

Mike Lawler (NY-17) Research Report

Significant Findings

Lawler Was A Corrupt Career Political Operative Who Used A “Complex And Lucrative Web” To Funnel Over \$700,000 To A Political Consulting Firm He Co-Founded

- ✓ Before running for office, Lawler spent his entire career working as a political operative and lobbyist.
- ✓ 2026: Lawler was listed as one of the most corrupt politicians in the country.
- ✓ May 2026: Lawler was reported to have used a “complex and lucrative web of political and financial ties” of campaigns and nonprofits to pay \$720,000 to the political consulting firm he co-founded.
- ✓ Mike Lawler served as the director at two separate nonprofits which paid him and his firm, Checkmate Strategies, over \$200,000 to lobby on their behalf.
 - ✓ Lawler served as the bookkeeper and Executive Director of New Yorkers For Affordable Energy, who paid Lawler to be a lobbyist at the same time Lawler was a director for the nonprofit.
 - ✓ Lawler served as the director of 17 Forward 86 at the same time the company paid him and his firm for lobbying services.
- ✓ Lawler’s campaigns paid a political consulting firm that he co-founded, Checkmate Strategies, over \$500,000 despite Lawler claiming no one should profit from serving in public office.
 - ✓ 2016: Lawler said Trump should forgo any profit he makes while serving as President, adding “no one should profit from serving in public office.”
 - ✓ 2018: Lawler cofounded, and was a partner at, political consulting firm Checkmate Strategies with Chris Russell.
 - ✓ As of the end of April 2026, Lawler’s campaign had paid Checkmate Strategies more than half a million dollars.
 - ✓ Lawler’s separation agreement from Checkmate Strategies was “pending” for over a year and Lawler sold off his stake in the company after already starting his tenure in Congress.

Lawler’s Vote For The Big Beautiful Bill Was Projected To Cost Hospitals In His District More Than \$100 Million In Medicaid Revenue And Would Devastate The Tens Of Thousands Of His Constituents Who Relied On Medicaid

- ✓ Lawler voted twice for the One Big Beautiful Bill, despite repeatedly promising not to enact Medicaid cuts.
 - ✓ February-April 2025: Lawler repeatedly stated he would not support Medicaid cuts and would stand up to support vital services like Medicaid.
 - ✓ Lawler voted twice to pass the One Big Beautiful Bill.

- ✓ The Big Beautiful Bill was estimated to cut more than \$100 million in hospital revenue in Lawler's district and Forced Hudson Valley Hospitals to enact mass layoffs.
- ✓ The Hudson Valley Examiner reported that Lawler's vote for the One Big Beautiful Bill could cause local hospitals to lose over \$100 million in revenue, sparking backlash from hospital officials.
- ✓ Lawler's district was expected to see \$103,712,756.09 in cuts to hospital revenue as a result of the Big Beautiful Bill.
- ✓ Hospitals in the Hudson Valley were already cutting essential services and staff in anticipation of the One Big Beautiful Bill's cuts.
- ✓ The One Big Beautiful Bill was estimated to kick over 35,000 of Lawler's constituents off of Medicaid and would force over 1,400 hospital workers to lose their jobs.
- ✓ Local community leaders and health care workers protested against Medicaid cuts in the One Big Beautiful Bill and criticized Lawler for voting "to gut the lifeline that holds our hospitals together."
- ✓ March 2025: 3,000 New Yorkers protested Republican plans to cut Medicaid and called Lawler a liar for claiming he would protect Medicaid.
- ✓ May 2025: Union members protested Republican plans to cut Medicaid and called Lawler's support for the plans "very disappointing."
- ✓ June 2025: Local community leaders rallied against Medicaid cuts in the One Big Beautiful Bill and criticized Lawler for "vot[ing] twice to gut the lifeline that holds our hospitals together."
- ✓ Lawler attempted to mislead voters about the effects of the One Big Beautiful Bill, undermine hospitals' concerns, and even touted the bill's Medicaid cuts despite their devastating effects.
- ✓ May 2025: Lawler called the Medicaid cuts in the One Big Beautiful Bill "not a major cut" despite voting to enact the largest Medicaid cut in history.
- ✓ August 2025: Lawler claimed hospitals were "parroting [...] talking points" when discussing cuts they would have to enact because of Medicaid cuts in the Big Beautiful Bill.
- ✓ August 2025: Lawler released digital ads touting his vote for the One Big Beautiful Bill, claiming it strengthened Medicaid and protected local hospitals.

Lawler Repeatedly Voted For The Iran War And Said Higher Gas Prices Were "Absolutely Worth It" As Grocery And Gas Prices Spiked And The War Cost Americans Over \$100 Billion

- ✓ Lawler repeatedly voted for the Iran War and called it a "righteous decision."
- ✓ Lawler said higher gas prices from the war were "absolutely worth it."
- ✓ The Iran war had driven up costs of groceries and gas.
- ✓ The Iran War had cost Americans \$100 billion and the lives of over a dozen service members.

Lawler Repeatedly Called The ACA A "Disaster" And Voted For The One Big Beautiful Bill, Which Let ACA Tax Credits Expire, Resulting In Higher Health Care Costs, Individuals Priced Out Of Coverage, And Enrollees Cutting Back On Essentials To Afford Care

- ✓ Lawler repeatedly called the ACA “a disaster.”
- ✓ Lawler’s One Big Beautiful Bill let the ACA tax credits expire, driving up health care costs for more than 11,000 individuals in NY-17 on marketplace plans, which resulted in higher monthly payments or individuals foregoing coverage entirely while cutting back on essentials like food.
- ✓ The One Big Beautiful Bill made health care more expensive for 11,600 NY-17 residents that got coverage from ACA marketplace plans.
- ✓ 60-year-old couples making \$82,000 in NY-17 were expected to see an increase of 194% in out-of-pocket monthly payments when the ACA tax credits expired.
- ✓ 2026: In a survey of ACA marketplace enrollees, more than half of the respondents reported cutting back on food, clothing, or basic household items to afford health care.
- ✓ Over 140,000 New Yorkers saw an increase in ACA costs, including a Lawler constituent whose premiums shot up by \$10,000.

Lawler’s Vote For The One Big Beautiful Bill Threatened Food Assistance For Almost 20,000 Households In His District, And Gave Billions In Tax Breaks To Billionaires

- ✓ The One Big Beautiful Bill enacted the largest SNAP cuts in history, threatening food assistance for almost 20,000 households in NY-17.
 - ✓ Center For American Progress: the One Big Beautiful Bill enacted the largest SNAP cuts in the program’s history.
 - ✓ The One Big Beautiful Bill risked food assistance for 18,104 households in NY-17.
- ✓ August 2025: A local Meals On Wheels office minutes away from Lawler’s district was forced to cut services and start a waitlist due to rising prices and cuts in the Big Beautiful Bill.
- ✓ The One Big Beautiful Bill gave billions in tax breaks to the ultra-wealthy at the expense of working families.

Lawler Voted For The One Big Beautiful Bill Which Was Expected To Raise The National Debt By \$3.4 Trillion, And Make It Harder For New Yorkers To Pay For Basic Needs Including Health Care And Housing, Yet Lawler Has A History Of Advocating To Reduce The National Debt

- ✓ Lawler voted twice for the One Big Beautiful Bill.
- ✓ The One Big Beautiful Bill was expected to raise the national debt by \$3.4 trillion, meaning less funding available to invest in safety net programs and higher rates for housing and education.
- ✓ Lawler’s vote to increase the national debt stood in stark contrast to his past statements on reducing the national debt from just months before his vote.

Lawler Voted Eight Times To Protect Reckless Tariffs, Which Were One Of The Largest Tax Increases In The Country’s History And Were Estimated To Cost Americans Thousands Of Dollars

- ✓ Lawler was called out for his votes to continue Trump’s tariffs, with small business owners saying they were cutting profits and that Lawler had not tried to alleviate their concerns.

- ✓ Lawler voted to protect tariffs eight separate times.
- ✓ Tariffs were the largest tax increase in the country’s history, causing families to pay thousands of dollars more after raising costs on everything from cars to groceries.
 - ✓ 2025: Tariffs were one of the largest tax increases in the country’s history.
 - ✓ 2026: Tariffs were estimated to cost American families thousands per year.
 - ✓ Consumers shouldered the burden of tariffs as they raised the price of basic goods like food and clothing.
- ✓ Various small businesses across the Hudson Valley complained about tariffs causing higher input costs which were costing them business.
- ✓ Multiple local and state business organizations spoke out against tariffs, stating that they were leading to added costs and concern among consumers.
- ✓ Lawler had repeatedly supported tariffs on the campaign trail and defended their use in Congress, even claiming they would help reduce costs for Americans.

“Limousine Lawler” Used Over \$150,000 In Campaign Cash On Luxury Spending, Including Limos, 5 Star Hotels, And Private Boat Charters

- ✓ March 2026: The Daily Mail reported that “Limousine Lawler” used over \$150,000 in campaign cash on luxury spending, including limos, 5 star hotels, and private boat charters.
- ✓ May 2026: Lawler was found to still be spending campaign cash on limos, spending over \$3,500 on a limousine service in Florida.

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January 2018- December 2022: Lawler Served As A Partner At Checkmate Strategies, LLC In The Greater New York City Area. [LinkedIn, Mike Lawler, accessed [6/4/26](#)]



Mike Lawler

Congressman, 17th District of New York



Partner

Checkmate Strategies, LLC

Jan 2018 - Dec 2022 · 5 yrs

New York City Metropolitan Area

[Mike Lawler, LinkedIn, accessed [6/4/26](#)]

- **Lawler Co-Founded Checkmate Strategies, A “Campaign Consulting And Public Affairs Firm,” Along With Fellow Republican Strategists Chris Russell And Harrison Neely.** “GOP strategists Chris Russell and Michael Lawler launched Checkmate Strategies today, a new campaign consulting and public affairs firm that will have offices in New Jersey and New York. The pair also announced that Harrison Neely, former Campaign Manager for Rep. Tom MacArthur (NJ-3) and top political aide to NJ Senate Republican Leader Tom Kean, Jr. would be joining the firm as Senior Vice-President. The scope of services for the new firm will include General Consulting, Direct Mail, Strategic and Crisis Communications, Public/Government Affairs, Grassroots Organization and Coalition Building, as well as Social Media Management and Digital Advertising. [Insider NJ, [1/2/18](#)]

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Mike Lawler

Assemblyman at New York State Assembly



Deputy Town Supervisor

Town Of Orangetown · Part-time

Jan 2018 - Dec 2020 · 3 yrs

Orangeburg, New York, United States

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Lawler’s Position As Deputy Town Supervisor Of Orangetown Was Unpaid. “Day will appoint Town GOP chairman Michael Lawler as deputy supervisor, an unpaid advisory position. Lawler replaces Allan Ryff, who ran unsuccessfully as a Democrat for Town Board.” [Journal News, 1/1/18]

Lawler Was Appointed By Republican Town Supervisor Chris Day. “Chris Day will be sworn in as Orangetown town supervisor Tuesday, taking the reins of a town of some 50,000 residents following a close election victory over Thom Kleiner. [...] Day will appoint Town GOP chairman Michael Lawler as deputy supervisor, an unpaid advisory position. Lawler replaces Allan Ryff, who ran unsuccessfully as a Democrat for Town Board.” [Journal News, 1/1/18]

- **Chris Day Was The Son Of Republican County Executive Ed Day.** “Chris Day will be sworn in as Orangetown town supervisor Tuesday, taking the reins of a town of some 50,000 residents following a close election victory over Thom Kleiner. It will be the first elective office for the 33-year-old Orangeburg Republican, who mounted an unsuccessful 2014 bid to oust U.S. Rep. Nita Lowey. Day will be paid \$109,000 as Orangetown’s highest-ranking official. He will be leading a Town Board that carries a 4-1 GOP majority. He

is the son of County Executive Ed Day, a fellow Republican who was just re-elected to his second four-year term.” [Journal News, 1/1/18]

2018: Lawler Worked As A Spokesman And General Consultant For Gubernatorial Candidate John DeFrancisco

2018: Lawler Was The Spokesman For New York State Senator John DeFrancisco’s Gubernatorial Campaign. “A senior Republican New York state senator has filed the paperwork to run for governor and is expected to formally launch his campaign on Tuesday. John DeFrancisco, a Syracuse attorney, was first elected to the Senate in 1992 and has emerged as a leading critic of Democratic Gov. Andrew Cuomo’s record on taxes, spending and economic development. DeFrancisco has said for months that he is considering a campaign for governor. He is scheduled to announce his decision in Syracuse. ‘I think it’s a fair assumption,’ spokesman Michael Lawler said when asked whether the paperwork filing means that DeFrancisco will run. ‘He’ll make an official announcement tomorrow.” [Associated Press, 1/29/18]

2018: Lawler Served As General Consultant For DeFrancisco’s Gubernatorial Campaign. “State Sen. John DeFrancisco has hired a veteran New York Republican consultant to run his 2018 campaign for governor. Michael Lawler, of Rockland County, confirmed Tuesday that he will serve as general consultant for DeFrancisco’s campaign, overseeing its daily operations and strategy.” [New York Upstate, [1/30/18](#)]

2018: Lawler Worked As A Campaign Spokesman For Republican Congressional Candidate James O’Donnell

Lawler Worked For Republican Congressional Candidate James O’Donnell. “The Republican congressional candidate, Orange County Legislator James O’Donnell. He released a statement on Wednesday saying that “running for two separate elected offices at the same time is illegal in New York, and unethical on top of it,” and that his campaign would evaluate ‘all legal remedies.’ O’Donnell campaign spokesman Michael Lawler told City & State that O’Donnell had raised over \$200,000 and that the National Republican Congressional Committee had shown support by adding O’Donnell to its ‘Young Guns’ program.” [City & State, 6/6/18]

March 2017-November 2017: Lawler Worked As a Consultant For Rob Astorino’s Westchester County Executive Campaign

2017: Rob Astorino Ran For Re-Election As Westchester County Executive In 2017. “Rob Astorino is undeterred by his stretch of election defeats: losing a run for governor in 2014, then his re-election as Westchester County executive in 2017 and then in 2020 for the state Senate.” [Politico, New York Playbook, [6/23/22](#)]

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Deputy Town Supervisor	Town of Orangetown	26 W Orangetown Rd, Orangetown, NY 10962	
President/CEO	Brass Tacks Strategies LLC	90 Pearce Plwy, Pearl River, NY 10965	

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November 2, 2017: Friends Of Rob Astorino Paid Brass Tacks Strategies, LLC \$2,000 For Professional Services. [LinkedIn, Mike Lawler, accessed [8/11/22](#)]

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	County	Brass Tacks Strategies, Llc 90 Pearoe Parkway Pearl River NY 10965 United States	\$2,000.00	Professional Services	03/06/2017	Friends Of Rob Astorino - ID# 6779	2017 - State/Local - July Periodic	F - Expenditures/ Payments
	County	Brass Tacks Strategies, Llc 90 Pearoe Parkway Pearl River NY 10965 United States	\$2,000.00	Professional Services	04/07/2017	Friends Of Rob Astorino - ID# 6779	2017 - State/Local - July Periodic	F - Expenditures/ Payments
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	County	Brass Tacks Strategies, Llc 90 Pearoe Parkway Pearl River NY 10965 United States	\$2,000.00	Professional Services	07/16/2017	Friends Of Rob Astorino - ID# 6779	2017 - State/Local - 10-Day Post-Primary	F - Expenditures/ Payments
	County	Brass Tacks Strategies, Llc 90 Pearoe Parkway Pearl River NY 10965 United States	\$2,000.00	Professional Services	08/02/2017	Friends Of Rob Astorino - ID# 6779	2017 - State/Local - 10-Day Post-Primary	F - Expenditures/ Payments
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[New York Board of Elections, accessed [8/18/22](#)]

- **October 6, 2017: Friends Of Rob Astorino Paid Brass Tacks Strategies, LLC \$2,000 For Professional Services.** [New York Board of Elections, accessed [8/18/22](#)]
- **September 5, 2017: Friends Of Rob Astorino Paid Brass Tacks Strategies, LLC \$2,000 For Professional Services.** [New York Board of Elections, accessed [8/18/22](#)]
- **August 2, 2017: Friends Of Rob Astorino Paid Brass Tacks Strategies, LLC \$2,000 For Professional Services.** [New York Board of Elections, accessed [8/18/22](#)]
- **July 16, 2017: Friends Of Rob Astorino Paid Brass Tacks Strategies, LLC \$2,000 For Professional Services.** [New York Board of Elections, accessed [8/18/22](#)]
- **June 2, 2017: Friends Of Rob Astorino Paid Brass Tacks Strategies, LLC \$2,000 For Professional Services.** [New York Board of Elections, accessed [8/18/22](#)]
- **May 3, 2017: Friends Of Rob Astorino Paid Brass Tacks Strategies, LLC \$2,000 For Professional Services.** [New York Board of Elections, accessed [8/18/22](#)]
- **April 7, 2017: Friends Of Rob Astorino Paid Brass Tacks Strategies, LLC \$2,000 For Professional Services.** [New York Board of Elections, accessed [8/18/22](#)]
- **March 6, 2017: Friends Of Rob Astorino Paid Brass Tacks Strategies, LLC \$2,000 For Professional Services.** [New York Board of Elections, accessed [8/18/22](#)]

2017: Lawler Worked As A Campaign Strategist For Republican Syracuse Mayoral Candidate Laura Lavine

Lawler Worked As A Campaign Strategist For Republican Candidate For Mayor Of Syracuse Laura Lavine. “Republican Laura Lavine last month called on Walsh to return donations from anyone who received a tax break from SIDA. [...] Lavine ran a primary race for the Independence Party. She lost to Walsh, who took the line with a write-in campaign. She heads into the general election with about \$10,000. She has personally donated \$22,000 to her campaign. Lavine is receiving support from the local and state GOP. The Onondaga County Republican Committee gave her \$3,000. Her new campaign strategist, Michael Lawler, who was hired in August, was not paid from her campaign committee. He was paid \$4,000 from the New York State Republican Committee on Sept. 15, three days after the primary.” [Post-Standard, 9/28/17]

Lavine Won 3% Of The Vote, “One Of The Worst Election Performances For A Republican” In Syracuse. “Lawler, a former executive director of the New York State Republican Committee, has also taken on clients from Central New York. In last year’s race for mayor of Syracuse, Lawler was hired in late August by Republican Laura Lavine to try to pump life into her struggling campaign. Lavine received less than 3 percent of the vote in the four-way race, one of the worst election performances for a Republican in a Syracuse mayoral race.” [New York Upstate, [1/30/18](#)]

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[Mike Lawler, LinkedIn, accessed [6/15/22](#)]

- **June 28, 2017: Paul J. Massey Jr. Ended His New York City Mayoral Campaign Due To Low Poll Numbers.** “Paul J. Massey Jr., a millionaire real estate sales executive, unexpectedly ended his Republican campaign to challenge Mayor Bill de Blasio of New York on Wednesday, citing the cost of running against an incumbent as the reason for halting his bid. Despite rivaling Mr. de Blasio in fund-raising, Mr. Massey, a first-time candidate for public office, struggled to gain support among voters in polls during nearly a year on the trail.” [New York Times, [6/28/17](#)]

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August 1, 2017: Massey For Mayor Paid Brass Tacks Strategies, LLC \$10,877 For “Campaign Consult[ing].”

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	County	Brass Tacks Strategies, Llc 90 Pearce Parkway New York NY 10011 United States	\$10,877.00	Campaign Consultant	08/01/2017	Massey For Mayor 2017, Inc. - ID# 8688	2017 - State/Local - 32-Day Pre-Primary	F - Expenditures/ Payments
	County	Brass Tacks Strategies, Llc 90 Pearce Parkway New York NY 10011 United States	\$12,500.00	Campaign Consultant	01/24/2017	Massey For Mayor 2017, Inc. - ID# 8688	2017 - State/Local - July Periodic	F - Expenditures/ Payments
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- **February 22, 2017: Massey For Mayor Paid Brass Tacks Strategies, LLC \$12,500 For “Campaign Consult[ing].”** [New York Board of Elections, accessed [8/18/22](#)]
- **January 24, 2017: Massey For Mayor Paid Brass Tacks Strategies, LLC \$12,500 For “Campaign Consult[ing].”** [New York Board of Elections, accessed [8/18/22](#)]
- **December 29, 2016: Massey For Mayor Paid Brass Tacks Strategies, LLC \$12,500 For “Campaign Consult[ing].”** [New York Board of Elections, accessed [8/18/22](#)]

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Assemblyman at New York State Assembly

Campaign Manager
Julie Killian for State Senate
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Deputy Town Supervisor	Town of Orangeburg	26 W Orangeburg Rd, Orangeburg, NY 10962	
President/CEO	Brass Tacks Strategies LLC	90 Pearce Plwy, Pearl River, NY 10965	

[New York Assembly, Michael Lawler Annual Statement of Financial Disclosure, Calendar Year 2021, [5/16/22](#)]

November 2, 2016: Julie Killian For NYS Senate Paid Brass Tacks Strategies, LLC \$10,000 For “Campaign Consult[ing].”

Expand	Filer Type	Payee/Recipient	Amount	Expense Code	Date	Disburser	Disclosure Report	Schedule
	State	Brass Tacks Strategies, Llc 90 Pearce Parkway Pearl River NY 10965 United States	\$10,000.00	Campaign Consultant	08/22/2016	Julie Killian For Nys Senate - ID# 20783	2016 - State/Local - 32-Day Pre-General	F - Expenditures/ Payments
	State	Brass Tacks Strategies, Llc 90 Pearce Parkway Pearl River NY 10965 United States	\$10,000.00	Campaign Consultant	09/10/2016	Julie Killian For Nys Senate - ID# 20783	2016 - State/Local - 32-Day Pre-General	F - Expenditures/ Payments
	State	Brass Tacks Strategies, Llc 90 Pearce Parkway Pearl River NY 10965 United States	\$10,000.00	Campaign Consultant	11/02/2016	Julie Killian For Nys Senate - ID# 20783	2016 - State/Local - 27-Day Post-General	F - Expenditures/ Payments
	State	Brass Tacks Strategies, Llc 90 Pearce Parkway Pearl River NY 10965 United States	\$10,000.00	Constituent Services	10/10/2016	Julie Killian For Nys Senate - ID# 20783	2016 - State/Local - 11-Day Pre-General	F - Expenditures/ Payments

[New York Board of Elections, accessed [8/18/22](#)]

- **October 10, 2016: Julie Killian For NYS Senate Paid Brass Tacks Strategies, LLC \$10,000 For “Constituent Services.”** [New York Board of Elections, accessed [8/18/22](#)]
- **September 10, 2016: Julie Killian For NYS Senate Paid Brass Tacks Strategies, LLC \$10,000 For “Campaign Consult[ing].”** [New York Board of Elections, accessed [8/18/22](#)]
- **August 22, 2016: Julie Killian For NYS Senate Paid Brass Tacks Strategies, LLC \$10,000 For “Campaign Consultant.”** [New York Board of Elections, accessed [8/18/22](#)]

January 2015-August 2016: Lawler Served As A Senior Advisor To Then-Westchester County Executive Rob Astorino

January 2015-August 2016: Lawler Served As A Senior Advisor To The Westchester County Executive. [LinkedIn, Mike Lawler, accessed [8/11/22](#)]



Mike Lawler
Assemblyman at New York State Assembly



Senior Advisor to the County Executive

Westchester County

Jan 2015 - Aug 2016 · 1 yr 8 mos

White Plains, NY

- Advise the County Executive on federal, state, and local issues and track pending legislation
- Work with the Chief of Staff to ensure passage/blockage of critical legislation in Albany and Washington, D.C, as well as shepherd through confirmation of appointments made by the County Executive to positions requiring state approval
- Advise various county departments and Commissioners on pending federal and state legislation
- Consult with and offer suggestions to the County Executive, Deputy County Executive and Budget Director with respect to the county budget
- Work with the Office for Women and our various non-profit providers, on immigration and Hispanic outreach initiatives
- Serve as the liaison to the Hispanic Advisory Board, developing a series of bilingual business seminars to assist Hispanic small business owners looking to grow their businesses in Westchester County


[LinkedIn, Mike Lawler, accessed [8/11/22](#)]


Astorino’s Spokesman Said Lawler Was Hired For His “Work Experience,” Not His Efforts As Astorino’s Campaign Manager. “The former campaign manager for Westchester County Executive Rob Astorino’s failed gubernatorial run has landed a job with the county that will pay him nearly \$119,000 annually, according to LoHud.com. Michael Lawler was hired as an assistant to the county executive on Jan. 12. He took the position over for Joseph Kenner, who was promoted to deputy commissioner last year, LoHud.com reported. A spokesman for Astorino said Lawler was hired based on his work experience and not because of his efforts on the campaign trail, LoHud.com said.” [Chappaqua Daily Voice, 2/19/15]

- **The Position Was Lawler’s First Job In Government.** “Westchester County Executive Rob Astorino has hired his 2014 gubernatorial campaign manager for a high-paid government job. Michael Lawler is making \$118,965 annually as an assistant to the county executive, a spokeswoman said. A former executive director for the state GOP, this is his first job in government.” [New York Daily News, 2/16/15]
- **Lawler Was Paid \$118,965 Annually As An Assistant To The Westchester County Executive.** “Westchester County Executive Rob Astorino has hired his 2014 gubernatorial campaign manager for a high-paid government job. Michael Lawler is making \$118,965 annually as an assistant to the county executive, a spokeswoman said. A former executive director for the state GOP, this is his first job in government.” [New York Daily News, 2/16/15]

February 2014-November 2014: Lawler Served As Campaign Manager For Rob Astorino’s Campaign For Governor Of New York

February 2014-November 2014: Lawler Served As Campaign Manager For Rob Astorino’s Campaign For Governor In White Plains, New York. [LinkedIn, Mike Lawler, accessed [8/11/22](#)]

 **Mike Lawler**
Assemblyman at New York State Assembly

 **Campaign Manager**
Rob Astorino for Governor
Feb 2014 - Nov 2014 · 10 mos
White Plains, NY

- Managed all day-to-day campaign operations
- Oversaw all campaign staff and personnel, coordinating efforts between various departments
- Developed, coordinated, and managed the campaign budget with the Finance Director and Treasurer
- In coordination with senior staff, developed and implemented strategic plan
- Coordinated all political activities with National, State, and Local Committees, County Chairs, Elected Officials, and other campaigns, as well as grassroots groups
- In coordination with Director of Scheduling, developed a rigorous travel schedule for the candidate visit-ing all 62 Counties in NYS
- Oversaw the statewide petition drive to create an independent ballot line, gathering over 100,000 signa-tures statewide
- Coordinated the vetting and selection of the Lt. Governorial candidate
- Oversaw and managed the campaigns operation at the 2014 State GOP Convention, securing an uncon-tested nomination

[Mike Lawler, LinkedIn, accessed [6/15/22](#)]

September 2011-January 2014: Lawler Served As Executive Director For The New York Republican State Committee

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 **Mike Lawler**
Assemblyman at New York State Assembly

 **New York Republican State Committee**
4 yrs 3 mos

- **Executive Director**
Sep 2011 - Jan 2014 · 2 yrs 5 mos
Greater New York City Area

- Managed all day-to-day committee operations
- Oversaw all committee staff and personnel, assisting department directors with their duties and responsi-bilities
- Oversaw and coordinated efforts between the political, communications, and finance department
- Developed and managed the annual budget, including the local assistance program
- Coordinated all political activities with the RNC, NRCC, NRSC, RSLC and RGA
- Coordinated all political activities with County Chairs and campaigns for Federal, State and Local elec-tions
- Coordinated the mail program, phone banks, robocalls, and volunteers activities with County Chairmen and campaigns
- Coordinated political training sessions around the state in conjunction with the Political Director for Committee-members and Campaigns
- Developed and Implemented a long-term plan for the State Party focused on 2014-2018
- Recruited Candidates at the Federal, State, and Local Level
- Oversaw the NYS Delegation operations for the 2012 Republican National Convention

[Mike Lawler, LinkedIn, accessed [6/15/22](#)]

February 2011-September 2011: Lawler Served As Political Director/Deputy Political Director For The New York Republican State Committee

February 2011-September 2011: Lawler Served As Political Director/Deputy Political Director For The New York Republican State Committee. [LinkedIn, Mike Lawler, accessed [8/11/22](#)]



Mike Lawler

Assemblyman at New York State Assembly

- **Political Director/Deputy Political Director**

Feb 2011 - Sep 2011 · 8 mos

Greater New York City Area

- Oversaw all scheduling operations for the State Party and the Chairman
- Coordinated with County Chairs and Campaigns for Local and State Special Elections
- Coordinated phone banking, robocalls, and volunteers with County Chairman and Campaigns
- Coordinated political training sessions around the state in conjunction with the Political Director for Committee-members and Campaigns

[Mike Lawler, LinkedIn, accessed [6/15/22](#)]

November 2009-February 2011: Lawler Served As Special Assistant To The New York Republican State Committee Chair

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Mike Lawler

Assemblyman at New York State Assembly

- **Special Assistant to the Chairman**

Nov 2009 - Feb 2011 · 1 yr 4 mos

Greater New York City Area

- Traveled with Chairman Cox and advanced him at events across New York State
- Oversaw all scheduling operations for the State Party and the Chairman
- Cultivated relationships and coordinated directly with Candidates, Campaign staff, elected officials, County Chairman, and members of the press
- Assisted coworkers in facets of fundraising, communications, and voter outreach
- Developed and implemented the itinerary for the "Take Back New York Bus Tour"
- Managed the production of the 2010 GOP Convention in coordination with the Executive Director
- Created databases of elected officials, campaigns, and County Chairman
- Developed and maintain elements of the NYGOP Website
- Produced a 300-page briefing book about New York's 62 Counties, demographics, and elected officials

[Mike Lawler, LinkedIn, accessed [6/15/22](#)]

2009: Lawler Worked For The New York State Republican Party As A Field Organizer

Lawler Began Working For The New York State Republican Party As A Field Organizer In 2009. "Michael Lawler is a native and life-long resident of Rockland County. He graduated magna cum laude from Manhattan College. While in college he began his political career working on Senator John McCain's 2008 Presidential Campaign. He joined the Republican State Committee in November, 2009, as a member of the Field staff and has most recently served as Deputy Political Director, where he worked under the direction of Masterson." [Times Union, [6/28/11](#)]

2009: Lawler Graduated From Manhattan College

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Mike Lawler

Assemblyman at New York State Assembly

Education



Manhattan College

Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA), Accounting and Finance

2005 - 2009

[LinkedIn, Mike Lawler, accessed [8/11/22](#)]

2026: Lawler Was Listed As One Of The Most Corrupt Politicians In The Country

2026: End Citizens United Listed Mike Lawler On Its Most Corrupt Politicians, Calling Him A “Former Lobbyist” Who “Funneled \$500,000 In Campaign Committee Funds To His Own Firm.” “Rep. Lawler has taken over \$875,000 in corporate PAC money since his first election to Congress in 2022. He uses his position on the House Financial Services Committee to enrich his donors while harming consumers, raking in over \$1.1 million from individuals and PACs in the industry. Rep. Lawler is a former lobbyist who represented a pro-gas advocacy group and funneled \$500,000 in campaign committee funds to his own firm, in which he owned a 50% stake at the same time.” [End Citizens United, Most Corrupt 2026, accessed [6/4/26](#)]

May 2026: Lawler Was Reported To Have Used A “Complex And Lucrative Web Of Political And Financial Ties” Of Campaigns And Nonprofits To Pay \$720,000 To The Political Consulting Firm He Co-Founded

Politico Headline: “Overlapping Payments Reveal Rep. Mike Lawler’s Deep History As A Political Operative.” [Politico, [5/6/26](#)]

New York Times Headline: “Already Facing A Challenge, A Republican Is Accused Of Self-Dealing.” [New York Times, [5/11/26](#)]

Rawstory Headline: New Scandal Rocks MAGA’s Most Vulnerable Congressman:Report. [RawStory, [5/6/26](#)]

Politico Headline: “Lawler’s Campaigns Paid His Former Firm Over \$500K.” [Politico, [10/29/25](#)]

Politico: “Advocacy And Political Groups Controlled By Rep. Mike Lawler Paid More Than \$720,000 To The Political Consulting Firm He Co-Founded, A Comprehensive Review Of Public Records By POLITICO Shows.” “Advocacy and political groups controlled by Rep. Mike Lawler paid more than \$720,000 to the political consulting firm he co-founded, a comprehensive review of public records by POLITICO shows. The arrangement is not illegal, according to ethics watchdogs, but it raises conflict of interest questions from his past as the Republican House member seeks reelection in one of the most competitive battleground seats in the country. Lawler, a co-founder of the political consulting firm Checkmate Strategies, owned a 50 percent stake in that business and has directed advocacy-oriented nonprofits, political committees and campaigns for public office that paid it for its services. Lawler sold his stake in Checkmate Strategies last year, a deal he said netted him up to \$50,000, according to a personal financial disclosure form filed in August.” [Politico, [5/6/26](#)]

New York Times: Democrats Were “Scrutinizing A Complex And Lucrative Web Of Political And Financial Ties Among [Lawler’s] Campaign, Several Nonprofits And A Political Consulting Firm, Checkmate Strategies, That He Founded Before He Became A State Legislator.” “One need not look beyond the raucous, combative and occasionally catty town halls to get the sense that Representative Mike Lawler, Republican of New York, is facing a tough re-election fight. Now, Democrats looking to flip his seat are scrutinizing a complex and lucrative web of political and financial ties among his campaign, several nonprofits and a political consulting firm, Checkmate Strategies, that he founded before he became a state legislator.” [New York Times, [5/11/26](#)]

Politico: After Previous Reporting That Lawler’s Campaigns Paid His Firm \$500,000 Politico Found That “Lawler Directed A Host Of Organizations That Paid A Combined Total Of At Least \$221,515 To Checkmate For Its Services Between 2019 And 2021.” “POLITICO has previously reported that Lawler’s campaigns paid his former firm \$500,000 for campaign services. A new analysis of other campaign finance and lobbying records shows that in addition to those payments, before entering Congress, Lawler directed a host of organizations that paid a combined total of at least \$221,515 to Checkmate for its services between 2019 and 2021. Before his time in the House, Lawler honed his skills as an operative working as a lobbyist, political consultant and party boss. But the lines between the three roles often blurred together — a reality that now poses a political liability as Democrats eye his suburban congressional seat as a prime pickup opportunity this year. Lawler founded Checkmate Strategies in 2018 with Chris Russell, a political operative who now serves as his campaign spokesperson. Two years before Lawler divested from the firm in 2025, he valued his stake in the business at 50 percent.” [Politico, [5/6/26](#)]

Government Watchdog Groups Called Out Lawler’s Payments, Stating, “These Kinds Of Self-Dealing Transactions Should Be Banned.” “Government watchdog groups suggested the payments to Lawler’s former political firm from the organizations he directed were improper and called for such financial arrangements to be prohibited. ‘These kinds of self-dealing transactions should be banned,’ said Rachael Fauss, a senior policy advisor with the group Reinvent Albany. ‘No nonprofit board or political committee should allow their leadership to enter into contracts with another entity they have a financial stake in. Unfortunately, attempts to rein this in have failed for decades.’ Russell responded by attacking Reinvent Albany, saying that its board president, Aaron Naparstek, founded a pro-transit news outlet that criticized Lawler’s opposition to congestion pricing in New York.” [Politico, [5/6/26](#)]

Politico: “The Payments To Checkmate From A Web Of Organizations Lawler Controlled Show The Hudson Valley Republican’s Deep Experience As An Operative, A Fact That Continues To Be Made Clear As Lawler Meddles In The Democratic Primary For His Battleground Seat.” “The payments to Checkmate from a web of organizations Lawler controlled show the Hudson Valley Republican’s deep experience as an operative, a fact that continues to be made clear as Lawler meddles in the Democratic primary for his battleground seat. Earlier this month, Team Lawler sent a covert text message blast to Democratic voters. The text was an apparent attempt to sow discord in their crowded primary, and its sender was only revealed when respondents replied ‘HELP’ to the message. The next week, Lawler taunted the chair of the Westchester Democratic County party online after the organization opted against endorsing in the race. And a few days later, his campaign manager filed an unsuccessful lawsuit to kick an underdog Democratic candidate off the primary ballot.” [Politico, [5/6/26](#)]

A Spokesperson Claimed That Lawler Followed House Ethics And FEC Guidance But Declined To Provide A Guidance He Received From The Ethics Committee. “Chris Russell, a spokesman for Mr. Lawler, co-founded Checkmate Strategies with the congressman in 2018 and bought out Mr. Lawler’s share of the company in 2023. Mr. Russell strenuously denied that Mr. Lawler had done anything improper, and said Mr. Lawler had regularly sought and adhered to ethics guidelines and guidance. ‘This same baseless and false attack has been launched by political hacks on the left and their phony ‘good government’ groups every year for the last four years,’ Mr. Russell said in a statement. ‘The truth is that Congressman Lawler has followed, and often gone above and beyond, the guidance of House Ethics, the F.E.C., and state regulators every step of the way.’ Mr. Lawler declined to provide a copy of the guidance he received from the House Ethics Committee. Mr. Russell called the buyout, which Mr. Lawler reported was for a sum up to \$50,000, a ‘private business transaction.’” [New York Times, [5/11/26](#)]

Mike Lawler Served As The Director At Two Separate Nonprofits Which Paid Him And His Firm, Checkmate Strategies, Over \$200,000 To Lobby On Their Behalf

Lawler Served As The Bookkeeper And Executive Director Of New Yorkers For Affordable Energy, Who Paid Lawler To Be A Lobbyist At The Same Time Lawler Was A Director For The Nonprofit

June 2019-December 2019: Lawler Was Listed As The Bookkeeper For Nonprofit New Yorkers For Affordable Energy

June 2019: New Yorkers For Affordable Energy Filed Its Articles Of Incorporation As A “DOMESTIC NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION” With The New York Department Of State. [New York Department of State- Division of Corporations, Business Entity Search, DOS ID: 5564356, accessed [11/6/25](#)]

Department of State
Division of Corporations
Entity Information

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Entity Details

ENTITY NAME: NEW YORKERS FOR AFFORDABLE ENERGY, INC.	DOS ID: 5564356
FOREIGN LEGAL NAME:	FICTITIOUS NAME:
ENTITY TYPE: DOMESTIC NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION	DURATION DATE/LATEST DATE OF DISSOLUTION:
SECTION OF LAW: 1401 NCL - NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION LAW	ENTITY STATUS: ACTIVE
DATE OF INITIAL DOS FILING: 06/04/2019	REASON FOR STATUS:
EFFECTIVE DATE INITIAL FILING: 06/04/2019	INACTIVE DATE:
FOREIGN FORMATION DATE:	STATEMENT STATUS: NOT REQUIRED
COUNTY: NEW YORK	NEXT STATEMENT DUE DATE:
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[New York Department of State- Division of Corporations, Business Entity Search, DOS ID: 5564356, accessed [11/6/25](#)]

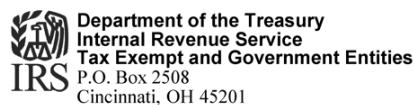
2019: New Yorkers For Affordable Energy Listed That The “Organization’s Books [Were] In Care Of Michael Lawler.” [IRS, New Yorkers for Affordable Energy, Form 990 EO, [Tax Year 2019](#)]

42 a The organization's books are in care of ▶ MICHAEL LAWLER Telephone no ▶ (845) 721-5396
Located at ▶ 111 WASHINGTON AVE STE 602 ALBANY NY ZIP + 4 ▶ 12210

[IRS, New Yorkers for Affordable Energy, Form 990 EO, [Tax Year 2019](#)]

NOTE: Since New Yorkers for Affordable Energy was incorporated in June 2019, their Form 990 EO for Tax Year 2019 refers to all activities conducted between June 2019 and December 2019.

- **New Yorkers For Affordable Energy Was A Tax Exempt Organization Under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(C)(6).** [IRS, New Yorkers for Affordable Energy, Determination Letter, filed [3/23/22](#)]



NEW YORKERS FOR AFFORDABLE ENERGY INC
111 WASHINGTON AVE STE 602
ALBANY, NY 12210

Date: 03/23/2022
Employer ID number: 84-1780324
Person to contact: Name: Brendon Stockwell
ID number: 32115
Telephone: 877-829-5500
Accounting period ending: December 31
Form 990/990-EZ/990-N required: Yes
Effective date of exemption: June 4, 2019
Contribution deductibility: No
Addendum applies: No
DLN: 29053216301031

Dear Applicant:

We're pleased to tell you we determined you're exempt from federal income tax under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(c)(6). This letter could help resolve questions on your exempt status. Please keep it for your records.

[IRS, New Yorkers for Affordable Energy, Determination Letter, filed [3/23/22](#)]

- **501(C)(6) Organizations Were Business Leagues, Chambers Of Commerce, Real Estate Boards, Boards Of Trade, Or Professional Football Leagues.** “Section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code provides for the exemption of the following types of organizations: Business leagues, Chambers of commerce, Real estate boards, Boards of trade, Or Professional football leagues.” [IRS, Section 501(C)(6), accessed [11/3/25](#)]

November 2019-December 2020: New Yorkers For Affordable Energy Paid Mike Lawler And His Firm, Checkmate Strategies, \$97,500 To Lobby For Them, Even While Lawler Listed Himself As A Director Of The Nonprofit

December 2019: New Yorkers For Affordable Energy Signed A Contract Authorizing Checkmate Strategies LLC To Lobby On Behalf Of The Firm And Stated They Would Pay The Firm \$7,500 Per Month. “I, Michelle Hook, on behalf of New Yorkers for Affordable Energy hereby authorize Checkmate Strategies, LLC to lobby the Executive and Legislative branches of New York State Government on behalf of New Yorkers for Affordable Energy for the period of time beginning December 15, 2019 and ending December 31, 2020, unless earlier terminated by the parties. Checkmate Strategies, LLC will be paid \$7,500 per month for services pursuant to this authorization.” [New York State Commission on Ethics and Lobbying in Government, Lobbyist Agreement Contract filed [12/15/19](#)]

December 15, 2019

New York State Commission on Public Integrity
540 Broadway
Albany, NY 12207

ATTN: Program Operations

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Sincerely,



New Yorkers for Affordable Energy

Agreed to:



Michael Lawler
Checkmate Strategies, LLC
Date:

[New York State Commission on Ethics and Lobbying in Government, Lobbyist Agreement Contract filed [12/15/19](#)]

January 2020: New Yorkers For Affordable Energy Filed A Lobbyist Registration Form, Listing Checkmate Strategies As Its Principal Lobbyist And Michael Lawler As Its Sole Individual Lobbyist. According to the New York State Commission on Ethics and Lobbying in Government, on January 5th, 2020, New Yorkers for Affordable Energy filed a lobbyist registration form. The form listed Checkmate Strategies, LLC as the principal lobbyist, and named Michael Lawler as the sole individual lobbyist on the contract. [New York State Commission on Ethics and Lobbying in Government, Lobbyist Registration, filed [1/5/20](#)]

LOBBYIST REGISTRATION

FILING PERIOD: 2019 - 2020

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PRINCIPAL LOBBYIST

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5 BANYAN COURT
JACKSON, NJ 08527
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CONTRACTUAL CLIENT

NEW YORKERS FOR AFFORDABLE
ENERGY
5 BANYAN COURT
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BENEFICIAL CLIENTS

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INDIVIDUAL LOBBYIST(S)

NAME	START DATE	TERMINATION DATE	DESIGNATED LOBBYIST
MICHAEL LAWLER	1/5/2020	Ongoing	No

[New York State Commission on Ethics and Lobbying in Government, Lobbyist Registration, filed [1/5/20](#)]

- **Lawler Was A Cofounder Of Checkmate Strategies.** “Lawler, who is currently running for the 17th Congressional District in the Hudson Valley against Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney, won his seat in the Assembly in 2020. Before then, he had worked as a political strategist and campaign consultant at Checkmate Strategies, a firm he co-founded with Chris Russell in 2018.” [City and State, [10/21/22](#)]

November 2019-December 2020: New Yorkers For Affordable Energy Paid Lawler And Checkmate Strategies \$97,500.00 For Their Lobbying Services. [New York State Commission on Ethics and Lobbying in Government, Bi-Monthlies, accessed [11/3/25](#)]

New Yorkers For Affordable Energy: Payments To Checkmate Strategies	
Filing Period	Amount Paid
November 2019 – December 2019	\$7,500.00
January 2020 – February 2020	\$15,000.00
March 2020 – April 2020	\$15,000.00
May 2020 – June 2020	\$15,000.00
July 2020 – August 2020	\$15,000.00
September 2020 – October 2020	\$15,000.00
November 2020 – December 2020	\$15,000.00
Total:	\$97,500.00

[New York State Commission on Ethics and Lobbying in Government, Bi-Monthlies, accessed [11/3/25](#)]

2020: Lawler Reported On His New York State Financial Disclosure He Was A Director At New Yorkers For Affordable Energy. [State Of New York Legislative Ethics Commission, Michael Lawler Annual Statement of Financial Disclosure, Calendar Year 2020, [5/11/21](#)]

4. (a) List any office, trusteeship, directorship, partnership, or position of any nature, whether compensated or not, held by the reporting individual with any firm, corporation, association, partnership, or other organization other than the State of New York. Include compensated honorary positions; do NOT list membership or uncompensated honorary positions. If the listed entity was licensed by any state or local agency, was regulated by any state regulatory agency or local agency, or, as a regular and significant part of the business or activity of said entity, did business with, or had matters other than ministerial matters before, any state or local agency, list the name of any such agency.

Position	Organization	State or Local Agency
Deputy Town Supervisor	Town of Orangetown	N/A
Partner	Checkmate Strategies LLC	JCOPE
Chairman	Orangetown Republican Committee	Board of Elections
Director	Future Pla	JCOPE
Director	New Yorkers for Affordable Energy	JCOPE
President/CEO	Brooks Tacks Strategies LLC	N/A

- (b) List any office, trusteeship, directorship, partnership, or position of any nature, whether compensated or not, held by the spouse or unemancipated child of the reporting individual, with any firm, corporation, association, partnership, or other organization other than the State of New York. Include compensated honorary positions; do NOT list membership or uncompensated honorary positions. If the listed entity was licensed by any state or local agency, was regulated by any state regulatory agency or local agency, or, as a regular and significant part of the business or activity of said entity, did business with, or had matters other than ministerial matters before, any state or local agency, list the name of any such agency.

Position	Organization	State or Local Agency
N/A		

[State Of New York Legislative Ethics Commission, Michael Lawler Annual Statement of Financial Disclosure, Calendar Year 2020, [5/11/21](#)]

August 2020: In An Op-Ed He Wrote, Mike Lawler Was Referred To As The Director Of New Yorkers For Affordable Energy. “Michael Lawler is the director of New Yorkers for Affordable Energy.” [LoHud, Mike Lawler Op-Ed, [8/26/20](#)]

2020-2023: Despite Not Listing Lawler As An Officer Of The Nonprofit, Lawler’s Phone Number Was Listed As The Official Phone Number For The Organization On Its IRS Filings

2019: New Yorkers For Affordable Energy Listed That The “Organization’s Books [Were] In Care Of Michael Lawler” And Listed His Phone Number As (845) 721-5396. [IRS, New Yorkers for Affordable Energy, Form 990 EO, [Tax Year 2019](#)]

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[IRS, New Yorkers for Affordable Energy, Form 990 EO, [Tax Year 2019](#)]

Multiple Press Releases Sent Out By Lawler Listed His Phone Number As (845) 721-5396. [Walsh for D.A., Press Release, accessed [11/3/25](#); Walsh for D.A., Press Release, accessed [11/3/25](#); Committee to Elect Joe Spofford, Press Release, accessed [11/3/25](#)]



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Contact: Michael Lawler
Phone: 845-721-5396

WESTCHESTER COUNTY CORRECTION OFFICERS AND
SUPERIOR OFFICERS ENDORSE JUDGE TOM WALSH FOR
ROCKLAND COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Contact: Michael Lawler
Phone: 845-721-5396

LAW ENFORCEMENT UNIONS AND NEW YORK STATE RIFLE
AND PISTOL ASSOCIATION ENDORSE JUDGE JOE SPOFFORD
FOR COUNTY COURT JUDGE
*Spofford, a Carmel Town Justice, is running to replace County Court Judge
Jim Reitz*

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Contact: Michael Lawler
Phone: 845-721-5396

JUDGE TOM WALSH AND MAYOR PATTI ANN MCDONALD
CALL FOR CHANGES TO NYS PENAL LAW
TO PROTECT PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

[Walsh for D.A., Press Release, accessed [11/3/25](#); Walsh for D.A., Press Release, accessed [11/3/25](#); Committee to
Elect Joe Spofford, Press Release, accessed [11/3/25](#)]

**2020: New Yorkers For Affordable Energy Did Not List Lawler As An Officer But Listed (845) 721-5396 As
The Company's Official Telephone Number.** [IRS, New Yorkers for Affordable Energy, Form 990 EZ, [Tax Year
2020](#)]

Form 990-EZ		Short Form Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)		OMB No 1545-0047
Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service		<p>▶ Do not enter social security numbers on this form, as it may be made public.</p> <p>▶ Go to www.irs.gov/Form990EZ for instructions and the latest information.</p>		2020
A For the 2020 calendar year, or tax year beginning		, 2020, and ending		Open to Public Inspection
B Check if applicable	C	D Employer identification number	E Telephone number	
<input type="checkbox"/> Address change	NEW YORKERS FOR AFFORDABLE ENERGY INC 111 WASHINGTON AVE #602 ALBANY, NY 12210	84-1780324	(845) 721-5396	
<input type="checkbox"/> Name change		F Group Exemption Number		
<input type="checkbox"/> Initial return		06		
<input type="checkbox"/> Final return/terminated		1		
<input type="checkbox"/> Amended return		H Check <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> if the organization is not		
<input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	G Accounting Method: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Accrual Other (specify) ▶			

[IRS, New Yorkers for Affordable Energy, Form 990 EZ, [Tax Year 2020](#)]

**2021: New Yorkers For Affordable Energy Did Not List Lawler As An Officer But Listed (845) 721-5396 As
The Company's Official Telephone Number.** [ProPublica, New Yorkers for Affordable Energy, Form 990 EZ,
[Tax Year 2021](#)]

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Form 990EZ Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service	Short Form Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax		OMB No. 1545-0047
	Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)		2021
▶ Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public. ▶ Go to www.irs.gov/Form990EZ for instructions and the latest information.			Open to Public Inspection

A For the 2021 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2021, and ending 12-31-2021			
B Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Final return/terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	C Name of organization NEW YORKERS FOR AFFORDABLE ENERGY INC		D Employer identification number 84-1780324
	Doing business as		E Telephone number (845) 721-5396
	Number and street (or P.O. box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite 111 WASHINGTON AVE 602	F Group Exemption Number	
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code ALBANY, NY 12210			

[ProPublica, New Yorkers for Affordable Energy, Form 990 EZ, [Tax Year 2021](#)]

NOTE: The IRS [link](#) to the 2021 form 990 EZ is currently nonfunctioning- ProPublica's database has been used as an alternative source.

2022: New Yorkers For Affordable Energy Did Not List Lawler As An Officer But Listed (845) 721-5396 As The Company's Official Telephone Number. [IRS, New Yorkers for Affordable Energy, Form 990, [Tax Year 2022](#)]

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Form 990 Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service	Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax		OMB No. 1545-0047
	Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)		2022
▶ Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public. ▶ Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.			Open to Public Inspection
A For the 2022 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2022, and ending 12-31-2022			
B Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Final return/terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	C Name of organization NEW YORKERS FOR AFFORDABLE ENERGY INC		D Employer identification number 84-1780324
	Doing business as		E Telephone number (845) 721-5396
	Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite 111 WASHINGTON AVE 602	G Gross receipts \$ 654,500	
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code ALBANY, NY 12210			

[IRS, New Yorkers for Affordable Energy, Form 990, [Tax Year 2022](#)]

2023: New Yorkers For Affordable Energy Did Not List Lawler As An Officer But Listed (845) 721-5396 As The Company's Official Telephone Number. [ProPublica, New Yorkers for Affordable Energy, Form 990, [Tax Year 2023](#)]

efile Public Visual Render		ObjectID: 202403099349302235 - Submission: 2024-11-04	TIN: 84-1780324
Form 990 Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service	Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax		OMB No. 1545-0047
	Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)		2023
Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public. Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.			Open to Public Inspection
A For the 2023 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2023, and ending 12-31-2023			
B Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Final return/terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	C Name of organization NEW YORKERS FOR AFFORDABLE ENERGY INC		D Employer identification number 84-1780324
	Doing business as		E Telephone number (845) 721-5396
	Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite 111 WASHINGTON AVE 602	G Gross receipts \$ 289,000	
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code ALBANY, NY 12210			

[ProPublica, New Yorkers for Affordable Energy, Form 990, [Tax Year 2023](#)]

Note: The IRS does not yet list New Yorkers for Affordable Energy's form 990 for Tax Year 2023.

Lawler Was Later Referred To As The Executive Director Of New Yorkers For Affordable Energy By The New York Post, A Claim He Reposted On His Official Website

February 2025: The New York Post Reported That Kathy Hochul's Team Noted Lawler Was Previously An Executive Director For New Yorkers For Affordable Energy. "Hochul's campaign team also painted Lawler as a tool of the fossil fuel industry, noting he previously served as a lobbyist and executive director of New Yorkers for Affordable Energy, a group that promotes natural gas." [New York Post, [2/13/25](#)]

- **February 2025: Lawler Reposted The Article's Full Text On His Official Congressional Website.** [Rep. Mike Lawler, [2/13/25](#)]

Energy Policy Institute Called Lawler The First Executive Director Of New Yorkers For Affordable Energy. "New Yorkers for Affordable Energy is a front group whose utility company members include National Grid, Avangrid, Central Hudson, and National Fuel. The group, which advocates for expanding methane gas infrastructure in New York, also receives support from other major gas industry interests, such as the American Petroleum Institute, Williams Companies, and Millennium Pipeline. [...] Mike Lawler, a lobbyist at Checkmate Strategies, served as the group's first executive director. Lawler was a republican state assemblymember since 2020 and then won his congressional bid in New York's 17th district. Lawler has also lobbied for the Engineers Labor-Employer Cooperative, a member of NY4AE, since 2021, according to his financial disclosure." [Energy Policy Institute, accessed [11/7/25](#)]

Lawler Served As The Director Of 17 Forward 86 At The Same Time The Company Paid Him And His Firm For Lobbying Services

February 2020: Lawler Was The Director Of Nonprofit 17 Forward 86

17 Forward 86 Was A Tax-Exempt Organization Under Internal Revenue Code Section 501(C)4. [IRS, 17 Forward 86, Determination Letter, filed [11/6/19](#)]

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
P. O. BOX 2508
CINCINNATI, OH 45201

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Date: **NOV 06 2019**

17 FORWARD 86 INC
C/O KATE GIBBS
50 STATE ST, STE 4
ALBANY, NY 12207

Employer Identification Number:
83-2404017
DLN:
17053136330009
Contact Person:
SIRIJUN MAYI ID# 31449
Contact Telephone Number:
(877) 829-5500
Accounting Period Ending:
December 31
Form 990/990-EZ/990-N Required:
Yes
Effective Date of Exemption:
October 16, 2018
Contribution Deductibility:
No
Addendum Applies:
No

Dear Applicant:

We're pleased to tell you we determined you're exempt from federal income tax under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(c)(4). This letter could help resolve questions on your exempt status. Please keep it for your records.

[IRS, 17 Forward 86, Determination Letter, filed [11/6/19](#)]

2020: Lawler Reported On His New York State Financial Disclosure He Was A Director At 17 Forward 86. [State Of New York Legislative Ethics Commission, Michael Lawler Annual Statement of Financial Disclosure, Calendar Year 2020, [5/11/21](#)]

4. (a) List any office, trusteeship, directorship, partnership, or position of any nature, whether compensated or not, held by the reporting individual with any firm, corporation, association, partnership, or other organization other than the State of New York. Include compensated honorary positions; do NOT list membership or uncompensated honorary positions. If the listed entity was licensed by any state or local agency, was regulated by any state regulatory agency or local agency, or, as a regular and significant part of the business or activity of said entity, did business with, or had matters other than ministerial matters before, any state or local agency, list the name of any such agency.

Position	Organization	State or Local Agency
Deputy Town Supervisor	Town of Orangetown	N/A
Partner	Checkmate Strategies LLC	JCOPE
Chairman	Orangetown Republican Committee	Board of Elections
Director	17 Forward 86	JCOPE
Director	New Yorkers for Affordable Energy	JCOPE
President/CEO	Breast Tacks Strategies LLC	N/A

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Position	Organization	State or Local Agency
N/A		

[State Of New York Legislative Ethics Commission, Michael Lawler Annual Statement of Financial Disclosure, Calendar Year 2020, [5/11/21](#)]

February 2020: PR News Wire Published A Press Release From 17 Forward 86 In Which They Referred To Lawler As A Director Of 17-Forward-86. “Close to 100 business and community leaders from Orange and Sullivan counties gathered to discuss current and future development in the region and the need to improve mobility for enhanced safety and economic stability. The Feb. 26 event, ‘Driving Our Region's Prosperity: Mobility as a Catalyst for Economic Development’ at West Hills Country Club was hosted by 17-Forward-86, a coalition advocating for a third lane east and west on Route 17 to enable future designation as Interstate 86. ‘We're so pleased to have so many of our colleagues join us today,’ said Michael Lawler, director of 17-Forward-86 and partner of Checkmate Strategies. ‘This impressive showing demonstrates the growing support for widening Route 17, to ensure our infrastructure is able to handle the added capacity from the many significant investments in our region.’” [17-Forward-86 via PR Newswire, Press Release, [2/28/20](#)]

- **Lawler Moderated A Panel For An Event Hosted By 17 Forward 86.** “Close to 100 business and community leaders from Orange and Sullivan counties gathered to discuss current and future development in the region and the need to improve mobility for enhanced safety and economic stability. The Feb. 26 event, "Driving Our Region's Prosperity: Mobility as a Catalyst for Economic Development" at West Hills Country Club was hosted by 17-Forward-86, a coalition advocating for a third lane east and west on Route 17 to enable future designation as Interstate 86. [...] Lawler moderated a diverse panel with representatives of business, economic development, health care and law enforcement who all agreed improving mobility is paramount to the safety, quality of life and economic well-being of the Hudson Valley and Sullivan Catskills.” [17-Forward-86 via PR Newswire, Press Release, [2/28/20](#)]

February 2020: The Times Herald Record Referred To Lawler As The Director Of 17 Forward 86. “During a breakfast at the West Hills Country Club in the Town of Wallkill, 17-Forward-86 Director Michael Lawler moderated a panel of multiple community stakeholders who touched on the public safety, local economy and quality of life issues that are at the forefront.” [Times Herald-Record, [2/26/20](#)]

- **17 Forward 86 Reposted The Article On Their Official Website.** [Times Herald-Record via 17-Forward-86, [2/26/20](#)]

February 2020: The Photo News Referred To Lawler As The Director Of 17 Forward 86. “The leadership of the 17-Forward-86 coalition met with Hudson Valley real estate professionals Feb. 14 to share details about the growing campaign to widen Route 17 in Orange and Sullivan counties. [...] ‘We’re at a pivotal point in our campaign and we have been working with our state delegation to make this project a focal point and a priority for our region,’ said Michael Lawler, director of 17-Forward-86. ‘As our region continues to see significant investments and substantial developments like Legoland and Amy’s Kitchen, we must ensure our infrastructure is able to handle the added capacity.’” [The Photo News, [2/20/20](#)]

January 2019- October 2020: 17 Forward 86 Paid Lawler And His Firm \$95,000 For Lobbying And Other Services

January 2019- December 2020: 17 Forward 86 Contracted Checkmate Strategies To Provide Lobbying And Public Affairs Services, Stating They Would Pay \$5,000 Per Month Plus Any Disbursements In Connection With Services Rendered. “Dear Ms. Gibbs, This letter is to confirm that Checkmate Strategies, LLC has been retained to provide lobbying, public affairs, grassroots coalition management, and day-to-day operational management services to 17 Forward 86, Inc. This contract begins on January 1, 2019 and runs through December 31, 2020. The fee for this representation is \$5,000 per month, plus any disbursements incurred in connection with services rendered to 17 Forward 86, Inc. This agreement may be terminated by either party, by providing the other party with thirty (30) days written notice.” [New York State Commission on Ethics and Lobbying in Government, Lobbying Agreement, signed [1/10/19](#)]

January 2019: 17 Forward 86 Filed A Lobbyist Registration Form, Listing Checkmate Strategies As Its Principal Lobbyist And Michael Lawler As Its Sole Individual Lobbyist. According to the New York State Commission on Ethics and Lobbying in Government, on January 13th, 2019, 17 Forward 86 filed a lobbyist registration form. The form listed Checkmate Strategies, LLC as the principal lobbyist, and named Michael Lawler as the sole individual lobbyist on the contract. [New York State Commission on Ethics and Lobbying in Government, Lobbyist Registration, filed [1/13/19](#)]

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p.845-721-5396

CONTRACTUAL CLIENT

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BENEFICIAL CLIENTS

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INDIVIDUAL LOBBYIST(S)

NAME	START DATE	TERMINATION DATE	DESIGNATED LOBBYIST
MICHAEL LAWLER	1/13/2019	Ongoing	No

[New York State Commission on Ethics and Lobbying in Government, Lobbyist Registration, filed [1/13/19](#)]

January 2019-October 2020: 17 Forward 86 Paid Lawler And Checkmate Strategies \$95,000.00. [New York State Commission on Ethics and Lobbying in Government, Bi-Monthlies, accessed [11/4/25](#)]

New Yorkers For Affordable Energy: Payments To Checkmate Strategies

Filing Period	Amount Paid
January 2019 – February 2019	\$10,000.00
March 2019 – April 2019	\$10,000.00
May 2019 – June 2019	\$10,000.00
July 2019 – August 2019	\$10,000.00
September 2019 – October 2019	\$10,000.00
November 2019 – December 2019	\$10,000.00
January 2020 – February 2020	\$10,000.00
March 2020 – April 2020	\$10,000.00
May 2020 – June 2020	\$5,000.00
July 2020 – August 2020	\$5,000.00
September 2020 – October 2020	\$5,000.00
Total:	\$95,000.00

[New York State Commission on Ethics and Lobbying in Government, Bi-Monthlies, accessed [11/4/25](#)]

Lawler’s Campaigns Paid A Political Consulting Firm That He Co-Founded, Checkmate Strategies, Over \$500,000 Despite Lawler Claiming No One Should Profit From Serving In Public Office

2016: Lawler Said Trump Should Forgo Any Profit He Makes While Serving As President, Adding “No One Should Profit From Serving In Public Office”

2016: Lawler Said Trump Should Forgo Any Profit He Makes While Serving As President, Adding “No One Should Profit From Serving In Public Office.” “.@Danjanison @joshgreenman he should. No one should profit from serving in public office, that's why we need term limits for every office.” [Mike Lawler, Twitter, [7/27/16](#)]



[Mike Lawler, Twitter, [7/27/16](#)]

2018: Lawler Cofounded, And Was A Partner At, Political Consulting Firm Checkmate Strategies With Chris Russell

January 2018-December 2022: Lawler Was A Partner At Checkmate Strategies, LLC, Per His LinkedIn. According to his LinkedIn, Lawler was a Partner at Checkmate Strategies, LLC, in the Greater New York City Area, from January 2018 until December 2022. [Mike Lawler, LinkedIn, accessed [11/2/23](#)]

2018: Lawler Cofounded The Political Consulting Firm With Chris Russell. “Lawler, who is currently running for the 17th Congressional District in the Hudson Valley against Rep. Sean Patrick Maloney, won his seat in the Assembly in 2020. Before then, he had worked as a political strategist and campaign consultant at Checkmate Strategies, a firm he co-founded with Chris Russell in 2018.” [City and State, [10/21/22](#)]

As Of The End Of April 2026, Lawler’s Campaign Had Paid Checkmate Strategies More Than Half A Million Dollars

2020- April 2026: Lawler’s Campaign Had Paid Checkmate Strategies \$568,636.51. [FEC, Disbursement Search, accessed [7/31/25](#); New York Board of Elections, Expenditure Search, accessed [4/19/24](#)]

Lawler Campaign Committees: Disbursements To Checkmate Strategies		
Committee Name	Cycle	Amount
Lawler for Congress Inc.	2026	\$88,287.98
Lawler for Congress Inc.	2024	\$189,349.47
Lawler for Congress Inc.	2022	\$180,758.16
Lawler 4 NY	2020, 2022	\$110,240.90
Total:		\$568,636.51

[FEC, Disbursement Search, accessed [6/4/26](#); New York Board of Elections, Expenditure Search, accessed [4/19/24](#)]

Lawler’s Separation Agreement From Checkmate Strategies Was “Pending” For Over A Year And Lawler Sold Off His Stake In The Company After Already Starting His Tenure In Congress

August 2024: Lawler Reported His January 2023 Separation Agreement From Checkmate Strategies Was Still Pending

August 2024: Lawler Reported His January 2023 Separation Agreement From Checkmate Strategies Was Still Pending. [Mike Lawler, Personal Financial Disclosure, filed [8/6/24](#)]

SCHEDULE F: AGREEMENTS

Date	Parties To	Terms of Agreement
January 2015	NEW YORK STATE AND ME	Participant in New York State and Local Retirement System program.
January 2023	CHECKMATE STRATEGIES AND ME	A separation agreement is pending with former firm.

[Mike Lawler, Personal Financial Disclosure, filed [8/6/24](#)]

August 2023: Lawler Reported A 50 Percent Stake In Checkmate Strategies, Which He Reported Had An “Undetermined” Value. [Mike Lawler, New Filer Personal Financial Disclosure, filed [8/12/23](#)]

Asset	Owner	Value of Asset	Income Type(s)	Income Current Year to Filing	Income Preceding Year
Chase Bank [BA]		\$100,001 - \$250,000	Interest	Not Applicable	\$1 - \$200
Checkmate Strategies, LLC, 50% Interest [OL]		Undetermined	Partnership Income	Not Applicable	None
LOCATION: Jackson/Ocean County, NJ, US					
DESCRIPTION: Political Consulting Firm					

[Mike Lawler, New Filer Personal Financial Disclosure, filed [8/12/23](#)]

2025: Lawler Reported He Received Between \$15,001 And \$50,000 From Selling Off His Stake In Checkmate Strategies

2025: Lawler Reported He Received Between \$15,001 And \$50,000 From A “Separation Payment” From Checkmate Strategies. [Mike Lawler, Personal Financial Disclosure, filed [8/12/25](#)]

FILER INFORMATION

Name: Hon. Michael Vincent Lawler
Status: Member
State/District: NY17

FILING INFORMATION

Filing Type: Annual Report
Filing Year: 2024
Filing Date: 08/12/2025

SCHEDULE A: ASSETS AND "UNEARNED" INCOME

Asset	Owner	Value of Asset	Income Type(s)	Income	Tx. > \$1,000?
Chase Bank [BA]		\$50,001 - \$100,000	Interest	\$1 - \$200	<input type="checkbox"/>
Checkmate Strategies [OL]		None	Separation payment	\$15,001 - \$50,000	<input type="checkbox"/>

LOCATION: Red Bank, NJ, US
DESCRIPTION: Separation payment from agreement.

[Mike Lawler, Personal Financial Disclosure, filed [8/12/25](#)]

Lawler’s Vote For The One Big Beautiful Bill Was Projected To Cost Hospitals In His District More Than \$100 Million In Medicaid Revenue And Devastate The Tens Of Thousands Of His Constituents Who Relied On Medicaid

Lawler Voted Twice For The One Big Beautiful Bill, Despite Repeatedly Promising Not To Enact Medicaid Cuts

February-April 2025: Lawler Repeatedly Stated He Would Not Support Medicaid Cuts And Would Stand Up To Support Vital Services Like Medicaid

April 2025: Lawler Signed A Letter That Promised Not To Support A Final Version Of The Big Beautiful Bill That “Includes Any Reduction In Medicaid Coverage For Vulnerable Populations.” “We acknowledge that we must reform Medicaid so that it is a strong and long-lasting program for years to come. Efficiency and transparency must be prioritized for program beneficiaries, hospitals, and states. We support targeted reforms to improve program integrity, reduce improper payments, and modernize delivery systems to fix flaws in the program that divert resources away from children, seniors, individuals with disabilities, and pregnant women – those who the program was intended to help. However, we cannot and will not support a final reconciliation bill that includes any reduction in Medicaid coverage for vulnerable populations. [...] Sincerely, [...] Michael V. Lawler” [Letter to Speaker Johnson, Majority Leader Scalise, Majority Whip Emmer and Chairman Guthrie, [4/14/25](#)]

Mike Lawler April 2025 Op-Ed: “I Will Never Cast A Vote That Takes Medicaid Away From Eligible Recipients Who Rely On This Vital Program.” “There are several important things readers of this opinion page need to know regarding the dishonest op-ed that ran here recently lying about my position on Medicaid, among other things. [...] Likewise, I will never cast a vote that takes Medicaid away from eligible recipients who rely on this vital program, such as seniors, children, the intellectually and developmentally disabled, single mothers and

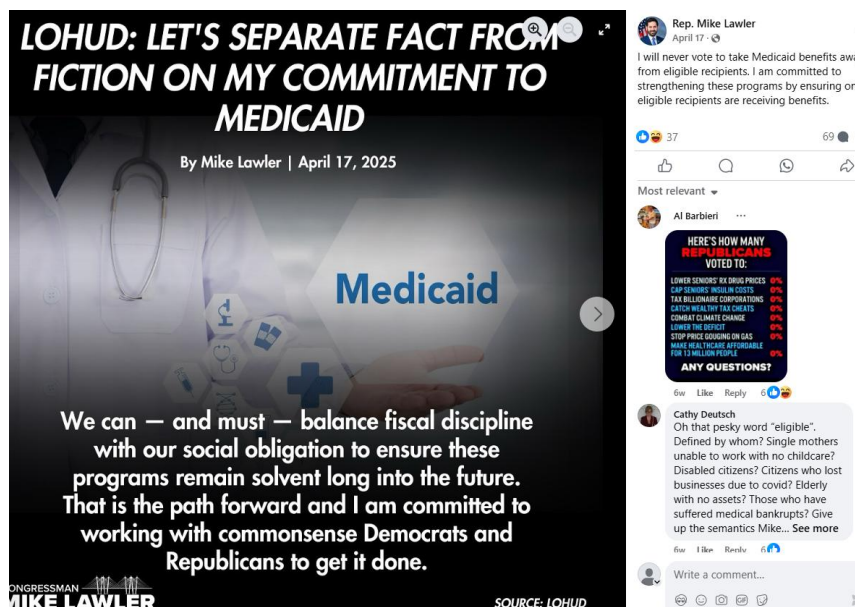
families facing tough times. Rather, my commitment has always been to strengthen these programs by cracking down on scam artists exploiting them at taxpayer expense.” [LoHud, Mike Lawler Op-Ed, [4/17/25](#)]

Lawler In April 2025: “Let Me Be Clear, I Will Not Support Cuts To Eligible Medicaid Beneficiaries.” [Mike Lawler, Instagram, [4/10/25](#)]



[Mike Lawler, Instagram, [4/10/25](#)]

Lawler In April 2025: “I Will Never Vote To Take Medicaid Benefits Away From Eligible Recipients. I Am Committed To Strengthening These Programs By Ensuring Only Eligible Recipients Are Receiving Benefits.” [Rep. Mike Lawler, Facebook, [4/17/25](#)]



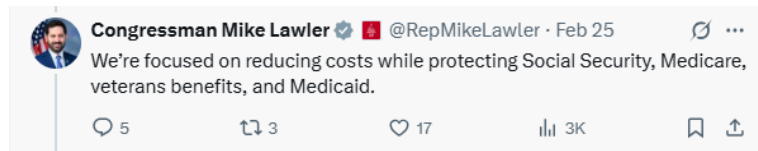
[Rep. Mike Lawler, Facebook, [4/17/25](#)]

VIDEO: Lawler Said, “I Will Always Stand Up Against Efforts To Cut Vital Programs” Like Social Security, Medicare, And Medicaid. LAWLER: “Now a lot is going to be said in the coming weeks and months as we negotiate a final bill. Democrats will tell you it’s going to cut Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, and take away your health care. They’re lying, and nothing can be further from the truth. I will always stand up against efforts to cut vital programs or take away your benefits.” [Rep. Mike Lawler, Twitter, [2/25/25](#)] (VIDEO)



[Rep. Mike Lawler, Twitter, 0:35, [2/25/25](#)] (VIDEO)

February 2025: Lawler Said Republicans Were “Focused On Reducing Costs While Protecting Social Security, Medicare, Veterans Benefits, And Medicaid.” “We’re focused on reducing costs while protecting Social Security, Medicare, veterans benefits, and Medicaid.” [Mike Lawler, Twitter, [2/25/25](#)]



[Mike Lawler, Twitter, [2/25/25](#)]

May 2025: Lawler Voted To Pass The One Big Beautiful Bill

May 2025: Lawler Voted For H.R. 1, The One Big Beautiful Bill Act. In May 2025, Lawler voted for: “Passage of the bill that would provide for approximately \$3.8 trillion in net tax cuts and \$321 billion in military, border enforcement and judiciary spending, offset by \$1.5 trillion in spending reductions, as instructed in the fiscal 2025 budget resolution (H Con Res 14). It would raise the statutory debt limit by \$4 trillion and provide for increased spending on defense and border security, spending cuts on social safety net programs, such as Medicaid and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. It also includes a mix of tax breaks for businesses and individuals; tax increases on universities and foundations; and a phase-down of clean energy tax credits. It would reduce spending on Medicaid by \$625 billion over a 10-year period and modify eligibility and cost provisions for enrollees and health providers and impose work, volunteer and education requirements on adults ages 19 to 64 who are covered by the program. It would appropriate “such sums as necessary” for reducing cost-sharing payments for low-income individuals who’ve purchased “silver” plans on the 2010 health care law’s exchanges. But payments to plans that cover abortions would be mostly barred. It would extend and make permanent individual tax brackets and rates included in the 2017 tax overhaul law (PL 115-97) and provide for the adjustment of the lower bounds of each tier based on inflation. It would reduce federal spending on the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program by requiring states to shoulder more of the cost, expand work requirements for SNAP, extend programs authorized under the 2018 farm bill, and prohibit the U.S. Department of Agriculture from increasing the cost of the Thrifty Food Program. As amended, it would cap state and local tax deductions at \$40,000 for households with incomes below \$500,000 and prohibit Medicaid funding for gender transition therapies or procedures for minors and adults, among other provisions.” The bill passed by a vote of 215-214. [H.R. 1, [Vote #145](#), 5/22/25; CQ, [5/22/25](#)]

July 2025: Lawler Voted For Final Passage Of The Senate Version Of The One Big Beautiful Bill

July 2025: Lawler Voted For H.R. 1, The One Big Beautiful Bill Act. In July 2025, Lawler voted for: “Motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the bill that would permanently extend nearly \$4 trillion in expiring individual and business tax cuts, create several new tax breaks and fund border and immigration enforcement and air traffic control upgrades. It would cut Medicaid and other safety net programs to partly offset the cost. Among other provisions, it would raise the statutory debt ceiling by \$5 trillion and appropriate more than \$448 billion in mandatory funding for Trump administration priorities and other needs, including \$153 billion for defense, \$89 billion for immigration enforcement, and \$89.5 billion for border control and security. It also would increase the state and local tax deduction cap to \$40,000 annually for five years for households making up to \$500,000 a year until 2030, when it would permanently revert to \$10,000.” The motion was agreed to by a vote of 218-214. [HR 1, [Vote #190](#), 7/3/25; CQ, [7/3/25](#)]

The One Big Beautiful Bill Was Estimated To Cut More Than \$100 Million In Hospital Revenue In Lawler’s District And Forced Hudson Valley Hospitals To Enact Mass Layoffs

The Hudson Valley Examiner Reported That Lawler’s Vote For The Big Beautiful Bill Could Cause Local Hospitals To Lose Over \$100 Million In Revenue, Sparking Backlash From Hospital Officials

Hudson Valley Examiner News Headline: “Lawler Faces Scrutiny As Medicaid Cuts Threaten Local Hospitals.” [Examiner News, [9/17/25](#)]

Examiner News Reported That Lawler’s Vote For The “Big Beautiful Bill” Could Cause Hospitals To Lose More Than \$100 Million In Revenue. “Area lawmakers are warning that Medicaid cuts stemming from the enactment of President Donald Trump’s so-called ‘Big Beautiful Bill’ could put hospitals in the Hudson Valley under severe pressure, potentially forcing service reductions and driving more residents to emergency rooms. The legislation has also drawn scrutiny of local Republican Rep. Mike Lawler’s vote, with Democratic-aligned groups highlighting his earlier statements opposing Medicaid cuts. Although exact figures are hard to project, Northern Westchester Hospital could lose \$5.8 million in Medicaid revenue and Phelps Hospital \$6.5 million, part of more than \$100 million in cuts projected across Hudson Valley hospitals, according to estimates from the center-left think tank Third Way.” [Examiner News, [9/17/25](#)]

President Of Northwell Health’s Northern Westchester Hospital Derek Anderson On The Bill: “We’re In Probably One Of The Biggest Fights In Our Lives That We’ve Seen In Healthcare In A Very Long Time.” “A spokesperson for Northwell Health declined The Examiner’s request for comment and directed questions about the projected cuts and their impact to the Greater New York Hospital Association (GNYHA). When reached, the GNYHA also declined an interview request. However, this past spring, on Examiner Media’s weekly podcast Local Matters Westchester, Derek Anderson, president of Northwell Health’s Northern Westchester Hospital, discussed the gravity of the pending bill. ‘We’re in probably one of the biggest fights in our lives that we’ve seen in healthcare in a very long time,’ he said. ‘Those who have been in healthcare 30, 40 years have never seen anything quite like this.’” [Examiner News, [9/17/25](#)]

- **Anderson: The Big Beautiful Bill “Really Could Have Devastating Effects” On Northwell Health’s Hospital.** “‘If you look at Northwell Health in totality, we operate on a 1 percent margin,’ Anderson explained in May on the podcast. ‘This particular proposed legislation really could have devastating effects.’ Anderson also said important programs could face major challenges.” [Examiner News, [9/17/25](#)]

Examiner News: “The Cuts Are Likely To Exacerbate The Financial Strain Hospitals Already Navigate.” “The cuts are likely to exacerbate the financial strain hospitals already navigate. A local legislative office said that 70 hospitals in New York currently earn a quarter of total patient revenue through government funding, including Medicaid. With just a 10 percent cut to Medicaid revenue, 94 out of New York’s 156 hospitals are expected to see their annual profits erode entirely.” [Examiner News, [9/17/25](#)]

Examiner News: The Big Beautiful Bill’s Medicaid Cuts “Are Expected To Eliminate More Than 78,000 Healthcare Jobs.” “In terms of employment, Medicaid reductions are expected to eliminate more than 78,000

healthcare jobs, leading to an additional 136,000 jobs lost through an economic ripple effect, according to a local legislative office. This loss accounts for over 2 percent of New York State’s workforce. The office said \$14.4 billion will be lost in hospital-generated economic activity as a result, weakening the state’s economy.” [Examiner News, [9/17/25](#)]

Lawler’s District Was Expected To See \$103,712,756.09 In Cuts To Hospital Revenue As A Result Of The Big Beautiful Bill

The Big Beautiful Bill Would Cost Hospitals In Lawler’s District More Than \$103,712,756.09 In Lost Revenue. [Third Way, [7/8/25](#)]

Third Way: Projected Revenue Cuts To Hospitals In NY-17 As A Result Of The Big Beautiful Bill		
Hospital Name	Address	Projected Revenue Cut
Westchester Medical Center	100 Woods Rd, Valhalla, 10595	\$67,006,423.09
Montefiore Nyack Hospital	160 North Midland Avenue, Nyack, 10960	\$9,614,690.55
Good Samaritan Hospital	255 Lafayette Avenue, Suffern, 10901	\$8,135,233.55
Phelps Memorial Hospital Center	701 North Broadway, Sleepy Hollow, 10591	\$6,511,036.57
Northern Westchester Hospital	400 East Main Street, Mount Kisco, 10549	\$5,781,646.50
New York Presbyterian Hudson Valley	1980 Crompond Road, Cortlandt Manor, 10567	\$4,834,870.84
Putnam Hospital Center	670 Stoneleigh Ave, Carmel, 10512	\$1,828,854.99
Total:		\$103,712,756.09

[Third Way, [7/8/25](#)]

Hospitals In The Hudson Valley Were Already Cutting Essential Services And Staff In Anticipation Of The Big Beautiful Bill’s Cuts

Mid Hudson News Headline: “Garnet Health Cuts Programs; Lays Off 42.” [Mid Hudson News, [6/18/25](#)]

June 2025: Garnet Health Medical Center Announced It Would Be Laying Off 42 Employees And Eliminating Various Outpatients Programs, Citing Anticipated Federal Medicaid Cuts. “TOWN OF WALLKILL – Noting a challenging healthcare climate, shrinking federal reimbursements and anticipated federal cuts to Medicaid, Garnet Health Medical Center announced late Tuesday that it was laying off 42 employees and eliminating the underutilized outpatients pulmonary rehabilitation service at Garnet Health Medical Center in the Town of Wallkill and outpatient diabetes services at both Garnet Health Center and Garnet Health Medical Center – Catskills.” [Mid Hudson News, [6/18/25](#)]

- **Garnet Health President And CEO Jonathan Schiller Said The Layoffs Were “The Direct Result Of Diminishing Federal Reimbursement And Cuts.”** “‘Without question, the healthcare climate continues to be challenging, with no immediate signs of reprieve,’ said Garnet Health President and CEO Jonathan Schiller. [...] ‘I share this news with a deep and personal sadness,’ said Schiller. ‘This restructuring and reduction in force is in no way about the performance of individuals. Instead, it is the direct result of diminishing federal reimbursement and cuts impacting Garnet Health’s current and projected financial sustainability.’” [Mid Hudson News, [6/18/25](#)]

The Big Beautiful Bill Was Estimated To Kick Over 35,000 Of Lawler’s Constituents Off Of Medicaid And Would Force Over 1,400 Hospital Workers To Lose Their Jobs

As A Result Of The Big Beautiful Bill, 37,042 Individuals In NY-17 Were Estimated To Lose Medicaid Coverage. [Joint Economic Committee, [September 2025](#)]

The Big Beautiful Bill’s Medicaid Cuts Were Estimated To Cause A Loss Of More Than 2,700 Health Care Related Job Losses, 1,400 Of Which Were In Hospitals, In NY-17. [Governor Kathy Hochul, [June 2025](#)]

The Big Beautiful Bill’s Medicaid Cuts Were Estimated To Cause A Loss Of \$616,820,000 In Economic Activity In NY-17. [Governor Kathy Hochul, [June 2025](#)]

Local Community Leaders And Health Care Workers Protested Against Medicaid Cuts In The Bill And Criticized Lawler For Voting “To Gut The Lifeline That Holds Our Hospitals Together”

March 2025: 3,000 New Yorkers Protested Republican Plans To Cut Medicaid And Called Lawler A Liar For Claiming He Would Protect Medicaid

March 2025: 3,000 New Yorkers Gathered At The “Rally In The Valley” To Protest Republican Plans To Cut Medicaid. “The message was clear from some 3,000 people who rely on Medicaid, their caregivers and the agencies that support them: Protect Medicaid. At the ‘Rally in the Valley,’ held Friday, March 7, at Clover Stadium, people with disabilities who rely on Medicaid, their support workers and agencies that serve the disabilities community came together to advocate for the federal healthcare program that supports low-income and disabled people. About 72 million Americans, including 7 million New Yorkers, receive Medicaid assistance. The focus of much of the crowd's ire: a federal budget blueprint, backed by Republicans in Congress, that experts say would lead to \$880 billion in cuts to Medicaid.” [Lohud, [3/7/25](#)]

- **Lawler Attended The Event And Was Boomed And Called A Liar For Claiming To Stand Up To Protect Medicaid.** “Lawler acknowledged that many were going to differ from him on the issue. As he left the dais, he added, ‘I will always stand up to protect Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security.’ Several people in the stands boomed and a couple shouted ‘liar!’ while others clapped softly. Lawler's 17th District includes all of Rockland and Putnam counties and parts of Westchester and Dutchess. Agencies from Sullivan to Long Island were at the rally.” [Lohud, [3/7/25](#)]

May 2025: Union Members Protested Republican Plans To Cut Medicaid And Called Lawler’s Support For The Plans “Very Disappointing”

Spectrum Local News Headline: SEIU Protests Proposed Medicaid Cuts, Calls On Rep. Lawler To Oppose Them. [Spectrum Local News, [5/15/25](#)]

May 2025: Members Of SEIU 1199 Gathered To Protest Republicans Plans To Cut \$900 Billion In Medicaid Funding And Asked Lawler To Oppose It. “Members of SEIU 1199 gathered in New York’s 17th Congressional district Wednesday to protest proposed cuts to Medicaid. The House GOP unveiled the bill that would institute President Donald Trump’s policy priorities, including getting rid of what they labeled ‘waste, fraud, and abuse’ to Medicaid to the tune of nearly \$900 billion. The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office estimates that nearly 8 million Americans would lose health insurance under this proposal. Members of SEIU say that this would overburden already overworked hospital staff and lead to worse health outcomes. They’re calling on their representative in Congress, Republican Mike Lawler, to oppose these cuts.” [Spectrum Local News, [5/15/25](#)]

- **A Lawler Voter And Respiratory Therapist Attended The Protest And Called Lawler’s Support For The Bill “Very Disappointing” And Said “I Really Do Hope He Hears Us And Understands How Important This Is.”** “Respiratory therapist Charlotte Savoury, a Lawler voter, says the bill is very disappointing. ‘He already knows how bad we're suffering,’ she said. ‘He saw it all. You know, the governor did. So this is very

disappointing. So I really do hope he hears us and understands how important this is.’ House Speaker Mike Johnson claims these are not cuts to Medicaid but would expand work requirements for those receiving it, up to 64 years old, and require 80 hours per month of work, service, or education for single adults.” [Spectrum Local News, [5/15/25](#)]

June 2025: Local Community Leaders Rallied Against Medicaid Cuts In The Big Beautiful Bill And Criticized Lawler For “Vot[ing] Twice To Gut The Lifeline That Holds Our Hospitals Together”

Yonkers Times Headline: “Labor And Community Leaders Hold Riverside Rally Against Medicaid And Medicare Cuts.” [Yonkers Times, [6/3/25](#)]

June 2025: Over A Hundred Local Labor And Community Leaders Rallied Against Medicaid Cuts In The Big Beautiful Bill. “Over a hundred local labor and community leaders rallied at Louis Engel Waterfront Park in Ossining on Saturday in protest of the roughly \$700 billion in cuts to Medicaid under the GOP’s budget plan. Last month, House Republicans—including Rep. Mike Lawler—voted for a budget that would push millions of people off their health care, while handing massive tax breaks to corporations and the ultra-wealthy.” [Yonkers Times, [6/3/25](#)]

- **A Hospital Worker Attended The Protest And Called Out Lawler For “Vot[ing] Twice To Gut The Lifeline That Holds Our Hospitals Together.”** ““The so-called ‘One Big Beautiful Bill’ cuts billions from healthcare—there’s nothing beautiful about it. Mike Lawler voted twice to gut the lifeline that holds our hospitals together. That’s a damn shame,’ said Alex Pierre, 1199SEIU Member Political Organizer and Patient Care Partner at Good Samaritan Hospital in Suffern. ‘Medicaid cuts are a direct attack on the people who rely on Medicaid, not just for doctor’s visits, but for daily survival. We cannot allow Lawler and his ilk in Washington to balance the budget on our backs.’” [Yonkers Times, [6/3/25](#)]

<p>Lawler Has Attempted To Mislead Voters, Undermine Hospitals’ Concerns, And Even Touted The Medicaid Cuts Despite Its Devastating Effects</p>
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May 2025: Lawler Called The Medicaid Cuts “Not A Major Cut” Despite Voting To Enact The Largest Medicaid Cut In History

Lawler On The Medicaid Cuts: “It Is Not A Major Cut.” “NEW – Mike Lawler defends his support for gutting Medicaid: ‘It is not a major cut’ @lawler4ny is backing the largest cut to Medicaid in history that would put the health care of over 2 million New Yorkers at risk.” [Addison Dick, Twitter, [5/23/25](#)]



[Addison Dick, Twitter, [5/21/25](#)]

The Congressional Budget Office Estimated The Big Beautiful Bill Would Cut Medicaid By \$911 Billion Over The Next 10 Years, Equaling A \$91.1 Billion Per Year. “The Congressional Budget Office’s (CBO) latest cost estimate shows that the reconciliation package would reduce federal Medicaid spending over a decade by an estimated \$911 billion (after accounting for interactions that produce overlapping reductions across different provisions of the law) and increase the number of uninsured people by 10 million. [...] Federal cuts to states of \$911 billion over 10 years would represent 14% of federal spending on Medicaid over the period. The spending cuts vary by state; Louisiana, Illinois, Nevada, and Oregon are the most heavily affected with spending cuts of 19% or more over the period.” [KFF, [7/23/25](#)]

- **The Previous Largest Cut To Medicaid Was A Reduction Of \$5.8 Billion Per Year In January 2025 Dollars.** “The \$88 billion average annual Medicaid cut under the House Budget Resolution would be more than 15 times the size of the largest previous cut, the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005’s average annual reduction of \$5.8 billion in January 2025 dollars.” [Unidos US, [2/21/25](#)]

August 2025: Lawler Claimed Hospitals Were “Parroting [...] Talking Points” When Discussing Cuts They Would Have To Enact As A Result Of The Medicaid Cuts In The Big Beautiful Bill.

VIDEO: When Asked About The Montefiore Nyack And Westchester Hospitals In His District That Said They Would Have To Enact Cuts To Employees And Services, Lawler Said They Were “Parroting [...] Talking Points” From Hochul And Hospital Associations. SCARBOROUGH: “If you look at the hospitals in your own district: Montefiore Nyack Hospital is already saying, because of that vote... because of these cuts, they’re going to have to cut back services, They’re going to have to cut staff. They’re going to have to cut care. Same thing with Westchester Hospital. Hospitals across your district are going to have to cut services and care and staff members and budgets because of your vote and because of this bill that passes. That’s what they’re saying. It’s not some left wing folks. I’m just telling you what they said.” LAWLER: “What they’re parroting is the same talking points being put out by the state and by the hospital associations.” [MSNBC, 3:26, [8/8/25](#)] (VIDEO)



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The Hospitals Who Were “Parroting [...] Talking Points” According To Lawler Were Facing Over \$75 Million In Lost Revenue

The Big Beautiful Bill Would Cost Montefiore Nyack Hospital And Westchester Hospital In Lawler’s District \$76,621,113.64 In Lost Revenue. [Third Way, [7/8/25](#)]

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Total:		\$76,621,113.64

August 2025: Lawler Released Digital Ads Touting His Vote For The Big Beautiful Bill, Claiming It Strengthened Medicaid And Protected Local Hospitals

Lawler Unveiled Five Ads Touting His Vote For The Big Beautiful Bill And Its Provisions, Including Controversial Provisions Like Cuts To Medicaid. “Swing seat Republican Rep. Mike Lawler is doubling down on President Donald Trump’s megalaw — a tactic that if successful stands to be a national blueprint for endangered GOP lawmakers. Lawler today will unveil five ads touting the tax-and-spend package in a district Democrats have made a priority to flip next year. And he’s not shying away from some of the measure’s controversial provisions. While Democrats have condemned cuts to Medicaid, one of Lawler’s ads says the law will ‘strengthen the program’ — touting work requirements and provisions that prohibit undocumented immigrants from ‘ripping off New York taxpayers.’” [Politico NY Playbook AM, [8/18/25](#)]

- **VIDEO: In One His Ads, Lawler Claimed The Big Beautiful Bill “Strengthened The Medicaid Program, Making Sure It’s Always There For Seniors, Children, The Disabled, And Those Who Need It Most.”** LAWLER: “There's nothing more important than our health. So, we strengthened the Medicaid program, making sure it's always there for seniors, children, the disabled, and those who need it most. We protected local hospitals that our communities rely on. And we reformed Medicaid to stop able-bodied single adults and illegal immigrants from ripping off New York taxpayers.” [Mike Lawler for Congress via YouTube, 0:00, [8/14/25](#)]



Mike Lawler strengthened Medicaid for kids, seniors, the disabled and eligible families

[Mike Lawler for Congress via YouTube, 0:00, [8/14/25](#)]

- **In The Same Ad, Lawler Claimed The Bill “Protected Local Hospitals That Our Communities Rely On.”** LAWLER: “There's nothing more important than our health. So, we strengthened the Medicaid program, making sure it's always there for seniors, children, the disabled, and those who need it most. We protected local hospitals that our communities rely on. And we reformed Medicaid to stop able-bodied single adults and illegal immigrants from ripping off New York taxpayers.” [Mike Lawler for Congress via YouTube, 0:00, [8/14/25](#)] (VIDEO)

Lawler Repeatedly Voted For The Iran War And Said Higher Gas Prices Were “Absolutely Worth It” As Grocery And Gas Prices Spiked And The War Cost Americans Over \$100 Billion

Lawler Repeatedly Voted For The Iran War And Called It A “Righteous Decision”

March 2026: Lawler Voted Against Terminating Hostilities Against Iran. In March 2026, Lawler voted against: “Adoption of the concurrent resolution that would direct the president to terminate the use of U.S. armed forces from hostilities against Iran or any part of its military, unless explicitly authorized by a declaration of war or specific authorization for use of military force against Iran.” The bill was rejected by a vote of 212-219. [H Con Res 38, [Vote #85](#), 3/5/26; CQ, [3/5/26](#)]

- **The Guardian Headline: “US House Rejects War Powers Resolution To End Trump’s Hostilities With Iran.”** [The Guardian, [3/5/26](#)]

April 2026: Lawler Voted Against Terminating Hostilities Against Iran. In April 2026, Lawler voted against: “Directing the President, pursuant to section 5(c) of the War Powers Resolution, to remove United States Armed Forces from hostilities with Iran” The bill was rejected by a vote of 213-214. [H Con Res 40, [Vote #114](#), 4/16/26]

- **NBC News Headline: “House Effort To End Trump's War With Iran Fails By One Vote”** [NBC News, [4/16/26](#)]

May 2026: Lawler Cast The Deciding Vote Against The Iran War Powers Resolution. On May 14, 2026, Lawler voted against “Directing the President, pursuant to section 5(c) of the War Powers Resolution, to remove the United States Armed Forces from hostilities against the Islamic Republic of Iran” The bill was rejected by a vote of 212-212.” [H. Con. Res. 75, Vote #170, [5/14/26](#)]

- **Reuters Headline: “US House Narrowly Rejects Bid To Rein In Trump Iran War Powers”** [Reuters, [5/14/26](#)]

CNN Headline: “GOP Rep. On Trump's Iran War: 'I'm Not Worried About The Political Consequences Of A Righteous Decision.'” [CNN, [4/14/26](#)]

Lawler Said He Was Not Worried About The Political Consequences Of “A Righteous Decision” And Added That Iran Was “A Major Problem That Needed To Be Dealt With.” COLLINS: “Yeah, but there’s this war happening. Does it make it harder?” LAWLER: “No. Look, the president made” COLLINS: “You don’t think the war makes it harder for Republicans—” LAWLER: “I don’t.” COLLINS: –“to maintain the majority.” LAWLER: “I don’t, and I’m not worried about the political consequences of a righteous decision. The fact is that the ayatollah and this regime needed to be eliminated. The president made a very difficult but necessary one last summer when he struck Iran’s nuclear facilities. He made a difficult but necessary one when he went after their ballistic missile capability. People are talking about the Strait of Hormuz and Iran’s control of it, and the blockade that they created. What would happen if they had a nuclear weapon trying to extort the U.S., Europe, and others in the Middle East? This is a major problem that needed to be dealt with.” [CNN, [4/14/26](#)]

Lawler Said Higher Gas Prices From The War Were “Absolutely Worth It”

March 2026: When Asked About High Gas Prices, Lawler Said “Eliminating The Threat From Iran Is Absolutely Worth It.” “In an Oct. 8, 2024, campaign ad, when the latest average was \$3.19, Rep. Mike Lawler, R-N.Y., said gas prices had ‘gone through the roof.’ On March 7, 2026, when asked about gas prices at \$3.41, Lawler told CNN, ‘Eliminating the threat from Iran is absolutely worth it.’” [MSNOW, [5/7/26](#)]

The Iran War Had Driven Up Costs Of Groceries And Gas

Associated Press: “U.S. Consumer Prices Climbed Sharply Again Last Month As The 10-Week War With Iran Delivered Higher Gasoline Prices And More Pain For Americans. “U.S. consumer prices climbed sharply again last month as the 10-week war with Iran delivered higher gasoline prices and more pain for Americans. The Labor Department’s consumer price index rose 3.8% from April 2025, the biggest jump in three years, and up from a 3.3% year-over-year gain in March. On a month-to-month basis, April prices rose 0.6% from March as gasoline prices rose 5.4%, according to the data released Tuesday. The month-over-month gain was down from a 0.9% increase in overall prices from February to March, when the initial financial shock from the war hit the U.S. economy.” [AP, [5/12/26](#)]

NY Post Headline: “Fed’s Preferred Inflation Gauge Worsens As Iran War Sends Food, Energy Prices Surging.” [NY Post, [5/28/26](#)]


The Iran War Drove Up Energy And Gas Prices. “US inflation increased at its fastest pace in three years in April, driven by higher energy prices amid the war with Iran, and cementing economists’ views that the Federal Reserve could hold interest rates unchanged well into next year.” [NY Post, [5/28/26](#)]

The Iran War Had Cost Americans 100 Billion Dollars And The Lives Of Over A Dozen Service Members

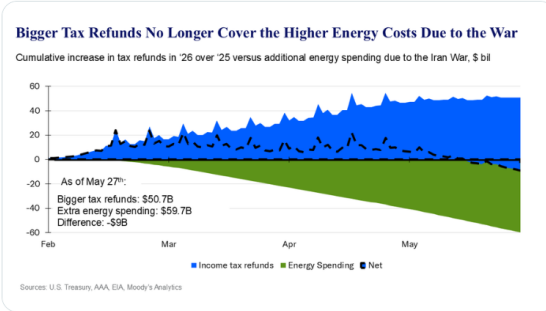
The Iran War Had Killed 13 American Service Members. John Klinner is one of the 13 US troops killed in connection with Operation Epic Fury, the name the Pentagon has given to the war with Iran. He died alongside five other crew members who were aboard a US Air Force KC-135 Stratotanker refueling aircraft when it crashed on March 12 in western Iraq. [CNN, [5/25/26](#)]

Mark Zandi Reported That Moody’s Cost Estimate Of The Iran War On American Households Was \$100 Billion, Or Nearly \$750 Per Household. “\$100 billion. That’s our estimate of the cost of the Iran War to American households. That’s nearly \$750 per household. This includes the additional U.S. military costs and the

higher energy and other prices resulting from the war. This is a big economic blow, but deficit-financed tax cuts have cushioned it. Until now. As of May 16th, the bigger tax refunds Americans have received this year no longer cover the higher costs of gasoline, diesel, and jet fuel caused by the war. The financial pressure is thus mounting quickly, particularly on already hard-pressed middle and lower-income households. With the saving rate about as low as it ever goes, unless the war ends soon and energy prices come down, they will have little choice but to rein in their spending, weighing further on the already sagging economy.” [Mark Zandi, Twitter, [6/1/26](#)]

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Bigger Tax Refunds No Longer Cover the Higher Energy Costs Due to the War
Cumulative increase in tax refunds in '26 over '25 versus additional energy spending due to the Iran War, \$ bil

As of May 27th:
Bigger tax refunds: \$50.7B
Extra energy spending: \$59.7B
Difference: -\$9B

Sources: U.S. Treasury, AAA, EIA, Moody's Analytics

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[Mark Zandi, Twitter, [6/1/26](#)]

Lawler Repeatedly Called The ACA A “Disaster” And Voted For The One Big Beautiful Bill, Which Let ACA Tax Credits Expire, Resulting In Higher Health Care Costs, Individuals Priced Out Of Coverage, And Enrollees Cutting Back On Essentials To Afford Care

Lawler Repeatedly Called The ACA “A Disaster”

New York Times Said That Lawler Had Repeatedly Called The ACA “A Disaster.” “Representative Jen Kiggans, Republican of Virginia, once called for eliminating the Affordable Care Act. Representative Mike Lawler, Republican of New York, has repeatedly called it ‘a disaster.’” [New York Times via Archive Today, [11/25/25](#)]

Lawler’s Big Beautiful Bill Let The ACA Tax Credits Expire, Driving Up Health Care Costs For More Than 11,000 Individuals In NY-17 On Marketplace Plans, Which Resulted In Higher Monthly Payments Or Individuals Foregoing Coverage Entirely While Cutting Back On Essentials Like Food

The One Big Beautiful Bill Made Health Care More Expensive For 11,600 NY-17 Residents That Got Coverage From ACA Marketplace Plans

2025: 221,534 Individuals In New York Were Enrolled In ACA Marketplace Plans. [KFF, [4/2/25](#)]

Number Of New York Residents Enrolled In ACA Marketplace Plans In 2025	
NY	ACA Marketplace Enrollees
	221,534

[KFF, [4/2/25](#)]

2025: 11,600 Individuals In NY-17 Were Enrolled In ACA Marketplace Plans. [KFF, [10/3/25](#)]

Number Of NY-17 Residents Enrolled In ACA Marketplace Plans In 2025	
NY-17	ACA Marketplace Enrollees
	11,600

[KFF, [10/3/25](#)]

60-Year-Old Couples Making \$82,000 In NY-17 Were Expected To See An Increase Of 194% In Out-Of-Pocket Monthly Payments When The ACA Tax Credits Expired

60-Year-Old Couples Making \$82,000 Were Expected To See An Average Increase Of 194% In Costs For Premiums After The Expiration Of The ACA Tax Credits. [KFF, accessed [5/19/26](#)]

Average Premium Increase Percentage For NY-17 60-Year-Old Couples Making \$82,000 On Silver Premium Plans After Expiration Of ACA Tax Credits	
NY-17	Average Premium Increase
	194%

[KFF, accessed [5/19/26](#)]

KFF Health System Tracker: Insurers That Participated In The ACA Marketplaces Raised Premiums On Average By 20% In 2026. “For 2026, across 312 insurers participating in the ACA Marketplaces from the 50 states and the District of Columbia, this analysis shows a median proposed premium increase of 18%, which is about 11 percentage points higher than last year. This is the largest rate change insurers have requested since 2018, the last time that policy uncertainty contributed to sharp premium increases. On average, ACA Marketplace insurers are raising premiums by about 20% in 2026. Based on a more detailed analysis of available documents from insurers in 19 states and the District of Columbia, like in prior years, growth in health care prices stood out as a key factor driving costs in 2026. Insurers cite increasing cost and utilization of high-priced drugs as well as general market factors, such as increasing labor costs and inflation, as contributing to premium increases.” [Health System Tracker, [8/6/25](#)]

The One Big Beautiful Bill Did Not Extend Enhanced Premium Tax Credits For ACA Marketplace Plans. “The OBBBA did not extend enhanced premium tax credits for ACA marketplace plans. As a result, when open enrollment begins on November 1, 2025, 20 million marketplace enrollees will see their premium costs spike.” [Center for American Progress, [7/29/25](#)]

- **The Expiration Of Enhanced Tax Credits Would Lead To Out-Of-Pocket Premiums For ACA Marketplace Enrollees Increasing By An Average Of Over 75%.** “In addition to rising healthcare costs, the majority of insurers are also taking into account the potential expiration of enhanced premium tax credits in their premium rate increases for the next year. The expiration of enhanced tax credits will lead to out-of-pocket premiums for ACA marketplace enrollees increasing by an average of more than 75%, with insurers expecting healthier enrollees to drop coverage. That, in turn, increases underlying premiums. Other federal policy changes, like the implementation of tariffs and the ACA Marketplace Integrity and Affordability rule were also discussed, though to a lesser extent.” [Health System Tracker, [8/6/25](#)]

2026: In A Survey Of ACA Marketplace Enrollees, More Than Half Of Respondents Reported Cutting Back On Food, Clothing, Or Basic Household Items To Afford Health Care

Wall Street Journal: “Among All Survey Respondents Who Still Had ACA Plans...More Than Half Said They Were Cutting Back Spending On Food, Clothing Or Basic Household Items To Afford Healthcare.”

“Many of those who retained ACA plans are still in a 90-day grace period that allows them to keep their coverage even if they weren’t making premium payments. Among all survey respondents who still had ACA plans, 4% had yet to make a premium payment this year. More than half said they were cutting back spending on food, clothing or basic household items to afford healthcare. The ACA changes, which were the subject of a political battle that led to the longest-ever government shutdown last year, are likely to become a flashpoint again in this fall’s midterm elections. Democrats have blamed Republicans for failing to renew the expanded subsidies, and for growing healthcare costs. Republicans have argued the ACA is flawed and needs to be changed.” [Wall Street Journal, [3/19/26](#)]

- **MS NOW Headline: “Report: Majority Of ACA Enrollees Are Cutting Back On Food To Afford Health Insurance”** [MS NOW, [3/19/26](#)]

Over 140,000 New Yorkers Saw An Increase In ACA Costs, Including A Lawler Constituent Whose Premiums Shot Up By \$10,000

Karen Miletic, A Peekskill Native, Said Her Premiums Shot Up By \$10,000 As A Result Of Federal ACA Subsidies Expiring. “Karen Miletic wasn't too worried as Democrats and Republicans clashed last year over whether to continue the federal subsidies that held down Affordable Care Act health insurance costs for her and her wife. Millions of Americans faced big cost spikes if Congress allowed the funding to expire as of Dec. 31. And Miletic, a 56-year-old Westchester County native who lives in Peekskill, didn't really expect that to happen, even with Republican majorities resisting a renewal in both the House and Senate and the government closed for 43 days due to a partisan standoff on that issue. But it happened. And as of January, Miletic's premiums shot up by \$10,000 to nearly \$29,000 a year. Now she and her wife are dipping into their savings to pay for their medical coverage.” [LoHud via Archive Today, [2/16/26](#)]

- **Votebuilder: Miletic Was A NY-17 Voter.** [VoteBuilder, accessed 6/4/26]

Miletic Said The Money Was For Her Retirement And “The Middle Class Keeps Getting Beaten Down.”

“‘This is for my retirement,’ a frustrated Miletic told the USA TODAY Network, referring to her savings. ‘I work really hard, and the middle class keeps getting beaten down.’” [LoHud via Archive Today, [2/16/26](#)]

Lohud: “Miletic Was One Of About 140,000 New Yorkers Who Faced A Nearly 40% Average Cost Spike Last Year If Their Subsidies Shrank Or Disappeared Altogether.” “Miletic was one of about 140,000 New Yorkers who faced a nearly 40% average cost spike last year if their subsidies shrank or disappeared altogether. They were among about 220,000 people overall in New York who had no health insurance through their employers and were buying their own private plans through the state-run exchange.” [LoHud via Archive Today, [2/16/26](#)]

Lawler’s Vote For The One Big Beautiful Bill Threatened Food Assistance For Almost 20,000 Households In His District, And Gave Billions In Tax Breaks To Billionaires

The One Big Beautiful Bill Enacted The Largest SNAP Cuts In History, Threatening Food Assistance For Almost 20,000 Households In NY-17

Center For American Progress: The One Big Beautiful Bill Enacted The Largest SNAP Cuts In The Program’s History

Center For American Progress: “The Senate Has Released Its Version Of The One Big Beautiful Bill Act, Which Would Enact The Largest Cut To The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) In The Program’s History According To Center For American Progress Estimates.” “The Senate has released its version of the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, which would enact the largest cut to the Supplemental Nutrition

Assistance Program (SNAP) in the program's history according to Center for American Progress estimates. Despite the proposal cutting less than the House-passed version's nearly \$300 billion in cuts, it is even more extreme than the House version in some key aspects. Moreover, this legislation comes at a time when food insecurity is rising across all 50 states, reaching levels not seen since 2014." [Center for American Progress, [6/26/25](#)]

- **Axios: "The Bill Would Reduce Nutrition Funding, Which Includes SNAP, By Around \$186 Billion Between 2025 And 2034."** "By the numbers: The bill would reduce nutrition funding, which includes SNAP, by around \$186 billion between 2025 and 2034. While analyst's projections have fluctuated as the legislation's provisions are tweaked, analysts have indicated millions of people could be cut from SNAP under the work requirement provisions." [Axios, [7/3/25](#)]
- **HEADLINE: "House Reconciliation Bill Proposes Deepest SNAP Cut In History, Would Take Food Assistance Away From Millions of Low-Income Families."** [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, [5/28/25](#)]

The One Big Beautiful Bill Would Cut SNAP By Around \$186 Billion. President Trump's massive tax and spending bill, which is advancing through the House after surviving its Republican push through the Senate, would slash food benefits for thousands. The big picture: It would mark a historic cut to the social safety net that Republicans claim weeds out waste, fraud and abuse — but experts say the restructuring of assistance programs could leave more people hungry and uninsured. [...] By the numbers: The bill would reduce nutrition funding, which includes SNAP, by around \$186 billion between 2025 and 2034. [Axios, [7/3/25](#)]

The One Big Beautiful Bill Risked Food Assistance For 18,104 Households In NY-17

According To The U.S. Department Of Agriculture, 18,104 Households Participated In Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) In NY-17. [USDA, accessed [6/4/26](#)]

August 2025: A Local Meals On Wheels Office Minutes Away From Lawler's District Was Forced To Cut Services And Start A Waitlist Due To Rising Prices And Cuts In The One Big Beautiful Bill

White Plains Meals On Wheels Was Forced To Start A Waitlist Due To Growing Demand; A Local News Outlet Reported That "Federal Cuts To SNAP And Medicaid May Be To Blame"

For The First Time In In Its 39 Year History, Meals On Wheels White Plains Had To Start A Waitlist Due To Growing Demands For Meals. "For the first time in 39 years, Kasman said the service also has a waitlist. Federal cuts to SNAP and Medicaid may be to blame. 'People have less,' Kasman said. Seniors, like Mary Marchi, say they depend on the deliveries, and the impact is personal and painful. 'I don't think it's fair that they attack the senior citizen. They should be the last people on the ladder that they should cut back on,' Marchi said. Democratic Rep. George Latimer said the cuts 'will increase the need for programs like Meals on Wheels.'" [News 12, [8/18/25](#)]

- **News 12 On The Creation Of The Waitlist: "Federal Cuts To SNAP And Medicaid May Be To Blame."** "For the first time in 39 years, Kasman said the service also has a waitlist. Federal cuts to SNAP and Medicaid may be to blame. 'People have less,' Kasman said. Seniors, like Mary Marchi, say they depend on the deliveries, and the impact is personal and painful. 'I don't think it's fair that they attack the senior citizen. They should be the last people on the ladder that they should cut back on,' Marchi said. Democratic Rep. George Latimer said the cuts 'will increase the need for programs like Meals on Wheels.'" [News 12, [8/18/25](#)]
- **Meals On Wheels Beneficiary Mary Marchi Called Out The Federal Cuts And Said, "I Don't Think It's Fair That They Attack The Senior Citizen."** "For the first time in 39 years, Kasman said the service also has a waitlist. Federal cuts to SNAP and Medicaid may be to blame. 'People have less,' Kasman said. Seniors, like Mary Marchi, say they depend on the deliveries, and the impact is personal and painful. 'I don't think it's fair that they attack the senior citizen. They should be the last people on the ladder that they should cut back on,' Marchi said. Democratic Rep. George Latimer said the cuts 'will increase the need for programs like Meals on

Wheels.” [News 12, [8/18/25](#)]

When Asked For Comments, A Lawler Spokesperson Said There Were No Federal Cuts To Meals On Wheels Funding But Rather “A Smaller Funding Increase Than Initially Planned.” “A spokesman for Republican Rep. Mike Lawler said, ‘there are no federal ‘cuts’ to funding for Meals on Wheels, but rather a smaller funding increase than initially planned.’ The spokesman also said people should avoid frightening seniors with the language they use.” [News 12, [8/18/25](#)]

The White Plains Meals On Wheels Announced They Would Be Cutting Back Services Due To Budget Shortfalls Caused By Rising Prices

News 12 Headline: “White Plains Meals On Wheels Says Food Delivery Service Is Cutting Back, Waitlist Formed For 1st Time.” [News 12, [8/18/25](#)]

White Plains Meals On Wheels Announced Budget Shortfalls, Stating They Would Be Cutting Back From Delivering Two Meals A Day To One Meal A Day. “A lifeline for local seniors is cutting back in Westchester County. Volunteers, like Steven Hochman, packed up boxes of food for Meals on Wheels White Plains at White Plains High School on Monday. ‘Meals on Wheels is a voluntary, not-for-profit organization that feeds homebound elderly,’ Hochman said. Until recently, the program delivered two meals a day to about 70 seniors in need. Now, budget shortfalls mean they can only deliver one.” [News 12, [8/18/25](#)]

- **Executive Director Jeremy Kasman On The Budget Shortfalls: “The Price Of Food Has Gone Up, Tremendously, And Essentially, We Can't Afford To Pay For The Two Meals A Day.”** “Until recently, the program delivered two meals a day to about 70 seniors in need. Now, budget shortfalls mean they can only deliver one. ‘The price of food has gone up, tremendously, and essentially, we can't afford to pay for the two meals a day,’ retired executive director Jeremy Kasman said. For the first time in 39 years, Kasman said the service also has a waitlist.” [News 12, [8/18/25](#)]

Lawler Had Recently Claimed The Economy Was In A “Very Strong Position” And Was “Going To Take Off Dramatically” After The Passage Of The Big Beautiful Bill

June 2025: Lawler Claimed The Economy Was In A “Very Strong Position” And Was “Going To Take Off Dramatically” After The Passage Of The Big Beautiful Bill. LAWLER: “The fact is the economy is in a very strong position. Inflation has come down, the economy is growing. And ultimately, I think when we pass the tax bill, you get deregulation into effect, you increase domestic production of energy, you bring these conflicts to an end and normalize relations and expand trade. The economy is going to take off dramatically.” [Bloomberg Podcast via YouTube, 7:37, [6/18/25](#)] (VIDEO)

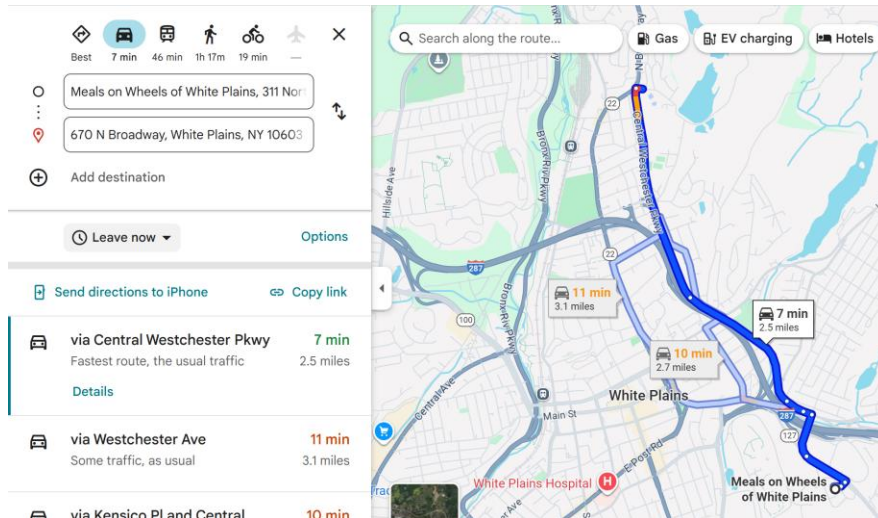


[Bloomberg Podcast via YouTube, 7:37, [6/18/25](#)] (VIDEO)

The White Plains Meals On Wheels Was Only 2.5 Miles Away From Lawler’s District

Meals On Wheels White Plains Was 2.5 Miles From 670 N Broadway, White Plains, NY. [Google Maps,

accessed [8/21/25](#)]



[Google Maps, accessed [8/21/25](#)]

670 N Broadway, White Plains, NY, Was In Lawler’s District. [House.gov, Find Your Representative, accessed [8/21/25](#)]

Find Your Representative

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City: WHITE PLAINS, NY
Zip Code: 10603-2428

is located in the 17th Congressional district of New York.

The representative for this district is:



Michael Lawler
Republican

[House.gov, Find Your Representative, accessed [8/21/25](#)]

The One Big Beautiful Bill Gave Billions In Tax Breaks To The Ultra-Wealthy At The Expense Of Working Families

Institute On Taxation And Economic Policy: The One Big Beautiful Bill Would Give The Richest 1% Of Americans \$117 Billion In Net Tax Cuts In 2026

Institute On Taxation And Economic Policy: The House-Passed Reconciliation Bill Would Give The Richest 1% Of Americans \$117 Billion In Net Tax Cuts In 2026. “The House of Representatives today narrowly passed a massive tax and spending reconciliation bill that now heads to President Trump’s desk. Please see below for a statement from ITEP and our latest updated analysis of how the bill’s tax provisions will affect families at different income levels nationally and in every state. [...] The richest 1 percent of Americans would receive a total of \$117 billion in net tax cuts in 2026. The middle 20 percent of taxpayers on the income scale, a group that has 20 times

the number of taxpayers as the richest 1 percent, would receive less than half that much, \$53 billion in net tax cuts that year.” [Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy, [7/3/24](#)]

- **Washington Post Headline: “Corporations To Claim \$16B From Retroactive GOP Tax Break, Federal Report Says”** [Washington Post, [12/2/25](#)]

The One Big Beautiful Bill’s Biggest Tax Cuts Benefited The Wealthiest Giving Them Tax Cuts Three Times Greater Than For Working Americans

The One Big Beautiful Bill’s Biggest Tax Cuts Benefited The Wealthiest Americans. “The One Big Beautiful Bill includes the largest tax cuts in U.S. history. Whether it’s actually ‘beautiful’ is in the eye of the beholder. At every income level taxes should subside. That’s a big selling point from President Donald Trump and fellow Republicans who pushed the law through Congress with no Democratic support. It will benefit everyone. But the biggest cuts go to the wealthiest taxpayers – the ones who pay the lion’s share of taxes. For most families the savings will be miniscule in comparison, in raw dollars and as a share of income. And millions will lose subsidized health insurance and other benefits. Critics see a plan that widens income inequality and, worse, offsets tax cuts for the wealthy with draconian spending cuts that hit lower-income households.” [Cronkite News, [7/16/25](#)]

The House-Passed Republican Reconciliation Bill Extended The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Which Skewed In Favor Of The Wealthy By Providing Them Tax Cuts That Were Three Times Greater Than For Working Americans. “The tax provisions of the House Republican reconciliation bill double down on the failures of the 2017 tax law, which was skewed in favor of the richest people in the country, further eroded the nation’s revenue base, and didn’t produce the promised economic gains for working people.[1] Instead of changing course and prioritizing people with low and moderate incomes as House Republicans’ rhetoric about supporting hard-pressed working families would suggest, the House Republican tax bill only offers more of the same. The bill is heavily skewed to the wealthy: Under the bill, the top 1 percent of people would receive tax cuts three times the size of those for people with incomes in the bottom 60 percent, measured as a share of after-tax income. (See Figure 1.) The top 0.6 percent of people — the 1.2 million people with annual incomes above \$1 million — would receive more total tax cuts than the 127 million people with incomes below \$100,000. [...] The bill extends and expands the 2017 tax law’s increase in the estate tax exemption, boosting the cut in estate taxes for the 1 in 1,000 wealthiest estates to \$6.3 million.[3] Next year a couple could pass on an estate worth up to \$30 million tax free, \$1.7 million more than under a simple extension of the 2017 law.” [CBPP, [5/22/25](#)]

CBS: “Like Penn Wharton, Other Researchers Have Said The Republican Bill Is Likely To Benefit Wealthy Americans At The Expense Of People Lower Down The Ladder.” “Like Penn Wharton, other researchers have said the Republican bill is likely to benefit wealthy Americans at the expense of people lower down the ladder. The measure would likely reduce the financial resources available to the lowest-earning 10% of U.S. households by \$1,600 per year, or almost 4% of their annual income, according to a report published earlier this month by the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office. White House officials have previously questioned the CBO’s scoring of the bill. But the highest-earning 10% of households would see a gain of \$12,000 per year in resources, while middle-income households would see a gain of \$500 to \$1,000, the CBO projected. Its analysis is based on the bill’s tax breaks, as well as reductions for federal programs and reductions in state funds for safety net programs such as Medicaid and food stamps. In considering the impact of higher U.S. debt on future generations, the cost would come in the form of lower wages and higher costs, such as more expensive mortgages, Smetters said.” [CBS News, [6/26/25](#)]

The Hill: “The Republicans’ ‘Big, Beautiful Bill’ Will Make The Poorest Americans Even Poorer, While Padding The Wallets Of The Highest Earners The Most, According To An Analysis Released Monday By Congress’s Budget Arm.” “The Republicans’ ‘big, beautiful bill’ will make the poorest Americans even poorer, while padding the wallets of the highest earners the most, according to an analysis released Monday by Congress’s budget arm. The assessment, conducted by the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) at the request of top Democrats, found that the top 10 percent of earners in the country will see an average boost of \$13,600 per year over the next decade as a direct result of provisions in the law, while the bottom 10 percent will see an average annual decrease of \$1,200. The report challenges the arguments made by President Trump and other Republicans

that the massive domestic policy package would benefit workers at all levels of wealth and income. And it's given fuel to the attacks from Democrats that the legislation was, all along, designed to help the wealthiest people at the expense of the working poor." [The Hill, [8/11/25](#)]

- **HEADLINE: "Budget Office Says GOP's 'Big, Beautiful Bill' Will Make Rich Richer, Poor Poorer."**
[The Hill, [8/11/25](#)]

Lawler Voted For The One Big Beautiful Bill Which Was Expected To Raise The National Debt By \$3.4 Trillion, And Make It Harder For New Yorkers To Pay For Basic Needs Including Health Care And Housing, Yet Lawler Had A History Of Advocating To Reduce The National Debt

Lawler Voted Twice For The One Big Beautiful Bill

May 2025: Lawler Voted To Pass The One Big Beautiful Act

May 2025: Lawler Voted For H.R. 1, The One Big Beautiful Bill Act. In May 2025, Lawler voted for: "Passage of the bill that would provide for approximately \$3.8 trillion in net tax cuts and \$321 billion in military, border enforcement and judiciary spending, offset by \$1.5 trillion in spending reductions, as instructed in the fiscal 2025 budget resolution (H Con Res 14). It would raise the statutory debt limit by \$4 trillion and provide for increased spending on defense and border security, spending cuts on social safety net programs, such as Medicaid and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. It also includes a mix of tax breaks for businesses and individuals; tax increases on universities and foundations; and a phase-down of clean energy tax credits. It would reduce spending on Medicaid by \$625 billion over a 10-year period and modify eligibility and cost provisions for enrollees and health providers and impose work, volunteer and education requirements on adults ages 19 to 64 who are covered by the program. It would appropriate "such sums as necessary" for reducing cost-sharing payments for low-income individuals who've purchased "silver" plans on the 2010 health care law's exchanges. But payments to plans that cover abortions would be mostly barred. It would extend and make permanent individual tax brackets and rates included in the 2017 tax overhaul law (PL 115-97) and provide for the adjustment of the lower bounds of each tier based on inflation. It would reduce federal spending on the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program by requiring states to shoulder more of the cost, expand work requirements for SNAP, extend programs authorized under the 2018 farm bill, and prohibit the U.S. Department of Agriculture from increasing the cost of the Thrifty Food Program. As amended, it would cap state and local tax deductions at \$40,000 for households with incomes below \$500,000 and prohibit Medicaid funding for gender transition therapies or procedures for minors and adults, among other provisions." The bill passed by a vote of 215-214. [H.R. 1, [Vote #145](#), 5/22/25; CQ, [5/22/25](#)]

July 2025: Lawler Voted For Final Passage Of The Senate Version Of The One Big Beautiful Bill

July 2025: Lawler Voted For H.R. 1, The One Big Beautiful Bill Act. In July 2025, Lawler voted for: "Motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the bill that would permanently extend nearly \$4 trillion in expiring individual and business tax cuts, create several new tax breaks and fund border and immigration enforcement and air traffic control upgrades. It would cut Medicaid and other safety net programs to partly offset the cost. Among other provisions, it would raise the statutory debt ceiling by \$5 trillion and appropriate more than \$448 billion in mandatory funding for Trump administration priorities and other needs, including \$153 billion for defense, \$89 billion for immigration enforcement, and \$89.5 billion for border control and security. It also would increase the state and local tax deduction cap to \$40,000 annually for five years for households making up to \$500,000 a year until 2030, when it would permanently revert to \$10,000." The motion was agreed to by a vote of 218-214. [HR 1, [Vote #190](#), 7/2/25; CQ, [7/2/25](#)]

The One Big Beautiful Bill Was Expected To Raise The National Debt By \$3.4 Trillion, Meaning Less Funding Available To Invest In Safety Net Programs And Higher Rates For Housing And Education

The One Big Beautiful Bill Was Estimated To Add \$3.4 Trillion To The National Debt Over A Decade, According To The Nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office

NBC News Headline: “Trump's 'Big, Beautiful Bill' Is Projected To Add \$3.4 Trillion To The Debt, Budget Office Says” [NBC News, [7/21/25](#)]

The Big Beautiful Bill Was Projected To Add \$3.4 Trillion To The U.S. National Debt Over The Next Decade, According To The Nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office. “President Donald Trump’s “big, beautiful bill,” which he signed into law this month, will add \$3.4 trillion to the U.S. national debt over the next decade, according to a report the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office published Monday. The report found that the law, which Republicans passed along party lines, will also “increase by 10 million the number of people without health insurance” by 2034. The budget office scrutinized the final version of the bill after Republicans made a series of last-minute changes to cobble together the votes needed in the Senate; it passed 51-50. That revised version subsequently passed the House on a vote of 218-214. Trump enacted it on July 4.” [NBC News, [7/21/25](#)]

A Higher National Debt Meant Lower Investments In Health Care And Retirement As Well As Higher Rates For Mortgages And Education, Among Other Impacts, According To Experts

Paying Off The Nation's Interest On The Debt Would Make It Harder For The Country To Invest In Retirement Programs, Health Care Programs, Research, And Education, According To Brett Loper, The Vice President Of Policy At The Peter G. Peterson Foundation, A Nonpartisan Organization Studying The Nation's Fiscal Challenges. “If the debt continues to rise at a record rate, taxpayers will feel the impact, said Brett Loper, the vice president of policy at the Peter G. Peterson Foundation, a nonpartisan organization focused on addressing the nation's fiscal challenges. Paying off the nation's interest on the debt would make it harder for the country to invest in programs such as retirement programs, health care programs, research, and education, according to Loper.” [KCRA, [7/23/25](#)]

- **Loper Warned A Rising National Debt Would Increase Rates On Loans For Businesses, New Cars, Mortgages, And Education.** “The rising debt would also pressure the Treasury Department to divert funding from investing in a new company, startup, or small business, to selling off U.S. Treasuries, Loper said. Since lending is tied to the Treasury rate, interest rates on loans for businesses, new cars, mortgages, and education will also increase. ‘That's where it will really begin to squeeze the economy,’ Loper said. ‘And families at the household level will be able to really feel it as well.’” [KCRA, [7/23/25](#)]

Lawler’s Vote To Increase The National Debt Stood In Stark Contrast To His Past Statements On Reducing The National Debt From Just Months Before His Vote

March 2025: Lawler Wrote An Op-Ed Stating He Was “Voting To Break Feds’ Debt Addiction”

Lawler Op-Ed: “Forget ‘Baloney’ Budget Claims — I’m Voting To Break Feds’ Debt Addiction.” [NY Post, Mike Lawler Op-Ed, [3/3/25](#)]

Lawler: “Our Nation Faces A Daunting Fiscal Crisis; The National Debt Exceeds \$36 Trillion And Is Projected To Reach \$59 Trillion By 2035.” “Make no mistake: The defenders of the status quo want the gravy train to continue for their benefit. I want it to come to an end — for your benefit. Here are the facts: Our nation faces a daunting fiscal crisis; the national debt exceeds \$36 trillion and is projected to reach \$59 trillion by 2035.” [NY Post, Mike Lawler Op-Ed, [3/3/25](#)]

Lawler: “I Believe We Can Achieve Fiscal Responsibility And Economic Prosperity — And Still Take Care Of Americans Who Are Down On Their Luck And Need A Hand.” “That bill will secure our border, strengthen our military, increase domestic production of energy, reduce the size and scope of the federal government, and provide real tax relief for hard-working middle-class families. As we negotiate the final bill, I believe we can achieve fiscal responsibility and economic prosperity — and still take care of Americans who are down on their luck and need a hand. I’ll be working with common-sense lawmakers on both sides of the aisle to do what’s right.” [NY Post, Mike Lawler Op-Ed, [3/3/25](#)]

Lawler Voted Eight Times To Protect Reckless Tariffs, Which Were One Of The Largest Tax Increases In The Country’s History And Were Estimated To Cost Americans Thousands Of Dollars

Lawler Was Called Out For His Votes To Continue Trump’s Tariffs, With Small Business Owners Saying They Were Cutting Profits And That Lawler Had Not Tried To Alleviate Their Concerns

Courier New York Headline: “As Trump Campaigns With Lawler, His District Pays The Price For Tariffs.” [Courier New York, [5/26/26](#)]

Courier New York: “Lawler Has Repeatedly Voted To Preserve Trump’s Tariff Regime” And Said That Higher Prices Were “Absolutely Worth It.” “Lawler has repeatedly voted to preserve Trump’s tariff regime, including a February 2026 vote against terminating the national emergency that imposed tariffs on Canadian goods. At a CNN town hall in April 2025, he defended the administration’s trade agenda, saying ‘a tax bill, deregulation, increasing domestic production of energy, all of that is going to reduce the overall cost of living in the United States.’ More recently, he told CNN that higher prices from the Iran war were ‘absolutely worth it’—even after running a 2024 campaign ad complaining gas prices had ‘gone through the roof.’ For business owners in and around his district, that reassurance has proven cold comfort.” [Courier New York, [5/26/26](#)]

A Small Business Owner In Lawler’s District Said Tariffs Had Cut Profits, Saying “I’m Working 20% Harder To Make 10 Or 15% Less Money.” “About 20 miles south in Sleepy Hollow, Transom Books owner Chris Steib offered the clearest articulation of why even businesses that don’t directly import are getting crushed. ‘We are at the very, very end of an extremely long supply chain,’ Steib said. ‘Literally anything in that supply chain can make my product more expensive and harder to sell and harder to get. It doesn’t take much.’ Books themselves are generally exempt from tariffs as informational materials. But paper isn’t. Neither are the bookmarks, tote bags, greeting cards, and British-printed special editions Steib uses to set his shop apart. A Mina Lima edition of a classic that cost him \$34 last year now runs \$40. When Trump first announced sweeping tariffs in April 2025, Steib panic-bought enough imported special editions to fill five full shelves, convinced he had no other way to predict what they’d cost. ‘I’m working 20% harder to make 10 or 15% less money,’ he said.” [Courier New York, [5/26/26](#)]

A Small Business Owner Said That She Had Never Met Lawler And That Politicians Like Lawler “Typically Don’t Really Come And Talk To Us, Especially If They Think We’re Not On Their Political Ticket Line.” “Financial woes aside, the small business owners share one more grievance: the congressman elected to represent them has been absent. ‘I’ve never met him, or he’s never come to my shop to talk to me and ask me how these things affect me,’ Wieland-Tesfaye said. ‘They typically don’t really come and talk to us, especially if they think we’re not on their political ticket line.’ Galen, who serves as an elected trustee in Dobbs Ferry, connected the damage to her own shop to the broader crisis Lawler’s votes are reinforcing.” [Courier New York, [5/26/26](#)]

Lawler Voted To Protect Tariffs Eight Separate Times

Lawler Voted Against Terminating The National Emergency That Imposed Tariffs On Goods From Canada. In February 2026, Lawler voted against: “Passage of the joint resolution that would terminate the Feb. 1, 2025,

national emergency that imposed tariffs on goods from Canada.” The bill passed by a vote of 219-211. [H. J. Res. 72, [Vote #65](#), 2/11/26; CQ, [2/11/26](#)]

- **The House Voted To Rescind Trump’s Imposed Tariffs On Canada.** “The House voted on Wednesday to rescind tariffs that President Trump imposed on Canada last year, delivering a largely symbolic but politically consequential rebuke that Republicans had fought for a year to prevent. In a 219-to-211 vote, six Republicans joined nearly all Democrats in backing the resolution sponsored by Representative Gregory W. Meeks of New York, the top Democrat on the Foreign Affairs Committee. While the Senate has moved to cancel the president’s tariffs in recent months, the vote was the House’s first opportunity to formally register a position on Mr. Trump’s trade policy since he returned to the White House and began deploying tariffs as an economic strategy.” [New York Times, [2/11/26](#)]

Lawler Voted For Providing Consideration Of The Law-Enforcement Innovate To De-Escalate Act, The Undersea Cable Protection Act, The Securing America’s Critical Minerals Supply Act, And Blocking Consideration Of Joint Resolutions Terminating Trump’s Tariffs. In February 2026, Lawler voted for: “Adoption of the rule (H Res 1042) providing for floor consideration of the Law-Enforcement Innovate to De-Escalate Act (HR 2189), the Undersea Cable Protection Act (HR 261), and the Securing America’s Critical Minerals Supply Act (HR 3617). The rule would allow for up to one hour of debate on each measure. It would consider as adopted a substitute amendment to HR 2189 appending the text of the Innovate Less Lethal to De-Escalate Tax Modernization Act (HR 4242), as reported by the Ways and Means Committee. It also would block the expedited consideration of joint resolutions terminating President Donald Trump’s 2025 tariff actions under the Feb. 1, April 2, July 30, and Aug. 6 executive orders by providing that each day during the period from Feb. 10, 2026 through July 31, 2026, will not constitute a calendar day under the federal law pertaining to terminating national emergencies.” The resolution was rejected by a vote of 214-217. [H. Res. 1042, [Vote #60](#), 2/10/26; CQ, [2/10/26](#)]

- **The House Rejected A Republican Effort To Delay, For Months, Any Vote On Cancelling President Trump’s Tariffs.** “The House on Tuesday rejected a Republican effort to change the chamber’s rules and delay for months any vote on canceling President Trump’s tariffs, as G.O.P. defectors rebuked party leaders who have tried for a year to avoid weighing in on levies that are unpopular with many voters.” [New York Times, [2/10/26](#)]

Lawler Voted For Blocking Consideration Of The Law-Enforcement Innovate To De-Escalate Act, The Undersea Cable Protection Act, And The Securing America’s Critical Minerals Supply Act. In February 2026, Lawler voted for: “Langworthy, R-N.Y., motion to order the previous question on the rule (H Res 1042) providing for floor consideration of the Law-Enforcement Innovate to De-Escalate Act (HR 2189), the Undersea Cable Protection Act (HR 261), and the Securing America’s Critical Minerals Supply Act (HR 3617).” According to the Congressional Record, Rep. Neguse said, “Mr. Speaker, if we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to strike section 4, which would stop an attempt by Republican leadership to block the House from taking up-or-down votes on President Trump’s disastrous tariff policies through the end of July.” **A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the bill.** The motion was agreed to by a vote of 216-214. [H. Res. 1042, [Vote #59](#), 2/10/26; CQ, [2/10/26](#); Congressional Record, [2/10/26](#)]

September 2025: Lawler Voted For H Res 707, Which Extended Trump’s Tariff Authority Through March 2026. In September 2025, Lawler voted for H Res 707, which passed by a vote of 213-211. According to a “vote note” from U.S. Rep. McClintock: “H Res 707 goes beyond the prerogative of the majority to decide what bills are taken to the floor. This resolution amends existing law to extend the authority of the President to impose tariffs until March 30. That makes this a substantive question of policy and the responsibility of individual members to pass judgment. Under the Constitution, the power to impose tariffs is a congressional power and needs to be restored to Congress.” [Congress.gov, H Res 707, Vote #268, [9/16/25](#); U.S. Rep Tom McClintock, [9/16/25](#)]

- **September 2025: Nearly Every U.S. House Republican Voted To Effectively Block Congress From Challenging Trump’s Tariff Authority Through March 2026.** “House Republicans voted in near lockstep Tuesday to again cede congressional power over tariffs to President Donald Trump. A measure that effectively

blocks challenges to Trump's sweeping global tariff declarations through March 2026 was adopted on a 213-211 vote. The vote was gavelled down only after GOP whips had a drawn-out struggle on the floor with a band of Republicans who initially opposed the legislation before flipping to yes. The vote was held open for more than a half-hour as they worked to bring the members back on board." [Politico, [9/16/25](#)]

Lawler Voted For Blocking Expedited Consideration Of Joint Resolutions Terminating Trump's Tariff Actions And Considering The Senate Amendment To The FY 2025 Budget Resolution. In April 2025, Lawler voted for: "Adoption of the rule (H Res 313) that would provide for floor consideration of the Senate amendment to the fiscal 2025 budget resolution (H Con Res 14). The rule would provide up to one hour of debate on a motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the measure. It also would block the expedited consideration of joint resolutions terminating President Donald Trump's tariff actions under the April 2 executive order by providing that each day during the period from April 9, 2025 through Sept. 30, 2025, will not constitute a calendar day under the federal law pertaining to terminating national emergencies." The rule was adopted by a vote of 216-215. [H. Res. 313, [Vote #94](#), 4/9/25; CQ, [4/9/25](#)]

- **House Republicans Pushed A Procedural Rule That Would Curb Congress's Power To Override Trump's Tariffs.** "Republicans are quietly pushing a procedural rule that would curb the power of the US Congress to override Donald Trump's chaotic tariff policy. The House of Representatives' rules committee on Wednesday approved a measure that would forbid the House from voting on legislation to overturn the president's recently imposed taxes on foreign imports." [The Guardian, [4/9/25](#)]

Lawler Voted For Blocking Consideration Of An Amendment Striking A Section Of The Rule That Would Prevent The House From Voting On Trump's Tariffs. In April 2025, Lawler voted for: "Foxx-N.C., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment)." According to the Congressional Record, Rep. McGovern said, "Mr. Speaker, I am going to urge that we defeat the previous question. I will offer an amendment. My amendment will simply strike section 2 of the rule. That section, tucked in the rule by Republicans this morning, prevents the House from voting on Trump's disastrous worldwide tariffs, the ones destroying the economy and raising prices on regular Americans." *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the bill.* The motion was agreed to by a vote of 217-212. [H Res 313, [Vote #93](#), 4/9/25; CQ, [4/9/25](#); Congressional Record, [4/9/25](#)]

Lawler Voted For Blocking Consideration Of A Joint Resolution To Terminate Trump's Tariffs. In April 2025, Lawler voted for: "Foxx, R-N.C., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment)." According to the Congressional Record, Rep. McGovern said, "Mr. Speaker, I ask that we defeat the previous question. If we do, I will offer an amendment to the rule to bring up H.J. Res. 91, a joint resolution to terminate the reckless tariffs that President Trump has put in place." *A vote for the motion was a vote to block consideration of the bill.* The motion was agreed to by a vote of 213-211. [H Res 294, [Vote #91](#), 4/8/25; CQ, [4/8/25](#); Congressional Record, [4/8/25](#)]

Lawler Voted For Considering The FY 2025 Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Bill, The Pandemic Unemployment Fraud Enforcement Act, And The Joint Resolution Disapproving Of An Internal Revenue Service Rule Relating To Digital Asset Sales. In March 2025, Lawler voted for: "Adoption of the rule (H Res 211) that would provide for floor consideration of the fiscal 2025 full-year continuing appropriations bill (HR 1968); the Pandemic Unemployment Fraud Enforcement Act (HR 1156); and the joint resolution (H J Res 25) providing for congressional disapproval of an Internal Revenue Service rule relating to digital asset sales. It would provide up to one hour of general debate on each measure. It would self-execute the Cole, R-Okla., manager's amendment to HR 1968 that would make technical corrections. The rule would also block expedited consideration of joint resolutions to terminate national emergencies declared by President Donald Trump on Feb. 1, 2025, by specifying that each day for the remainder of the first session of the 119th Congress will not be considered a calendar day under the National Emergencies Act." The rule was adopted by a vote of 216-214. [H Res 211, [Vote #67](#), 3/11/25; CQ, [3/11/25](#)]

- **New York Times: "House Republican Leaders On Tuesday Quietly Moved To Shield Their Members From Having To Vote On Whether To End President Trump's Tariffs."** "House Republican leaders on

Tuesday quietly moved to shield their members from having to vote on whether to end President Trump's tariffs on Mexico, Canada and China, tucking language into a procedural measure that effectively removed their chamber's ability to undo the levies. [New York Times, [3/11/25](#)]

- **Politico: “GOP Leadership Slipped Language Into A House Rule On Their Stopgap Funding Bill That Would Prevent Any Member Of Congress From Bringing Up A Resolution Terminating Trump’s Declaration Of A National Emergency.”** “GOP leadership slipped language into a House rule on their stopgap funding bill that would prevent any member of Congress from bringing up a resolution terminating Trump’s declaration of a national emergency over fentanyl and undocumented immigrants entering the U.S. The president has used that emergency declaration to justify his tariffs on Canada, Mexico and China.” [Politico, [3/11/25](#)]
- **Reuters: The Procedural Vote Blocked “The Ability Of Congress To Quickly Challenge Tariffs Imposed By President Trump That Have Rattled Financial Markets.”** “The Republican-controlled U.S. House of Representatives voted on Tuesday to block the ability of Congress to quickly challenge tariffs imposed by President Donald Trump that have rattled financial markets. [...] The provision was tucked into a procedural vote related to the Republicans' six-month stopgap funding bill.” [Reuters, [3/11/25](#)]

Tariffs Were One Of The Largest Tax Increases In The Country’s History, Causing Families To Pay Thousands Of Dollars More After Raising Costs On Everything From Cars To Groceries

2025: Tariffs Were One Of The Largest Tax Increases In The Country’s History

Center For Economic And Policy Research: Trump’s Tariffs Were The Largest Tax Increase In The Country’s History. “Donald Trump is putting in place the largest tax increase in the country’s history with his big import taxes (tariffs). We won’t know the full size of Trump’s taxes until after Liberation Day III (August 1), and probably not even then, but we already know that they are huge. This is evident from the tariff revenue the government is collecting. In June the government collected \$26.6 billion in tariff revenue. That is up from around \$6 billion a month in 2024 before Trump’s tax hikes. The difference of \$20 billion comes to \$240 billion on an annual basis. Summed over a decade, as we do with other measures, this comes to \$2.4 trillion. This would be a substantial tax hike in itself, roughly \$1,900 per household, but we know that the figure is almost certain to go much higher. Trump is threatening taxes of an additional 10 to 30 percent on imports from our major trading partners, such as Mexico, Canada, the European Union, and Japan. The tax take could easily end up being twice its current level, making Trump’s tariff frenzy by far the largest tax increase in US history.” [Center For Economic and Policy Research, [7/17/25](#)]

2026: Tariffs Were Estimated To Cost American Families Thousands Per Year

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Trump’s Tariffs Increased The Cost Of Living By More Than \$1,700 Per Family. “Following the Supreme Court’s decision today to overturn Trump’s tariffs, the Joint Economic Committee – Minority released an updated report estimating that American families have already paid more than \$1,700 each in tariff costs since President Trump took office. Combining Treasury Department data on the amount of tariff revenue collected across the first year of Trump’s term with independent estimates from the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office of the percent of each tariff dollar that is paid by American consumers, the Committee found that they paid more than \$231 billion in total tariff costs between February 2025 and January 2026, an average of more than \$1,700 per family. ‘President Trump’s tariffs have been a disaster for American families, driving costs up at the worst possible time,’ said U.S. Senator Maggie Hassan, Ranking Member of the Joint Economic Committee. ‘While the Supreme Court has thankfully and correctly ruled that much of Trump’s tariff agenda was an illegal exercise of presidential power, today’s ruling cannot undo the damage that tariffs have already caused.’” [Joint Economic Committee, Press Release, [2/20/26](#)]

- **Joint Economic Committee Headline: “UPDATED DATA: American Families Have Already Paid More Than \$1,700 Each In Tariff Costs Since Trump Entered Office.”** [Joint Economic Committee, Press Release, [2/20/26](#)]

2026: The Joint Economic Committee Estimated That Tariffs Would Cost American Families More Than \$2,500 On Average

Joint Economic Committee Minority: “American Families Will Pay More Than \$2,500 Each In Tariff Costs In 2026.” “Even though the Supreme Court ruled that the bulk of President Trump’s tariff agenda was illegal, the administration moved immediately to enact new tariffs that Treasury Secretary Bessent claims will result in ‘virtually unchanged tariff revenue in 2026’. If Bessent’s estimates hold true, the Joint Economic Committee – Minority estimates that American families will pay more than \$2,500 each in tariff costs in 2026. Building on its previous tariff cost estimates, the Committee combined official data from the U.S. Treasury Department on the amount of tariff revenue collected since the start of 2025 with independent estimates from the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office of the percent of each tariff dollar that is ultimately paid by American consumers. The Committee found that if tariff revenue stays at the level recorded in January 2026 for the rest of the year, American families would in total pay more than \$330 billion in tariff costs in 2026, an average of more than \$2,500 per household in tariff costs this year. This is substantially higher than the more than \$1,700 in average tariff costs that the JEC – Minority previously estimated that families paid during the first year of Trump’s second term.” [Joint Economic Committee Minority, Fact Sheet, [March 2026](#)]

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Consumers Shouldered The Burden Of Tariffs As They Raised The Price Of Basic Goods Like Food And Clothing

Consumers Shouldered 55% Of The Tariff Burden As Compared To Businesses

The Hill Headline: “US Consumers Shouldering 55 Percent Of Trump Tariff Costs: Goldman Sachs.” [The Hill, [10/13/25](#)]

Fox News Headline: “US Businesses And Consumers Shoulder The Bulk Of Tariff Cost Burden, Goldman Sachs Finds.” [Fox News, [10/21/25](#)]

Goldman Sachs Found U.S. Consumers Would Be Absorbing 55% Of Tariff Costs By The End Of 2025. “Goldman’s economists assessed that by the end of 2025, U.S. consumers will be absorbing 55% of tariff costs, while 22% will fall on U.S. businesses, 18% on foreign exporters and 5% on potential tariff evasion. ‘Our 22% estimate for U.S. businesses is modest because it is a net impact – companies that use or sell imported goods will bear a larger share of tariff costs, while domestic producers that are shielded from foreign competition by tariffs will be able to raise their own prices and increase their margins,’ the economists wrote.” [Fox Business, [10/21/25](#)]

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Tariffs Raised Prices On Cars, Groceries, And Apparel Goods

Kelley Blue Book: “President Trump Has Announced A 25% Tariff On All Cars Built Outside The United States And On Many Parts Used In Cars Built Here. [...] Shoppers Can Expect The Tariffs To Increase Car Prices By As Much As \$6,000 On Vehicles Priced Under \$40,000.” “President Trump has announced a 25% tariff on all cars built outside the United States and on many parts used in cars built here. See our latest news updates below on where tariffs stand. Effective Dates: Imported Cars: Tariffs began on April 3. Car Parts: Tariffs began on May 3. These tariffs have started to increase car prices. To save money, consider locking in a new car deal before any potential price increases take effect. Can You Avoid a Car Tariff? No vehicle made at an assembly plant in the United States is 100% made here. Even Tesla sources its parts from other countries. This means that with tariffs, car prices will increase for American car buyers, though the timing remains unclear. You can potentially avoid paying a tariff on a new car by purchasing one that was imported to the U.S. before the tariffs took effect, or by buying a used car. How Will Tariffs Affect Car Buying? If new cars become too expensive, used cars will become more attractive. However, if demand spikes, used car prices may also increase. Here’s more information: New cars: Shoppers can expect the tariffs to increase car prices by as much as \$6,000 on vehicles priced under \$40,000. Higher car prices mean higher car taxes, financing, car insurance, and other ownership costs. This price pressure will make cars less affordable for consumers.” [Kelley Blue Book, [9/15/25](#)]

Tariffs Contributed To Prices Rising For Groceries. “President Donald Trump pledged to bring down grocery costs. But his administration’s policies are contributing to an acceleration in prices, food economists and companies say. Grocery prices last month rose at their fastest pace in three years, stoked by Trump’s tariffs, a crackdown on immigration, and extreme weather hurting food production. Prices jumped 0.6% in August from the month prior, according to the latest reading from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, and they are up 2.7% from a year ago. Food prices are deeply personal to consumers, and weekly grocery bills shape their overall perceptions of the economy. More than half of Americans count grocery costs as a major stress in their lives. Low-income and middle-income Americans, hit the hardest by rising grocery costs, are changing where they shop and what they buy. Companies are also taking extreme measures to appeal to shoppers strained by higher prices, such as bringing back paper coupons.” [CNN, [9/20/25](#)]

- **Axios Headline: “Grocery Inflation Highest Since 2022 As Trump Tariffs Pile Up.”** [Axios, [9/11/25](#)]
- **News ABC 12 Headline: “Trump’s Tariffs Could Lead To Higher Grocery Bills As NC Farmers Face Export Challenges.”** [News ABC 12, [4/2/25](#)]

Tariffs Raised Prices On Apparel Goods. “The impact of President Donald Trump’s tariffs on prices throughout the economy is expected to increase over the summer. At U.S. department store chains including Macy’s, Nordstrom, and Dillard’s, the evidence of sticker price inflation is starting to show up across more items. Recent price increases in apparel, footwear, and bags across major U.S. department-store websites tracked by DataWeave indicate a turning point in May, when prices started their ascent. DataWeave analyzes nearly 15,000 SKUs (stock keeping units), a scannable code retailers use to identify and track a product, and has been collecting that data from January to June for signs of price hikes in footwear, apparel, and bags. ‘Footwear is now as much as 4% above January levels at some banners, while apparel is roughly half that pace,’ said Karthik Bettadapura, co-founder & CEO of DataWeave.” [CNBC, [7/2/25](#)]

- **CNBC Headline: “Inside America’s Department Stores, Tariff-Triggered Price Hikes Are Picking Up.”** [CNBC, [7/2/25](#)]

- **The Guardian Headline: “Clothing Prices Rising In US As Trump Tariffs Kick In, H&M Boss Says.”**
[The Guardian, [6/26/25](#)]

Various Small Businesses Across The Hudson Valley Complained About Tariffs Causing Higher Input Costs Which Were Costing Them Business

Michael Chiltern, The Owner Of A Local Brewery In The Lower Hudson Valley, Said Tariffs Had Been A “Massive Added Cost,” Adding That Many Of The Products Used To Craft Locally Brewed Beer Came From Abroad. “Small businesses in the Lower Hudson Valley are caught in the crossfire of a trade war they didn’t start — and they are not getting the help they were promised. In a column last week, I introduced readers to Michael Chiltern, the owner of Wolf and Warrior Brewing. That column was about the value and the cost of producing local products like beer and newspapers. As we were chatting, Chiltern mentioned that many of the products he uses to craft locally brewed beer originate outside our borders, from places like Canada (food grade aluminum cans) and Germany (hops and other grains). Chiltern told me that President Donald Trump’s tariffs have been a massive added cost to his operations.” [LoHud, Matt Richter Column, [3/4/26](#)]

A Restaurateur And Caterer From White Plains Said That The Tariffs Made Him Feel Like “We’re On The Front Line” And Added That Tariffs And Their Compounding Effect On Employment Were Hurting Local Businesses. “It feels like we’re on the front line, said Peter Her-rero Jr. later in the program. Her-rero is CEO of The Hospitality Group, which operates four restaurant and catering establishments out of White Plains. ‘I don’t think people realize what’s going on,’ he said. It’s the tariffs but also their compounding effect on employment, continuity and planning under a degree of uncertainty that will take months if not years to untangle.” [Hudson Independent, [2/28/26](#)]

An Owner Of A Local Chain Of Ice Cream Stores And Catering Business Said That Her Supply Costs Had More Than Doubled In 6 Months After Tariffs Had Been Put In Place. “Ellen Sledge, who founded and expanded Penny Lick, a chain of ice cream stores and a catering business out of Hastings-on-Hudson, doesn’t have to wait to feel the pain. ‘In November 2024,’ she testified, ‘I’m buying 11 pounds of 58% dark chocolate at a cost of \$90.’ By May of 2025, that same chunk of chocolate cost her \$220. ‘How much can I charge for that ice cream cone?’ she pondered, calculating the cost of tariffs is a challenge. All her receipts show to the penny how much her costs are rising, she says, ‘but never on my receipts does it say what the tariff is.’” [Hudson Independent, [2/28/26](#)]

Mike Beckerle, Owner Of A Rockland County Lumber Shop, Said That About 20% Of His Products Came From Canada And That The Tariffs Were “Putting A Major Concern That There’s Going To Be A Slowdown In Our Industry.” “The 25% tariffs on Mexico and Canada went into effect Tuesday. Experts and local businesses are reacting to the tariffs going into effect. At Beckerle Lumber in Rockland County, about 20% of their products come from Canada. Last month, they told News 12 they were hopeful that a permanent deal would have been reached during the 30-day pause. Now, concerns are rising again about what it could mean for business, shipments and prices. ‘Everybody wants a crystal ball, what’s going to happen. It’s definitely putting a major concern that there’s going to be a slowdown in our industry,’ says Mike Beckerle, owner of Beckerle Lumber.” [News12, [3/4/25](#)]

Stuart Leventhal, Owner Of A Outdoor Furniture Store In Rockland County, Said He “Would Like To See The Day When Tariffs End” And Added That Tariffs Were Causing A Lot Of Price Uncertainty. “News 12 talked about tariffs with the owner of Down to Earth Living, a store that sells things from all over the world for home and garden in Pomona. Owner Stuart Leventhal gave News 12 a tour around the showroom, which has outdoor furniture sets on display from China, Costa Rica, Mexico, Indonesia and the United States. ‘I would like to see the day when tariffs end,’ said Leventhal, who offered his perspective on tariffs as a business who has dealt with them over the years. [...] Leventhal suggests prices may be better now for consumers than in the future. ‘We don’t know what that tariff is going to be when it lands,’ he said. ‘Since it’s on the water for 30 days, the tariff that we projected to pay may be very different than the tariff we actually pay.’” [News12, [3/19/25](#)]

A Local Business Even Pressed Lawler On Clarity Of The Tariffs Scheme

October 2025: During A Tour Of The REELEX Packaging Solutions, Lawler Had A Conversation With The Manufacturing Facility’s CEO Which Discussed “The Need For Greater Clarity On Tariff Schemes.” “BCW Member REELEX Packaging Solutions, a global leader in packaging machinery manufacturing and export, recently welcomed Congressman Mike Lawler to its Patterson facility for a tour of its manufacturing floor and a discussion on the future of U.S. manufacturing. [...] David Gerhart, CEO of REELEX, underscored the importance of supportive tax and economic policies to keep New York State manufacturers competitive: ‘As a manufacturer and exporter based in New York State, we’re proud to contribute to U.S. economic strength through innovation, skilled jobs, veteran employees, and international trade. [...] The conversation also addressed international competitiveness, including challenges around intellectual property enforcement and the need for greater clarity on tariff schemes.’ [Business Council of Westchester, News, [10/9/25](#)]

Multiple Local And State Business Organizations Spoke Out Against Tariffs, Stating That They Were Leading To Added Costs And Concern Among Consumers

In Response To The Supreme Court’s Decision To Strike Down Trump’s Tariffs The Business Council Of New York State Called Tariffs “Nothing More Than A Tax That Ultimately Impacts Employers, Workers, And Consumers Alike.” “The Business Council is pleased with the Supreme Court’s decision as tariffs are nothing more than a tax that ultimately impacts employers, workers, and consumers alike. Our economy is stronger when we pursue free trade with clear but necessary guardrails such as the already implemented and successful USMCA agreement that we hope will undergo a swift, successful review this July.” [Business Council of New York State, Statements, [2/20/26](#)]

A Manhattan Chamber Of Commerce Study Showed That NYC Metro Area Small Businesses Absorbed \$4.5 Billion In Added Tariff Costs With Import Dependent Sectors Bearing The Brunt Of The Costs. “One year after federal tariffs took effect, the Manhattan Chamber of Commerce today released a comprehensive analysis revealing the severe economic toll on New York City households and businesses. The report documents that the average New York household faces \$4,200 in additional annual costs—more than three times the national average—while small businesses across the NYC metro area are absorbing approximately \$4.5 billion in tariff-related expenses. (See methodology below.) [...] Small Business Crisis: NYC metro area small businesses are absorbing approximately \$4.5 billion annually in added tariff costs, with the burden swelling to \$6.9 billion across New York State. Import-dependent sectors are bearing the brunt, particularly medical equipment and miscellaneous manufacturing (38.4% of import value), textiles and leather, and electronics and machinery.” [Manhattan Chamber of Commerce, [2/1/26](#)]

At A Roundtable Discussion In Westchester County, A CEO Of A Nonprofit Helping Small Businesses Said 70% Of Respondents Were Feeling The Pain Of Tariffs. “One such event, a round-table discussion of the impact of tariffs on small businesses, took place on February 27 at the Westchester County Center. A seven-member panel of experts and small business owners spoke to not only the financial fallout from Trump’s roller coaster policies that use tariffs as an international negotiating tool but also the personal, community and international repercussions that have followed. [...] Jane Veron, co-founder and CEO, of The Acceleration Project, a non-profit that supports small businesses, reported that a survey her organization took found that 70% of respondents were already feeling the pain of the tariffs while another 20% said they expected to in the next couple of months. Asked to describe their feelings about tariffs, ‘they offered words like ‘terrified, unsure, confused, nervous, angry, mystified, devastated.’ But the word that stood out,’ said Veron, ‘was ‘uncertain.’” [Hudson Independent, [2/28/26](#)]

The Westchester County Association President Called Out Tariffs For Hurting The Local And Regional Economy, Both Driving Up Costs Of Goods And Increasing The Risk Of Long-Term Inflation. “As a wave of new tariffs hits America’s trading partners, Westchester builders are scrambling to adapt. While it’s too early to gauge the full impact on costs and prices on building materials, those in the Westchester business community expressed concern about rising prices, business stability and housing affordability. Michael Romita, president of

Westchester County Association, said development projects are likely to become more expensive to build. As a result, fewer projects will move forward, which could ultimately affect housing affordability. Furthermore, the uncertainty makes long-term planning difficult. ‘These tariffs will hurt both the local and regional economy because they will not only drive up the cost of goods but also increase the risk of long-term inflation and unpredictability,’ Romita said. ‘The retaliatory response we are seeing today from our largest trading partners could be the beginning of an expansive trade war. If that happens, American consumers and businesses will suffer. Everyone loses.’” [LoHud, [3/10/25](#)]

The Business Council Of Westchester Said Trump’s Tariff Policy Was Causing People To Be Concerned About Cost Increases. “President Donald Trump agreed to pause the 25% tariff on Mexico and Canada on Monday. Now, Westchester businesses are reacting. Some say they’re still on edge. [...] The Business Council of Westchester says it’s hard to tell right now how businesses could be affected. ‘We don’t know what they will be except for the fact that people are concerned about having to increase in cost,’ says John Ravitz, with the Business Council of Westchester.” [News12, [2/3/25](#)]

Tariffs Were The Largest Tax Increase In Decades And Were Estimated To Cost New Yorkers, Who Were Shouldering A Majority Of The Costs, Over \$4,000 Extra A Year

The Tax Foundation, A Nonpartisan Organization, Described Trump’s Tariffs As “The Largest U.S. Tax Increase As A Percent Of GDP Since 1993.” “President Donald Trump’s tariffs cost the average American household \$1,000 last year, according to new research from the nonpartisan Tax Foundation... The research called Trump’s tariffs ‘the largest U.S. tax increase as a percent of GDP since 1993.’ It suggests the president’s signature economic policy is exacerbating cost of living concerns at a time when many households are grappling with persistently high prices. According to the research think tank Tax Foundation, the federal government collected \$264 billion in total tariff revenues in 2025 -- far short of the trillions regularly touted by the White House. The research also finds the tariffs will offset most of the economic benefits of the new tax cuts from Trump’s signature tax law that took effect this year.” [ABC News, [2/9/26](#)]

The New York State Tariff Disruptions Report Found That Tariffs Were Imposing A 21 Percent Tax On Imported Goods And Costing The Average New York Family An Estimated \$4,200 A Year. “Governor Kathy Hochul today announced the findings of the New York State Tariff Disruptions Report, a statewide analysis documenting the impacts caused by the Trump Administration’s tariff policies. The report outlines that tariffs are imposing an effective 21 percent tax on imported goods, costing New York families an estimated \$4,200 annually. Additionally, inflation is nearly 52 percent higher than the 10-year average. These tariffs have generated price surges across critical sectors, and are threatening to reverse years of economic growth and job creation in New York State. The report can be found here.” [Office of Governor Kathy Hochul, Press Release, [11/7/25](#)]

The Hill Headline: “US Consumers Shouldering 55 Percent Of Trump Tariff Costs: Goldman Sachs.” [The Hill, [10/13/25](#)]

Goldman Sachs Found U.S. Consumers Would Be Absorbing 55% Of Tariff Costs By The End Of 2025, While Businesses Only Shouldered 22% Of The Costs. “Goldman’s economists assessed that by the end of 2025, U.S. consumers will be absorbing 55% of tariff costs, while 22% will fall on U.S. businesses, 18% on foreign exporters and 5% on potential tariff evasion. ‘Our 22% estimate for U.S. businesses is modest because it is a net impact – companies that use or sell imported goods will bear a larger share of tariff costs, while domestic producers that are shielded from foreign competition by tariffs will be able to raise their own prices and increase their margins,’ the economists wrote.” [Fox Business, [10/21/25](#)]

The Senate Joint Economic Committee Minority Found That Tariffs Would Cost Households An Average Of Over \$2,500 In 2026. “President Donald Trump is scrambling to replace the revenue the federal government lost when the Supreme Court struck down his biggest and boldest tariffs last month. If the effort succeeds, congressional Democrats warn in a study out Friday, the administration’s import taxes will cost American households an average of \$2,512 in 2026, up 44% from \$1,745 in tariff costs last year. And this at a time when U.S. consumers are already angry over the high cost of living and the war with Iran is pushing up energy prices.” [AP,

[3/13/26](#)]

- **The Committee Made Its Cost Estimate By Combining Official Data From The Treasury Department With The Estimates From The Congressional Budget Office On How Much Consumers Were Paying On Tariffed Goods.** “Even though the Supreme Court ruled that the bulk of President Trump’s tariff agenda was illegal, the administration moved immediately to enact new tariffs that Treasury Secretary Bessent claims will result in ‘virtually unchanged tariff revenue in 2026’. If Bessent’s estimates hold true, the Joint Economic Committee – Minority estimates that American families will pay more than \$2,500 each in tariff costs in 2026. Building on its previous tariff cost estimates, the Committee combined official data from the U.S. Treasury Department on the amount of tariff revenue collected since the start of 2025 with independent estimates from the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office of the percent of each tariff dollar that is ultimately paid by American consumers.” [Senate Joint Economic Committee Minority, Fact Sheet, [March 2026](#)]

This Represented A 44% Increase From 2025, When Households Were Estimated To Pay An Average Of \$1,745 In Tariff Costs. “President Donald Trump is scrambling to replace the revenue the federal government lost when the Supreme Court struck down his biggest and boldest tariffs last month. If the effort succeeds, congressional Democrats warn in a study out Friday, the administration’s import taxes will cost American households an average of \$2,512 in 2026, up 44% from \$1,745 in tariff costs last year. And this at a time when U.S. consumers are already angry over the high cost of living and the war with Iran is pushing up energy prices.” [AP, [3/13/26](#)]

The Senate Joint Economic Committee Minority Found That New Yorkers Were Already Paying Over \$2,000 More In Household Costs Since Trump Took Office, Including Paying Over \$400 More Per Year For Housing

2025: According To The Joint Economic Committee Minority, New Yorkers Faced An Average Cost Increase Of \$2,024, Including Paying \$433 More For Housing And \$178 More For Transportation. [Senate Joint Economic Committee Minority, Fact Sheet, [January 2026](#)]

The Committee Estimated The Cost Increase By Using Data From The Bureau Of Economic Analysis On Household Spending And The Most Recent Consumer Price Index To Track Inflation. “Updated calculations from the Joint Economic Committee – Minority estimate how much more an average family in every state spent on goods and services in 2025 because of inflation under President Trump. The analysis uses recent data from the Bureau of Economic Analysis on household spending and the most recent Consumer Price Index (CPI) data that tracks inflation through December 2025. CPI estimates the costs that households pay for all purchases and expenses, including housing, transportation, food, clothing, health care, utilities, and other essentials. This analysis uses the same methods that the Joint Economic Committee – Republicans used under the last administration to estimate state-level costs.” [Senate Joint Economic Committee Minority, Fact Sheet, [January 2026](#)]

Lawler Even Admitted Tariffs Would Raise Costs, Saying “There May Be A Little Short Term Pain Here”

Lawler On The Tariffs: “So Bottom Line Is, Yes, Obviously There May Be A Little Short Term Pain Here.”
LAWLER: “The fact is countries all across the globe have tariffs and barriers to entry in place against US products. This has a profound impact on costs here in America. It also has a profound impact on jobs. Part of what the President is trying to do is set a level playing field and actually have free and fair trade across the globe. So if country has a 10% or 50% or 100% tariff on US goods, he’s going to apply a reciprocal tariff on them. [...] Part of what all Americans should be looking for is not only that we do have free trade but that we bring jobs back to the United States, inclusive of manufacturing jobs. Tariffs are a vehicle by which to do that. In the long term, obviously, it can have a profound impact. But in the immediate, I think the objective is to set about a negotiation with these countries. Look at Canada, for instance, their economy will collapse if these tariffs stay in place too long. So bottom line is, yes, obviously there may be a little short term pain here but the objective long term is to actually have fair trade that reduces costs, reduces prices, and brings jobs back to the United States.” [GOP Accountability via YouTube, 0:00, uploaded [5/29/25](#)] (VIDEO)

Lawler Repeatedly Supported Tariffs On The Campaign Trail And Defended Their Use In Congress, Even Claiming They Would Help Reduce Costs For Americans

2025: Lawler Defended The Use Of Tariffs And Said It Would “Help Reduce Overall Cost For Americans”

April 2025: When Asked If His Constituents Would Spend More Because Of Tariffs, Lawler Said “No” And Added That Tariffs Would “Help Reduce Overall Cost For Americans.” WELKER: “Are your constituents going to ultimately spend more on everyday goods because of these tariffs?” LAWLER: “No. You have to look at the policies in totality. So tariffs right now are one end of it and by the way, tariffs will bring in revenue to the federal government which will help reduce overall cost for Americans.” [NBC via YouTube, 3:20, [4/3/25](#)] (VIDEO)

2024: Lawler Expressed Support For Trump’s Plans To Impose Tariffs And Said They Had Been Effective In The Past

September 2024: When Asked About Trump’s Plans To Use Tariffs In His Second Administration, Lawler Said Trump “Basically Broke Iran In His First Administration” Through Tariff Threats On China. HOST: “What do you think about tariffs being one of the things that need to be done according to the Trump camp?” Lawler: “Donald Trump basically broke Iran in his first administration because he threatened tariffs on China if they purchased Iranian petroleum. China didn't purchase Iranian petroleum. Iran was broke, that's where tariffs can be effective. Joe Biden lifted sanctions on Iranian petroleum and sales are up over \$100 billion Kamala Harris has presided over the inflation Reduction Act.. The fact is that it has not reduced inflation. It has actually crippled our economy. We have to reverse many of the policies that the Biden Harris administration has put into effect. Kamala Harris is proposing to raise the corporate tax rate from 21% to 28%. You want to see the fastest way for companies to move manufacturing back overseas, do that. That would be disastrous for the economy.” [CNN, Transcripts, [9/5/24](#)]

2024: Lawler Sidestepped A Question On How To Ensure Tariffs Did Not Increase Costs On Consumers And Got Into An Argument After Being Confronted With The Fact That Economist Projected Trump’s Tariffs Would Be A Tax On Consumers

VIDEO: November 2024: Lawler Sidestepped A Debate Question About Ensuring Tariffs Don’t Increase Costs On Consumers, Instead Attacking Mondaire Jones For “Endors[Ing] The Largest Tax Increase In American History.” HOST: “Mr. Lawler you've defended the use of tariffs by the former president, saying they've helped keep Iran and China in check. So how do you ensure they don't increase costs for Americans who are already struggling?” LAWLER: “Mondaire Jones just endorsed the largest tax increase in American history. The fact is, and I know you're very upset about Elon Musk, so when you lose on Tuesday, you can delete your Twitter account. He wants to raise taxes on middle class families, corporations, and small businesses. It will crush the economy. It will drive up costs further. Tariffs are used as a tool, the Biden Harris administration, actually kept in place the tariffs that were put in by President Trump on China because they are effective in combating China's trade policy.” [PIX11 News via YouTube, 24:05, [11/1/24](#)] (VIDEO)

September 2024: When Confronted With The Fact That Economists Stated Tariffs Would Be A Huge Tax On Consumers, Lawler Got Into A Fight With The Host, Asking Her To Name Economists That Were Claiming Tariffs Would Be A Tax. SIDNER: “That is disputed by economists who say that Donald Trump's plan with - particularly with the tariffs, could be a huge tax on consumers. But you know what, voters are going to decide.” LAWLER: “The tariffs - the tariffs are a tool - respectfully, tariffs are a tool to force countries, like China, OK, not to purchase Iranian petroleum. That is something that absolutely should be on the table when Iran is funding terrorism. This is all interconnected, and - and I think you have to be very clear” SIDNER: “So, do you dispute every economist who has come out and said that this is going to make it more difficult for people to afford the things that are imported by China and elsewhere? That is what the economists are saying.” LAWLER: “Every - every - every economist? Please, cite me a few. Please cite me a few. Who's every economist? Here - here's the reality, tax hikes” SIDNER: “Literally - literally every economist that is” LAWLER: “Literally every economist.

Name me one. Tax hikes on American corporations from..." SIDNER: "The - the head economist of Moody's has said it." [CNN, Transcripts, [9/5/24](#)]

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March 2026: The Daily Mail Reported That "Limousine Lawler" Used Over \$150,000 In Campaign Cash On Luxury Spending, Including Limos, 5 Star Hotels, And Private Boat Charters

Daily Mail Headline: "The 'Lavish' Life Of 'Limousine Lawler': New York Congressman Blew \$150k In Campaign Funds On Limos, Ritz-Carlton Stays, Private Boat Charters And Steakhouse Dinners." [Daily Mail, [3/21/26](#)]

Daily Mail: Lawler's Campaign "Splashed More Than \$150,000 On Limousines, Private Boat Charters, Five-Star Hotels, Celebrity Restaurants, And Ritzy Resorts." "New York congressman Mike Lawler's campaign fund splashed more than \$150,000 on limousines, private boat charters, five-star hotels, celebrity restaurants, and ritzy resorts, financial filings reveal." [Daily Mail, [3/21/26](#)]

Lawler Spent \$3,400 At A Celebrity Frequented Restaurant, \$7,300 On Private Boat Charters, \$1,300 At The Venetian In Vegas, And \$460 At A Beverly Hills Boutique. "Records from the Federal Election Commission (FEC) show the second-term Republican's campaign funds were splashed on a \$3,400 dinner at a celebrity-frequented sushi restaurant, \$7,355 on private boat charters at an upstate New York resort, a \$1,300 'meeting' at the Venetian in Las Vegas, a \$700-stay at a Florida beachfront Ritz-Carlton, \$560 at a Beverly Hills boutique." [Daily Mail, [3/21/26](#)]

Lawler Had Spent Over \$10,000 On Limousine Companies In 2024 And 2025. "A national limousine lobby group honored Hudson Valley-based House member Lawler, 39, with a special fundraiser last year, and luxury car hire company executives have donated over \$20,000 to his campaign. His political fund, Lawler for Congress Inc., spent \$10,959.26 on limousine companies in 2024 and 2025." [Daily Mail, [3/21/26](#)]

A Campaign Finance Reform Organization Spokesperson Said Lawler "Sounds Like A Person Who Tends To Treat Himself Royally Off The Dime Of His Donors" And That It Was An "Abuse" Of Donors' Trust. "This sounds like a person who tends to treat himself royally off the dime of his donors," said Craig Holman, a lobbyist for campaign finance reform organization Public Citizen, adding that failing to spend money wisely would be an 'abuse' of donors' trust. 'It's not necessarily a good look,' added Michael Beckel, an expert on money in politics at bipartisan group Issue One, which advocates for campaign finance reform." [Daily Mail, [3/21/26](#)]

The Daily Mail Found That Lawler Had Spent \$69,000 On Luxury Hotels, \$34,000 On High End Restaurants, And Almost \$30,000 At Country Clubs And Golf Tournaments. "A Daily Mail analysis of his campaign spending since 2022 shows the donors also footed the bill for \$69,348.24 of luxury hotel stays; \$34,511.76 at high-end restaurants - including \$14,714.65 on steakhouses alone - and \$29,934.75 on events at country clubs and golf tournaments." [Daily Mail, [3/21/26](#)]

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