Mike Lawler Overview Backup

Cait Conley is a proud patriot who put her life on the line to serve this country, not any person or political party, and especially not corporate special interests. Mike Lawler is a career political operative and former lobbyist who does the bidding of corporate special interests and Donald Trump, even when it raises our costs and hurts the Hudson Valley.

Mike Lawler Is A Career Political Operative And Former Lobbyist Who Does The Bidding Of Corporate Special Interests And Donald Trump, Even When It Raises Our Costs And Hurts The Hudson Valley.

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Mike Lawler Message #1 Backup

Mike Lawler is a self-dealing career political operative and former utility lobbyist who puts his corporate donors and Trump over the Hudson Valley:

Lawler was a lobbyist for monopoly utility companies. He's taken tens of thousands from the utility industry, then voted to hike our utility costs. Meanwhile, Hudson Valley families have seen their rates increase by over 60%.

Lawler took nearly half a million dollars from Big Pharma and insurance companies, while voting to let them raise New Yorkers' monthly premiums by as much as 50% and jack up the cost of prescription drugs.

And he's voted 100% of the time with Trump, even when it raised our costs.

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Lawler Was A Lobbyist For Monopoly Utility Companies

2020: Lawler Was A Lobbyist For New Yorkers For Affordable Energy, A Group That Was Called A Front For Utilities And Had Multiple Utility Companies And Their Lobbying Arm As Its Members

Lawler Worked As A Lobbyist For New Yorkers For Affordable Energy

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	CONTRACTUAL CLIENT	BENEFICIAL CLIENTS
CHECKMATE STRATEGIES, LLC 5 BANYAN COURT JACKSON, NJ 08527 p.845-721-5396	NEW YORKERS FOR AFFORDABLE ENERGY 5 BANYAN COURT JACKSON, NJ 08527 p.845-721-5396	NEW YORKERS FOR AFFORDABLE ENERGY 5 BANYAN COURT JACKSON, NJ 08527 p.845-721-5396

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]

New Yorkers For Affordable Energy Was Called A "Front Group" For Utilities And The Oil And Gas Industry

The Energy And Policy Institute Called New Yorkers For Affordable Energy A "Front Group" Who Represented Utility Companies And Major Gas Industry Interests. "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. NY4AE played a central role in opposition to New York's landmark climate law, the 2019 Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA). The CLCPA requires New York to reduce economy-wide greenhouse gas emissions 40% by 2030 and no less than 85% by 2050 from 1990 levels." [Energy and Policy Institute, accessed 11/12/25]

New Yorkers For Affordable Energy's Membership Included Utility Monopolies Like Avangrid And Dominion Energy

Avangrid Was A Steering Committee Member Of Lawler's Lobbying Client, New Yorkers For Affordable Energy. [New Yorkers for Affordable Energy via Internet Archive, archived 4/6/22]

STEERING COMMITTEE

API – New York
Avangrid
Enbridge
Engineers Labor-Employer Cooperative (ELEC 825)
Millennium Pipeline
National Fuel Gas Company
National Grid
NYS Pipe Trades Association

[New Yorkers for Affordable Energy via Internet Archive, archived 4/6/22]

Dominion Energy Was A Member Of Lawler's Lobbying Client, New Yorkers For Affordable Energy. [New Yorkers for Affordable Energy via Internet Archive, archived 4/6/22]

Dominion Energy
Eastern NY District Council of Laborers
Enbridge
Energy Coalition New York
Energy Equipment and Infrastructure Alliance

[New Yorkers for Affordable Energy via Internet Archive, archived 4/6/22]

Avangrid And Dominion Energy Were Monopolies

2023: The Ithaca Times Reported That Avangrid Could "Arbitrarily Increase Energy Prices Due To Its Monopoly Status." "The Town and City of Ithaca are working towards establishing a program that could bring lower energy prices to residents while building more sustainable and local energy sources. The program, which was originally called Community Choice Aggregation has since been re-titled, TGEN, which stands for Tompkins Green Energy Network. If all goes according to plan, it will allow locals to choose where they source their energy from. As things currently stand when it comes to energy providers in New York State, residents don't have much of a choice to make. Avangrid, the parent company of New York State Electric & Gas (NYSEG) and Rochester Gas & Electric (RG&E) — which together supply power for around 3.7 million people in upstate New York — can arbitrarily increase energy prices due to its monopoly status. As a result, New Yorkers have faced seemingly endless increases in their energy costs." [Ithaca Times, 7/12/23]

Dominion Energy Was Regulated In Virginia As A Monopoly By The State Corporation Commission. "Dominion Energy is a utility corporation that provides power to two-thirds of Virginians. The Dominion name and logo are inescapable: on monthly bills, utility trucks, and regional offices; on the glass headquarters that towers over Richmond and the nearby Dominion Energy Center for performing arts; at the Charity Classic golf tournament and all the other sports events and philanthropies that the utility sponsors. Dominion is regulated as a monopoly by the State Corporation Commission, or SCC, whose task is to set fair rates for the customer and a fair return for the utility. Dominion also provides more than $1 million a year in campaign gifts to Virginia politicians (the state places no limits on political contributions), including members of the general assembly, who pass the legislation that determines how the company is regulated. The main authors of these bills are Dominion's lawyers and lobbyists." [Atlantic, 6/13/23]

He's Taken Tens Of Thousands From The Utility Industry, Then Voted To Hike Our Utility Costs.

Lawler Has Taken At Least $22,000 From The Utilities Industry

January 2026: Lawler's FEC Report Showed That He Received $11,000 From Utility PACs. [FEC, Lawler for Congress, 2025 Q4 Report, filed 1/20/26]

Q4 2025: Utility PAC Donations To Lawler For Congress		
Donor Name	**Date**	**Amount**
PowerPAC of the Edison Electric Institute	12/31/2025	$2,500.00
Consolidated Edison Inc. Employees' PAC	12/18/2025	$1,000.00
Edison International PAC	12/31/2025	$5,000.00
Avangrid PAC	12/5/2025	$2,500.00
	Total:	**$11,000.00**

[FEC, Lawler for Congress, 2025 Q4 Report, filed 1/20/26]

2024: Lawler Received $11,524 From The Electric Power Utilities Industry. [OpenSecrets, accessed 7/17/26]

Electric Power utilities	$11,524	$24	$11,500

[OpenSecrets, accessed 7/17/26]

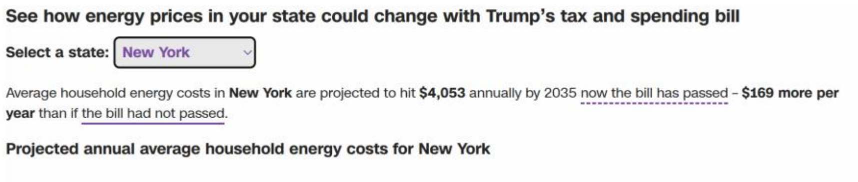
2025: Lawler Voted For The Big Beautiful Bill, Which Was Estimated To Raise Energy Costs By $169

Lawler Voted For The 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 Big Beautiful Bill Was Estimated To Raise New Yorkers' Energy Costs By $169

CNN Estimated That The Average New York Household Would Pay $169 More In Energy Costs Per Year As A Result Of The Big Beautiful Bill. [CNN, 6/27/25]



See how energy prices in your state could change with Trump's tax and spending bill

Select a state: New York

Average household energy costs in **New York** are projected to hit **$4,053** annually by 2035 now the bill has passed – **$169 more per year** than if the bill had not passed.

Projected annual average household energy costs for New York

[CNN, 6/27/25]

CNN: "Energy Innovation Found Wholesale Electricity Prices Would Increase By 50% By 2035." "House Republicans gutted energy savings and clean energy tax credits in President Donald Trump's "big, beautiful" tax bill — taking aim at funds that are creating thousands of jobs in GOP states and saving homeowners money on their bills. It's all on the chopping block. The House GOP passed Trump's tax package on a narrow vote Thursday morning. The bill now heads to the Senate. The bill would end tax credits that helped lower the cost of electric vehicles, energy efficient appliances, rooftop solar and insulation. In last-minute changes to the bill, Republicans sped up the timelines for phasing out key clean energy tax credits. [...] Orvis said the Republican tax bill could not only hurt future projects, it will likely hurt existing manufacturing facilities as well. 'Some of the proposed language in the (bill) text actually puts existing facilities at risk because they will no longer qualify to receive some of the tax credits that they got financing on,' Orvis said. The cost of electricity for everyday Americans and businesses would also go up; Energy Innovation found wholesale electricity prices would increase by 50% by 2035. This is in large part because solar and wind energy are cheaper than fossil fuels." [CNN, 5/22/25]

Electricity Prices Could Increase By An Average Of 7.3% For Households And 10.6% For Businesses Nationwide As A Result Of The Big Beautiful Bill. "Congress moved one step closer to passing President Donald Trump's 'One Big, Beautiful Bill' this week — and with that, one step closer to spiking power bills across the nation. The bill would rapidly phase out tax credits for clean energy, slowing the construction of solar, wind, and battery projects, which made up over 90% of new electricity connected to the grid last year. Repealing those tax credits would come at a steep cost to utility customers in every state, according to NERA analysis commissioned by the Clean Energy Buyers Association. The most impacted states could see electricity prices rise by nearly 30% by 2029. […] Households and businesses in Wyoming, Illinois, and New Mexico would see the biggest jump in energy costs should the tax credits be repealed. Nationwide, electricity prices would increase by an average of 7.3% for households and 10.6% for businesses, worsening the increasingly steep energy costs Americans face." [Canary Media, 7/3/25]

Princeton University Researchers Said The Big Beautiful Bill Would Raise The National Average Retail Electricity Rates By 9% In 2030. "A tax package on track to pass both chambers of Congress would raise electricity prices, accelerate the release of heat-trapping greenhouse gases and undercut low-emission energy investments, according to researchers who have analyzed the legislation. [...] Overall, the bill would raise 'national average retail electricity rates and monthly household electricity bills by about 9% in 2030,' researchers at Princeton University concluded." [NJ Spotlight News, 6/5/25]

Meanwhile, Hudson Valley Families Have Seen Their Rates Increase By Over 60%.

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2021- 2026: Since Lawler Had Taken Office, Utility Rates In New York Had Risen 61%

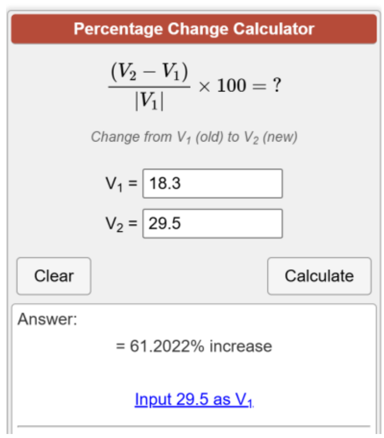
January 2021: Lawler Assumed State Assembly Office

January 2021: Lawler Was Sworn Into State Assembly Office. "Assemblyman Mike Lawler (R,C,I,SAM-Pearl River) was in Albany Wednesday for his first day of session and swearing-in ceremony. As the 2021 Legislative Session begins, Lawler is fully prepared to fight for the residents of Rockland County and work tirelessly on their behalf to make the community a better, safer place to live." [Hudson Valley Press, 1/13/21]

January 2021- April 2026: The Average Electricity Price In New York Went Up By Over 60 Percent

January 2021- April 2026: According To Official New York State Data, The Monthly Average Retail Price Of Electricity – Residential Went Up From 18.3 Cents Per Kilowatt Hour To 29.5 Cents Per Kilowatt Hour. [NYSERDA, Energy Prices, 7/9/26]

- **The Increase Represented A 61% Increase.** [Percent Change Calculator, accessed 7/17/26]



[Percent Change Calculator, accessed 7/17/26]

Lawler Took Nearly Half A Million Dollars From Big Pharma And Insurance Companies…

Lawler Took $460,000 From Big Pharma And Insurance Companies

2022- 2026: Lawler Took Over $460,000 From Big Pharma And Insurance Companies. [OpenSecrets, accessed 7/17/26]

2022- 2026: Lawler Money From Big Pharma + Insurance Companies		
Cycle	**Industry**	**Amount**
2022	Insurance companies, brokers & agents	$22,000
2022	Insurance	$1,000
2022	Property & casualty insurance	$2,000
2022	Pharmaceutical manufacturing	$1,000
2024	Insurance companies, brokers & agents	$141,665

2024	Life insurance	$58,351
2024	Property & casualty insurance	$45,474
2024	Accident & health insurance	$10,772
2024	Pharmaceutical manufacturing	$14,390
2026	Insurance companies, brokers & agents	$82,287
2026	Life insurance	$46,224
2026	Property & casualty insurance	$30,616
2026	Accident & health insurance	$4,005
2026	Pharmaceutical manufacturing	$6,000
	Total:	**$465,784**

[OpenSecrets, accessed 7/17/26]

… While Voting To Let Them Raise New Yorkers' Monthly Premiums By As Much As 50% And Jack Up The Cost Of Prescription Drugs.

Lawler Failed To Pass An Extension To The ACA Tax Credits, Allowing Insurance Companies To Raise Monthly Premiums By As Much As 52%

Lawler Voted For The Big Beautiful Bill, Which Failed To Extend The ACA Tax Credits

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Center On Budget And Policy Priorities Said The Big Beautiful Bill Failed To Extend ACA Tax Credits, Causing An Estimated 4.2 Million People To Lose Coverage. "Roughly 15 million people will lose health coverage and become uninsured by 2034 because of the Medicaid and ACA marketplace cuts in the Republican megabill, the law's failure to extend enhanced premium tax credits for ACA marketplace coverage, and other harmful ACA marketplace rule changes, according to CBO estimates. CBO estimates that 10 million people will become uninsured due to Medicaid and ACA marketplace cuts in the law, including 7.5 million people who will lose Medicaid in 2034 (with interactions).
An additional 4.2 million will lose marketplace coverage because the law failed to extend the premium tax credit enhancements, which lower annual premiums by more than $700, on average, for people who receive them." [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, 8/27/25]

2026: New York Health Insurance Companies Announced They Would Be Raising Rates By As Much As 52%

2027: New York Health Insurance Companies Proposed An Average Rate Increase Of 20.7 Percent, With The Highest Average Rate Request Being 52.1% From UnitedHealthcare Of New York. [Georgetown Center on Health Insurance Reforms, 6/18/26]

2027 Proposed Marketplace Rate Increases

State	Statewide average proposed increase	Lowest average rate request by issuer	Highest average rate request by issuer
Connecticut	16.2%	12.8% Anthem Health Plans, Inc.	22.7% ConnectiCare Benefits, Inc.
District of Columbia	9.4%*	8.6% CareFirst BlueChoice	10.0% Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of the Mid-Atlantic States, Inc.
Illinois	14.0%*	1.8% Molina Healthcare of Illinois, Inc.	14.9% Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois
Maine	16.8%	9.2% Harvard Pilgrim Health Care, Inc.	20.9% Maine Community Health Options
Massachusetts	12.9%	6.7% Harvard Pilgrim Health Care, Inc.	25.7% Fallon Community Health Plan, Inc.
New York	20.7%	1.4% Capital District Physicians Health Plan Inc.	52.1% UnitedHealthcare of New York

[Georgetown Center on Health Insurance Reforms, 6/18/26]

Lawler Voted To Reverse The Inflation Reduction Act's Drug Price Negotiation Authority Which Helped Lower Drug Prices For Seniors

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Enacted Under The Inflation Reduction Act. "One of the OBBB's most consequential changes reversed key components of Medicare's drug price negotiation authority, enacted under the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022. The OBBB expanded the list of drugs exempt from negotiation and delayed implementation of new price controls. According to the Congressional Budget Office, these changes are projected to cost the government approximately $5 billion in lost savings over the next decade." [Pharmacy Times, 8/5/25]

The Drug Price Negotiations From The Inflation Reduction Act Were Estimated To Save Seniors 1.5 Billion In Annual Out-Of-Pocket Costs. "The Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) of 2022 created a new ability for Medicare to negotiate prices for the most expensive drugs the program covers. The first set of negotiated drug prices will go into effect in 2026 and are estimated to save $1.5 billion in annual out-of-pocket costs for Medicare beneficiaries while saving the Medicare program $6 billion per year. The negotiated prices are a minimum of 38% off the 2023 list price." [Medicare Rights, 10/9/25]

And He's Voted 100% Of The Time With Trump, Even When It Raised Our Costs.

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Mike Lawler Message #2 Backup

Mike Lawler always answers to Donald Trump, even when it raises our costs

Meanwhile, Lawler has voted with Trump 100% of the time. He voted eight times for Trump's tariffs that are raising our costs by $4,200 per household, shrugging it off as "a little bit of short-term pain."

Lawler voted five times to continue Trump's reckless war in Iran, even though it has cost taxpayers $150 billion and sent gas prices skyrocketing, calling the war a "righteous decision."

Mike Lawler Always Answers To Donald Trump, Even When It Raises Our Costs

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Lawler Has Voted With Trump 100% Of The Time.

Lawler Voted With Trump 100% Of The Time

Two Studies, One From CAP Action And One From VoteHub, Suggested That Lawler Had Supported Trump's Agenda 100% Of The Time. "Two new studies suggest that New York Rep. Mike Lawler supported President Donald Trump's agenda 100% of the time last year, a record that could undermine his claims of bipartisanship. The studies are from CAP Action, a progressive think tank, and VoteHub, a nonpartisan media company that analyzes polling. Both looked at how lawmakers voted on bills in 2025 on which the White House had expressed a clear opinion." [American Journal News, 3/4/26]

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Lawler Voted For Trump's Tariffs Eight Times

Vote #1: Lawler Voted To Continue Trump's Tariffs

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]

Vote #2: Lawler Voted To Continue Trump's Tariffs

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]

Vote #3: Lawler Voted To Block Consideration Of An Amendment To Stop Trump's Tariffs

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]

Vote #4: Lawler Voted To Extend Trump's Tariff Authority

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 gaveled 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]

Vote #5: Lawler Voted To Block Consideration Of Joint Resolutions To Terminate Trump's Tariffs

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]

Vote #6: Lawler Voted To Block Consideration Of An Amendment To Terminate Trump's Tariffs

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]

Vote #7: Lawler Voted To Block Consideration Of A Resolution To Terminate Trump's Tariffs

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]

Vote #8: Lawler Voted To Block Congress' Ability To Challenge Trump's Tariffs

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 Raising Costs On The Average Household By $4,200

2025: 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]

March 2026: Families Were Projected To Pay More Than $2,500 More Due To Tariffs This Year. "The Joint Economic Committee – Minority today released new data estimating that families could pay more than $2,500 in tariffs costs this year. Following the Supreme Court's ruling that the bulk of the President'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.'" [Joint Economic Committee, Press Release, 3/13/26]

Lawler Shrugged Off The Impacts Of Tariffs, Stating There May Be "A Little Bit Of Short-Term Pain"

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, 2:10, uploaded 5/29/25] (VIDEO)

Lawler Voted Five Times To Continue Trump's Reckless War In Iran Even Though It Cost Taxpayers $150 Billion And Sent Gas Prices Skyrocketing, Calling The War A "Righteous Decision"

Lawler Voted Five Times To Continue The War In Iran

July 2026: Lawler Voted For A Fifth Time To Continue The War In Iran

July 23, 2026: Lawler Voted No On The War Powers Resolution To Direct The President To Remove Armed Forces From Hostilities With Iran. On 7/23/26, Lawler voted NO on "H. Con. Res. 89 - Directing the President, pursuant to section 5(c) of the War Powers Resolution, to remove United States Armed Forces from hostilities with Iran." The resolution passed in the House 214-208. [U.S. House Clerk, H. Con. Res. 89, House Roll Call Vote 282, 7/23/26]

- **7/23/26: Associated Press: The House Passed A Resolution To Halt U.S. Military Action In Iran In A Bipartisan Vote.** "The House on Thursday narrowly passed a resolution to halt U.S. military action in Iran, sending a warning to President Donald Trump for the second time as the war has escalated and the future of the conflict is increasingly uncertain. The 214-208 vote requiring congressional approval for the war comes as the Senate is expected to consider a similar resolution later Thursday morning. Though the votes forced by Democrats are largely symbolic, they are meant as a strong signal to the Republican president that his support on Capitol Hill is chipping away as the war drags on and lawmakers in both parties have questioned his administration's endgame." [Associated Press, 7/23/26]

June 2026: Lawler Voted Against A Bipartisan Effort To Rein In The War In Iran

June 3, 2026: Lawler Voted Against The Iran War Powers Resolution. On June 3, 2026, Lawler voted against "H.Con.Res.86 - 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 passed by a vote of 215-208. [H. Con. Res. 86, Vote #199, 6/3/26]

- **TIME Headline: "Four Republicans Join Democrats In House Vote To Rein In Trump's Iran War Powers"** [TIME, 6/3/26]

May 2026: Lawler Cast The Deciding Vote To Continue The War In Iran

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]

April 2026: Lawler Voted To Continue The War In Iran

April 16, 2026: Lawler Voted Against The Iran War Powers Resolution. In April 2026, Lawler voted against: "Passage of the concurrent resolution that would direct the president to terminate the use of U.S. armed forces from hostilities against Iran unless explicitly authorized by a declaration of war or specific authorization for use of military force against Iran. The measure would exempt the use of U.S. armed forces that may be necessary to defend the U.S. or a U.S. ally or partner from imminent attack." The bill was rejected by a vote of 213-214. [H Con Res 40, Vote #114, 4/16/26; CQ, 4/16/26]

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

March 2026: Lawler Voted To Continue The War In Iran

March 5, 2026: Lawler Voted No On Removing The U.S. Armed Forces From Unauthorized Hostilities In Iran. On 3/5/26, Lawler voted NO on "H.Con.Res.38 - Directing the President pursuant to section 5(c) of the War Powers Resolution to remove United States Armed Forces from unauthorized hostilities in the Islamic Republic of Iran." The bill failed in the House 212-219. [U.S. House Clerk, H. Con. Res. 38, House Roll Call Vote 85, 3/5/26]

- **The War Powers Resolution Would Have Required President Trump To Obtain Congressional Authorization For His Air War In Iran.** "The U.S. House of Representatives rejected an effort on Thursday to stop President Donald Trump's air war on Iran and require that any hostilities against Iran be authorized by Congress, backing the Republican president's military campaign on the sixth day of the expanding conflict. The vote was 219 to 212, largely along party lines, in the House, where Trump's fellow Republicans control a narrow majority of seats. Two Republicans voted in favor of the resolution and four Democrats voted against it. […] Supporters said the resolution, by requiring Trump to come to Congress for a war authorization, would force him to explain to Americans why the U.S. is fighting and how it might end." [Reuters, 3/6/26]

The Iran War Cost American Taxpayers Over $150 Billion

An Analysis From The Telegraph Estimated That The Iran War Had Cost American Taxpayers $151.3 Billion. "According to an analysis by The Telegraph, the real cost of the war in Iran to the American economy had reached $151.3bn (£113.8bn) by July 24." [Telegraph, 7/28/26]

The Iran War Raised Gas Prices, Costing NY-17 Residents $504 More Since Its Start

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 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]

Joint Economic Committee Minority: NY-17 Families Had Spent An Average Of $504 More Since The Start Of The Iran War. "Gas prices have soared since the start of Trump's Iran War. In total, people across NY-17 have spent $122 million more on gas since the beginning of the war, with families in NY-17 spending $504." [Joint Economic Committee Minority, Fact Sheet- NY-17, July 2026]

Lawler Defended The Iran War, Calling It A "Righteous Decision"

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]

VIDEO: 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, 0:00 4/14/26]

Mike Lawler Message #3 Backup

Mike Lawler is a self-dealing career political operative and former utility lobbyist who puts his corporate donors over the Hudson Valley:

Lawler was a lobbyist for monopoly utility companies. He's taken tens of thousands from the utility industry, then voted to hike our utility costs. Meanwhile, Hudson Valley families have seen their rates increase by over 60%.

Lawler took nearly half a million dollars from Big Pharma and insurance companies, while voting to let them raise New Yorkers' monthly premiums by as much as 50% and jack up the cost of prescription drugs.

All the while, he's funneled more than 700,000 dollars – including from his own campaigns — back to his own political consulting firm, lining his pockets.

Mike Lawler Is A Self-Dealing Career Political Operative…

Lawler Was A Career Political Operative

Politico: "Before His Time In The House, Lawler Honed His Skills As An Operative Working As A Lobbyist, Political Consultant And Party Boss." "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." [Politico, 5/6/26]

… And Former Utility Lobbyist Who Puts His Corporate Donors Over The Hudson Valley

Backup Below

Lawler Was A Lobbyist For Monopoly Utility Companies

2020: Lawler Was A Lobbyist For New Yorkers For Affordable Energy, A Group That Was Called A Front For Utilities And Had Multiple Utility Monopolies As Its Members

Lawler Worked As A Lobbyist For New Yorkers For Affordable Energy

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]

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MICHAEL LAWLER	1/5/2020	Ongoing	No

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

New Yorkers For Affordable Energy Was Called A "Front Group" For Utilities And The Oil And Gas Industry

The Energy And Policy Institute Called New Yorkers For Affordable Energy A "Front Group" Who Represented Utility Companies And Major Gas Industry Interests. "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. NY4AE played a central role in opposition to New York's landmark climate law, the 2019 Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (CLCPA). The CLCPA requires New York to reduce economy-wide greenhouse gas emissions 40% by 2030 and no less than 85% by 2050 from 1990 levels." [Energy and Policy Institute, accessed 11/12/25]

New Yorkers For Affordable Energy's Membership Included Utility Monopolies Like Avangrid And Dominion Energy

Avangrid Was A Steering Committee Member Of Lawler's Lobbying Client, New Yorkers For Affordable Energy. [New Yorkers for Affordable Energy via Internet Archive, archived 4/6/22]

STEERING COMMITTEE

API – New York
Avangrid
Enbridge
Engineers Labor-Employer Cooperative (ELEC 825)
Millennium Pipeline
National Fuel Gas Company
National Grid
NYS Pipe Trades Association

[New Yorkers for Affordable Energy via Internet Archive, archived 4/6/22]

Dominion Energy Was A Member Of Lawler's Lobbying Client, New Yorkers For Affordable Energy. [New Yorkers for Affordable Energy via Internet Archive, archived 4/6/22]

Dominion Energy
Eastern NY District Council of Laborers
Enbridge
Energy Coalition New York
Energy Equipment and Infrastructure Alliance

[New Yorkers for Affordable Energy via Internet Archive, archived 4/6/22]

Avangrid And Dominion Energy Were Monopolies

2023: The Ithaca Times Reported That Avangrid Could "Arbitrarily Increase Energy Prices Due To Its Monopoly Status." "The Town and City of Ithaca are working towards establishing a program that could bring lower energy prices to residents while building more sustainable and local energy sources. The program, which was originally called Community Choice Aggregation has since been re-titled, TGEN, which stands for Tompkins Green Energy Network. If all goes according to plan, it will allow locals to choose where they source their energy from. As things currently stand when it comes to energy providers in New York State, residents don't have much of a choice to make. Avangrid, the parent company of New York State Electric & Gas (NYSEG) and Rochester Gas & Electric (RG&E) — which together supply power for around 3.7 million people in upstate New York — can arbitrarily increase energy prices due to its monopoly status. As a result, New Yorkers have faced seemingly endless increases in their energy costs." [Ithaca Times, 7/12/23]

Dominion Energy Was Regulated In Virginia As A Monopoly By The State Corporation Commission. "Dominion Energy is a utility corporation that provides power to two-thirds of Virginians. The Dominion name and logo are inescapable: on monthly bills, utility trucks, and regional offices; on the glass headquarters that towers over Richmond and the nearby Dominion Energy Center for performing arts; at the Charity Classic golf tournament and all the other sports events and philanthropies that the utility sponsors. Dominion is regulated as a monopoly by the State Corporation Commission, or SCC, whose task is to set fair rates for the customer and a fair return for the utility. Dominion also provides more than $1 million a year in campaign gifts to Virginia politicians (the state places no limits on political contributions), including members of the general assembly, who pass the legislation that determines how the company is regulated. The main authors of these bills are Dominion's lawyers and lobbyists." [Atlantic, 6/13/23]

He's Taken Tens Of Thousands From The Utility Industry, Then Voted To Hike Our Utility Costs.

Lawler Has Taken At Least $22,000 From The Utilities Industry

January 2026: Lawler's FEC Report Showed That He Received $11,000 From Utility PACs. [FEC, Lawler for Congress, 2025 Q4 Report, filed 1/20/26]

Q4 2025: Utility PAC Donations To Lawler For Congress		
Donor Name	**Date**	**Amount**
PowerPAC of the Edison Electric Institute	12/31/2025	$2,500.00
Consolidated Edison Inc. Employees' PAC	12/18/2025	$1,000.00
Edison International PAC	12/31/2025	$5,000.00
Avangrid PAC	12/5/2025	$2,500.00
	Total:	**$11,000.00**

[FEC, Lawler for Congress, 2025 Q4 Report, filed 1/20/26]

2024: Lawler Received $11,524 From The Electric Power Utilities Industry. [OpenSecrets, accessed 7/17/26]

Electric Power utilities	$11,524	$24	$11,500

[OpenSecrets, accessed 7/17/26]

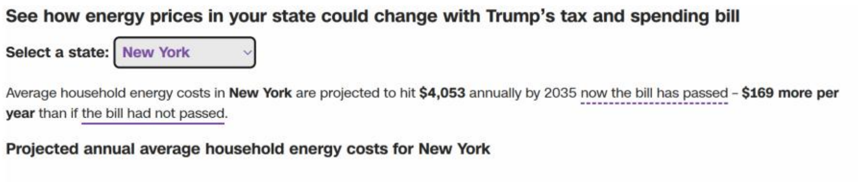
2025: Lawler Voted For The One Big Beautiful Bill, Which Was Estimated To Raise Energy Costs By $169

Lawler Voted For 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 Raise New Yorkers' Energy Costs By $169

CNN Estimated That The Average New York Household Would Pay $169 More In Energy Costs Per Year As A Result Of The One Big Beautiful Bill. [CNN, 6/27/25]



[CNN, 6/27/25]

CNN: "Energy Innovation Found Wholesale Electricity Prices Would Increase By 50% By 2035." "House Republicans gutted energy savings and clean energy tax credits in President Donald Trump's "big, beautiful" tax bill — taking aim at funds that are creating thousands of jobs in GOP states and saving homeowners money on their bills. It's all on the chopping block. The House GOP passed Trump's tax package on a narrow vote Thursday morning. The bill now heads to the Senate. The bill would end tax credits that helped lower the cost of electric vehicles, energy efficient appliances, rooftop solar and insulation. In last-minute changes to the bill, Republicans sped up the timelines for phasing out key clean energy tax credits. [...] Orvis said the Republican tax bill could not only hurt future projects, it will likely hurt existing manufacturing facilities as well. 'Some of the proposed language in the (bill) text actually puts existing facilities at risk because they will no longer qualify to receive some of the tax credits that they got financing on,' Orvis said. The cost of electricity for everyday Americans and businesses would also go up; Energy Innovation found wholesale electricity prices would increase by 50% by 2035. This is in large part because solar and wind energy are cheaper than fossil fuels." [CNN, 5/22/25]

Electricity Prices Could Increase By An Average Of 7.3% For Households And 10.6% For Businesses Nationwide As A Result Of The Big Beautiful Bill. "Congress moved one step closer to passing President Donald Trump's 'One Big, Beautiful Bill' this week — and with that, one step closer to spiking power bills across the nation. The bill would rapidly phase out tax credits for clean energy, slowing the construction of solar, wind, and battery projects, which made up over 90% of new electricity connected to the grid last year. Repealing those tax credits would come at a steep cost to utility customers in every state, according to NERA analysis commissioned by the Clean Energy Buyers Association. The most impacted states could see electricity prices rise by nearly 30% by 2029. […] Households and businesses in Wyoming, Illinois, and New Mexico would see the biggest jump in energy costs should the tax credits be repealed. Nationwide, electricity prices would increase by an average of 7.3% for households and 10.6% for businesses, worsening the increasingly steep energy costs Americans face." [Canary Media, 7/3/25]

Princeton University Researchers Said The Big Beautiful Bill Would Raise The National Average Retail Electricity Rates By 9% In 2030. "A tax package on track to pass both chambers of Congress would raise electricity prices, accelerate the release of heat-trapping greenhouse gases and undercut low-emission energy investments, according to researchers who have analyzed the legislation. [...] Overall, the bill would raise 'national average retail electricity rates and monthly household electricity bills by about 9% in 2030,' researchers at Princeton University concluded." [NJ Spotlight News, 6/5/25]

Meanwhile, Hudson Valley Families Have Seen Their Rates Increase By Over 60%.

2021-2026: Since Lawler Had Taken Office, Utility Rates In New York Had Risen 61%

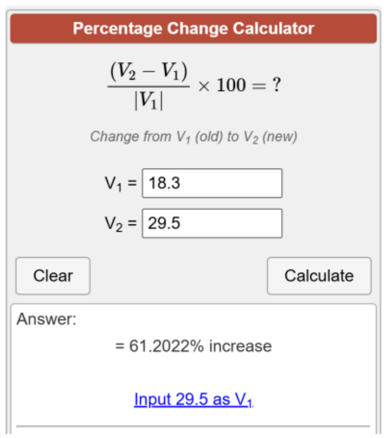
January 2021: Lawler Assumed State Assembly Office

January 2021: Lawler Was Sworn Into State Assembly Office. "Assemblyman Mike Lawler (R,C,I,SAM-Pearl River) was in Albany Wednesday for his first day of session and swearing-in ceremony. As the 2021 Legislative Session begins, Lawler is fully prepared to fight for the residents of Rockland County and work tirelessly on their behalf to make the community a better, safer place to live." [Hudson Valley Press, 1/13/21]

January 2021-April 2026: The Average Electricity Price In New York Went Up By Over 60 Percent

January 2021- April 2026: According To Official New York State Data, The Monthly Average Retail Price Of Electricity – Residential Went Up From 18.3 Cents Per Kilowatt Hour To 29.5 Cents Per Kilowatt Hour. [NYSERDA, Energy Prices, 7/9/26]

- **The Increase Represented A 61% Increase.** [Percent Change Calculator, accessed 7/17/26]



[Percent Change Calculator, accessed 7/17/26]

Lawler Took Nearly Half A Million Dollars From Big Pharma And Insurance Companies…

Lawler Took $460,000 From Big Pharma And Insurance Companies

2022- 2026: Lawler Took Over $460,000 From Big Pharma And Insurance Companies. [OpenSecrets, accessed 7/17/26]

2022- 2026: Lawler Money From Big Pharma + Insurance Companies		
Cycle	**Industry**	**Amount**
2022	Insurance companies, brokers & agents	$22,000
2022	Insurance	$1,000
2022	Property & casualty insurance	$2,000
2022	Pharmaceutical manufacturing	$1,000
2024	Insurance companies, brokers & agents	$141,665
2024	Life insurance	$58,351

2024	Property & casualty insurance	$45,474
2024	Accident & health insurance	$10,772
2024	Pharmaceutical manufacturing	$14,390
2026	Insurance companies, brokers & agents	$82,287
2026	Life insurance	$46,224
2026	Property & casualty insurance	$30,616
2026	Accident & health insurance	$4,005
2026	Pharmaceutical manufacturing	$6,000
	Total:	**$465,784**

[OpenSecrets, accessed 7/17/26]

… While Voting To Let Them Raise New Yorkers' Monthly Premiums By As Much As 50% And Jack Up The Cost Of Prescription Drugs.

Lawler Failed To Pass An Extension To The ACA Tax Credits, Allowing Insurance Companies To Raise Monthly Premiums By As Much As 52%

Lawler Voted For The Big Beautiful Bill, Which Failed To Extend The ACA Tax Credits

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]

Center On Budget And Policy Priorities Said The Big Beautiful Bill Failed To Extend ACA Tax Credits, Causing An Estimated 4.2 Million People To Lose Coverage. "Roughly 15 million people will lose health coverage and become uninsured by 2034 because of the Medicaid and ACA marketplace cuts in the Republican megabill, the law's failure to extend enhanced premium tax credits for ACA marketplace coverage, and other harmful ACA marketplace rule changes, according to CBO estimates. CBO estimates that 10 million people will become uninsured due to Medicaid and ACA marketplace cuts in the law, including 7.5 million people who will lose Medicaid in 2034 (with interactions). An additional 4.2 million will lose marketplace coverage because the law failed to extend the premium tax credit enhancements, which lower annual premiums by more than $700, on average, for people who receive them." [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, 8/27/25]

2026: New York Health Insurance Companies Announced They Would Be Raising Rates By As Much As 52%

2027: New York Health Insurance Companies Proposed An Average Rate Increase Of 20.7 Percent, With The Highest Average Rate Request Being 52.1% From UnitedHealthcare Of New York. [Georgetown Center on Health Insurance Reforms, 6/18/26]

2027 Proposed Marketplace Rate Increases

State	Statewide average proposed increase	Lowest average rate request by issuer	Highest average rate request by issuer
Connecticut	16.2%	12.8% Anthem Health Plans, Inc.	22.7% ConnectiCare Benefits, Inc.
District of Columbia	9.4%*	8.6% CareFirst BlueChoice	10.0% Kaiser Foundation Health Plan of the Mid-Atlantic States, Inc.
Illinois	14.0%*	1.8% Molina Healthcare of Illinois, Inc.	14.9% Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois
Maine	16.8%	9.2% Harvard Pilgrim Health Care, Inc.	20.9% Maine Community Health Options
Massachusetts	12.9%	6.7% Harvard Pilgrim Health Care, Inc.	25.7% Fallon Community Health Plan, Inc.
New York	20.7%	1.4% Capital District Physicians Health Plan Inc.	52.1% UnitedHealthcare of New York

[Georgetown Center on Health Insurance Reforms, 6/18/26]

Lawler Voted To Reverse The Inflation Reduction Act's Drug Price Negotiation Authority Which Helped Lower Drug Prices For Seniors

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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 Reversed Key Components Of Medicare's Drug Price Negotiation Authority Enacted Under The Inflation Reduction Act Which Helped Lower Drug Prices For Seniors

The Big Beautiful Bill Reversed Key Components Of Medicare's Drug Price Negotiation Authority

Enacted Under The Inflation Reduction Act. "One of the OBBB's most consequential changes reversed key components of Medicare's drug price negotiation authority, enacted under the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022. The OBBB expanded the list of drugs exempt from negotiation and delayed implementation of new price controls. According to the Congressional Budget Office, these changes are projected to cost the government approximately $5 billion in lost savings over the next decade." [Pharmacy Times, 8/5/25]

The Drug Price Negotiations From The Inflation Reduction Act Were Estimated To Save Seniors 1.5 Billion In Annual Out-Of-Pocket Costs. "The Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) of 2022 created a new ability for Medicare to negotiate prices for the most expensive drugs the program covers. The first set of negotiated drug prices will go into effect in 2026 and are estimated to save $1.5 billion in annual out-of-pocket costs for Medicare beneficiaries while saving the Medicare program $6 billion per year. The negotiated prices are a minimum of 38% off the 2023 list price." [Medicare Rights, 10/9/25]

And He's Voted 100% Of The Time With Trump, Even When It Raised Our Costs.

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All The While, He's Funneled More Than 700,000 Dollars – Including From His Own Campaigns — Back To His Own Political Consulting Firm, Lining His Pockets.

Lawler Funneled Over $720,000 From His Own Campaigns, Local Parties, And Nonprofits He Worked For To Checkmate Strategies

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]

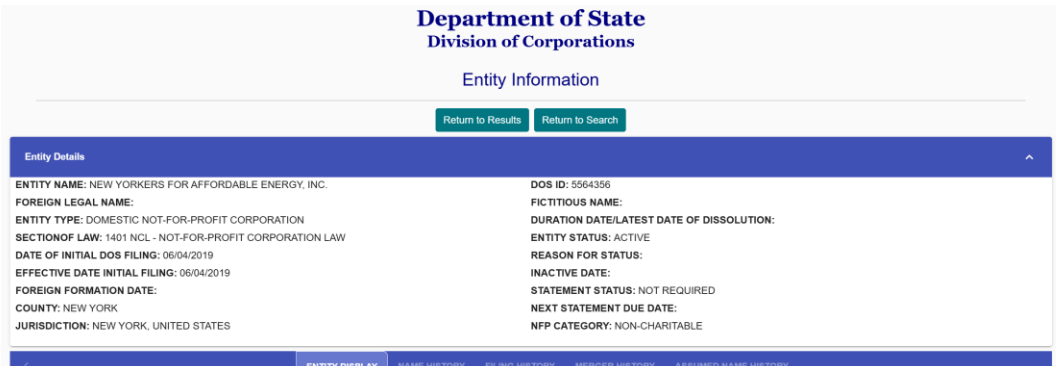
Lawler's Campaigns Paid His Firm $500,000

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]

Nonprofits Lawler Led And Served As A Director At Paid Checkmate $192,000

When He Served As A Director For New Yorkers For Affordable Energy, It Paid Checkmate $97,000 To Lobby On Their Behalf. "When Lawler served as director of the natural gas advocacy group New Yorkers for Affordable Energy, it paid Checkmate Strategies $97,000 to lobby for it in 2019 and 2020, with Lawler listed as the group's individual lobbyist." [Politico, 5/6/26]

- **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]



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SECTIONOF LAW: 1401 NCL - NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION LAW
DATE OF INITIAL DOS FILING: 06/04/2019
EFFECTIVE DATE INITIAL FILING: 06/04/2019
FOREIGN FORMATION DATE:
COUNTY: NEW YORK
JURISDICTION: NEW YORK, UNITED STATES
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When He Led 17 Forward 86, The Group Paid Checkmate $95,000 For Lobbying Services. "When he led the economic development group 17 Forward 86, the organization paid Checkmate $95,000 for lobbying over the same time period." [Politico, 5/6/26]

- **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]

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Date: NOV 06 2019

17 FORWARD 86 INC
C/O KATE GIBBS
50 STATE ST, STE 4
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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]

2022: Lawler Reported Receiving Over $5,000 In Compensation From The Nonprofits He Served As A Director At

2022: Lawler Reported Receiving Over $5,000 In Compensation From New Yorkers For Affordable Energy And 17 Forward 86. [House Clerk, Financial Disclosures, filed 7/15/22]

When Lawler Served As The Orangetown GOP Chair, It Paid Checkmate Over $26,000

When Lawler Served As The Orangetown Gop Chair, It Paid Checkmate Over $26,000. "And when Lawler was chair of the Orangetown Republican Committee, it paid Checkmate over $26,000 for campaign mailers and consulting in 2019 and 2021." [Politico, 5/6/26]