be a tough race, and the support of these hard-working men and women means a great deal to me. I am excited to take back this seat and look forward to promoting the American Dream, as exemplified by the New York State AFL-CIO. Let’s fix this!’” [New York AFL-CIO, Press Release, [12/21/23](#)]

October 2023: Suozzi Announced Endorsements Of The New York City And New York State Building And Construction Trades Councils. [Tom Suozzi, Instagram, [10/25/23](#)]

FOR CONGRESS ★ 2024
SUOZZI

ENDORSED BY
NEW YORK STATE
&
NEW YORK CITY
BUILDING TRADES

NEW YORK STATE BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL
AFL-CIO

BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL OF EASTERN NEW YORK
AFL-CIO

<https://suozziforcongress2024.com/>

tom_suozzi • Follow

tom_suozzi I am grateful for the early support and endorsement of both the NYC and NYS Building & Construction Trades Councils. This will be a tough race, and the building trades support means a great deal to me. I have enjoyed a long and warm relationship with the building trades. My grandfather, a member of the IBEW Local 3, put the lights on the top of the Empire State Building, and as Mayor, County Executive, and Member of Congress, I have done everything I could to promote the building trades. In Congress, I helped found and co-chair the Labor Caucus that promoted the idea that all policy should be examined to determine its impact on the wages and benefits of working men and women. I am excited to win the seat now held by

216 likes
October 25, 2023
Log in to like or comment.

[Tom Suozzi, Instagram, [10/25/23](#)]

Suozzi Has A Record Of Fighting To Clean The Sound, Protect Drinking Water And Combat Climate Change. He Is Supported By New York League Of Conservation Voters, The League Of Conservation Voters, The National Resources Defense Council, And The Sierra Club – Who Call Him “The Only Proven Environmental Champion In The Race.”

Suozzi Has A Record Of Fighting To Clean The Sound, Protect Drinking Water And Combat Climate Change.

September 2018: Suozzi Secured A Five-Year Reauthorization Of \$65 Million In Annual Funding For The Long Island Sound Restoration And Stewardship Act. “Today, Representatives Rosa DeLauro (CT-03), Lee Zeldin (NY-01), and Tom Suozzi (NY-03), co-chairs of the bipartisan Long Island Sound Caucus, secured a 5-year reauthorization of the Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) Long Island Sound Program funded at \$65 million per year through House passage of America’s Water Infrastructure Act of 2018, which included the Long Island Sound Restoration and Stewardship Act (H.R. 1674). This legislation now heads back to the U.S. Senate for consideration.” [Rep. Rosa DeLauro, Press Release, [9/13/18](#)]

- **April 2022: Suozzi Announced His Office Helped Deliver Approximately \$31 Million To Long Island Sound Restoration.** “Congressman Tom Suozzi announced during a news conference on April 21 at Sea Cliff Municipal Beach that his office has helped to deliver more than \$33 million in federal funding for environmental cleanup projects across Long Island and northeast Queens. Of that \$33 million, around \$31 million was devoted to restoring Long Island Sound, representing a 900% increase since he was elected to Congress in 2017. The announcement came one day before Earth Day.” [QNS, [4/25/22](#)]

2019: Suozzi Called On Northrop Grumman To Negotiate A Payout For The Cleanup Of Its Toxic Plume Under Long Island. “Congressman Tom Suozzi sent letters to the Secretary of the Navy Richard Spencer, and the president and CEO of Northrop Grumman, Kathy Warden, on Tuesday to request that they immediately start to negotiate a payout to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC). The payout would be earmarked for streamlining the management of — and expediting the cleanup of — the Navy-Grumman plume. The plume is a large amount of toxic water that sits under Long Island, resulting from industrial waste dumping by the U.S. Navy and Northrop Grumman manufacturing facilities, and has impacted the Bethpage community for over 40 years.” [Farmingdale Patch, [6/12/19](#)]

- **2022: Northrop Grumman And New York State Reached A \$104 Million Deal To Clean Up The Bethpage Plume.** “Northrop Grumman and the state of New York have put the final touches on a \$104 million deal to clean up the Bethpage plume, Long Island’s largest groundwater contamination site. The settlement, which awaits approval from a federal judge, includes tens of millions of dollars to the Bethpage and the South Farmingdale water districts to protect drinking water supplies. It also requires Northrop Grumman to contain the edges of the 4-mile-long, underground plume of chemicals to stop it from spreading further.” [WSHU Long Island, [7/14/22](#)]
- **Northrop Grumman Pledged Tens Of Millions Of Dollars To Protect Drinking Water Supplies In Long Island.** “Northrop Grumman and the state of New York have put the final touches on a \$104 million deal to clean up the Bethpage plume, Long Island’s largest groundwater contamination site. The settlement, which awaits approval from a federal judge, includes tens of millions of dollars to the Bethpage and the South Farmingdale water districts to protect drinking water supplies. It also requires Northrop Grumman to contain the edges of the 4-mile-long, underground plume of chemicals to stop it from spreading further.” [WSHU Long Island, [7/14/22](#)]

August 2022: Suozzi Voted For Passing The Inflation Reduction Act Through Reconciliation. In August 2022 Suozzi voted for: “Yarmuth, D-Ky., motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the bill comprising a package of climate, tax and health care provisions. Among drug pricing provisions, the bill would require the Health and Human Services Department to negotiate a ‘maximum fair price’ with drug manufacturers for certain Medicare-

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

- **CNBC: The Inflation Reduction Act Is “The Most Aggressive Climate Investment Ever Taken By Congress.”** “The Biden administration this year signed a historic climate and tax deal that will funnel billions of dollars into programs designed to speed the country’s clean energy transition and battle climate change. As the U.S. this year grappled with climate-related disasters from Hurricane Ian in Florida to the Mosquito Fire in California, the Inflation Reduction Act, which contains \$369 billion in climate provisions, was a monumental development to mitigate the effects of climate change across the country. The bill, which President Joe Biden signed into law in August, is the most aggressive climate investment ever taken by Congress and is expected to slash the country’s planet-warming carbon emissions by about 40% this decade and move the country toward a net-zero economy by 2050.” [CNBC, [12/30/22](#)]
- **The IRA Is Expected To Reduce U.S. Climate Emissions By 40 Percent Within A Decade.** “The Biden administration this year signed a historic climate and tax deal that will funnel billions of dollars into programs designed to speed the country’s clean energy transition and battle climate change. As the U.S. this year grappled with climate-related disasters from Hurricane Ian in Florida to the Mosquito Fire in California, the Inflation Reduction Act, which contains \$369 billion in climate provisions, was a monumental development to mitigate the effects of climate change across the country. The bill, which President Joe Biden signed into law in August, is the most aggressive climate investment ever taken by Congress and is expected to slash the country’s planet-warming carbon emissions by about 40% this decade and move the country toward a net-zero economy by 2050.” [CNBC, [12/30/22](#)]

He Is Supported By New York League Of Conservation Voters, The League Of Conservation Voters, The National Resources Defense Council, And The Sierra Club – Who Call Him “The Only Proven Environmental Champion In The Race.”

January 2024: New York League Of Conservation Voters Federal Fund, The League Of Conservation Voters Action Fund, The NRDC Action Fund, And The Sierra Club Endorsed Suozzi In His NY-03 Campaign. “Former Congressman Tom Suozzi (D) today won the endorsements of three major national environmental groups and NYLCV in the special election to represent New York’s 3rd Congressional District in the U.S. House. The groups cited Suozzi’s extensive pro-environment voting record and his track record of delivering environmental wins for his district. ‘I am grateful to the New York League of Conservation Voters Federal Fund, the League of Conservation Voters Action Fund, the NRDC Action Fund, and the Sierra Club for recognizing my three decades-long commitment to preserve, protect and clean our air, land, and water,’ Suozzi said. ‘Just the other day, we celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Endangered Species Act, and on that day, I saw an eagle fly across the sky in my hometown of Glen Cove. The hard work of a lot of dedicated people can produce results!’” [League of Conservation Voters, Press Release, [1/11/24](#)]

Executive Director Of The NRDC Action Fund: “Tom Suozzi Is The Only Proven Environmental Champion In This Race.” “‘Tom Suozzi is the only proven environmental champion in this race,’ said Kevin S. Curtis, executive director of the NRDC Action Fund. ‘He has an impressive and consistent record of fighting for clean air, clean water and a sustainable environment for his constituents. His opponent, meanwhile, is proud to run with the support of the far-right Conservative Party, which opposes common-sense policies to grow the clean energy economy and keep New York families safe from pollution.’” [League of Conservation Voters, Press Release, [1/11/24](#)]

Suozzi Is A Strong Supporter Of Gun Safety Laws – He Has An F Rating From The NRA And A Record As Nassau County Executive Of Working Productively With Police And Lowering Crime. Suozzi Is Endorsed By Brady PAC, Giffords PAC, And Is A Moms Demand Action Candidate Of Distinction.

Suozzi Is A Strong Supporter Of Gun Safety Laws...

Suozzi Supports Universal Background Checks And Worked To Pass The Bipartisan Safer Communities Act, Which Strengthened Background Checks And Funded Red Flag Laws. “Tanya Schardt, the senior counsel and senior director for federal and state policy for the Brady Campaign, said she worked with Suozzi on gun policy while he was a legislator. This included the passage of the bipartisan Safer Communities Act, which included strengthened background checks for people under 21 years old and funds for red flag laws. [...] Suozzi said gun violence prevention is not only directed at diminishing crimes enacted with guns, like mass shootings, but also to prevent accidents and self-harm by guns. The Democrat, who has garnered an ‘F’ rating from the NRA, said he is in favor of universal background checks and has supported every gun violence prevention legislative effort in Congress.” [The Island 360, [1/23/24](#)]

...He Has An F Rating From The NRA...

Suozzi Has An “F” Rating From The NRA. “Suozzi said gun violence prevention is not only directed at diminishing crimes enacted with guns, like mass shootings, but also to prevent accidents and self-harm by guns. The Democrat, who has garnered an ‘F’ rating from the NRA, said he is in favor of universal background checks and has supported every gun violence prevention legislative effort in Congress.” [The Island 360, [1/23/24](#)]

...And A Record As Nassau County Executive Of Working Productively With Police And Lowering Crime.

As Nassau County Executive, Suozzi Worked With Police To Develop Technology To Target High-Crime Areas

As Nassau County Executive Suozzi And The Nassau Police Commissioner Developed The ‘NASSTAT’ Program, Which “Uses Technology To Target High Crime Areas”. “Suozzi and police Commissioner Lawrence Mulvey developed NASSTAT -- a program modeled after the NYPD's COMPSTAT system -- which uses technology to target high-crime areas. The county also implemented the ShotSpotter gunshot location system, formed task forces for high-crime areas and began a series of gun buyback programs, Suozzi said.” [Newsday, [10/30/12](#)]

- **The NASSTAT System Provides Precincts With Localized Crime Statistics That Prevented Community Crime.** “Another weapon in O'Connor's crime-fighting arsenal is the new NASSTAT system, which provides precincts with weekly computerized crime statistics. With the data, commanding officers can compare statistics on a weekly, monthly and yearly basis to identify problems and target them. Commanding officers from each precinct also meet with the police commissioner every month to go over statistics and share feedback on what's working and what isn't in other communities. NASSTAT allows precincts to target a community's needs and helps police to be more innovative, O'Connor explained. For example, O'Connor said that he recently identified a rash of burglaries on Grand Avenue, and when night patrols in the area were stepped up, the burglaries stopped.” [Long Island Herald, [11/4/02](#)]

Suozzi Implemented Nassau County’s Gun Buyback Program As County Executive

2008: Nassau County Began Its Illegal Gun Buy-Back Program. “Nassau County’s gun-buy-back program kicked off on Dec. 20, 2008, with pickup points in Hempstead, Uniondale and Freeport. To date, it has collected almost 600 illegal guns, including a Tec-9 handgun, which was the most lethal weapon received. Tinker and the church plan to hold the event again next spring. Along with the gun-buy-back program, the church has also worked with the county in a apprenticeship program that helps residents earn certifications and jobs in the construction industry. The church is also working with the Martin Luther King Jr. Center in Long Beach to have parole and probation hearings for residents close to home, which would be more convenient than traveling to Mineola or Hempstead.” [Long Island Herald, [10/1/09](#)]

Suozzi Called The Gun-Buy-Back Program “A Great Success In Getting Guns Off Our Streets.” “‘We were saying cautiously at the time that if we had 100 guns that came in through the gun buyback program, that would be a great success,’ said County Executive Tom Suozzi. ‘Much to our astonishment, more than 450 guns came back to us. This was a great success in getting guns off our streets.’” [Long Island Herald, [1/2/09](#)]

- **2008: Suozzi And Nassau County Police Commissioner Held A Press Conference To Discuss The Gun Buyback Program.** “Nassau County Police Commissioner Lawrence Mulvey and Nassau County Executive Thomas Suozzi discuss the gun buyback program during a news conference at police headquarters in Mineola. (Dec. 22, 2008).” [Newsday, [2/3/11](#)]

Suozzi Appointed A ‘Gang Czar’ To Coordinate “Hundreds” Of Anti-Gang Efforts Across Nassau County

2004: As County Executive, Suozzi Appointed A ‘Gang Czar.’ “There's no shortage of groups committed to uprooting gangs and their attraction for young people, said Nassau County Executive Tom Suozzi. The challenge, he contends, is getting them all to work together. To coordinate the hundreds of disparate anti-gang efforts - by schools, nonprofits, churches and government agencies - Suozzi yesterday appointed Nassau Police Inspector Robert Turk as the county's first ‘gang czar.’” [New York Daily News, [11/23/04](#)]

The Gang-Czar's Role Was To Coordinate Anti-Gang Efforts By Schools, Nonprofits, Churches And Government Agencies In Nassau County. "There's no shortage of groups committed to uprooting gangs and their attraction for young people, said Nassau County Executive Tom Suozzi. The challenge, he contends, is getting them all to work together. To coordinate the hundreds of disparate anti-gang efforts - by schools, nonprofits, churches and government agencies - Suozzi yesterday appointed Nassau Police Inspector Robert Turk as the county's first 'gang czar.' [New York Daily News, [11/23/04](#)]

Suozzi Announced \$1.3 Million In New York State Funding To Suppress Gang Violence And Illegal Guns In Nassau County

2009: Suozzi Announced \$1.3 Million In New York State Funding To Suppress Gang Violence And Illegal Guns In Nassau County. "Nassau County Executive Tom Suozzi said: 'I am pleased to hear that Nassau County, through the County Police Department, Village and City Police Departments and the District Attorney's Office, will be receiving \$1.3 million in IMPACT funding for 2009. Since last year, this funding has been used to suppress gang violence and get hundreds of illegal guns off the street. We have been able to purchase new heat sensed technology that will help us continue our mission to find guns fired at or near crime scenes.'" [New York State Office Of The Governor, Press Release, [7/20/10](#)]

As Nassau County Executive, Suozzi Helped Lower Crime Levels To Historic Lows

2009: Nassau County's Total Crime Index Decreased By More Than 6.5% From 2001 Levels According to the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services, the Nassau County total crime rate per 100,000 people in 2001, the year before Suozzi took office as county executive, was 1726.0. In 2009, Suozzi's last year as county executive, the total crime rate per 100,000 people was 1613.4. [New York State, Division Of Criminal Justice Services, Accessed [12/15/23](#)]

2009: Nassau County's Violent Crime Index Decreased By More Than 7.5% From 2001 Levels. According to the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services, the Nassau County violent crime rate per 100,000 people in 2001, the year before Suozzi took office as county executive, was 199.8. In 2009, Suozzi's last year as county executive, the violent crime rate per 100,000 people was 184.5. [New York State, Division Of Criminal Justice Services, Accessed [12/15/23](#)]

The Nassau County Police Inspector Said Nassau County Had The Lowest Crime Rate In Over 42 Years. "Crime reports in the Third Precinct are down this year over last year according to Nassau County Police Inspector Kevin Canavan, who was the guest speaker at the Mineola Chamber of Commerce meeting Tuesday night[...]. 'When I came to this command last year, we had enjoyed in the county the lowest crime rate in over 42 years,' Canavan said. 'The crime rate had continually gone down. It was a pretty tough act to follow.' Eleven months into 2010, Canavan said that in terms of total overall crime, the precinct is down 13-percent down from "our lowest level in 42 years last year." [Mineola Patch, [11/16/10](#)]

Suozzi Is Endorsed By Brady PAC, Giffords PAC, And Is A Moms Demand Action Candidate Of Distinction.

December 2023: Brady PAC Endorsed Suozzi's NY-03 Campaign. "Brady PAC today announced its endorsement of Former U.S. Representative Tom Suozzi to fill the vacant NY-03 Congressional seat. The NY-03 Special Election will be held on February 13, 2024. During his previous three terms in Congress, Tom Suozzi worked across the aisle to build support for a number of common-sense gun reform measures including the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act." [Brady PAC, Press Release, [12/16/23](#)]

January 2024: Giffords PAC Endorsed Suozzi's NY-03 Campaign. "Today, Giffords PAC, the gun safety organization founded by former Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords, endorsed former Congressman Tom Suozzi in the special election for New York's Third Congressional District. Former Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords 'I'm proud to endorse Congressman Tom Suozzi in this critical special election. During his 30 years of public service,

Congressman Suozzi has proven that he's a committed gun safety champion who will always fight for the safety of his constituents, from helping pass the landmark Bipartisan Safer Communities Act in Congress to removing dangerous weapons from the streets on the county level. New Yorkers know that while we've made incredible progress on this issue in recent years, there is much more that needs to be done to keep our children and families safe from senseless violence. Now more than ever, we need leaders like Congressman Suozzi in Washington who can break through partisan gridlock and put public safety first.” [Giffords PAC, Press Release, [1/11/24](#)]

In His 2024 NY-03 Campaign, Suozzi Received Moms Demand Action's Gun Sense Candidate Distinction.
[Tom Suozzi, Twitter, [1/25/24](#)]



[Tom Suozzi, Twitter, [1/25/24](#)]

Suozzi Is Endorsed By Planned Parenthood. Suozzi Has A 100% Rating From Planned Parenthood And Is A Strong And Reliable Supporter Of Abortion Rights.

Planned Parenthood Endorsed Suozzi's 2024 NY-03 Campaign. “Suozzi has said he would support codification of Roe v. Wade, and his campaign has touted his endorsement by Planned Parenthood.” [Newsday, [1/28/24](#)]

In All Three Of His Congressional Terms, Suozzi Earned A 100 Percent Legislative Score From Planned Parenthood. [Planned Parenthood, Congressional Scorecard, accessed [1/26/24](#)]

Suozzi Pushed For Solutions That Would Lower Costs For Us; From Fighting To Lower Taxes By Reinstating SALT, The Deduction For State And Local Taxes To Reducing The Cost Of Insulin And Other Prescription Medicine, He Will Always Work To Help Families Get Ahead.

Suozzi Pushed For Solutions That Would Lower Costs For Us; From Fighting To Lower Taxes By Reinstating SALT, The Deduction For State And Local Taxes...

November 2021: Spectrum News Headline: “Rep. Tom Suozzi Pushed For A SALT Deal; He Got One”
[Spectrum News, [11/19/21](#)]

- **Suozzi Built A Coalition Of Representatives From Different States To Raise The SALT Cap From \$10,000 To \$80,000 Over Ten Years Into Build Back Better.** “For months, U.S. Rep. Tom Suozzi by his own admission sounded like a broken record with the mantra of ‘no SALT, no deal.’ And Suozzi got his deal on altering the \$10,000 cap on state and local tax deductions as a provision in the Build Back Better Act approved Friday by the House of Representatives. The provision comes as Suozzi, a Long Island Democrat, is openly eyeing a campaign for governor, and could enter the race later this month. The provision in the bill does not end the cap entirely, but phases it up from \$10,000 to \$80,000 over the next decade. The cap was put in place in 2017 as part of a Republican-backed tax cut package and largely affects high tax states like New York, New Jersey, California and Illinois. Suozzi built a coalition of lawmakers from those states to call for the SALT changes in the bill and withheld their support until it came.” [Spectrum News, [11/19/21](#)]

April 2021: Suozzi Became A Founding Co-Chair Of The Bipartisan SALT Caucus. “Today, U.S.

Representatives Andrew Garbarino (NY-2), Josh Gottheimer (NJ-5), Young Kim (CA-39) and Tom Suozzi (NY-3) announced the formation of the new bipartisan SALT Caucus to advocate for new tax relief from Congress. ‘The SALT cap penalizes working class Long Islanders. From firefighters to police officers, to teachers, to nurses, and small business owners, I hear from people every day about what a crushing blow the SALT cap has delivered them. I’m proud to be a Co-Chair of the bipartisan SALT Caucus to fully restore the deduction once and for all,’ said Rep. Andrew Garbarino, SALT Caucus Co-Chair. ‘Our effort to restore the SALT deduction is gaining momentum. Together, Democrats and Republicans alike, we will advocate for the restoration of the SALT deduction and highlight the middle class families who have been unfairly hurt by the cap,’ said Rep. Tom Suozzi, SALT Caucus Co-Chair. ‘The cap on the SALT deduction has been a body blow to New York and middle-class families throughout the country. At the end of the day, we must fix this injustice.’” [Rep. Andrew Garbarino, Press Release, [4/15/21](#)]

Suozzi Voted For Passing The Restoring Tax Fairness For States And Localities Act, Which Would Eliminate The Existing \$10,000 SALT Cap For Those Whose Yearly Gross Adjusted Income Fell Below The \$100 Million Threshold. In December 2019, Suozzi voted for: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would reduce or eliminate the existing \$10,000 cap on federal tax deductions for state and local taxes, which was established under the 2017 tax law, for tax years 2019 through 2021. Specifically, it would double the cap to \$20,000 for married couples filing a joint tax return for tax year 2019, and it would eliminate the cap for tax years 2020 and 2021. As amended, the bill would retain the cap for taxpayers whose adjusted gross incomes exceed \$100 million in a taxable year. As an offset, the bill would increase the top individual income tax rate from 37% to 39.6% and it would reduce the corresponding income thresholds at which the top tax bracket applies. The bill would also permanently increase from \$250 to \$1,000 a tax deduction for professional development costs for elementary and secondary school teachers, and it would establish a new tax deduction of up to \$1,000 for first responders, including for costs associated with related professional development courses.” The bill passed by a vote of 218-206. [HR 5377, [Vote #700](#), 12/19/19; CQ, 12/19/19]

- **Suozzi Sponsored The Bill, Which “Marked The Latest Effort By Blue States To Fight Back Against Certain Provisions Of The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act.”** “The bill, sponsored by Rep. Thomas Suozzi, D-N.Y., along with Reps. Bill Pascrell, D-N.J., and Mike Thompson, D-Calif., marked the latest effort by blue states to fight back against certain provisions in the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. The 2018 overhaul of the tax code placed the \$10,000 cap on SALT deductions. ‘This has been a high priority for Democrats in the House since the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act was passed,’ said Nicole Kaeding, vice president of policy promotion at the National Taxpayers Union Foundation. ‘The concern has been over the impact of the limit on individuals in high-tax states such as New York, New Jersey and California,’ she said.” [CNBC, [12/20/19](#)]

Suozzi Voted Against Adopting The Conference Report Of The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act. In December 2017, Suozzi voted against: “adoption of the conference report on the bill 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.” The conference report was adopted 227-203. [HR 1, [Vote #692](#), 12/19/17; CQ Floor Votes, [12/19/17](#)]

- **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](#)]

- **TCJA Established The \$10,000 SALT Deduction Cap.** “The bill, sponsored by Rep. Thomas Suozzi, D-N.Y., along with Reps. Bill Pascrell, D-N.J., and Mike Thompson, D-Calif., marked the latest effort by blue states to fight back against certain provisions in the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. The 2018 overhaul of the tax code placed the \$10,000 cap on SALT deductions.” [CNBC, [12/20/19](#)]

...To Reducing The Cost Of Insulin And Other Prescription Medicine, He Will Always Work To Help Families Get Ahead.

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

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

- **The Inflation Reduction Act Capped Out-Of-Pocket Costs At \$2,000 For Seniors Under Medicare Part D.** “Medicare is poised to renegotiate the prices of some of its most expensive drugs through a historic expansion of its power, which could reduce costs for many seniors as well as federal spending on its prescription drug plan. The changes are tucked inside a massive spending-and-tax bill in Congress that includes \$433 billion in investments in health-care and clean energy. House Democrats passed the Inflation Reduction Act on Friday in a 220 to 207 vote along party lines, ending a tortured legislative process that took more than a year. The bill empowers the Health and Human Services Secretary to negotiate prices for certain drugs covered under two different parts of Medicare and punish pharmaceutical companies that don’t play by the rules. The legislation also caps out-of-pocket costs at \$2,000 starting in 2025 for people who participate in Medicare Part D, the prescription drug plan for seniors.” [CNBC, [8/12/22](#)]
- **AARP CEO Jo Ann Jenkins On The Inflation Reduction Act: Millions Of Older Adults Are Now “One Step Closer To Real Relief From Out-Of-Control Prescription Drug Prices.”** “Medicare is poised to renegotiate the prices of some of its most expensive drugs through a historic expansion of its power, which could reduce costs for many seniors as well as federal spending on its prescription drug plan. The changes are tucked inside a massive spending-and-tax bill in Congress that includes \$433 billion in investments in health-care and clean energy. House Democrats passed the Inflation Reduction Act on Friday in a 220 to 207 vote along party lines, ending a tortured legislative process that took more than a year. [...] The American Association of Retired Persons, which represents 38 million people, described the legislation as a historic victory for older adults. AARP CEO Jo Ann Jenkins said the group has fought for nearly two decades to allow Medicare to negotiate drug prices. Millions of older adults are now “one step closer to real relief from out-of-control prescription drug prices,” Jenkins said earlier this week.” [CNBC, [8/12/22](#)]
- **The IRA Allowed Medicare To Negotiate Drug Prices, Reducing Drug Costs For Seniors And Federal Spending.** “Medicare is poised to renegotiate the prices of some of its most expensive drugs through a historic expansion of its power, which could reduce costs for many seniors as well as federal spending on its prescription drug plan. The changes are tucked inside a massive spending-and-tax bill in Congress that includes \$433 billion in investments in health-care and clean energy. House Democrats passed the Inflation Reduction Act on Friday in a 220 to 207 vote along party lines, ending a tortured legislative process that took more than a year. The bill empowers the Health and Human Services Secretary to negotiate prices for certain drugs covered under two different parts of Medicare and punish pharmaceutical companies that don’t play by the rules. The legislation also caps out-of-pocket costs at \$2,000 starting in 2025 for people who participate in Medicare Part D, the prescription drug plan for seniors.” [CNBC, [8/12/22](#)]
- **The IRA Required Drug Companies That Raised Prices More Than The Rate Of Inflation To Rebate Medicare The Amount Over The Inflation Rate.** “President Joe Biden signed the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 on Aug. 16. This historic legislation will help millions of Medicare enrollees better afford their life-sustaining medications, and millions more Americans will be able to pay their Affordable Care Act premiums. [...] Here are the main elements of the health care portions of the new law. [...] Beginning in October, if the price of a Part D prescription drug is raised by more than the rate of general inflation, the drugmaker will have to rebate to Medicare the amount of the increase above the inflation rate. Rebates for higher-than-inflation price hikes for medications covered under Medicare Part B (usually office-based infusions, such as for cancer drugs) will begin in January 2023.” [AARP, [8/16/22](#)]
- **IRA Capped Copays For Insulin At \$35 For Medicare Patients.** “A new legislative package signed into law by President Joe Biden on Tuesday is a big win for Medicare patients who struggle to cover the cost of insulin to manage their diabetes. But the bill, called the Inflation Reduction Act, falls short of applying those cost controls to the broader patient population who rely on insulin. The bill limits insulin copays to \$35 per month for Medicare Part D beneficiaries starting in 2023. Notably, seniors covered by Medicare also have a \$2,000 annual out-of-pocket cap on Part D prescription drugs starting in 2025. Medicare will also now have the ability to negotiate the costs of certain prescription drugs.” [CNBC, [8/16/22](#)]

Suozzi Worked Across The Aisle To Push For Solutions That Would Help Our Veterans In Queens And On Long Island Receive Better Healthcare.

2017: Suozzi Introduced A Bill To “Furnish Free And Comprehensive Mental Health Care To Former Members Of The Armed Services.” Suozzi introduced H.R. 2736, which “directs the Department of Veterans Affairs to furnish comprehensive mental health care at no cost to any former member of the Armed Forces, and (2) makes former members eligible for readjustment counseling and related mental health services.” [H.R. 2736, [5/25/17](#)]

Suozzi: “This Bill Would Ensure That Any Veteran [...] Is Given Full Access To The Help And Treatment They Need.” “That’s why I have introduced legislation that would provide free mental-health counseling to all United States military veterans. This bill would ensure that any veteran — whether they’re active duty, discharged honorably or dishonorably or served in the National Guard or in the Military Reserves — is given full access to the help and treatment they need.” [New York Post, [5/28/17](#)]

- **HEADLINE: “Suozzi To Unveil Bill Seeking Free Mental Health For Veterans.”** “Rep. Thomas Suozzi announced Sunday in Old Bethpage that he will soon unveil new legislation to provide free mental health counseling to all veterans. Suozzi (D-Glen Cove) discussed the bill at a simulation of a World War II encampment in the French countryside, surrounded by period tanks, artillery and officers in uniform. Suozzi said that the difficulty accessing mental health counseling is a ‘very serious problem facing our country that we need to address.’ ‘I think that we have an obligation to say thank you and to care for all of our veterans,’ Suozzi said. Under his new bill, which will be introduced this week, Suozzi is proposing easing restrictions on veterans’ mental health treatment, which currently factors in discharge status and income.” [Newsday, [3/21/17](#)]
- **Newsday: “Rep. Thomas Suozzi Announced Sunday In Old Bethpage That He Will Soon Unveil New Legislation To Provide Free Mental Health Counseling To All Veterans.”** “Rep. Thomas Suozzi announced Sunday in Old Bethpage that he will soon unveil new legislation to provide free mental health counseling to all veterans. Suozzi (D-Glen Cove) discussed the bill at a simulation of a World War II encampment in the French countryside, surrounded by period tanks, artillery and officers in uniform. Suozzi said that the difficulty accessing mental health counseling is a ‘very serious problem facing our country that we need to address.’ ‘I think that we have an obligation to say thank you and to care for all of our veterans,’ Suozzi said. Under his new bill, which will be introduced this week, Suozzi is proposing easing restrictions on veterans’ mental health treatment, which currently factors in discharge status and income.” [Newsday, [3/21/17](#)]
- **Newsday: “Suozzi Said That The Difficulty Accessing Mental Health Counseling Is A ‘Very Serious Problem Facing Our Country That We Need To Address...I Think That We Have An Obligation To Say Thank You And To Care For All Of Our Veterans.’** “Rep. Thomas Suozzi announced Sunday in Old Bethpage that he will soon unveil new legislation to provide free mental health counseling to all veterans. Suozzi (D-Glen Cove) discussed the bill at a simulation of a World War II encampment in the French countryside, surrounded by period tanks, artillery and officers in uniform. Suozzi said that the difficulty accessing mental health counseling is a ‘very serious problem facing our country that we need to address.’ ‘I think that we have an obligation to say thank you and to care for all of our veterans,’ Suozzi said. Under his new bill, which will be introduced this week, Suozzi is proposing easing restrictions on veterans’ mental health treatment, which currently factors in discharge status and income.” [Newsday, [3/21/17](#)]
- **Newsday: “Under His New Bill...Suozzi Is Proposing Easing Restrictions On Veterans’ Mental Health Treatment, Which Currently Factors In Discharge Status And Income.”** “Rep. Thomas Suozzi announced Sunday in Old Bethpage that he will soon unveil new legislation to provide free mental health counseling to all veterans. Suozzi (D-Glen Cove) discussed the bill at a simulation of a World War II encampment in the French countryside, surrounded by period tanks, artillery and officers in uniform. Suozzi said that the difficulty accessing mental health counseling is a ‘very serious problem facing our country that we need to address.’ ‘I think that we have an obligation to say thank you and to care for all of our veterans,’ Suozzi said. Under his new bill, which will be introduced this week, Suozzi is proposing easing restrictions on veterans’ mental health

treatment, which currently factors in discharge status and income.” [Newsday, [3/21/17](#)]

Suozzi Introduced H.R. 2736, Which Was Co-Sponsored By Rep. Walter B. Jones, Jr, A Republican. Suozzi introduced H.R. 2736, which was co-sponsored by Rep. Walter B. Jones, Jr. (R-NC-3). [H.R. 2736, [5/25/17](#)]

Suozzi Has Developed A Bipartisan Immigration Plan That Strengthens Border Security And Puts In Place A Common Sense Path To Citizenship For Those Who Follow The Rules.

2019: New York Times Suozzi And King Op-Ed Headline: “A Grand Compromise On Immigration” [New York Times, Peter King and Tom Suozzi Op-Ed, [3/24/19](#)]

- **Under King And Suozzi’s Plan, Five Million People, Including Dreamers, TPS Recipients, And Their Relatives, Would Become Eligible For A Path To Citizenship.** “First, our plan would create a path to citizenship for approximately 1.9 million immigrants brought by their parents, without documentation, when they were 18 or under, the so-called Dreamers. To be eligible, they must have graduated from high school; have no record of criminal activity; and be either in the military, working full time for at least three years or attending college. We would extend similar coverage to the 400,000 people who were invited to America and given temporary protective status after facing natural disasters, violence and extreme poverty in their home countries. Finally, relatives of Dreamers, of T.P.S. recipients and of others who are undocumented — approximately 2.7 million more people — would be eligible for three years of protective status, renewable indefinitely, if they have been in the United States for a significant number of years and have no record of criminal activity. Taken together, this represents five million people.” [New York Times, Peter King and Tom Suozzi Op-Ed, [3/24/19](#)]
- **Dreamers Would Have To Have Graduated From High School; Have No Record Of Criminal Activity; And Be Either In The Military, Working Full Time For At Least Three Years Or Attending College To Be Eligible.** “First, our plan would create a path to citizenship for approximately 1.9 million immigrants brought by their parents, without documentation, when they were 18 or under, the so-called Dreamers. To be eligible, they must have graduated from high school; have no record of criminal activity; and be either in the military, working full time for at least three years or attending college. We would extend similar coverage to the 400,000 people who were invited to America and given temporary protective status after facing natural disasters, violence and extreme poverty in their home countries. Finally, relatives of Dreamers, of T.P.S. recipients and of others who are undocumented — approximately 2.7 million more people — would be eligible for three years of protective status, renewable indefinitely, if they have been in the United States for a significant number of years and have no record of criminal activity. Taken together, this represents five million people.” [New York Times, Peter King and Tom Suozzi Op-Ed, [3/24/19](#)]
- **Relatives Of Dreamers, Relatives Of TPS Recipients, And Other Undocumented People Would Be Eligible If They Had Been In The U.S. For A “Significant” Number Of Years And Had No Criminal Record.** “First, our plan would create a path to citizenship for approximately 1.9 million immigrants brought by their parents, without documentation, when they were 18 or under, the so-called Dreamers. To be eligible, they must have graduated from high school; have no record of criminal activity; and be either in the military, working full time for at least three years or attending college. We would extend similar coverage to the 400,000 people who were invited to America and given temporary protective status after facing natural disasters, violence and extreme poverty in their home countries. Finally, relatives of Dreamers, of T.P.S. recipients and of others who are undocumented — approximately 2.7 million more people — would be eligible for three years of protective status, renewable indefinitely, if they have been in the United States for a significant number of years and have no record of criminal activity. Taken together, this represents five million people.” [New York Times, Peter King and Tom Suozzi Op-Ed, [3/24/19](#)]
- **Those Five Million People Would Pay \$2,000 For Legal Protection, Which Would Fund Border Security Investments And Aid To Central American Countries.** “Next, to qualify for protection, an undocumented person would be required to pay a \$2,000 fee. If each of the five million paid that amount, our plan would

generate \$10 billion. Some of that money, in turn, would be used to cover the administrative costs of this new program; we figure those costs would be \$1.4 billion. The remaining \$8.6 billion would be split evenly: \$4.3 billion would pay for additional physical structures along the United States-Mexico border, as proposed by the Department of Homeland Security, and \$4.3 billion would go to aid to El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras to help prevent further out-migration from those countries, as well as to radar technology, improved ports of entry, immigration judges, border patrol personnel and humanitarian assistance along the border, as recommended by the Department Homeland Security.” [New York Times, Peter King and Tom Suozzi Op-Ed, [3/24/19](#)]