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Begich, Who Supported A Federal Abortion Ban, Will Fight To Take Away Our Reproductive Freedoms

2024: Begich Supported A Federal Abortion Ban. QUESTION: “Would you support establishing a federal prohibition on abortion after the point at which the baby can feel pain (approximately between 12 and 15 weeks)?” BEGICH: “Agree” [Alaska Family Action, 2024 U.S. House Candidate Survey, [7/15/24](#)]

- **2022: Begich Claimed He Supported Allowing States To Decide Their Own Abortion Policies.** “To help Alaskans sort through the dozens of options, we’re asking each candidate where they stand on the issues. Here’s how they responded, in their own words, to the following question on abortion: [...] Nick Begich (R): ‘I am pro-life. The Supreme Court appears set to return this to the individual states in accordance with the 10th Amendment’s enumerated powers clause. Related legislative action will now be predominantly determined by state legislatures and governors, subject to judicial review within each state.’” [KTOO, [5/26/22](#)]

Begich Opposed Allowing Medicaid To Cover “Infertility Services Like IVF.” QUESTION: “Would you support allowing public health programs such as Medicaid to cover infertility services like IVF?” BEGICH: “No.” [Alaska Family Action, 2024 U.S. House Candidate Survey, [7/15/24](#)]

Begich Said His Position On Abortion Was “Pro-Life.” “ANCHORAGE DAILY NEWS: ‘What is your position on abortion?’ BEGICH: ‘Pro-life.’” [Anchorage Daily News, [5/2/22](#)]

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Begich Argued It Was Important To “Support Crisis Pregnancy Centers.” “What specific national policies would you support to help protect unborn babies from abortion? BEGICH: Following the Supreme Court’s decision in Dobbs, the issue of abortion has been returned to the states. However, certain national policy continues to be relevant. For example, the Hyde Amendment is longstanding federal policy that ensures federal dollars are not used to fund abortion. I support this amendment, particularly in light of the Supreme Court’s decision under Dobbs. Under the post-Dobbs framework, it’s important that we promote national policies that will accelerate adoption processes, support crisis pregnancy centers which provide important information to those considering abortion, and implement parental notification when minors are attempting to obtain an abortion. It’s critical that people stay engaged on this important issue and ensure that candidates, ready and willing to implement commonsense policies that protect human

rights at each stage of human development, are elected to legislative positions in state government.” [Alaska Watchman, [6/12/24](#)]

Begich Opposed “The Use Of Military Funds To Transport Soldiers To Obtain An Abortion.” “Do you support the use of military funds to transport soldiers to obtain an abortion? BEGICH: No.” [Alaska Watchman, [6/12/24](#)]

Begich Promoted “Information Regarding The Potential For Mifepristone Reversal.” “Do you support the Biden Administration’s decision to allow pharmacies to distribute the abortion drug Mifepristone? BEGICH: No. As has been done across government and throughout Biden’s executive tenure, the Biden Administration has greatly exceeded its authority to unilaterally act in this matter. Biden’s direct involvement in pharmaceutical policy circumvents the delegated authority that Congress has provided to the FDA. These matters are now before the courts. That said, I support information regarding the potential for mifepristone reversal to be included in the materials provided to those who receive it.” [Alaska Watchman, [6/12/24](#)]

Begich “Celebrated The U.S. Supreme Court’s Decision” Overturning Roe V. Wade And Said The Supreme Court Was “Correct” In Doing So. “Both Begich and Palin celebrated the U.S. Supreme Court’s decision, handed down on Friday, that reversed federal protections for abortion access guaranteed in the 1973 Roe v. Wade decision. [...] Alaska’s constitution still guarantees abortions will remain accessible in the state, and previous surveys have indicated that a majority of Alaskans support abortion access. ‘I think the court was correct in returning this issue to the states and here in the state of Alaska. ... it will now become a discussion for our state Legislature,’ Begich said.” [Alaska Dispatch News, [6/28/22](#)]

Begich Supported The Supreme Court’s *Dobbs* Decision And Opposed Congressional Efforts To Guarantee Abortion Rights. “In campaign events, conversations with reporters and at public forums, Republicans Sarah Palin and Nick Begich say they support the recent U.S. Supreme Court decision that allows states to ban the practice and that they oppose congressional efforts to guarantee abortion rights.” [Alaska Beacon, [8/9/22](#)]

- **American Bar Association: “Abortion Bans Are Forcing Medical Professionals To Deviate From The Standard Of Care.”** “Preliminary results of a study by researchers at Advancing New Standards in Reproductive Health (ANSIRH) contain stories from medical providers offering obstetric and gynecologic care post-Dobbs, showing that abortion bans are forcing medical professionals to deviate from the standard of care and leading to delays in care and adverse health outcomes. A joint study by Physicians for Human Rights, the Center for Reproductive Rights, and Oklahoma Call for Reproductive Justice found widespread confusion about Oklahoma’s abortion laws at hospitals throughout the state, showing how near-total abortion bans fuel confusion about clinicians’ ability to provide care during obstetric emergencies, with risk to the lives, health, and safety of pregnant people. States passing abortion bans have been found to have high maternal mortality rates and insufficient maternal health providers.” [American Bar Association, [7/26/23](#)]
- **Dobbs Decisions Counters Human Rights And World Health Organization Guidance.** “Over the past 25 years, international human rights experts and mechanisms have recognized that restrictive abortion laws violate human rights, including rights to life, privacy, health, equality and non-discrimination, and freedom from cruel, inhumane, and degrading treatment. Many of these protections are contained in treaties ratified by the United States. For example, the International

Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, ratified by the United States in 1992, protects the right to life, which limits the restrictions that states can place on abortion access and obligates governments to ensure access to abortion services. United Nations (UN) human rights experts explained the full scope of human rights protections for abortion access in an amicus brief filed in Dobbs. Human rights experts and the global community have widely condemned the Dobbs decision and its discriminatory impacts on marginalized communities.” [American Bar Association, [7/26/23](#)]

- **Women Of Color Are More Likely To Face Aggressive Abortion Restrictions.** “About six in ten Black (60%) and AIAN (59%) women ages 18-49 living in states with abortion bans or restrictions compared with just over half (53%) of White, less than half of Hispanic (45%), and about three in ten Asian (28%) and Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander (NHPI) (29%) women ages 18-49. [...] Among women ages 18-49, roughly a fifth of AIAN (22%) and Hispanic (21%) women are uninsured as are 14% of NHPI women and 11% of Black women compared with less than one in ten (7%) of White women. Moreover, uninsured rates for women ages 18-49 are at least twice as high in states that banned abortion compared to those in states with broader access for White (10% vs. 5%), Hispanic (33% vs. 15%), Black (14% vs. 7%), and Asian (10% vs. 5%) women, and nearly three times higher for NHPI women (29% vs. 10%).” [KFF, [4/24/24](#)]

Begich Opposed Codifying Abortion Rights And Supported Stopping Medicaid From Paying For “Abortion Services In Cases Of Rape, Incest Or When A Woman’s Life Is Endangered By Her Pregnancy”

Begich Opposed Codifying Abortion Rights And Supported Stopping Medicaid From Paying For “Abortion Services In Cases Of Rape, Incest Or When A Woman’s Life Is Endangered By Her Pregnancy.” “Republicans Sarah Palin and Nick Begich say they support the recent U.S. Supreme Court decision that allows states to ban the practice and that they oppose congressional efforts to guarantee abortion rights. Both also say they would vote to end federal Medicaid funding that pays for abortion services in cases of rape, incest or when a woman’s life is endangered by her pregnancy. [...] In a Wednesday appearance on a radio show hosted by Alaskan Independence Party chairman Bob Bird, Begich said he no longer supports the current version of the federal Hyde Amendment, which allows federal funding for Medicaid to pay for abortion services in cases of rape, incest, or if a woman’s life is endangered by pregnancy.” [Mat-Su Valley Frontiersman, 8/8/22]

- **Begich Claimed He Would Vote To End Federal Medicaid Funding For Abortion Services In The Case Of Rape, Incest, Or Endangered Life Of The Mother.** “In a Wednesday appearance on a radio show hosted by Alaskan Independence Party chairman Bob Bird, Begich said he no longer supports the current version of the federal Hyde Amendment, which allows federal funding for Medicaid to pay for abortion services in cases of rape, incest, or if a woman’s life is endangered by pregnancy.” [Alaska Beacon, [8/9/22](#)]

Begich’s Campaign Manager Then Said He Supported Allowing Abortions In Cases Of Rape, Incest, And To Protect The Mother’s Life, But That “He Steadfastly Opposes The Use Of Federal Funds For Abortion Services.” “In Alaska, the state government pays for other abortions that providers have determined are medically necessary. Rulings from the Alaska Supreme Court have guaranteed those payments and abortion rights in general. Begich’s campaign manager, Truman Reed, said Begich supports allowing abortions in those cases but opposes federal funding for them. ‘Nick’s position has been consistent from the start,’ Reed said. ‘He is pro-life with allowance for the life of the mother, incest

and rape. He steadfastly opposes the use of federal funds for abortion services.” [Mat-Su Valley Frontiersman, 8/8/22]

When Asked “How Should The Federal Government Support A Person Who Is Forced To Carry Their Baby To Term Against Their Wishes,” Begich Said That That Was A Question For State Governments. “ANCHORAGE DAILY NEWS: ‘If you oppose abortion rights, how should the federal government support a person who is forced to carry their baby to term against their wishes?’ BEGICH: ‘With the Supreme Court set to return the issue of abortion to the states, each state will have the opportunity to determine the manner of such support.’” [Anchorage Daily News, [5/2/22](#)]

Begich Said He Would “Continue To Consider” Whether Exceptions Were Appropriate When Asked To Commit To A No-Exceptions Abortion Ban

Begich Said He Opposed Abortion In Most Instances, But Favored Exceptions In The Cases Of Rape Or Incest. “Begich says he opposes abortion in most instances, he does favor exceptions in cases of rape and incest, a position that many pro-life advocates see as punishing innocent unborn babies for the crimes of their biological fathers.” [Alaska Watchman, [7/7/22](#)]

BUT Begich Also Said He Would “Continue To Consider” Whether Exceptions Were Appropriate When Asked To Commit To A No-Exceptions Abortion Ban. “Bird asked Begich whether he would consider revisiting his position. [...] While declining to say he would commit to opposing rape and incest exceptions, Begich did say it is ‘something that I will continue to consider.’” [Alaska Watchman, [7/7/22](#)]

Begich Opposed Keeping Mifepristone Available In Pharmacies, Even After The FDA Lifted “Medically Unnecessary Restrictions” Barring Public Access

Begich Was Opposed To Making Mifepristone Available In Pharmacies. “Begich has said he is opposed to making mifepristone, a drug used in medication abortions, available at pharmacies.” [Anchorage Daily News, [8/11/24](#)]

The FDA’s REMS Restrictions On Mifepristone That Kept The Drug Out Of Pharmacies Were “Not Supported By Research” And “Only Make Things Harder For Patients.” “Currently in the United States, patients cannot access mifepristone through a pharmacy. It remains out of reach for many people across the country, particularly those living in remote or rural areas, due to the FDA’s Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy (REMS) restrictions. The REMS restrictions on mifepristone are not supported by research and create medically unnecessary barriers for patients accessing both medication abortion and the best method of managing a miscarriage.[...]The REMS restrictions on mifepristone are not supported by research and are yet another example of reproductive health care — especially abortion — being treated differently than other kinds of health care in ways that only make things harder for patients.[Planned Parenthood, [1/1/19](#)]

The FDA Imposed “Medically Unnecessary Restrictions” On Mifepristone, A Drug Safer Than Tylenol. “Study after study has shown the exceeding safety and efficacy of mifepristone for use in abortion and miscarriage care. In fact, mifepristone is safer than Tylenol and Viagra when it comes to serious medical complications[...]Despite its approval and long safety track record, the FDA has continued to impose a set of medically unnecessary restrictions on mifepristone, known as a Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy (REMS), which has made it needlessly difficult for women and other people who need abortion care to access the medication. [ALCU, [2/2/23](#)]

- **January 2023: The FDA Lifted Restrictions Preventing The Sale Of Mifepristone In Pharmacies.** “For the first time, retail pharmacies, from corner drugstores to major chains like CVS and Walgreens, will be allowed to offer abortion pills in the United States under a regulatory change made Tuesday by the Food and Drug Administration. The action could significantly expand access to abortion through medication.” [The New York Times, [1/3/23](#)]

Begich Touted Endorsements From Members Of House Freedom Caucus, Who Cosponsored A Life At Conception Bill With No Exceptions For Rape Or Incest And Deliberately Excluded Protections For IVF And Birth Control

The House Freedom Caucus Endorsed Begich. “The Freedom Caucus, the conservative group inside the Republican House Majority, came out with a stunning endorsement for Alaska’s only seat in Congress: Nick Begich III. The caucus’ Freedom Fund made the announcement of its support of Begich as one of nine candidates around the country that it is endorsing in the 2024 election.” [Must Read Alaska, [5/8/24](#)]

Begich Called The Idea Of Him Not Joining The Freedom Caucus “Nonsense.” HOST: “This may have been the question from somebody else. It says I heard a rumor Nick may not join the Freedom Caucus. I’d very much like to hear from himself on that.” BEGICH: “Don’t believe— don’t believe everything you hear. That’s nonsense. It’s interesting. The internet is full of rumors. It’s crazy.” [YouTube, Michael Dukes Show, 1:39:31-1:39:50, [8/19/24](#)] (VIDEO)

Begich On The Freedom Caucus: “I Love Those Guys.” BEGICH: “The Freedom Caucus knows where I’m at. I’ve met with them. We’ve had conversations and we continue to so you have to be invited to join that caucus. You can’t just walk in and say I’m joining your caucus. They have to ask you to join. But they’ve supported me. I love those guys. I support them and I hope to get down there and make sure I’m part of the solution to the problems we’re talking about.” [YouTube, Michael Dukes Show, 1:40:25-1:40:48, [8/19/24](#)] (VIDEO)

2024: Begich Accepted \$7,192.00 From The House Freedom Fund. [Federal Election Commission, Alaskans for Nick Begich, Receipts, [Accessed 9/19/24](#)]

- **The House Freedom Fund Was Run By The House Freedom Caucus.** “In its short existence, the House Freedom Caucus (HFC) has made a name for itself through endless efforts to push Congress further to the right, particularly when it comes to reproductive health. Now with the 2016 election cycle underway, the caucus’ political action committee, the House Freedom Fund, seems to be working just as tirelessly to ensure the caucus maintains a radical anti-choice legacy.” [Rewire News, [6/21/16](#)]

Begich Claimed He Was “Honored” To Have The Support Of The House Freedom Fund And Would Work To Restore “Bold” Republican Representation In Alaska. “Constitutional principles are the bedrock of our republic and are worth fighting for. I’m honored to have the support of HFF and to be among that group of conservative leaders who will work to ensure the American promise of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness endures for generations to come. I look forward to continuing to work hard to restore Alaska’s tradition of bold representation and to grow the Republican majority in the House.” [Must Read Alaska, [5/8/24](#)]

Jim Jordan Endorsed Begich, Claiming That Begich Would Be An “America First Champion.” “Nick Begich is a proven conservative, a successful businessman, and a passionate advocate for Alaska’s future. In Congress, Nick will be an America First champion. This race is critical to keeping the House and

growing the Republican Majority. Now, more than ever, we need principled conservatives in Congress to take on the radical left's dangerous ideas" [Twitter, @NickForAlaska, 8/29/24]

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The Left's agenda of higher taxes, diminished personal freedom, and centralized control originating in Washington couldn't be more different from the Republican vision for the people of our nation: low taxes, small government, control returned to the states. Alaska is at the center of this tug-of-war.

The fight for Alaska's future will require others in the U.S. House to join our cause. Rep. Jim Jordan is one of those fighters, and I'm honored to have his support.

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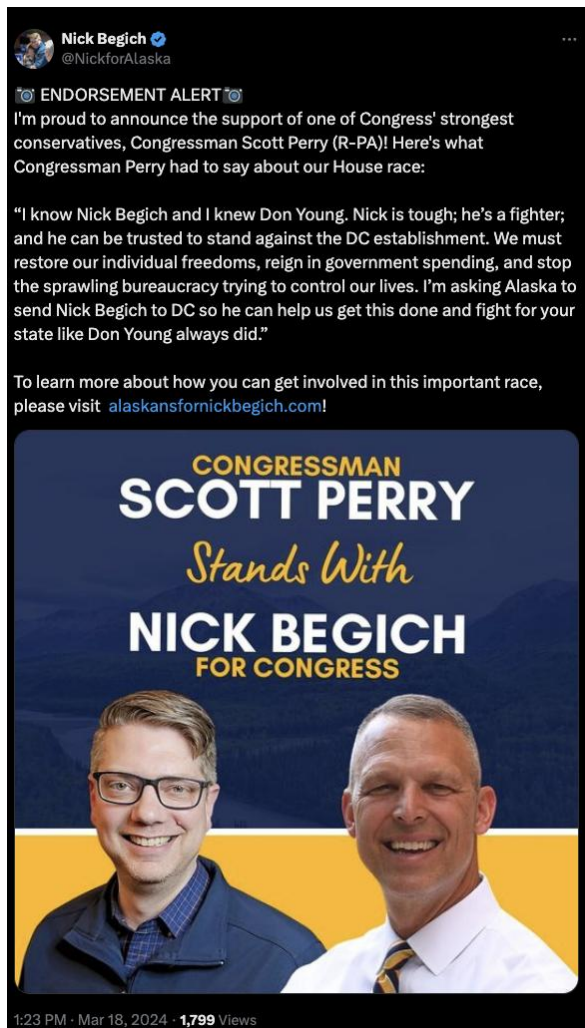
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- **Jim Jordan “Helped Found The House Freedom Caucus, And Served As Its First Chairman.”** “In the 114th Congress, Jordan helped found the House Freedom Caucus, and served as its first Chairman.” [United States Congressman Jim Jordan, [Accessed 9/20/24](#)]

Begich Touted An Endorsement From Scott Perry, Claiming He Was “Proud To Announce The Support Of One Of Congress’s Strongest Conservatives.” “I’m proud to announce the support of one of Congress’ strongest conservatives, Congressman Scott Perry (R-PA)! Here’s what Congressman Perry had to say about our House race: ‘I know Nick Begich and I knew Don Young. Nick is tough; he’s a fighter; and he can be trusted to stand against the DC establishment. We must restore our individual freedoms, reign in government spending, and stop the sprawling bureaucracy trying to control our lives. I’m asking Alaska to send Nick Begich to DC so he can help us get this done and fight for your state like Don Young always did.’ [Twitter, @NickForAlaska, [3/18/24](#)]



[Twitter, @NickForAlaska, [3/18/24](#)]

- **Scott Perry “Was An Early Member And Former Chairman Of The House Freedom Caucus.”** “Perry was an early Member and former Chairman of the House Freedom Caucus, whose mission is ‘to give a voice to countless Americans who feel that Washington does not represent them. We support open, accountable and limited government, the Constitution and the

Rule of Law, and policies that promote the liberty, safety and prosperity of all Americans.”
[Congressman Scott Perry, [Accessed 9/20/24](#)]

Rep. Byron Donalds Endorsed Begich In 2024. [Alaskans for Nick Begich, [Accessed 9/20/24](#)]

- **Byron Donalds Was “A Member Of The House Freedom Caucus.”** “[Byron] Donalds is a member of the Freedom Caucus.” [Fox News, [11/4/22](#)]
- **Begich Gave A “Special Thank You” To Byron Donalds For His Work In Congress.** “True honor to hear Pres. Trump at Mar-a-Lago and to be among so many America First leaders this weekend. A special thank you to @ByronDonalds for his leadership in Congress, and for keeping a zealously left media in check with our secret weapon: TRUTH.” [Twitter, @NickForAlaska, [5/5/24](#)]



[Twitter, @NickForAlaska, [5/5/24](#)]

2021: Jim Jordan, Scott Perry, And Byron Donalds Cosponsored H.R. 1011, The Life At Conception Act. According to the Clerk of the House of Representatives, Jordan and Perry Cosponsored the Life at Conception Act, which stated “This bill declares that the right to life guaranteed by the Constitution is vested in each human being at all stages of life, including the moment of fertilization,

cloning, or other moment at which an individual comes into being.” [Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives, H.R. 1011, [2/11/21](#)]

- **The Life At Conception Act Was A National Abortion Ban That Made No Exceptions For Rape Or Incest.** “The Life at Conception Act would ban abortion from conception with zero exceptions for rape or incest. This would include banning the abortion pill, a medication that was approved by the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) back in 2000 and is currently used in approximately 60% of abortions nationwide.” [Third Way, [6/24/24](#)]
- **2021: The Life At Conception Act Threatened IVF.** “The [2021] Life at Conception Act would have established that life begins at fertilization. Like the Alabama ruling, the act would have severely restricted—if not effectively banned—IVF treatments, because it grants ‘equal protection’ to ‘preborn’ humans, including embryos. Since it’s common for fertilized eggs not to survive the IVF process, the act would put doctors at risk of being charged for wrongful death of embryos. That risk would be enough to scupper the IVF industry.” [The New Republic, [3/21/24](#)]
- **The 2017 Version Of The Life At Conception Act Made Exceptions For IVF; Subsequent Versions Of The Bill Excluded It.** “In the [118th] Congress, a Life at Conception Act has 125 Republican sponsors in the House. Its stated goal is”To implement equal protection for the right to life of each born and preborn human person[...]. There’s no wiggle room there, folks. No exceptions for rape, incest, health of the mother — or IVF. But now they’re protesting that they didn’t mean to endanger IVF, even though a 2017 version of the same bill did include an IVF exception that was omitted in the current bill. [Seattle Times, [3/1/24](#)]
- **The Life At Conception Act Of 2021 Copied The 2017 Version Word For Word But Excluded Protections For Birth Control And IVF.** The Life At Conception Act of 2017 as introduced on January 24, 2017: “To implement equal protection for the right to life of each born and preborn human person, and pursuant to the duty and authority of Congress, including Congress’ power under section 8 of article I of the Constitution of the United States to make necessary and proper laws, and Congress’s power under section 5 of the 14th Amendment to the Constitution, the Congress hereby declares that the right to life guaranteed by the Constitution is vested in each human being. Nothing in this Act shall be construed to require the prosecution of any woman for the death of her unborn child, *a prohibition on in vitro fertilization, or a prohibition on use of birth control or another means of preventing fertilization.*” The Life At Conception Act as introduced on February 11, 2021: “To implement equal protection for the right to life of each born and preborn human person, and pursuant to the duty and authority of the Congress, including Congress’ power under article I, section 8, to make necessary and proper laws, and Congress’s power under section 5 of the 14th article of amendment to the Constitution of the United States, the Congress hereby declares that the right to life guaranteed by the Constitution is vested in each human being. However, *nothing in this Act shall be construed to authorize the prosecution of any woman for the death of her unborn child.*” [Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives, HR 1011, [2/11/21](#); S. 231, [1/24/17](#)]

2022: Byron Donalds, Scott Perry, And Jim Jordan Voted Against The Women’s Health Protection Act. According to records with the Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives, Donalds, Perry, and Jordan all voted against the Women’s Health Protection Act, which had the following bill summary: This bill prohibits governmental restrictions on the provision of, and access to, abortion services. Specifically, governments may not limit a provider’s ability to: prescribe certain drugs, offer abortion services via telemedicine, or immediately provide abortion services when the provider determines a delay risks the

patient's health. Furthermore, governments may not require a provider to: perform unnecessary medical procedures, or provide medically inaccurate information." [Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives, H.R. 8296, [7/7/22](#); Roll Call No. 360, [7/15/22](#)]

2012: Jim Jordan Sponsored The Ultrasound Informed Consent Act, Which Would Require Health Providers To Give Women An Ultrasound Before Providing Abortion Services. According to the Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives, Jim Jordan sponsored the Ultrasound Informed Consent Act, which had the following bill summary: "Amends the Public Health Service Act to require abortion providers, before a woman gives informed consent to any part of an abortion, to perform an obstetric ultrasound on the pregnant woman, provide a simultaneous explanation of what the ultrasound is depicting, display the ultrasound images so the woman may view them, and provide a complete medical description of the images, including the dimensions of the embryo or fetus, cardiac activity if present and visible, and the presence of external members and internal organs if present and viewable. Prohibits construing this Act to require a woman to view the images or penalizing the provider or the woman if she declines to look at the images. Exempts an abortion provider if the abortion is necessary to save the life of a mother whose life is endangered by a physical disorder, physical illness, or physical injury, including a life-endangering physical condition caused by or arising from the pregnancy itself. Requires the provider to include in the woman's medical file a truthful and accurate certification of the specific medical circumstances that support such determination. Authorizes the Attorney General to commence a civil action in federal court against any abortion provider who knowingly violates this Act. Prescribes penalties. Directs the Attorney General to notify the appropriate state medical licensing authority of penalties assessed. Authorizes a woman upon whom an abortion has been performed in violation of this Act to commence a civil action against the provider for actual and punitive damages." [Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives, H.R. 3805, [1/23/12](#)]

- **Ultrasound Informed Consent Acts Only Allow Women To Cover Their Eyes Or Close Their Ears During A Narration Of Their Ultrasound- They Cannot Opt Out.** "The Kentucky statute compels any doctor performing an abortion to first do an ultrasound on the patient and describe aloud the physical features of the fetus on the screen. The doctor must also play the sound of the fetal heartbeat. Patients cannot opt out of hearing the doctor's narration or the heartbeat. They cannot ask that the screen be turned away from them. The only way a patient has to avoid the ultrasound images or narration is to cover her ears and close her eyes while the physician speaks. [Los Angeles Times, [12/11/19](#)]

Jim Jordan Accused 10-Year-Old Rape Victim Of Lying After Her Story Became A Flash Point In The Abortion Debate. "Rep. Jim Jordan (R-OH) refused to apologize for his since-deleted tweet describing the story of a 10-year-old Ohio rape victim as a "lie," claiming on Thursday that he was merely "responding to a headline" and took down the post once the alleged rapist was charged. The story of the unidentified child's rape and abortion had quickly become a flashpoint in the debate over abortion rights after the Indianapolis Star reported on her plight on July 1. The patient was six weeks and three days pregnant, right after Ohio's trigger law outlawed abortion after six weeks following Roe v. Wade's reversal." [Daily Beast, [7/14/22](#)]

2024: EMILY's List Placed Byron Donalds On Its "On Notice" List Of 14 Abortion Extremists. "Today EMILY's List, the nation's largest resource for women in politics, announced its 2024 'On Notice' list, highlighting 14 extremist Republicans on Donald Trump's shortlist for potential 2024 running mates [...] including Byron Donalds" [Emily's List, [3/23/24](#)]

2022: Byron Donalds Claimed Reproductive Healthcare Was “Sick, Perverse, And Erodes Our Nation’s Moral Compass.” “Today’s Democratic Party is the party of abortion on demand and without limits, including the unconscionable practice of infanticide. This ideology is sick, perverse, and erodes our nation’s moral compass. The Women’s Health Protection Act of 2022 is an affront to our system of Checks and Balances and blatantly ignores the Court’s ruling which allows states—not Congress—to enact abortion-related policy. This bill will also impose the radical pro-abortion policies of California and New York on states like Florida, Texas, and North Carolina, where extreme abortion extensions aren’t supported.” [Congressman Byron Donalds, [7/15/22](#)]

Begich Touted The Support Of Anti-Reproductive Freedom Members Of Alaska’s State House

Alaska Representative Kevin McCabe Endorsed Begich In 2024. [Nick Begich for Alaska, [Accessed 9/20/24](#)]

- **2024: Alaska Rep. McCabe Proposed H.B. 107 “To Establish Definitions Of ‘Life’ And ‘Person’ In Criminal Law,” Which He Said Would “Define A Fetus As A Person.”** “An Alaska House member has proposed a bill [HB 107] that seeks to establish definitions of ‘life’ and ‘person’ in criminal law, prompting dozens of Alaskans to testify against it, saying it would unconstitutionally limit abortions in the state. Rep. Kevin McCabe, R-Big Lake, said his bill is ‘simply my attempt to define life for the statute’ and ‘ensure fair treatment and protection for all individuals including those yet to be born.’ He said the bill would define a fetus as a person.” [Alaska Beacon, [2/28/24](#)]
- **Critics Of H.B. 107 Argued That It Was “A Backdoor Attempt To Overturn Our Rights” And Warned That “This Bill Threatens” Alaskan Women’s Liberties.** “Dezarae Arrowsun, a board member for the Juneau Pro-Choice Coalition, said the bill [H.B. 107] could be used to criminalize doctors for performing abortions. ‘This is obviously a backdoor attempt to overturn our rights, as protected in the Alaska Constitution, to obtain a legal abortion,’ she said. Emma Wilson from Anchorage said the bill could endanger the lives of pregnant people seeking life-saving care. ‘As an Alaskan with the ability to fall pregnant, this bill threatens my liberties and this bill threatens my life,’ she said.” [Alaska Beacon, [2/28/24](#)]

Alaska Representative Sarah Vance Endorsed Begich In 2024. [Nick Begich for Alaska, [Accessed 9/20/24](#)]

- **Vance Showed “Support For Legislation Restricting Abortions” And “Aimed To Eliminate State Funding For Abortion Services.”** “In Juneau, [Sarah] Vance has shown support for legislation restricting abortions and budget amendments. In 2020, she sponsored her own anti-abortion legislation, which was never heard in committee. This past April, the two-term legislator supported an amendment to the budget that aimed to eliminate state funding for abortion services. During a floor speech in favor of the amendment, Vance talked about her unplanned pregnancy when she was 23, which she was in denial about ‘because I had a two-year plan and I was being responsible.’ ‘And so I took a pregnancy test, Madam Speaker, but I didn’t believe it until I heard her heartbeat and I saw the little bean on the screen,’ she said. ‘And so I want us to remember that this is more than just dollars or what court orders. This is the very lives of our future.’” [Alaska Beacon, [11/3/22](#)]

Begich Claimed He Opposed Harmful Trawling Practices And Would Not Accept Funds From Trawling Fleets, But He Accepted At Least \$5K From Pro-Trawling Entities And Individuals In 2022

Begich Opposed Bottom Trawl Practices, Claiming That They Harm Seabed Ecosystems. “We must end bottom trawl practices in Alaska that destroy the seabed ecosystem and impact non-targeted species. The health of our marine environment is critical as a means of ensuring that Alaska’s eternally renewable resource - our fish - remains in place for generations to come.” [Facebook, Nick Begich, 8/30/24]

**Nick Begich**
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[Matthew Salisbury](#) and I had an opportunity to sit down and talk about issues of importance to Alaska and our nation. We discovered that while we have some differences in our views (as nearly everyone does) we share a great deal in common:

- that competitive, open markets lead to competition that improves the quality and availability of goods at a reasonable price
- that the opportunity for families to keep what they earn builds financial security for future generations and that for most Americans, homeownership is an important component of that financial security
- that social security is a promise made and a promise that must be kept to those who have paid into the program through taxes on their earnings
- that we must end bottom trawl practices in Alaska that destroy the seabed ecosystem and impact non-targeted species. The health of our marine environment is critical as a means of ensuring that Alaska’s eternally renewable resource - our fish - remains in place for generations to come.

As Republicans, we want to conserve our values of freedom, the institutions which guarantee those freedoms, and the environment that we steward for future generations. I thank Matt for raising these and other priorities in our discussion and look forward to his continued input as we work to move the priorities of Alaska forward in the Congress.

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2024: Begich Claimed That He Would Not Accept Funds From Trawling Fleets. “1. To avoid even the appearance of conflict, I will not accept funds from the trawl fleet, and if such funds are inadvertently accepted, notify us and they will be promptly returned. 2. We must end any practice that leads to the destruction of our seabed ecosystem. 3. Our long term goal must be to eliminate bycatch.”



Nick Begich

June 19 · 🌐

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FISHING FAMILIES FIRST: A member of Congress must represent the people, not special interests and their armies of DC lobbyists. I'm doing something that has never been done for Alaska's fishing families: DIRECT representation.

After hearing from constituents, seeing the wanton waste of by-catch, learning about the tremendous damage caused by the Seattle-based trawl fleet, and understanding the scope of financial interests at play, it's clear that Alaska's fish policy in Congress MUST come DIRECTLY from the people. That is why today, I am asking the 40,000 members of the [STOP Alaskan Trawler Bycatch](#) group to construct my congressional fish policy.

I am committing today publicly to support the policy that the [STOP Alaskan Trawler Bycatch](#) team recommends and to hit the ground running once elected. If you are not a member of this group and would like to weigh in, I'd advise you to join and get involved in the discussion. I understand clearly that outside interests will be alarmed at this decision and will likely do all they can to stop my effort to represent the people of Alaska, but as has been true from day one, I am not interested in representing them, I am interested in representing YOU.

As I have already stated publicly:

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It will be up to the community to self-organize, determine how they would like to achieve consensus, and how to ensure that the policy constructed best represents the comprehensive fisheries and people of Alaska. I trust the community's ability to do just that. Now, let's get to work, develop a set of policies that we can implement, and get to DC to ensure that the PEOPLE'S VOICE is heard once again.

Sincerely,
Nick Begich



[Facebook, Nick Begich, [6/19/24](#)]

August 2022: Begich Accepted \$1.5K From Groundfish Forum, “A Fishery Trade Association Representing Five Member Companies Operating 19 Trawl Vessels”

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Groundfish Forum Was “A Fishery Trade Association Representing Five Member Companies Operating 19 Trawl Vessels.” “Groundfish Forum is a fishery trade association representing five member companies operating 19 trawl vessels that catch and process a variety of Alaskan groundfish species in the federally managed Amendment 80 (A80) fisheries off the coast of Alaska. Our vessels are the largest producers of flatfish and rockfish in the United States, sustainably producing hundreds of millions of meals for consumers across the globe.” [Groundfish Forum, [Accessed 9/12/24](#)]

Groundfish Forum Signed Onto A Letter Calling For Rep. Peltola To Withdraw H.R. 8507, The Bottom Trawl Clarity Act. Groundfish Forum Executive Director Chris Woodley undersigned a June 2024 letter to Peltola which opened: “Dear Congresswoman Peltola: We write to express our deep concern regarding H.R. 8507—legislation you have introduced that would create sweeping new federal

mandates constraining the effective management of our nation's fisheries. If enacted, H.R. 8507 would directly harm fishermen and coastal communities in Alaska and throughout our nation, along with countless other people who rely on a healthy domestic seafood sector for food, jobs, and their way of life. We ask you to withdraw this legislation." [Shrimp Alliance, [6/20/24](#); U.S. Congress, H.R. 8507, [5/22/24](#)]

July 2022: Begich Accepted \$1K From Tood Loomis, Who Worked In Government Affairs For Ocean Peace, Inc., Which Opposed Rep. Peltola's Bottom Trawl Clarity Act

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Glacier Fish Company Operated A Factory Trawler That Was "The Largest Catcher/Processor Vessel In The US Fleet." "The factory trawler Alaska Ocean was built by the Blount Marine Corporation in Warren, Rhode Island, in 1981. Alaska Ocean was redesigned by Guido Perla and Associates from Seattle in 1989 and rebuilt by Ulstein Hatlo in Norway in 1990 specifically to catch and process Alaska Pollock and Pacific Whiting. In the summer of 2008, Glacier Fish Company purchased the Alaska Ocean and has successfully completed major improvements of the Factory and Fishmeal plants. The Alaska Ocean is the largest catcher/processor vessel in the US fleet with a capacity to catch and process up to 225 metric tons of frozen finished product daily." [Glacier Fish Company, [Accessed 9/19/24](#)]

Glacier Fish Company Was A "Trawl Company" That Opposed Efforts To Scale Back On Trawling. "On one side are tribal leaders from the Yukon and Kuskokwim [...] On the other side are representatives for the trawlers, who generally support tighter bycatch management but say some of the measures favored by tribes could cost them hundreds of millions of dollars — while giving only a tiny boost to the number of salmon returning to Western Alaska rivers. [...] 'We're really concerned about an action that would have a severe economic impact,' said Glenn Merrill, director of government affairs at a trawl company called Glacier Fish." [Alaska Beacon, [4/6/24](#)]

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Fishermen's Finest Operated At Least One Trawler Vessel As Of September 2024. [Fishermen's Finest, [Accessed 9/19/24](#)]

October 2022: Begich Accepted \$500 From An Employee Of The At-Sea Processors Association, One Of "The Two Leading Trawl Industry Trade Groups"

October 2022: Begich Accepted \$500 From Matt Tinning, Director Of Sustainability And Public Affairs For The At-Sea Processors Association. [Federal Election Commission, Alaskans for Nick Begich, Receipts, [Accessed 9/19/24](#)]

The At-Sea Processors Association Was One Of "The Two Leading Trawl Industry Trade Groups." "the two leading trawl industry trade groups, the At-Sea Processors Association and United Catcher Boats." [KUCB Local News, [7/31/24](#)]

The At-Sea Processors Association Promoted The "Mid-Water Trawl Alaska Pollock Fishery." "The mid-water trawl Alaska pollock fishery is the nation's largest fishery. In fact, the Alaska pollock fishery is one of the largest fisheries in the world. The ability of our vessels to harvest, process, package and freeze our catch within hours of harvest allows us to produce affordable seafood products of the highest quality. The food products we produce include fillets, surimi, and fish roe. Fish meal and fish oil is produced from non-flesh parts of the fish we catch." [At-Sea Processors Association, [Accessed 9/19/24](#)]

The At-Sea Processors Association Opposed Rep. Peltola's Bottom Trawl Clarity Act. "More than 50 U.S. seafood organizations and companies have signed a letter calling on U.S. Rep. Mary Peltola (D-Alaska) to immediately withdraw the Bottom Trawl Clarity Act – legislation she introduced in May that could block off large sections of the ocean from trawling gear. 'This bill threatens seafood sector jobs in Alaska and across the United States,' At-Sea Processors Association Executive Director Stephanie Madsen said. 'More than 1.5 million Americans have jobs that depend on commercial seafood, and they deserve better than the politicization of fisheries science and management.'" [Seafood Source, [6/27/24](#)]

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Alaska's Trawler Bycatch Included Hundreds Of Thousands Of Chum Salmon And Tens Of Thousands Of King Salmon Annually, Killing Fish. "Bycatch occurs in every fishery that targets a specific species, but while seeking pollock and cod in a billion-dollar industry, Alaska's trawlers inadvertently catch tens of thousands of king salmon and hundreds of thousands of chum salmon in their nets each year, according to observations by the National Marine Fisheries Service. By law, the salmon must be returned to the ocean, but fish die in the process. The amount of bycatch fluctuates from year to year and has fallen in the recent past, but the sheer numbers of fish caught by trawlers has aroused public ire. A Facebook group calling itself 'Stop Alaskan Trawler Bycatch' now boasts almost 20,000 members, and various groups have called on the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council — which regulates fisheries more than 3 miles off Alaskan shores — to more tightly cap bycatch." [Alaska Beacon, [8/10/22](#)]

2020: Alaska's Trawler Bycatch Was 26,000 King Salmon – One-Tenth Of The Year's Commercial Harvest. "Alaska's commercial fishermen have been speaking out against big trawlers for years, complaining that the large vessels in federal waters are scooping up mature and juvenile fish. The regional council that manages federal fisheries recently heard from hundreds concerned about the number of salmon and other species that end up as bycatch in trawl nets.[...]Federal fisheries data shows trawlers in the North Pacific took about a tenth of the chinook — or king salmon — caught by Alaska's

commercial salmon fleet last year. And those numbers are tracking the same this year. But none of that catch happens on purpose. Preliminary ADF&G data shows about 263,000 kings were commercially harvested last year statewide. As of April 15, bycatch in the Bering Sea and Gulf of Alaska areas for 2021 was around 16,000 fish, over six percent of last year's statewide commercial harvest. Last year's trawler bycatch was 26,000 kings, or about a tenth of the 2020 commercial chinook harvest in-state." [KTOO, [4/22/21](#)]

Millionaire Begich Would Fight To Dismantle The Programs That Ensure Alaskans' Economic Security And Access To Affordable Health Care

There Were 108,116 Alaskans Who Received Medicare In 2021, The Most Recent Year Of Data Available. [Kaiser Family Foundation, accessed [6/7/24](#)]

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2022: Begich Blamed Americans For High Health Care Costs, Which He Argued Were Largely Driven By "Poor Diet" And A "Lack Of Exercise." QUESTION: "What would you do to bring down the costs of health care, including the high cost of prescription medications, and how would you improve health care access?" BEGICH: "In 1960, health care costs were less than 6% of GDP. Today, we are approaching 20%. High health care costs are driven by a combination of factors, but some of these are behavioral in nature: poor diet, lack of exercise and a marginal emphasis on early screening. These factors have led to a substantial increase in the number of Americans with heart disease, diabetes, late-stage cancers and related conditions. Simply stated, we must encourage healthier living if we are to meaningfully drive down the costs of health care. That said, reciprocal licensure, drug and medical device patent reform, permitting cross-border purchase of prescription drugs, drug price negotiation, expanding insurance populations across state lines, direct primary care insurance models, provider price transparency (i.e. published costs) and encouraging greater competition within the generic drug market will all support improved competitiveness and allow Americans to receive better choices at a lower price." [Alaska Beacon, Candidate Comparison Tool, [9/30/22](#)]

Begich, Whose Own Net Worth Was Bolstered By Family Wealth, Called Social Security A "Ponzi Scheme [...] Used To Prop The System Up" Despite Over 100K Alaskans' Reliance On It

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Begich Supported “Tightening Work Requirements For Able-Bodied Medicaid Recipients.” “Alaska has some of the world’s highest healthcare costs. Reforms are needed to drive down the cost of healthcare. Political rhetoric isn’t going to do it. It’s going to require commitment, tenacity, and hard work. We need to explore price and cost innovations around direct primary care and preventative medicine while protecting patient-doctor relationships. We can find cost savings by increasing competition, negotiating prescription drug prices, and tightening work requirements for able-bodied Medicaid recipients.” [Nick Begich for Congress, accessed [9/7/22](#)]

Medicaid Work Requirements Would Disproportionately Threaten Healthcare Coverage For Alaska Natives Because They “Are Likelier To Live In Areas With Limited Job Opportunities.” “Medicaid is an important source of coverage for American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/ANs), a population that faces high unemployment and persistent health disparities, including a high uninsured rate, barriers to care, and significant physical and mental health needs. [...] Taking away Medicaid from people not meeting work requirements will put coverage at risk for all people subject to these policies, but especially for AI/ANs, who are disproportionately likely to be unemployed. That’s because AI/ANs not only are likelier to live in areas with limited job opportunities, but also have other barriers to employment. The AI/AN unemployment rate averaged 11.3 percent from 2014 through 2018, almost 90 percent higher than the 6.0 percent rate for all other adults and higher than the unemployment rate for other adults in nearly all states. [...] AI/ANs could be at disproportionate risk of losing coverage under a Medicaid work requirement, threatening their recent coverage and health outcome gains.” [Center for Budget and Policy Priorities, [3/10/20](#)]

Lack Of Internet Access And Other Forms Of Red Tape May Make It Difficult For Alaska Natives “To Stay Covered Even If They Are Already Working Or Should Qualify For Exemptions.”

“Requiring work or work-related activities as a condition of Medicaid eligibility would also make it harder for AI/ANs to stay covered even if they are already working or should qualify for exemptions. When Medicaid eligibility depends on completing specified hours of work activities each month, enrollees have to submit documentation each month to stay covered. AI/ANs may face particular barriers to manage this additional red tape. For example, Arkansas required enrollees to report compliance with work requirements only using the Internet; AI/ANs are disproportionately likely to live in rural areas and more likely than other enrollees to lack Internet access.” [Center for Budget and Policy Priorities, [3/10/20](#)]

Begich Served As A Fellow For The Club For Growth, Which Advocated For Converting Social Security To Private Retirement Accounts, Repealing The Affordable Care Act, And Turning Medicare Into A Voucher Program

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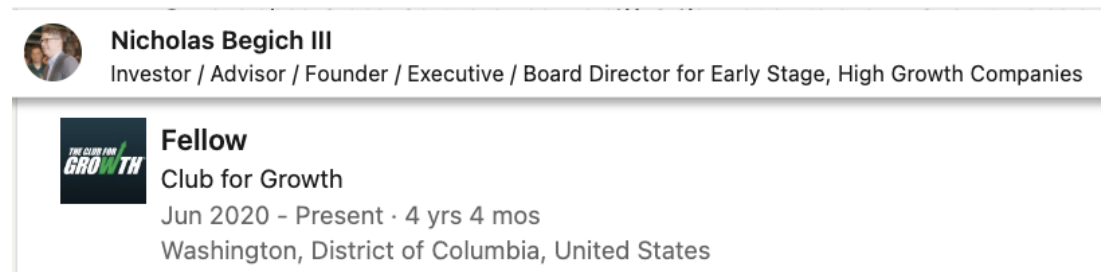
MEET NICK BEGICH

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Nick has served on the board for the Alaska Policy Forum, an organization dedicated to advancing opportunity through economic liberty and individual freedom. Additionally, Nick recently completed a Fellowship with the Club for Growth, America's leading free-enterprise, limited-government advocacy group. He has served for 5 years as a Board Director for MTA, one of the nation's largest telecommunications cooperatives, and recently completed his 4th year as the MTA Foundation's Board President.

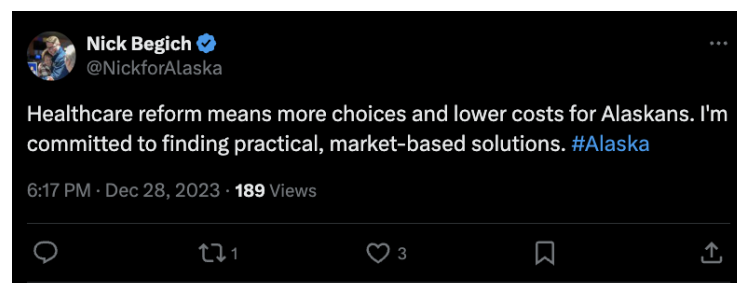
[Nick Begich for Congress, [Archived 3/1/22](#)]

Begich's LinkedIn Page Listed His Location As "Washington, District Of Columbia" When He Served As A Fellow At Club For Growth Starting In June 2020. [LinkedIn, Nicholas Begich III, [Accessed 9/7/24](#)]



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Begich Claimed He Wanted To Find "Market-Based Solutions" For Health Care. "Healthcare reform means more choices and lower costs for Alaskans. I'm committed to finding practical, market-based solutions. #Alaska" [Twitter, @NickforAlaska, [12/28/23](#)]



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- **The 2017 ACA Repeal Bill Would Have Removed Subsidies That Allowed Families To Purchase Private Healthcare In The ACA Marketplace.** “First, the bill attacks people’s ability to purchase private insurance. It eliminates the Affordable Care Act’s (ACA) subsidies that allow individuals and families to afford health plans in the ACA’s marketplaces, replacing them with tax credits that favor the wealthy.” [ACLU, [3/16/24](#)]

The Club For Growth Advocated For Social Security To Be Converted To Personal Retirement Accounts. “Entitlement programs are the single largest drivers of our nation’s mounting debt and must be reformed immediately before it’s too late. Not only is our current entitlement system bankrupting our nation, it is simply unsustainable in its current form.[...]Create Social Security personal retirement accounts that workers would own and could use to build nest eggs for retirement. [Club for Growth, [Accessed 9/14/24](#)]

- **Social Security Privatization Would Be So Costly It Could Cause A Recession.** “Privatizing Social Security will escalate federal deficits and debt significantly while increasing the likelihood that national savings will decline-all of which could reduce long-term economic growth and the size of the economic pie available to pay for the retirement of the baby boom generation. The 2004 Economic Report of the President included an analysis of the fiscal impact over time of the most commonly discussed privatization proposal by the president’s commission. It found that the federal budget deficit would be more than 1 percent of gross domestic product (GDP) higher every year for roughly two decades, with the highest increase being 1.6 percent of GDP in 2022. The national debt levels would be increased by an amount equal to 23.6 percent of GDP in 2036. That means that, thirty-two years from now, the debt burden for every man, woman, and child would be \$32,000 higher because of privatization.[...]As a result, the economy would be likely to grow more slowly than it would otherwise.” [The Century Foundation , [12/14/04](#)]
- **Social Security Privatization Was Unsuccessful In Chile And The UK.** “A report this year from the World Bank, once an enthusiastic privatization proponent, expressed disappointment that in Chile, and in most other Latin American countries that followed in its footsteps,”more than half of all workers [are excluded] from even a semblance of a safety net during their old age.”[...]In the United Kingdom, which began encouraging workers to divert payroll taxes to personal investment accounts in 1978, many citizens were victimized by poor investment choices as well as unscrupulous brokers. The national government was left with substantial new administrative expenses, lost tax revenues, and responsibilities to bail out some failed private pension plans. Indeed, the problems were so wide-ranging that even the most enthusiastic supporters of private accounts now say that the United Kingdom simply did not do it right.”[The Century Foundation , [12/14/04](#)]

Club For Growth Supported Repealing The Affordable Care Act And Enacting “Medicare Reform That Utilizes A Premium-Support Function To Replace The Current System.” “Policy Recommendations: Repeal Obamacare. Enact Medicare reform that utilizes a premium-support function to replace the current system. Block-grant Medicaid to the states. Create Social Security personal retirement accounts that workers would own and could use to build nest eggs for retirement.” [Club for Growth, [Accessed 9/7/24](#)]

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[Club for Growth, [Accessed 9/7/24](#)]

- **Converting Medicare Into A “Premium Support” System Would “Replace Its Guarantee Of Health Coverage With A Flat Payment That Beneficiaries Could Use To Help Them Purchase Private Insurance.”** “Some policymakers and analysts have proposed to convert Medicare to a ‘premium support’ system — that is, replace its guarantee of health coverage with a flat payment that beneficiaries could use to help them purchase private insurance or, in some versions, traditional Medicare. But proponents have crafted a widely diverse set of proposals that they call premium support, and some leading proposals of recent years — such as the plan from House Budget Committee Chairman Paul Ryan that the House approved in April — differ greatly, in design and rationale, from the premium support concept that Henry Aaron and Robert Reischauer introduced in 1995.” [Center for Budget and Policy Priorities, [9/26/11](#)]
- **Converting Medicare Into A “Premium Support” System “Would Likely Lead To A Two-Tier Health Care System” Where Only The Very Wealthy Could Afford The Best Care.** “Premium support — no matter what form it takes — raises several very important and challenging issues that may seem manageable in theory but would be extremely hard to resolve satisfactorily in practice. And failure to resolve these challenges satisfactorily would likely lead to a two-tier health care system: the affluent would receive the most up-to-date medical care (since they could buy comprehensive coverage by supplementing the premium support payment with their own funds), while those of modest means who could only afford the coverage that their premium support payment buys would increasingly find medical advances out of their reach.” [Center for Budget and Policy Priorities, [9/26/11](#)]
- **Converting Medicare Into A Premium Support System Could Increase Out-Of-Pocket Costs For Medicare Beneficiaries By Over \$6,000.** “Myth: Premium support will reduce Medicare’s costs. Fact: Premium support plans don’t reduce costs, they shift them onto the patient. The rising cost of premiums will quickly outstrip the value of the fixed federal contribution, and seniors will have to pay more in either premiums or out-of-pocket payments for care. The Congressional

Budget Office estimates that Ryan's original Medicare proposal would raise out-of-pocket costs for the typical 65-year-old Medicare beneficiary in 2022 by \$6,240. They haven't estimated the cost of the latest plan yet." [Physicians for a National Health Program, [8/14/12](#)]

Begich Served As The President Of The Board Of Directors For The Alaska Policy Forum, Which Opposed Medicaid Expansion

Nov. 2018-Oct. 2021: Begich Served As The President Of The Board Of Directors For The Alaska Policy Forum. [LinkedIn, Nicholas Begich III, [Accessed 9/7/24](#)]



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- **The Alaska Policy Forum Was “A Self-Described Free-Market Think Tank.”** “A self-described free-market think tank that publishes the earnings of thousands of public employees in Alaska is not so open when it comes to disclosing its financial supporters – including the conservative Outside group that has funneled large grants its way. One of the values of the Alaska Policy Forum is not disclosing donors, but the source of its limited money is less important than the group's focus on transparency in government, fiscal accountability and school reform, said David Boyle, executive director.” [Anchorage Daily News, [9/14/14](#)]

Alaska Policy Forum CEO Bethany Marcum: “Medicaid Expansion Is Failing Alaskans” And Created “A Dependency Crisis.” “It's time for a reality check. Since Alaska expanded Medicaid to able-bodied adults in 2015, our state has experienced cost overruns, unexpected—but predictable—over-enrollment, and is facing a dependency crisis. Some—local lawmakers and local lobbyists included—would have you believe that Medicaid expansion has benefited our state. But it's time to face the facts: Medicaid expansion is failing Alaskans.” [Alaska Policy Forum, Bethany Marcum, [2/20/19](#)]

The Alaska Policy Forum Called For The State Government To “Spend Less On Health Care” By “Reconsidering Medicaid Expansion.” “A recent update by Health Management Associates (HMA) shows that Alaska's Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) enrollment remains disproportionately high, and enrollment is maintaining a high growth rate more than five years after Medicaid expansion began in Alaska. [...] The combined impact of high Medicaid enrollment rates, year after year, with far above average Medicaid reimbursement rates, is certainly contributing to Alaska's highest-in-the-nation health care spending, and could also be significantly affecting the high price of health care services. If Alaskans want to see themselves and their government spend less on health care, reconsidering Medicaid expansion and renegotiating reimbursement rates with the federal government are the first steps.” [Alaska Policy Forum, [9/21/20](#)]

Dropping Medicaid Expansion Would Cause 41,000 Alaskans To Lose Medicaid Coverage. “If Alaska dropped the Medicaid expansion in response to the loss of enhanced federal financing, the state would forgo an additional \$2 billion over the 2020-2029 period, and by 2029, 41,000 Alaskans estimated

to be covered in the expansion group would lose Medicaid coverage.” [Kaiser Family Foundation, [7/21/17](#)]

Begich Opposed The Inflation Reduction Act, Which Lowered Health Care Costs By Capping Prescription Costs, Including A \$35 Cap On Insulin Costs

Begich Opposed The Inflation Reduction Act. Moderator: “Do you support the passage of the Inflation Reduction Act, August of 2022?” In response, Begich held up a sign reading, “No.” [YouTube, Anchorage Daily News, [24:34], [8/31/22](#)] (VIDEO)

The IRA Capped Annual Prescription Costs For Medicare Recipients At \$2k. The IRA capped annual prescription drug costs for people on Medicare at \$2,000 per annum. [Augusta Chronicle, [8/17/22](#)]

The IRA Allows Medicare To Begin Negotiating The Prices Of Certain Drugs Beginning In 2026. The Inflation Reduction Act allows Medicare to begin negotiating the prices of certain drugs beginning in 2026. [Augusta Chronicle, [8/17/22](#)]

The Inflation Reduction Act Will Cut Prescription Drug Prices. The Inflation Reduction Act will cut prescription drug prices. The bill caps annual out of pocket prescription drug costs at \$2,000 per year. [Congressional Joint Economic Committee, [8/12/22](#)]

The IRA Improves The Affordability Of Healthcare In Medicare And ACA Marketplaces. The IRA includes “provisions to improve the affordability of healthcare for Medicare and Affordable Care Act (ACA) Marketplace enrollees.” [CHIRBlog, [8/12/22](#)]

Center for Budget And Policy Priorities: The Inflation Reduction Act Will Lower Medicare Costs. “The bill will reduce Medicare’s drug costs in several ways. It will require the federal government to negotiate with manufacturers to obtain lower prices for some high-cost drugs, require drug companies to pay rebates to Medicare if their prices rise faster than overall inflation, and repeal a Trump Administration rule on drug rebates. The bill will also improve Medicare’s drug benefit by placing a \$2,000 annual limit on out-of-pocket drug spending, capping out-of-pocket insulin expenses at \$35 a month, eliminating cost sharing for vaccines, and expanding eligibility for the low-income drug subsidy. Currently there is no limit on total out-of-pocket or insulin spending. In total, these changes will save the government about \$250 billion over ten years and will also lower premiums and cost sharing for Medicare beneficiaries.” [Congressional Joint Economic Committee, [8/12/22](#)]

The Inflation Reduction Act Allowed Medicare To Negotiate Drug Prices. “The Inflation Reduction Act allows the federal government to negotiate prices for some of the drugs that Medicare spends the most money on, a long sought-after goal by Democrats and some Republicans.” [NBC News, [8/16/22](#)]

The Inflation Reduction Act Capped The Cost Of Insulin At \$35 A Month For Patients On Medicare. “The Inflation Reduction Act, signed into law by President Joe Biden, is set to lower the cost of prescription drugs - including cancer medications, blood thinners and insulin - for millions of Americans, experts say. [...] The cost of insulin will be capped at \$35 a month for patients on Medicare under the new law.” [NBC News, [8/16/22](#)]

The IRA’s Drug Pricing Provisions Would “Save Medicare Hundreds Of Billions Of Dollars Over 10 Years” Which Would “Encourage Pharmaceutical Companies To Keep Price Increases To No More Than The Rate Of Inflation.” “The legislation would save Medicare hundreds of billions of dollars over 10 years, with the majority of the savings coming as a result of prescription drug price negotiations and the rebates that would encourage pharmaceutical companies to keep price increases to no more than the

rate of inflation, according to an analysis by the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office.” [AARP, [8/7/22](#)]

IRA Drug Pricing Provisions Will Allow Many Seniors To “Get The Same Medications They Do Now” But Would “Cost Them And Medicare Less.” The access to the same medication and lower costs “means beneficiaries would be able to get the same medications they do now, but some of those drugs would cost them and Medicare less. The savings would not be the result of any cuts to the Medicare program.” [AARP, [8/7/22](#)]

Health Affairs: “The IRA Is Likely To Be Transformative For The Medicare Program, Both In Its Protections For Patients And In Its Elements Designed To Lower Prices Over Time.” “Even though its negotiation provisions have been narrowed from previous versions of the Democrats’ proposals, the IRA is likely to be transformative for the Medicare program, both in its protections for patients and in its elements designed to lower prices over time. But it will have a much smaller impact on patients needing high-cost drugs who are not eligible for Medicare.” [Health Affairs, [8/10/22](#)]

Drug Price Negotiation Was Estimated To Save \$288 Billion. “these negotiations are poised to save Medicare a lot of money, since the prices are currently set by manufacturers. These savings - as well as others generated by additional prescription drug provisions - are being treated as \$288 billion in new revenue that will be brought in over 10 years, according to a Congressional Budget Office estimate.” [Vox, [7/28/22](#)]

[Intergenerationally Wealthy Begich Does Not Understand Or Care About Alaska’s Working Families](#)

Begich Was Worth Up To \$72,310,000. [Office of the House Clerk, Nick Begich, Filing ID No: 10055443, [11/10/23](#)]

Begich Listed Aurora Stores As An Asset. [Office of the House Clerk, Nick Begich, Filing ID No: 10055443, [11/10/23](#)]

- **Aurora Stores Was Owned By Mark Begich.** “Their best days may lie ahead, as Mark Begich sees it [...] No retailer had inked a deal as of this writing, but the obvious candidate is Begich’s own. One of his other ventures is Aurora Stores, which operates the Stuaqpak supermarket and convenience store in Utqiagvik.” [Alaska Biz Magazine, [12/11/23](#)]

Begich Listed Alaska Hotel Group As An Asset. [Office of the House Clerk, Nick Begich, Filing ID No: 10055443, [11/10/23](#)]

- **Mark Begich Was The Registered Agent Of Alaska Hotel Group.** [Alaska Secretary of State, [Accessed 9/7/24](#)]

Name(s)

Type	Name
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Entity Type: Limited Partnership

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Status: Good Standing

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[Alaska Secretary of State, [Accessed 9/7/24](#)]

Begich Listed Begich Capital Partners Inc As An Asset. [Office of the House Clerk, Nick Begich, Filing Id No: 10055443, [11/10/23](#)]

- **Begich Capital Partners Inc Was Partially Owned By Mark Begich.** [Alaska Secretary of State, [Accessed 9/7/24](#)]

ENTITY DETAILS

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Officials

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AK Entity #	Name	Titles	Owned
	MARK BEGICH	Director, Shareholder	33.33
	NICHOLAS BEGICH	Director, Secretary, Shareholder, Treasurer	33.33
	Robert Lowrance	Director, President, Shareholder	33.33

[Alaska Secretary of State, [Accessed 9/7/24](#)]

Begich Consistently And Repeatedly Criticized Alaska's Reliance On Federal Funding, Calling It "A Case Of Stockholm Syndrome" And "A Deal With The Devil"

There Were 287,884 Alaska Households Who Participated In SNAP Nutritional Assistance As Of 2022. [USDA, accessed [6/7/24](#)]

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There Were 112,221 Alaskans Who Received Social Security As Of June 2024. [Office of Retirement and Disability Policy, accessed [6/7/24](#)]

Begich: "We've Become Addicted To This Federal Money [...] I Call This A Case Of Stockholm Syndrome." HOST: "To quote a former Fairbanks chief of staff, if we don't take the money, someone else will. BEGICH: "The reason why we're continuing to take this money is because we've been denied the ability to develop our own state, our own resources in Alaska. This started, with President Carter put ANILCA through, which locked up enormous amounts of Alaska land....We're going to start saying yes to all of these federal programs that legislative curse fixed. And, instead, we've become addicted to this federal money. And now we've caused ourselves to believe that we can't live without it. I call this a case of Stockholm Syndrome. We've fallen in love with our captors. During the statehood debate, a promise was made between the state and the federal government...What we need to do is stand up and say no more." [YouTube, Michael Dukes Show, 1:10:46-1:12:19, [4/1/24](#)]

Begich: "We've Made A Deal With The Devil By Relying So Heavily On The Federal Government." BEGICH: "The reality is we've made a deal with the devil by relying so heavily on the federal government. We have allowed them to exert an extent of control over a state that prides itself on self reliance. When the feds down in DC know that they've got us, they're going to use that leverage. This is the problem with the Department of Education. You can get the money, but you're going to have to follow our rules. Then you have people locally who are trying to use this as a political tool to change the way the state works." [YouTube, Michael Dukes Show, [4/1/24](#)]

Begich: "It's A Huge Problem When The Mentality And The Mindset Of The Public Shifts" Into Thinking "I Can't Live Without Government Spending." BEGICH: "Fiscal dominance is a fancy economic term that basically refers to the government taking over every aspect of your life, taking over every aspect of financial activity in the country. And when you tip over into that zone, people start to believe oh no I can't live without government spending. We have to have the government spending." HOST: "Alaska got there a long time ago." BEGICH: "It's a real problem. It's a huge problem when the mentality and the mindset of the public shifts into that concept, you're headed for a dramatic spiral down." [YouTube, Michael Dukes Show, 1:50:58-1:51:34, [7/8/24](#)] (VIDEO)

Begich Called For Saying "No" To Federal Programs. BEGICH: "Instead of saying yes to every federal program that comes our way, we need to say no, we're not going to be complicit in the destruction of this country." [YouTube, Michael Dukes Show, 1:13:00-1:13:21, [4/1/24](#)]

Begich Opposed The Inflation Reduction Act, Which Addressed Inflation, Held Big Corporations Accountable For Paying Their Fair Share In Taxes, And Created Hundreds Of Thousands Of Jobs

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- **Begich Said The U.S. Could Get Through High Inflation By Embracing Sound Money And Restricting The Ability To Print Money.** BEGICH: "If we have to go through a situation where the dollar loses its reserve currency status, we see inflation, you know, run even higher than it has in the last few years, those will obviously be bad outcomes but we can get out of that situation long term by making better political decisions, adopting a sounder fiscal and monetary policy, embracing sound money, and restricting our own ability to attempt to print our way out of situations." [YouTube, Michael Dukes Show, 1:40:54-1:41:26, [8/5/24](#)] (VIDEO)
- **Begich Would Strengthen The US Economy If Elected By Telling The Federal Reserve To Stop "Money Printing" And Cut Down On "Wasteful Spending".** "Inflation's root cause can be traced directly to an unprecedented level of economic stimulus and wasteful spending introduced by the Congress, exacerbated by an overly accommodative Federal Reserve which purchased newly issued debt by increasing the money supply (i.e. "money printing"). Economic strength is not driven by loose fiscal and monetary policy, rather it is driven by fundamental factors of labor force participation, productivity, smart investment, innovation, and comparative advantage. In this respect, Alaska's resources have the potential to play a critical role. Failing to develop these resources leaves the nation's future to the whims of rivals and adversaries. We must pursue an all-of-the-above development strategy for Alaskan resources as a basis for restoring domestic, vertically-integrated supply chains that will drive U.S. manufacturing, enhance job creation, and deliver generational prosperity. To do this, we must make an articulate and persuasive case for Alaska." [Alaska Public Media, [8/10/22](#)]

As Of September 2024, The Inflation Reduction Act Had Created "Less Than" 50 Jobs In Alaska Across Two Pre-Construction Hydropower Projects. [U.S. Department of Labor, [Accessed 9/23/24](#)]

- **June 2024: The IRA "Has Created More Than 300,000 Clean Energy Jobs" Nationally.** According to the Huffington Post in June 2024, "U.S. companies have announced or moved forward with projects accounting for more than 312,900 new clean energy jobs for electricians, mechanics, construction workers, technicians, support staff and others." [The Huffington Post, [6/24/24](#)]

2020: The Inflation Reduction Act "Would Have Saved" More Than 1,000 Alaskans "Roughly \$598 Per Year In Lower Out-Of-Pocket Costs." "The Inflation Reduction Act lowered prescription drug costs for Medicare enrollees by capping insulin co-pays at \$35 a month beginning earlier this year. Had these caps been in place in 2020, 1,026 people in Alaska would have saved roughly \$598 per year in lower out-of-pocket costs." [Joint Economic Committee Democrats, [8/1/23](#)]

2023: Over 25K Alaskans "Saved An Average Of \$622 On Their ACA Exchange Plans." "The [IRA] also helped lower health insurance premiums for nearly 15 million low- and middle-income Americans by extending enhanced premium tax credits for Affordable Care Act (ACA) exchange plans. In Alaska, 25,572 people saved an average of \$622 on their ACA exchange plans this year." [Joint Economic Committee Democrats, [8/1/23](#)]

Alaska Was Eligible For At Least \$3 Million In IRA Planning Grants To "Support Local Efforts To Reduce Climate Pollution." "Alaska is eligible for at least \$3,000,000 in planning grants funded by the IRA that support local efforts to reduce climate pollution." [Joint Economic Committee Democrats, [8/1/23](#)]

The Inflation Reduction Act Will Limit Inflation In The Long-Term, Despite Few Short-Term Impacts. The Inflation Reduction Act will limit inflation in the long-term, despite few short-term impacts on inflation. The bill will, “have no meaningful effect on inflation in the near term but would reduce inflation by around 0.1 percentage points by the middle of the first decade.” [Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, [8/12/22](#)]

- **Senior Policy Director At The Committee For A Responsible Budget Said The Bill “Would Help Fight Inflation In 2023, 2024, And 2025” But “It’s Not Gonna Be Bringing Down The Inflation Rate In The Month Of September.”** Marc Goldwein, the senior policy director at the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget, stated “For the most part, this isn’t a bill about 2022. This is about 2023, 2024, 2025. It’s about helping the Federal Reserve to fight against persistent inflation. It’s not gonna be bringing down the inflation rate in the month of September.” [Vox, [8/7/22](#)]

The IRA Instituted A 15% Minimum Corporate Tax. The IRA instituted a 15% minimum corporate tax rate. According to the ITEP, “corporations with average profits of more than \$1 billion over the previous three years will be required to pay taxes of at least 15 percent of their worldwide ‘book’ profits.” [Institute for Taxation and Economic Policy, [8/22/22](#)]

The IRA Instituted A 1% Excise Tax On Corporate Stock Buybacks. The IRA instituted a 1% excise tax on corporate stock buybacks. [Institute for Taxation and Economic Policy, [8/22/22](#)]

The IRA Allocated \$80 Billion For Tax Enforcement. The IRA allocated \$80 billion for tax enforcement, penalizing corporations and the wealthy who attempt to avoid US taxes. [Institute for Taxation and Economic Policy, [8/22/22](#)]

The Inflation Reduction Act Introduced A Low Income Communities Bonus Credit Program. The IRA introduced a credit that “provides up to a 10 or 20-percentage point boost to the Investment Tax Credit for qualified solar or wind facilities in low-income communities.” [U.S. Department of the Treasury, [10/20/23](#)]

The Inflation Reduction Act Created Pathways To High Quality Jobs. “Inflation Reduction Act’s massive investments to fight the climate crisis will also help improve job quality in clean energy industries and incentivize the expansion of workforce training pathways into these jobs, which will help lift many people into the middle class. The legislation purposefully includes targeted labor and workforce development standards-primarily prevailing wage and registered apprenticeship targets-as well as significant investments in manufacturing and domestic content requirements for electric vehicles. Pairing climate action with the creation of good jobs-and pathways into those jobs-has long been a goal of many policymakers, especially President Biden, but the Inflation Reduction Act begins to turn that goal into reality on a scale not yet seen in the United States.” [Center for American Progress, [9/14/22](#)]

BlueGreen Alliance: “Inflation Reduction Act Will Create More Than 9 Million Good Jobs Over The Next Decade.” “The more than 100 climate, energy, and environmental investments in the Inflation Reduction Act will create more than 9 million good jobs over the next decade-an average of nearly 1 million jobs each year.” The Alliance estimates that 5 million of these jobs will be in clean energy, 900,000 in clean manufacturing, 400,000 in clean transportation, 900,000 in efficient building, 150,000 in environmental justice, and 600,000 in natural infrastructure. [BlueGreen Alliance, [Accessed 7/19/24](#)]

Beigich Opposed The Infrastructure Investment And Jobs Act, Which Brought \$3 Billion To Alaska In A Year

Begich Opposed The Infrastructure And Jobs Act. Moderator: “Do you support the passage of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act from November 2021?” In response, Begich held up a sign reading, “No.” [YouTube, Anchorage Daily News, [24:26], [8/31/22](#)] (VIDEO)

- **Begich Called For Extending The Federal Infrastructure Spending Included In ‘The Infrastructure Bill.’** Begich: “Well, the worker shortage has been and will continue to be exacerbated by the federal infrastructure’s overspending. Federal, state, and local governments already spent half a trillion dollars a year annually on infrastructure, but the additional spending that has been unlocked threatens to re-prioritize local spending priorities and exacerbate the worker shortage. I think we need to extend the infrastructure bill spending so it doesn’t have such a negative effect on the real economy, on the worker shortage, and that it’s not inflationary to local industry.” [YouTube, Anchorage Daily News, [12:25], [8/31/22](#)] (VIDEO)

Begich Criticized The \$1.2 Trillion Federal Infrastructure Bill Because ‘Alaska Got Less Than 1% Of The Bill.’ “Republican House candidate Nick Begich the Third is also borrowing from the Political Math For Dummies handbook in claiming a per-acre basis is the way to decide what is fair. They are claiming that because Alaska has nearly one-fifth of the land mass of the U.S., it should get nearly one-fifth of federal spending. ‘Alaska got less than 1% of the bill,’ Begich the Third told the Juneau Empire. ‘Alaska got shortchanged in the bill.’ ‘On a per-acre basis we got the least of anyone,’ Begich III said.” [Dermot Cole, Reporting From Alaska, [10/29/22](#)]

Begich Opposed The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Because He Said It Was “Packed Full Of Green New Deal (Programs).” “Only Begich said he wouldn’t have voted to support the recent bipartisan infrastructure law passed by Congress. ‘I believe that this bill was packed full of Green New Deal (programs),’ Begich said. The Infrastructure, Investment and Jobs Act, also known as the bipartisan infrastructure law, will spend over \$1 trillion nationwide, mostly in competitive grants for infrastructure projects. That bill was negotiated by a partisan group of U.S. Senators, including Sen. Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska, who was able to secure several provisions favorable to Alaska, such as funding for ferry service in rural areas.” [Juneau Empire, 5/17/22]

Begich Criticized Don Young For Supporting The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law And Said It “Had Enormous Amounts Of Wasteful Spending.” “‘Don Young has rarely seen a spending program that he doesn’t like,’ Begich told the Empire in a phone interview Wednesday. ‘There’s just been no fiscal discipline.’ Begich cited the recent \$1.3 trillion infrastructure bill, which he said had enormous amounts of wasteful spending that would burden future generations by increasing the national debt. Alaska received benefits from the bill, Begich said, but there was a missed opportunity to make Alaska the leading edge of future energy transition. ‘Alaska got less than 1% of the bill,’ he said. ‘Alaska got shortchanged in the bill.’ Because the infrastructure bill was about building a platform for development, Begich said the state should have received a higher portion due to its size.” [Juneau Empire, 12/1/21]

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- **Begich Emphasized Restraint In Infrastructure Spending, And Referred To Federal Spending As Separate From The “Real Economy.”** “As a Congress, we have a sacred responsibility to ensure that funds deployed to infrastructure are invested wisely and in ways that

produce a clear and compelling return to the American taxpayer. We must be careful to ensure that such investments do not distort the real economy, displace pre-existing priorities by reprioritizing limited sources of labor or materials, and consider a maintenance model that sustains the initial investment over its useful life. As a supporter of hard infrastructure investments, I believe we must continue to prioritize funding that will allow Alaska to deliver on its important national roles, including food security through our fisheries, national security, energy security, and minerals security.” [Juneau Empire, [8/12/22](#)]

Beginch Claimed He Opposed The Infrastructure Investment And Jobs Act Because It Gave Alaska Less Than 1% Of The Bill- But Alaska Only Had 0.2% Of The US Population. “Alaska got less than 1% of the bill,” Beginch III told the Juneau Empire. “Alaska got shortchanged in the bill.” While Alaska had 0.2% of the US population, the Infrastructure Investment And Jobs Act would have allocated 0.6% of the funding to Alaska. Beginch and Senate candidate Kelly Tshibaka argued that Alaska should receive 18% of the funding in the Infrastructure Investment And Jobs Act because the state comprised 18% of the landmass in the US. [Reporting From Alaska, [10/27/22](#)]

- **Alaska Had Received The Highest Per-Capita Funding Of Any State From The Infrastructure Investment And Jobs Act.** “This was the largest infrastructure investment in 70 years. We are receiving more per-capita funding than any other state, which is a testament to the effectiveness of our current congressional delegation.” [Anchorage Daily News, [12/20/23](#)]

2022: Beginch Implied He Supported The Infrastructure Investment And Jobs Act, But Expressed Concern That Funding Wasn’t Focused On “Hard” Or “Long Term” Infrastructure Projects. “I am strongly supportive of real, hard infrastructure for Alaska. While this bill contained within it a number of green-new-deal styled provisions, the funds have now been authorized and are being appropriated. For Alaska to maximize the benefits of the bill, we must make certain that those projects which it funds have key components: they focus on hard infrastructure; they are long term; and they provide a maintenance model that ensures the investment is properly supported over its useful life. As Americans we have a responsibility to ourselves and to future generations to maximize the benefit of our investments in ways that provide a positive return to our citizens. Poor investment decisions are ultimately paid for in the form of higher taxes or the hidden tax of inflation. I have great concerns over the level of spending introduced by this and similar bills and will work in the Congress to ensure that investments made by the American people are of high quality.” [Alaska Public Media, [8/10/22](#)]

- **Beginch Claimed To Be A Supporter Of “Hard Infrastructure Projects.”** “As a Congress, we have a sacred responsibility to ensure that funds deployed to infrastructure are invested wisely and in ways that produce a clear and compelling return to the American taxpayer. [...] As a supporter of hard infrastructure investments, I believe we must continue to prioritize funding that will allow Alaska to deliver on its important national roles, including food security through our fisheries, national security, energy security, and minerals security. [Juneau Empire, [8/12/22](#)]
- **Beginch Said, “We Do Need Investments In Infrastructure Absolutely, But So Much Of This Is Not Used For Hard Infrastructure, It’s Waste.”** BEGINCH: “I mean a lot of people say oh that’s so wonderful, look at all the projects and look at all this money. Look, we do need investments in infrastructure absolutely, but so much of this is not used for hard infrastructure. It’s waste. It’s huge amounts of government waste.” [YouTube, Michael Dukes Show, 1:48:36-1:48:52, [7/8/24](#)] (VIDEO)

Kati Capozzi, President & CEO Of Alaska Chamber: The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Provided “More Than \$5 Billion Of Investment That Will Flow Into Alaska.” ““For decades, Alaska has been in desperate need of meaningful infrastructure investment. The Alaska Chamber applauds our entire congressional delegation for voting yes on the historic bipartisan infrastructure bill. The more than \$5 billion of investment that will flow into Alaska will positively impact hundreds of thousands of Alaskans, create good-paying jobs, and catapult economic growth crucial to building Alaska’s future. Alaskans rely on roads, ports, ferries, bridges, airports, railways, and broadband to keep our communities connected. We thank Senator Murkowski for her leadership in crafting a truly bipartisan bill and ensuring Alaska’s unique infrastructure needs were not forgotten throughout the process.”-Kati Capozzi, President & CEO of Alaska Chamber.” [Sen. Lisa Murkowski, Press Release, [11/15/21](#)]

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Authorized “Roughly \$3.5 Billion In Highway Funding” And \$225 Million “In Funding For Bridge Construction, Maintenance And Repair” For Alaska. “Alaska Highlights in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act [...] Authorizes \$273 billion in Federal-aid highway formula funding that will provide roughly \$3.5 billion in highway funding for Alaska over five years to construct, rebuild, and maintain its roads and highways. [...] Provides \$40 billion in funding for bridge construction, maintenance and repair. Of that, \$27.5 billion will be apportioned by formula to ensure every state’s bridges are provided with needed resources, and Alaska should receive \$225 million to address more than 140 bridges considered to be ‘structurally deficient.’” [Sen. Lisa Murkowski, accessed [9/7/22](#)]

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Invested “Over \$1.25 Billion For Broadband Infrastructure Across” Alaska. “Sen. Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska, was a key figure in passing the bipartisan infrastructure bill. Along with fellow Republicans, Rep. Don Young and Sen. Dan Sullivan, she highlighted that the Legislature, tribes and local communities will need to apply for grants and compete against other states for billions of dollars of funding. [...] Estimating how much Alaska will receive from the bill over the next five years is difficult as it will depend on the grants Alaska receives. Sullivan said some estimates are that Alaska could get between \$7 billion and \$8 billion. He highlighted some key areas in the bill: [...] Over \$1.25 billion for broadband infrastructure across the state.” [KTUU/KYES, [2/7/22](#)]

Independent U.S. House Candidate Gregg Brelsford: The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Invested In “The Port Of Alaska, Through Which Flows 90% Of Goods Consumed By Alaskans.” “The Republican candidates, and all Alaskans, should be more alarmed by Begich’s condemnation of Young for voting for the 2021 bipartisan infrastructure bill that is bringing billions of urgently needed dollars to Alaska. As a recent manager of the Bristol Bay Borough and the city of Dillingham (interim), I know firsthand the immeasurable value this money brings to Alaska for broadband, sewers, roads and ports. This includes helping the Port of Alaska, through which flows 90% of goods consumed by Alaskans. And it means jobs for thousands of Alaskans.” [Fairbanks Daily News-Miner, Gregg Brelsford, Letter-to-the-Editor, [4/30/22](#)]

Alaska Received \$6.39 Billion In Infrastructure Payments, Amounting To \$8,700 Per Person, The Highest Per Capita Investment In The US. “Increased oil and gas revenue is not the only way that the federal government has become more Alaska-friendly since 2020. Since the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act was passed with bipartisan support in 2021, more than \$6.39 billion has been invested in Alaska’s deteriorating infrastructure. This comes out to \$8,700 per Alaskan, the highest per capita investment among all 50 states. This includes critical investments in roads, bridges, broadband, water and wastewater, energy, airports, the Alaska Marine Highway, and port investments. Furthermore, during the three years of the Biden administration Alaska has received \$65.9 billion in investment through federal spending. In the entirety of the Trump administration, this investment totaled \$36.2 billion. These

recent investments reflect the belief of our government that Alaska is vitally important to the geopolitical and economic future of the country.” [Anchorage Daily News, [12/22/23](#)]

The Infrastructure Investment And Jobs Act Funded The Tribal Water and Sanitation Infrastructure Project, Which Worked To Improve Water Systems For Alaska Native Communities. “Tribal Water and Sanitation Infrastructure: The Indian Health Service (IHS) announced allocation decisions for \$700 million to support crucial sanitation projects that will result in substantial improvements to clean water and sanitation systems in American Indian and Alaska Native communities across the country. IHS will allocate \$700 million in each fiscal year from FY 2022 through FY 2026, for a total of \$3.5 billion for the IHS Sanitation Facilities Construction Program.” [White House, [11/15/22](#)]

Murkowski, Sullivan, And Young Supported The Infrastructure Investment And Jobs Act, Which Brought \$3 Billion To Alaska In A Year. “The \$1.2 trillion federal infrastructure law that Sens. Lisa Murkowski, Dan Sullivan and the late Rep. Don Young crossed party lines to support a year ago has already brought nearly \$3 billion to Alaska.” [Reporting From Alaska, [10/27/22](#)]

Begich Said Don Young Had “No Fiscal Discipline” In Reference To The Infrastructure Investment And Jobs Act. “Don Young has rarely seen a spending program that he doesn’t like,” Begich told the Empire in a phone interview Wednesday. “There’s just been no fiscal discipline.” [...] “Seniority counts only if you show up to do the job,” Begich said. “Don Young is saying through his actions that he can’t do the job and he’s ready for a change.” [Juneau Empire, [12/1/21](#)]

- **Young “Showed Begich The Ropes” In DC By Offering Him An Internship In Washington DC.** “Young agreed to show Begich the ropes in Washington last year so he could decide whether to run, Begich told E&E News this week. The internship, which Begich describes as a way for him to get temporary access to Young’s office, afforded the aspiring lawmaker a glossy badge and coveted access to the corridors of the U.S. Capitol. Begich “asked Don Young to join our office & shadow the Dean to learn how Congress works,” Brown wrote. “Begich was planning on primarying Young all along. He used DY & staff to secure inside info.” [E&E News, [10/28/22](#)]
- **2022: Don Young Slammed Begich, Saying He Was Not Loyal Or Honest.** “‘I hired that young man [Begich] to show him the ropes, run for the job, don’t run against me [...] it’s not loyalty, nor is it honest [...] That’s a person I don’t want to serve me in Congress,’ Young said.” [Juneau Empire, [10/27/22](#)]

Begich Lauded “What Javier Milei Has Done In Argentina” To “Radically Cut Government” — A Move That Left More Than Half Of Argentinians Living In Poverty

Begich Said “There’s Hope” Because Of “What Javier Milei Has Done In Argentina” To “Radically Cut Government.” BEGICH: “There’s hope because if you look at what Javier Milei has done in Argentina, here’s a nation that had runaway inflation for quite some time. It’s been, I believe, decades since they’ve been able to stabilize prices. He came in radically cut government, radically cut government. People said it couldn’t be done, oh this will destroy the nation, et cetera. What happens just a few months later? Prices stabilize.” [YouTube, Michael Dukes Show, 1:50:23-1:50:48, [7/8/24](#)] (VIDEO)

July 2024: 57% Of Argentinians Lived In Poverty And Annual Inflation Surpassed 270%. “Poverty now afflicts a staggering 57% of Argentina’s 47 million people, and annual inflation surpasses 270% — a level unseen in a generation.” [Associated Press, [7/24/24](#)]

Milei Slashed Subsidies For Electricity And Transportation, Causing Prices To Skyrocket. “He slashed subsidies for electricity, fuel and transportation, causing prices to skyrocket in a country that already had one of the world’s highest inflation rates.” [Associated Press, [7/24/24](#)]

Milei Laid Off Over 70,000 Public Sector Workers And Cut Pensions By 30%. “He laid off over 70,000 public sector workers, cut pensions by 30% and froze infrastructure projects, pushing the country deeper into recession.” [Associated Press, [7/24/24](#)]

- **Alaska Had 10,398 Federal Employees.** [U.S. Office of Personnel Management, accessed [6/7/24](#)]
- **Alaska Had 15,000 State Employees.** [Alaska Department of Administration, accessed [6/7/24](#)]

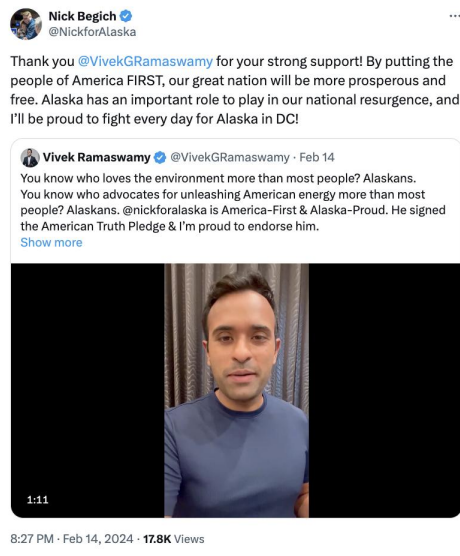
Begich Was “Thrilled” To Be Endorsed By Vivek Ramaswamy And Signed His American Truth Pledge To Cut Nearly 20,000 Alaska Jobs

Begich Said He Was “So Thrilled” To Announce His Endorsement By Ramaswamy. BEGICH: “I am so thrilled to announce this morning that we have received the endorsement of Vivek Ramaswamy.” [YouTube, Must Read Alaska, 12:06-12:16, [6/3/24](#)]

Begich Said He “Really Loved” How Ramaswamy Was “Extraordinarily Articulate” And “Unapologetic.” BEGICH: “What I really love about Vivek’s message is A) he’s extraordinarily articulate b) He’s unapologetic in his delivery of his message and his message is focused on America first. In DC we’re told we need to be giving all this aid to other nations.” [YouTube, Must Read Alaska, 12:27-37, [6/3/24](#)]

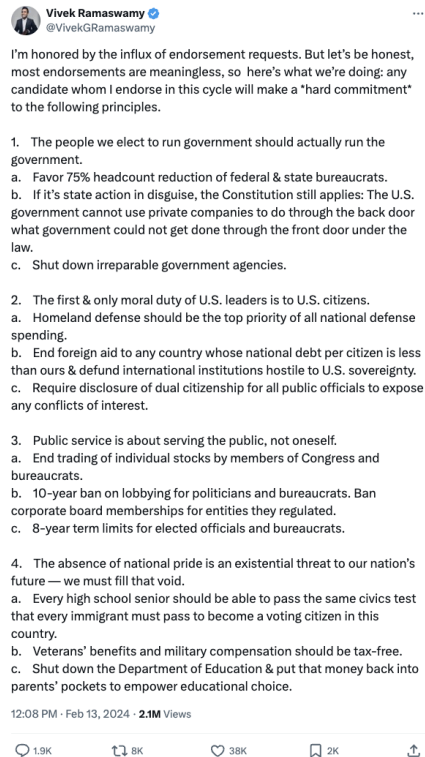
Begich Said That He Has “Tremendous Amount Of Respect For Vivek.” BEGICH: “That was huge. I have a tremendous amount of respect for Vivek. He is extraordinarily articulate.” [YouTube, Michael Dukes Show, 21:50- [2/19/24](#)]

Ramaswamy Said That Begich Signed His “American Truth Pledge.” [Twitter, [@NickforAlaska](#), [2/14/24](#)]



[Twitter, [@NickforAlaska](#), [2/14/24](#)]

Vivek Ramaswamy's Pledge Included A "Hard Commitment" To Favor A 75% Reduction Of "Federal And State Bureaucrats." "I'm honored by the influx of endorsement requests. But let's be honest, most endorsements are meaningless, so here's what we're doing: any candidate whom I endorse in this cycle will make a *hard commitment* to the following principles. 1. The people we elect to run government should actually run the government. a. Favor 75% headcount reduction of federal & state bureaucrats." [Twitter, @VivekGRamaswamy, [2/13/24](#)]



[Twitter, @VivekGRamaswamy, [2/13/24](#)]

Begich's Employees At FarShore Partners Were Overwhelmingly Located In India, While He Was The Only One Based Out Of Alaska

May 2006-Present: Begich Served As Founder, CEO, And Executive Chairman Of FarShore Partners. [LinkedIn, Nicholas Begich III, [Accessed 9/7/24](#)]

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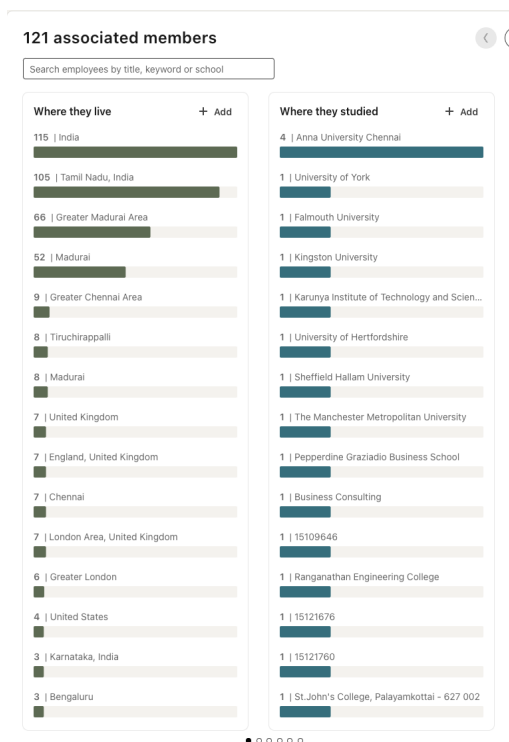
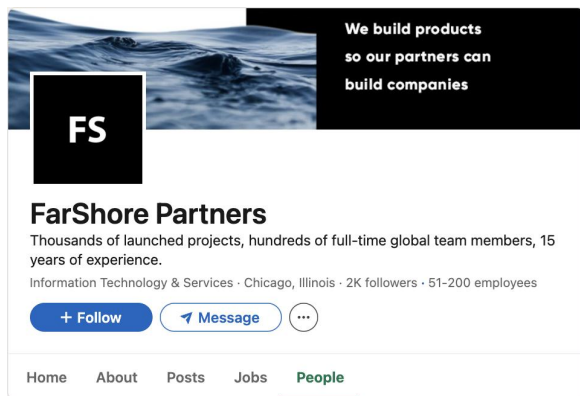
FarShore Partners
18 yrs 5 mos
Chicago, Anchorage, Zagreb, Osijek, Madurai, Chennai

- Executive Chairman**
Dec 2020 - Present · 3 yrs 10 mos
Responsible for long-term corporate planning, executive coaching, process definition, and situational opportunities.
- CEO & Founder**
May 2006 - Dec 2020 · 14 yrs 8 mos
 - Developed Global Software Technology Organization to over 140 full-time salaried team members.
 - Delivered 3,500+ software development projects for 400+ clients.
 - Teams include Design, Architecture, Project Management, Development, Testing, and Infrastructure supporting applications on Mobile, Web, and Desktop.

[LinkedIn, Nicholas Begich III, [Accessed 9/7/24](#)]

Farshore “Provides Software And Information Technology Services To Other Companies.” “At age 27, Begich returned to Alaska and founded FarShore, which provides software and information technology services to other companies. The company grew to be worth millions, with around 150 employees. Most of them are in India and Croatia, and none of them are in Alaska.” [Alaska Dispatch News, [8/5/22](#)]

September 2024: Out Of FarShore’s 121 Employees, 115 Of Them Were In India And Only Four Were In The U.S., According To LinkedIn. [LinkedIn, FarShore Partners, [Accessed 9/7/24](#)]



[LinkedIn, FarShore Partners, [Accessed 9/7/24](#)]

Begich Was The Only FarShore Employee Listed As Being Based Out Of Alaska. [LinkedIn, FarShore Partners, [Accessed 9/7/24](#); Nicholas Begich III, [Accessed 9/7/24](#)]

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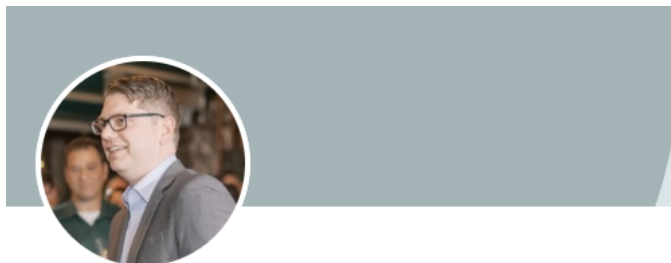
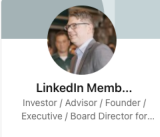
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- **Begich: “We Have To Recognize We Live In A Global World, Right? [...] I Think We Do Well To Remember That Here In Alaska We’re Part Of A Global Community.”** “We have to recognize we live in a global world, right?’ he said when asked if he has concerns about creating jobs in other countries, even as his payroll includes no Alaskans but himself. ‘I think we do well to remember that here in Alaska we’re part of a global community.’” [Alaska Dispatch News, [8/8/22](#)]

Begich Opposed The Protecting The Right To Organize (PRO) Act Despite Its Bipartisan Support And The Fact That Alaska Was The Fourth Most Unionized State In The Country

Begich Criticized Young For Being One Of Five Republicans To Vote For The Protecting The Right To Organize (PRO) Act. “Soon after entering the race, Begich began criticizing Young for his office policies to mitigate COVID-19, his support for the confirmation of Interior Secretary Deb Haaland and his vote for the Protecting the Right to Organize Act, a House bill that would change laws governing unions. Young was one of five Republicans to vote in favor of that bill. Begich also said that during the month he spent working in Young’s office, he saw lobbyists exert excessive influence over the congressman.” [Alaska Dispatch News, [4/27/22](#)]

Oct. 2021: Alaska Was The Fourth Most Unionized State In The Country With 17.7% Of Alaska Workers Being Union Members And 19.5% Covered By Union Contracts. “Alaska is the #4 most unionized state [...] Alaska by the numbers [...] Employed population: 280,000 [...] Members of unions: 49,000 (17.7% of employed population) [...] Workers represented by unions: 55,000 (19.5% of employed population).” [Stacker, [10/11/21](#)]

HEADLINE: House Passes Bill To Rewrite Labor Laws And Strengthen Unions. [Washington Post, [2/6/20](#)]

The PRO Act Would Increase Fines For Companies That Illegally Retaliate Against Workers Seeking To Unionize, Expand Collective Bargaining Rights, And Weaken “Right To Work” Laws. “The Protecting the Right to Organize Act, known as the PRO Act, would amend some of the country’s decades-old labor laws to give workers more power during disputes at work, add penalties for companies that retaliate against workers who organize and grant some hundreds of thousands of workers collective-bargaining rights they don’t currently have. It would also weaken ‘right-to-work’ laws in 27 states that allow employees to forgo participating in and paying dues to unions. The House passed the bill with a vote of 224 to 194, mostly along party lines.” [Washington Post, [2/6/20](#)]

The PRO Act Would Allow More People Classified As Contractors To Be Given Employee Status, Which Would Allow Them To Unionize. “The bill would also allow more people currently classified as contractors to be given the status of employees for the purposes of union organizing, potentially paving the way for gig workers at companies like Lyft, Uber and DoorDash to organize with unions or among themselves.” [Washington Post, [2/6/20](#)]

Anti-Union Group Americans For Prosperity Endorsed Begich For Congress

Americans For Prosperity Endorsed Nick Begich For Congress. “Americans for Prosperity Action (AFP Action) is proud to announce its endorsement of Nick Begich for Alaska’s at-large congressional seat. Alaskans deserve a leader who embodies the independent spirit of the Last Frontier. Since her election, Mary Peltola has sided with the Biden-Harris administration each step of the way. Nick Begich is the leader who will stand up for Alaskans in Congress, fight to bring down the cost of living, and champion Alaska’s energy industry.” [Americans For Prosperity PAC, [9/10/24](#)]

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

employees under the National Labor Relations Act, restricting the opportunity of many to pursue independent, flexible work.” [Americans For Prosperity, [2/4/21](#)]

Begich Advocated For Industrial Development Initiatives That Would Threaten Native And Rural Alaskans’ Ways Of Life

Begich Condemned The Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA), Which Sought To Protect Alaska’s Natural Ecosystems And “Traditional Ways Of Living On The Land”

Begich Condemned ANILCA And Said That Alaska Had Been Denied The “Ability To Develop Our Own State, Our Own Resources.” BEGICH: “The reason why we’re continuing to take this money is because we’ve been denied the ability to develop our own state, our own resources in Alaska. This started, with President Carter put ANILCA through, which locked up enormous amounts of Alaska land.” [YouTube, Michael Dukes Show, 1:10:46-1:12:19, [4/1/24](#)]

The Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) Sought To Protect Alaska’s Natural Ecosystems And Landscapes While Preserving “Opportunity For Traditional Ways Of Living On The Land.” “In 1980, when Congress passed the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA), it recognized the importance of protecting Alaska’s splendid natural ecosystems and landscapes, while preserving the opportunity for traditional ways of living on the land to continue.” [National Park Service, accessed [6/6/24](#)]

ANILCA Explicitly Protected Subsistence Uses For Rural Residents Of Alaska. “Congress acknowledged the exceptional and unique conditions of life in Alaska’s rural areas in Title VIII of the Act, noting that: ‘The Congress finds and declares that the continuation of the opportunity for subsistence uses by rural residents of Alaska, including both Natives and non-Natives, on the public lands and by Alaska Natives on Native lands is essential to Native physical, economic, traditional, and cultural existence’” [National Park Service, accessed [6/6/24](#)]

Rural Alaska Natives Relied “Significantly On Subsistence Harvests, Which Constitute 50-90% Of Their Dietary Intake.” “Rural Alaska Native communities rely significantly on subsistence harvests, which constitute between 50% to 90% of their dietary intake. The loss of access to these vital sources of food would have profound consequences.” [Alaska Beacon, [4/12/24](#)]

ANILCA Was Created In Response To A Lack Of Protection For Alaska Native Hunting And Fishing Rights. “In 1980 Congress reacted to the State’s lack of protection of Alaska Native subsistence uses and attempted to carry out the unfulfilled settlement of aboriginal hunting and fishing rights through the passage of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) in 1980.” [University of Alaska Fairbanks, accessed [6/6/24](#)]

Native American Rights Fund: ANILCA “Recognizes That Subsistence Fishing Is Essential To Alaska Natives’ Physical, Economic, Traditional, And Cultural Existence.” “The Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) recognizes that subsistence fishing is essential to Alaska Natives’ physical, economic, traditional, and cultural existence, and mandates a subsistence fishing preference for rural residents whenever it becomes necessary to restrict fishing to conserve fish populations.” [Native American Rights Fund, Press Release, [4/2/24](#)]

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Kelly: “We have a mine, called Pebble Mine, that could be developed in Alaska. But it’s been a great source of controversy because there’s some conflicting views over whether developing Pebble Mine would jeopardize a very, very lucrative and essential fishing area up here in Alaska [...] What I do not support is the federal government coming in with a preemptive veto, not listening to the voices of the natives who live in the region, not listening to the voices of the people here in Alaska who’ve studied it, not listening to the voices of the people who understand the fish in Bristol Bay, not listening to any of them, and just imposing their decree as bureaucrats from Washington, D.C. without even stepping foot in the area, Nick, and saying, ‘No, we know better as Washington, D.C. bureaucrats, as government officials from on high, to decide what you’re gonna do with your resources in D.C.’ And Mary Peltola just introduced an act to support permanent preemptive vetoes from the federal government on Alaska’s development of resources.” [...] Begich: “100%. I couldn’t have said it any better and I totally agree with everything you just said, and let me just add one additional piece to that. You know, the administration, our gubernatorial administration, is actually suing the federal government because of this attempted preemptive veto of the project out in that region of our state. And they’re suing for hundreds of billions of dollars, because when the state selected these lands, they did so at statehood because they recognized the mineral potential for this region [...] and at the same time that we have this lawsuit going forward, we have Mary Peltola trying to take it off the table.” [Rumble, STAND_Show, [23:12], [6/19/24](#)]

Begich Adopted An Exaggerated Complaint About The Biden Administration’s Use Of Executive Orders, Including Counting The Pebble Mine Rejection Order Three Times. “Nick Begich the Third, who finished second in the primary election for Congress, has adopted the Sen. Dan Sullivan canard that the Biden”administration has crippled our economy by restricting resource development and has now issued 66 executive orders specifically targeting Alaska. As I’ve made clear here before, 66 is an imaginary number...President Biden’s rejection of the oil leases in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and the Ambler Road are each counted six times, while the Pebble mine and the roadless rule in the Tongass are each counted three times.” [Dermot Cole, [8/24/24](#)]

- **2022: When Asked If He Supported “Development Of The Pebble Mine,” Begich Said “A Scientific, Lawful, And Comprehensive Process Must Determine This Outcome.”** “To help Alaskans sort through the dozens of options, we’re asking each candidate where they stand on the issues. Here’s how they responded, in their own words, to the following questions on natural resource development: [...] Do you want to see ... (Please answer yes or no. If needed, add an explanation of no more than 10 words.) [...] 2. Development of the Pebble Mine? [...] Nick Begich (R): [...] Pebble? ‘A scientific, lawful, and comprehensive process must determine this outcome.’” [KTOO, [6/2/22](#)]
- **2022: Begich Refused To Take A Position On Pebble Mines, Offering That A “Scientific, Lawful, And Comprehensive Process” Should Determine The Outcome.** “Nick Begich (R): Pebble? ‘A scientific, lawful, and comprehensive process must determine this outcome.’” [KTOO, [6/2/22](#)]

- **2022: Begich Did Not Respond To Alaskans For Bristol Bay Action's Questionnaire And Did "Not Have A Public Record On Pebble Mine."** "This year's special election for Alaska's only seat in the U.S. House will play an important role in the fate of Bristol Bay. For more than 20 years, the region has lived under threat from the disastrous Pebble Mine, which would poison the watershed with billions of tons of toxic waste, destroying one of the last great salmon runs on Earth, wiping out thousands of jobs, and devastating communities that have thrived in the region for generations. We asked the candidates if they would stand with Alaskans and help protect Bristol Bay. [...] The following candidates did not respond to the questionnaire and do not have a public record on Pebble Mine, so we ask 'Whose Side Are They On?' [...] Nick Begich III (R)." [Alaskans for Bristol Bay Action, accessed [9/13/22](#)]

360 Scientists Signed A Letter To The EPA Urging The Agency To Reject Pebble Mine Development.

"A whopping 360 scientists from Canada, Poland, Australia, the contiguous United States and elsewhere in the world are pleading with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) en masse not to approve the Pebble Mine development in Bristol Bay, Alaska... The letter was sparked by the EPA's final assessment of the project, which came out in mid-January and concluded that 'large-scale mining in the Bristol Bay watershed poses risks to salmon and the tribal communities that have depended on them for thousands of years.' [ICT News, [9/13/18](#)]

The Environmental Damage From Pebble Mine Would Threaten Alaska's Salmon Industry. "A mining company plans to dig a pit, more than a mile square and a third of a mile deep, over two decades to obtain the metals, estimated to be worth at least \$300 billion. Supporters say the project, known as the Pebble Mine, would be an economic boost for a remote region that has missed out on the North Slope oil boom and other resource-extraction development in the state over the past half century. [...] But opposition has long been widespread, both in the region and statewide, with concerns about environmental damage and the potential for harming another critical resource: salmon. The fish is the main traditional subsistence food for many of the Alaska Natives in the region and the basis of both a thriving sport-fishing industry and, in nearby Bristol Bay, one of the largest commercial wild salmon fisheries in the world." [The New York Times, [7/24/20](#)]

Begich Opposed 2018's Salmon Habitat Initiative, Which Would Require Public Hearings Before Permitting Decisions For Major Industrial Projects, "Notably The Controversial Pebble Mine"

Begich Opposed 2018's Salmon Habitat Initiative. Moderator: "In 2018, did you support or would you have supported ballot measure 1, the salmon habitat initiative?" In response, Begich held up a sign reading, "No." [YouTube, Anchorage Daily News, [18:02], [8/31/22](#)] (VIDEO)

2018's "Stand For Salmon" Initiative Would Require Public Hearings Before Permitting Decisions For Major Industrial Projects, "Notably The Controversial Pebble Mine." "Alaska is in the midst of a divisive civil war over a ballot initiative that pits the state's revered wild salmon fisheries against its powerful oil and mining industries. In the Nov. 6 general election, Alaska residents will be asked to adopt strict new permitting regulations for developing any projects with the potential to affect salmon habitat. Supporters of Ballot Measure 1 argue that the current permitting rules are outdated and ineffective. They're asking voters to adopt eight pages of new policy that would, among other things, require state regulators to write specific scientific standards to define salmon protection and habitat. [...] The Stand for Salmon initiative would require the state to hold public hearings before permitting decisions for some of

Alaska's largest new industrial projects on the drawing board, notably the controversial Pebble mine and the Donlin Gold mine." [E&E News, [10/26/18](#)]

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Begich Argued That Federal Energy Policy Was Driven By "Environmental Extremism That Borders On Religious Fanaticism." Begich: "D.C.'s currently current policies are more than a deadbolt for Alaska. These policies are enacted and designed to mothball and board up our state. The policies are born from a combination of ignorance of Alaska's resource base, ignorance of the quality of our resource practices, and a level of environmental extremism that borders on religious fanaticism." [YouTube, Anchorage Daily News, [8:25], [8/31/22](#)] (VIDEO)

Begich Supported The Supreme Court's Decision To Overturn The Chevron Doctrine, Which "Made It Easier For The Federal Government To Regulate The Environment"

Begich Called The Overturning Of Chevron Deference A "Great Development." BEGICH: "Chevron deference being overturned, that's a great development for us and it works in our long-term interest." [YouTube, Anchorage Daily News, 5:37-5:43, [8/28/24](#)] (VIDEO)

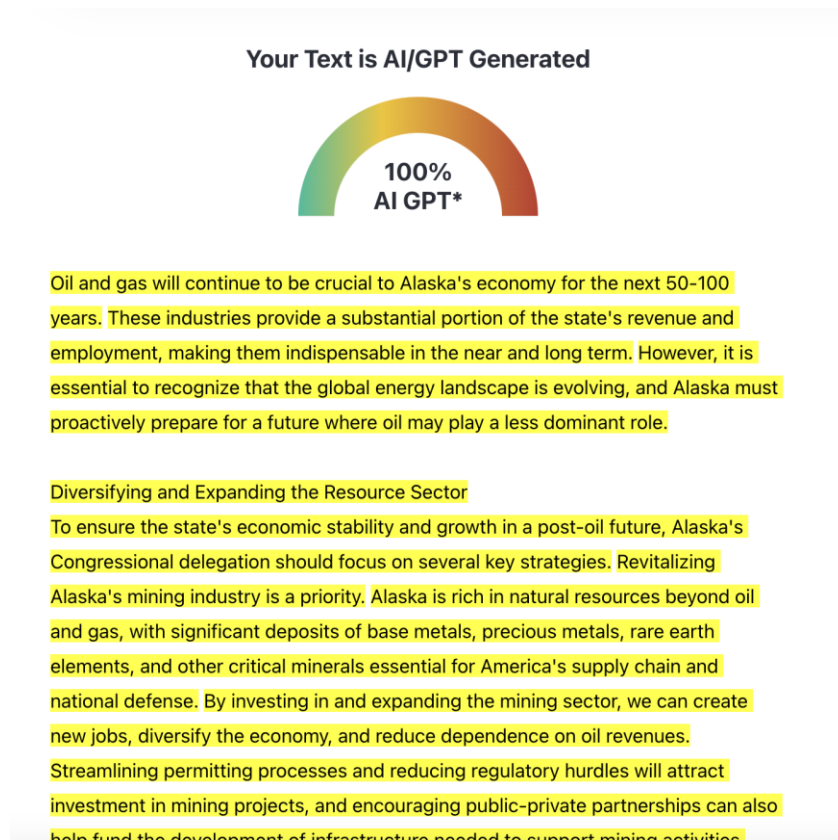
Begich Supported The Overturn Of Chevron Deference. Begich: "For the industry Chevron deference being overturned that's a great development for us and it works in our long-term interest, but we have got to do more at the end of the day. We need Congress to step up in their role and provide prescriptive language in the aftermath of Chevron Deference being overturned and ensure that the rights of Alaskans to develop our own resources are locked in law and don't move from one Administration." [Youtube, Anchorage Daily News, [8/28/24](#)]

Begich: "The Left In This Country Has Weaponized... The Carbon Lie," And Congress Must Use The Repeal Of Chevron Deference To Push Back Against "The Carbon Lie." "A carbon zero Aviation sector by 2050, yeah these are unrealistic, and I'm not even sure they should be goals at all. We look at how the left in this country has weaponized what I'm going to call the 'carbon lie' or the carbon economy right and they've weaponized it for every against everyone in this room they are trying to use these methodologies to shut us down and the first thing that you got to do is you got to be willing to stand up in the Congress and call them out on this. You can't accept the lie on its face right? And I'm willing to do that, I'm willing to do it here. I'm willing to do it in DC. Secondly we've got to use our power on the resources committee to make sure that we are passing bills that repeal these attempted actions. We've talked about Chevron deference and the restoration of powers to the Congress. Well, now the Congress has to use those powers. We've got to use those powers in committee to make sure that on 'must-pass'

legislation, we're pushing back against 'the carbon lie' and that's what I'm going to do." [Youtube, Anchorage Daily News, [8/28/24](#)]

Begich Supported The Supreme Court's Decision To Overturn *Chevron*. Begich: "The recent Supreme Court decision to overturn Chevron deference should allow Alaska to move more quickly in deploying new infrastructure, as it reduces the bureaucratic hurdles that have previously slowed down such projects." [Alaska Beacon, Candidate Survey, [Accessed 9/10/24](#)]

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The Chevron Doctrine "Made It Easier For The Federal Government To Regulate The Environment, Public Health, Workplace Safety And Consumer Protections." "The Supreme Court on Friday upended a 40-year-old decision that made it easier for the federal government to regulate the environment, public health, workplace safety and consumer protections, delivering a far-reaching and potentially lucrative victory to business interests. The court's six conservative justices overturned the 1984 decision colloquially known as Chevron, long a target of conservatives who have been motivated as much by weakening the regulatory state as social issues including abortion. The liberal justices were in dissent." [Associated Press, [6/28/24](#)]

The Chevron Decision Allowed The Maintenance Of A “Rule That Herring Fishermen Pay For Government-Mandated Observers Who Track Their Fish Intake,” Which Led To The Lawsuit That Overturned It.

“The heart of the Chevron decision says federal agencies should be allowed to fill in the details when laws aren’t crystal clear. Opponents of the decision argued that it gave power that should be wielded by judges to experts who work for the government. [...] The court ruled in cases brought by Atlantic herring fishermen in New Jersey and Rhode Island who challenged a fee requirement. Lower courts used the Chevron decision to uphold a 2020 National Marine Fisheries Service rule that herring fishermen pay for government-mandated observers who track their fish intake. [...] Gun, e-cigarette, farm, timber and home-building groups were among the business groups supporting the fishermen.

Conservative interests that also intervened in recent high court cases limiting regulation of air and water pollution backed the fishermen as well. The fisherman sued to contest the 2020 regulation that would have authorized a fee that could have topped \$700 a day, though no one ever had to pay it. In separate lawsuits in New Jersey and Rhode Island, the fishermen argued that Congress never gave federal regulators authority to require the fisherman to pay for monitors. They lost in the lower courts, which relied on the Chevron decision to sustain the regulation.” [Associated Press, [6/28/24](#)]

The Nature Conservancy Claimed That The Supreme Court’s Overturn Of The Chevron Doctrine Would Present Challenges To Preserving The Planet.

“The decisions are likely to present challenges to preserving the many decades of progress we have made in protecting people and the planet. They affect the requirement articulated by the Supreme Court 40 years ago for federal courts to give deference to reasonable determinations by a federal agency on how best to interpret, implement and enforce provisions of federal laws that agencies are charged by Congress to implement. That is concerning, given the high level of scientific and other relevant expertise, as well as practical experience, there is among the people who work in our federal agencies. It is exactly this kind of expertise and experience we need if we want to successfully implement laws enacted by Congress, particularly since the laws often deal with complex and ambiguous issues that require the development of detailed regulations that are open for public comment.” [The Nature Conservancy, [6/28/24](#)]

The Decision Overturning *Chevron* Regarded “Petitioners To A Rule Promulgated By The National Marine Fisheries Service” And Involved At Least Two Trawler Operators.

“The Court granted certiorari in these cases limited to the question whether *Chevron U. S. A. Inc. v. Natural Resources Defense Council, Inc.*, 467 U. S. 837, should be overruled or clarified. Under the Chevron doctrine, courts have sometimes been required to defer to ‘permissible’ agency interpretations of the statutes those agencies administer—even when a reviewing court reads the statute differently. *Id.*, at 843. In each case below, the reviewing courts applied Chevron’s framework to resolve in favor of the Government challenges by petitioners to a rule promulgated by the National Marine Fisheries Service pursuant to the Magnuson-Stevens Act, 16 U. S. C. §1801 et seq., which incorporates the Administrative Procedure Act (APA), 5 U. S. C. §551 et seq. [...] Petitioners Loper Bright Enterprises, Inc., H&L Axelsson, Inc., Lund Marr Trawlers LLC, and Scombrus One LLC are family businesses that operate in the Atlantic herring fishery. In February 2020, they challenged the Rule under the MSA, 16 U. S. C. §1855(f), which incorporates the Administrative Procedure Act (APA), 5 U. S. C. §551 et seq. In relevant part, they argued that the MSA does not authorize NMFS to mandate that they pay for observers required by a fishery management plan. [...] Petitioners Relentless Inc., Huntress Inc., and Seafreeze Fleet LLC own two vessels that operate in the Atlantic herring fishery: the F/V Relentless and the F/V Persistence. These vessels use small-mesh bottom-trawl gear and can freeze fish at sea, so they can catch more species of fish and take longer trips than other vessels (about 10 to 14 days, as opposed to the more typical 2 to 4). As a result, they generally declare into multiple fisheries per trip so they can catch whatever the ocean

offers up. If the vessels declare into the Atlantic herring fishery for a particular trip, they must carry an observer for that trip if NMFS selects the trip for coverage, even if they end up harvesting fewer herring than other vessels—or no herring at all.” [Supreme Court of the United States, *Loper Bright Enterprises V. Raimondo*, Decision, [6/28/24](#)]

Begich Opposed The Inflation Reduction Act, Which Allocated Billions In Funding To Address The Climate Crisis

Begich Opposed The Inflation Reduction Act. Moderator: “Do you support the passage of the Inflation Reduction Act, August of 2022?” In response, Begich held up a sign reading, “No.” [YouTube, Anchorage Daily News, [24:34], [8/31/22](#)] (VIDEO)

The Inflation Reduction Act Provided \$3.3 Billion To NOAA To “Build A Climate-Ready Nation.”

The IRA “provides \$3.3 billion for NOAA to build on its commitment to help Americans - including tribes and vulnerable populations - prepare, adapt, and build resilience to weather and climate events; improve supercomputing capacity and research on weather, oceans, and climate; strengthen NOAA’s hurricane hunter aircraft and fleet; and replace aging NOAA facilities.” [NOAA, [Accessed 7/20/24](#)]

The Inflation Reduction Act Offered \$1 Billion In Grants To Develop Clean Heavy-Duty Vehicles.

The IRA provided “funding to help Tribal, state, and local governments and other entities offset the cost of replacing heavy-duty Class 6 and 7 commercial vehicles with zero-emission vehicles, deploy supporting infrastructure, and train and develop the necessary workforce. At least \$400 million must go to areas not meeting national air quality standards.” [EPA, [7/20/24](#)]

The Inflation Reduction Act Offered Approximately \$2 Billion In Grants For The Environmental And Climate Justice Community Change Program. The IRA “will invest approximately \$2 billion dollars in Inflation Reduction Act funds in environmental and climate justice activities to benefit disadvantaged communities.” [EPA, [7/20/24](#)]

The Inflation Reduction Act Allocated \$6.2 Billion To The Department Of The Interior To ‘Tackle The Climate Crisis.’ According to the U.S. Department of the Interior’s website, the IRA provided the department “\$6.2 billion, enabling our bureaus and offices to play a leading role in advancing key habitat restoration, land resilience and water projects, and securing environmental justice for historically disadvantaged communities.” This included: \$4.6 Billion to “advance system conservation and mitigate drought impacts,” \$700 million to “advance conservation, restoration and resilience activities on our public lands,” \$500 million to “support additional staffing at the National Park Service,” and \$425 million to “support communities prepare for and adapt to worsening threats brought on by the climate crisis.” [U.S. Department of the Interior, [Accessed 7/20/24](#)]

The Inflation Reduction Act Provided Funding For USDA Rural Development. According to the USDA, the Inflation Reduction Act “provides funding to USDA Rural Development to help eligible entities purchase renewable energy and zero-emission systems and make energy-efficiency improvements that will significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions.” This included “Up to \$1 billion for RUS loans for renewable energy infrastructure. The Act requires the agency to forgive up to 50% of the loan amount. Eligible entities include electric service providers, including municipals, cooperatives, investor-owned and Tribal utilities. [...] Up to \$2.025 billion for the RBCS Rural Energy for America Program (REAP), with \$303 million set aside for underutilized technologies and technical assistance. Funds are anticipated to support renewable energy and energy-efficiency projects for more than 41,500 farms and small businesses. [...] Up to \$500 million in RBCS grants for infrastructure improvements to blend, store or distribute biofuels. This includes installing, retrofitting or upgrading dispensers for ethanol at retail stations

as well as home heating oil distribution centers. [...] Up to \$9.7 billion for RUS to offer loans, grants, loan modifications and other financial assistance to support the purchase of renewable energy systems, zero-emission systems and carbon capture systems. Funding also may be used to deploy these systems or to make energy-efficiency improvements to generation and transmission systems of eligible entities.”

[USDA, [Accessed 7/20/24](#)]

The Inflation Reduction Act Provided \$100 Million For Environmental Review Implementation For Surface Transportation Projects. According to the Federal Highway Administration, the Inflation Reduction Act allocated “\$100 million to facilitate the development and review of documents for the environmental review process for proposed surface transportation projects.” [FHWA, [Accessed 7/20/24](#)]

The Inflation Reduction Act Provided \$2 Billion For Low-Carbon Transportation Materials Grants. According to the Federal Highway Administration, the Inflation Reduction Act allocated “\$2.0 billion to reimburse or provide incentives to eligible recipients for the use, in projects, of construction materials and products that have substantially lower levels of embodied greenhouse gas emissions associated with all relevant stages of production, use, and disposal as compared to estimated industry averages of similar materials or products as determined by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.”

[FHWA, [Accessed 7/20/24](#)]

[Begich Would Work To Obstruct The Federal Government’s Ability To Conserve Alaska’s Unique Environment And Landscape By Releasing Protected Lands To State Control](#)

Begich Wanted To Introduce Legislation That Would “Allow Greater Access To Rural Areas Of Alaska.” “We must introduce legislation that will allow greater access to rural areas of Alaska through roads, rail, and ports. The resources necessary for our nation and our state’s prosperity are abundant within Alaska, but are often stranded as a result of underinvestment in Alaskan infrastructure. Legislation should provide for streamlined right-of-way access through Federal lands and supportive access reform that will allow Alaskans to unlock the incredible potential of our state.” [Juneau Empire, [8/12/22](#)]

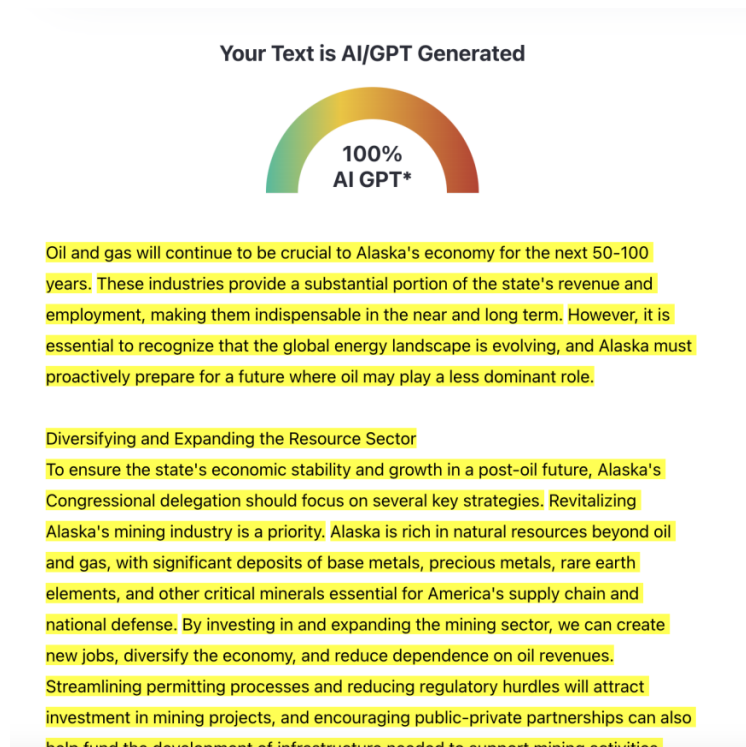
Begich Wanted To Convert Federal Land In Alaska To State Control, Which Would Open Up Opportunities For Extractive Industrial Development

Begich Supported A “Framework That Removes Alaskan Resource Development From The Executive Discretion Of The Presidency.” Begich: “In Congress, I will support a framework that removes Alaskan resource development from the executive discretion of the presidency and limits federal overreach while also supporting Alaska’s right to produce — rights that were promised to us at statehood.” [Anchorage Daily News, [8/24/24](#)]

Begich Claimed That More Federal Lands Should Be Converted To State Control. “The best way to handle land management conflicts between the federal government and the state of Alaska is to convey more lands to state control, allowing for greater local management and decision-making. The recent Supreme Court decision to overturn Chevron deference [...] can help Alaska assert more control over its lands and resources. One practical solution to these conflicts is the creation of an ‘Alaska Access Package.’ This package would aim to resolve land access issues by establishing clear, unambiguous guidelines for traversing federal lands to access state lands. It would ensure that Alaskans have the necessary routes and permissions to develop and utilize state lands effectively, without being hindered by federal regulations. Such a package would promote collaboration between state and federal

governments, streamline access procedures, and ultimately support the responsible and sustainable development of Alaska's resources." [Alaska Beacon, Candidate Survey, [Accessed 9/10/24](#)]

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Federal Land Management Protected D-1 Designated Areas From Extractive Industrial Development And Helped Tribal Communities Sustain Their Way Of Life. "The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) took a big step toward finalizing protections for 28 million acres of federally-managed 'D-1' lands in Alaska, including 1.2 million acres in the Bristol Bay region. The review was prompted when the outgoing Trump Administration threatened to open these long-protected lands for extractive industrial development. BLM's final environmental impact statement is one of the final steps in the agency's multi-year review of how lifting existing protections would impact D-1 lands. This included potential impacts on fish and wildlife habitat, subsistence practices, and our Tribal communities who depend on D-1 lands to sustain traditional ways of life." [Alaska Native News, [7/8/24](#)]

74% Of BLM Land Under Review Gave Rural Indigenous Communities First Priority For Natural Resources Under A Federal Designation. "Approximately 80 percent of Alaska Native villages (183 total) and more than half a million people live within 50 miles of the BLM lands under evaluation. Of the lands under review, 74 percent are designated by the federal government as areas where rural community residents have priority to hunt and fish for subsistence." [Center for American Progress, [6/21/24](#)]

The Trump Administration's Initial Attempts To Remove Federal Protections From Indigenous Peoples' Land Failed Because They Neglected To Consider Subsistence Needs. "In January 2021, the Trump administration attempted to lift D-1 protections on 28 million acres of BLM lands across five of the agency's planning areas [...] Shortly after taking office, the Biden administration took a hard look at the rushed public land orders, determined they were legally flawed, and put them on pause. Among other legal deficiencies, the Department of the Interior cited the 'failure to adequately analyze potential impacts on subsistence hunting and fishing.'" [Center for American Progress, [6/21/24](#)]

Begich Supported Lifting Alaska's Public Land Orders

Begich Supported Lifting Alaska's Public Land Orders. Host: "Do you support lifting public land orders? If so, how will you work with the state and DOI to accomplish it?" Begich: "I absolutely support lifting public land orders. These orders were issued in the 70s and intended, as many government programs, to be temporary. As we know, it seldom proves to be the case. Once a government program goes into place, it never seem to go away. Over 50 million acres of Alaska lands remain under PLOs today, and we just saw yesterday, again, the Harris Biden Administration has no intention of lifting these public land orders. Here again is why elections matter, and it's part of the reason why the House Resources Committee chair, Bruce Westerman, endorsed me this morning. He knows that I will be a tireless champion for Alaska's resources in the House and will leverage every opportunity to force the lifting of these PLOs through committee amendments and must pass legislation in order to make sure that Alaska retains the right to produce our own resources." [YouTube, Anchorage Daily News, [20:59], [8/28/24](#)]

2021-2024: Begich Accepted At Least \$85.9K From Employees Of The Construction, Development, And Real Estate Industries

Contributor	Occupation	Employer	Contribution Amount	Earliest Contribution	Latest Contribution
Hall, Jess	Owner	Hall Quality Homes	\$11,500.00	5/27/22	9/18/23
Watterson, William	Contractor	Watterson Construction	\$8,705.00	1/25/22	3/29/22
Myers, Scott	Broker	Somers Realtors, Inc.	\$6,600.00	7/13/23	8/29/23
Myers, Scott	Real Estate Broker	Remax Dynamic Properties	\$500.00	11/2/21	11/2/21
Cruz, Dave	Manager	Cruz Construction	\$2,900.00	12/9/21	12/9/21
Cruz, Dave	Management	Cruz Construction Inc	\$2,900.00	4/11/22	4/11/22

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Gerondale, Kenneth L.	President	Construction Machinery Ind.	\$4,800.00	3/28/22	3/28/22
Gohr, Edward	Ceo	Delta Constructors	\$3,300.00	7/27/23	7/27/23
Spinelli, Jacqueline	Director	Spinell Homes	\$3,100.00	8/15/22	8/15/22
McKeever, William	Ceo	Tam Construction	\$3,000.00	5/29/22	7/30/24
Hultquist, Dave	Owner	Hultquist Homes Inc	\$3,000.00	9/26/22	7/26/23
Spinelli, Charles	Developer	Spinell Homes	\$2,900.00	8/15/22	8/15/22
Spinelli, Andre	Home Builder	Spinell Homess	\$2,900.00	3/3/22	3/3/22
Gohr, Ed	Ceo	Delta Constructors	\$2,900.00	3/30/22	3/30/22
Dave, Cruz	Management	Cruz Construction Inc	\$2,500.00	4/1/24	4/1/24
Park, Hae	Manager	Kirkland Properties	\$2,000.00	11/11/21	7/27/22
Capps, Robert	General Contractor	Construction Company Inc	\$1,000.00	3/30/22	3/30/22
Capps, Robert	Construction	Fw Construction	\$1,000.00	9/29/23	9/29/23
Briley, Roger	Owner	Alaska Real Estate Associates	\$2,000.00	7/14/23	7/12/24
Andrews, Nathan	Vice President	Delta Constructors	\$1,500.00	3/1/22	3/1/22

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Andrews, Nathan	Regional Vp	Delts Constructors Llc	\$250.00	11/3/22	11/3/22
Wanzer, Mary	Real Estate Broker	Coastal Keller Williams Realty	\$1,000.00	5/6/22	8/15/22
Sandlian, Colby	Owner	Sandlian Realty	\$1,000.00	3/20/24	3/20/24
Gerondale, Kenneth L. Jr.	President	Construction Machinery Ind	\$1,000.00	12/17/21	12/17/21
Gain, Kenneth	Real Estate	Equivest Realty Advisors Inc.	\$1,000.00	7/28/22	7/28/22
Farner, John	Executive	Delta Constructors	\$1,000.00	3/5/22	3/5/22
Cooper, Dustin	President	Delta Constructors	\$1,000.00	3/22/22	3/22/22
Latchem, Raymond		Spectrum Property Services Llc	\$900.00	9/12/22	12/19/23
Kendig, William	Broker	Real Estate	\$750.00	7/9/24	7/9/24
Wiegers, Charles Julie	Ceo	A A Roofing	\$505.00	4/7/22	4/7/22
Smith, Larry	Construction	D L Construction Co., Inc.	\$500.00	4/22/22	4/22/22
Reilly, Chris	Contractor	Rain Proof Roofing	\$500.00	11/3/22	11/3/22
Pruhs, David	Real Estate Broker	Pruh's Real Estate Group	\$500.00	11/23/21	11/23/21
Patel, Ajay	Investment	Key Property	\$500.00	1/31/22	1/31/22

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Nystuen, Mark	Admin	McN Construction, Inc.	\$500.00	11/1/22	11/1/22
Misyuk, Olga	Owner	Premier Kitchen & Bath	\$500.00	4/27/22	4/27/22
Markwood, Cheryl	Self	Markwood Realty	\$250.00	4/27/22	4/27/22
Markwood, Cheryl	Real Estate Broker	Markwood Realty	\$250.00	11/17/21	11/17/21
Hall, Dan	President	Knik Construction Co., Inc.	\$500.00	6/29/22	6/29/22
Crum, Richard	Contractor	Bore Tide Construction	\$500.00	3/22/22	3/22/22
Anderson, Ava	Realtor	Remax Dynamic Properties	\$500.00	11/2/21	11/2/21
Agni, Collin	Broker	Carr & Family Properties	\$500.00	2/24/22	2/24/22
Roberts, Tom	Owner	Tr Properties	\$400.00	10/9/23	5/13/24
Pavlus, Dmitriy	Construction	Northern Quality Homes	\$385.00	11/7/22	11/7/22
Veith, Frank	Area Manager	Conam Construction Co.	\$200.00	12/31/21	9/24/22
Veith, Frank	Area Manager	Conam Construction Company	\$100.00	10/25/22	7/15/24
Veith, Frank	Area Manager	Conan Construction	\$50.00	3/30/22	3/30/22
Schaefer, Chad	Project Manager	Qayaq Construction	\$290.00	3/30/22	7/19/22

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Breshears, Craig	Carpenter	Craigs Construction	\$230.00	10/15/22	4/12/24
Beaulieu, Dean	Admin	Fike Industrial Construction	\$205.00	7/18/23	11/18/23
Lew, Lethe	Realtor	Desert River Realty	\$131.44	2/16/24	7/16/24
Martin, Kelly	Ceo	Association Of Realtors	\$100.00	9/22/22	9/22/22
Huckleberry, L E	Redeveloper	Village Properties	\$100.00	5/28/24	5/28/24
Goryl, Glenn	Investment Sales	Berkshire Hathaway Ak Reality	\$100.00	2/24/22	2/24/22
Andersen, Ava	Realtor	Remax Dynamic Properties	\$100.00	7/5/22	7/5/22
Bertoldo, Peyton	Construction	Construction	\$85.00	4/29/24	4/29/24
Deller, Bette M	Realtor	Long & Foster Real Estate Inc	\$70.00	2/23/24	4/3/24
Typer, Donald	Broker	Glc Real Estate Services	\$64.00	4/6/24	7/6/24
Jens, Madeleine S	Real Estate Sales	Allstate Properties.Co m	\$59.98	1/12/24	4/30/24
Wentworth, Karina	Consultant	Flat Fee Realty	\$50.00	3/29/22	3/29/22
Rafeedie, Samir	R. E. Broker	Realty Ambassadors	\$50.00	11/10/23	11/10/23
Perpich, Dan	Management	Jl Properties Inc	\$50.00	12/16/21	12/16/21

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Moravitz, Ryan	Realtor	Rmg Real Estate Network	\$30.00	8/11/22	8/11/22
Beaton, Jake	Underwriter	Arbor Realty Trust	\$25.00	10/28/21	10/28/21
Llauget, Celina	Office Manager	Rjl Construction Inc.	\$20.24	11/27/23	11/27/23
Cotten, Cheryl	Owner	Buck Creek Homes Construction Inc	\$20.24	2/21/24	2/21/24
Schoenhals, Jonathan	Real Estate	Green State Realty	\$20.23	6/3/24	6/3/24
Kalb, Alison	Realtor	Downing-Frye Realty, Inc.	\$20.00	1/9/24	1/9/24
Wilkins, Hampton	Real Estate Broker	Wilkins And Co Realtors	\$19.00	6/4/24	6/4/24
Hawkes, Stephen	Drywall Finisher	American States Construction, LP	\$14.00	3/7/24	5/24/24
Nelson, Dorothy	Sales	Ming Tree Realtors	\$10.00	3/14/24	4/14/24
Lubran, Mary	Contractor	American Classic Const	\$10.00	11/11/23	11/11/23
Hardin, Cynthia	Vice President	Ben Leland Construction	\$10.00	11/8/23	11/8/23
Hall, Randolph	Manager	Concordia Homes	\$10.00	2/15/24	2/15/24
Lyon, Byron E Sr.	Millwork	Tbi Construction	\$7.71	1/12/24	2/3/24

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Shaw, Dianne	Realtor	Hunt Real Estate	\$5.00	10/30/23	10/30/23
Domines, Victor R	Broker	Bayside Properties	\$5.00	2/20/24	2/20/24
Delaney, Rod	Realtor	Kellerwilliams Realty Nwmt	\$2.00	1/11/24	4/7/24
Lee, Martha	Realtor	Martha Lee Realty Co	\$1.00	2/16/24	2/16/24
Childress, Stephen	Realtor	Samson Properties	\$0.95	4/20/24	4/20/24
Grand Total			\$85,960.79	10/28/21	7/30/24

[Federal Election Commission, Alaskans for Nick Begich, Receipts, [Accessed 9/19/24](#)]

Begich Condemned The Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA), Which Sought To Protect Alaska’s Natural Ecosystems And “Traditional Ways Of Living On The Land”

Begich Condemned ANILCA And Said That Alaska Had Been Denied The “Ability To Develop Our Own State, Our Own Resources.” BEGICH: “The reason why we’re continuing to take this money is because we’ve been denied the ability to develop our own state, our own resources in Alaska. This started, with President Carter put ANILCA through, which locked up enormous amounts of Alaska land.” [YouTube, Michael Dukes Show, 1:10:46-1:12:19, [4/1/24](#)]

The Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) Sought To Protect Alaska’s Natural Ecosystems And Landscapes While Preserving “Opportunity For Traditional Ways Of Living On The Land.” “In 1980, when Congress passed the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA), it recognized the importance of protecting Alaska’s splendid natural ecosystems and landscapes, while preserving the opportunity for traditional ways of living on the land to continue.”

[National Park Service, accessed [6/6/24](#)]

ANILCA Explicitly Protected Subsistence Uses For Rural Residents Of Alaska. “Congress acknowledged the exceptional and unique conditions of life in Alaska’s rural areas in Title VIII of the Act, noting that: ‘The Congress finds and declares that the continuation of the opportunity for subsistence uses by rural residents of Alaska, including both Natives and non-Natives, on the public lands and by Alaska Natives on Native lands is essential to Native physical, economic, traditional, and cultural existence’” [National Park Service, accessed [6/6/24](#)]

Rural Alaska Natives Relied “Significantly On Subsistence Harvests, Which Constitute 50-90% Of Their Dietary Intake.” “Rural Alaska Native communities rely significantly on subsistence harvests, which constitute between 50% to 90% of their dietary intake. The loss of access to these vital sources of food would have profound consequences.” [Alaska Beacon, [4/12/24](#)]

ANILCA Was Created In Response To A Lack Of Protection For Alaska Native Hunting And Fishing Rights. “In 1980 Congress reacted to the State’s lack of protection of Alaska Native subsistence uses and attempted to carry out the unfulfilled settlement of aboriginal hunting and fishing rights through the passage of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) in 1980.” [University of Alaska Fairbanks, accessed [6/6/24](#)]

Native American Rights Fund: ANILCA “Recognizes That Subsistence Fishing Is Essential To Alaska Natives’ Physical, Economic, Traditional, And Cultural Existence.” “The Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) recognizes that subsistence fishing is essential to Alaska Natives’ physical, economic, traditional, and cultural existence, and mandates a subsistence fishing preference for rural residents whenever it becomes necessary to restrict fishing to conserve fish populations.” [Native American Rights Fund, Press Release, [4/2/24](#)]

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Begich Agreed “100%” That The Federal Government Was Wrong To Block Pebble Mine Development And Supported A Lawsuit Seeking “Billions Of Dollars” From The Federal Government In Response. Kelly: “We have a mine, called Pebble Mine, that could be developed in Alaska. But it’s been a great source of controversy because there’s some conflicting views over whether developing Pebble Mine would jeopardize a very, very lucrative and essential fishing area up here in Alaska [...] What I do not support is the federal government coming in with a preemptive veto, not listening to the voices of the natives who live in the region, not listening to the voices of the people here in Alaska who’ve studied it, not listening to the voices of the people who understand the fish in Bristol Bay, not listening to any of them, and just imposing their decree as bureaucrats from Washington, D.C. without even stepping foot in the area, Nick, and saying, ‘No, we know better as Washington, D.C. bureaucrats, as government officials from on high, to decide what you’re gonna do with your resources in D.C.’ And Mary Peltola just introduced an act to support permanent preemptive vetoes from the federal government on Alaska’s development of resources.” [...] Begich: “100%. I couldn’t have said it any better and I totally agree with everything you just said, and let me just add one additional piece to that. You know, the administration, our gubernatorial administration, is actually suing the federal government because of this attempted preemptive veto of the project out in that region of our state. And they’re suing for hundreds of billions of dollars, because when the state selected these lands, they did so at statehood because they recognized the mineral potential for this region [...] and at the same time that we have this lawsuit going forward, we have Mary Peltola trying to take it off the table.” [Rumble, STAND_Show, [23:12], [6/19/24](#)]

Begich Adopted An Exaggerated Complaint About The Biden Administration’s Use Of Executive Orders, Including Counting The Pebble Mine Rejection Order Three Times. “Nick Begich the Third, who finished second in the primary election for Congress, has adopted the Sen. Dan Sullivan canard that the Biden”administration has crippled our economy by restricting resource development and has now issued 66 executive orders specifically targeting Alaska. As I’ve made clear here before, 66 is an imaginary number...President Biden’s rejection of the oil leases in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and the Ambler Road are each counted six times, while the Pebble mine and the roadless rule in the Tongass are each counted three times.” [Dermot Cole, [8/24/24](#)]

- **2022: When Asked If He Supported “Development Of The Pebble Mine,” Begich Said “A Scientific, Lawful, And Comprehensive Process Must Determine This Outcome.”** “To help

Alaskans sort through the dozens of options, we're asking each candidate where they stand on the issues. Here's how they responded, in their own words, to the following questions on natural resource development: [...] Do you want to see ... (Please answer yes or no. If needed, add an explanation of no more than 10 words.) [...] 2. Development of the Pebble Mine? [...] Nick Begich (R): [...] Pebble? 'A scientific, lawful, and comprehensive process must determine this outcome.'" [KTOO, [6/2/22](#)]

- **2022: Begich Refused To Take A Position On Pebble Mines, Offering That A "Scientific, Lawful, And Comprehensive Process" Should Determine The Outcome.** "Nick Begich (R): Pebble? 'A scientific, lawful, and comprehensive process must determine this outcome.'" [KTOO, [6/2/22](#)]
- **2022: Begich Did Not Respond To Alaskans For Bristol Bay Action's Questionnaire And Did "Not Have A Public Record On Pebble Mine."** "This year's special election for Alaska's only seat in the U.S. House will play an important role in the fate of Bristol Bay. For more than 20 years, the region has lived under threat from the disastrous Pebble Mine, which would poison the watershed with billions of tons of toxic waste, destroying one of the last great salmon runs on Earth, wiping out thousands of jobs, and devastating communities that have thrived in the region for generations. We asked the candidates if they would stand with Alaskans and help protect Bristol Bay. [...] The following candidates did not respond to the questionnaire and do not have a public record on Pebble Mine, so we ask 'Whose Side Are They On?' [...] Nick Begich III (R)." [Alaskans for Bristol Bay Action, accessed [9/13/22](#)]

360 Scientists Signed A Letter To The EPA Urging The Agency To Reject Pebble Mine

Development. "A whopping 360 scientists from Canada, Poland, Australia, the contiguous United States and elsewhere in the world are pleading with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) en masse not to approve the Pebble Mine development in Bristol Bay, Alaska... The letter was sparked by the EPA's final assessment of the project, which came out in mid-January and concluded that 'large-scale mining in the Bristol Bay watershed poses risks to salmon and the tribal communities that have depended on them for thousands of years.' [ICT News, [9/13/18](#)]

The Environmental Damage From Pebble Mine Would Threaten Alaska's Salmon Industry. "A mining company plans to dig a pit, more than a mile square and a third of a mile deep, over two decades to obtain the metals, estimated to be worth at least \$300 billion. Supporters say the project, known as the Pebble Mine, would be an economic boost for a remote region that has missed out on the North Slope oil boom and other resource-extraction development in the state over the past half century. [...] But opposition has long been widespread, both in the region and statewide, with concerns about environmental damage and the potential for harming another critical resource: salmon. The fish is the main traditional subsistence food for many of the Alaska Natives in the region and the basis of both a thriving sport-fishing industry and, in nearby Bristol Bay, one of the largest commercial wild salmon fisheries in the world." [The New York Times, [7/24/20](#)]

[Begich Would Even Alienate Alaska's Longtime Republican Vanguard By Prioritizing Himself Over Others](#)

2022: Begich Faced Criticism From Alaska Republicans For Challenging Longtime Incumbent And Former Mentor Don Young

Begich Served As A Chairman For The 2020 Young Campaign. “This Begich, unlike his grandfather, is a Republican. He’s the nephew of state Sen. Tom Begich and former U.S. Sen. Mark Begich, both Democrats. He was also a chairman of Congressman Young’s campaign in 2020. Begich’s campaign manager for his U.S. House run is Truman Reed, who was Young’s campaign manager in 2020 and worked in his congressional office. Begich said he hasn’t discussed with Young the idea that the congressman would step aside and consider Begich a good successor. He calls it a possibility.” [Alaska Public Media, [10/22/21](#)]

2021: Begich Announced A Bid For Congress, Seeking To Unseat Don Young, The Longest-Serving Republican In The House. “Nicholas Begich III on Thursday kicked off his campaign for Alaska’s lone seat in the U.S. House against the longest-serving Republican in that chamber, saying Alaska needs new energy...” “This race is not about Don Young,” Begich told The Associated Press in an interview after the announcement. “This is about the state of Alaska, and the state of Alaska needs new energy. The state of Alaska needs new ideas, and we’ve got to have a representative that can be there, that is prepared to show up for the job and advance those new ideas on behalf of the people of this great state,” he said. [Anchorage Daily News, [10/28/21](#)]

2022: Young Characterized Begich As “A Person I Don’t Want To Serve Me In Congress,” In A Statement Shared By A Former Staffer. “But Zack Brown, a former communications director for Young, posted a Twitter message Thursday of what he said was a previously unreleased comment by Young three weeks before his death to a group of Alaska Republicans. ‘I hired that young man to show him the ropes, run for the job, don’t run against me...it’s not loyalty, nor is it honest...That’s a person I don’t want to serve me in Congress,’ Young said. Some of Young’s former staff, in interview with other media, noted Begich spent about a year working for Young, supposedly to better understand the legislative process, before launching his campaign against the incumbent in October of 2021. [Juneau Empire, [10/27/22](#)]

- **2022: Don Young Slammed Begich For Running Against Him, Saying He Was Not Loyal Or Honest.** “‘I hired that young man [Begich] to show him the ropes, run for the job, don’t run against me [...] it’s not loyalty, nor is it honest [...] That’s a person I don’t want to serve me in Congress,’ Young said.” [Juneau Empire, [10/27/22](#)]

2022: Young Died At 88 Leaving, His Congressional Seat Open. “Alaska Rep. Don Young, who was the longest-serving Republican in the history of the U.S. House, has died. He was 88. His office announced Young’s death in a statement Friday night. ‘It’s with heavy hearts and deep sadness that we announce Congressman Don Young (R-AK), the Dean of the House and revered champion for Alaska, passed away today while traveling home to Alaska to be with the state and people that he loved. His beloved wife Anne was by his side,’ said the statement from Young’s congressional office.” [AP, [3/19/22](#)]

2022: Anne Young Endorsed State Senator Josh Revak To Replace Her Late Husband, Don Young. “U.S. House candidate Josh Revak has secured an emotionally powerful endorsement from Anne Garland Young, wife of the late Congressman Don Young. Revak, a Republican state senator, is the successor her husband wanted, she said.” [KTOO, [4/13/22](#)]

- **2022: Anne Young Took “Clear Aim” At Begich In Her Endorsement Of Revack, Who She Said Would Not “Ever Resort To Desperate, Mean, Hostile Tactics Just To Try To Claim A Win.”** “She also takes clear aim at Begich, without using his name. She says that compared to other apparent front-runners, Revak is late to the campaign. ‘He will not, though, like others before him, ever resort to desperate, mean, hostile tactics just to try to claim a win,’ she says. People loyal to Young have it out for Begich. He chaired Young’s 2020 campaign, but then turned

on him. Starting last year, he attacked Young from the right. Begich claimed the 88-year-old was too old and lacked fiscal discipline. He also went after Young's office policy of requiring that staffers be vaccinated against COVID-19." [KTOO, [4/13/22](#)]

2022: Former Young Aides Described Begich As "Disloyal And Deceitful To Their Former Boss."

"Staffers who worked for Don Young are openly airing grievances against Nick Begich III, their former colleague who's now running for the late Alaska Republican congressman's seat...Former Young aides accuse Begich, 45, a Republican businessman and a former ally who co-chaired Young's 2020 reelection campaign, of being disloyal and deceitful to their former boss, who died earlier this year at age 88." [E&E News, [10/28/22](#)]

- **Eleven Of Don Young's Former Staffers Penned An Op-Ed Endorsing Mary Peltola.** "We, the undersigned former staff and friends of Congressman Don Young, write to offer our full endorsement of Mary Peltola in her reelection campaign. We know she is the right choice to advance the interests of all Alaskans in the U.S. House of Representatives. Her commitment to running a positive race, bipartisan approach to public service, and legislative priorities that put Alaska at the forefront underpin the basis of our endorsement... Jack Ferguson, Zack Brown, Pamela Day, Mike "Keawe" Anderson, Nicole Desrochers, Linda Harrigan, Holly Croft, Meredith Kenny, Christine Williams, Gail Schubert and Martha Newell-Kinsman are former staff members and friends of Don Young." [The Anchorage Daily News, [10/24/22](#)]
- **Former Young Staffer Zack Brown Alleged "Begich Was Planning On Primarying Young All Along" When He Took An Internship In His Congressional Office.** "Begich 'asked Don Young to join our office & shadow the Dean to learn how Congress works,' Brown wrote. 'Begich was planning on primarying Young all along. He used DY & staff to secure inside info.' Some former Young aides don't think Begich was clear about his intentions to primary Young while he was still in office. A second former Young staffer said that while Begich had made it known that he was interested in running for Congress someday, people in Young's orbit weren't expecting him to challenge the longest-serving Republican in Congress. 'He was not entirely secretive about his future ambitions. But it was never 'I'm going to run against Don Young in the next election,' it was 'one day I would like to serve in this role,' said that former Young staffer, who was also granted anonymity to protect personal and professional relationships. 'The problem with Nick Begich is that he's kind of proven to be a say-anything-to-get-elected kind of guy.'" [E&E News, [10/28/22](#)]

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In 2024, Begich Claimed To Have Supported Trump "Since 2016," Despite Criticizing Trump's Personality And Repeatedly Lauding Former Trump Opponent Vivek Ramaswamy

June 2024: Begich Claimed To Have Supported Trump "Since 2016." "Do you support Trump's presidential campaign? BEGICH: Yes. I endorsed Trump prior to the Iowa Caucus and have supported him since 2016. I attended Trump's Presidential inauguration when he was first sworn into office in 2017 and have personally donated to him even as recently as a few weeks ago. I believe Donald Trump has

the strength necessary to push back against the administrative state and make sure that the people of America are prioritized. I am proud to be America First and believe putting the people of our nation and our state at the top of the list should be a prerequisite for anyone seeking to represent the people of Alaska in the Congress.” [Alaska Watchman, [6/12/24](#)]

2023: Begich Claimed Trump’s Personality “May Create Heartburn For Some.” Begich: In politics, personalities often overshadow policies — but it’s the policies that truly matter. While former President Donald Trump’s approach may create heartburn for some, it’s his policy record concerning Alaska families, jobs and resources that firmly cements him as the clear choice for Alaska. As an Alaskan, I recognize the paramount importance of aligning with leaders whose policies prioritize our state’s prosperity and development.” [Anchorage Daily News, [12/5/23](#)]

December 2023: Vivek Ramaswamy Announced His 2024 Presidential Campaign. “Entrepreneur Vivek Ramaswamy announced on Tuesday that he’s running for the 2024 Republican presidential nomination.” [CNN, [2/21/23](#)]

- **January 2024: Ramaswamy Suspended His Presidential Campaign.** “Biotech entrepreneur Vivek Ramaswamy suspended his bid for the 2024 Republican presidential nomination on Monday and endorsed former President Donald Trump after finishing a distant fourth in Iowa’s leadoff caucuses.” [Associated Press, [1/16/24](#)]

Begich Touted An Endorsement From Ramaswamy On His Campaign Website. Begich listed Vivek Ramaswamy as one of his National Endorsements on his campaign website. [Alaskans For Nick Begich, [Accessed 9/10/24](#)]

Begich Said He “Really Loved” How Ramaswamy Was “Extraordinarily Articulate” And “Unapologetic.” BEGICH: “What I really love about Vivek’s message is A) he’s extraordinarily articulate b) He’s unapologetic in his delivery of his message and his message is focused on America first. In DC we’re told we need to be giving all this aid to other nations.” [YouTube, Must Read Alaska, 12:27-37, [6/3/24](#)]

Begich Said That He Has “Tremendous Amount Of Respect For Vivek.” BEGICH: “That was huge. I have a tremendous amount of respect for Vivek. He is extraordinarily articulate.” [YouTube, Michael Dukes Show, 21:50- [2/19/24](#)]

Ramaswamy Said That Begich Signed His “American Truth Pledge.” [Twitter, @NickforAlaska, [2/14/24](#)]



Nick Begich
@NickforAlaska

Thank you @VivekGRamaswamy for your strong support! By putting the people of America FIRST, our great nation will be more prosperous and free. Alaska has an important role to play in our national resurgence, and I'll be proud to fight every day for Alaska in DC!



Vivek Ramaswamy
@VivekGRamaswamy · Feb 14

You know who loves the environment more than most people? Alaskans. You know who advocates for unleashing American energy more than most people? Alaskans. @nickforalaska is America-First & Alaska-Proud. He signed the American Truth Pledge & I'm proud to endorse him.

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Begich Posted A Picture With Ramaswamy, Claiming Ramaswamy “Gets It” And He Was Proud To Have His Support. “America First is far more than a slogan - it encapsulates a set of policies that improve the lives of every American, prioritize the needs of Americans, and ensure the American Dream remains vibrant and alive. @VivekGRamaswamy gets it, and I’m proud to have his support! [Twitter, @NickforAlaska, 6/17/24]



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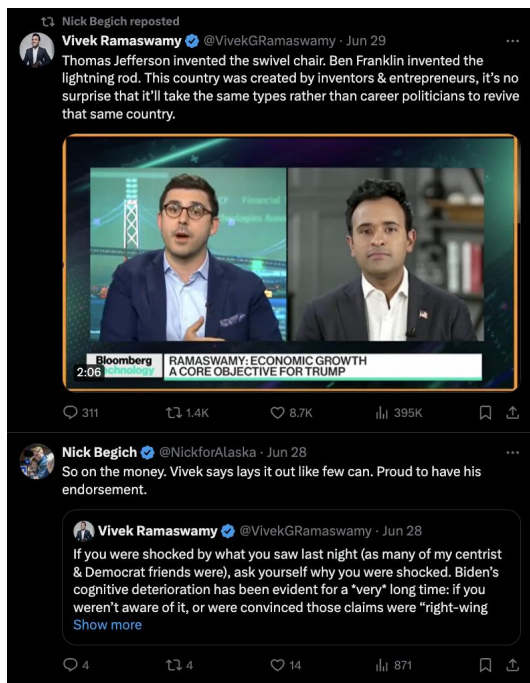
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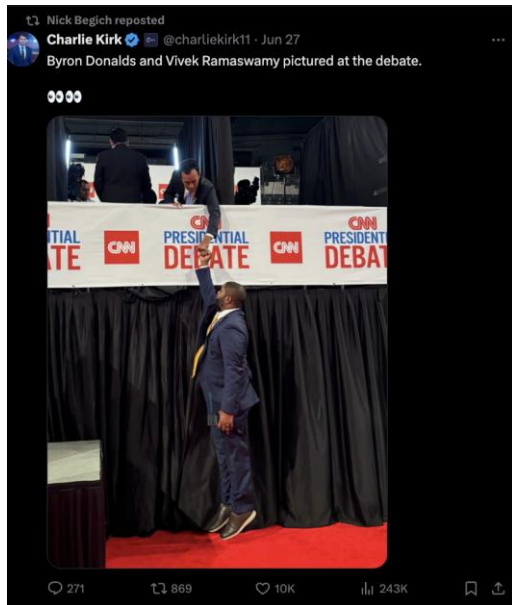
Begich Praised Ramaswamy For “Calling” That Biden Would Drop Out. “Vivek called it.” [Twitter, @NickforAlaska, 7/21/24]



[Twitter, @NickforAlaska, 7/21/24]

June 2024: Begich Tweeted About Ramaswamy Three Times In Three Days. [Twitter, @NickforAlaska, 6/27/24; 6/28/24; 6/29/24]





[Twitter, @NickforAlaska, [6/27/24](#); [6/28/24](#); [6/29/24](#)]

In 2022 And 2024, Trump Initially Endorsed Primary Opponents Over Begich, Whom He Blamed For Splitting The Republican Vote In 2022

2022: Trump Endorsed Palin Over Begich. “Two years ago, Trump endorsed former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin and not Begich for Alaska’s sole seat in the House.” [Alaska Public Media, [9/18/24](#)]

2024: Trump Endorsed Begich’s Primary Opponent, Nancy Dahlstrom, And Blamed Begich For Splitting The Republican Vote And Losing In The Last Election. “Nancy Dahlstrom will be a tremendous Congresswoman for the Great People of Alaska, just as she was as your Lieutenant Governor. Nancy is a proven fighter! In Congress, she will work to Secure the Border, Create Jobs, Lower Taxes, Promote American Energy Independence, Support our Incredible Military and Police Officers, and Defend our always under siege Second Amendment. Her opponent, Nick Begich, has Democrat tendencies but, most importantly, he refused to get out of this Race last time, which caused the Republicans to lose this important seat to Mary Peltola, someone who is very unpopular, allowed the Democrats to terminate ANWR (something which every Republican President since Ronald Reagan wanted, but only I got!), and is doing a terrible job for Alaska.” [Truth Social, @realDonaldTrump, [6/17/24](#)]

- **2024: Trump Only Endorsed Begich After Dahlstrom Dropped Out Of The Race.** “Republican U.S. House candidate Nick Begich III has won the endorsement of former President Donald Trump. Trump initially supported Lt. Gov. Nancy Dahlstrom for the seat, but she finished behind Begich in the primary and dropped out of the race.” [Alaska Public Media, [9/18/24](#)]

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Highlights Summary

Abortion, Reproductive Freedom, and Women's and Gender Equality Highlights

- Despite claiming he believed in letting states decide their abortion policies, Begich supported a federal abortion ban in 2024.
- Begich opposed allowing Medicaid to cover infertility services "like IVF."
- Begich "Celebrated the U.S. Supreme Court's decision" overturning Roe V. Wade.
- Begich refused to answer specific questions on abortion, only that he supported abortion issues being returned to the states.
- Begich said he would "vote to end federal Medicaid funding that pays for abortion services in cases of rape, incest or when a woman's life is endangered by her pregnancy."
 - Begich said he supported allowing abortion in cases of rape, incest, and to protect the mother, yet stated this was "something that [he] will continue to consider."
- Begich opposed "making mifepristone, a drug used in medical abortions, available at pharmacies."
- Begich was endorsed by anti-abortion extremists Jim Jordan, Scott Perry, And Byron Donalds.
 - Jordan, Perry, and Donalds cosponsored the 2021 "Life at Conception Bill," which made no exceptions for rape or incest and excluded protections for IVF and birth control.
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Alaska Native And Rural Community Issues Highlights

- Begich opposed the Alaska National Interests Lands Conservation Act, which protects Alaska Native Subsistence lands.
- Begich supported deregulating and removing protections from Alaskan land, opening it up to resource extraction development.
 - Begich supported the overturn of Chevron Deference, which allowed regulatory agencies to protect land.
 - Begich opposed the federal government preventing Pebble Mine development, which would threaten Alaska's fishing industry.

Budget, Taxes, Jobs, and The Economy Highlights

- Begich said federal support for Alaska programs was “an addiction” and a “deal with the devil.”
 - Begich urged Alaska to say no to federal programs, otherwise they would be “complicit in the destruction of this country.”
- Begich claimed “it’s a huge problem” when the public shifted into thinking “I can’t live without government spending.”
 - 287,884 Alaskan house holds participated in SNAP in 2022, and 108,116 Alaskans received Medicare in 2021.
- Begich called Social Security a “Ponzi scheme” to compensate for the Social Security trust fund being invested into government debt.
 - 112,221 Alaskans received social security in June 2024.
 - Begich himself held a net worth of up to \$72,310,000 from wealth attributed to his family’s businesses.
- Begich called the 1.3 trillion Infrastructure Investment act “wasteful spending,” despite bringing \$3 billion to Alaskan infrastructure development.
 - Alaska received the highest per-capital funding of any state from the infrastructure act.
- Begich claimed schools should “tighten their belts” on infrastructure expenditures.
- Begich supported recessionary policies to combat inflation rather than supporting the Inflation Reduction Act.
- Begich supported tightening Medicaid work requirements.
- Begich’s employees at FarShore Partners were overwhelmingly located in India.
- Begich supported the overturn of Chevron Deference.

Education Highlights

- Begich called for Alaskans to reject federal support despite rural schools being forced to make budget cuts.
- Begich supported eliminating the Federal Department of Education.
- Begich was at odds with 70% of Alaskans who thought Alaskan Schools did not have enough funding.
- Begich claimed schools should “tighten their belts” on infrastructure expenditures.
- Begich was endorsed by Jamie Allard, who was known for being “the biggest roadblock to a permanent increase in education funding.”
- Begich criticized the Anchorage Municipal Government for taking out bonds to pay for school infrastructure.

Elections and Voting Highlights

- Begich blamed his vote for Democratic mayoral candidate Berkowitz on media coverage, calling himself a “bystander” in that election.
- Begich alleged more than \$200,000 per day of outside spending was used to keep him “off the ballot.”
- Begich declined to endorse Sen. Murkowski in 2022.
- After challenging the late Don Young in 2022, Young, his wife, and former members of Young’s staff slammed Begich as being dishonest and disloyal.

Environment Highlights

- Despite opposing trawling and refusing to accept funds from trawling fleets, Begich accepted \$5,000 from pro-trawling entities in 2022.
 - Begich accepted \$1,500 from Groundfish Forum, who operated 19 Trawl Vessels.
 - Begich accepted \$1,000 from Tood Loomis, who opposed Peltola’s Bottom Trawl Clarity Act.
- Begich condemned the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA), which protected Alaska’s subsistence lands.
 - Begich supported releasing more of Alaska’s land to the state from federal control.
 - Begich accepted thousands of dollars from donors employed in the construction, development, and real estate industries.
- Begich supported eliminating the Environmental Protection Agency.
- Begich supported the overturn of Chevron Deference, which would make it easier for Alaskan companies to develop resource extractive industries.
- Begich opposed protections for national forests from roadbuilding and logging.
- Begich claimed international organizations were trying to “politicize scientific issues” in relation to climate change.
 - Begich alleged China and India were the largest beneficiaries of these efforts.

Ethics and Transparency Highlights

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- Begich blamed the Republican Party’s failures in recent elections on ranked choice voting.

- Trump criticized Begich for not dropping out of the 2022 election, resulting in a split vote for Republicans.
- Begich blamed his vote for Democratic mayoral candidate Berkowitz on media coverage, calling himself a “bystander” in that election.
- Begich loaned his own campaign \$650,000 in 2022.

Healthcare, Mental Health, Drugs, and Addiction Highlights

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- 112,221 Alaskans received Social Security in June 2024.
- Begich was a fellow for the Club for Growth, which supported repealing the Affordable Care Act and turning Medicare into a voucher system.
- Begich opposed the Inflation Reduction Act, which would cap insulin to \$35 a month for seniors, lower drug prices and insurance premiums.
- Begich was the president of the board of directors for the Alaska Policy Forum, which opposed Medicaid Expansion.
 - The Alaska Policy Forum opposed Medicaid expansions and called for it to be rolled back.
 - A Medicaid rollback would cause 41K Alaskans to lose access to healthcare
- Begich supported tightening Medicaid work requirements, which would disproportionately threaten healthcare coverage for Alaska Natives.

Housing and Homelessness Highlights

- Begich criticized Biden’s requirement of new homes meeting 2021 International Energy Conservation codes.

Human and Civil Rights Highlights

- Begich supported Elon Musk’s purchase of Twitter, praising the platform despite surges of hate speech.

Immigration Highlights

- Begich alleged Democrats brought in “the equivalent of 13 new house representatives” of illegal immigrants to achieve power in the US House.
 - Begich reassured it was not a conspiracy theory, and that the plan is to keep them here “in order for them to achieve permanent power.”

- Begich claimed the Biden Administration brought in 300,000 illegal immigrants for a future “vote grab.”
- Begich called for a return of “illegal migrants” to their point of origin.
- Begich claimed “what we’re dealing with is not immigration, it’s not even migration, really, it’s an invasion.”
 - Begich claimed the long term “goal” of this was so sanctuary cities and states will be awarded greater influence in the house.

Project 2025, Partisanship, and Far-Right Affiliations Highlights

- Begich claimed he loved the Freedom Caucus, and accepted funding from them for his political campaign.
 - Begich touted endorsements from Jim Jordan and Scott Perry, members of the Freedom Caucus.
- 2024: Trump criticized Begich for splitting the Republican vote, and endorsed his opponent, Nancy Dahlstrom.
- After challenging the late Don Young in 2022, Young, his wife, and former members of Young’s staff slammed Begich as being dishonest and disloyal.
- Begich touted an endorsement from Vivek Ramaswamy.
- Begich criticized Trump, claiming his personality “may create heartburn for some.”

Infrastructure Highlights

- Begich oppose the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill, because it allegedly “had enormous amounts of wasteful spending.”
 - Begich alleged the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill was “packed full of green new deal [programs].”
 - Begich criticized Don Young for supporting the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill.
 - Alaska received the highest per-capital payment from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill, amounting to \$8,700 per person.

Military, National Security, and Veterans’ Affairs Highlights

- Begich supported repealing the Jones Act, which the Hudson Institute warned could create “security risks” that Alaska would bear the brunt of.
- Begich rated the federal government’s interactions with Alaska Natives as “very poor,” including Native veterans.

Unions and Organized Labor Highlights

- Begich opposed the Protecting The Right To Organize act.
 - The Right To Organize Act received bipartisan support.
 - Alaska was the fourth most unionized state in the country
- Alaska's largest union, the Alaska American Federation of Labor endorsed Mary Peltola, Begich's opponent.

2016 Campaign For Anchorage City Council Highlights

- In his 2016 Assembly campaign, Begich raised and spent \$34,000.
- Begich criticized the Anchorage Municipal Government for taking out bonds to pay for school infrastructure.

FarShore Partners Highlights

- The overwhelming majority of FarShore's employees were located in India, with Begich being the only employee in Alaska.
 - Begich claimed "we have to recognize we live in a global world, Right?" In response to questioning about FarShore's employees.
 - FarShore Partners held a PPP loan for \$83,923, which was forgiven for \$85,003.
 - FarShore Partners listed Fox News as a partner organization.
- Farshore Capital Management was implicated in the Paradise Papers Leak.
- FarShore was registered in Nevada, And Alaska.

Dashfire Highlights

- Dashfire's website security certificate expired, resulting in a "NET::ERR_CERT_DATE_INVALID" error.
- Dashfire held LLC's in Delaware, Nevada, And Illinois

Campaign Finance Highlights

- 2024: Begich's campaign held \$425,000.00 in outstanding debt.
- 2021-2024: Begich funded his campaign through monetary, in-kind or other ways to the tune of \$674.5k.
- Begich accepted contributions from companies and individuals who engaged in or supported trawling.
 - Begich accepted \$1,500 from Groundfish Forum, a company that owned 19 trawling ships.

- Begich accepted \$1,000 from Food Loomis, who opposed Peltola's Bottom Trawl Clarity act.
- Begich accepted \$1,000 from Arne Funlvog, who worked for Trawler Operator Glacier Fish Company.
- 2022-2024 Begich accepted \$45,000 from PACs.
- 2021-2024: Begich accepted at least \$85,900 from employees in the construction, development, and real estate industries.
- 2022: Begich accepted \$21,900 from energy, natural gas, oil, and energy extraction employees.
- 2016: Begich accepted \$7,975 from Democrats contributors and unions in his 2016 Assembly race.
- Begich made 1.8 million in disbursements to organizations.

Personal Finance Highlights

- 2023: Begich reported an income between \$82,6000 and \$193,000.
 - 2023: Begich held between \$5.8 million and \$24.7 million in ownership interests.
- 2021-2022: Begich reported an income between \$133,800 and \$253,700.
 - 2021-2022: Begich held between \$9.1 million and \$39.5 million in ownership interests.
 - 2021-2022: Begich held between \$100,000 and \$250,000 in cryptocurrency.
- 2022-2023: Begich held stocks in various mining companies.
- 2016: Begich reported between \$2 million and \$3.2 million or more in income.
 - 2016: Begich reported between \$106,000 and \$235,000 in interests and dividends.

Voter Record Highlights

- Begich was registered to vote as a Republican in Chugiak, Alaska, as of September 2024.
- 1999-2007: Begich was registered as a Republican in Deerfield Beach, Florida.

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Abortion, Reproductive Freedom, and Women's and Gender Equality

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- Despite claiming he believed in letting states decide their abortion policies, Begich supported a federal abortion ban in 2024.
- Begich opposed allowing Medicaid to cover infertility services “like IVF.”
- Begich “Celebrated the U.S. Supreme Court’s decision” overturning Roe V. Wade.
- Begich said he would “vote to end federal Medicaid funding that pays for abortion services in cases of rape, incest or when a woman’s life is endangered by her pregnancy.”
 - Begich said he supported allowing abortion in cases of rape, incest, and to protect the mother, yet stated this was “something that [he] will continue to consider.
- Begich opposed “making mifepristone, a drug used in medical abortions, available at pharmacies.”
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Begich Supported A Federal Abortion Ban In 2024, Despite Claiming That He Supported Allowing States To Decide Their Own Abortion Policies In 2022

2024: Begich Supported A Federal Abortion Ban” QUESTION: “Would you support establishing a federal prohibition on abortion after the point at which the baby can feel pain (approximately between 12 and 15 weeks)?” BEGICH: “Agree” [Alaska Family Action, 2024 U.S. House Candidate Survey, [7/15/24](#)]

- **2022: Begich Claimed He Supported Allowing States To Decide Their Own Abortion Policies.** “To help Alaskans sort through the dozens of options, we’re asking each candidate

where they stand on the issues. Here's how they responded, in their own words, to the following question on abortion: [...] Nick Begich (R): 'I am pro-life. The Supreme Court appears set to return this to the individual states in accordance with the 10th Amendment's enumerated powers clause. Related legislative action will now be predominantly determined by state legislatures and governors, subject to judicial review within each state.'" [KTOO, [5/26/22](#)]

Begich Said His Position On Abortion Was "Pro-Life." "ANCHORAGE DAILY NEWS: 'What is your position on abortion?' BEGICH: 'Pro-life.'" [Anchorage Daily News, [5/2/22](#)]

Begich Argued It Was Important To "Support Crisis Pregnancy Centers." "What specific national policies would you support to help protect unborn babies from abortion? BEGICH: Following the Supreme Court's decision in Dobbs, the issue of abortion has been returned to the states. However, certain national policy continues to be relevant. For example, the Hyde Amendment is longstanding federal policy that ensures federal dollars are not used to fund abortion. I support this amendment, particularly in light of the Supreme Court's decision under Dobbs. Under the post-Dobbs framework, it's important that we promote national policies that will accelerate adoption processes, support crisis pregnancy centers which provide important information to those considering abortion, and implement parental notification when minors are attempting to obtain an abortion. It's critical that people stay engaged on this important issue and ensure that candidates, ready and willing to implement commonsense policies that protect human rights at each stage of human development, are elected to legislative positions in state government." [Alaska Watchman, [6/12/24](#)]

Begich Promoted "Information Regarding The Potential For Mifepristone Reversal." "Do you support the Biden Administration's decision to allow pharmacies to distribute the abortion drug Mifepristone? BEGICH: No. As has been done across government and throughout Biden's executive tenure, the Biden Administration has greatly exceeded its authority to unilaterally act in this matter. Biden's direct involvement in pharmaceutical policy circumvents the delegated authority that Congress has provided to the FDA. These matters are now before the courts. That said, I support information regarding the potential for mifepristone reversal to be included in the materials provided to those who receive it." [Alaska Watchman, [6/12/24](#)]

Begich Opposed "The Use Of Military Funds To Transport Soldiers To Obtain An Abortion." "Do you support the use of military funds to transport soldiers to obtain an abortion? BEGICH: No." [Alaska Watchman, [6/12/24](#)]

[Begich Opposed Allowing Medicaid To Cover "Infertility Services Like IVF"](#)

Begich Opposed Allowing Medicaid To Cover "Infertility Services Like IVF." QUESTION: "Would you support allowing public health programs such as Medicaid to cover infertility services like IVF?" BEGICH: "No." [Alaska Family Action, 2024 U.S. House Candidate Survey, [7/15/24](#)]

[Begich Lauded The Supreme Court For The *Dobbs* Decision](#)

Begich "Celebrated The U.S. Supreme Court's Decision" Overturning *Roe V. Wade* And Said The Supreme Court Was "Correct" In Doing So. "Both Begich and Palin celebrated the U.S. Supreme Court's decision, handed down on Friday, that reversed federal protections for abortion access guaranteed in the 1973 *Roe v. Wade* decision. [...] Alaska's constitution still guarantees abortions will remain accessible in the state, and previous surveys have indicated that a majority of Alaskans support

abortion access. 'I think the court was correct in returning this issue to the states and here in the state of Alaska. ... it will now become a discussion for our state Legislature,' Begich said." [Alaska Dispatch News, [6/28/22](#)]

Begich Supported The Supreme Court's *Dobbs* Decision And Opposed Congressional Efforts To Guarantee Abortion Rights. "In campaign events, conversations with reporters and at public forums, Republicans Sarah Palin and Nick Begich say they support the recent U.S. Supreme Court decision that allows states to ban the practice and that they oppose congressional efforts to guarantee abortion rights." [Alaska Beacon, [8/9/22](#)]

- **American Bar Association: "Abortion Bans Are Forcing Medical Professionals To Deviate From The Standard Of Care."** "Preliminary results of a study by researchers at Advancing New Standards in Reproductive Health (ANSIRH) contain stories from medical providers offering obstetric and gynecologic care post-Dobbs, showing that abortion bans are forcing medical professionals to deviate from the standard of care and leading to delays in care and adverse health outcomes. A joint study by Physicians for Human Rights, the Center for Reproductive Rights, and Oklahoma Call for Reproductive Justice found widespread confusion about Oklahoma's abortion laws at hospitals throughout the state, showing how near-total abortion bans fuel confusion about clinicians' ability to provide care during obstetric emergencies, with risk to the lives, health, and safety of pregnant people. States passing abortion bans have been found to have high maternal mortality rates and insufficient maternal health providers." [American Bar Association, [7/26/23](#)]
- **Dobbs Decisions Counters Human Rights And World Health Organization Guidance.** "Over the past 25 years, international human rights experts and mechanisms have recognized that restrictive abortion laws violate human rights, including rights to life, privacy, health, equality and non-discrimination, and freedom from cruel, inhumane, and degrading treatment. Many of these protections are contained in treaties ratified by the United States. For example, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, ratified by the United States in 1992, protects the right to life, which limits the restrictions that states can place on abortion access and obligates governments to ensure access to abortion services. United Nations (UN) human rights experts explained the full scope of human rights protections for abortion access in an amicus brief filed in Dobbs. Human rights experts and the global community have widely condemned the Dobbs decision and its discriminatory impacts on marginalized communities." [American Bar Association, [7/26/23](#)]
- **Women Of Color Are More Likely To Face Aggressive Abortion Restrictions.** "About six in ten Black (60%) and AIAN (59%) women ages 18-49 living in states with abortion bans or restrictions compared with just over half (53%) of White, less than half of Hispanic (45%), and about three in ten Asian (28%) and Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander (NHPI) (29%) women ages 18-49. [...] Among women ages 18-49, roughly a fifth of AIAN (22%) and Hispanic (21%) women are uninsured as are 14% of NHPI women and 11% of Black women compared with less than one in ten (7%) of White women. Moreover, uninsured rates for women ages 18-49 are at least twice as high in states that banned abortion compared to those in states with broader access for White (10% vs. 5%), Hispanic (33% vs. 15%), Black (14% vs. 7%), and Asian (10% vs. 5%) women, and nearly three times higher for NHPI women (29% vs. 10%)." [KFF, [4/24/24](#)]

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Begich Said He Supported Allowing Abortions In Cases Of Rape, Incest, And To Protect The Mother’s Life, But That “He Steadfastly Opposes The Use Of Federal Funds For Abortion Services.” “In Alaska, the state government pays for other abortions that providers have determined are medically necessary. Rulings from the Alaska Supreme Court have guaranteed those payments and abortion rights in general. Begich’s campaign manager, Truman Reed, said Begich supports allowing abortions in those cases but opposes federal funding for them. ‘Nick’s position has been consistent from the start,’ Reed said. ‘He is pro-life with allowance for the life of the mother, incest and rape. He steadfastly opposes the use of federal funds for abortion services.’” [Mat-Su Valley Frontiersman, 8/8/22]

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When Asked “How Should The Federal Government Support A Person Who Is Forced To Carry Their Baby To Term Against Their Wishes,” Begich Said That That Was A Question For State Governments. “ANCHORAGE DAILY NEWS: ‘If you oppose abortion rights, how should the federal government support a person who is forced to carry their baby to term against their wishes?’ BEGICH: ‘With the Supreme Court set to return the issue of abortion to the states, each state will have the opportunity to determine the manner of such support.’” [Anchorage Daily News, 5/2/22]

Begich Said He Would “Continue To Consider” Whether Exceptions Were Appropriate When Asked To Commit To A No-Exceptions Abortion Ban

Begich Said He Opposed Abortion In Most Instances, But Favored Exceptions In The Cases Of Rape Or Incest. “Begich says he opposes abortion in most instances, he does favor exceptions in cases of rape and incest, a position that many pro-life advocates see as punishing innocent unborn babies for the crimes of their biological fathers.” [Alaska Watchman, 7/7/22]

BUT Begich Also Said He Would “Continue To Consider” Whether Exceptions Were Appropriate When Asked To Commit To A No-Exceptions Abortion Ban. “Bird asked Begich whether he would

consider revisiting his position. [...]While declining to say he would commit to opposing rape and incest exceptions, Begich did say it is “something that I will continue to consider.” [Alaska Watchman, [7/7/22](#)]

Begich Opposed Keeping Mifepristone Available In Pharmacies, Even After The FDA Lifted “Medically Unnecessary Restrictions” Barring Public Access

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The FDA’s REMS Restrictions On Mifepristone That Kept The Drug Out Of Pharmacies Were “Not Supported By Research” And “Only Make Things Harder For Patients.” “Currently in the United States, patients cannot access mifepristone through a pharmacy. It remains out of reach for many people across the country, particularly those living in remote or rural areas, due to the FDA’s Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy (REMS) restrictions. The REMS restrictions on mifepristone are not supported by research and create medically unnecessary barriers for patients accessing both medication abortion and the best method of managing a miscarriage.[...]The REMS restrictions on mifepristone are not supported by research and are yet another example of reproductive health care — especially abortion — being treated differently than other kinds of health care in ways that only make things harder for patients.[Planned Parenthood, [1/1/19](#)]

The FDA Imposed “Medically Unnecessary Restrictions” On Mifepristone, A Drug Safer Than Tylenol. “Study after study has shown the exceeding safety and efficacy of mifepristone for use in abortion and miscarriage care. In fact, mifepristone is safer than Tylenol and Viagra when it comes to serious medical complications[...]Despite its approval and long safety track record, the FDA has continued to impose a set of medically unnecessary restrictions on mifepristone, known as a Risk Evaluation and Mitigation Strategy (REMS), which has made it needlessly difficult for women and other people who need abortion care to access the medication. [ALCU, [2/2/23](#)]

- **January 2023: The FDA Lifted Restrictions Preventing The Sale Of Mifepristone In Pharmacies.** “For the first time, retail pharmacies, from corner drugstores to major chains like CVS and Walgreens, will be allowed to offer abortion pills in the United States under a regulatory change made Tuesday by the Food and Drug Administration. The action could significantly expand access to abortion through medication.” [The New York Times, [1/3/23](#)]

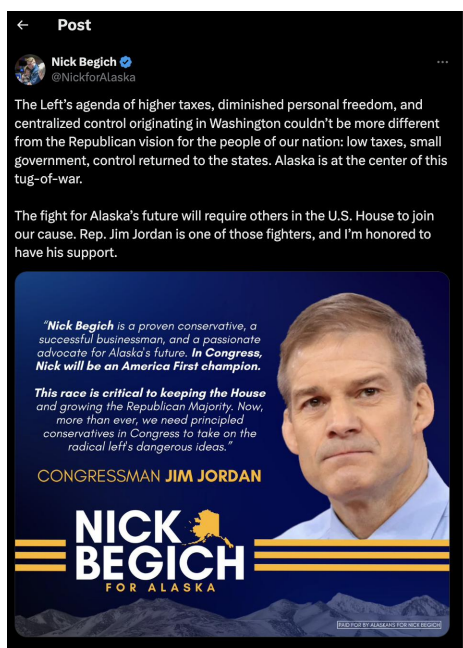
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The House Freedom Caucus Endorsed Begich. “The Freedom Caucus, the conservative group inside the Republican House Majority, came out with a stunning endorsement for Alaska’s only seat in Congress: Nick Begich III. The caucus’ Freedom Fund made the announcement of its support of Begich as one of nine candidates around the country that it is endorsing in the 2024 election.” [Must Read Alaska, [5/8/24](#)]

Begich Claimed He Was “Honored” To Have The Support Of The House Freedom Fund And Would Work To Restore ‘Bold’ Republican Representation In Alaska. “Constitutional principles are the bedrock of our republic and are worth fighting for. I’m honored to have the support of HFF and to be among that group of conservative leaders who will work to ensure the American promise of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness endures for generations to come. I look forward to continuing to work hard to restore Alaska’s tradition of bold representation and to grow the Republican majority in the House.” [Must Read Alaska, [5/8/24](#)]

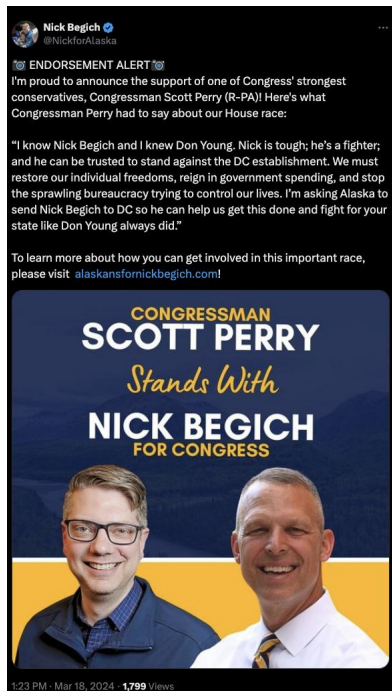
Begich Gave A Non-Answer When Asked If He Would Join The House Freedom Caucus. “So, since they’ve endorsed Begich, does this suggest that if he’s elected he’d align with the House Freedom Caucus? [...] Begich: Well, I think it really depends on the specific situation. But certainly there are times where it’s necessary for folks to take a principled stand. And there are other times when compromise is part of the process.” [Alaska Public, [5/10/24](#)]

Jim Jordan Endorsed Begich, Claiming That Begich Would Be An “America First Champion”. “Nick Begich is a proven conservative, a successful businessman, and a passionate advocate for Alaska’s future. In Congress, Nick will be an America First champion. This race is critical to keeping the House and growing the Republican Majority. Now, more than ever, we need principled conservatives in Congress to take on the radical left’s dangerous ideas” [Twitter, [@NickForAlaska](#), [8/29/24](#)]



[Twitter, [@NickForAlaska](#), [8/29/24](#)]

Begich Touted An Endorsement From Scott Perry, Claiming He Was “Proud To Announce The Support Of One Of Congress’s Strongest Conservatives.” “I’m proud to announce the support of one of Congress’ strongest conservatives, Congressman Scott Perry (R-PA)! Here’s what Congressman Perry had to say about our House race: ‘I know Nick Begich and I knew Don Young. Nick is tough; he’s a fighter; and he can be trusted to stand against the DC establishment. We must restore our individual freedoms, reign in government spending, and stop the sprawling bureaucracy trying to control our lives. I’m asking Alaska to send Nick Begich to DC so he can help us get this done and fight for your state like Don Young always did.’ [Twitter, [@NickForAlaska](#), [3/18/24](#)]



[Twitter, @NickForAlaska, 3/18/24]

Begich Gave A “Special Thank You” To House Freedom Caucus Member Byron Donalds For His Work In Congress. “True honor to hear Pres. Trump at Mar-a-Lago and to be among so many America First leaders this weekend. A special thank you to @ByronDonalds for his leadership in Congress, and for keeping a zealously left media in check with our secret weapon: TRUTH.” [Twitter, @NickForAlaska, 5/5/24]



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Jordan, Perry, And Donalds Cosponsored The Life At Conception Bill Of 2021, Which Had No Exceptions For Rape Or Incest And Deliberately Excluded Protections For IVF And Birth Control

2021: Jordan, Perry, And Donalds Cosponsored H.R. 1011, The Life At Conception Act. According to the Clerk of the House of Representatives, Jordan and Perry Cosponsored the Life at Conception Act, which stated “This bill declares that the right to life guaranteed by the Constitution is vested in each human being at all stages of life, including the moment of fertilization, cloning, or other moment at which an individual comes into being.” [Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives, H.R. 1011, [2/11/21](#)]

The Life At Conception Act Was A National Abortion Ban That Made No Exceptions For Rape Or Incest. “The Life at Conception Act would ban abortion from conception with zero exceptions for rape or incest. This would include banning the abortion pill, a medication that was approved by the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) back in 2000 and is currently used in approximately 60% of abortions nationwide.” [Third Way, [6/24/24](#)]

The Life At Conception Act Threatened IVF. “The Life at Conception Act would have established that life begins at fertilization. Like the Alabama ruling, the act would have severely restricted—if not effectively banned—IVF treatments, because it grants “equal protection” to “preborn” humans, including embryos. Since it’s common for fertilized eggs not to survive the IVF process, the act would put doctors at risk of being charged for wrongful death of embryos. That risk would be enough to scupper the IVF industry.” [The New Republic, [3/21/24](#)]

The 2017 Version Of The Life At Conception Act Made Exceptions For IVF; Subsequent Versions Of The Bill Excluded It. “In the [118th] Congress, a Life at Conception Act has 125 Republican sponsors in the House. Its stated goal is “To implement equal protection for the right to life of each born and preborn human person[...]. There’s no wiggle room there, folks. No exceptions for rape, incest, health of the mother — or IVF. But now they’re protesting that they didn’t mean to endanger IVF, even though a 2017 version of the same bill did include an IVF exception that was omitted in the current bill. [Seattle Times, [3/1/24](#)]

The Life At Conception Act Of 2021 Copied The 2017 Version Word For Word But Excluded Protections For Birth Control And IVF. The Life At Conception Act of 2017 as introduced on January 24, 2017: “To implement equal protection for the right to life of each born and preborn human person, and pursuant to the duty and authority of Congress, including Congress’ power under section 8 of article I of the Constitution of the United States to make necessary and proper laws, and Congress’s power under section 5 of the 14th Amendment to the Constitution, the Congress hereby declares that the right to life guaranteed by the Constitution is vested in each human being. Nothing in this Act shall be construed to require the prosecution of any woman for the death of her unborn child, *a prohibition on in vitro fertilization, or a prohibition on use of birth control or another means of preventing fertilization.*” The Life At Conception Act as introduced on February 11, 2021: “To implement equal protection for the right to life of each born and preborn human person, and pursuant to the duty and authority of the Congress, including Congress’ power under article I, section 8, to make necessary and proper laws, and Congress’s power under section 5 of the 14th article of amendment to the Constitution of the United States, the Congress hereby declares that the right to life guaranteed by the Constitution is vested in each human being. However, *nothing in this Act shall be construed to authorize the prosecution of any woman for the death of her unborn child.*” [Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives, HR 1011, [2/11/21](#); S. 231, [1/24/17](#)]

Donalds, Perry, And Jordan Voted Against The Women's Health Protection Act. According to records with the Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives, Donalds, Perry, and Jordan all voted against the Women's Health Protection Act, which had the following bill summary: This bill prohibits governmental restrictions on the provision of, and access to, abortion services. Specifically, governments may not limit a provider's ability to: prescribe certain drugs, offer abortion services via telemedicine, or immediately provide abortion services when the provider determines a delay risks the patient's health. Furthermore, governments may not require a provider to: perform unnecessary medical procedures, or provide medically inaccurate information." [Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives, H.R. 8296, [7/7/22](#); Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives, Roll Call No. 360, [7/15/22](#)]

Jordan Sponsored The Ultrasound Informed Consent Act, Which Would Require Women To Receive A Medically Unnecessary Ultrasound And Listen To A Heartbeat Before Receiving An Abortion

Jordan Sponsored The Ultrasound Informed Consent Act, Which Would Require Health Providers To Give Women An Ultrasound Before Providing Abortion Services. According to the Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives, Jim Jordan sponsored the Ultrasound Informed Consent Act, which had the following bill summary: "Amends the Public Health Service Act to require abortion providers, before a woman gives informed consent to any part of an abortion, to perform an obstetric ultrasound on the pregnant woman, provide a simultaneous explanation of what the ultrasound is depicting, display the ultrasound images so the woman may view them, and provide a complete medical description of the images, including the dimensions of the embryo or fetus, cardiac activity if present and visible, and the presence of external members and internal organs if present and viewable. Prohibits construing this Act to require a woman to view the images or penalizing the provider or the woman if she declines to look at the images. Exempts an abortion provider if the abortion is necessary to save the life of a mother whose life is endangered by a physical disorder, physical illness, or physical injury, including a life-endangering physical condition caused by or arising from the pregnancy itself. Requires the provider to include in the woman's medical file a truthful and accurate certification of the specific medical circumstances that support such determination. Authorizes the Attorney General to commence a civil action in federal court against any abortion provider who knowingly violates this Act. Prescribes penalties. Directs the Attorney General to notify the appropriate state medical licensing authority of penalties assessed. Authorizes a woman upon whom an abortion has been performed in violation of this Act to commence a civil action against the provider for actual and punitive damages." [Clerk of the U.S. House of Representatives, H.R. 3805, [1/23/12](#)]

- **Ultrasound Informed Consent Acts Only Allow Women To Cover Their Eyes Or Close Their Ears During A Narration Of Their Ultrasound- They Cannot Opt Out.** "The Kentucky statute compels any doctor performing an abortion to first do an ultrasound on the patient and describe aloud the physical features of the fetus on the screen. The doctor must also play the sound of the fetal heartbeat. Patients cannot opt out of hearing the doctor's narration or the heartbeat. They cannot ask that the screen be turned away from them. The only way a patient has to avoid the ultrasound images or narration is to cover her ears and close her eyes while the physician speaks. [Los Angeles Times, [12/11/19](#)]

Jordan And Donalds Used Extreme Rhetoric Regarding Abortion, Including Accusing A 10-Year-Old Rape Victim Of Lying, And Calling Reproductive Care "Sick" And "Perverse"

Jim Jordan Accused 10-Year-Old Rape Victim Of Lying After Her Story Became A Flash Point In The Abortion Debate. “Rep. Jim Jordan (R-OH) refused to apologize for his since-deleted tweet describing the story of a 10-year-old Ohio rape victim as a”lie,” claiming on Thursday that he was merely “responding to a headline” and took down the post once the alleged rapist was charged. The story of the unidentified child’s rape and abortion had quickly become a flashpoint in the debate over abortion rights after the Indianapolis Star reported on her plight on July 1. The patient was six weeks and three days pregnant, right after Ohio’s trigger law outlawed abortion after six weeks following Roe v. Wade’s reversal.” [Daily Beast, [7/14/22](#)]

EMILY’s List Placed Donalds On Its “On Notice” List Of 14 Abortion Extremists. “Today EMILYs List, the nation’s largest resource for women in politics, announced its 2024 ‘On Notice’ list, highlighting 14 extremist Republicans on Donald Trump’s shortlist for potential 2024 running mates [...] including Byron Donalds” [Emily’s List, [3/23/24](#)]

Donalds Claimed Reproductive Healthcare Was “Sick, Perverse, And Erodes Our Nation’s Moral Compass.” “Today’s Democratic Party is the party of abortion on demand and without limits, including the unconscionable practice of infanticide. This ideology is sick, perverse, and erodes our nation’s moral compass. The Women’s Health Protection Act of 2022 is an affront to our system of Checks and Balances and blatantly ignores the Court’s ruling which allows states—not Congress—to enact abortion-related policy. This bill will also impose the radical pro-abortion policies of California and New York on states like Florida, Texas, and North Carolina, where extreme abortion extensions aren’t supported.” [Congressman Byron Donalds, [7/15/22](#)]

[Begich Touted The Support Of Anti-Reproductive Freedom Members Of Alaska’s State House](#)

Begich Had The Endorsement Of AK Rep. Kevin McCabe, Who Proposed Legislation “To Establish Definitions Of ‘Life’ And ‘Person’ In Criminal Law”

Alaska Representative Kevin McCabe Endorsed Begich In 2024. [Nick Begich for Alaska, [Accessed 9/20/24](#)]

2024: Alaska Rep. McCabe Proposed H.B. 107 “To Establish Definitions Of ‘Life’ And ‘Person’ In Criminal Law,” Which He Said Would “Define A Fetus As A Person.” “An Alaska House member has proposed a bill [HB 107] that seeks to establish definitions of ‘life’ and ‘person’ in criminal law, prompting dozens of Alaskans to testify against it, saying it would unconstitutionally limit abortions in the state. Rep. Kevin McCabe, R-Big Lake, said his bill is ‘simply my attempt to define life for the statute’ and ‘ensure fair treatment and protection for all individuals including those yet to be born.’ He said the bill would define a fetus as a person.” [Alaska Beacon, [2/28/24](#)]

Critics Of H.B. 107 Argued That It Was “A Backdoor Attempt To Overturn Our Rights” And Warned That “This Bill Threatens” Alaskan Women’s Liberties. “Dezarae Arrowsun, a board member for the Juneau Pro-Choice Coalition, said the bill [H.B. 107] could be used to criminalize doctors for performing abortions. ‘This is obviously a backdoor attempt to overturn our rights, as protected in the Alaska Constitution, to obtain a legal abortion,’ she said. Emma Wilson from Anchorage said the bill could endanger the lives of pregnant people seeking life-saving care. ‘As an Alaskan with the ability to fall pregnant, this bill threatens my liberties and this bill threatens my life,’ she said.” [Alaska Beacon, [2/28/24](#)]

Begich Had The Endorsement Of AK Rep. Sarah Vance, Who Showed “Support For Legislation Restricting Abortions” And “Aimed To Eliminate State Funding For Abortion Services”

Alaska Representative Sarah Vance Endorsed Begich In 2024. [Nick Begich for Alaska, [Accessed 9/20/24](#)]

Vance Showed “Support For Legislation Restricting Abortions” And “Aimed To Eliminate State Funding For Abortion Services.” “In Juneau, [Sarah] Vance has shown support for legislation restricting abortions and budget amendments. In 2020, she sponsored her own anti-abortion legislation, which was never heard in committee. This past April, the two-term legislator supported an amendment to the budget that aimed to eliminate state funding for abortion services. During a floor speech in favor of the amendment, Vance talked about her unplanned pregnancy when she was 23, which she was in denial about ‘because I had a two-year plan and I was being responsible.’ ‘And so I took a pregnancy test, Madam Speaker, but I didn’t believe it until I heard her heartbeat and I saw the little bean on the screen,’ she said. ‘And so I want us to remember that this is more than just dollars or what court orders. This is the very lives of our future.’” [Alaska Beacon, [11/3/22](#)]

2024: Rep. Vance Apologized After Facing Backlash For Responding To Testimony About The Disproportionate Rates Of Sexual Violence Against Native Women With Criticism For Its Lack Of Inclusion Of White Women. “Rep. Sarah Vance of Homer apologized on the House floor Monday for comments she made in a House Tribal Affairs Committee meeting last week. Committee members heard testimony from people working in organizations serving Alaska Native peoples on the disparities in assault rates and violence against Indigenous women, which is several times higher than the general population. At the end of the meeting, Vance said she felt the presentation excluded the experiences of white women who are victims of sexual violence. ‘It’s the same thing. But what I continue to hear in this committee over and over again, is if you are the only one. And I know that’s not your heart,’ she said. ‘But I asked that, when you come and present, that you remember that you have white sisters who are going through the same thing.’” [KTOO, [2/14/24](#)]

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Alaska Native And Rural Community Issues

Alaska Native And Rural Community Issues Highlights

- Begich opposed the Alaska National Interests Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA), which protects Alaska Native Subsistence lands.
- Begich supported deregulating and removing protections from Alaskan land, opening it up to resource extraction development.
 - Begich supported the overturn of Chevron Deference, which allowed regulatory agencies to protect land.
 - Begich opposed the federal government preventing Pebble Mine development, which would threaten Alaska's fishing industry.

Begich Claimed He Opposed Trawling And Would Not Accept Funds From Trawling Fleets, But He Accepted At Least \$5,000 From Pro-Trawling Entities And Individuals In 2022

Begich Opposed Bottom Trawl Practices, Claiming That They Harm Seabed Ecosystems. "We must end bottom trawl practices in Alaska that destroy the seabed ecosystem and impact non-targeted species. The health of our marine environment is critical as a means of ensuring that Alaska's eternally renewable resource - our fish - remains in place for generations to come." [Facebook, Nick Begich, 8/30/24]

**Nick Begich**
August 30 at 2:35 PM · 🌐

Matthew Salisbury and I had an opportunity to sit down and talk about issues of importance to Alaska and our nation. We discovered that while we have some differences in our views (as nearly everyone does) we share a great deal in common:

- that competitive, open markets lead to competition that improves the quality and availability of goods at a reasonable price
- that the opportunity for families to keep what they earn builds financial security for future generations and that for most Americans, homeownership is an important component of that financial security
- that social security is a promise made and a promise that must be kept to those who have paid into the program through taxes on their earnings
- that we must end bottom trawl practices in Alaska that destroy the seabed ecosystem and impact non-targeted species. The health of our marine environment is critical as a means of ensuring that Alaska's eternally renewable resource - our fish - remains in place for generations to come.

As Republicans, we want to conserve our values of freedom, the institutions which guarantee those freedoms, and the environment that we steward for future generations. I thank Matt for raising these and other priorities in our discussion and look forward to his continued input as we work to move the priorities of Alaska forward in the Congress.

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2024: Begich Claimed That He Would Not Accept Funds From Trawling Fleets. “1. To avoid even the appearance of conflict, I will not accept funds from the trawl fleet, and if such funds are inadvertently accepted, notify us and they will be promptly returned. 2. We must end any practice that leads to the destruction of our seabed ecosystem. 3. Our long term goal must be to eliminate bycatch.”



Nick Begich
June 19 · 🌐

FISHING FAMILIES FIRST: A member of Congress must represent the people, not special interests and their armies of DC lobbyists. I'm doing something that has never been done for Alaska's fishing families: DIRECT representation.

After hearing from constituents, seeing the wanton waste of by-catch, learning about the tremendous damage caused by the Seattle-based trawl fleet, and understanding the scope of financial interests at play, it's clear that Alaska's fish policy in Congress MUST come DIRECTLY from the people. That is why today, I am asking the 40,000 members of the [STOP Alaskan Trawler Bycatch](#) group to construct my congressional fish policy.

I am committing today publicly to support the policy that the [STOP Alaskan Trawler Bycatch](#) team recommends and to hit the ground running once elected. If you are not a member of this group and would like to weigh in, I'd advise you to join and get involved in the discussion. I understand clearly that outside interests will be alarmed at this decision and will likely do all they can to stop my effort to represent the people of Alaska, but as has been true from day one, I am not interested in representing them, I am interested in representing YOU.

As I have already stated publicly:

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2. We must end any practice that leads to the destruction of our seabed ecosystem.
3. Our long term goal must be to eliminate bycatch.

It will be up to the community to self-organize, determine how they would like to achieve consensus, and how to ensure that the policy constructed best represents the comprehensive fisheries and people of Alaska. I trust the community's ability to do just that. Now, let's get to work, develop a set of policies that we can implement, and get to DC to ensure that the PEOPLE'S VOICE is heard once again.

Sincerely,
Nick Begich



[Facebook, Nick Begich, [6/19/24](#)]

August 2022: Begich Accepted \$1,500 From Groundfish Forum, “A Fishery Trade Association Representing Five Member Companies Operating 19 Trawl Vessels”

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Groundfish Forum Was “A Fishery Trade Association Representing Five Member Companies Operating 19 Trawl Vessels.” “Groundfish Forum is a fishery trade association representing five member companies operating 19 trawl vessels that catch and process a variety of Alaskan groundfish species in the federally managed Amendment 80 (A80) fisheries off the coast of Alaska. Our vessels are the largest producers of flatfish and rockfish in the United States, sustainably producing hundreds of millions of meals for consumers across the globe.” [Groundfish Forum, [Accessed 9/12/24](#)]

Groundfish Forum Signed Onto A Letter Calling For Rep. Peltola To Withdraw H.R. 8507, The Bottom Trawl Clarity Act. Groundfish Forum Executive Director Chris Woodley undersigned a June 2024 letter to Peltola which opened: “Dear Congresswoman Peltola: We write to express our deep concern regarding H.R. 8507—legislation you have introduced that would create sweeping new federal

mandates constraining the effective management of our nation's fisheries. If enacted, H.R. 8507 would directly harm fishermen and coastal communities in Alaska and throughout our nation, along with countless other people who rely on a healthy domestic seafood sector for food, jobs, and their way of life. We ask you to withdraw this legislation." [Shrimp Alliance, [6/20/24](#); U.S. Congress, H.R. 8507, [5/22/24](#)]

July 2022: Begich Accepted \$1,000 From Tood Loomis, Who Worked In Government Affairs For Ocean Peace, Inc., Which Opposed Rep. Peltola's Bottom Trawl Clarity Act

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Glacier Fish Company Operated A Factory Trawler That Was "The Largest Catcher/Processor Vessel In The US Fleet." "The factory trawler Alaska Ocean was built by the Blount Marine Corporation in Warren, Rhode Island, in 1981. Alaska Ocean was redesigned by Guido Perla and Associates from Seattle in 1989 and rebuilt by Ulstein Hatlo in Norway in 1990 specifically to catch and process Alaska Pollock and Pacific Whiting. In the summer of 2008, Glacier Fish Company purchased the Alaska Ocean and has successfully completed major improvements of the Factory and Fishmeal plants. The Alaska Ocean is the largest catcher/processor vessel in the US fleet with a capacity to catch and process up to 225 metric tons of frozen finished product daily." [Glacier Fish Company, [Accessed 9/19/24](#)]

Glacier Fish Company Was A "Trawl Company" That Opposed Efforts To Scale Back On Trawling. "On one side are tribal leaders from the Yukon and Kuskokwim [...] On the other side are representatives for the trawlers, who generally support tighter bycatch management but say some of the measures favored by tribes could cost them hundreds of millions of dollars — while giving only a tiny boost to the number of salmon returning to Western Alaska rivers. [...] 'We're really concerned about an action that would have a severe economic impact,' said Glenn Merrill, director of government affairs at a trawl company called Glacier Fish." [Alaska Beacon, [4/6/24](#)]

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Fishermen's Finest Operated At Least One Trawler Vessel As Of September 2024. [Fishermen's Finest, [Accessed 9/19/24](#)]

October 2022: Begich Accepted \$500 From An Employee Of The At-Sea Processors Association, One Of "The Two Leading Trawl Industry Trade Groups"

October 2022: Begich Accepted \$500 From Matt Tinning, Director Of Sustainability And Public Affairs For The At-Sea Processors Association. [Federal Election Commission, Alaskans for Nick Begich, Receipts, [Accessed 9/19/24](#)]

The At-Sea Processors Association Was One Of "The Two Leading Trawl Industry Trade Groups." "the two leading trawl industry trade groups, the At-Sea Processors Association and United Catcher Boats." [KUCB Local News, [7/31/24](#)]

The At-Sea Processors Association Promoted The "Mid-Water Trawl Alaska Pollock Fishery." "The mid-water trawl Alaska pollock fishery is the nation's largest fishery. In fact, the Alaska pollock fishery is one of the largest fisheries in the world. The ability of our vessels to harvest, process, package and freeze our catch within hours of harvest allows us to produce affordable seafood products of the highest quality. The food products we produce include fillets, surimi, and fish roe. Fish meal and fish oil is produced from non-flesh parts of the fish we catch." [At-Sea Processors Association, [Accessed 9/19/24](#)]

The At-Sea Processors Association Opposed Rep. Peltola's Bottom Trawl Clarity Act. "More than 50 U.S. seafood organizations and companies have signed a letter calling on U.S. Rep. Mary Peltola (D-Alaska) to immediately withdraw the Bottom Trawl Clarity Act – legislation she introduced in May that could block off large sections of the ocean from trawling gear. 'This bill threatens seafood sector jobs in Alaska and across the United States,' At-Sea Processors Association Executive Director Stephanie Madsen said. 'More than 1.5 million Americans have jobs that depend on commercial seafood, and they deserve better than the politicization of fisheries science and management.'" [Seafood Source, [6/27/24](#)]

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Alaska's Trawler Bycatch Included Hundreds Of Thousands Of Chum Salmon And Tens Of Thousands Of King Salmon Annually, Killing Fish. "Bycatch occurs in every fishery that targets a specific species, but while seeking pollock and cod in a billion-dollar industry, Alaska's trawlers inadvertently catch tens of thousands of king salmon and hundreds of thousands of chum salmon in their nets each year, according to observations by the National Marine Fisheries Service. By law, the salmon must be returned to the ocean, but fish die in the process. The amount of bycatch fluctuates from year to year and has fallen in the recent past, but the sheer numbers of fish caught by trawlers has aroused public ire. A Facebook group calling itself 'Stop Alaskan Trawler Bycatch' now boasts almost 20,000 members, and various groups have called on the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council — which regulates fisheries more than 3 miles off Alaskan shores — to more tightly cap bycatch." [Alaska Beacon, [8/10/22](#)]

2020: Alaska's Trawler Bycatch Was 26,000 King Salmon – One-Tenth Of The Year's Commercial Harvest. "Alaska's commercial fishermen have been speaking out against big trawlers for years, complaining that the large vessels in federal waters are scooping up mature and juvenile fish. The regional council that manages federal fisheries recently heard from hundreds concerned about the number of salmon and other species that end up as bycatch in trawl nets.[...]Federal fisheries data shows trawlers in the North Pacific took about a tenth of the chinook — or king salmon — caught by Alaska's

commercial salmon fleet last year. And those numbers are tracking the same this year. But none of that catch happens on purpose. Preliminary ADF&G data shows about 263,000 kings were commercially harvested last year statewide. As of April 15, bycatch in the Bering Sea and Gulf of Alaska areas for 2021 was around 16,000 fish, over six percent of last year's statewide commercial harvest. Last year's trawler bycatch was 26,000 kings, or about a tenth of the 2020 commercial chinook harvest in-state." [KTOO, [4/22/21](#)]

Begich Condemned The Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA), Which Protected Alaska Native Subsistence Lands

Begich Condemned ANILCA And Said That Alaska Had Been Denied The "Ability To Develop Our Own State, Our Own Resources." BEGICH: "The reason why we're continuing to take this money is because we've been denied the ability to develop our own state, our own resources in Alaska. This started, with President Carter put ANILCA through, which locked up enormous amounts of Alaska land." [YouTube, Michael Dukes Show, 1:10:46-1:12:19, [4/1/24](#)]

ANILCA Sought To Protect Alaska's Natural Ecosystems And "Traditional Ways Of Living On The Land"

The Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) Sought To Protect Alaska's Natural Ecosystems And Landscapes While Preserving "Opportunity For Traditional Ways Of Living On The Land." "In 1980, when Congress passed the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA), it recognized the importance of protecting Alaska's splendid natural ecosystems and landscapes, while preserving the opportunity for traditional ways of living on the land to continue." [National Park Service, accessed [6/6/24](#)]

ANILCA Explicitly Protected Subsistence Uses For Rural Residents Of Alaska. "Congress acknowledged the exceptional and unique conditions of life in Alaska's rural areas in Title VIII of the Act, noting that: 'The Congress finds and declares that the continuation of the opportunity for subsistence uses by rural residents of Alaska, including both Natives and non-Natives, on the public lands and by Alaska Natives on Native lands is essential to Native physical, economic, traditional, and cultural existence'" [National Park Service, accessed [6/6/24](#)]

Rural Alaska Natives Relied "Significantly On Subsistence Harvests, Which Constitute 50-90% Of Their Dietary Intake." "Rural Alaska Native communities rely significantly on subsistence harvests, which constitute between 50% to 90% of their dietary intake. The loss of access to these vital sources of food would have profound consequences." [Alaska Beacon, [4/12/24](#)]

ANILCA Resolved A Lack Of Protections For Alaska Native Hunting And Fishing Rights

ANILCA Was Created In Response To A Lack Of Protection For Alaska Native Hunting And Fishing Rights. "In 1980 Congress reacted to the State's lack of protection of Alaska Native subsistence uses and attempted to carry out the unfulfilled settlement of aboriginal hunting and fishing rights through the passage of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) in 1980." [University of Alaska Fairbanks, accessed [6/6/24](#)]

Native American Rights Fund: ANILCA "Recognizes That Subsistence Fishing Is Essential To Alaska Natives' Physical, Economic, Traditional, And Cultural Existence." "The Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) recognizes that subsistence fishing is essential to Alaska

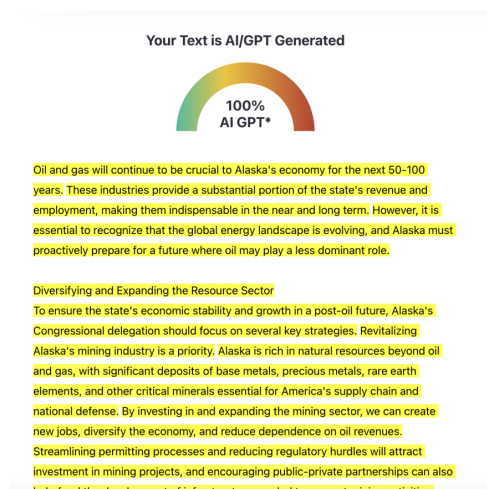
Natives' physical, economic, traditional, and cultural existence, and mandates a subsistence fishing preference for rural residents whenever it becomes necessary to restrict fishing to conserve fish populations." [Native American Rights Fund, Press Release, [4/2/24](#)]

Begich Wanted To Convert Federal Land In Alaska To State Control, Which Would Open Up Opportunities For Extractive Industrial Development

Begich Supported A "Framework That Removes Alaskan Resource Development From The Executive Discretion Of The Presidency." Begich: "In Congress, I will support a framework that removes Alaskan resource development from the executive discretion of the presidency and limits federal overreach while also supporting Alaska's right to produce — rights that were promised to us at statehood." [Anchorage Daily News, [8/24/24](#)]

Begich Claimed That More Federal Lands Should Be Converted To State Control. "The best way to handle land management conflicts between the federal government and the state of Alaska is to convey more lands to state control, allowing for greater local management and decision-making. The recent Supreme Court decision to overturn Chevron deference [...] can help Alaska assert more control over its lands and resources. One practical solution to these conflicts is the creation of an 'Alaska Access Package.' This package would aim to resolve land access issues by establishing clear, unambiguous guidelines for traversing federal lands to access state lands. It would ensure that Alaskans have the necessary routes and permissions to develop and utilize state lands effectively, without being hindered by federal regulations. Such a package would promote collaboration between state and federal governments, streamline access procedures, and ultimately support the responsible and sustainable development of Alaska's resources." [Alaska Beacon, Candidate Survey, [Accessed 9/10/24](#)]

- **ZeroGPT Identified Begich's Responses To The Alaska Beacon's Candidate Survey As Possibly Having Been 100% AI-Generated.** Zero GPT's analysis identified Begich's responses to the Alaska Beacon's candidate survey as 100% AI-generated. AI text generators can produce false information; Zero GPT claims that it detects AI text with 98% accuracy. [Zero GPT, [Accessed 9/10/24](#)]



[Zero GPT, [Accessed 9/10/24](#)]

Federal Land Management Protected D-1 Designated Areas From Extractive Industrial Development And Helped Tribal Communities Sustain Their Way Of Life. “The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) took a big step toward finalizing protections for 28 million acres of federally-managed ‘D-1’ lands in Alaska, including 1.2 million acres in the Bristol Bay region. The review was prompted when the outgoing Trump Administration threatened to open these long-protected lands for extractive industrial development. BLM’s final environmental impact statement is one of the final steps in the agency’s multi-year review of how lifting existing protections would impact D-1 lands. This included potential impacts on fish and wildlife habitat, subsistence practices, and our Tribal communities who depend on D-1 lands to sustain traditional ways of life.” [Alaska Native News, [7/8/24](#)]

74% Of BLM Land Under Review Gave Rural Indigenous Communities First Priority For Natural Resources Under A Federal Designation. “Approximately 80 percent of Alaska Native villages (183 total) and more than half a million people live within 50 miles of the BLM lands under evaluation. Of the lands under review, 74 percent are designated by the federal government as areas where rural community residents have priority to hunt and fish for subsistence.” [Center for American Progress, [6/21/24](#)]

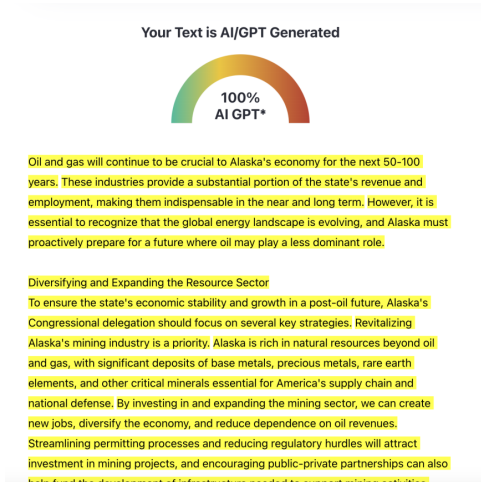
Begich Supported Lifting Alaska’s Public Land Orders. Host: “Do you support lifting public land orders? If so, how will you work with the state and DOI to accomplish it?” Begich: “I absolutely support lifting public land orders. These orders were issued in the 70s and intended, as many government programs, to be temporary. As we know, it seldom proves to be the case. Once a government program goes into place, it never seem to go away. Over 50 million acres of Alaska lands remain under PLOs today, and we just saw yesterday, again, the Harris Biden Administration has no intention of lifting these public land orders. Here again is why elections matter, and it’s part of the reason why the House Resources Committee chair, Bruce Westerman, endorsed me this morning. He knows that I will be a tireless champion for Alaska’s resources in the House and will leverage every opportunity to force the lifting of these PLOs through committee amendments and must pass legislation in order to make sure that Alaska retains the right to produce our own resources.” [YouTube, Anchorage Daily News, [20:59], [8/28/24](#)]

The Trump Administration’s Initial Attempts To Remove Federal Protections From Indigenous Peoples’ Land Failed Because They Neglected To Consider Subsistence Needs. “In January 2021, the Trump administration attempted to lift D-1 protections on 28 million acres of BLM lands across five of the agency’s planning areas [...] Shortly after taking office, the Biden administration took a hard look at the rushed public land orders, determined they were legally flawed, and put them on pause. Among other legal deficiencies, the Department of the Interior cited the ‘failure to adequately analyze potential impacts on subsistence hunting and fishing.’” [Center for American Progress, [6/21/24](#)]

Begich Supported The Supreme Court’s Decision To Overturn The Chevron Doctrine, Which “Made It Easier For The Federal Government To Regulate The Environment, Public Health, Workplace Safety And Consumer Protections”

Begich Supported The Supreme Court’s Decision To Overturn *Chevron*. Begich: “The recent Supreme Court decision to overturn Chevron deference should allow Alaska to move more quickly in deploying new infrastructure, as it reduces the bureaucratic hurdles that have previously slowed down such projects.” [Alaska Beacon, Candidate Survey, [Accessed 9/10/24](#)]

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The Decision Overturning *Chevron* Regarded “Petitioners To A Rule Promulgated By The National Marine Fisheries Service” And Involved At Least Two Trawler Operators

The Decision Overturning *Chevron* Regarded ‘Petitioners To A Rule Promulgated By The National Marine Fisheries Service’ And Involved At Least Two Trawler Operators. “The Court granted certiorari in these cases limited to the question whether *Chevron U. S. A. Inc. v. Natural Resources Defense Council, Inc.*, 467 U. S. 837, should be overruled or clarified. Under the *Chevron* doctrine, courts have sometimes been required to defer to ‘permissible’ agency interpretations of the statutes those agencies administer—even when a reviewing court reads the statute differently. *Id.*, at 843. In each case below, the reviewing courts applied *Chevron*’s framework to resolve in favor of the Government challenges by petitioners to a rule promulgated by the National Marine Fisheries Service pursuant to the Magnuson-Stevens Act, 16 U. S. C. §1801 et seq., which incorporates the Administrative Procedure Act (APA), 5 U. S. C. §551 et seq. [...] Petitioners Loper Bright Enterprises, Inc., H&L Axelsson, Inc., Lund Marr Trawlers LLC, and Scombrus One LLC are family businesses that operate in the Atlantic herring fishery. In February 2020, they challenged the Rule under the MSA, 16 U. S. C. §1855(f), which incorporates the Administrative Procedure Act (APA), 5 U. S. C. §551 et seq. In relevant part, they argued that the MSA does not authorize NMFS to mandate that they pay for observers required by a fishery management plan. [...] Petitioners Relentless Inc., Huntress Inc., and Seafreeze Fleet LLC own two vessels that operate in the Atlantic herring fishery: the F/V Relentless and the F/V Persistence. These vessels use small-mesh bottom-trawl gear and can freeze fish at sea, so they can catch more species of fish and take longer trips than other vessels (about 10 to 14 days, as opposed to the more typical 2 to 4). As a result, they generally declare into multiple fisheries per trip so they can catch whatever the ocean offers up. If the vessels declare into the Atlantic herring fishery for a particular trip, they must carry an observer for that trip if NMFS selects the trip for coverage, even if they end up harvesting fewer herring than other vessels—or no herring at all.” [Supreme Court of the United States, *Loper Bright Enterprises V. Raimondo*, Decision, [6/28/24](#)]

The Chevron Doctrine “Made It Easier For The Federal Government To Regulate The Environment, Public Health, Workplace Safety And Consumer Protections”

The Chevron Doctrine “Made It Easier For The Federal Government To Regulate The Environment, Public Health, Workplace Safety And Consumer Protections.” “The Supreme Court on Friday upended a 40-year-old decision that made it easier for the federal government to regulate the environment, public health, workplace safety and consumer protections, delivering a far-reaching and potentially lucrative victory to business interests. The court’s six conservative justices overturned the 1984 decision colloquially known as Chevron, long a target of conservatives who have been motivated as much by weakening the regulatory state as social issues including abortion. The liberal justices were in dissent.” [Associated Press, [6/28/24](#)]

The Chevron Decision Allowed The Maintenance Of A “Rule That Herring Fishermen Pay For Government-Mandated Observers Who Track Their Fish Intake,” Which Led To The Lawsuit That Overturned It. “The heart of the Chevron decision says federal agencies should be allowed to fill in the details when laws aren’t crystal clear. Opponents of the decision argued that it gave power that should be wielded by judges to experts who work for the government. [...] The court ruled in cases brought by Atlantic herring fishermen in New Jersey and Rhode Island who challenged a fee requirement. Lower courts used the Chevron decision to uphold a 2020 National Marine Fisheries Service rule that herring fishermen pay for government-mandated observers who track their fish intake. [...] Gun, e-cigarette, farm, timber and home-building groups were among the business groups supporting the fishermen. Conservative interests that also intervened in recent high court cases limiting regulation of air and water pollution backed the fishermen as well. The fisherman sued to contest the 2020 regulation that would have authorized a fee that could have topped \$700 a day, though no one ever had to pay it. In separate lawsuits in New Jersey and Rhode Island, the fishermen argued that Congress never gave federal regulators authority to require the fisherman to pay for monitors. They lost in the lower courts, which relied on the Chevron decision to sustain the regulation.” [Associated Press, [6/28/24](#)]

The Nature Conservancy Claimed That The Supreme Court’s Overturn Of The Chevron Doctrine Would Present Challenges To Preserving The Planet. “The decisions are likely to present challenges to preserving the many decades of progress we have made in protecting people and the planet. They affect the requirement articulated by the Supreme Court 40 years ago for federal courts to give deference to reasonable determinations by a federal agency on how best to interpret, implement and enforce provisions of federal laws that agencies are charged by Congress to implement. That is concerning, given the high level of scientific and other relevant expertise, as well as practical experience, there is among the people who work in our federal agencies. It is exactly this kind of expertise and experience we need if we want to successfully implement laws enacted by Congress, particularly since the laws often deal with complex and ambiguous issues that require the development of detailed regulations that are open for public comment.” [The Nature Conservancy, [6/28/24](#)]

[Begich Agreed “100%” That The Federal Government Was Wrong To Block Pebble Mine Development And Supported A Lawsuit Seeking “Billions Of Dollars” From The Federal Government In Response](#)

Begich Agreed “100%” That The Federal Government Was Wrong To Block Pebble Mine Development And Supported A Lawsuit Seeking “Billions Of Dollars” From The Federal Government In Response. Kelly: “We have a mine, called Pebble Mine, that could be developed in

Alaska. But it's been a great source of controversy because there's some conflicting views over whether developing Pebble Mine would jeopardize a very, very lucrative and essential fishing area up here in Alaska [...] What I do not support is the federal government coming in with a preemptive veto, not listening to the voices of the natives who live in the region, not listening to the voices of the people here in Alaska who've studied it, not listening to the voices of the people who understand the fish in Bristol Bay, not listening to any of them, and just imposing their decree as bureaucrats from Washington, D.C. without even stepping foot in the area, Nick, and saying, 'No, we know better as Washington, D.C. bureaucrats, as government officials from on high, to decide what you're gonna do with your resources in D.C.' And Mary Peltola just introduced an act to support permanent preemptive vetoes from the federal government on Alaska's development of resources." [...] Begich: "100%. I couldn't have said it any better and I totally agree with everything you just said, and let me just add one additional piece to that. You know, the administration, our gubernatorial administration, is actually suing the federal government because of this attempted preemptive veto of the project out in that region of our state. And they're suing for hundreds of billions of dollars, because when the state selected these lands, they did so at statehood because they recognized the mineral potential for this region [...] and at the same time that we have this lawsuit going forward, we have Mary Peltola trying to take it off the table." [Rumble, STAND_Show, [23:12], [6/19/24](#)]

2022: Begich Refused To Say If He Supported The "Development Of The Pebble Mine," Which Would Threaten Alaska's Salmon Industry

When Asked If He Supported "Development Of The Pebble Mine," Begich Said "A Scientific, Lawful, And Comprehensive Process Must Determine This Outcome." "To help Alaskans sort through the dozens of options, we're asking each candidate where they stand on the issues. Here's how they responded, in their own words, to the following questions on natural resource development: [...] Do you want to see ... (Please answer yes or no. If needed, add an explanation of no more than 10 words.) [...] 2. Development of the Pebble Mine? [...] Nick Begich (R): [...] Pebble? 'A scientific, lawful, and comprehensive process must determine this outcome.'" [KTOO, [6/2/22](#)]

Begich Refused To Take A Position On Pebble Mines, Offering That A "Scientific, Lawful, And Comprehensive Process" Should Determine The Outcome. "Nick Begich (R): Pebble? 'A scientific, lawful, and comprehensive process must determine this outcome.'" [KTOO, [6/2/22](#)]

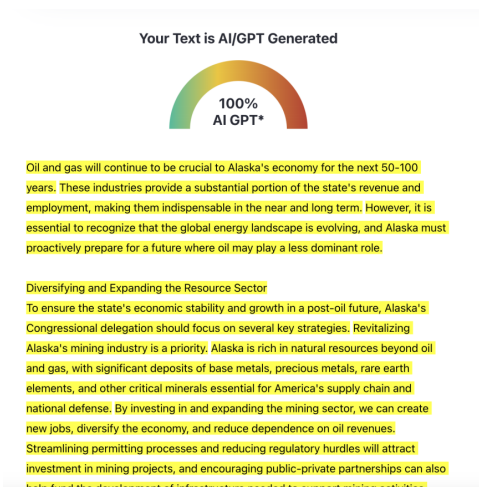
- **360 Scientists Signed A Letter To The EPA Urging The Agency To Reject Pebble Mine Development.** "A whopping 360 scientists from Canada, Poland, Australia, the contiguous United States and elsewhere in the world are pleading with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) en masse not to approve the Pebble Mine development in Bristol Bay, Alaska... The letter was sparked by the EPA's final assessment of the project, which came out in mid-January and concluded that 'large-scale mining in the Bristol Bay watershed poses risks to salmon and the tribal communities that have depended on them for thousands of years.' [ICT News, [9/13/18](#)]

Begich Did Not Respond To Alaskans For Bristol Bay Action's Questionnaire And Did "Not Have A Public Record On Pebble Mine." "This year's special election for Alaska's only seat in the U.S. House will play an important role in the fate of Bristol Bay. For more than 20 years, the region has lived under threat from the disastrous Pebble Mine, which would poison the watershed with billions of tons of toxic waste, destroying one of the last great salmon runs on Earth, wiping out thousands of jobs, and devastating communities that have thrived in the region for generations. We asked the candidates if they would stand with Alaskans and help protect Bristol Bay. [...] The following candidates did not respond to the questionnaire and do not have a public record on Pebble Mine, so we ask 'Whose Side Are They On?' [...] Nick Begich III (R)." [Alaskans for Bristol Bay Action, accessed [9/13/22](#)]

Begich Claimed He Wanted To Support The Mining Industry And Reduce The Industry's Regulatory Burden. "Improving Availability of Resource Jobs: This involves supporting industries such as oil, gas, mining, fishing, and timber and ensuring they can operate efficiently and sustainably. Reducing regulatory burdens and providing incentives for companies to invest in these sectors will create more job opportunities, boost local economies, and help lower the cost of living." [Alaska Beacon, [Accessed 9/10/24](#)]

Begich Wanted To Diversify The Mining Industry By Investing In Projects That Would Mine Base Metals, Precious Metals, And Rare Earth Metals. "Alaska is rich in natural resources beyond oil and gas, with significant deposits of base metals, precious metals, rare earth elements, and other critical minerals essential for America's supply chain and national defense. By investing in and expanding the mining sector, we can create new jobs, diversify the economy, and reduce dependence on oil revenues. [Alaska Beacon, [Accessed 9/10/24](#)]

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Begich Adopted An Exaggerated Complaint About The Biden Administration's Use Of Executive Orders, Including Counting The Pebble Mine Rejection Order Three Times. "Nick Begich the Third, who finished second in the primary election for Congress, has adopted the Sen. Dan Sullivan canard that the Biden"administration has crippled our economy by restricting resource development and has now issued 66 executive orders specifically targeting Alaska. As I've made clear here before, 66 is an imaginary number...President Biden's rejection of the oil leases in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and the Ambler Road are each counted six times, while the Pebble mine and the roadless rule in the Tongass are each counted three times." [Dermot Cole, [8/24/24](#)]

The Environmental Damage From Pebble Mine Would Threaten Alaska's Salmon Industry

The Environmental Damage From Pebble Mine Would Threaten Alaska's Salmon Industry. "A mining company plans to dig a pit, more than a mile square and a third of a mile deep, over two decades

to obtain the metals, estimated to be worth at least \$300 billion. Supporters say the project, known as the Pebble Mine, would be an economic boost for a remote region that has missed out on the North Slope oil boom and other resource-extraction development in the state over the past half century. [...] But opposition has long been widespread, both in the region and statewide, with concerns about environmental damage and the potential for harming another critical resource: salmon. The fish is the main traditional subsistence food for many of the Alaska Natives in the region and the basis of both a thriving sport-fishing industry and, in nearby Bristol Bay, one of the largest commercial wild salmon fisheries in the world.” [The New York Times, [7/24/20](#)]

Begich Opposed 2018’s Salmon Habitat Initiative, Which Would Require Public Hearings Before Permitting Decisions For Major Industrial Projects, “Notably The Controversial Pebble Mine”

Begich Opposed 2018’s Salmon Habitat Initiative. Moderator: “In 2018, did you support or would you have supported ballot measure 1, the salmon habitat initiative?” In response, Begich held up a sign reading, “No.” [YouTube, Anchorage Daily News, [18:02], [8/31/22](#)] (VIDEO)

2018’s “Stand For Salmon” Initiative Would Require Public Hearings Before Permitting Decisions For Major Industrial Projects, “Notably The Controversial Pebble Mine.” “Alaska is in the midst of a divisive civil war over a ballot initiative that pits the state’s revered wild salmon fisheries against its powerful oil and mining industries. In the Nov. 6 general election, Alaska residents will be asked to adopt strict new permitting regulations for developing any projects with the potential to affect salmon habitat. Supporters of Ballot Measure 1 argue that the current permitting rules are outdated and ineffective. They’re asking voters to adopt eight pages of new policy that would, among other things, require state regulators to write specific scientific standards to define salmon protection and habitat. [...] The Stand for Salmon initiative would require the state to hold public hearings before permitting decisions for some of Alaska’s largest new industrial projects on the drawing board, notably the controversial Pebble mine and the Donlin Gold mine.” [E&E News, [10/26/18](#)]

Begich Supported Tightening Medicaid Work-Requirements Even Though Doing So Would Disproportionately Threaten Healthcare Coverage For Alaska Natives

Begich Supported “Tightening Work Requirements For Able-Bodied Medicaid Recipients.” “Alaska has some of the world’s highest healthcare costs. Reforms are needed to drive down the cost of healthcare. Political rhetoric isn’t going to do it. It’s going to require commitment, tenacity, and hard work. We need to explore price and cost innovations around direct primary care and preventative medicine while protecting patient-doctor relationships. We can find cost savings by increasing competition, negotiating prescription drug prices, and tightening work requirements for able-bodied Medicaid recipients.” [Nick Begich for Congress, accessed [9/7/22](#)]

Medicaid Work Requirements Would Disproportionately Threaten Healthcare Coverage For Alaska Natives Because They “Are Likelier To Live In Areas With Limited Job Opportunities.” “Medicaid is an important source of coverage for American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/ANs), a population that faces high unemployment and persistent health disparities, including a high uninsured rate, barriers to care, and significant physical and mental health needs. [...] Taking away Medicaid from people not meeting work requirements will put coverage at risk for all people subject to these policies, but especially

for AI/ANs, who are disproportionately likely to be unemployed. That's because AI/ANs not only are likelier to live in areas with limited job opportunities, but also have other barriers to employment. The AI/AN unemployment rate averaged 11.3 percent from 2014 through 2018, almost 90 percent higher than the 6.0 percent rate for all other adults and higher than the unemployment rate for other adults in nearly all states. [...] AI/ANs could be at disproportionate risk of losing coverage under a Medicaid work requirement, threatening their recent coverage and health outcome gains." [Center for Budget and Policy Priorities, [3/10/20](#)]

Lack Of Internet Access And Other Forms Of Red Tape May Make It Difficult For Alaska Natives "To Stay Covered Even If They Are Already Working Or Should Qualify For Exemptions."

"Requiring work or work-related activities as a condition of Medicaid eligibility would also make it harder for AI/ANs to stay covered even if they are already working or should qualify for exemptions. When Medicaid eligibility depends on completing specified hours of work activities each month, enrollees have to submit documentation each month to stay covered. AI/ANs may face particular barriers to manage this additional red tape. For example, Arkansas required enrollees to report compliance with work requirements only using the Internet; AI/ANs are disproportionately likely to live in rural areas and more likely than other enrollees to lack Internet access." [Center for Budget and Policy Priorities, [3/10/20](#)]

[Begich Touted The Endorsement Of Alaska Representative Sarah Vance, Who Faced Backlash In 2024 For Criticizing A Presentation On The Disproportionate Rates Of Sexual Violence Against Indigenous Women For Its Lack Of Inclusion Of White Women](#)

Alaska Representative Sarah Vance Endorsed Begich In 2024. [Nick Begich for Alaska, [Accessed 9/20/24](#)]

2024: Rep. Vance Apologized After Facing Backlash For Responding To Testimony About The Disproportionate Rates Of Sexual Violence Against Native Women With Criticism For Its Lack Of Inclusion Of White Women. "Rep. Sarah Vance of Homer apologized on the House floor Monday for comments she made in a House Tribal Affairs Committee meeting last week. Committee members heard testimony from people working in organizations serving Alaska Native peoples on the disparities in assault rates and violence against Indigenous women, which is several times higher than the general population. At the end of the meeting, Vance said she felt the presentation excluded the experiences of white women who are victims of sexual violence. 'It's the same thing. But what I continue to hear in this committee over and over again, is if you are the only one. And I know that's not your heart,' she said. 'But I asked that, when you come and present, that you remember that you have white sisters who are going through the same thing.'" [KTOO, [2/14/24](#)]

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Budget, Taxes, Jobs, and The Economy

Budget, Taxes, Jobs, and The Economy Highlights

- Begich said federal support for Alaska programs was “an addiction” and a “deal with the devil.”
 - Begich urged Alaska to say no to federal programs, otherwise they would be “complicit in the destruction of this country.”
- Begich claimed “it’s a huge problem” when the public shifted into thinking “I can’t live without government spending.”
 - 287,884 Alaskan households participated in SNAP in 2022, and 108,116 Alaskans received Medicare in 2021.
- Begich called Social Security a “Ponzi scheme” to compensate for the Social Security trust fund being invested into government debt.
 - 112,221 Alaskans received Social Security in June 2024.
 - Begich himself held a net worth of up to \$72,310,000 from wealth attributed to his family’s businesses.
- Begich called the 1.3 trillion Infrastructure Investment act “wasteful spending,” despite bringing \$3 billion to Alaskan infrastructure development.
 - Alaska received the highest per-capital funding of any state from the infrastructure act.
- Begich claimed schools should “tighten their belts” on infrastructure expenditures.
- Begich supported recessionary policies to combat inflation rather than supporting the Inflation Reduction Act.
- Begich supported tightening Medicaid work requirements.
- Begich’s employees at FarShore Partners were overwhelmingly located in India.
- Begich supported the overturn of Chevron Deference.

Begich Consistently And Repeatedly Criticized Alaska’s Reliance On Federal Funding, Calling It “A Case Of Stockholm Syndrome” And “A Deal With The Devil”

Begich: “We’ve Become Addicted To This Federal Money [...] I Call This A Case Of Stockholm Syndrome.” **HOST:** “To quote a former Fairbanks chief of staff, if we don’t take the money, someone else will. **BEGICH:**”The reason why we’re continuing to take this money is because we’ve been denied

the ability to develop our own state, our own resources in Alaska. This started, with President Carter put ANILCA through, which locked up enormous amounts of Alaska land....We're going to start saying yes to all of these federal programs that legislative curse fixed. And, instead, we've become addicted to this federal money. And now we've caused ourselves to believe that we can't live without it. I call this a case of Stockholm Syndrome. We've fallen in love with our captors. During the statehood debate, a promise was made between the state and the federal government...What we need to do is stand up and say no more." [YouTube, Michael Dukes Show, 1:10:46-1:12:19, [4/1/24](#)]

Begich: "We've Made A Deal With The Devil By Relying So Heavily On The Federal Government."

BEGICH: "The reality is we've made a deal with the devil by relying so heavily on the federal government. We have allowed them to exert an extent of control over a state that prides itself on self reliance. When the feds down in DC know that they've got us, they're going to use that leverage. This is the problem with the Department of Education. You can get the money, but you're going to have to follow our rules. Then you have people locally who are trying to use this as a political tool to change the way the state works." [YouTube, Michael Dukes Show, [4/1/24](#)]

Begich: "It's A Huge Problem When The Mentality And The Mindset Of The Public Shifts" Into Thinking "I Can't Live Without Government Spending."

BEGICH: "Fiscal dominance is a fancy economic term that basically refers to the government taking over every aspect of your life, taking over every aspect of financial activity in the country. And when you tip over into that zone, people start to believe oh no I can't live without government spending. We have to have the government spending."

HOST: "Alaska got there a long time ago." BEGICH: "It's a real problem. It's a huge problem when the mentality and the mindset of the public shifts into that concept, you're headed for a dramatic spiral down." [YouTube, Michael Dukes Show, 1:50:58-1:51:34, [7/8/24](#)] (VIDEO)

Begich Called For Saying "No" To Federal Programs. BEGICH: "Instead of saying yes to every federal program that comes our way, we need to say no, we're not going to be complicit in the destruction of this country." [YouTube, Michael Dukes Show, 1:13:00-1:13:21, [4/1/24](#)]

Thousands Of Alaskans Received Federal Support For Healthcare And Nutrition Assistance

There Were 287,884 Alaska Households Who Participated In SNAP Nutritional Assistance As Of 2022. [USDA, accessed [6/7/24](#)]

There Were 108,116 Alaskans Who Received Medicare In 2021, The Most Recent Year Of Data Available. [Kaiser Family Foundation, accessed [6/7/24](#)]

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Begich Served As A Fellow For The Club For Growth, Which Advocated For Social Security To Be Converted To Private Retirement Accounts

Begich Said He “Recently Completed A Fellowship With The Club For Growth, America's Leading Free-Enterprise, Limited-Government Advocacy Group.” “As a lifelong Republican, Nick Begich has held a variety of professional and political roles with the intent of growing opportunity through entrepreneurship. [...] Additionally, Nick recently completed a Fellowship with the Club for Growth, America's leading free-enterprise, limited-government advocacy group.” [Nick Begich for Congress, [Archived 3/1/22](#)]

MEET NICK BEGICH

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Nick has served on the board for the Alaska Policy Forum, an organization dedicated to advancing opportunity through economic liberty and individual freedom. Additionally, Nick recently completed a Fellowship with the Club for Growth, America's leading free-enterprise, limited-government advocacy group. He has served for 5 years as a Board Director for MTA, one of the nation's largest telecommunications cooperatives, and recently completed his 4th year as the MTA Foundation's Board President.

[Nick Begich for Congress, [Archived 3/1/22](#)]

The Club For Growth Advocated For Social Security To Be Converted To Personal Retirement Accounts. “Entitlement programs are the single largest drivers of our nation's mounting debt and must be reformed immediately before it's too late. Not only is our current entitlement system bankrupting our nation, it is simply unsustainable in its current form.[...]Create Social Security personal retirement accounts that workers would own and could use to build nest eggs for retirement. [Club for Growth, [Accessed 9/14/24](#)]

- **Social Security Privatization Would Be So Costly It Could Cause A Recession.** “Privatizing Social Security will escalate federal deficits and debt significantly while increasing the likelihood that national savings will decline-all of which could reduce long-term economic growth and the size of the economic pie available to pay for the retirement of the baby boom generation. The 2004 Economic Report of the President included an analysis of the fiscal impact over time of the most commonly discussed privatization proposal by the president's commission. It found that the federal budget deficit would be more than 1 percent of gross domestic product (GDP) higher every year for roughly two decades, with the highest increase being 1.6 percent of GDP in 2022.

The national debt levels would be increased by an amount equal to 23.6 percent of GDP in 2036. That means that, thirty-two years from now, the debt burden for every man, woman, and child would be \$32,000 higher because of privatization.[...]As a result, the economy would be likely to grow more slowly than it would otherwise.” [The Century Foundation , [12/14/04](#)]

- **Social Security Privatization Was Unsuccessful In Chile And The UK.** “A report this year from the World Bank, once an enthusiastic privatization proponent, expressed disappointment that in Chile, and in most other Latin American countries that followed in its footsteps,”more than half of all workers [are excluded] from even a semblance of a safety net during their old age.”[...]In the United Kingdom, which began encouraging workers to divert payroll taxes to personal investment accounts in 1978, many citizens were victimized by poor investment choices as well as unscrupulous brokers. The national government was left with substantial new administrative expenses, lost tax revenues, and responsibilities to bail out some failed private pension plans. Indeed, the problems were so wide-ranging that even the most enthusiastic supporters of private accounts now say that the United Kingdom simply did not do it right.”[The Century Foundation , [12/14/04](#)]

Begich Was Worth Up To \$72,310,000 From Wealth Attributed To His Family’s Businesses

Begich Was Worth Up To \$72,310,000. [Office of the House Clerk, Nick Begich, Filing ID No: 10055443, [11/10/23](#)]

Begich Listed Aurora Stores As An Asset. [Office of the House Clerk, Nick Begich, Filing ID No: 10055443, [11/10/23](#)]

Aurora Stores Was Owned By Mark Begich. “Their best days may lie ahead, as Mark Begich sees it [...] No retailer had inked a deal as of this writing, but the obvious candidate is Begich’s own. One of his other ventures is Aurora Stores, which operates the Stuaqpak supermarket and convenience store in Utqiagvik.” [Alaska Biz Magazine, [12/11/23](#)]

Begich Listed Alaska Hotel Group As An Asset. [Office of the House Clerk, Nick Begich, Filing ID No: 10055443, [11/10/23](#)]

Mark Begich Was The Registered Agent Of Alaska Hotel Group. [Alaska Secretary of State, [Accessed 9/7/24](#)]

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[Alaska Secretary of State, [Accessed 9/7/24](#)]

Begich Listed Begich Capital Partners Inc As An Asset. [Office of the House Clerk, Nick Begich, Filing Id No: 10055443, [11/10/23](#)]

Begich Capital Partners Inc Was Partially Owned By Mark Begich. [Alaska Secretary of State, [Accessed 9/7/24](#)]

ENTITY DETAILS

Name(s)

Type	Name
Legal Name	Begich Capital Partners, Inc.

Entity Type: Business Corporation

Entity #: 10088551

Status: Good Standing

AK Formed Date: 7/26/2018

Duration/Expiration: Perpetual

Home State: ALASKA

Next Biennial Report Due: 1/2/2026

Entity Mailing Address: 445 EAST 5TH AVE, SUITE 201, ANCHORAGE, AK 99501

Entity Physical Address: 445 EAST 5TH AVE, SUITE 201, ANCHORAGE, AK 99501

Registered Agent

Agent Name: Registered Agents Inc

Registered Mailing Address: 821 N ST STE 102, ANCHORAGE, AK 99501

Registered Physical Address: 821 N ST STE 102, ANCHORAGE, AK 99501

Officials

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AK Entity #	Name	Titles	Owned
	MARK BEGICH	Director, Shareholder	33.33
	NICHOLAS BEGICH	Director, Secretary, Shareholder, Treasurer	33.33
	Robert Lowrance	Director, President, Shareholder	33.33

[Alaska Secretary of State, [Accessed 9/7/24](#)]

Over 100K Alaskans Received Social Security Support In 2022

There Were 112,221 Alaskans Who Received Social Security As Of June 2024. [Office of Retirement and Disability Policy, accessed [6/7/24](#)]

Begich Opposed The Inflation Reduction Act, Which Addressed Inflation, Held Big Corporations Accountable For Paying Their Fair Share In Taxes, And Created Hundreds Of Thousands Of Jobs

Begich Opposed The Inflation Reduction Act. Moderator: "Do you support the passage of the Inflation Reduction Act, August of 2022?" In response, Begich held up a sign reading, "No." [YouTube, Anchorage Daily News, [24:34], [8/31/22](#)] (VIDEO)

As Of September 2024, The Inflation Reduction Act Had Created "Less Than" 50 Jobs In Alaska Across Two Pre-Construction Hydropower Projects. [U.S. Department of Labor, [Accessed 9/23/24](#)]

2020: The Inflation Reduction Act "Would Have Saved" Over 1K Alaskans "Roughly \$598 Per Year In Lower Out-Of-Pocket Costs." "The Inflation Reduction Act lowered prescription drug costs for Medicare enrollees by capping insulin co-pays at \$35 a month beginning earlier this year. Had these caps been in place in 2020, 1,026 people in Alaska would have saved roughly \$598 per year in lower out-of-pocket costs." [Joint Economic Committee Democrats, [8/1/23](#)]

2023: Over 25K Alaskans "Saved An Average Of \$622 On Their ACA Exchange Plans." "The [IRA] also helped lower health insurance premiums for nearly 15 million low- and middle-income Americans by

extending enhanced premium tax credits for Affordable Care Act (ACA) exchange plans. In Alaska, 25,572 people saved an average of \$622 on their ACA exchange plans this year.” [Joint Economic Committee Democrats, [8/1/23](#)]

Alaska Was Eligible For At Least \$3 Million In IRA Planning Grants To “Support Local Efforts To Reduce Climate Pollution.” “Alaska is eligible for at least \$3,000,000 in planning grants funded by the IRA that support local efforts to reduce climate pollution.” [Joint Economic Committee Democrats, [8/1/23](#)]

The Inflation Reduction Act Tackled Inflation Long-Term

The Inflation Reduction Act Will Limit Inflation In The Long-Term, Despite Few Short-Term Impacts. The Inflation Reduction Act will limit inflation in the long-term, despite few short-term impacts on inflation. The bill will, “have no meaningful effect on inflation in the near term but would reduce inflation by around 0.1 percentage points by the middle of the first decade.” [Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, [8/12/22](#)]

Senior Policy Director At The Committee For A Responsible Budget Said The Bill “Would Help Fight Inflation In 2023, 2024, And 2025” But “It’s Not Gonna Be Bringing Down The Inflation Rate In The Month Of September.” Marc Goldwein, the senior policy director at the Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget, stated “For the most part, this isn’t a bill about 2022. This is about 2023, 2024, 2025. It’s about helping the Federal Reserve to fight against persistent inflation. It’s not gonna be bringing down the inflation rate in the month of September.” [Vox, [8/7/22](#)]

Democrats Argued That Since The Bill Will Pay For Itself And Reduce The Federal Deficit, It Will Help Bring Down Inflation. “Because the measure pays for itself and reduces the federal deficit over time, Democrats contend that it will help bring down inflation, an economic liability that has also weighed on their hopes of retaining legislative control in the run-up to the 2024 presidential election.” [Reuters, [8/7/22](#)]

The IRA Ensured Corporations And Big Business Pay Their Fair Share In Taxes

The IRA Instituted A 15% Minimum Corporate Tax. The IRA instituted a 15% minimum corporate tax rate. According to the ITEP, “corporations with average profits of more than \$1 billion over the previous three years will be required to pay taxes of at least 15 percent of their worldwide ‘book’ profits.” [Institute for Taxation and Economic Policy, [8/22/22](#)]

The IRA Instituted A 1% Excise Tax On Corporate Stock Buybacks. The IRA instituted a 1% excise tax on corporate stock buybacks. [Institute for Taxation and Economic Policy, [8/22/22](#)]

The IRA Allocated \$80 Billion For Tax Enforcement. The IRA allocated \$80 billion for tax enforcement, penalizing corporations and the wealthy who attempt to avoid US taxes. [Institute for Taxation and Economic Policy, [8/22/22](#)]

The Inflation Reduction Act Introduced A Low Income Communities Bonus Credit Program

The Inflation Reduction Act Introduced A Low Income Communities Bonus Credit Program. The IRA introduced a credit that “provides up to a 10 or 20-percentage point boost to the Investment Tax Credit for qualified solar or wind facilities in low-income communities.” [U.S. Department of the Treasury, [10/20/23](#)]

The Inflation Reduction Act Created Hundreds Of Thousands Of Jobs

June 2024: The IRA “Has Created More Than 300,000 Clean Energy Jobs.” According to the Huffington Post in June 2024, “U.S. companies have announced or moved forward with projects accounting for more than 312,900 new clean energy jobs for electricians, mechanics, construction workers, technicians, support staff and others.” [The Huffington Post, [6/24/24](#)]

The Inflation Reduction Act Created Pathways To High Quality Jobs. “Inflation Reduction Act’s massive investments to fight the climate crisis will also help improve job quality in clean energy industries and incentivize the expansion of workforce training pathways into these jobs, which will help lift many people into the middle class. The legislation purposefully includes targeted labor and workforce development standards-primarily prevailing wage and registered apprenticeship targets-as well as significant investments in manufacturing and domestic content requirements for electric vehicles. Pairing climate action with the creation of good jobs-and pathways into those jobs-has long been a goal of many policymakers, especially President Biden, but the Inflation Reduction Act begins to turn that goal into reality on a scale not yet seen in the United States.” [Center for American Progress, [9/14/22](#)]

BlueGreen Alliance: “Inflation Reduction Act Will Create More Than 9 Million Good Jobs Over The Next Decade.” “The more than 100 climate, energy, and environmental investments in the Inflation Reduction Act will create more than 9 million good jobs over the next decade-an average of nearly 1 million jobs each year.” The Alliance estimates that 5 million of these jobs will be in clean energy, 900,000 in clean manufacturing, 400,000 in clean transportation, 900,000 in efficient building, 150,000 in environmental justice, and 600,000 in natural infrastructure. [BlueGreen Alliance, [Accessed 7/19/24](#)]

[Begich Served As A Fellow For Club For Growth, Which Supported Repealing The Affordable Care Act And Turning Medicare Into A Voucher Program](#)

Begich “Recently Completed A Fellowship With The Club For Growth, America’s Leading Free-Enterprise, Limited-Government Advocacy Group.” “As a lifelong Republican, Nick Begich has held a variety of professional and political roles with the intent of growing opportunity through entrepreneurship. [...] Additionally, Nick recently completed a Fellowship with the Club for Growth, America’s leading free-enterprise, limited-government advocacy group.” [Nick Begich for Congress, [Archived 3/1/22](#)]

MEET NICK BEGICH

As a lifelong Republican, Nick Begich has held a variety of professional and political roles with the intent of growing opportunity through entrepreneurship. Nick served as a co-chair for Congressman Don Young’s 2020 re-election campaign, the 2020 OneAlaska campaign, and the Alaska Republican Party’s Finance Committee.

Nick has served on the board for the Alaska Policy Forum, an organization dedicated to advancing opportunity through economic liberty and individual freedom. Additionally, Nick recently completed a Fellowship with the Club for Growth, America’s leading free-enterprise, limited-government advocacy group. He has served for 5 years as a Board Director for MTA, one of the nation’s largest telecommunications cooperatives, and recently completed his 4th year as the MTA Foundation’s Board President.

[Nick Begich for Congress, [Archived 3/1/22](#)]

Begich's LinkedIn Page Listed His Location As "Washington, District Of Columbia" When He Served As A Fellow At Club For Growth Starting In June 2020. [LinkedIn, Nicholas Begich III, [Accessed 9/7/24](#)]



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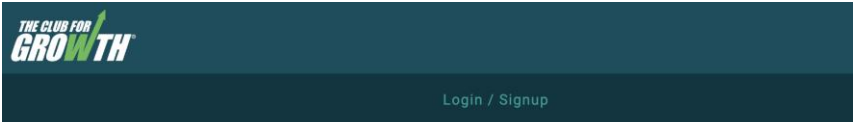
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Club For Growth Supported Repealing The Affordable Care Act And Turning Medicare Into A Voucher Program To Purchase Private Insurance

Club For Growth Supported Repealing The Affordable Care Act And Enacting "Medicare Reform That Utilizes A Premium-Support Function To Replace The Current System." "Policy

Recommendations: Repeal Obamacare. Enact Medicare reform that utilizes a premium-support function to replace the current system. Block-grant Medicaid to the states. Create Social Security personal retirement accounts that workers would own and could use to build nest eggs for retirement." [Club for Growth, [Accessed 9/7/24](#)]



Entitlements

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[Club for Growth, [Accessed 9/7/24](#)]

Converting Medicare Into A "Premium Support" System That Would Provide Beneficiaries With A Flat Payment To Purchase Private Insurance "Would Likely Lead To A Two-Tier Health Care System" Where Only The Very Wealthy Could Afford The Best Care

Converting Medicare Into A “Premium Support” System Would “Replace Its Guarantee Of Health Coverage With A Flat Payment That Beneficiaries Could Use To Help Them Purchase Private Insurance.” “Some policymakers and analysts have proposed to convert Medicare to a ‘premium support’ system — that is, replace its guarantee of health coverage with a flat payment that beneficiaries could use to help them purchase private insurance or, in some versions, traditional Medicare. But proponents have crafted a widely diverse set of proposals that they call premium support, and some leading proposals of recent years — such as the plan from House Budget Committee Chairman Paul Ryan that the House approved in April — differ greatly, in design and rationale, from the premium support concept that Henry Aaron and Robert Reischauer introduced in 1995.” [Center for Budget and Policy Priorities, [9/26/11](#)]

Converting Medicare Into A “Premium Support” System “Would Likely Lead To A Two-Tier Health Care System” Where Only The Very Wealthy Could Afford The Best Care. “Premium support — no matter what form it takes — raises several very important and challenging issues that may seem manageable in theory but would be extremely hard to resolve satisfactorily in practice. And failure to resolve these challenges satisfactorily would likely lead to a two-tier health care system: the affluent would receive the most up-to-date medical care (since they could buy comprehensive coverage by supplementing the premium support payment with their own funds), while those of modest means who could only afford the coverage that their premium support payment buys would increasingly find medical advances out of their reach.” [Center for Budget and Policy Priorities, [9/26/11](#)]

Begich Claimed He Wanted To Find “Market-Based Solutions” For Health Care. “Healthcare reform means more choices and lower costs for Alaskans. I’m committed to finding practical, market-based solutions. #Alaska” [Twitter, @NickforAlaska, [12/28/23](#)]



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- **The 2017 ACA Repeal Bill Would Have Removed Subsidies That Allowed Families To Purchase Private Health Care In The ACA Marketplace.** “First, the bill attacks people’s ability to purchase private insurance. It eliminates the Affordable Care Act’s (ACA) subsidies that allow individuals and families to afford health plans in the ACA’s marketplaces, replacing them with tax credits that favor the wealthy.” [ACLU, [3/16/24](#)]

Block Grants Championed By The Club For Growth Would Disproportionately Harm States With Lower Income Per Capita And Decrease Coverage Rates For Children Who Faced Systemic Inequalities

Fixed Federal Funding Would Decrease Entitlement Programs’ Reactivity To Increased Demand, Necessitating Waitlists Or Benefit Cuts. “Block-granting these programs would strip away the federal commitment to help vulnerable individuals and families who are eligible for these programs when they need them. Fixed annual funding would render the programs unable to automatically respond to

increased need, as they do today. As need increases, states would have to cut eligibility or benefits or establish waiting lists to stay within capped funding.” [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, [Accessed 9/13/24](#)]

Flexible Entitlement Program Funding Is An Important Economic Stabilizer During Recessions.

“By assisting people when times are tough, entitlements also help stabilize the economy. As the economy recovers, fewer people qualify for benefits. A block grant wouldn’t respond the same way to a faltering economy and greater need. Fixed funding levels would require states to absorb higher costs — or to cut eligibility or benefits. And the economy would lose an automatic stabilizer, which would worsen the downturn. That’s because unlike with entitlements, block grants would not provide guaranteed resources to spend in local communities and, in turn, help keep people employed.” [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, [Accessed 9/13/24](#)]

Block Grants Would Establish The Same Federal Match Rate For All States Regardless Of Per Capita Income, Disproportionately Harming States With High Poverty Rates. “Medicaid is currently funded through a federal-state partnership. The federal government pays a fixed percentage match for each dollar a state spends on Medicaid. The match percentage considers a state’s per capita income so that states with lower incomes get more support.[...]Under the [Block Grant] proposal, the federal match for state Medicaid programs would be reduced to a 50/50 match for all states regardless of per capita income, disproportionately harming states with high rates of poverty.” [First Focus on Children, [8/18/23](#)]

Medicaid And CHIP Are Primary Healthcare Coverage Providers For Children In Foster Care, Children With Disabilities, And Children Of Color, Who Would Be Disproportionately Harmed By Block Grants. “Medicaid and CHIP cover 47% of the more than 13 million U.S. children with special health care needs.⁷ These children often require costly treatment. Consequently, capping Medicaid funding would disproportionately affect these children by limiting access to services, including some that would not be available through private insurance[...] Medicaid plays a critical role for children in foster care by providing them with comprehensive healthcare coverage to address what are often their very particular needs. Medicaid and CHIP are primary sources of coverage for children of color. More than half of children who identify as Native American, Black, Latino, or multiracial have Medicaid as their source of health insurance. Children of color in the United States face an array of health disparities.[...]Maintaining the current structure of Medicaid is crucial to ensure equitable access to quality health care for children, especially children of color, in order to address and overcome health disparities rooted in systemic inequities.[First Focus on Children, [8/18/23](#)]

Converting Medicare Into A Premium Support System Could Increase Out-Of-Pocket Costs For Medicare Beneficiaries By Over \$6,000

Converting Medicare Into A Premium Support System Could Increase Out-Of-Pocket Costs For Medicare Beneficiaries By Over \$6,000. “Myth: Premium support will reduce Medicare’s costs. Fact: Premium support plans don’t reduce costs, they shift them onto the patient. The rising cost of premiums will quickly outstrip the value of the fixed federal contribution, and seniors will have to pay more in either premiums or out-of-pocket payments for care. The Congressional Budget Office estimates that Ryan’s original Medicare proposal would raise out-of-pocket costs for the typical 65-year-old Medicare beneficiary in 2022 by \$6,240. They haven’t estimated the cost of the latest plan yet.” [Physicians for a National Health Program, [8/14/12](#)]

Beginch Served As The President Of The Board Of Directors For The Alaska Policy Forum, Which Opposed Medicaid Expansion

Nov. 2018-Oct. 2021: Beginch Served As The President Of The Board Of Directors For The Alaska Policy Forum. [LinkedIn, Nicholas Beginch III, [Accessed 9/7/24](#)]



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The Alaska Policy Forum Was “A Self-Described Free-Market Think Tank.” “A self-described free-market think tank that publishes the earnings of thousands of public employees in Alaska is not so open when it comes to disclosing its financial supporters – including the conservative Outside group that has funneled large grants its way. One of the values of the Alaska Policy Forum is not disclosing donors, but the source of its limited money is less important than the group’s focus on transparency in government, fiscal accountability and school reform, said David Boyle, executive director.” [Anchorage Daily News, [9/14/14](#)]

The Alaska Policy Forum Opposed Medicaid Expansion And Called For It To Be Rolled Back, Which Would Cause 41,000 Alaskans To Lose Access To Health Care

Alaska Policy Forum CEO Bethany Marcum: “Medicaid Expansion Is Failing Alaskans” And Created “A Dependency Crisis.” “It’s time for a reality check. Since Alaska expanded Medicaid to able-bodied adults in 2015, our state has experienced cost overruns, unexpected—but predictable—over-enrollment, and is facing a dependency crisis. Some—local lawmakers and local lobbyists included—would have you believe that Medicaid expansion has benefited our state. But it’s time to face the facts: Medicaid expansion is failing Alaskans.” [Alaska Policy Forum, Bethany Marcum, [2/20/19](#)]

The Alaska Policy Forum Called For The State Government To “Spend Less On Health Care” By “Reconsidering Medicaid Expansion.” “A recent update by Health Management Associates (HMA) shows that Alaska’s Medicaid and Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) enrollment remains disproportionately high, and enrollment is maintaining a high growth rate more than five years after Medicaid expansion began in Alaska. [...] The combined impact of high Medicaid enrollment rates, year after year, with far above average Medicaid reimbursement rates, is certainly contributing to Alaska’s highest-in-the-nation health care spending, and could also be significantly affecting the high price of health care services. If Alaskans want to see themselves and their government spend less on health care, reconsidering Medicaid expansion and renegotiating reimbursement rates with the federal government are the first steps.” [Alaska Policy Forum, [9/21/20](#)]

Dropping Medicaid Expansion Would Cause 41,000 Alaskans To Lose Medicaid Coverage. “If Alaska dropped the Medicaid expansion in response to the loss of enhanced federal financing, the state would forgo an additional \$2 billion over the 2020-2029 period, and by 2029, 41,000 Alaskans estimated

to be covered in the expansion group would lose Medicaid coverage.” [Kaiser Family Foundation, [7/21/17](#)]

Begich Supported Tightening Medicaid Work-Requirements Even Though Doing So Would Disproportionately Threaten Health Care Coverage For Alaska Natives

Begich Supported “Tightening Work Requirements For Able-Bodied Medicaid Recipients.” “Alaska has some of the world’s highest healthcare costs. Reforms are needed to drive down the cost of healthcare. Political rhetoric isn’t going to do it. It’s going to require commitment, tenacity, and hard work. We need to explore price and cost innovations around direct primary care and preventative medicine while protecting patient-doctor relationships. We can find cost savings by increasing competition, negotiating prescription drug prices, and tightening work requirements for able-bodied Medicaid recipients.” [Nick Begich for Congress, accessed [9/7/22](#)]

Medicaid Work Requirements Would Disproportionately Threaten Health Care Coverage For Alaska Natives Because They “Are Likelier To Live In Areas With Limited Job Opportunities.”

“Medicaid is an important source of coverage for American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/ANs), a population that faces high unemployment and persistent health disparities, including a high uninsured rate, barriers to care, and significant physical and mental health needs. [...] Taking away Medicaid from people not meeting work requirements will put coverage at risk for all people subject to these policies, but especially for AI/ANs, who are disproportionately likely to be unemployed. That’s because AI/ANs not only are likelier to live in areas with limited job opportunities, but also have other barriers to employment. The AI/AN unemployment rate averaged 11.3 percent from 2014 through 2018, almost 90 percent higher than the 6.0 percent rate for all other adults and higher than the unemployment rate for other adults in nearly all states. [...] AI/ANs could be at disproportionate risk of losing coverage under a Medicaid work requirement, threatening their recent coverage and health outcome gains.” [Center for Budget and Policy Priorities, [3/10/20](#)]

Lack Of Internet Access And Other Forms Of Red Tape May Make It Difficult For Alaska Natives “To Stay Covered Even If They Are Already Working Or Should Qualify For Exemptions.”

“Requiring work or work-related activities as a condition of Medicaid eligibility would also make it harder for AI/ANs to stay covered even if they are already working or should qualify for exemptions. When Medicaid eligibility depends on completing specified hours of work activities each month, enrollees have to submit documentation each month to stay covered. AI/ANs may face particular barriers to manage this additional red tape. For example, Arkansas required enrollees to report compliance with work requirements only using the Internet; AI/ANs are disproportionately likely to live in rural areas and more likely than other enrollees to lack Internet access.” [Center for Budget and Policy Priorities, [3/10/20](#)]

Begich Opposed The Infrastructure Investment And Jobs Act, Which Brought \$3 Billion To Alaska In A Year

Begich Opposed The Infrastructure And Jobs Act. Moderator: “Do you support the passage of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act from November 2021?” In response, Begich held up a sign reading, “No.” [YouTube, Anchorage Daily News, [24:26], [8/31/22](#)] (VIDEO)

- **Begich Called For Extending The Federal Infrastructure Spending Included In ‘The Infrastructure Bill.’** Begich: “Well, the worker shortage has been and will continue to be

exacerbated by the federal infrastructure's overspending. Federal, state, and local governments already spent half a trillion dollars a year annually on infrastructure, but the additional spending that has been unlocked threatens to re-prioritize local spending priorities and exacerbate the worker shortage. I think we need to extend the infrastructure bill spending so it doesn't have such a negative effect on the real economy, on the worker shortage, and that it's not inflationary to local industry." [YouTube, Anchorage Daily News, [12:25], [8/31/22](#)] (VIDEO)

Begich Criticized The \$1.2 Trillion Federal Infrastructure Bill Because 'Alaska Got Less Than 1% Of The Bill.' "Republican House candidate Nick Begich the Third is also borrowing from the Political Math For Dummies handbook in claiming a per-acre basis is the way to decide what is fair. They are claiming that because Alaska has nearly one-fifth of the land mass of the U.S., it should get nearly one-fifth of federal spending. 'Alaska got less than 1% of the bill,' Begich the Third told the Juneau Empire. 'Alaska got shortchanged in the bill.' 'On a per-acre basis we got the least of anyone,' Begich III said." [Dermot Cole, Reporting From Alaska, [10/29/22](#)]

Begich Emphasized Restraint In Infrastructure Spending, And Referred To Federal Spending As Separate From The "Real Economy"

Begich Emphasized Restraint In Infrastructure Spending, And Referred To Federal Spending As Separate From The 'Real Economy.' "As a Congress, we have a sacred responsibility to ensure that funds deployed to infrastructure are invested wisely and in ways that produce a clear and compelling return to the American taxpayer. We must be careful to ensure that such investments do not distort the real economy, displace pre-existing priorities by reprioritizing limited sources of labor or materials, and consider a maintenance model that sustains the initial investment over its useful life. As a supporter of hard infrastructure investments, I believe we must continue to prioritize funding that will allow Alaska to deliver on its important national roles, including food security through our fisheries, national security, energy security, and minerals security." [Juneau Empire, [8/12/22](#)]

Self-Proclaimed "Hard-Infrastructure" Supporter Begich Argued That The Infrastructure Bill Contained Too Much "Wasteful Spending"

Begich Opposed The Infrastructure Investment And Jobs Act, Calling It "Wasteful Spending."

"Begich cited the recent \$1.3 trillion infrastructure bill, which he said had enormous amounts of wasteful spending that would burden future generations by increasing the national debt. Alaska received benefits from the bill, Begich said, but there was a missed opportunity to make Alaska the leading edge of future energy transition." [Juneau Empire, [12/1/21](#)]

Begich Claimed He Opposed The Infrastructure Investment And Jobs Act Because It Gave Alaska Less Than 1% Of The Bill- But Alaska Only Had 0.2% Of The US Population. "Alaska got less than 1% of the bill," Begich III told the Juneau Empire. "Alaska got shortchanged in the bill." While Alaska had 0.2% of the US population, the Infrastructure Investment And Jobs Act would have allocated 0.6% of the funding to Alaska. Begich and Senate candidate Kelly Tshibaka argued that Alaska should receive 18% of the funding in the Infrastructure Investment And Jobs Act because the state comprised 18% of the landmass in the US. [Reporting From Alaska, [10/27/22](#)]

- **Alaska Had Received The Highest Per-Capita Funding Of Any State From The Infrastructure Investment And Jobs Act.** "This was the largest infrastructure investment in 70 years. We are receiving more per-capita funding than any other state, which is a testament to the effectiveness of our current congressional delegation." [Anchorage Daily News, [12/20/23](#)]

2022: Begich Implied He Supported The Infrastructure Investment And Jobs Act, But Expressed Concern That Funding Wasn't Focused On "Hard" Or "Long Term" Infrastructure Projects. "I am strongly supportive of real, hard infrastructure for Alaska. While this bill contained within it a number of green-new-deal styled provisions, the funds have now been authorized and are being appropriated. For Alaska to maximize the benefits of the bill, we must make certain that those projects which it funds have key components: they focus on hard infrastructure; they are long term; and they provide a maintenance model that ensures the investment is properly supported over its useful life. As Americans we have a responsibility to ourselves and to future generations to maximize the benefit of our investments in ways that provide a positive return to our citizens. Poor investment decisions are ultimately paid for in the form of higher taxes or the hidden tax of inflation. I have great concerns over the level of spending introduced by this and similar bills and will work in the Congress to ensure that investments made by the American people are of high quality." [Alaska Public Media, [8/10/22](#)]

- **Begich Claimed To Be A Supporter Of "Hard Infrastructure Projects."** "As a Congress, we have a sacred responsibility to ensure that funds deployed to infrastructure are invested wisely and in ways that produce a clear and compelling return to the American taxpayer. [...] As a supporter of hard infrastructure investments, I believe we must continue to prioritize funding that will allow Alaska to deliver on its important national roles, including food security through our fisheries, national security, energy security, and minerals security. [Juneau Empire, [8/12/22](#)]
- **Begich Said, "We Do Need Investments In Infrastructure Absolutely, But So Much Of This Is Not Used For Hard Infrastructure, It's Waste."** BEGICH: "I mean a lot of people say oh that's so wonderful, look at all the projects and look at all this money. Look, we do need investments in infrastructure absolutely, but so much of this is not used for hard infrastructure. It's waste. It's huge amounts of government waste." [YouTube, Michael Dukes Show, 1:48:36-1:48:52, [7/8/24](#)] (VIDEO)

Begich Claimed Schools Should "Tighten Their Belts" On Infrastructure Expenditures Because Teachers "Drive Learning Outcomes." "My bias is for teachers, not for infrastructure. We have teachers in this town that drive learning outcomes for our students. I think we've got some fantastic facilities but when faced with the budget challenges that we all know exists you know we're going to have to we're going to have to tighten the belt a little bit on some of those types of investments and in order to retain the the high-quality teachers." [KTVA Nawa, [3/25/16](#)]

The Infrastructure Investment And Jobs Act, In Conjunction With Other Biden Administration Bills, Brought \$8.8 Billion In Funding, 28,000 Jobs, And Clean Water To Alaska's Indigenous And Rural Communities

The Infrastructure Investment And Jobs Act Funded The Tribal Water and Sanitation Infrastructure Project, Which Worked To Improve Water Systems For Alaska Native Communities. "Tribal Water and Sanitation Infrastructure: The Indian Health Service (IHS) announced allocation decisions for \$700 million to support crucial sanitation projects that will result in substantial improvements to clean water and sanitation systems in American Indian and Alaska Native communities across the country. IHS will allocate \$700 million in each fiscal year from FY 2022 through FY 2026, for a total of \$3.5 billion for the IHS Sanitation Facilities Construction Program." [White House, [11/15/22](#)]

Biden Administration Policies Brought \$8.8 Billion In Infrastructure Investments To Alaska. "\$8.8 Billion in public investments in clean energy, infrastructure, and manufacturing under the Biden-Harris Administration." [White House, [7/1/24](#)]

28,800 New Jobs Were Created In Alaska Under The Biden Administration. “4.5% unemployment rate with 28.8 thousand new jobs created under the Biden Administration.” [White House, [7/1/24](#)]

The Biden Administration Nearly Doubled The Amount Of Federal Funding That Trump Brought To Alaska. “During the three years of the Biden administration Alaska has received \$65.9 billion in investment through federal spending. In the entirety of the Trump administration, this investment totaled \$36.2 billion. These recent investments reflect the belief of our government that Alaska is vitally important to the geopolitical and economic future of the country. [Anchorage Daily News, [12/22/](#)]

Every Member Of The Alaskan Delegation Supported The Infrastructure Investment And Jobs Act

Murkowski, Sullivan, And Young Supported The Infrastructure Investment And Jobs Act, Which Brought \$3 Billion To Alaska In A Year. “The \$1.2 trillion federal infrastructure law that Sens. Lisa Murkowski, Dan Sullivan and the late Rep. Don Young crossed party lines to support a year ago has already brought nearly \$3 billion to Alaska.” [Reporting From Alaska, [10/27/22](#)]

Begich Said Don Young Had “No Fiscal Discipline” In Reference To The Infrastructure Investment And Jobs Act. “Don Young has rarely seen a spending program that he doesn’t like,” Begich told the Empire in a phone interview Wednesday. “There’s just been no fiscal discipline.”[...]“Seniority counts only if you show up to do the job,” Begich said. “Don Young is saying through his actions that he can’t do the job and he’s ready for a change.” [Juneau Empire, [12/1/21](#)]

- **Young “Showed Begich The Ropes” In DC By Offering Him An Internship In Washington DC.** “Young agreed to show Begich the ropes in Washington last year so he could decide whether to run, Begich told E&E News this week. The internship, which Begich describes as a way for him to get temporary access to Young’s office, afforded the aspiring lawmaker a glossy badge and coveted access to the corridors of the U.S. Capitol. Begich”asked Don Young to join our office & shadow the Dean to learn how Congress works,” Brown wrote. “Begich was planning on primarying Young all along. He used DY & staff to secure inside info.” [E&E News, [10/28/22](#)]
- **2022: Don Young Slammed Begich, Saying He Was Not Loyal Or Honest.** “I hired that young man [Begich] to show him the ropes, run for the job, don’t run against me [...] it’s not loyalty, nor is it honest [...] That’s a person I don’t want to serve me in Congress,” Young said.” [Juneau Empire, [10/27/22](#)]

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Begich Criticized The Anchorage Local Government For Taking Out Bonds To Pay For School Busses Because It Raised Property Taxes. “In Anchorage, you know, one of the things that concerns me and concerns a lot of the people that I speak with is the manner in which we bond things. Bonds are a major driver of our property taxes in this town. When I see things like IP cameras, when I see things like school buses, these are things that on the grand scale are relatively moderate to minor expenditures. Do we really need to bond these? Aren’t these foreseeable -shouldn’t they be fit within the scope of the existing budget? So once you start fitting those maintenance things that we should be putting in the budget- according to several people- something else has got to go.” [KTVA News, [3/25/16](#)]

Beginch Opposed The Inflation Reduction Act And Said The U.S. Could Get Through High Inflation By Embracing Sound Money And Restricting The Ability To Print Money

Beginch Opposed The Inflation Reduction Act. Moderator: "Do you support the passage of the Inflation Reduction Act, August of 2022?" In response, Beginch held up a sign reading, "No." [YouTube, Anchorage Daily News, [24:34], [8/31/22](#)] (VIDEO)

Beginch Said The U.S. Could Get Through High Inflation By Embracing Sound Money And Restricting The Ability To Print Money. BEGINCH: "If we have to go through a situation where the dollar loses its reserve currency status, we see inflation, you know, run even higher than it has in the last few years, those will obviously be bad outcomes but we can get out of that situation long term by making better political decisions, adopting a sounder fiscal and monetary policy, embracing sound money, and restricting our own ability to attempt to print our way out of situations." [YouTube, Michael Dukes Show, 1:40:54-1:41:26, [8/5/24](#)] (VIDEO)

Beginch Would Strengthen The US Economy If Elected By Telling The Federal Reserve To Stop "Money Printing" And Cut Down On "Wasteful Spending". "Inflation's root cause can be traced directly to an unprecedented level of economic stimulus and wasteful spending introduced by the Congress, exacerbated by an overly accommodative Federal Reserve which purchased newly issued debt by increasing the money supply (i.e. "money printing"). Economic strength is not driven by loose fiscal and monetary policy, rather it is driven by fundamental factors of labor force participation, productivity, smart investment, innovation, and comparative advantage. In this respect, Alaska's resources have the potential to play a critical role. Failing to develop these resources leaves the nation's future to the whims of rivals and adversaries. We must pursue an all-of-the-above development strategy for Alaskan resources as a basis for restoring domestic, vertically-integrated supply chains that will drive U.S. manufacturing, enhance job creation, and deliver generational prosperity. To do this, we must make an articulate and persuasive case for Alaska." [Alaska Public Media, [8/10/22](#)]

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Beginch Agreed "100%" That The Federal Government Was Wrong To Block Pebble Mine Development And Supported A Lawsuit Seeking "Billions Of Dollars" From The Federal Government In Response. Kelly: "We have a mine, called Pebble Mine, that could be developed in Alaska. But it's been a great source of controversy because there's some conflicting views over whether developing Pebble Mine would jeopardize a very, very lucrative and essential fishing area up here in Alaska [...] What I do not support is the federal government coming in with a preemptive veto, not listening to the voices of the natives who live in the region, not listening to the voices of the people here in Alaska who've studied it, not listening to the voices of the people who understand the fish in Bristol Bay, not listening to any of them, and just imposing their decree as bureaucrats from Washington, D.C. without even stepping foot in the area, Nick, and saying, 'No, we know better as Washington, D.C. bureaucrats, as government officials from on high, to decide what you're gonna do with your resources in D.C.' And Mary Peltola just introduced an act to support permanent preemptive vetoes from the federal government on Alaska's development of resources." [...] Beginch: "100%. I couldn't have said it any better and I totally

agree with everything you just said, and let me just add one additional piece to that. You know, the administration, our gubernatorial administration, is actually suing the federal government because of this attempted preemptive veto of the project out in that region of our state. And they're suing for hundreds of billions of dollars, because when the state selected these lands, they did so at statehood because they recognized the mineral potential for this region [...] and at the same time that we have this lawsuit going forward, we have Mary Peltola trying to take it off the table." [Rumble, STAND_Show, [23:12], [6/19/24](#)]

When Asked If He Supported "Development Of The Pebble Mine," Begich Said "A Scientific, Lawful, And Comprehensive Process Must Determine This Outcome." "To help Alaskans sort through the dozens of options, we're asking each candidate where they stand on the issues. Here's how they responded, in their own words, to the following questions on natural resource development: [...] Do you want to see ... (Please answer yes or no. If needed, add an explanation of no more than 10 words.) [...] 2. Development of the Pebble Mine? [...] Nick Begich (R): [...] Pebble? 'A scientific, lawful, and comprehensive process must determine this outcome.'" [KTOO, [6/2/22](#)]

Begich Refused To Take A Position On Pebble Mines, Offering That A "Scientific, Lawful, And Comprehensive Process" Should Determine The Outcome. "Nick Begich (R): Pebble? 'A scientific, lawful, and comprehensive process must determine this outcome.'" [KTOO, [6/2/22](#)]

- **360 Scientists Signed A Letter To The EPA Urging The Agency To Reject Pebble Mine Development.** "A whopping 360 scientists from Canada, Poland, Australia, the contiguous United States and elsewhere in the world are pleading with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) en masse not to approve the Pebble Mine development in Bristol Bay, Alaska... The letter was sparked by the EPA's final assessment of the project, which came out in mid-January and concluded that 'large-scale mining in the Bristol Bay watershed poses risks to salmon and the tribal communities that have depended on them for thousands of years.'" [ICT News, [9/13/18](#)]

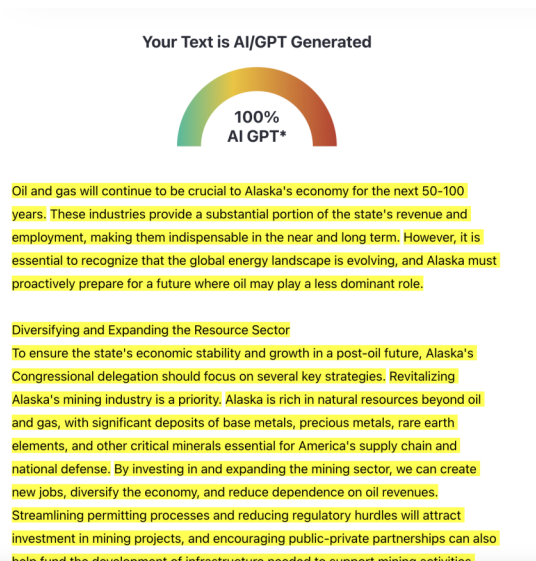
Begich Did Not Respond To Alaskans For Bristol Bay Action's Questionnaire And Did "Not Have A Public Record On Pebble Mine." "This year's special election for Alaska's only seat in the U.S. House will play an important role in the fate of Bristol Bay. For more than 20 years, the region has lived under threat from the disastrous Pebble Mine, which would poison the watershed with billions of tons of toxic waste, destroying one of the last great salmon runs on Earth, wiping out thousands of jobs, and devastating communities that have thrived in the region for generations. We asked the candidates if they would stand with Alaskans and help protect Bristol Bay. [...] The following candidates did not respond to the questionnaire and do not have a public record on Pebble Mine, so we ask 'Whose Side Are They On?' [...] Nick Begich III (R)." [Alaskans for Bristol Bay Action, accessed [9/13/22](#)]

Begich Claimed He Wanted To Support The Mining Industry And Reduce The Industry's Regulatory Burden. "Improving Availability of Resource Jobs: This involves supporting industries such as oil, gas, mining, fishing, and timber and ensuring they can operate efficiently and sustainably. Reducing regulatory burdens and providing incentives for companies to invest in these sectors will create more job opportunities, boost local economies, and help lower the cost of living." [Alaska Beacon, Accessed [9/10/24](#)]

Begich Wanted To Diversify The Mining Industry By Investing In Projects That Would Mine Base Metals, Precious Metals, And Rare Earth Metals. "Alaska is rich in natural resources beyond oil and gas, with significant deposits of base metals, precious metals, rare earth elements, and other critical minerals essential for America's supply chain and national defense. By investing in and expanding the

mining sector, we can create new jobs, diversify the economy, and reduce dependence on oil revenues. [Alaska Beacon, [Accessed 9/10/24](#)]

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Begich Adopted An Exaggerated Complaint About The Biden Administration's Use Of Executive Orders, Including Counting The Pebble Mine Rejection Order Three Times. "Nick Begich the Third, who finished second in the primary election for Congress, has adopted the Sen. Dan Sullivan canard that the Biden administration has crippled our economy by restricting resource development and has now issued 66 executive orders specifically targeting Alaska. As I've made clear here before, 66 is an imaginary number...President Biden's rejection of the oil leases in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and the Ambler Road are each counted six times, while the Pebble mine and the roadless rule in the Tongass are each counted three times." [Dermot Cole, [8/24/24](#)]

The Environmental Damage From Pebble Mine Would Threaten Alaska's Salmon Industry

The Environmental Damage From Pebble Mine Would Threaten Alaska's Salmon Industry. "A mining company plans to dig a pit, more than a mile square and a third of a mile deep, over two decades to obtain the metals, estimated to be worth at least \$300 billion. Supporters say the project, known as the Pebble Mine, would be an economic boost for a remote region that has missed out on the North Slope oil boom and other resource-extraction development in the state over the past half century. [...] But opposition has long been widespread, both in the region and statewide, with concerns about environmental damage and the potential for harming another critical resource: salmon. The fish is the main traditional subsistence food for many of the Alaska Natives in the region and the basis of both a thriving sport-fishing industry and, in nearby Bristol Bay, one of the largest commercial wild salmon fisheries in the world." [The New York Times, [7/24/20](#)]

Begich Supported The Overturning Of The *Chevron* Deference, Which Would Likely Make It More Difficult To Regulate Workplace Safety

Begich Called The Overturning Of Chevron Deference A “Great Development.” BEGICH: “Chevron deference being overturned, that’s a great development for us and it works in our long-term interest.” [YouTube, Anchorage Daily News, 5:37-5:43, [8/28/24](#)] (VIDEO)

Begich Supported The Overturn Of Chevron Deference. Begich: “For the industry Chevron deference being overturned that’s a great development for us and it works in our long-term interest, but we have got to do more at the end of the day. We need Congress to step up in their role and provide prescriptive language in the aftermath of Chevron Deference being overturned and ensure that the rights of Alaskans to develop our own resources are locked in law and don’t move from one Administration.” [Youtube, Anchorage Daily News, [8/28/24](#)]

Begich: “The Left In This Country Has Weaponized... The Carbon Lie,” And Congress Must Use The Repeal Of Chevron Deference To Push Back Against “The Carbon Lie.” “A carbon zero Aviation sector by 2050, yeah these are unrealistic, and I’m not even sure they should be goals at all. We look at how the left in this country has weaponized what I’m going to call the ‘carbon lie’ or the carbon economy right and they’ve weaponized it for every against everyone in this room they are trying to use these methodologies to shut us down and the first thing that you got to do is you got to be willing to stand up in the Congress and call them out on this. You can’t accept the lie on its face right? And I’m willing to do that, I’m willing to do it here. I’m willing to do it in DC. Secondly we’ve got to use our power on the resources committee to make sure that we are passing bills that repeal these attempted actions. We’ve talked about Chevron deference and the restoration of powers to the Congress. Well, now the Congress has to use those powers. We’ve got to use those powers in committee to make sure that on ‘must-pass’ legislation, we’re pushing back against ‘the carbon lie’ and that’s what I’m going to do.” [Youtube, Anchorage Daily News, [8/28/24](#)]

Begich Supported The Supreme Court’s Decision To Overturn *Chevron*. Begich: “The recent Supreme Court decision to overturn Chevron deference should allow Alaska to move more quickly in deploying new infrastructure, as it reduces the bureaucratic hurdles that have previously slowed down such projects.” [Alaska Beacon, Candidate Survey, [Accessed 9/10/24](#)]

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Oil and gas will continue to be crucial to Alaska's economy for the next 50-100 years. These industries provide a substantial portion of the state's revenue and employment, making them indispensable in the near and long term. However, it is essential to recognize that the global energy landscape is evolving, and Alaska must proactively prepare for a future where oil may play a less dominant role.

Diversifying and Expanding the Resource Sector

To ensure the state's economic stability and growth in a post-oil future, Alaska's Congressional delegation should focus on several key strategies. Revitalizing Alaska's mining industry is a priority. Alaska is rich in natural resources beyond oil and gas, with significant deposits of base metals, precious metals, rare earth elements, and other critical minerals essential for America's supply chain and national defense. By investing in and expanding the mining sector, we can create new jobs, diversify the economy, and reduce dependence on oil revenues. Streamlining permitting processes and reducing regulatory hurdles will attract investment in mining projects, and encouraging public-private partnerships can also help fund the development of infrastructure needed to support mining activities.

[Zero GPT, [Accessed 9/10/24](#)]

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The Chevron Doctrine “Made It Easier For The Federal Government To Regulate The Environment, Public Health, Workplace Safety And Consumer Protections.” “The Supreme Court on Friday upended a 40-year-old decision that made it easier for the federal government to regulate the environment, public health, workplace safety and consumer protections, delivering a far-reaching and potentially lucrative victory to business interests. The court’s six conservative justices overturned the 1984 decision colloquially known as Chevron, long a target of conservatives who have been motivated as much by weakening the regulatory state as social issues including abortion. The liberal justices were in dissent.” [Associated Press, [6/28/24](#)]

Overturning *Chevron* Would Likely Make It More Difficult To Regulate Workplace Safety. “Executive branch agencies will likely have more difficulty regulating the environment, public health, workplace safety and other issues under a far-reaching decision by the Supreme Court. The court’s 6-3 ruling on Friday overturned a 1984 decision colloquially known as Chevron that has instructed lower courts to defer to federal agencies when laws passed by Congress are not crystal clear.” [Associated Press, [6/28/24](#)]

Beginich Lauded “What Javier Milei Has Done In Argentina” To “Radically Cut Government” — A Move That Left More Than Half Of Argentinians Living In Poverty

Beginich Said “There’s Hope” Because Of “What Javier Milei Has Done In Argentina” To “Radically Cut Government.” BEGINICH: “There’s hope because if you look at what Javier Milei has done in Argentina, here’s a nation that had runaway inflation for quite some time. It’s been, I believe, decades since they’ve been able to stabilize prices. He came in radically cut government, radically cut government. People said it couldn’t be done, oh this will destroy the nation, et cetera. What happens just a few months later? Prices stabilize.” [YouTube, Michael Dukes Show, 1:50:23-1:50:48, [7/8/24](#)] (VIDEO)

July 2024: 57% Of Argentinians Lived In Poverty And Annual Inflation Surpassed 270%. “Poverty now afflicts a staggering 57% of Argentina’s 47 million people, and annual inflation surpasses 270% — a level unseen in a generation.” [Associated Press, [7/24/24](#)]

Milei’s Cuts Led To Skyrocketing Prices Coupled With Huge Job Losses And Pension Reductions

Milei Slashed Subsidies For Electricity And Transportation, Causing Prices To Skyrocket. “He slashed subsidies for electricity, fuel and transportation, causing prices to skyrocket in a country that already had one of the world’s highest inflation rates.” [Associated Press, [7/24/24](#)]

Milei Laid Off Over 70,000 Public Sector Workers And Cut Pensions By 30%. “He laid off over 70,000 public sector workers, cut pensions by 30% and froze infrastructure projects, pushing the country deeper into recession.” [Associated Press, [7/24/24](#)]

[2024: Begich Laid Off Workers At His Software Company To Facilitate His Run For Congress](#)

2024: Begich Said “All Of My Employees Have Been Laid Off” So That He Could Run For Congress. “I still own a software development company that had five offices around the world. As I ran for Congress, it became abundantly clear I couldn’t run that company and run for Congress at the same time. All of my employees have been laid off in that company.” [The Michael Dukes Show, [6/10/24](#)]

[Begich Was “Thrilled” To Be Endorsed By Ramaswamy, Who Said Begich Signed His American Truth Pledge To Cut Nearly 20,000 Alaska Jobs](#)

Begich Said He Was “So Thrilled” To Announce His Endorsement By Ramaswamy. BEGICH: “I am so thrilled to announce this morning that we have received the endorsement of Vivek Ramaswamy.” [YouTube, Must Read Alaska, 12:06-12:16, [6/3/24](#)]

Begich Said He “Really Loved” How Ramaswamy Was “Extraordinarily Articulate” And “Unapologetic.” BEGICH: “What I really love about Vivek’s message is A) he’s extraordinarily articulate b) He’s unapologetic in his delivery of his message and his message is focused on America first. In DC we’re told we need to be giving all this aid to other nations.” [YouTube, Must Read Alaska, 12:27-37, [6/3/24](#)]

Begich Said That He Has “Tremendous Amount Of Respect For Vivek.” BEGICH: “That was huge. I have a tremendous amount of respect for Vivek. He is extraordinarily articulate.” [YouTube, Michael Dukes Show, 21:50- [2/19/24](#)]

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Thank you @VivekGRamaswamy for your strong support! By putting the people of America FIRST, our great nation will be more prosperous and free. Alaska has an important role to play in our national resurgence, and I'll be proud to fight every day for Alaska in DC!



Vivek Ramaswamy
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Vivek Ramaswamy's Pledge Included A "Hard Commitment" To Favor A 75% Reduction Of "Federal And State Bureaucrats." "I'm honored by the influx of endorsement requests. But let's be honest, most endorsements are meaningless, so here's what we're doing: any candidate whom I endorse in this cycle will make a *hard commitment* to the following principles. 1. The people we elect to run government should actually run the government. a. Favor 75% headcount reduction of federal & state bureaucrats." [Twitter, @VivekGRamaswamy, [2/13/24](#)]



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1. The people we elect to run government should actually run the government.
 - a. Favor 75% headcount reduction of federal & state bureaucrats.
 - b. If it's state action in disguise, the Constitution still applies: The U.S. government cannot use private companies to do through the back door what government could not get done through the front door under the law.
 - c. Shut down irreparable government agencies.
2. The first & only moral duty of U.S. leaders is to U.S. citizens.
 - a. Homeland defense should be the top priority of all national defense spending.
 - b. End foreign aid to any country whose national debt per citizen is less than ours & defund international institutions hostile to U.S. sovereignty.
 - c. Require disclosure of dual citizenship for all public officials to expose any conflicts of interest.
3. Public service is about serving the public, not oneself.
 - a. End trading of individual stocks by members of Congress and bureaucrats.
 - b. 10-year ban on lobbying for politicians and bureaucrats. Ban corporate board memberships for entities they regulated.
 - c. 8-year term limits for elected officials and bureaucrats.
4. The absence of national pride is an existential threat to our nation's future — we must fill that void.
 - a. Every high school senior should be able to pass the same civics test that every immigrant must pass to become a voting citizen in this country.
 - b. Veterans' benefits and military compensation should be tax-free.
 - c. Shut down the Department of Education & put that money back into parents' pockets to empower educational choice.

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A 75% Reduction Of Federal And State Employees Would Mean A Loss Of 19,048 Alaskan Jobs

Alaska Had 10,398 Federal Employees. [U.S. Office of Personnel Management, accessed [6/7/24](#)]

Alaska Had 15,000 State Employees. [Alaska Department of Administration, accessed [6/7/24](#)]

Begich Suggested The Jones Act Be Repealed, Which The Hudson Institute Warned Could Create “Security Risks” That Alaska Would Bear The Brunt Of

Begich: “I Believe The Jones Act Should Be Repealed.” Host: “What about a carveout for the Jones Act?” Begich: “I took heck from the shipping industry in the last election cycle. I believe the Jones Act should be repealed. I believe it’s a hidden tax on Alaskans. It was supposed to be temporary. 29:40: Host:”This is a direct government subsidy to American ship builders.” Begich: “Not only has it passed on an enormous cost, but it actually makes the shipbuilding industry in the long run less competitive. I think if we approached this from a free market perspective, there would be a way to smartly phase this out. When you open things up to the forces of competition, we win.” [YouTube, Michael Dukes Show, [7/20/23](#)]

The Hudson Institute Suggested Repealing The Jones Act Would Cause “Serious And Negative Impacts On American Security.” “The serious and negative impacts on American security that a Jones Act repeal would produce should, in the current geopolitical context, end discussion of that subject, but it is important to include an addendum. The core fallacy that led some to think that American shipping and

shipbuilding industries are uncompetitive (or that repealing the Jones Act would strengthen rather than weaken American security) has also led to many other claims that defy common sense.” [The Hudson Institute, [5/30/24](#)]

Alaskans “Would Bear The Costs Of The Greater Security Risks.” “On the contrary, all Alaskans, Hawaiians, and Puerto Ricans would bear the costs of the greater security risks that would result from transferring those key jobs away from American workers and exposing those communities’ maritime connections with the US mainland to foreign control.” [The Hudson Institute, [5/30/24](#)]

Begich’s Employees At FarShore Partners Were Overwhelmingly Located In India While He Was The Only One Based Out Of Alaska

May 2006-Present: Begich Served As Founder, CEO, And Executive Chairman Of FarShore Partners. [LinkedIn, Nicholas Begich III, [Accessed 9/7/24](#)]

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FarShore Partners
18 yrs 5 mos
Chicago, Anchorage, Zagreb, Osijek, Madurai, Chennai

- Executive Chairman**
Dec 2020 - Present · 3 yrs 10 mos
Responsible for long-term corporate planning, executive coaching, process definition, and situational opportunities.
- CEO & Founder**
May 2006 - Dec 2020 · 14 yrs 8 mos
 - Developed Global Software Technology Organization to over 140 full-time salaried team members.
 - Delivered 3,500+ software development projects for 400+ clients.
 - Teams include Design, Architecture, Project Management, Development, Testing, and Infrastructure supporting applications on Mobile, Web, and Desktop.

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September 2024: Out Of FarShore’s 121 Employees, 115 Of Them Were In India And Only Four Were In The U.S., According To LinkedIn. [LinkedIn, FarShore Partners, [Accessed 9/7/24](#)]





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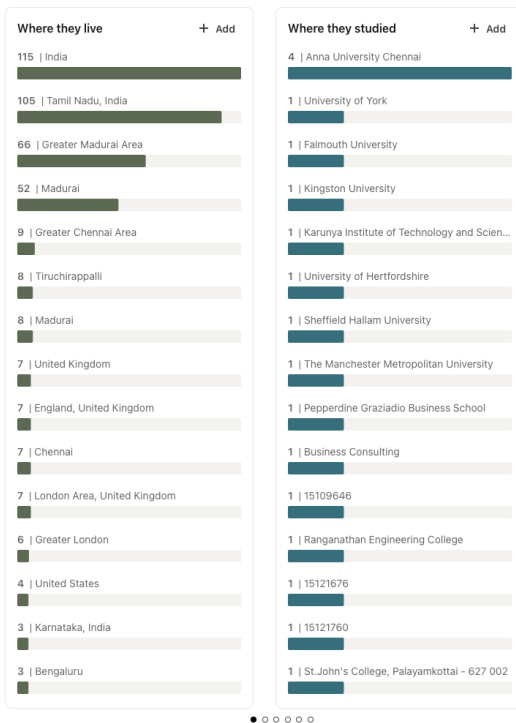
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Begich Was The Only FarShore Employee Listed As Being Based Out Of Alaska. [LinkedIn, FarShore Partners, [Accessed 9/7/24](#); Nicholas Begich III, [Accessed 9/7/24](#)]

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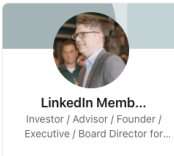
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Begich: “We Have To Recognize We Live In A Global World, Right? [...] I Think We Do Well To Remember That Here In Alaska We’re Part Of A Global Community.” ““We have to recognize we live in a global world, right?’ he said when asked if he has concerns about creating jobs in other countries,

even as his payroll includes no Alaskans but himself. ‘I think we do well to remember that here in Alaska we’re part of a global community.’” [Alaska Dispatch News, [8/8/22](#)]

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**Nick Begich**
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45 MILLION ACRES. This is the amount of land returned to Alaska's native people under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA). In the 50+ years following its passage, much has been achieved, but much remains to be done:

- Many land conveyances remain incomplete.
- Basic infrastructure like roads and rail have yet to connect rural communities.
- Promising economic prospects remain underexplored or tied up in legal disputes.
- Sadly, a significant portion of residents within Alaska's rural villages remain at or below the poverty line.

The Left has attempted to deny Alaska's first people their rightful inheritance by pressing rural Alaska not to develop its own resources. In so doing they offer these communities greater reliance on federal programs in exchange for their profound legacy of self-sufficiency. No one in Alaska should be without work or core services. No child in our state should go without - and if we develop Alaska's untapped resources, none will. We can have generational prosperity or generational poverty. The choice is ours.

In Congress, I will fight for Alaska's right to chart its OWN course.



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Education

Education Highlights

- Begich called for Alaskans to reject federal support despite rural schools being forced to make budget cuts.
- Begich supported eliminating the Federal Department of Education.
- Begich was at odds with 70% of Alaskans who thought Alaskan Schools did not have enough funding.
- Begich claimed schools should “tighten their belts” on infrastructure expenditures.
- Begich was endorsed by Jamie Allard, who was known for being “the biggest roadblock to a permanent increase in education funding.”

As Alaska Schools Struggle For Funding, Begich Called For Alaskans To Say “No” To Federal Support, A Move That Could Endanger At Least \$425 Million

HEADLINE: “With Hope Fading For Additional State Education Funding, Alaska’s Rural School Districts Prepare To Make Difficult Cuts.” [Anchorage Daily News, [3/24/24](#)]

HEADLINE: “Alaska Schools Making Drastic Cuts In Wake Of Governor’s Veto, School Administrators Council Says.” [Alaska Public Media, [4/8/24](#)]

HEADLINE: “My Turn: Alaska’s Deepest Trouble Is Nonsupport Of Education.” [Juneau Empire, OP-ED, Art Petersen, [3/21/24](#)]

HEADLINE: “Alaska School Administrators Urge Action On ‘Crisis’ In Teacher Hiring And Turnover.” [Alaska Public Media, [2/5/24](#)]

Begich Criticized Alaska’s Department Of Education And Supported The Elimination Of The Federal Department Of Education

Begich Criticized The Department Of Education In Alaska, Questioning Their Funding And Saying “This Is The Problem With Them.” BEGICH: “The reality is we’ve made a deal with the devil by relying so heavily on the federal government. We have allowed them to exert an extent of control over a state that prides itself on self reliance. When the feds down in DC know that they’ve got us, they’re going to use that leverage. This is the problem with the Department of Education. You can get the money, but you’re going to have to follow our rules. Then you have people locally who are trying to use this as a political tool to change the way the state works.” [YouTube, Michael Dukes Show, [4/1/24](#)]

Begich Wanted To Eliminate The Federal Department Of Education. Host: “Can you name two or three federal agencies that you would be in favor of defunding and disbanding?” Begich: “Yeah, I think the U.S. Department of Education is right at the top of the list. And this is not to say I don’t believe we shouldn’t be funding education. Of course we should. But the role of the federal government in funding

education is dubious at best. Prior to Jimmy Carter, we didn't have a Department of Education, and we managed to educate folks just fine. Here in Alaska, in fact, we were one of the top states in the country for education in the early '70s. Since the funding of the Department of Education, what we've seen is, as with all government, scope creep. So federal monies are dangled out there but they're dangled out there with strings attached. And from presidency to presidency, we continue to see ideological weaponization of the federal government through the Department of Education. So for example, the Biden administration has attempted to utilize the Department of Education funding as a way to push through transgenderism in schools and to influence sex education in schools. And if you're gonna have funding from the federal government for education, the Department of Education should be eliminated, and if there's funding, it should come in the form of block grants to allow the states to do what they believe is best for their own folks." [Rumble, AnimalAK, [20:47], [1/17/24](#)]

Begich Called For Saying "No" To Federal Programs. BEGICH: "Instead of saying yes to every federal program that comes our way, we need to say no, we're not going to be complicit in the destruction of this country." [YouTube, Michael Dukes Show, 1:13:00-1:13:21, [4/1/24](#)]

Begich Argued That All Federal Education Funding Should Come In The Form Of Block Grants. "Any federal education funding should come in the form of block grants to the states, allowing a greater level of local control over how such funds are deployed in the classroom." [Ballotpedia, [Accessed 9/15/24](#)]

- **A Study Of Federal Block Grants For Education Found That The Tendency To Disperse Funding Across A Wide Range Of Programs Mitigated The Usefulness Of The Policy Mechanism.** "The block grant has helped to expand the use of educational technology, bolstered curriculum and staff development, and provided seed funding for local improvement initiatives among large numbers of districts. The scale of improvements, however, is modest at best, due to the low levels of funding and the tendency for districts to disperse, rather than concentrate, the funds among activities and beneficiaries. In addition, not all districts or segments of the student population benefit. In general, the block grant appears to trade depth of impact for breadth, which raises questions about the longterm viability or usefulness of this policy mechanism." [Educational Improvement Under the Education Block Grant, [12/1/87](#)]

Begich Served As A Fellow At The Club For Growth, Which Advocated For The Abolition Of The Department Of Education

Begich Said He "Recently Completed A Fellowship With The Club For Growth, America's Leading Free-Enterprise, Limited-Government Advocacy Group." "As a lifelong Republican, Nick Begich has held a variety of professional and political roles with the intent of growing opportunity through entrepreneurship. [...] Additionally, Nick recently completed a Fellowship with the Club for Growth, America's leading free-enterprise, limited-government advocacy group." [Nick Begich for Congress, [Archived 3/1/22](#)]

MEET NICK BEGICH

As a lifelong Republican, Nick Begich has held a variety of professional and political roles with the intent of growing opportunity through entrepreneurship. Nick served as a co-chair for Congressman Don Young's 2020 re-election campaign, the 2020 OneAlaska campaign, and the Alaska Republican Party's Finance Committee.

Nick has served on the board for the Alaska Policy Forum, an organization dedicated to advancing opportunity through economic liberty and individual freedom. Additionally, Nick recently completed a Fellowship with the Club for Growth, America's leading free-enterprise, limited-government advocacy group. He has served for 5 years as a Board Director for MTA, one of the nation's largest telecommunications cooperatives, and recently completed his 4th year as the MTA Foundation's Board President.

[Nick Begich for Congress, [Archived 3/1/22](#)]

Begich's LinkedIn Page Listed His Location As "Washington, District Of Columbia" When He Served As A Fellow At Club For Growth Starting In June 2020. [LinkedIn, Nicholas Begich III, [Accessed 9/7/24](#)]



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The Club For Growth Listed The Abolition Of The Department Of Education As Their Primary Policy Goal In Education. "Policy Recommendations: Close down the U.S. Department of Education and end the federal government's role in education. Take further steps to empower parents through choice of schools. Continue and improve the charter school system. Provide school vouchers to give more control and choice to parents. [Club For Growth, [Accessed 9/13/24](#)]

Abolishing The Department Of Education Was A Key Pillar Of Project 2025. In chapter 11 of the Heritage Foundation's Project 2025, author Lindsey Burke stated "the federal Department of Education should be eliminated." [Project 2025, [Accessed 9/9/24](#)]

April 2024: Alaska Was At Risk Of Losing \$425 Million In Funding From The Federal Government

Alaska Was At Risk For Losing \$425 Million In Federal Government Support From The Department Of Education For Their Schools. "Education funding for the State of Alaska has hit another roadblock as the U.S. Department of Education (ED) has designated Alaska as a 'high-risk' grantee... Unless that happens, Alaska could lose \$425 million in federal funding." [Newscenter Fairbanks, [4/1/24](#)]

Begich Claimed Alaskan Schools Already Had "Substantial Funding", Despite The More Than 70% Of Alaskans Said They Supported Increasing Funding To Alaska Schools

Begich Claimed Alaskan Schools Already Had “Substantial Funding” And Would Improve Only With Increased Competition. “In spite of years of effort and substantial funding, Alaska's schools consistently rank among the worst in the country. As a result, young Alaskans are deprived of the skills needed to succeed in years that follow. Parents must have the opportunity to place their children in the educational environment that best meets their needs and gives those children the best chance at success. To do this, we must encourage healthy competition among schools inclusive of public, private, and homeschool options and ensure that funding follows the student.” [Ballotpedia , [Accessed 9/15/24](#)]

Polling Found That 77% Of Alaskans Would Like The State To Permanently Increase Funding For Schools. “The \$37,500 poll he commissioned from Dittman Research said that 77% of Alaskans would like the state to permanently increase funding for schools. Just under 40% of the people surveyed reported having school-aged children.” [Alaska Beacon, [4/11/24](#)]

Dunleavy Vetoed Legislation That Would Have Raised State Education Funding Significantly For The First Time Years. “Gov. Mike Dunleavy has vetoed a bipartisan bill that would have raised state education funding significantly for the first time in years. In a statement late Thursday evening, Dunleavy said the bill ‘lacked sufficient changes in how charter schools are chartered in order to allow more students and families charter school possibilities.’” [Alaska Public Media, [3/14/24](#)]

Begich Supported School Voucher Programs, Despite Research Showing That Vouchers Subsidized Wealthier Families And Reinforced Existing Socioeconomic Disparities

Begich Supported School Vouchers For Use In Faith Based And Private Education. “Nick Begich, who is Palin’s Republican opponent, has long supported school vouchers. He is a product of a private Christian school education, through 12th grade, but his family did not use vouchers, as they were not available when he was in school. Vouchers allow families to move their children to non-government schools and have the money follow the child. Begich believes that school funding should follow the child and be able to be used for both faith-based or private education.” [Must Read Alaska, [7/19/22](#)]

Begich Was Slated To Speak At An Event Hosted By National School Choice Week And Alaskans For Choice In Education. “Hosted by National School Choice Week and Brave Nation in collaboration with Alaskans for Choice in Education, [...]raising awareness about learning choices from local public schools to learning pods. Guest speakers will include prominent Alaskans such as Kelly Tshibaka and Nick Begich.” [PR Newswire, [1/13/23](#)]

Voucher Programs Subsidize Wealthier Families With Students Already In Private School Systems Without Meaningfully Increasing Mobility For Public School Students

School Voucher Programs Subsidized Students From Wealthier Families At The Expense Of Public Schools And Families With Lower Income. “Increasingly, voucher proponents have turned to more complex, expensive proposals to subsidize education — primarily for wealthy families — at the expense of public schools. A recent study of school voucher programs in Arizona, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Louisiana, Ohio, and Wisconsin shows how state spending increased by hundreds of millions of dollars annually between 2008 and 2019, according to the Southern Poverty Law Center, Education Law Center, and Public Funds Public Schools. Evidence also shows these policies are not well-targeted toward students from families with low incomes, who often face the greatest barriers to navigating the voucher application process and do little to help these students. If they do get into other schools, it can be a challenge to find transportation. [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, [3/21/23](#)]

In The First Universal-Eligibility Voucher Program In The US, Only 25% Of Applicants Were Enrolled In Public Schools. “Voucher programs often benefit those students already enrolled in private school. Arizona enacted the nation’s first universal-eligibility voucher last year, making all students in the state eligible for the program regardless of income level or other form of need. The state’s Department of Education recently found that 75 percent of children applying for the new universal program were not enrolled in the public school system.” [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, [3/21/23](#)]

Voucher Programs Racially And Socioeconomically Segregate The Education System. “Racist in origin, school vouchers perpetuate existing disparities in our K-12 funding and tax systems to further racially and socioeconomically segregate our education system.[2] Following the U.S. Supreme Court’s 1954 decision in Brown v. Board of Education, Southern states funded school vouchers to allow white students to avoid legal orders to integrate and attend private academies (also known as segregation academies at the time).[3] Virginia was the first state to adopt tuition grants, and many of those same academies still exist as private schools in the state, while public schools that serve a disproportionate share of Black students continue to be underfunded.” [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, [3/21/23](#)]

[Begich Supported A “National School Choice Tax Credit”](#)

Begich Supported A “National School Choice Tax Credit.” QUESTION: “Would you support establishing a national school choice tax credit (i.e. Educational Choice for Children Act) that allows families to access scholarships through private donations to help their child attend a K-12 school that best meets his or her needs?” BEGICH: “Yes” [Alaska Family Action, 2024 U.S. House Candidate Survey, [7/15/24](#)]

[Begich Opposed Measures That Funded School Busses In Anchorage, And Claimed Schools Should “Tighten Their Belts” On Infrastructure Expenditures](#)

Begich Criticized The Anchorage Local Government For Taking Out Bonds To Pay For School Busses Because It Raised Property Taxes. “In Anchorage, you know, one of the things that concerns me and concerns a lot of the people that I speak with is the manner in which we bond things. Bonds are a major driver of our property taxes in this town. When I see things like IP cameras, when I see things like school buses, these are things that on the grand scale are relatively moderate to minor expenditures. Do we really need to bond these? Aren’t these foreseeable -shouldn’t they be fit within the scope of the existing budget? So once you start fitting those maintenance things that we should be putting in the budget- according to several people- something else has got to go.” [KTVA Nawa, [3/25/16](#)]

Begich Claimed Schools Should “Tighten Their Belts” On Infrastructure Expenditures Because Teachers “Drive Learning Outcomes.” “My bias is for teachers, not for infrastructure. We have teachers in this town that drive learning outcomes for our students. I think we’ve got some fantastic facilities but when faced with the budget challenges that we all know exists you know we’re going to have to we’re going to have to tighten the belt a little bit on some of those types of investments and in order to retain the the high-quality teachers.” [KTVA Nawa, [3/25/16](#)]

[Begich Had The Endorsement Of Rep. Jamie Allard, Who “Garnered Attention” In 2023 For Being “The Biggest Roadblock To A Permanent Increase In Education Funding”](#)

2024: Rep. Jamie Allard Endorsed Begich. [Nick Begich for Alaska, [Accessed 9/19/24](#)]

Alaska Current: Allard “Garnered Attention” In 2023 For Being “The Biggest Roadblock To A Permanent Increase In Education Funding.” “After several years, Rep. David Eastman has finally been dethroned as the worst Alaska legislator. That honor goes to Eagle River Republican Rep. Jamie Allard, who transitioned from Anchorage Assembly to the Alaska Legislature about how you’d expect it to go. With a high-profile platform as the chair of the House Education Committee, Allard garnered plenty of attention as not only the biggest roadblock to a permanent increase in education funding but also as one of the biggest and loudest cheerleaders of the governor’s odious ‘don’t say gay’ bill that was masquerading as ‘parental rights’ legislation.” [The Alaska Current, [6/9/23](#)]

Alaska Current: Allard Drew Attention “Over Her Treatment Of Teachers, School District Officials And Labor Representatives, Which Apparently Included Shouting Matches And Kicking People Out Of Hearings.” “Allard has an overall score of 1.33 and finished last in intelligence by a large margin with 1.39. She also got plenty of chatter during this session over her treatment of teachers, school district officials and labor representatives, which apparently included shouting matches and kicking people out of hearings, followed up by self-serving accounts after the fact.” [The Alaska Current, [6/9/23](#)]

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Begich Supported “Restricting Public Funding For Colleges And Universities That Require DEI” Training. QUESTION: “Would you support restricting public funding for colleges and universities that require DEI (diversity, equity, and inclusion) training?” BEGICH: “Yes” [Alaska Family Action, 2024 U.S. House Candidate Survey, [7/15/24](#)]

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Elections and Voting

Elections and Voting Highlights

- Begich blamed his vote for democratic mayoral candidate Berkowitz on media coverage, calling himself a “bystander” in that election.
- Begich alleged more than \$200,000 per day of outside spending was used to keep him “off the ballot.”
- Begich declined to endorse Sen. Murkowski in 2022.
- After challenging the late Don Young in 2022, Young, his wife, and former members of Young’s staff slammed Begich as being dishonest and disloyal.

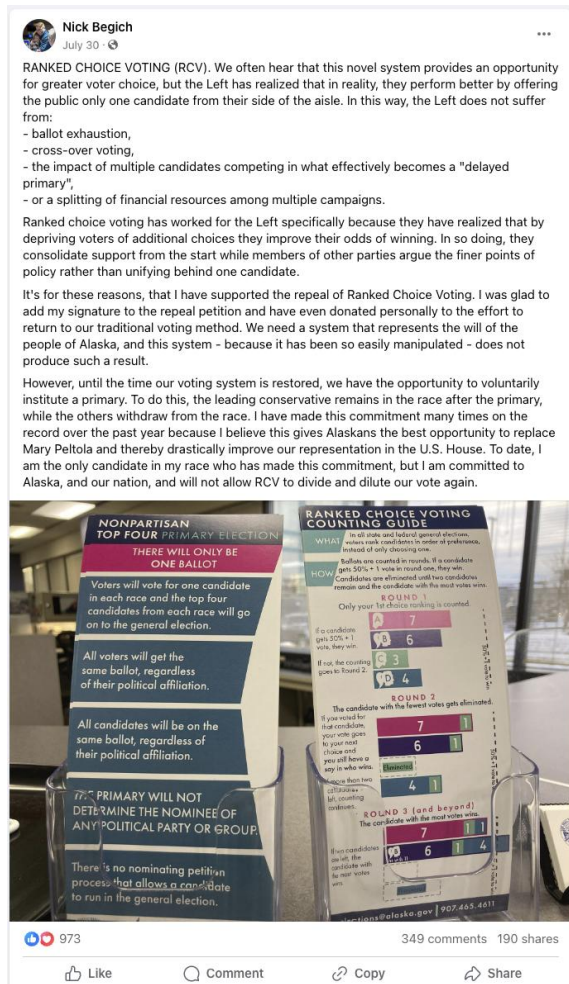
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Begich Blamed His Vote For Democratic Mayoral Candidate Berkowitz In 2015 On Media Coverage, And That He “Was Just A Bystander” In That Election. “Republican candidate Nick Begich called into the Dan Fagan show to discuss his congressional campaign. During the interview, Fagan confronted and asked Begich why he had voted for Ethan Berkowitz, a Democrat, over conservative Amy Demboski in the 2015 Anchorage mayoral election. Begich responded by saying it was a ‘bad vote’ and that he was just a ‘bystander.’ He went on to blame his vote for Berkowitz on the media for their coverage of the election.” [Alaska Landmine, [4/27/22](#)]

Begich Opposed Ranked Choice Voting, And Claimed It “Worked For The Left” Because It Deprived “Voters Of Additional Choices”

Begich Opposed Ranked Choice Voting, And Claimed It “Worked For The Left” Because It Deprived “Voters Of Additional Choices.” “RANKED CHOICE VOTING (RCV). We often hear that this novel system provides an opportunity for greater voter choice, but the Left has realized that in reality, they perform better by offering the public only one candidate from their side of the aisle. In this way, the Left does not suffer from:- ballot exhaustion, - cross-over voting, - the impact of multiple candidates competing in what effectively becomes a “delayed primary”, - or a splitting of financial resources among multiple campaigns. Ranked choice voting has worked for the Left specifically because they have realized that by depriving voters of additional choices they improve their odds of winning. In so doing, they consolidate support from the start while members of other parties argue the finer points of policy rather than unifying behind one candidate. It’s for these reasons, that I have supported the repeal of Ranked Choice Voting. I was glad to add my signature to the repeal petition and have even donated personally to the effort to return to our traditional voting method. We need a system that represents the will of the people of Alaska, and this system - because it has been so easily manipulated - does not produce such a result. However, until the time our voting system is restored, we have the opportunity to voluntarily institute a primary. To

do this, the leading conservative remains in the race after the primary, while the others withdraw from the race. I have made this commitment many times on the record over the past year because I believe this gives Alaskans the best opportunity to replace Mary Peltola and thereby drastically improve our representation in the U.S. House. To date, I am the only candidate in my race who has made this commitment, but I am committed to Alaska, and our nation, and will not allow RCV to divide and dilute our vote again.” [Facebook, Nick Begich, [7/30/24](#)]



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Begich Refused To Make An Endorsement In The Hotly Contested 2022 Alaska Senate Race, Suggesting He Would Not Support Senator Lisa Murkowski. “Yeah. I’m not endorsing anyone right now but here’s what I will tell you. I will not be endorsing Lisa.” [YouTube, Michael Dukes Show, [4/28/24](#)]

Begich Planned On Running Against 48-Year Incumbent Congressman Don Young Before His Passing, Despite Working As A Chairman On Young's 2020 Campaign, Leading To Accusations Of Being Disloyal And Dishonest

Begich Served As A Chairman For The 2020 Young Campaign. "This Begich, unlike his grandfather, is a Republican. He's the nephew of state Sen. Tom Begich and former U.S. Sen. Mark Begich, both Democrats. He was also a chairman of Congressman Young's campaign in 2020. Begich's campaign manager for his U.S. House run is Truman Reed, who was Young's campaign manager in 2020 and worked in his congressional office. Begich said he hasn't discussed with Young the idea that the congressman would step aside and consider Begich a good successor. He calls it a possibility." [Alaska Public Media, [10/22/21](#)]

2021: Begich Announced A Bid For Congress, Seeking To Unseat Don Young, The Longest-Serving Republican In The House. "Nicholas Begich III on Thursday kicked off his campaign for Alaska's lone seat in the U.S. House against the longest-serving Republican in that chamber, saying Alaska needs new energy..." "This race is not about Don Young," Begich told The Associated Press in an interview after the announcement. "This is about the state of Alaska, and the state of Alaska needs new energy. The state of Alaska needs new ideas, and we've got to have a representative that can be there, that is prepared to show up for the job and advance those new ideas on behalf of the people of this great state," he said. [Anchorage Daily News, [10/28/21](#)]

Just Weeks Before His Death, Young Characterized Begich As "A Person I Don't Want To Serve Me In Congress"

2022: Young Characterized Begich As "A Person I Don't Want To Serve Me In Congress," In A Statement Shared By A Former Staffer. "But Zack Brown, a former communications director for Young, posted a Twitter message Thursday of what he said was a previously unreleased comment by Young three weeks before his death to a group of Alaska Republicans. 'I hired that young man to show him the ropes, run for the job, don't run against me...it's not loyalty, nor is it honest...That's a person I don't want to serve me in Congress,' Young said. Some of Young's former staff, in interview with other media, noted Begich spent about a year working for Young, supposedly to better understand the legislative process, before launching his campaign against the incumbent in October of 2021. [Juneau Empire, [10/27/22](#)]

2022: Don Young Slammed Begich For Running Against Him, Saying He Was Not Loyal Or Honest. "'I hired that young man [Begich] to show him the ropes, run for the job, don't run against me [...] it's not loyalty, nor is it honest [...] That's a person I don't want to serve me in Congress,' Young said." [Juneau Empire, [10/27/22](#)]

2022: Young Died At 88 Leaving, His Congressional Seat Open. "Alaska Rep. Don Young, who was the longest-serving Republican in the history of the U.S. House, has died. He was 88. His office announced Young's death in a statement Friday night. 'It's with heavy hearts and deep sadness that we announce Congressman Don Young (R-AK), the Dean of the House and revered champion for Alaska, passed away today while traveling home to Alaska to be with the state and people that he loved. His beloved wife Anne was by his side,' said the statement from Young's congressional office." [AP, [3/19/22](#)]

Young's Wife Anne Twice Endorsed Republicans Over Begich, Whom She Took "Clear Aim" At In Her Endorsement Messages

2022: Anne Young Endorsed State Senator Josh Revak To Replace Her Husband. “U.S. House candidate Josh Revak has secured an emotionally powerful endorsement from Anne Garland Young, wife of the late Congressman Don Young. Revak, a Republican state senator, is the successor her husband wanted, she said.” [KTOO, [4/13/22](#)]

- **Anne Young Took “Clear Aim” At Begich In Her Endorsement Of Revack, Who She Said Would Not “Ever Resort To Desperate, Mean, Hostile Tactics Just To Try To Claim A Win.”** “She also takes clear aim at Begich, without using his name. She says that compared to other apparent front-runners, Revak is late to the campaign. ‘He will not, though, like others before him, ever resort to desperate, mean, hostile tactics just to try to claim a win,’ she says. People loyal to Young have it out for Begich. He chaired Young’s 2020 campaign, but then turned on him. Starting last year, he attacked Young from the right. Begich claimed the 88-year-old was too old and lacked fiscal discipline. He also went after Young’s office policy of requiring that staffers be vaccinated against COVID-19.” [KTOO, [4/13/22](#)]

Former Young Staffers Attacked Begich For Being “Disloyal,” With Many Supporting His Democratic Opponent Mary Peltola

2022: Former Young Aides Described Begich As “Disloyal And Deceitful To Their Former Boss.” “Staffers who worked for Don Young are openly airing grievances against Nick Begich III, their former colleague who’s now running for the late Alaska Republican congressman’s seat...Former Young aides accuse Begich, 45, a Republican businessman and a former ally who co-chaired Young’s 2020 reelection campaign, of being disloyal and deceitful to their former boss, who died earlier this year at age 88.” [E&E News, [10/28/22](#)]

Eleven Of Don Young’s Former Staffers Penned An Op-Ed Endorsing Mary Peltola. “We, the undersigned former staff and friends of Congressman Don Young, write to offer our full endorsement of Mary Peltola in her reelection campaign. We know she is the right choice to advance the interests of all Alaskans in the U.S. House of Representatives. Her commitment to running a positive race, bipartisan approach to public service, and legislative priorities that put Alaska at the forefront underpin the basis of our endorsement... Jack Ferguson, Zack Brown, Pamela Day, Mike “Keawe” Anderson, Nicole Desrochers, Linda Harrigan, Holly Croft, Meredith Kenny, Christine Williams, Gail Schubert and Martha Newell-Kinsman are former staff members and friends of Don Young.” [The Anchorage Daily News, [10/24/22](#)]

Former Young Staffer Zack Brown Alleged “Begich Was Planning On Primarying Young All Along” When He Took An Internship In His Congressional Office. “Begich ‘asked Don Young to join our office & shadow the Dean to learn how Congress works,’ Brown wrote. ‘Begich was planning on primarying Young all along. He used DY & staff to secure inside info.’ Some former Young aides don’t think Begich was clear about his intentions to primary Young while he was still in office. A second former Young staffer said that while Begich had made it known that he was interested in running for Congress someday, people in Young’s orbit weren’t expecting him to challenge the longest-serving Republican in Congress. ‘He was not entirely secretive about his future ambitions. But it was never ‘I’m going to run against Don Young in the next election,’ it was ‘one day I would like to serve in this role,’ said that former Young staffer, who was also granted anonymity to protect personal and professional relationships. ‘The problem with Nick Begich is that he’s kind of proven to be a say-anything-to-get-elected kind of guy.’” [E&E News, [10/28/22](#)]

2016: Begich Received Thousands In Donations From Prominent Democrats And Progressives

Begich Received Thousands In Campaign Donations From Democrats And Progressives In His 2016 Campaign For State Legislature. “Begich, whose uncles are Mark and Tom Begich, also told Fagan yesterday that he was not involved in politics at the time of his vote for Berkowitz. But just nine months after the 2015 mayoral runoff election, Begich filed to run for the Anchorage Assembly against Amy Demboski. Begich’s 2016 campaign disclosure reveals an interesting list of contributors that includes several prominent Alaska Democrats, progressives, and labor unions.” [The Alaska Landmine, [4/27/22](#)]

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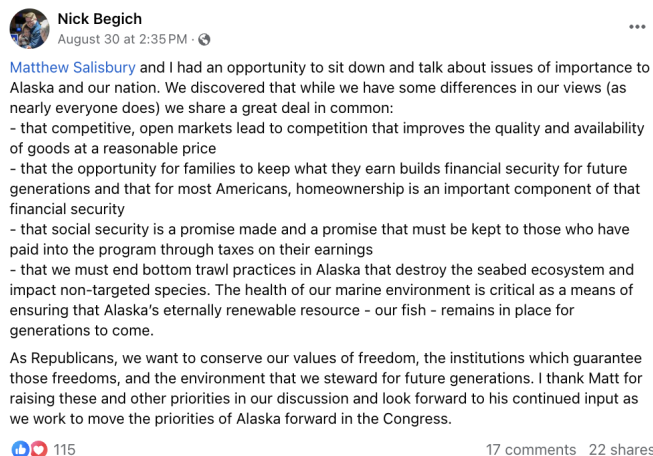
Environment

Environment Highlights

- Despite opposing trawling and refusing to accept funds from trawling fleets, Begich accepted \$5k from pro-trawling entities in 2022.
 - Begich accepted \$1,500 from Groundfish Forum, who operated 19 Trawl Vessels.
 - Begich accepted \$1,000 from Tood Loomis, who opposed Peltola's Bottom Trawl Clarity Act.
- Begich condemned the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, which protected Alaska's subsistence lands.
- Begich supported eliminating the Environmental Protection Agency.
- Begich supported the overturn of Chevron Deference, which would make it easier for Alaskan companies to develop resource extractive industries.
- Begich opposed protections for national forests from roadbuilding and logging.
- Begich claimed international organizations were trying to "politicize scientific issues" in relation to climate change.
 - Begich alleged China and India were the largest beneficiaries of these efforts.

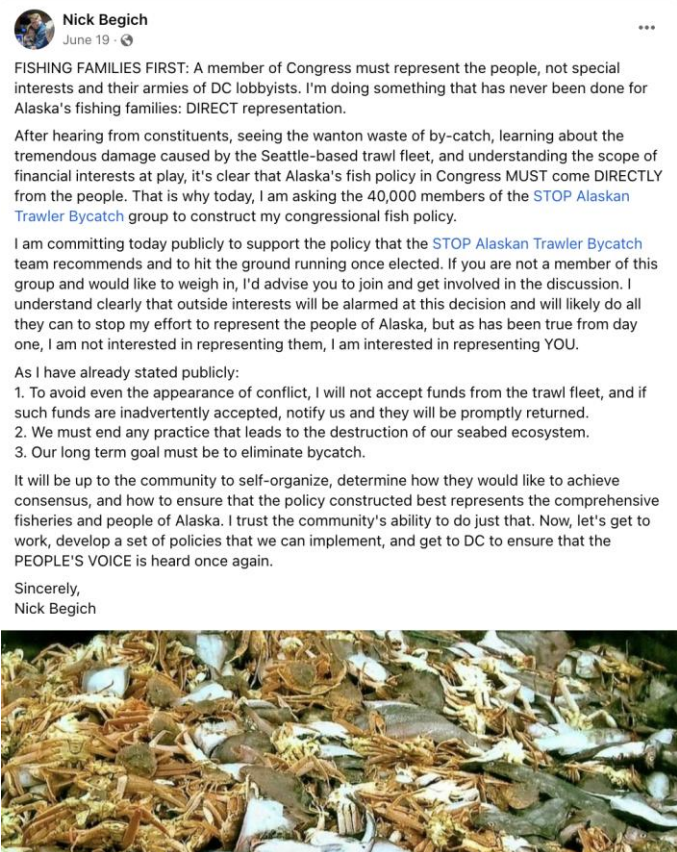
Begich Claimed He Opposed Trawling And Would Not Accept Funds From Trawling Fleets, But He Accepted At Least \$5,000 From Pro-Trawling Entities And Individuals In 2022

Begich Opposed Bottom Trawl Practices, Claiming That They Harm Seabed Ecosystems. "We must end bottom trawl practices in Alaska that destroy the seabed ecosystem and impact non-targeted species. The health of our marine environment is critical as a means of ensuring that Alaska's eternally renewable resource - our fish - remains in place for generations to come." [Facebook, Nick Begich, 8/30/24]



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2024: Begich Claimed That He Would Not Accept Funds From Trawling Fleets. “1. To avoid even the appearance of conflict, I will not accept funds from the trawl fleet, and if such funds are inadvertently accepted, notify us and they will be promptly returned. 2. We must end any practice that leads to the destruction of our seabed ecosystem. 3. Our long term goal must be to eliminate bycatch.”



[Facebook, Nick Begich, 6/19/24]

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Groundfish Forum Was “A Fishery Trade Association Representing Five Member Companies Operating 19 Trawl Vessels.” “Groundfish Forum is a fishery trade association representing five member companies operating 19 trawl vessels that catch and process a variety of Alaskan groundfish species in the federally managed Amendment 80 (A80) fisheries off the coast of Alaska. Our vessels are the largest producers of flatfish and rockfish in the United States, sustainably producing hundreds of millions of meals for consumers across the globe.” [Groundfish Forum, [Accessed 9/12/24](#)]

Groundfish Forum Signed Onto A Letter Calling For Rep. Peltola To Withdraw H.R. 8507, The Bottom Trawl Clarity Act. Groundfish Forum Executive Director Chris Woodley undersigned a June 2024 letter to Peltola which opened: “Dear Congresswoman Peltola: We write to express our deep concern regarding H.R. 8507—legislation you have introduced that would create sweeping new federal mandates constraining the effective management of our nation’s fisheries. If enacted, H.R. 8507 would directly harm fishermen and coastal communities in Alaska and throughout our nation, along with countless other people who rely on a healthy domestic seafood sector for food, jobs, and their way of life. We ask you to withdraw this legislation.” [Shrimp Alliance, [6/20/24](#); U.S. Congress, H.R. 8507, [5/22/24](#)]

July 2022: Begich Accepted \$1,000 From Tood Loomis, Who Worked In Government Affairs For Ocean Peace, Inc., Which Opposed Rep. Peltola’s Bottom Trawl Clarity Act

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July 2022: Begich Accepted \$1,000 From Arne Fuglvog, Who Worked In Government Affairs For Trawler Operator Glacier Fish Company

July 2022: Begich Accepted \$1K From Arne Fuglvog, Who Worked In Government Affairs For Glacier Fish Co. [Federal Election Commission, Alaskans for Nick Begich, Receipts, [Accessed 9/19/24](#)]

Glacier Fish Company Operated A Factory Trawler That Was “The Largest Catcher/Processor Vessel In The US Fleet.” “The factory trawler Alaska Ocean was built by the Blount Marine Corporation in Warren, Rhode Island, in 1981. Alaska Ocean was redesigned by Guido Perla and Associates from Seattle in 1989 and rebuilt by Ulstein Hatlo in Norway in 1990 specifically to catch and process Alaska Pollock and Pacific Whiting. In the summer of 2008, Glacier Fish Company purchased the Alaska Ocean

and has successfully completed major improvements of the Factory and Fishmeal plants. The Alaska Ocean is the largest catcher/processor vessel in the US fleet with a capacity to catch and process up to 225 metric tons of frozen finished product daily.” [Glacier Fish Company, [Accessed 9/19/24](#)]

Glacier Fish Company Was A “Trawl Company” That Opposed Efforts To Scale Back On Trawling.

“On one side are tribal leaders from the Yukon and Kuskokwim [...] On the other side are representatives for the trawlers, who generally support tighter bycatch management but say some of the measures favored by tribes could cost them hundreds of millions of dollars — while giving only a tiny boost to the number of salmon returning to Western Alaska rivers. [...] ‘We’re really concerned about an action that would have a severe economic impact,’ said Glenn Merrill, director of government affairs at a trawl company called Glacier Fish.” [Alaska Beacon, [4/6/24](#)]

July 2022: Begich Accepted \$1,000 From Kristian Uri, A Fisherman Employed By Trawler Operator Fishermen’s Finest, Inc

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Fishermen’s Finest Operated At Least One Trawler Vessel As Of September 2024. [Fishermen’s Finest, [Accessed 9/19/24](#)]

October 2022: Begich Accepted \$500 From An Employee Of The At-Sea Processors Association, One Of “The Two Leading Trawl Industry Trade Groups”

October 2022: Begich Accepted \$500 From Matt Tinning, Director Of Sustainability And Public Affairs For The At-Sea Processors Association. [Federal Election Commission, Alaskans for Nick Begich, Receipts, [Accessed 9/19/24](#)]

The At-Sea Processors Association Was One Of “The Two Leading Trawl Industry Trade Groups.” “the two leading trawl industry trade groups, the At-Sea Processors Association and United Catcher Boats.” [KUCB Local News, [7/31/24](#)]

The At-Sea Processors Association Promoted The “Mid-Water Trawl Alaska Pollock Fishery.” “The mid-water trawl Alaska pollock fishery is the nation’s largest fishery. In fact, the Alaska pollock fishery is one of the largest fisheries in the world. The ability of our vessels to harvest, process, package and freeze our catch within hours of harvest allows us to produce affordable seafood products of the highest quality. The food products we produce include fillets, surimi, and fish roe. Fish meal and fish oil is produced from non-flesh parts of the fish we catch.” [At-Sea Processors Association, [Accessed 9/19/24](#)]

The At-Sea Processors Association Opposed Rep. Peltola’s Bottom Trawl Clarity Act. “More than 50 U.S. seafood organizations and companies have signed a letter calling on U.S. Rep. Mary Peltola (D-Alaska) to immediately withdraw the Bottom Trawl Clarity Act – legislation she introduced in May that could block off large sections of the ocean from trawling gear. ‘This bill threatens seafood sector jobs in Alaska and across the United States,’ At-Sea Processors Association Executive Director Stephanie Madsen said. ‘More than 1.5 million Americans have jobs that depend on commercial seafood, and they deserve better than the politicization of fisheries science and management.’” [Seafood Source, [6/27/24](#)]

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Alaska's Trawler Bycatch Included Hundreds Of Thousands Of Chum Salmon And Tens Of Thousands Of King Salmon Annually, Killing Fish. "Bycatch occurs in every fishery that targets a specific species, but while seeking pollock and cod in a billion-dollar industry, Alaska's trawlers inadvertently catch tens of thousands of king salmon and hundreds of thousands of chum salmon in their nets each year, according to observations by the National Marine Fisheries Service. By law, the salmon must be returned to the ocean, but fish die in the process. The amount of bycatch fluctuates from year to year and has fallen in the recent past, but the sheer numbers of fish caught by trawlers has aroused public ire. A Facebook group calling itself 'Stop Alaskan Trawler Bycatch' now boasts almost 20,000 members, and various groups have called on the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council — which regulates fisheries more than 3 miles off Alaskan shores — to more tightly cap bycatch." [Alaska Beacon, [8/10/22](#)]

2020: Alaska's Trawler Bycatch Was 26,000 King Salmon – One-Tenth Of The Year's Commercial Harvest. "Alaska's commercial fishermen have been speaking out against big trawlers for years, complaining that the large vessels in federal waters are scooping up mature and juvenile fish. The regional council that manages federal fisheries recently heard from hundreds concerned about the number of salmon and other species that end up as bycatch in trawl nets.[...]Federal fisheries data shows trawlers in the North Pacific took about a tenth of the chinook — or king salmon — caught by Alaska's commercial salmon fleet last year. And those numbers are tracking the same this year. But none of that catch happens on purpose. Preliminary ADF&G data shows about 263,000 kings were commercially harvested last year statewide. As of April 15, bycatch in the Bering Sea and Gulf of Alaska areas for 2021 was around 16,000 fish, over six percent of last year's statewide commercial harvest. Last year's trawler bycatch was 26,000 kings, or about a tenth of the 2020 commercial chinook harvest in-state." [KTOO, [4/22/21](#)]

[Begich Condemned The Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act \(ANILCA\), Which Protected Alaska Native Subsistence Lands](#)

Begich Condemned ANILCA And Said That Alaska Had Been Denied The "Ability To Develop Our Own State, Our Own Resources." BEGICH: "The reason why we're continuing to take this money is because we've been denied the ability to develop our own state, our own resources in Alaska. This started, with President Carter put ANILCA through, which locked up enormous amounts of Alaska land." [YouTube, Michael Dukes Show, 1:10:46-1:12:19, [4/1/24](#)]

ANILCA Sought To Protect Alaska's Natural Ecosystems And "Traditional Ways Of Living On The Land"

The Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) Sought To Protect Alaska's Natural Ecosystems And Landscapes While Preserving "Opportunity For Traditional Ways Of Living On The Land." "In 1980, when Congress passed the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA), it recognized the importance of protecting Alaska's splendid natural ecosystems and landscapes, while preserving the opportunity for traditional ways of living on the land to continue." [National Park Service, accessed [6/6/24](#)]

ANILCA Explicitly Protected Subsistence Uses For Rural Residents Of Alaska. "Congress acknowledged the exceptional and unique conditions of life in Alaska's rural areas in Title VIII of the Act, noting that: 'The Congress finds and declares that the continuation of the opportunity for subsistence uses by rural residents of Alaska, including both Natives and non-Natives, on the public lands and by

Alaska Natives on Native lands is essential to Native physical, economic, traditional, and cultural existence” [National Park Service, accessed [6/6/24](#)]

Rural Alaska Natives Relied “Significantly On Subsistence Harvests, Which Constitute 50-90% Of Their Dietary Intake.” “Rural Alaska Native communities rely significantly on subsistence harvests, which constitute between 50% to 90% of their dietary intake. The loss of access to these vital sources of food would have profound consequences.” [Alaska Beacon, [4/12/24](#)]

ANILCA Resolved A Lack Of Protections For Alaska Native Hunting And Fishing Rights

ANILCA Was Created In Response To A Lack Of Protection For Alaska Native Hunting And Fishing Rights. “In 1980 Congress reacted to the State’s lack of protection of Alaska Native subsistence uses and attempted to carry out the unfulfilled settlement of aboriginal hunting and fishing rights through the passage of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) in 1980.” [University of Alaska Fairbanks, accessed [6/6/24](#)]

Native American Rights Fund: ANILCA “Recognizes That Subsistence Fishing Is Essential To Alaska Natives’ Physical, Economic, Traditional, And Cultural Existence.” “The Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) recognizes that subsistence fishing is essential to Alaska Natives’ physical, economic, traditional, and cultural existence, and mandates a subsistence fishing preference for rural residents whenever it becomes necessary to restrict fishing to conserve fish populations.” [Native American Rights Fund, Press Release, [4/2/24](#)]

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Begich Agreed “100%” That The Federal Government Was Wrong To Block Pebble Mine Development And Supported A Lawsuit Seeking “Billions Of Dollars” From The Federal Government In Response. Kelly: “We have a mine, called Pebble Mine, that could be developed in Alaska. But it’s been a great source of controversy because there’s some conflicting views over whether developing Pebble Mine would jeopardize a very, very lucrative and essential fishing area up here in Alaska [...] What I do not support is the federal government coming in with a preemptive veto, not listening to the voices of the natives who live in the region, not listening to the voices of the people here in Alaska who’ve studied it, not listening to the voices of the people who understand the fish in Bristol Bay, not listening to any of them, and just imposing their decree as bureaucrats from Washington, D.C. without even stepping foot in the area, Nick, and saying, ‘No, we know better as Washington, D.C. bureaucrats, as government officials from on high, to decide what you’re gonna do with your resources in D.C.’ And Mary Peltola just introduced an act to support permanent preemptive vetoes from the federal government on Alaska’s development of resources.” [...] Begich: “100%. I couldn’t have said it any better and I totally agree with everything you just said, and let me just add one additional piece to that. You know, the administration, our gubernatorial administration, is actually suing the federal government because of this attempted preemptive veto of the project out in that region of our state. And they’re suing for hundreds of billions of dollars, because when the state selected these lands, they did so at statehood because they recognized the mineral potential for this region [...] and at the same time that we have this lawsuit going forward, we have Mary Peltola trying to take it off the table.” [Rumble, STAND_Show, [23:12], [6/19/24](#)]

2022: Begich Refused To Say If He Supported The “Development Of The Pebble Mine,” Which Would Threaten Alaska’s Salmon Industry

When Asked If He Supported “Development Of The Pebble Mine,” Begich Said “A Scientific, Lawful, And Comprehensive Process Must Determine This Outcome.” “To help Alaskans sort through the dozens of options, we’re asking each candidate where they stand on the issues. Here’s how they responded, in their own words, to the following questions on natural resource development: [...] Do you want to see ... (Please answer yes or no. If needed, add an explanation of no more than 10 words.) [...] 2. Development of the Pebble Mine? [...] Nick Begich (R): [...] Pebble? ‘A scientific, lawful, and comprehensive process must determine this outcome.’” [KTOO, [6/2/22](#)]

Begich Refused To Take A Position On Pebble Mines, Offering That A “Scientific, Lawful, And Comprehensive Process” Should Determine The Outcome. “Nick Begich (R): Pebble? ‘A scientific, lawful, and comprehensive process must determine this outcome.’” [KTOO, [6/2/22](#)]

- **360 Scientists Signed A Letter To The EPA Urging The Agency To Reject Pebble Mine Development.** “A whopping 360 scientists from Canada, Poland, Australia, the contiguous United States and elsewhere in the world are pleading with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) en masse not to approve the Pebble Mine development in Bristol Bay, Alaska... The letter was sparked by the EPA’s final assessment of the project, which came out in mid-January and concluded that ‘large-scale mining in the Bristol Bay watershed poses risks to salmon and the tribal communities that have depended on them for thousands of years.’ [ICT News, [9/13/18](#)]

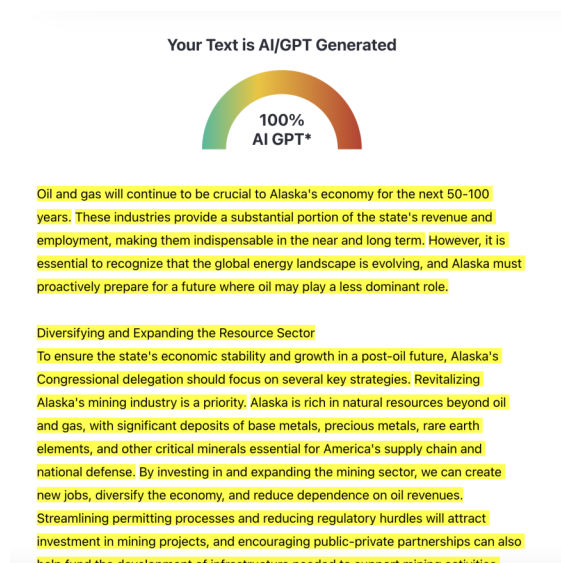
Begich Did Not Respond To Alaskans For Bristol Bay Action’s Questionnaire And Did “Not Have A Public Record On Pebble Mine.” “This year’s special election for Alaska’s only seat in the U.S. House will play an important role in the fate of Bristol Bay. For more than 20 years, the region has lived under threat from the disastrous Pebble Mine, which would poison the watershed with billions of tons of toxic waste, destroying one of the last great salmon runs on Earth, wiping out thousands of jobs, and devastating communities that have thrived in the region for generations. We asked the candidates if they would stand with Alaskans and help protect Bristol Bay. [...] The following candidates did not respond to the questionnaire and do not have a public record on Pebble Mine, so we ask ‘Whose Side Are They On?’ [...] Nick Begich III (R).” [Alaskans for Bristol Bay Action, accessed [9/13/22](#)]

Begich Claimed He Wanted To Support The Mining Industry And Reduce The Industry’s Regulatory Burden. “Improving Availability of Resource Jobs: This involves supporting industries such as oil, gas, mining, fishing, and timber and ensuring they can operate efficiently and sustainably. Reducing regulatory burdens and providing incentives for companies to invest in these sectors will create more job opportunities, boost local economies, and help lower the cost of living.” [Alaska Beacon, [Accessed 9/10/24](#)]

Begich Wanted To Diversify The Mining Industry By Investing In Projects That Would Mine Base Metals, Precious Metals, And Rare Earth Metals. “Alaska is rich in natural resources beyond oil and gas, with significant deposits of base metals, precious metals, rare earth elements, and other critical minerals essential for America’s supply chain and national defense. By investing in and expanding the mining sector, we can create new jobs, diversify the economy, and reduce dependence on oil revenues. [Alaska Beacon, [Accessed 9/10/24](#)]

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Begich Adopted An Exaggerated Complaint About The Biden Administration's Use Of Executive Orders, Including Counting The Pebble Mine Rejection Order Three Times. "Nick Begich the Third, who finished second in the primary election for Congress, has adopted the Sen. Dan Sullivan canard that the Biden administration has crippled our economy by restricting resource development and has now issued 66 executive orders specifically targeting Alaska. As I've made clear here before, 66 is an imaginary number... President Biden's rejection of the oil leases in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and the Ambler Road are each counted six times, while the Pebble mine and the roadless rule in the Tongass are each counted three times." [Dermot Cole, 8/24/24]

The Environmental Damage From Pebble Mine Would Threaten Alaska's Salmon Industry

The Environmental Damage From Pebble Mine Would Threaten Alaska's Salmon Industry. "A mining company plans to dig a pit, more than a mile square and a third of a mile deep, over two decades to obtain the metals, estimated to be worth at least \$300 billion. Supporters say the project, known as the Pebble Mine, would be an economic boost for a remote region that has missed out on the North Slope oil boom and other resource-extraction development in the state over the past half century. [...] But opposition has long been widespread, both in the region and statewide, with concerns about environmental damage and the potential for harming another critical resource: salmon. The fish is the main traditional subsistence food for many of the Alaska Natives in the region and the basis of both a thriving sport-fishing industry and, in nearby Bristol Bay, one of the largest commercial wild salmon fisheries in the world." [The New York Times, 7/24/20]

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has become another tool predominantly of the Left to slow down or, in some cases, eliminate the opportunity for growth in our nation. We see them continue to stretch their mandated scope to include reinterpretations of things like the Clean Air Act and the the Clean Water Act, and it's taken recent Supreme Court decisions to push back on their overly-broad interpretations of this long-standing Congressional legislation. And as a result, I think the EPA should be disbanded. Does that mean we shouldn't have a clean environment? Absolutely not. But these sorts of groups have far exceeded their government mandates, they're infested in large part with lifetime bureaucrats who see it as their lifelong mission to make it difficult for our nation to grow and prosper." [Rumble, AnimalAK, [20:47], [1/17/24](#)]

Begich Argued That Federal Energy Policy Was Driven By “Environmental Extremism That Borders On Religious Fanaticism.” Begich: “D.C.’s currently current policies are more than a deadbolt for Alaska. These policies are enacted and designed to mothball and board up our state. The policies are born from a combination of ignorance of Alaska’s resource base, ignorance of the quality of our resource practices, and a level of environmental extremism that borders on religious fanaticism.” [YouTube, Anchorage Daily News, [8:25], [8/31/22](#)] (VIDEO)

[Begich Wanted To Convert Federal Land In Alaska To State Control, Which Would Open Up Opportunities For Extractive Industrial Development](#)

Begich Supported A “Framework That Removes Alaskan Resource Development From The Executive Discretion Of The Presidency.” Begich: “In Congress, I will support a framework that removes Alaskan resource development from the executive discretion of the presidency and limits federal overreach while also supporting Alaska’s right to produce — rights that were promised to us at statehood.” [Anchorage Daily News, [8/24/24](#)]

Begich Claimed That More Federal Lands Should Be Converted To State Control. “The best way to handle land management conflicts between the federal government and the state of Alaska is to convey more lands to state control, allowing for greater local management and decision-making. The recent Supreme Court decision to overturn Chevron deference [...] can help Alaska assert more control over its lands and resources. One practical solution to these conflicts is the creation of an ‘Alaska Access Package.’ This package would aim to resolve land access issues by establishing clear, unambiguous guidelines for traversing federal lands to access state lands. It would ensure that Alaskans have the necessary routes and permissions to develop and utilize state lands effectively, without being hindered by federal regulations. Such a package would promote collaboration between state and federal governments, streamline access procedures, and ultimately support the responsible and sustainable development of Alaska’s resources.” [Alaska Beacon, Candidate Survey, [Accessed 9/10/24](#)]

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Oil and gas will continue to be crucial to Alaska's economy for the next 50-100 years. These industries provide a substantial portion of the state's revenue and employment, making them indispensable in the near and long term. However, it is essential to recognize that the global energy landscape is evolving, and Alaska must proactively prepare for a future where oil may play a less dominant role.

Diversifying and Expanding the Resource Sector

To ensure the state's economic stability and growth in a post-oil future, Alaska's Congressional delegation should focus on several key strategies. Revitalizing Alaska's mining industry is a priority. Alaska is rich in natural resources beyond oil and gas, with significant deposits of base metals, precious metals, rare earth elements, and other critical minerals essential for America's supply chain and national defense. By investing in and expanding the mining sector, we can create new jobs, diversify the economy, and reduce dependence on oil revenues. Streamlining permitting processes and reducing regulatory hurdles will attract investment in mining projects, and encouraging public-private partnerships can also help fund the development of infrastructure needed to support mining activities.

[Zero GPT, [Accessed 9/10/24](#)]

Federal Land Management Protected D-1 Designated Areas From Extractive Industrial Development And Helped Tribal Communities Sustain Their Way Of Life. “The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) took a big step toward finalizing protections for 28 million acres of federally-managed ‘D-1’ lands in Alaska, including 1.2 million acres in the Bristol Bay region. The review was prompted when the outgoing Trump Administration threatened to open these long-protected lands for extractive industrial development. BLM’s final environmental impact statement is one of the final steps in the agency’s multi-year review of how lifting existing protections would impact D-1 lands. This included potential impacts on fish and wildlife habitat, subsistence practices, and our Tribal communities who depend on D-1 lands to sustain traditional ways of life.” [Alaska Native News, [7/8/24](#)]

74% Of BLM Land Under Review Gave Rural Indigenous Communities First Priority For Natural Resources Under A Federal Designation. “Approximately 80 percent of Alaska Native villages (183 total) and more than half a million people live within 50 miles of the BLM lands under evaluation. Of the lands under review, 74 percent are designated by the federal government as areas where rural community residents have priority to hunt and fish for subsistence.” [Center for American Progress, [6/21/24](#)]

Begich Supported Lifting Alaska’s Public Land Orders. Host: “Do you support lifting public land orders? If so, how will you work with the state and DOI to accomplish it?” Begich: “I absolutely support lifting public land orders. These orders were issued in the 70s and intended, as many government programs, to be temporary. As we know, it seldom proves to be the case. Once a government program goes into place, it never seem to go away. Over 50 million acres of Alaska lands remain under PLOs today, and we just saw yesterday, again, the Harris Biden Administration has no intention of lifting these public land orders. Here again is why elections matter, and it’s part of the reason why the House Resources Committee chair, Bruce Westerman, endorsed me this morning. He knows that I will be a tireless champion for Alaska’s resources in the House and will leverage every opportunity to force the lifting of these PLOs through committee amendments and must pass legislation in order to make sure that Alaska retains the right to produce our own resources.” [YouTube, Anchorage Daily News, [20:59], [8/28/24](#)]

The Trump Administration's Initial Attempts To Remove Federal Protections From Indigenous Peoples' Land Failed Because They Neglected To Consider Subsistence Needs. "In January 2021, the Trump administration attempted to lift D-1 protections on 28 million acres of BLM lands across five of the agency's planning areas [...] Shortly after taking office, the Biden administration took a hard look at the rushed public land orders, determined they were legally flawed, and put them on pause. Among other legal deficiencies, the Department of the Interior cited the 'failure to adequately analyze potential impacts on subsistence hunting and fishing.'" [Center for American Progress, [6/21/24](#)]

2021-2024: Begich Accepted At Least \$85,900 From Employees Of The Construction, Development, And Real Estate Industries

Contributor	Occupation	Employer	Contribution Amount	Earliest Contribution	Latest Contribution
Hall, Jess	Owner	Hall Quality Homes	\$11,500.00	5/27/22	9/18/23
Watterson, William	Contractor	Watterson Construction	\$8,705.00	1/25/22	3/29/22
Myers, Scott	Broker	Somers Realtors, Inc.	\$6,600.00	7/13/23	8/29/23
Myers, Scott	Real Estate Broker	Remax Dynamic Properties	\$500.00	11/2/21	11/2/21
Cruz, Dave	Manager	Cruz Construction	\$2,900.00	12/9/21	12/9/21
Cruz, Dave	Management	Cruz Construction Inc	\$2,900.00	4/11/22	4/11/22
Gerondale, Kenneth L.	President	Construction Machinery Ind.	\$4,800.00	3/28/22	3/28/22
Gohr, Edward	Ceo	Delta Constructors	\$3,300.00	7/27/23	7/27/23
Spinelli, Jacqueline	Director	Spinell Homes	\$3,100.00	8/15/22	8/15/22
Mckeever, William	Ceo	Tam Construction	\$3,000.00	5/29/22	7/30/24
Hultquist, Dave	Owner	Hultquist Homes Inc	\$3,000.00	9/26/22	7/26/23

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Spinelli, Charles	Developer	Spinell Homes	\$2,900.00	8/15/22	8/15/22
Spinelli, Andre	Home Builder	Spinell Homess	\$2,900.00	3/3/22	3/3/22
Gohr, Ed	Ceo	Delta Constructors	\$2,900.00	3/30/22	3/30/22
Dave, Cruz	Management	Cruz Construction Inc	\$2,500.00	4/1/24	4/1/24
Park, Hae	Manager	Kirkland Properties	\$2,000.00	11/11/21	7/27/22
Capps, Robert	General Contractor	Construction Company Inc	\$1,000.00	3/30/22	3/30/22
Capps, Robert	Construction	Fw Construction	\$1,000.00	9/29/23	9/29/23
Briley, Roger	Owner	Alaska Real Estate Associates	\$2,000.00	7/14/23	7/12/24
Andrews, Nathan	Vice President	Delta Constructors	\$1,500.00	3/1/22	3/1/22
Andrews, Nathan	Regional Vp	Delts Constructors Llc	\$250.00	11/3/22	11/3/22
Wanzer, Mary	Real Estate Broker	Coastal Keller Williams Realty	\$1,000.00	5/6/22	8/15/22
Sandlian, Colby	Owner	Sandlian Realty	\$1,000.00	3/20/24	3/20/24
Gerondale, Kenneth L. Jr.	President	Construction Machinery Ind	\$1,000.00	12/17/21	12/17/21
Gain, Kenneth	Real Estate	Equivest Realty Advisors Inc.	\$1,000.00	7/28/22	7/28/22

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Farner, John	Executive	Delta Constructors	\$1,000.00	3/5/22	3/5/22
Cooper, Dustin	President	Delta Constructors	\$1,000.00	3/22/22	3/22/22
Latchem, Raymond		Spectrum Property Services Llc	\$900.00	9/12/22	12/19/23
Kendig, William	Broker	Real Estate	\$750.00	7/9/24	7/9/24
Wiegers, Charles Julie	Ceo	A A Roofing	\$505.00	4/7/22	4/7/22
Smith, Larry	Construction	D L Construction Co., Inc.	\$500.00	4/22/22	4/22/22
Reilly, Chris	Contractor	Rain Proof Roofing	\$500.00	11/3/22	11/3/22
Pruhs, David	Real Estate Broker	Pruh's Real Estate Group	\$500.00	11/23/21	11/23/21
Patel, Ajay	Investment	Key Property	\$500.00	1/31/22	1/31/22
Nystuen, Mark	Admin	McN Construction, Inc.	\$500.00	11/1/22	11/1/22
Misyuk, Olga	Owner	Premier Kitchen & Bath	\$500.00	4/27/22	4/27/22
Markwood, Cheryl	Self	Markwood Realty	\$250.00	4/27/22	4/27/22
Markwood, Cheryl	Real Estate Broker	Markwood Realty	\$250.00	11/17/21	11/17/21
Hall, Dan	President	Knik Construction Co., Inc.	\$500.00	6/29/22	6/29/22

Contributor	Occupation	Employer	Contribution Amount	Earliest Contribution	Latest Contribution
Crum, Richard	Contractor	Bore Tide Construction	\$500.00	3/22/22	3/22/22
Anderson, Ava	Realtor	Remax Dynamic Properties	\$500.00	11/2/21	11/2/21
Agni, Collin	Broker	Carr & Family Properties	\$500.00	2/24/22	2/24/22
Roberts, Tom	Owner	Tr Properties	\$400.00	10/9/23	5/13/24
Pavlus, Dmitriy	Construction	Northern Quality Homes	\$385.00	11/7/22	11/7/22
Veith, Frank	Area Manager	Conam Construction Co.	\$200.00	12/31/21	9/24/22
Veith, Frank	Area Manager	Conam Construction Company	\$100.00	10/25/22	7/15/24
Veith, Frank	Area Manager	Conan Construction	\$50.00	3/30/22	3/30/22
Schaefer, Chad	Project Manager	Qayaq Construction	\$290.00	3/30/22	7/19/22
Breshears, Craig	Carpenter	Craigs Construction	\$230.00	10/15/22	4/12/24
Beaulieu, Dean	Admin	Fike Industrial Construction	\$205.00	7/18/23	11/18/23
Lew, Lethe	Realtor	Desert River Realty	\$131.44	2/16/24	7/16/24
Martin, Kelly	Ceo	Association Of Realtors	\$100.00	9/22/22	9/22/22
Huckleberry, L E	Redeveloper	Village Properties	\$100.00	5/28/24	5/28/24

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Goryl, Glenn	Investment Sales	Berkshire Hathaway Ak Reality	\$100.00	2/24/22	2/24/22
Andersen, Ava	Realtor	Remax Dynamic Properties	\$100.00	7/5/22	7/5/22
Bertoldo, Peyton	Construction	Construction	\$85.00	4/29/24	4/29/24
Deller, Bette M	Realtor	Long & Foster Real Estate Inc	\$70.00	2/23/24	4/3/24
Typer, Donald	Broker	Glc Real Estate Services	\$64.00	4/6/24	7/6/24
Jens, Madeleine S	Real Estate Sales	Allstate Properties.Co m	\$59.98	1/12/24	4/30/24
Wentworth, Karina	Consultant	Flat Fee Realty	\$50.00	3/29/22	3/29/22
Rafeedie, Samir	R. E. Broker	Realty Ambassadors	\$50.00	11/10/23	11/10/23
Perpich, Dan	Management	Jl Properties Inc	\$50.00	12/16/21	12/16/21
Moravitz, Ryan	Realtor	Rmg Real Estate Network	\$30.00	8/11/22	8/11/22
Beaton, Jake	Underwriter	Arbor Realty Trust	\$25.00	10/28/21	10/28/21
Llauget, Celina	Office Manager	Rjl Construction Inc.	\$20.24	11/27/23	11/27/23
Cotten, Cheryl	Owner	Buck Creek Homes	\$20.24	2/21/24	2/21/24

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		Construction Inc			
Schoenhals, Jonathan	Real Estate	Green State Realty	\$20.23	6/3/24	6/3/24
Kalb, Alison	Realtor	Downing-Frye Realty, Inc.	\$20.00	1/9/24	1/9/24
Wilkins, Hampton	Real Estate Broker	Wilkins And Co Realtors	\$19.00	6/4/24	6/4/24
Hawkes, Stephen	Drywall Finisher	American States Construction, LP	\$14.00	3/7/24	5/24/24
Nelson, Dorothy	Sales	Ming Tree Realtors	\$10.00	3/14/24	4/14/24
Lubran, Mary	Contractor	American Classic Const	\$10.00	11/11/23	11/11/23
Hardin, Cynthia	Vice President	Ben Leland Construction	\$10.00	11/8/23	11/8/23
Hall, Randolph	Manager	Concordia Homes	\$10.00	2/15/24	2/15/24
Lyon, Byron E Sr.	Millwork	Tbi Construction	\$7.71	1/12/24	2/3/24
Shaw, Dianne	Realtor	Hunt Real Estate	\$5.00	10/30/23	10/30/23
Domines, Victor R	Broker	Bayside Properties	\$5.00	2/20/24	2/20/24
Delaney, Rod	Realtor	Kellerwilliams Realty Nwmt	\$2.00	1/11/24	4/7/24
Lee, Martha	Realtor	Martha Lee Realty Co	\$1.00	2/16/24	2/16/24
Childress, Stephen	Realtor	Samson Properties	\$0.95	4/20/24	4/20/24

Contributor	Occupation	Employer	Contribution Amount	Earliest Contribution	Latest Contribution
Grand Total			\$85,960.79	10/28/21	7/30/24

[Federal Election Commission, Alaskans for Nick Begich, Receipts, [Accessed 9/19/24](#)]

Begich Supported The Supreme Court's Decision To Overturn The Chevron Doctrine, Which "Made It Easier For The Federal Government To Regulate The Environment, Public Health, Workplace Safety And Consumer Protections"

Begich Called The Overturning Of Chevron Deference A "Great Development." BEGICH: "Chevron deference being overturned, that's a great development for us and it works in our long-term interest." [YouTube, Anchorage Daily News, 5:37-5:43, [8/28/24](#)] (VIDEO)

Begich Supported The Overturn Of Chevron Deference. Begich: "For the industry Chevron deference being overturned that's a great development for us and it works in our long-term interest, but we have got to do more at the end of the day. We need Congress to step up in their role and provide prescriptive language in the aftermath of Chevron Deference being overturned and ensure that the rights of Alaskans to develop our own resources are locked in law and don't move from one Administration." [Youtube, Anchorage Daily News, [8/28/24](#)]

Begich: "The Left In This Country Has Weaponized... The Carbon Lie," And Congress Must Use The Repeal Of Chevron Deference To Push Back Against "The Carbon Lie." "A carbon zero Aviation sector by 2050, yeah these are unrealistic, and I'm not even sure they should be goals at all. We look at how the left in this country has weaponized what I'm going to call the 'carbon lie' or the carbon economy right and they've weaponized it for every against everyone in this room they are trying to use these methodologies to shut us down and the first thing that you got to do is you got to be willing to stand up in the Congress and call them out on this. You can't accept the lie on its face right? And I'm willing to do that, I'm willing to do it here. I'm willing to do it in DC. Secondly we've got to use our power on the resources committee to make sure that we are passing bills that repeal these attempted actions. We've talked about Chevron deference and the restoration of powers to the Congress. Well, now the Congress has to use those powers. We've got to use those powers in committee to make sure that on 'must-pass' legislation, we're pushing back against 'the carbon lie' and that's what I'm going to do." [Youtube, Anchorage Daily News, [8/28/24](#)]

Begich Supported The Supreme Court's Decision To Overturn *Chevron*. Begich: "The recent Supreme Court decision to overturn Chevron deference should allow Alaska to move more quickly in deploying new infrastructure, as it reduces the bureaucratic hurdles that have previously slowed down such projects." [Alaska Beacon, Candidate Survey, [Accessed 9/10/24](#)]

- **ZeroGPT Identified Begich's Responses To The Alaska Beacon's Candidate Survey As Possibly Having Been 100% AI-Generated.** Zero GPT's analysis identified Begich's responses to the Alaska Beacon's candidate survey as 100% AI-generated. AI text generators can produce false information; Zero GPT claims that it detects AI text with 98% accuracy. [Zero GPT, [Accessed 9/10/24](#)]

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Oil and gas will continue to be crucial to Alaska's economy for the next 50-100 years. These industries provide a substantial portion of the state's revenue and employment, making them indispensable in the near and long term. However, it is essential to recognize that the global energy landscape is evolving, and Alaska must proactively prepare for a future where oil may play a less dominant role.

Diversifying and Expanding the Resource Sector

To ensure the state's economic stability and growth in a post-oil future, Alaska's Congressional delegation should focus on several key strategies. Revitalizing Alaska's mining industry is a priority. Alaska is rich in natural resources beyond oil and gas, with significant deposits of base metals, precious metals, rare earth elements, and other critical minerals essential for America's supply chain and national defense. By investing in and expanding the mining sector, we can create new jobs, diversify the economy, and reduce dependence on oil revenues. Streamlining permitting processes and reducing regulatory hurdles will attract investment in mining projects, and encouraging public-private partnerships can also help fund the development of infrastructure needed to support mining activities.

[Zero GPT, [Accessed 9/10/24](#)]

The Decision Overturning *Chevron* Regarded “Petitioners To A Rule Promulgated By The National Marine Fisheries Service” And Involved At Least Two Trawler Operators

The Decision Overturning *Chevron* Regarded ‘Petitioners To A Rule Promulgated By The National Marine Fisheries Service’ And Involved At Least Two Trawler Operators. “The Court granted certiorari in these cases limited to the question whether *Chevron U. S. A. Inc. v. Natural Resources Defense Council, Inc.*, 467 U. S. 837, should be overruled or clarified. Under the *Chevron* doctrine, courts have sometimes been required to defer to ‘permissible’ agency interpretations of the statutes those agencies administer—even when a reviewing court reads the statute differently. *Id.*, at 843. In each case below, the reviewing courts applied *Chevron*’s framework to resolve in favor of the Government challenges by petitioners to a rule promulgated by the National Marine Fisheries Service pursuant to the Magnuson-Stevens Act, 16 U. S. C. §1801 et seq., which incorporates the Administrative Procedure Act (APA), 5 U. S. C. §551 et seq. [...] Petitioners Loper Bright Enterprises, Inc., H&L Axelsson, Inc., Lund Marr Trawlers LLC, and Scombrus One LLC are family businesses that operate in the Atlantic herring fishery. In February 2020, they challenged the Rule under the MSA, 16 U. S. C. §1855(f), which incorporates the Administrative Procedure Act (APA), 5 U. S. C. §551 et seq. In relevant part, they argued that the MSA does not authorize NMFS to mandate that they pay for observers required by a fishery management plan. [...] Petitioners Relentless Inc., Huntress Inc., and Seafreeze Fleet LLC own two vessels that operate in the Atlantic herring fishery: the F/V Relentless and the F/V Persistence. These vessels use small-mesh bottom-trawl gear and can freeze fish at sea, so they can catch more species of fish and take longer trips than other vessels (about 10 to 14 days, as opposed to the more typical 2 to 4). As a result, they generally declare into multiple fisheries per trip so they can catch whatever the ocean offers up. If the vessels declare into the Atlantic herring fishery for a particular trip, they must carry an observer for that trip if NMFS selects the trip for coverage, even if they end up harvesting fewer herring than other vessels—or no herring at all.” [Supreme Court of the United States, *Loper Bright Enterprises V. Raimondo*, Decision, [6/28/24](#)]

The *Chevron* Doctrine “Made It Easier For The Federal Government To Regulate The Environment, Public Health, Workplace Safety And Consumer Protections”

The Chevron Doctrine “Made It Easier For The Federal Government To Regulate The Environment, Public Health, Workplace Safety And Consumer Protections.” “The Supreme Court on Friday upended a 40-year-old decision that made it easier for the federal government to regulate the environment, public health, workplace safety and consumer protections, delivering a far-reaching and potentially lucrative victory to business interests. The court’s six conservative justices overturned the 1984 decision colloquially known as Chevron, long a target of conservatives who have been motivated as much by weakening the regulatory state as social issues including abortion. The liberal justices were in dissent.” [Associated Press, [6/28/24](#)]

The Chevron Decision Allowed The Maintenance Of A “Rule That Herring Fishermen Pay For Government-Mandated Observers Who Track Their Fish Intake,” Which Led To The Lawsuit That Overturned It. “The heart of the Chevron decision says federal agencies should be allowed to fill in the details when laws aren’t crystal clear. Opponents of the decision argued that it gave power that should be wielded by judges to experts who work for the government. [...] The court ruled in cases brought by Atlantic herring fishermen in New Jersey and Rhode Island who challenged a fee requirement. Lower courts used the Chevron decision to uphold a 2020 National Marine Fisheries Service rule that herring fishermen pay for government-mandated observers who track their fish intake. [...] Gun, e-cigarette, farm, timber and home-building groups were among the business groups supporting the fishermen. Conservative interests that also intervened in recent high court cases limiting regulation of air and water pollution backed the fishermen as well. The fisherman sued to contest the 2020 regulation that would have authorized a fee that could have topped \$700 a day, though no one ever had to pay it. In separate lawsuits in New Jersey and Rhode Island, the fishermen argued that Congress never gave federal regulators authority to require the fisherman to pay for monitors. They lost in the lower courts, which relied on the Chevron decision to sustain the regulation.” [Associated Press, [6/28/24](#)]

The Nature Conservancy Claimed That The Supreme Court’s Overturn Of The Chevron Doctrine Would Present Challenges To Preserving The Planet. “The decisions are likely to present challenges to preserving the many decades of progress we have made in protecting people and the planet. They affect the requirement articulated by the Supreme Court 40 years ago for federal courts to give deference to reasonable determinations by a federal agency on how best to interpret, implement and enforce provisions of federal laws that agencies are charged by Congress to implement. That is concerning, given the high level of scientific and other relevant expertise, as well as practical experience, there is among the people who work in our federal agencies. It is exactly this kind of expertise and experience we need if we want to successfully implement laws enacted by Congress, particularly since the laws often deal with complex and ambiguous issues that require the development of detailed regulations that are open for public comment.” [The Nature Conservancy, [6/28/24](#)]

[Begich Opposed 2018’s Salmon Habitat Initiative, Which Would Require Public Hearings Before Permitting Decisions For Major Industrial Projects, “Notably The Controversial Pebble Mine”](#)

Begich Opposed 2018’s Salmon Habitat Initiative. Moderator: “In 2018, did you support or would you have supported ballot measure 1, the salmon habitat initiative?” In response, Begich held up a sign reading, “No.” [YouTube, Anchorage Daily News, [18:02], [8/31/22](#)] (VIDEO)

2018’s “Stand For Salmon” Initiative Would Require Public Hearings Before Permitting Decisions For Major Industrial Projects, “Notably The Controversial Pebble Mine.” “Alaska is in the midst of a

divisive civil war over a ballot initiative that pits the state's revered wild salmon fisheries against its powerful oil and mining industries. In the Nov. 6 general election, Alaska residents will be asked to adopt strict new permitting regulations for developing any projects with the potential to affect salmon habitat. Supporters of Ballot Measure 1 argue that the current permitting rules are outdated and ineffective. They're asking voters to adopt eight pages of new policy that would, among other things, require state regulators to write specific scientific standards to define salmon protection and habitat. [...] The Stand for Salmon initiative would require the state to hold public hearings before permitting decisions for some of Alaska's largest new industrial projects on the drawing board, notably the controversial Pebble mine and the Donlin Gold mine." [E&E News, [10/26/18](#)]

Begich Opposed The Inflation Reduction Act, Which Allocated Billions In Funding To Address The Climate Crisis

Begich Opposed The Inflation Reduction Act. Moderator: "Do you support the passage of the Inflation Reduction Act, August of 2022?" In response, Begich held up a sign reading, "No." [YouTube, Anchorage Daily News, [24:34], [8/31/22](#)] (VIDEO)

Alaska Was Eligible For At Least \$3 Million In IRA Planning Grants To "Support Local Efforts To Reduce Climate Pollution." "Alaska is eligible for at least \$3,000,000 in planning grants funded by the IRA that support local efforts to reduce climate pollution." [Joint Economic Committee Democrats, [8/1/23](#)]

The Inflation Reduction Act Provided \$3.3 Billion To NOAA To "Build A Climate-Ready Nation."

The IRA "provides \$3.3 billion for NOAA to build on its commitment to help Americans - including tribes and vulnerable populations - prepare, adapt, and build resilience to weather and climate events; improve supercomputing capacity and research on weather, oceans, and climate; strengthen NOAA's hurricane hunter aircraft and fleet; and replace aging NOAA facilities." [NOAA, [Accessed 7/20/24](#)]

The Inflation Reduction Act Offered \$1 Billion In Grants To Develop Clean Heavy-Duty Vehicles.

The IRA provided "funding to help Tribal, state, and local governments and other entities offset the cost of replacing heavy-duty Class 6 and 7 commercial vehicles with zero-emission vehicles, deploy supporting infrastructure, and train and develop the necessary workforce. At least \$400 million must go to areas not meeting national air quality standards." [EPA, [7/20/24](#)]

The Inflation Reduction Act Offered Approximately \$2 Billion In Grants For The Environmental And Climate Justice Community Change Program. The IRA "will invest approximately \$2 billion dollars in Inflation Reduction Act funds in environmental and climate justice activities to benefit disadvantaged communities." [EPA, [7/20/24](#)]

The Inflation Reduction Act Allocated \$6.2 Billion To The Department Of The Interior To 'Tackle The Climate Crisis.' According to the U.S. Department of the Interior's website, the IRA provided the department "\$6.2 billion, enabling our bureaus and offices to play a leading role in advancing key habitat restoration, land resilience and water projects, and securing environmental justice for historically disadvantaged communities." This included: \$4.6 Billion to "advance system conservation and mitigate drought impacts," \$700 million to "advance conservation, restoration and resilience activities on our public lands," \$500 million to "support additional staffing at the National Park Service," and \$425 million to "support communities prepare for and adapt to worsening threats brought on by the climate crisis." [U.S. Department of the Interior, [Accessed 7/20/24](#)]

The Inflation Reduction Act Provided Funding For USDA Rural Development. According to the USDA, the Inflation Reduction Act “provides funding to USDA Rural Development to help eligible entities purchase renewable energy and zero-emission systems and make energy-efficiency improvements that will significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions.” This included “Up to \$1 billion for RUS loans for renewable energy infrastructure. The Act requires the agency to forgive up to 50% of the loan amount. Eligible entities include electric service providers, including municipals, cooperatives, investor-owned and Tribal utilities. [...] Up to \$2.025 billion for the RBCS Rural Energy for America Program (REAP), with \$303 million set aside for underutilized technologies and technical assistance. Funds are anticipated to support renewable energy and energy-efficiency projects for more than 41,500 farms and small businesses. [...] Up to \$500 million in RBCS grants for infrastructure improvements to blend, store or distribute biofuels. This includes installing, retrofitting or upgrading dispensers for ethanol at retail stations as well as home heating oil distribution centers. [...] Up to \$9.7 billion for RUS to offer loans, grants, loan modifications and other financial assistance to support the purchase of renewable energy systems, zero-emission systems and carbon capture systems. Funding also may be used to deploy these systems or to make energy-efficiency improvements to generation and transmission systems of eligible entities.” [USDA, [Accessed 7/20/24](#)]

The Inflation Reduction Act Provided \$100 Million For Environmental Review Implementation For Surface Transportation Projects. According to the Federal Highway Administration, the Inflation Reduction Act allocated “\$100 million to facilitate the development and review of documents for the environmental review process for proposed surface transportation projects.” [FHWA, [Accessed 7/20/24](#)]

The Inflation Reduction Act Provided \$2 Billion For Low-Carbon Transportation Materials Grants. According to the Federal Highway Administration, the Inflation Reduction Act allocated “\$2.0 billion to reimburse or provide incentives to eligible recipients for the use, in projects, of construction materials and products that have substantially lower levels of embodied greenhouse gas emissions associated with all relevant stages of production, use, and disposal as compared to estimated industry averages of similar materials or products as determined by the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.” [FHWA, [Accessed 7/20/24](#)]

[Begich Said The House Natural Resources Committee Was “Full Of Folks Like Chairman Westerman, Who Would Be Fantastic Mentors”](#)

Begich Said The House Natural Resources Committee Was “Full Of Folks Like Chairman Westerman, Who Would Be Fantastic Mentors.” HOST: “As you look to potential future colleagues in the U.S. House, who would you look to for mentorship and who would you like to build coalitions or relationships with?” BEGICH: “That’s a great question. You know, I think the House Resources Committee is a great place to start. These are people that are interested, dedicating this portion of their career politically to ensuring that Alaska and America generally has the ability to develop our God-given resources, whether that be minerals, whether that be oil and gas, whether that be coal. And we have the ability to develop those resources. I think that committee is full of folks like Chairman Westerman, who would be fantastic mentors, stepping in as a freshman in the House.” [YouTube, Anchorage Daily News, 32:23-33:06, [8/28/24](#)] (VIDEO)

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Ethics and Transparency

Ethics and Transparency Highlights

- Despite opposing trawling and refusing to accept funds from trawling fleets, Begich accepted \$5,000 from pro-trawling entities in 2022.
 - Begich accepted \$1,500 from Groundfish Forum, who operated 19 Trawl Vessels.
 - Begich accepted \$1,000 from Tood Loomis, who opposed Peltola's Bottom Trawl Clarity Act.
- Begich blamed the Republican party's failures in recent elections on ranked choice voting.
 - Trump criticized Begich for not dropping out of the 2022 election, resulting in a split vote for Republicans.
- Begich blamed his vote for Democratic mayoral candidate Berkowitz on media coverage, calling himself a "bystander" in that election.
- Begich loaned his own campaign \$650,000

Begich Claimed He Opposed Trawling And Would Not Accept Funds From Trawling Fleets, But Accepted At Least \$5,000 From Pro-Trawling Entities And Individuals In 2022

Begich Opposed Bottom Trawl Practices, Claiming That They Harm Seabed Ecosystems. "We must end bottom trawl practices in Alaska that destroy the seabed ecosystem and impact non-targeted species. The health of our marine environment is critical as a means of ensuring that Alaska's eternally renewable resource - our fish - remains in place for generations to come." [Facebook, Nick Begich, 8/30/24]

**Nick Begich**
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Matthew Salisbury and I had an opportunity to sit down and talk about issues of importance to Alaska and our nation. We discovered that while we have some differences in our views (as nearly everyone does) we share a great deal in common:

- that competitive, open markets lead to competition that improves the quality and availability of goods at a reasonable price
- that the opportunity for families to keep what they earn builds financial security for future generations and that for most Americans, homeownership is an important component of that financial security
- that social security is a promise made and a promise that must be kept to those who have paid into the program through taxes on their earnings
- that we must end bottom trawl practices in Alaska that destroy the seabed ecosystem and impact non-targeted species. The health of our marine environment is critical as a means of ensuring that Alaska's eternally renewable resource - our fish - remains in place for generations to come.

As Republicans, we want to conserve our values of freedom, the institutions which guarantee those freedoms, and the environment that we steward for future generations. I thank Matt for raising these and other priorities in our discussion and look forward to his continued input as we work to move the priorities of Alaska forward in the Congress.

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Begich Claimed That He Would Not Accept Funds From Trawling Fleets. “1. To avoid even the appearance of conflict, I will not accept funds from the trawl fleet, and if such funds are inadvertently accepted, notify us and they will be promptly returned. 2. We must end any practice that leads to the destruction of our seabed ecosystem. 3. Our long term goal must be to eliminate bycatch.” [Facebook, Nick Begich, [6/19/24](#)]



Nick Begich

June 19 · 🌐

FISHING FAMILIES FIRST: A member of Congress must represent the people, not special interests and their armies of DC lobbyists. I'm doing something that has never been done for Alaska's fishing families: DIRECT representation.

After hearing from constituents, seeing the wanton waste of by-catch, learning about the tremendous damage caused by the Seattle-based trawl fleet, and understanding the scope of financial interests at play, it's clear that Alaska's fish policy in Congress MUST come DIRECTLY from the people. That is why today, I am asking the 40,000 members of the [STOP Alaskan Trawler Bycatch](#) group to construct my congressional fish policy.

I am committing today publicly to support the policy that the [STOP Alaskan Trawler Bycatch](#) team recommends and to hit the ground running once elected. If you are not a member of this group and would like to weigh in, I'd advise you to join and get involved in the discussion. I understand clearly that outside interests will be alarmed at this decision and will likely do all they can to stop my effort to represent the people of Alaska, but as has been true from day one, I am not interested in representing them, I am interested in representing YOU.

As I have already stated publicly:

1. To avoid even the appearance of conflict, I will not accept funds from the trawl fleet, and if such funds are inadvertently accepted, notify us and they will be promptly returned.
2. We must end any practice that leads to the destruction of our seabed ecosystem.
3. Our long term goal must be to eliminate bycatch.

It will be up to the community to self-organize, determine how they would like to achieve consensus, and how to ensure that the policy constructed best represents the comprehensive fisheries and people of Alaska. I trust the community's ability to do just that. Now, let's get to work, develop a set of policies that we can implement, and get to DC to ensure that the PEOPLE'S VOICE is heard once again.

Sincerely,
Nick Begich



[Facebook, Nick Begich, [6/19/24](#)]

August 2022: Begich Accepted \$1,500 From Groundfish Forum, “A Fishery Trade Association Representing Five Member Companies Operating 19 Trawl Vessels”

August 2022: Begich Accepted \$1,500.00 From The Groundfish Forum. [Federal Election Commission, Alaskans for Nick Begich, Receipts, [Accessed 9/19/24](#)]

Groundfish Forum Was “A Fishery Trade Association Representing Five Member Companies Operating 19 Trawl Vessels.” “Groundfish Forum is a fishery trade association representing five member companies operating 19 trawl vessels that catch and process a variety of Alaskan groundfish species in the federally managed Amendment 80 (A80) fisheries off the coast of Alaska. Our vessels are the largest producers of flatfish and rockfish in the United States, sustainably producing hundreds of millions of meals for consumers across the globe.” [Groundfish Forum, [Accessed 9/12/24](#)]

Groundfish Forum Signed Onto A Letter Calling For Rep. Peltola To Withdraw H.R. 8507, The Bottom Trawl Clarity Act. Groundfish Forum Executive Director Chris Woodley undersigned a June 2024 letter to Peltola which opened: “Dear Congresswoman Peltola: We write to express our deep

concern regarding H.R. 8507—legislation you have introduced that would create sweeping new federal mandates constraining the effective management of our nation’s fisheries. If enacted, H.R. 8507 would directly harm fishermen and coastal communities in Alaska and throughout our nation, along with countless other people who rely on a healthy domestic seafood sector for food, jobs, and their way of life. We ask you to withdraw this legislation.” [Shrimp Alliance, [6/20/24](#); U.S. Congress, H.R. 8507, [5/22/24](#)]

July 2022: Begich Accepted \$1,000 From Tood Loomis, Who Worked In Government Affairs For Ocean Peace, Inc., Which Opposed Rep. Peltola’s Bottom Trawl Clarity Act

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July 2022: Begich Accepted \$1,000 From Arne Fuglvog, Who Worked In Government Affairs For Trawler Operator Glacier Fish Company

July 2022: Begich Accepted \$1,000 From Arne Fuglvog, Who Worked In Government Affairs For Glacier Fish Co. [Federal Election Commission, Alaskans for Nick Begich, Receipts, [Accessed 9/19/24](#)]

Glacier Fish Company Operated A Factory Trawler That Was “The Largest Catcher/Processor Vessel In The US Fleet.” “The factory trawler Alaska Ocean was built by the Blount Marine Corporation in Warren, Rhode Island, in 1981. Alaska Ocean was redesigned by Guido Perla and Associates from Seattle in 1989 and rebuilt by Ulstein Hatlo in Norway in 1990 specifically to catch and process Alaska Pollock and Pacific Whiting. In the summer of 2008, Glacier Fish Company purchased the Alaska Ocean and has successfully completed major improvements of the Factory and Fishmeal plants. The Alaska Ocean is the largest catcher/processor vessel in the US fleet with a capacity to catch and process up to 225 metric tons of frozen finished product daily.” [Glacier Fish Company, [Accessed 9/19/24](#)]

Glacier Fish Company Was A “Trawl Company” That Opposed Efforts To Scale Back On Trawling. “On one side are tribal leaders from the Yukon and Kuskokwim [...] On the other side are representatives for the trawlers, who generally support tighter bycatch management but say some of the measures favored by tribes could cost them hundreds of millions of dollars — while giving only a tiny boost to the number of salmon returning to Western Alaska rivers. [...] ‘We’re really concerned about an action that would have a severe economic impact,’ said Glenn Merrill, director of government affairs at a trawl company called Glacier Fish.” [Alaska Beacon, [4/6/24](#)]

July 2022: Begich Accepted \$1,000 From Kristian Uri, A Fisherman Employed By Trawler Operator Fishermen’s Finest, Inc

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The At-Sea Processors Association Promoted The "Mid-Water Trawl Alaska Pollock Fishery." "The mid-water trawl Alaska pollock fishery is the nation's largest fishery. In fact, the Alaska pollock fishery is one of the largest fisheries in the world. The ability of our vessels to harvest, process, package and freeze our catch within hours of harvest allows us to produce affordable seafood products of the highest quality. The food products we produce include fillets, surimi, and fish roe. Fish meal and fish oil is produced from non-flesh parts of the fish we catch." [At-Sea Processors Association, [Accessed 9/19/24](#)]

The At-Sea Processors Association Opposed Rep. Peltola's Bottom Trawl Clarity Act. "More than 50 U.S. seafood organizations and companies have signed a letter calling on U.S. Rep. Mary Peltola (D-Alaska) to immediately withdraw the Bottom Trawl Clarity Act – legislation she introduced in May that could block off large sections of the ocean from trawling gear. 'This bill threatens seafood sector jobs in Alaska and across the United States,' At-Sea Processors Association Executive Director Stephanie Madsen said. 'More than 1.5 million Americans have jobs that depend on commercial seafood, and they deserve better than the politicization of fisheries science and management.'" [Seafood Source, [6/27/24](#)]

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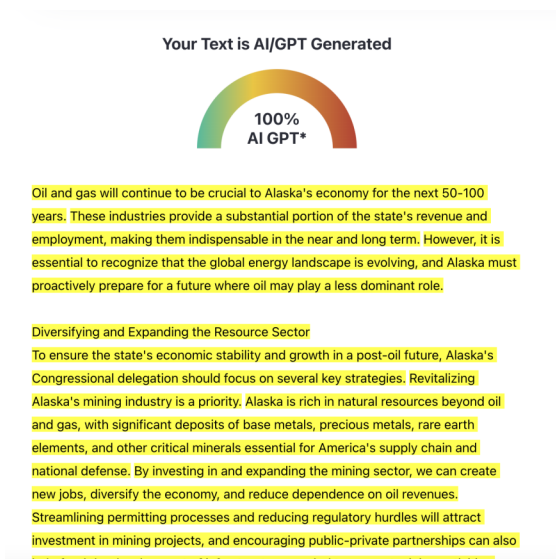
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2020: Alaska's Trawler Bycatch Was 26,000 King Salmon – One-Tenth Of The Year's Commercial Harvest. "Alaska's commercial fishermen have been speaking out against big trawlers for years, complaining that the large vessels in federal waters are scooping up mature and juvenile fish. The

regional council that manages federal fisheries recently heard from hundreds concerned about the number of salmon and other species that end up as bycatch in trawl nets.[...]Federal fisheries data shows trawlers in the North Pacific took about a tenth of the chinook — or king salmon — caught by Alaska’s commercial salmon fleet last year. And those numbers are tracking the same this year. But none of that catch happens on purpose. Preliminary ADF&G data shows about 263,000 kings were commercially harvested last year statewide. As of April 15, bycatch in the Bering Sea and Gulf of Alaska areas for 2021 was around 16,000 fish, over six percent of last year’s statewide commercial harvest. Last year’s trawler bycatch was 26,000 kings, or about a tenth of the 2020 commercial chinook harvest in-state.” [KTOO, [4/22/21](#)]

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- **PBS: Most Americans Don’t Trust AI-Powered Election Information.** “Most Americans don’t trust AI-powered election information: AP-NORC/USAFacts survey. The majority of Americans do not trust artificial intelligence-powered chatbots or search results to give them accurate answers, according to a survey from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research and USAFacts. About two-thirds of U.S. adults say they are not very or not at all confident that these tools provide reliable and factual information, the poll shows. [...]That's particularly true when it comes to information about high-stakes events such as elections.” [PBS, [9/12/24](#)]

Begich Opposed Ranked Choice Voting, Which Was The Reason Why A Republican Was Not Elected From Alaska In 2022, But Only Because Their Party Failed To Adapt To The System

After Losing In 2022, Begich Claimed He Opposed Ranked Choice Voting. “Republican Nick Begich isn’t a fan of the state’s new ranked-choice voting system, but he said he will still accept the results of Tuesday’s special election in Alaska. [...]”I was not a supporter of ranked choice voting. I think it provides a lot of confusion to the voters,” Begich said. “There’s a lot of questions right now circulating — what’s the strategy, how should we go about doing this? And I don’t think those are questions we should be asking going into the polling booths.” [NBC News, [8/10/22](#)]

Trump Criticized Begich For Not Dropping Out Of The 2022 Election. Her opponent, Nick Begich, has Democrat tendencies but, most importantly, he refused to get out of this Race last time, which caused the Republicans to lose this important seat to Mary Peltola, someone who is very unpopular, allowed the Democrats to terminate ANWR (something which every Republican President since Ronald Reagan wanted, but only I got!), and is doing a terrible job for Alaska. [Truth Social, [@realDonaldTrump, 6/17/24](#)]

Public Policy Analyst Kyle Kondik Claimed Republicans Failed To “Cater Their Campaigns” To The Ranked Choice Voting System. “The GOP is now 0-2 in 2 high-profile races decided in both states with RCV — ME-2 in 2018 and the Alaska House special. Does that mean RCV is biased against Republicans? I don’t really think so — the sample size is tiny,” Kyle Kondik, managing editor at Sabato’s Crystal Ball at the University of Virginia Center for Politics, said in an email to The Hill. “It’s also not Democrats’ or RCV’s [ranked choice voting’s] fault that the 2 top Republicans running in Alaska, Begich and Palin, did not seem to do a good enough job of catering their campaigns to the system.” [The Hill, [9/1/22](#)]

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- **Social Security Privatization Would Be So Costly It Could Cause A Recession.** “Privatizing Social Security will escalate federal deficits and debt significantly while increasing the likelihood that national savings will decline-all of which could reduce long-term economic growth and the size of the economic pie available to pay for the retirement of the baby boom generation. The 2004 Economic Report of the President included an analysis of the fiscal impact over time of the most commonly discussed privatization proposal by the president’s commission. It found that the federal budget deficit would be more than 1 percent of gross domestic product (GDP) higher every year for roughly two decades, with the highest increase being 1.6 percent of GDP in 2022. The national debt levels would be increased by an amount equal to 23.6 percent of GDP in 2036. That means that, thirty-two years from now, the debt burden for every man, woman, and child would be \$32,000 higher because of privatization.[...]As a result, the economy would be likely to grow more slowly than it would otherwise.” [The Century Foundation , [12/14/04](#)]
- **Social Security Privatization Was Unsuccessful In Chile And The UK.** “A report this year from the World Bank, once an enthusiastic privatization proponent, expressed disappointment that in Chile, and in most other Latin American countries that followed in its footsteps,”more than half of all workers [are excluded] from even a semblance of a safety net during their old age.”[...]In the United Kingdom, which began encouraging workers to divert payroll taxes to personal investment

accounts in 1978, many citizens were victimized by poor investment choices as well as unscrupulous brokers. The national government was left with substantial new administrative expenses, lost tax revenues, and responsibilities to bail out some failed private pension plans. Indeed, the problems were so wide-ranging that even the most enthusiastic supporters of private accounts now say that the United Kingdom simply did not do it right.”[The Century Foundation , [12/14/04](#)]

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Aurora Stores Was Owned By Mark Begich. “Their best days may lie ahead, as Mark Begich sees it [...] No retailer had inked a deal as of this writing, but the obvious candidate is Begich’s own. One of his other ventures is Aurora Stores, which operates the Stuaqpak supermarket and convenience store in Utqiagvik.” [Alaska Biz Magazine, [12/11/23](#)]

Begich Listed Alaska Hotel Group As An Asset. [Office of the House Clerk, Nick Begich, Filing ID No: 10055443, [11/10/23](#)]

Mark Begich Was The Registered Agent Of Alaska Hotel Group. [Alaska Secretary of State, [Accessed 9/7/24](#)]

Name(s)

Type	Name
Legal Name	ALASKA HOTEL GROUP, 239 W. 4TH AVENUE, LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

Entity Type: Limited Partnership

Entity #: 10139792

Status: Good Standing

AK Formed Date: 7/31/2020

Duration/Expiration: 10/19/2028

Home State: ALASKA

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Entity Mailing Address: 445 E 5TH AVE STE 201, ANCHORAGE, AK 99501

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Registered Agent

Agent Name: MARK BEGICH

Registered Mailing Address: 445 E 5TH AVE STE 201, ANCHORAGE, AK 99501

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[Alaska Secretary of State, [Accessed 9/7/24](#)]

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ENTITY DETAILS

Name(s)

Type	Name
Legal Name	Begich Capital Partners, Inc.

Entity Type: Business Corporation

Entity #: 10088551

Status: Good Standing

AK Formed Date: 7/26/2018

Duration/Expiration: Perpetual

Home State: ALASKA

Next Biennial Report Due: 1/2/2026

Entity Mailing Address: 445 EAST 5TH AVE, SUITE 201, ANCHORAGE, AK 99501

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Registered Agent

Agent Name: Registered Agents Inc

Registered Mailing Address: 821 N ST STE 102, ANCHORAGE, AK 99501

Registered Physical Address: 821 N ST STE 102, ANCHORAGE, AK 99501

Officials

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AK Entity #	Name	Titles	Owned
	MARK BEGICH	Director, Shareholder	33.33
	NICHOLAS BEGICH	Director, Secretary, Shareholder, Treasurer	33.33
	Robert Lowrance	Director, President, Shareholder	33.33

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Begich's LinkedIn Page Listed His Location As "Washington, District Of Columbia" When He Served As A Fellow At Club For Growth Starting In June 2020. [LinkedIn, Nicholas Begich III, [Accessed 9/7/24](#)]



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Investor / Advisor / Founder / Executive / Board Director for Early Stage, High Growth Companies



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Converting Medicare Into A “Premium Support” System Would “Replace Its Guarantee Of Health Coverage With A Flat Payment That Beneficiaries Could Use To Help Them Purchase Private Insurance.” “Some policymakers and analysts have proposed to convert Medicare to a ‘premium support’ system — that is, replace its guarantee of health coverage with a flat payment that beneficiaries could use to help them purchase private insurance or, in some versions, traditional Medicare. But proponents have crafted a widely diverse set of proposals that they call premium support, and some leading proposals of recent years — such as the plan from House Budget Committee Chairman Paul Ryan that the House approved in April — differ greatly, in design and rationale, from the premium support concept that Henry Aaron and Robert Reischauer introduced in 1995.” [Center for Budget and Policy Priorities, [9/26/11](#)]

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Begich Claimed He Wanted To Find “Market-Based Solutions” For Healthcare. “Healthcare reform means more choices and lower costs for Alaskans. I’m committed to finding practical, market-based solutions. #Alaska” [Twitter, [@NickforAlaska](#), [12/28/23](#)]



[Twitter, @NickforAlaska, [12/28/23](#)]

- **The 2017 ACA Repeal Bill Would Have Removed Subsidies That Allowed Families To Purchase Private Healthcare In The ACA Marketplace.** “First, the bill attacks people’s ability to purchase private insurance. It eliminates the Affordable Care Act’s (ACA) subsidies that allow individuals and families to afford health plans in the ACA’s marketplaces, replacing them with tax credits that favor the wealthy.” [ACLU, [3/16/24](#)]

Block Grants Championed By The Club For Growth Would Disproportionately Harm States With Lower Income Per Capita And Decrease Coverage Rates For Children Who Faced Systemic Inequalities

Fixed Federal Funding Would Decrease Entitlement Programs’ Reactivity To Increased Demand, Necessitating Waitlists Or Benefit Cuts. “Block-granting these programs would strip away the federal commitment to help vulnerable individuals and families who are eligible for these programs when they need them. Fixed annual funding would render the programs unable to automatically respond to increased need, as they do today. As need increases, states would have to cut eligibility or benefits or establish waiting lists to stay within capped funding.” [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, [Accessed 9/13/24](#)]

Flexible Entitlement Program Funding Is An Important Economic Stabilizer During Recessions. “By assisting people when times are tough, entitlements also help stabilize the economy. As the economy recovers, fewer people qualify for benefits. A block grant wouldn’t respond the same way to a faltering economy and greater need. Fixed funding levels would require states to absorb higher costs — or to cut eligibility or benefits. And the economy would lose an automatic stabilizer, which would worsen the downturn. That’s because unlike with entitlements, block grants would not provide guaranteed resources to spend in local communities and, in turn, help keep people employed.” [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, [Accessed 9/13/24](#)]

Block Grants Would Establish The Same Federal Match Rate For All States Regardless Of Per Capita Income, Disproportionately Harming States With High Poverty Rates. “Medicaid is currently funded through a federal-state partnership. The federal government pays a fixed percentage match for each dollar a state spends on Medicaid. The match percentage considers a state’s per capita income so that states with lower incomes get more support.[...]Under the [Block Grant] proposal, the federal match for state Medicaid programs would be reduced to a 50/50 match for all states regardless of per capita income, disproportionately harming states with high rates of poverty.” [First Focus on Children, [8/18/23](#)]

Medicare And CHIP Are Primary Healthcare Coverage Providers For Children In Foster Care, Children With Disabilities, And Children Of Color, Who Would Be Disproportionately Harmed By Block Grants. “Medicaid and CHIP cover 47% of the more than 13 million U.S. children with special health care needs.⁷ These children often require costly treatment. Consequently, capping Medicaid

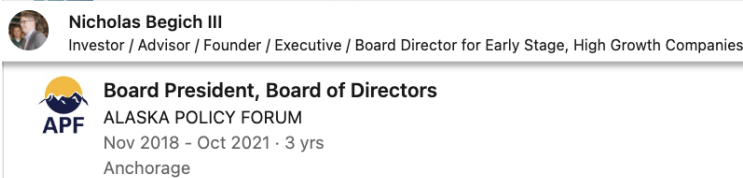
funding would disproportionately affect these children by limiting access to services, including some that would not be available through private insurance[...] Medicaid plays a critical role for children in foster care by providing them with comprehensive healthcare coverage to address what are often their very particular needs. Medicaid and CHIP are primary sources of coverage for children of color. More than half of children who identify as Native American, Black, Latino, or multiracial have Medicaid as their source of health insurance. Children of color in the United States face an array of health disparities.[...]Maintaining the current structure of Medicaid is crucial to ensure equitable access to quality health care for children, especially children of color, in order to address and overcome health disparities rooted in systemic inequities.[First Focus on Children, [8/18/23](#)]

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Converting Medicare Into A Premium Support System Could Increase Out-Of-Pocket Costs For Medicare Beneficiaries By More Than \$6,000. “Myth: Premium support will reduce Medicare’s costs. Fact: Premium support plans don’t reduce costs, they shift them onto the patient. The rising cost of premiums will quickly outstrip the value of the fixed federal contribution, and seniors will have to pay more in either premiums or out-of-pocket payments for care. The Congressional Budget Office estimates that Ryan’s original Medicare proposal would raise out-of-pocket costs for the typical 65-year-old Medicare beneficiary in 2022 by \$6,240. They haven’t estimated the cost of the latest plan yet.” [Physicians for a National Health Program, [8/14/12](#)]

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The Alaska Policy Forum Was “A Self-Described Free-Market Think Tank.” “A self-described free-market think tank that publishes the earnings of thousands of public employees in Alaska is not so open when it comes to disclosing its financial supporters – including the conservative Outside group that has funneled large grants its way. One of the values of the Alaska Policy Forum is not disclosing donors, but the source of its limited money is less important than the group’s focus on transparency in government, fiscal accountability and school reform, said David Boyle, executive director.” [Anchorage Daily News, [9/14/14](#)]

The Alaska Policy Forum Opposed Medicaid Expansion And Called For It To Be Rolled Back, Which Would Cause 41,000 Alaskans To Lose Access To Health Care

Alaska Policy Forum CEO Bethany Marcum: “Medicaid Expansion Is Failing Alaskans” And Created “A Dependency Crisis.” “It’s time for a reality check. Since Alaska expanded Medicaid to able-

bodied adults in 2015, our state has experienced cost overruns, unexpected—but predictable—over-enrollment, and is facing a dependency crisis. Some—local lawmakers and local lobbyists included—would have you believe that Medicaid expansion has benefited our state. But it's time to face the facts: Medicaid expansion is failing Alaskans.” [Alaska Policy Forum, Bethany Marcum, [2/20/19](#)]

The Alaska Policy Forum Called For The State Government To “Spend Less On Health Care” By “Reconsidering Medicaid Expansion.” “A recent update by Health Management Associates (HMA) shows that Alaska’s Medicaid and Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) enrollment remains disproportionately high, and enrollment is maintaining a high growth rate more than five years after Medicaid expansion began in Alaska. [...] The combined impact of high Medicaid enrollment rates, year after year, with far above average Medicaid reimbursement rates, is certainly contributing to Alaska’s highest-in-the-nation health care spending, and could also be significantly affecting the high price of health care services. If Alaskans want to see themselves and their government spend less on health care, reconsidering Medicaid expansion and renegotiating reimbursement rates with the federal government are the first steps.” [Alaska Policy Forum, [9/21/20](#)]

Dropping Medicaid Expansion Would Cause 41,000 Alaskans To Lose Medicaid Coverage. “If Alaska dropped the Medicaid expansion in response to the loss of enhanced federal financing, the state would forgo an additional \$2 billion over the 2020-2029 period, and by 2029, 41,000 Alaskans estimated to be covered in the expansion group would lose Medicaid coverage.” [Kaiser Family Foundation, [7/21/17](#)]

[Begich Supported Tightening Medicaid Work Requirements Even Though They Disproportionately Threaten Healthcare Coverage For Alaska Natives](#)

Begich Supported “Tightening Work Requirements For Able-Bodied Medicaid Recipients.” “Alaska has some of the world’s highest healthcare costs. Reforms are needed to drive down the cost of healthcare. Political rhetoric isn’t going to do it. It’s going to require commitment, tenacity, and hard work. We need to explore price and cost innovations around direct primary care and preventative medicine while protecting patient-doctor relationships. We can find cost savings by increasing competition, negotiating prescription drug prices, and tightening work requirements for able-bodied Medicaid recipients.” [Nick Begich for Congress, accessed [9/7/22](#)]

Medicaid Work Requirements Would Disproportionately Threaten Healthcare Coverage For Alaska Natives Because They “Are Likelier To Live In Areas With Limited Job Opportunities.” “Medicaid is an important source of coverage for American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/ANs), a population that faces high unemployment and persistent health disparities, including a high uninsured rate, barriers to care, and significant physical and mental health needs. [...] Taking away Medicaid from people not meeting work requirements will put coverage at risk for all people subject to these policies, but especially for AI/ANs, who are disproportionately likely to be unemployed. That’s because AI/ANs not only are likelier to live in areas with limited job opportunities, but also have other barriers to employment. The AI/AN unemployment rate averaged 11.3 percent from 2014 through 2018, almost 90 percent higher than the 6.0 percent rate for all other adults and higher than the unemployment rate for other adults in nearly all states. [...] AI/ANs could be at disproportionate risk of losing coverage under a Medicaid work requirement, threatening their recent coverage and health outcome gains.” [Center for Budget and Policy Priorities, [3/10/20](#)]

Lack Of Internet Access And Other Forms Of Red Tape May Make It Difficult For Alaska Natives “To Stay Covered Even If They Are Already Working Or Should Qualify For Exemptions.”

“Requiring work or work-related activities as a condition of Medicaid eligibility would also make it harder for AI/ANs to stay covered even if they are already working or should qualify for exemptions. When Medicaid eligibility depends on completing specified hours of work activities each month, enrollees have to submit documentation each month to stay covered. AI/ANs may face particular barriers to manage this additional red tape. For example, Arkansas required enrollees to report compliance with work requirements only using the Internet; AI/ANs are disproportionately likely to live in rural areas and more likely than other enrollees to lack Internet access.” [Center for Budget and Policy Priorities, [3/10/20](#)]

Begich Opposed Allowing Medicaid To Cover “Infertility Services Like IVF”

Begich Opposed Allowing Medicaid To Cover “Infertility Services Like IVF.” QUESTION: “Would you support allowing public health programs such as Medicaid to cover infertility services like IVF?” BEGICH: “No.” [Alaska Family Action, 2024 U.S. House Candidate Survey, [7/15/24](#)]

Begich Opposed The Inflation Reduction Act, Which Lowered Healthcare Costs By Capping Prescription Costs, Including A \$35 Cap On Insulin Costs

Begich Opposed The Inflation Reduction Act. Moderator: “Do you support the passage of the Inflation Reduction Act, August of 2022?” In response, Begich held up a sign reading, “No.” [YouTube, Anchorage Daily News, [24:34], [8/31/22](#)] (VIDEO)

2020: The Inflation Reduction Act “Would Have Saved” Over 1K Alaskans “Roughly \$598 Per Year In Lower Out-Of-Pocket Costs.” “The Inflation Reduction Act lowered prescription drug costs for Medicare enrollees by capping insulin co-pays at \$35 a month beginning earlier this year. Had these caps been in place in 2020, 1,026 people in Alaska would have saved roughly \$598 per year in lower out-of-pocket costs.” [Joint Economic Committee Democrats, [8/1/23](#)]

2023: Over 25K Alaskans “Saved An Average Of \$622 On Their ACA Exchange Plans.” “The [IRA] also helped lower health insurance premiums for nearly 15 million low- and middle-income Americans by extending enhanced premium tax credits for Affordable Care Act (ACA) exchange plans. In Alaska, 25,572 people saved an average of \$622 on their ACA exchange plans this year.” [Joint Economic Committee Democrats, [8/1/23](#)]

The IRA Lowered Healthcare Costs By Capping Prescription Costs, Including A \$35 Cap On Insulin Costs

The IRA Capped Annual Prescription Costs For Medicare Recipients At \$2,000. The IRA capped annual prescription drug costs for people on Medicare at \$2,000 per annum. [Augusta Chronicle, [8/17/22](#)]

The IRA Allows Medicare To Begin Negotiating The Prices Of Certain Drugs Beginning In 2026. The Inflation Reduction Act allows Medicare to begin negotiating the prices of certain drugs beginning in 2026. [Augusta Chronicle, [8/17/22](#)]

The Inflation Reduction Act Will Cut Prescription Drug Prices. The Inflation Reduction Act will cut prescription drug prices. The bill caps annual out of pocket prescription drug costs at \$2,000 per year. [Congressional Joint Economic Committee, [8/12/22](#)]

The IRA Improves The Affordability Of Healthcare In Medicare And ACA Marketplaces. The IRA includes “provisions to improve the affordability of healthcare for Medicare and Affordable Care Act (ACA) Marketplace enrollees.” [CHIRBlog, [8/12/22](#)]

Center for Budget And Policy Priorities: The Inflation Reduction Act Will Lower Medicare Costs.

“The bill will reduce Medicare’s drug costs in several ways. It will require the federal government to negotiate with manufacturers to obtain lower prices for some high-cost drugs, require drug companies to pay rebates to Medicare if their prices rise faster than overall inflation, and repeal a Trump Administration rule on drug rebates. The bill will also improve Medicare’s drug benefit by placing a \$2,000 annual limit on out-of-pocket drug spending, capping out-of-pocket insulin expenses at \$35 a month, eliminating cost sharing for vaccines, and expanding eligibility for the low-income drug subsidy. Currently there is no limit on total out-of-pocket or insulin spending. In total, these changes will save the government about \$250 billion over ten years and will also lower premiums and cost sharing for Medicare beneficiaries.”

[Congressional Joint Economic Committee, [8/12/22](#)]

The Inflation Reduction Act Allowed Medicare To Negotiate Drug Prices. “The Inflation Reduction Act allows the federal government to negotiate prices for some of the drugs that Medicare spends the most money on, a long sought-after goal by Democrats and some Republicans.” [NBC News, [8/16/22](#)]

The Inflation Reduction Act Capped The Cost Of Insulin At \$35 Per Month For Patients On Medicare. “The Inflation Reduction Act, signed into law by President Joe Biden, is set to lower the cost of prescription drugs - including cancer medications, blood thinners and insulin - for millions of Americans, experts say. [...] The cost of insulin will be capped at \$35 a month for patients on Medicare under the new law.” [NBC News, [8/16/22](#)]

The IRA’s Drug Pricing Provisions Would “Save Medicare Hundreds Of Billions Of Dollars Over 10 Years” Which Would “Encourage Pharmaceutical Companies To Keep Price Increases To No More Than The Rate Of Inflation.” “The legislation would save Medicare hundreds of billions of dollars over 10 years, with the majority of the savings coming as a result of prescription drug price negotiations and the rebates that would encourage pharmaceutical companies to keep price increases to no more than the rate of inflation, according to an analysis by the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office.” [AARP, [8/7/22](#)]

IRA Drug Pricing Provisions Will Allow Many Seniors To “Get The Same Medications They Do Now” But Would “Cost Them And Medicare Less.” The access to the same medication and lower costs “means beneficiaries would be able to get the same medications they do now, but some of those drugs would cost them and Medicare less. The savings would not be the result of any cuts to the Medicare program.” [AARP, [8/7/22](#)]

Health Affairs: “The IRA Is Likely To Be Transformative For The Medicare Program, Both In Its Protections For Patients And In Its Elements Designed To Lower Prices Over Time.” “Even though its negotiation provisions have been narrowed from previous versions of the Democrats’ proposals, the IRA is likely to be transformative for the Medicare program, both in its protections for patients and in its elements designed to lower prices over time. But it will have a much smaller impact on patients needing high-cost drugs who are not eligible for Medicare.” [Health Affairs, [8/10/22](#)]

Drug Price Negotiation Was Estimated To Save \$288 Billion. “these negotiations are poised to save Medicare a lot of money, since the prices are currently set by manufacturers. These savings - as well as others generated by additional prescription drug provisions - are being treated as \$288 billion in new

revenue that will be brought in over 10 years, according to a Congressional Budget Office estimate.” [Vox, [7/28/22](#)]

2022: Begich Blamed Americans For High Health Care Costs, Which He Argued Were Driven By “Poor Diet” And A “Lack Of Exercise”

2022: Begich Blamed Americans For High Health Care Costs, Which He Argued Were Driven By “Poor Diet” And A “Lack Of Exercise.” QUESTION: “What would you do to bring down the costs of health care, including the high cost of prescription medications, and how would you improve health care access?” BEGICH: “In 1960, health care costs were less than 6% of GDP. Today, we are approaching 20%. High health care costs are driven by a combination of factors, but some of these are behavioral in nature: poor diet, lack of exercise and a marginal emphasis on early screening. These factors have led to a substantial increase in the number of Americans with heart disease, diabetes, late-stage cancers and related conditions. Simply stated, we must encourage healthier living if we are to meaningfully drive down the costs of health care. That said, reciprocal licensure, drug and medical device patent reform, permitting cross-border purchase of prescription drugs, drug price negotiation, expanding insurance populations across state lines, direct primary care insurance models, provider price transparency (i.e. published costs) and encouraging greater competition within the generic drug market will all support improved competitiveness and allow Americans to receive better choices at a lower price.” [Alaska Beacon, Candidate Comparison Tool, [9/30/22](#)]

Begich Opposed “Vaccine Mandates And Similar Government Restrictions”

Begich Said He Was “Totally Opposed To Vaccine Mandates And Similar Government Restrictions.” “Do you believe the federal government is well positioned to continue to address the COVID-19 pandemic and other future pandemics that may emerge? [...] Begich: I believe in individual responsibility and data-driven science. The government’s response to COVID-19 did not always follow the underlying science, and as a result many Americans missed a key message that would have dramatically diminished underlying risk, not just for COVID-19 but for diabetes, heart health, and more: namely diet and exercise. I am totally opposed to vaccine mandates and similar government restrictions. The federal government’s response to COVID has burdened an entire generation of Americans with even greater debt and a psychological imprint of misplaced panic.” [Alaska Dispatch News, [8/7/22](#)]

Begich Opposed The Legalization Of Marijuana In Alaska, Claiming He Voted No On The Referendum And Expressing Concern Over “Signage”

2016: Begich Opposed The Legalization Of Marijuana In Alaska, Claiming He Voted No On The Referendum And Expressing Concern Over “Signage.” “I think its important for voters to understand where I stand personally and wehre I stand as a potential legislator. So I’m just going to take the opportunity to explain that. I voted no on this issue. The primary reason I voted no on this issue is because I have a 4 year old son and I’m very concerned about the manner in which the signage is going to be displayed.” [YouTube, KTVA News, [3/25/16](#)]

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Housing and Homelessness

Housing and Homelessness Highlights

- 2021-2024: Begich accepted at least \$85,900 from employees in the construction, development, and real estate industries.
- Begich criticized Biden's requirement of new homes meeting 2021 International Energy Conservation codes.

2021-2024: Begich Accepted At Least \$85,900 From Employees Of The Construction, Development, And Real Estate Industries

Contributor	Occupation	Employer	Contribution Amount	Earliest Contribution	Latest Contribution
Hall, Jess	Owner	Hall Quality Homes	\$11,500.00	5/27/22	9/18/23
Watterson, William	Contractor	Watterson Construction	\$8,705.00	1/25/22	3/29/22
Myers, Scott	Broker	Somers Realtors, Inc.	\$6,600.00	7/13/23	8/29/23
Myers, Scott	Real Estate Broker	Remax Dynamic Properties	\$500.00	11/2/21	11/2/21
Cruz, Dave	Manager	Cruz Construction	\$2,900.00	12/9/21	12/9/21
Cruz, Dave	Management	Cruz Construction Inc	\$2,900.00	4/11/22	4/11/22
Gerondale, Kenneth L.	President	Construction Machinery Ind.	\$4,800.00	3/28/22	3/28/22
Gohr, Edward	Ceo	Delta Constructors	\$3,300.00	7/27/23	7/27/23
Spinelli, Jacqueline	Director	Spinell Homes	\$3,100.00	8/15/22	8/15/22

Contributor	Occupation	Employer	Contribution Amount	Earliest Contribution	Latest Contribution
McKeever, William	Ceo	Tam Construction	\$3,000.00	5/29/22	7/30/24
Hultquist, Dave	Owner	Hultquist Homes Inc	\$3,000.00	9/26/22	7/26/23
Spinelli, Charles	Developer	Spinell Homes	\$2,900.00	8/15/22	8/15/22
Spinelli, Andre	Home Builder	Spinell Homess	\$2,900.00	3/3/22	3/3/22
Gohr, Ed	Ceo	Delta Constructors	\$2,900.00	3/30/22	3/30/22
Dave, Cruz	Management	Cruz Construction Inc	\$2,500.00	4/1/24	4/1/24
Park, Hae	Manager	Kirkland Properties	\$2,000.00	11/11/21	7/27/22
Capps, Robert	General Contractor	Construction Company Inc	\$1,000.00	3/30/22	3/30/22
Capps, Robert	Construction	Fw Construction	\$1,000.00	9/29/23	9/29/23
Briley, Roger	Owner	Alaska Real Estate Associates	\$2,000.00	7/14/23	7/12/24
Andrews, Nathan	Vice President	Delta Constructors	\$1,500.00	3/1/22	3/1/22
Andrews, Nathan	Regional Vp	Delts Constructors Llc	\$250.00	11/3/22	11/3/22
Wanzer, Mary	Real Estate Broker	Coastal Keller Williams Realty	\$1,000.00	5/6/22	8/15/22
Sandlian, Colby	Owner	Sandlian Realty	\$1,000.00	3/20/24	3/20/24

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Gerondale, Kenneth L. Jr.	President	Construction Machinery Ind	\$1,000.00	12/17/21	12/17/21
Gain, Kenneth	Real Estate	Equivest Realty Advisors Inc.	\$1,000.00	7/28/22	7/28/22
Farner, John	Executive	Delta Constructors	\$1,000.00	3/5/22	3/5/22
Cooper, Dustin	President	Delta Constructors	\$1,000.00	3/22/22	3/22/22
Latchem, Raymond		Spectrum Property Services Llc	\$900.00	9/12/22	12/19/23
Kendig, William	Broker	Real Estate	\$750.00	7/9/24	7/9/24
Wiegers, Charles Julie	Ceo	A A Roofing	\$505.00	4/7/22	4/7/22
Smith, Larry	Construction	D L Construction Co., Inc.	\$500.00	4/22/22	4/22/22
Reilly, Chris	Contractor	Rain Proof Roofing	\$500.00	11/3/22	11/3/22
Pruhs, David	Real Estate Broker	Pruh's Real Estate Group	\$500.00	11/23/21	11/23/21
Patel, Ajay	Investment	Key Property	\$500.00	1/31/22	1/31/22
Nystuen, Mark	Admin	McN Construction, Inc.	\$500.00	11/1/22	11/1/22
Misyuk, Olga	Owner	Premier Kitchen & Bath	\$500.00	4/27/22	4/27/22
Markwood, Cheryl	Self	Markwood Realty	\$250.00	4/27/22	4/27/22

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Markwood, Cheryl	Real Estate Broker	Markwood Realty	\$250.00	11/17/21	11/17/21
Hall, Dan	President	Knik Construction Co., Inc.	\$500.00	6/29/22	6/29/22
Crum, Richard	Contractor	Bore Tide Construction	\$500.00	3/22/22	3/22/22
Anderson, Ava	Realtor	Remax Dynamic Properties	\$500.00	11/2/21	11/2/21
Agni, Collin	Broker	Carr & Family Properties	\$500.00	2/24/22	2/24/22
Roberts, Tom	Owner	Tr Properties	\$400.00	10/9/23	5/13/24
Pavlus, Dmitriy	Construction	Northern Quality Homes	\$385.00	11/7/22	11/7/22
Veith, Frank	Area Manager	Conam Construction Co.	\$200.00	12/31/21	9/24/22
Veith, Frank	Area Manager	Conam Construction Company	\$100.00	10/25/22	7/15/24
Veith, Frank	Area Manager	Conan Construction	\$50.00	3/30/22	3/30/22
Schaefer, Chad	Project Manager	Qayaq Construction	\$290.00	3/30/22	7/19/22
Breshears, Craig	Carpenter	Craigs Construction	\$230.00	10/15/22	4/12/24
Beaulieu, Dean	Admin	Fike Industrial Construction	\$205.00	7/18/23	11/18/23
Lew, Lethe	Realtor	Desert River Realty	\$131.44	2/16/24	7/16/24

Contributor	Occupation	Employer	Contribution Amount	Earliest Contribution	Latest Contribution
Martin, Kelly	Ceo	Association Of Realtors	\$100.00	9/22/22	9/22/22
Huckleberry, L E	Redeveloper	Village Properties	\$100.00	5/28/24	5/28/24
Goryl, Glenn	Investment Sales	Berkshire Hathaway Ak Reality	\$100.00	2/24/22	2/24/22
Andersen, Ava	Realtor	Remax Dynamic Properties	\$100.00	7/5/22	7/5/22
Bertoldo, Peyton	Construction	Construction	\$85.00	4/29/24	4/29/24
Deller, Bette M	Realtor	Long & Foster Real Estate Inc	\$70.00	2/23/24	4/3/24
Typer, Donald	Broker	Glc Real Estate Services	\$64.00	4/6/24	7/6/24
Jens, Madeleine S	Real Estate Sales	Allstate Properties.Co m	\$59.98	1/12/24	4/30/24
Wentworth, Karina	Consultant	Flat Fee Realty	\$50.00	3/29/22	3/29/22
Rafeedie, Samir	R. E. Broker	Realty Ambassadors	\$50.00	11/10/23	11/10/23
Perpich, Dan	Management	Jl Properties Inc	\$50.00	12/16/21	12/16/21
Moravitz, Ryan	Realtor	Rmg Real Estate Network	\$30.00	8/11/22	8/11/22
Beaton, Jake	Underwriter	Arbor Realty Trust	\$25.00	10/28/21	10/28/21

Contributor	Occupation	Employer	Contribution Amount	Earliest Contribution	Latest Contribution
Llauguet, Celina	Office Manager	Rjl Construction Inc.	\$20.24	11/27/23	11/27/23
Cotten, Cheryl	Owner	Buck Creek Homes Construction Inc	\$20.24	2/21/24	2/21/24
Schoenhals, Jonathan	Real Estate	Green State Realty	\$20.23	6/3/24	6/3/24
Kalb, Alison	Realtor	Downing-Frye Realty, Inc.	\$20.00	1/9/24	1/9/24
Wilkins, Hampton	Real Estate Broker	Wilkins And Co Realtors	\$19.00	6/4/24	6/4/24
Hawkes, Stephen	Drywall Finisher	American States Construction, LP	\$14.00	3/7/24	5/24/24
Nelson, Dorothy	Sales	Ming Tree Realtors	\$10.00	3/14/24	4/14/24
Lubran, Mary	Contractor	American Classic Const	\$10.00	11/11/23	11/11/23
Hardin, Cynthia	Vice President	Ben Leland Construction	\$10.00	11/8/23	11/8/23
Hall, Randolph	Manager	Concordia Homes	\$10.00	2/15/24	2/15/24
Lyon, Byron E Sr.	Millwork	Tbi Construction	\$7.71	1/12/24	2/3/24
Shaw, Dianne	Realtor	Hunt Real Estate	\$5.00	10/30/23	10/30/23
Domines, Victor R	Broker	Bayside Properties	\$5.00	2/20/24	2/20/24
Delaney, Rod	Realtor	Kellerwilliams Realty Nwmt	\$2.00	1/11/24	4/7/24

Contributor	Occupation	Employer	Contribution Amount	Earliest Contribution	Latest Contribution
Lee, Martha	Realtor	Martha Lee Realty Co	\$1.00	2/16/24	2/16/24
Childress, Stephen	Realtor	Samson Properties	\$0.95	4/20/24	4/20/24
Grand Total			\$85,960.79	10/28/21	7/30/24

[Federal Election Commission, Alaskans for Nick Begich, Receipts, [Accessed 9/19/24](#)]

Begich Criticized Biden’s Requirement Of New Homes Meeting 2021 International Energy Conservation Code Requirements

Begich Criticized Biden’s Requirement Of New Homes Meeting 2021 International Energy Conservation Code Requirements. “Without adequate review and consideration of how it will affect home buyers or renters, HUD and USDA have rammed through a mandate that will do little to curb overall energy use but will exacerbate the housing affordability crisis and hurt the nation’s most vulnerable house hunters and renters. Studies have shown that building to the 2021 IECC can add up to \$31,000 to the price of a new home and take up to 90 years for a home buyer to realize a payback on the added cost of the home.” [Facebook, Nick Begich, [5/1/24](#); National Association of Home Builders [4/26/24](#)]



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BIDEN'S NEW \$31,000 HOUSING FEE: If you thought the price of a home was high today, just wait. Biden's team is preparing to institute yet another new set of rules next year that will significantly increase the cost of housing in America. From the Wall Street Journal:

“The National Association of Home Builders says the energy rules can add as much as \$31,000 to the price of a new home. It can take up to 90 years for a buyer to realize a payback on the higher up-front costs through lower energy bills.”

90 years to pay back an investment? If someone bought a new home when they were 30 they would have to live to be 120 years old before they broke even!

Joe Biden and his team of enablers in Congress need to be voted out of office in November. Their ridiculous policies are hurting hardworking Americans.

<https://www.nahb.org/.../new-energy-codes-mandate-blow-to-...>



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[Facebook, Nick Begich, [5/1/24](#); National Association of Home Builders [4/26/24](#)]

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Human and Civil Rights

Human and Civil Rights Highlights

- Begich supported Elon Musk's purchase of Twitter, praising the platform despite surges of hate speech.

Begich Claimed Twitter Had Become A "Fantastic Platform" Since Elon Musk, Who Allowed Hate Speech To Surge On The Social Media Site, Purchased The Company

Begich Said "Twitter, Now X," Was A "Fantastic Platform For Getting Information Out There" Since Elon Musk Purchased It. BEGICH: "We've got to break the media stranglehold on the flow of information. And I will tell you, I believe that that happened a couple years ago when Elon Musk purchased Twitter, now X. Right that platform, whether you're on it or not, it's a fantastic platform for getting information out there and bypassing the filter of the traditional media." [YouTube, Michael Dukes Show, 1:29:47-1:30:10, [7/8/24](#)] (VIDEO)

HEADLINE: "Report: Tweets With Racial Slurs Soar Since Musk Takeover." [Associated Press, [11/10/22](#)]

HEADLINE: "Human Rights Groups Raise Hate Speech Concerns After Musk's Takeover Of Twitter" [Reuters, [4/25/22](#)]

Musk's X Disabled A Feature That Let Users Report Election Misinformation. "Elon Musk's X, formerly called Twitter, disabled a feature that let users report misinformation about elections, a research organisation said on Wednesday, throwing fresh concern about false claims spreading just before major U.S. and Australian votes." [Reuters, [9/26/23](#)]

Begich Supported "Restricting Public Funding For Colleges And Universities That Require DEI" Training

Begich Supported "Restricting Public Funding For Colleges And Universities That Require DEI" Training. QUESTION: "Would you support restricting public funding for colleges and universities that require DEI (diversity, equity, and inclusion) training?" BEGICH: "Yes" [Alaska Family Action, 2024 U.S. House Candidate Survey, [7/15/24](#)]

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Immigration

Immigration Highlights

- Begich alleged Democrats brought in “the equivalent of 13 new house representatives” of illegal immigrants to achieve power in the US House.
 - Begich reassured it was not a conspiracy theory, and that the plan is to keep them here “in order for them to achieve permanent power.”
 - Begich claimed the Biden Administration brought in 300,000 illegal immigrants for a future “vote grab.”
 - Begich called for a return of “illegal migrants” to their point of origin.
- Begich claimed “what we’re dealing with is not immigration, it’s not even migration, really, it’s an invasion.”
 - Begich claimed the long term “goal” of this was so sanctuary cities and states will be awarded greater influence in the house.

Begich Said That Democrats, “Brought In The Equivalent Of 13 New House Representatives With Illegal Migrants” In Order To “Achieve Permanent Power”

Begich Said That Democrats “Brought In The Equivalent Of 13 New House Reps With Illegal Migrants.” “HOST: New York just issued credit cards, \$15,000, to all these undocumented folks... Begich: If minimum wage is \$15, that’s 1,000 hours of free time that they were given...That’s stealing. That’s theft These people should be sent home. You have to recognize, the reason the Biden administration is doing this is they realize in 2030 they’re headed for a major set of losses in the reapportionment during the census. They’re going to lose House seats across the nation because people have been moving out of blue states into red states. And the reason that’s important is because that’s not just the House, that’s the presidency. That’s how the electoral college works....They’re bringing these people in because under the U.S. constitution, as it’s been interpreted right now, non-citizens count toward apportionment...They’ve brought in the equivalent of 13 new House reps with illegal migrants. It depends which measure you’re looking at, but there’s about 14 million people in our country illegally right now...Their plan is to keep them here. This isn’t a conspiracy theory, it’s a conspiracy fact being perpetrated by the Democrats in order for them to achieve permanent power.” [YouTube, Michael Dukes Show, 1:46:23-1:48:44, [4/1/24](#)]

Begich Said That Democrats Did This To “Achieve Permanent Power.” “Their plan is to keep them here. This isn’t a conspiracy theory. This is a conspiracy fact being perpetrated by the Democrats in order for them to achieve permanent power.” [YouTube, Michael Dukes Show, 1:48:23-1:48:50, [4/1/24](#)]

Begich Said That The Biden Administration Brought In 300,000 Illegal Immigrants For A “Vote Grab” Because The “Long View Of The Left” Was To “Turn Them Into [Voting] Citizens”

Begich Said That, “Biden’s Administration Had Brought In 300,000 Illegal Immigrants...Let’s Be Very Clear About What’s Going On, What It Is Is A Vote Grab.” BEGICH: “If you don’t have secure borders, you don’t have a country. This last week a report came out that said Joe Biden’s administration had brought in 300,000 illegal immigrants through the airports, paid their ticket from their country of origin to come in...Let’s be very clear about what’s going on. What it is is a vote grab.” [YouTube, Michael Dukes Show, 36:57-41:30, [3/7/24](#)]

Begich Continued That The “Long View Of The Left” Was To “Turn Them Into Citizens So They Become A Viable Voting Democrat Bloc.” BEGICH: “Why do you think all these people are being housed in California? Because California’s going to lose population in the House. The long view of the Left isn’t just to have them here but to turn them into citizens so they become a viable voting Democrat bloc.” [YouTube, Michael Dukes Show, 42:37-42:50, [3/7/24](#)]

Begich Said “This Isn’t A Conspiracy Theory, This Is A Conspiracy Fact.” “Their plan is to keep them here. This isn’t a conspiracy theory. This is a conspiracy fact being perpetrated by the Democrats in order for them to achieve permanent power.” [YouTube, Michael Dukes Show, 1:48:23-1:48:50, [4/1/24](#)]

Begich Said, “You Can’t Have Tens Of Millions Of Illegal Immigrants Or Even Migrants Coming Into The Country And Then Use Them To Put Your Foot On The Scale For Apportionment Of Congressmen And Electoral College Votes.” BEGICH: “It’s very close and so this is a technique being deployed by the Democrats to achieve permanent power post-2030 in the House and by extension because of the Electoral College, the residency. It’s un-American. What they’re doing is wrong. I think anyone who looks at this with an honest and objective view would recognize you can’t have tens of millions of illegal immigrants or even migrants coming into the country and then use them to put your foot on the scale for apportionment of congressmen and electoral college votes.” [YouTube, Alaskan Rants, 10:15-10:47, [8/17/24](#)] (VIDEO)

Begich Called For The Judicious Return Of “Illegal Migrants” To Their Point Of Origin

Begich Called For The Judicious Return Of “Illegal Migrants” To Their Point Of Origin. BEGICH: “They’re illegal migrants in our nation and, uh, we need to facilitate their judicious return to their point of origin.” [YouTube, Michael Dukes Show, 1:48:00-1:49, [4/1/24](#)]

Begich: “What We’re Dealing With Is Not Immigration, It’s Not Even Migration, Really, It’s An Invasion”

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Begich Said, “They Want These People To Be Here” Long Enough To Get A Green Card That Gets Them Through The 2030 Census And “Sanctuary States And Cities Will Be Awarded Greater

Influence In The House.” BEGICH: “It should tell everybody exactly what their plan is. They want these people to be here for that five, six, seven year green card term that Joe Biden’s handing out because that gets them through to the 2030 Census at which point the reapportionment occurs and sanctuary states and cities will be awarded greater influence in the House because they’ll have more members, by some estimates 13 to 15 members. Right now, the House is separated only by five, right.” [YouTube, Alaskan Rants, 9:44-10:12, [8/17/24](#)] (VIDEO)

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Project 2025, Partisanship, and Far-Right Affiliations

Project 2025, Partisanship, and Far-Right Affiliations Highlights

- Begich said he loved the Freedom Caucus, and accepted funding from them for his campaign.
 - Begich touted endorsements from Jim Jordan and Scott Perry, members of the Freedom Caucus.
- 2024: Trump criticized Begich for splitting the Republican vote, and endorsed his opponent, Nancy Dahlstrom.
- After challenging the late Don Young in 2022, Young, his wife, and former members of Young's staff slammed Begich as being dishonest and disloyal.
- Begich touted an endorsement from Vivek Ramaswamy.
- Begich criticized Trump, claiming his personality "may create heartburn for some."

Begich Called The Idea Of Him Not Joining The Freedom Caucus "Nonsense" And Said "I Love Those Guys"

Begich Called The Idea Of Him Not Joining The Freedom Caucus "Nonsense." HOST: "This may have been the question from somebody else. It says I heard a rumor Nick may not join the Freedom Caucus. I'd very much like to hear from himself on that." BEGICH: "Don't believe— don't believe everything you hear. That's nonsense. It's interesting. The internet is full of rumors. It's crazy." [YouTube, Michael Dukes Show, 1:39:31-1:39:50, [8/19/24](#)] (VIDEO)

Begich On The Freedom Caucus: "I Love Those Guys." BEGICH: "The Freedom Caucus knows where I'm at. I've met with them. We've had conversations and we continue to so you have to be invited to join that caucus. You can't just walk in and say I'm joining your caucus. They have to ask you to join. But they've supported me. I love those guys. I support them and I hope to get down there and make sure I'm part of the solution to the problems we're talking about." [YouTube, Michael Dukes Show, 1:40:25-1:40:48, [8/19/24](#)] (VIDEO)

2024: Begich Accepted Nearly \$7,200 From The House Freedom Caucus' Freedom Fund

2024: Begich Accepted \$7,192.00 From The House Freedom Fund. [Federal Election Commission, Alaskans for Nick Begich, Receipts, [Accessed 9/19/24](#)]

The House Freedom Fund Was Run By The House Freedom Caucus. "In its short existence, the House Freedom Caucus (HFC) has made a name for itself through endless efforts to push Congress further to the right, particularly when it comes to reproductive health. Now with the 2016 election cycle

underway, the caucus' political action committee, the House Freedom Fund, seems to be working just as tirelessly to ensure the caucus maintains a radical anti-choice legacy." [Rewire News, [6/21/16](#)]

Begich Touted Endorsements From The House Freedom Caucus And Its Members, Including Jim Jordan And Scott Perry

The House Freedom Caucus Endorsed Begich. "The Freedom Caucus, the conservative group inside the Republican House Majority, came out with a stunning endorsement for Alaska's only seat in Congress: Nick Begich III. The caucus' Freedom Fund made the announcement of its support of Begich as one of nine candidates around the country that it is endorsing in the 2024 election." [Must Read Alaska, [5/8/24](#)]

Begich Claimed He Was "Honored" To Have The Support Of The House Freedom Fund And Would Work To Restore 'Bold' Republican Representation In Alaska. "Constitutional principles are the bedrock of our republic and are worth fighting for. I'm honored to have the support of HFF and to be among that group of conservative leaders who will work to ensure the American promise of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness endures for generations to come. I look forward to continuing to work hard to restore Alaska's tradition of bold representation and to grow the Republican majority in the House." [Must Read Alaska, [5/8/24](#)]

Begich Highlighted Jim Jordan And Byron Donalds As The Congressmen He "Most Admire[d]." "Who do you most admire in the US House of Representatives? BEGICH: Jim Jordan and Byron Donalds, there are a number of others! I believe Jim Jordan has done a fantastic job building a conservative team and perhaps more importantly building courage within the Republican Conference. I have personally met with Congressmen Jordan on several occasions and believe him to be a man of integrity and honesty. Jordan regularly calls out abuse of the public trust and regulatory frameworks, an often ignored function of Congressional oversight responsibilities." [Alaska Watchman, [6/12/24](#)]

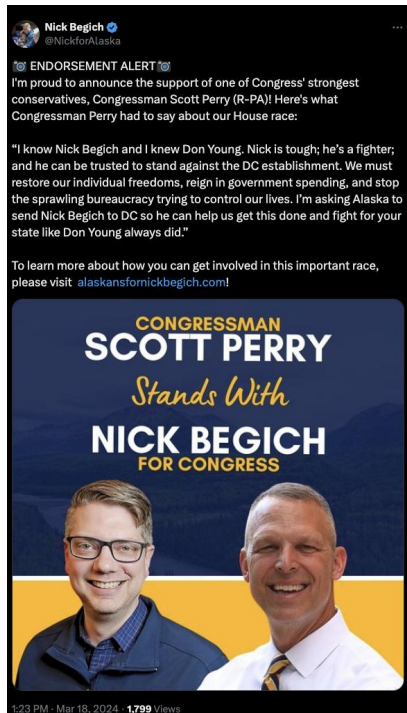
Jim Jordan Endorsed Begich, Claiming That Begich Would Be An "America First Champion." "Nick Begich is a proven conservative, a successful businessman, and a passionate advocate for Alaska's future. In Congress, Nick will be an America First champion. This race is critical to keeping the House and growing the Republican Majority. Now, more than ever, we need principled conservatives in Congress to take on the radical left's dangerous ideas" [Twitter, @NickForAlaska, [8/29/24](#)]



[Twitter, @NickForAlaska, [8/29/24](#)]

- **Jim Jordan “Helped Found The House Freedom Caucus, And Served As Its First Chairman.”** “In the 114th Congress, Jordan helped found the House Freedom Caucus, and served as its first Chairman.” [United States Congressman Jim Jordan, [Accessed 9/20/24](#)]

Begich Touted An Endorsement From Scott Perry, Claiming He Was “Proud To Announce The Support Of One Of Congress’s Strongest Conservatives.” “I’m proud to announce the support of one of Congress’ strongest conservatives, Congressman Scott Perry (R-PA)! Here’s what Congressman Perry had to say about our House race: ‘I know Nick Begich and I knew Don Young. Nick is tough; he’s a fighter; and he can be trusted to stand against the DC establishment. We must restore our individual freedoms, reign in government spending, and stop the sprawling bureaucracy trying to control our lives. I’m asking Alaska to send Nick Begich to DC so he can help us get this done and fight for your state like Don Young always did.’” [Twitter, @NickForAlaska, [3/18/24](#)]



[Twitter, @NickForAlaska, 3/18/24]

- **Scott Perry “Was An Early Member And Former Chairman Of The House Freedom Caucus.”** “Perry was an early Member and former Chairman of the House Freedom Caucus, whose mission is ‘to give a voice to countless Americans who feel that Washington does not represent them. We support open, accountable and limited government, the Constitution and the Rule of Law, and policies that promote the liberty, safety and prosperity of all Americans.’” [Congressman Scott Perry, [Accessed 9/20/24](#)]

Rep. Byron Donalds Endorsed Begich In 2024. [Alaskans for Nick Begich, [Accessed 9/20/24](#)]

- **Byron Donalds Was “A Member Of The House Freedom Caucus.”** “[Byron] Donalds is a member of the Freedom Caucus.” [Fox News, [11/4/22](#)]
- **Begich Gave A “Special Thank You” To Byron Donalds For His Work In Congress.** “True honor to hear Pres. Trump at Mar-a-Lago and to be among so many America First leaders this weekend. A special thank you to @ByronDonalds for his leadership in Congress, and for keeping a zealously left media in check with our secret weapon: TRUTH.” [Twitter, @NickForAlaska, [5/5/24](#)]



[Twitter, @NickForAlaska, 5/5/24]

In 2022 And 2024, Trump Initially Endorsed Begich's Opponents Over Him

2022: Trump Endorsed Palin Over Begich. "Two years ago, Trump endorsed former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin and not Begich for Alaska's sole seat in the House." [Alaska Public Media, 9/18/24]

2024: Trump Endorsed Begich's Primary Opponent, Nancy Dahlstrom, And Blamed Begich For Splitting The Republican Vote And Losing In The Last Election. "Nancy Dahlstrom will be a tremendous Congresswoman for the Great People of Alaska, just as she was as your Lieutenant Governor. Nancy is a proven fighter! In Congress, she will work to Secure the Border, Create Jobs, Lower Taxes, Promote American Energy Independence, Support our Incredible Military and Police Officers, and Defend our always under siege Second Amendment. Her opponent, Nick Begich, has Democrat tendencies but, most importantly, he refused to get out of this Race last time, which caused the Republicans to lose this important seat to Mary Peltola, someone who is very unpopular, allowed the Democrats to terminate ANWR (something which every Republican President since Ronald Reagan wanted, but only I got!), and is doing a terrible job for Alaska." [Truth Social, @realDonaldTrump, 6/17/24]

- **2024: Trump Only Endorsed Begich After Dahlstrom Dropped Out Of The Race.** "Republican U.S. House candidate Nick Begich III has won the endorsement of former President Donald Trump. Trump initially supported Lt. Gov. Nancy Dahlstrom for the seat, but she finished behind Begich in the primary and dropped out of the race." [Alaska Public Media, 9/18/24]

In 2024, Begich Claimed To Have Supported Trump “Since 2016,” Despite Criticizing Trump’s Personality And Repeatedly Lauding Former Trump Opponent Vivek Ramaswamy

June 2024: Begich Claimed To Have Supported Trump “Since 2016.” “Do you support Trump’s presidential campaign? BEGICH: Yes. I endorsed Trump prior to the Iowa Caucus and have supported him since 2016. I attended Trump’s Presidential inauguration when he was first sworn into office in 2017 and have personally donated to him even as recently as a few weeks ago. I believe Donald Trump has the strength necessary to push back against the administrative state and make sure that the people of America are prioritized. I am proud to be America First and believe putting the people of our nation and our state at the top of the list should be a prerequisite for anyone seeking to represent the people of Alaska in the Congress.” [Alaska Watchman, [6/12/24](#)]

Begich Claimed Trump’s Personality “May Create Heartburn For Some”

Begich Claimed Trump’s Personality “May Create Heartburn For Some.” “In politics, personalities often overshadow policies — but it’s the policies that truly matter. While former President Donald Trump’s approach may create heartburn for some, it’s his policy record concerning Alaska families, jobs and resources that firmly cements him as the clear choice for Alaska. As an Alaskan, I recognize the paramount importance of aligning with leaders whose policies prioritize our state’s prosperity and development.” [Anchorage Daily News, [12/5/23](#)]

Begich Repeatedly Lauded Former Trump Opponent Vivek Ramaswamy

December 2023: Vivek Ramaswamy Announced His 2024 Presidential Campaign. “Entrepreneur Vivek Ramaswamy announced on Tuesday that he’s running for the 2024 Republican presidential nomination.” [CNN, [2/21/23](#)]

- **January 2024: Ramaswamy Suspended His Presidential Campaign.** “Biotech entrepreneur Vivek Ramaswamy suspended his bid for the 2024 Republican presidential nomination on Monday and endorsed former President Donald Trump after finishing a distant fourth in Iowa’s leadoff caucuses.” [Associated Press, [1/16/24](#)]

Begich Touted An Endorsement From Ramaswamy On His Campaign Website. Begich listed Vivek Ramaswamy as one of his National Endorsements on his campaign website. [Alaskans For Nick Begich, [Accessed 9/10/24](#)]

Begich Said He “Really Loved” How Ramaswamy Was “Extraordinarily Articulate” And “Unapologetic.” BEGICH: “What I really love about Vivek’s message is A) he’s extraordinarily articulate b) He’s unapologetic in his delivery of his message and his message is focused on America first. In DC we’re told we need to be giving all this aid to other nations.” [YouTube, Must Read Alaska, 12:27-37, [6/3/24](#)]

Begich Said That He Has “Tremendous Amount Of Respect For Vivek.” BEGICH: “That was huge. I have a tremendous amount of respect for Vivek. He is extraordinarily articulate.” [YouTube, Michael Dukes Show, 21:50- [2/19/24](#)]

Ramaswamy Said That Begich Signed His “American Truth Pledge.” [Twitter, @NickforAlaska, [2/14/24](#)]



Nick Begich
@NickforAlaska

Thank you @VivekGRamaswamy for your strong support! By putting the people of America FIRST, our great nation will be more prosperous and free. Alaska has an important role to play in our national resurgence, and I'll be proud to fight every day for Alaska in DC!



Vivek Ramaswamy
@VivekGRamaswamy · Feb 14

You know who loves the environment more than most people? Alaskans. You know who advocates for unleashing American energy more than most people? Alaskans. @nickforalaska is America-First & Alaska-Proud. He signed the American Truth Pledge & I'm proud to endorse him.

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Begich Posted A Picture With Ramaswamy, Claiming Ramaswamy “Gets It” And He Was Proud To Have His Support. “America First is far more than a slogan - it encapsulates a set of policies that improve the lives of every American, prioritize the needs of Americans, and ensure the American Dream remains vibrant and alive. @VivekGRamaswamy gets it, and I’m proud to have his support! [Twitter, @NickforAlaska, 6/17/24]



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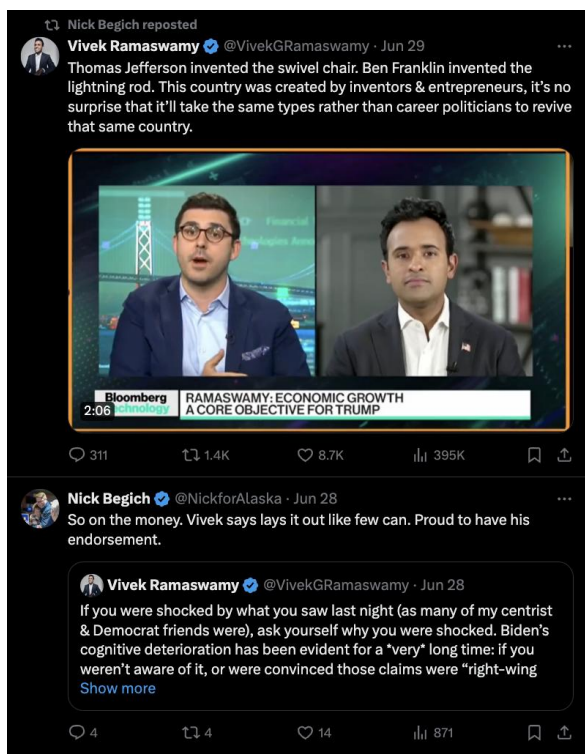
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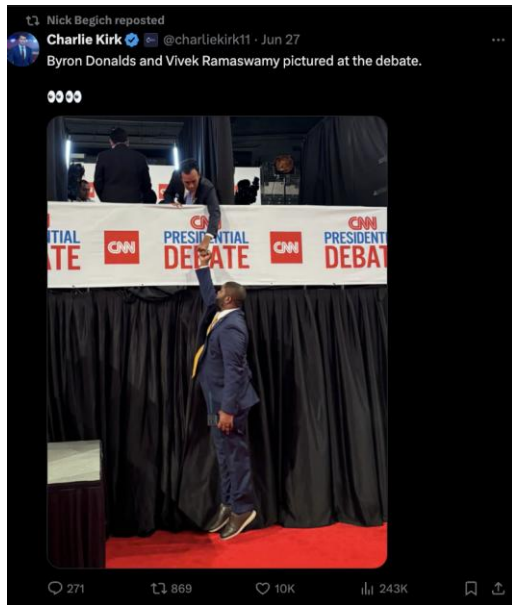
Begich Praised Ramaswamy For “Calling” That Biden Would Drop Out. “Vivek called it.” [Twitter, @NickforAlaska, 7/21/24]



[Twitter, @NickforAlaska, 7/21/24]

June 2024: Begich Tweeted About Ramaswamy Three Times In Three Days. [Twitter, @NickforAlaska, 6/27/24; 6/28/24; 6/29/24]





[Twitter, @NickforAlaska, [6/27/24](#); [6/28/24](#); [6/29/24](#)]

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Begich Refused To Make An Endorsement In The Hotly Contested 2022 Alaska Senate Race, Suggesting He Would Not Support Senator Lisa Murkowski. “Yeah. I’m not endorsing anyone right now but here’s what I will tell you. I will not be endorsing Lisa.” [YouTube, Michael Dukes Show, [4/28/24](#)]

Begich Planned On Running Against 48-Year Incumbent Congressman Don Young Before His Passing, Despite Working As A Chairman On Young’s 2020 Campaign, Leading To Accusations Of Being Disloyal And Dishonest

Begich Served As A Chairman For The 2020 Young Campaign. “This Begich, unlike his grandfather, is a Republican. He’s the nephew of state Sen. Tom Begich and former U.S. Sen. Mark Begich, both Democrats. He was also a chairman of Congressman Young’s campaign in 2020. Begich’s campaign manager for his U.S. House run is Truman Reed, who was Young’s campaign manager in 2020 and worked in his congressional office. Begich said he hasn’t discussed with Young the idea that the congressman would step aside and consider Begich a good successor. He calls it a possibility.” [Alaska Public Media, [10/22/21](#)]

2021: Begich Announced A Bid For Congress, Seeking To Unseat Don Young, The Longest-Serving Republican In The House. “Nicholas Begich III on Thursday kicked off his campaign for Alaska’s lone seat in the U.S. House against the longest-serving Republican in that chamber, saying Alaska needs new energy...” “This race is not about Don Young,” Begich told The Associated Press in an interview after the announcement. “This is about the state of Alaska, and the state of Alaska needs new energy. The state of Alaska needs new ideas, and we’ve got to have a representative that can be there, that is prepared to show up for the job and advance those new ideas on behalf of the people of this great state,” he said. [Anchorage Daily News, [10/28/21](#)]

Just Weeks Before His Death, Young Characterized Begich As “A Person I Don’t Want To Serve Me In Congress”

2022: Young Characterized Begich As “A Person I Don’t Want To Serve Me In Congress,” In A Statement Shared By A Former Staffer. “But Zack Brown, a former communications director for Young, posted a Twitter message Thursday of what he said was a previously unreleased comment by Young three weeks before his death to a group of Alaska Republicans. ‘I hired that young man to show him the ropes, run for the job, don’t run against me...it’s not loyalty, nor is it honest...That’s a person I don’t want to serve me in Congress,’ Young said. Some of Young’s former staff, in interview with other media, noted Begich spent about a year working for Young, supposedly to better understand the legislative process, before launching his campaign against the incumbent in October of 2021. [Juneau Empire, [10/27/22](#)]

2022: Don Young Slammed Begich For Running Against Him, Saying He Was Not Loyal Or Honest. “‘I hired that young man [Begich] to show him the ropes, run for the job, don’t run against me [...] it’s not loyalty, nor is it honest [...] That’s a person I don’t want to serve me in Congress,’ Young said.” [Juneau Empire, [10/27/22](#)]

2022: Young Died At 88 Leaving, His Congressional Seat Open. “Alaska Rep. Don Young, who was the longest-serving Republican in the history of the U.S. House, has died. He was 88. His office announced Young’s death in a statement Friday night. ‘It’s with heavy hearts and deep sadness that we announce Congressman Don Young (R-AK), the Dean of the House and revered champion for Alaska, passed away today while traveling home to Alaska to be with the state and people that he loved. His beloved wife Anne was by his side,’ said the statement from Young’s congressional office.” [AP, [3/19/22](#)]

Young’s Wife Anne Twice Endorsed Republicans Over Begich, Whom She Took “Clear Aim” At In Her Endorsement Messages

2022: Anne Young Endorsed State Senator Josh Revak To Replace Her Husband. “U.S. House candidate Josh Revak has secured an emotionally powerful endorsement from Anne Garland Young, wife of the late Congressman Don Young. Revak, a Republican state senator, is the successor her husband wanted, she said.” [KTOO, [4/13/22](#)]

- **Anne Young Took “Clear Aim” At Begich In Her Endorsement Of Revack, Who She Said Would Not “Ever Resort To Desperate, Mean, Hostile Tactics Just To Try To Claim A Win.”** “She also takes clear aim at Begich, without using his name. She says that compared to other apparent front-runners, Revak is late to the campaign. ‘He will not, though, like others before him, ever resort to desperate, mean, hostile tactics just to try to claim a win,’ she says. People loyal to Young have it out for Begich. He chaired Young’s 2020 campaign, but then turned on him. Starting last year, he attacked Young from the right. Begich claimed the 88-year-old was too old and lacked fiscal discipline. He also went after Young’s office policy of requiring that staffers be vaccinated against COVID-19.” [KTOO, [4/13/22](#)]

Former Young Staffers Attacked Begich For Being “Disloyal,” With Many Supporting His Democratic Opponent Mary Peltola

2022: Former Young Aides Described Begich As “Disloyal And Deceitful To Their Former Boss.” “Staffers who worked for Don Young are openly airing grievances against Nick Begich III, their former colleague who’s now running for the late Alaska Republican congressman’s seat...Former Young aides accuse Begich, 45, a Republican businessman and a former ally who co-chaired Young’s 2020 reelection

campaign, of being disloyal and deceitful to their former boss, who died earlier this year at age 88.” [E&E News, [10/28/22](#)]

Eleven Of Don Young’s Former Staffers Penned An Op-Ed Endorsing Mary Peltola. “We, the undersigned former staff and friends of Congressman Don Young, write to offer our full endorsement of Mary Peltola in her reelection campaign. We know she is the right choice to advance the interests of all Alaskans in the U.S. House of Representatives. Her commitment to running a positive race, bipartisan approach to public service, and legislative priorities that put Alaska at the forefront underpin the basis of our endorsement... Jack Ferguson, Zack Brown, Pamela Day, Mike”Keawe” Anderson, Nicole Desrochers, Linda Harrigan, Holly Croft, Meredith Kenny, Christine Williams, Gail Schubert and Martha Newell-Kinsman are former staff members and friends of Don Young.” [The Anchorage Daily News, [10/24/22](#)]

Former Young Staffer Zack Brown Alleged “Begich Was Planning On Primarying Young All Along” When He Took An Internship In His Congressional Office. “Begich ‘asked Don Young to join our office & shadow the Dean to learn how Congress works,” Brown wrote. “Begich was planning on primarying Young all along. He used DY & staff to secure inside info.’ Some former Young aides don’t think Begich was clear about his intentions to primary Young while he was still in office. A second former Young staffer said that while Begich had made it known that he was interested in running for Congress someday, people in Young’s orbit weren’t expecting him to challenge the longest-serving Republican in Congress. ‘He was not entirely secretive about his future ambitions. But it was never ‘I’m going to run against Don Young in the next election,’ it was ‘one day I would like to serve in this role,’ said that former Young staffer, who was also granted anonymity to protect personal and professional relationships. ‘The problem with Nick Begich is that he’s kind of proven to be a say-anything-to-get-elected kind of guy.’” [E&E News, [10/28/22](#)]

[Begich Had Affiliations To Multiple Major National Conservative Organizations, Including The Kochs’ State Policy Network](#)

Begich “Recently Completed A Fellowship With The Club For Growth, America’s Leading Free-Enterprise, Limited-Government Advocacy Group.” “As a lifelong Republican, Nick Begich has held a variety of professional and political roles with the intent of growing opportunity through entrepreneurship. [...] Additionally, Nick recently completed a Fellowship with the Club for Growth, America’s leading free-enterprise, limited-government advocacy group.” [Nick Begich for Congress, [Archived 3/1/22](#)]

MEET NICK BEGICH

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Nick has served on the board for the Alaska Policy Forum, an organization dedicated to advancing opportunity through economic liberty and individual freedom. Additionally, Nick recently completed a Fellowship with the Club for Growth, America’s leading free-enterprise, limited-government advocacy group. He has served for 5 years as a Board Director for MTA, one of the nation’s largest telecommunications cooperatives, and recently completed his 4th year as the MTA Foundation’s Board President.

[Nick Begich for Congress, [Archived 3/1/22](#)]

2024: Americans For Prosperity Action Endorsed Begich. “Americans for Prosperity Action (AFP Action) is proud to announce its endorsement of Nick Begich for Alaska’s at-large congressional seat.” [Americans for Prosperity Action, [9/10/24](#)]

Nov. 2018-Oct. 2021: Begich Served As The President Of The Board Of Directors For The Alaska Policy Forum. [LinkedIn, Nicholas Begich III, [Accessed 9/7/24](#)]



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- **The Alaska Policy Forum Was An Affiliate Of The State Policy Network As Of September 2024.** [State Policy Network, Alaska, [Accessed 9/23/24](#)]
- **The State Policy Network Is A Coalition Of Right-Wing Think Tanks Funded By The Koch Brothers.** “A network of think tanks across the country is quietly pushing the agenda of right-wing groups with funding from Koch brothers-affiliated organizations, a new report alleges. The study, by the liberal Center for Media and Democracy, is aimed at the State Policy Network [...] But that’s not the full story, according to the Center for Media and Democracy, which bills itself as a nonprofit watchdog group. CMD alleges that rather than a loose coalition of locally focused think tanks, SPN’s organizations are using ‘dark money’ — a term for money donated for elections without disclosing its source — from conservative and corporate donors like the Koch brothers to push a cookie-cutter conservative agenda at the state level.” [Politico, [11/13/2013](#)]
- **The State Policy Network (SPN) Originated As “A Sibling Group” To ALEC, Both Of Which Were “Co-Located Within The Heritage Foundation.”** “SPN was originally called the Madison Group and it was created in 1985 as a sibling group to support the state legislative agenda of the American Legislative Exchange Council, and both were co-located within the Heritage Foundation, which was started by Paul Weyrich with funds from the Coors fortune. The Madison Group was launched by multimillionaire Thomas A. Roe, at the urging of Ronald Reagan to create mini Heritage Foundations in the states.” [DeSmog, [Accessed 10/18/23](#)]

The American Legislative Exchange Council Was A Member Of The Project 2025 Advisory Board As Of September 2024. [Project 2025, Advisory Board, [Accessed 9/23/24](#)]

- **The Heritage Foundation Underpinned And Promoted Project 2025.** [Project 2025, [Accessed 9/23/24](#)]

The SPN And Its Members “Are Major Drivers Of The Right-Wing, ALEC-Backed Agenda In State Houses Nationwide.” “Although many of SPN’s member organizations claim to be nonpartisan and independent, our in-depth investigation reveals that SPN and its member think tanks are major drivers of the right-wing, ALEC-backed agenda in state houses nationwide, with deep ties to the Koch brothers and the national right-wing network of funders, all while reporting little or no lobbying activities.” [Center for Media and Democracy, [11/13](#)]

- **SPN And “Many Of Its Affiliates” Are Sponsors Of “The Controversial American Legislative Exchange Council.”** “SPN and many of its affiliates are some of the most active members and largest sponsors of the controversial American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC), where special interest groups and state politicians vote behind closed doors on ‘model’ legislation to change Americans’ rights, through ALEC’s task forces.” [Center for Media and Democracy, [11/13](#)]
- **A “Significant Portion Of The Funding For SPN Members’ Participation In ALEC” Comes From The Koch-Tied Donors Capital Fund.** “A significant portion of the funding for SPN members’ participation in ALEC has come from Donors Capital Fund (DCF), a secretive fund connected to the Koch billionaires that cloaks the identities of its donors.” [Center for Media and Democracy, [11/13](#)]
- **Donors Capital Fund Is Tied To Donors Trust.** “DonorsTrust and Donors Capital Fund share the same address in Alexandria, Virginia, and share a number of directors, including the late Whitney Ball, the former CEO of DT.” [DeSmog, [Accessed 10/18/23](#)]

SPN And Its Members “Push An Extreme Right-Wing Agenda That Aims To Privatize Education.”

“SPN and its affiliates push an extreme right-wing agenda that aims to privatize education, block healthcare reform, restrict workers’ rights, roll back environmental protections, and create a tax system that benefits most those at the very top level of income.” [Center for Media and Democracy, [11/13](#)]

- **SPN And ALEC Share An “Agenda To Privatize Public Schools.”** “Privatizing Public Education: SPN think tanks join ALEC in pushing a broad education agenda to privatize public schools, including pushing for-profit online schools, for-profit and other charter schools, using taxpayer dollars for vouchers to for-profit schools, and even so-called ‘parent triggers’ to allow a group of parents to close a public school for current and future students, and turn the school into a charter school or require a voucher system that takes away from traditional public schools.” [Center for Media and Democracy, [11/13](#)]
- **ALEC Project “The American City And County Exchange” Spearheaded An Initiative “Targeting Local Politicians—Especially School Board Candidates.”** “Recent documents acquired by the Center for Media and Democracy (CMD) reveal a new initiative targeting local politicians—especially school board candidates—with right-wing messaging, policies, and financial resources. This new targeting of school boards is being spearheaded by the American City and County Exchange (ACCE), a project of the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC), a pay-to-play group where corporate lobbyists and special interest groups vote as equals on ‘model bills’ with state legislators behind closed doors.” [Center for Media and Democracy, ALEC Exposed, [11/4/22](#)]
- **Moms For Liberty Launched Shortly After A December 2020 ALEC Workshop Promoting Right-Wing Narratives Around CRT.** “According to previous reporting by CMD, ALEC held a workshop in December 2020 promoting the Right’s false narrative about critical race theory being taught in public schools that featured speakers from other groups tied to anti-public school zealot Koch, including the Heritage Foundation, Manhattan Institute, and American Enterprise Institute, which have spent decades attacking public education. Just weeks after this ALEC workshop, the dark money attack dog, Moms for Liberty, was launched to target public schools.” [Center for Media and Democracy, ALEC Exposed, [11/4/22](#)]

- **Parents Defending Education Launched “Shortly” After ALEC’s 2020 CRT Workshop.**
“ALEC held a workshop in December 2020 promoting the Right’s false narrative about critical race theory being taught in public schools [...] Shortly thereafter another dark money group, Parents Defending Education, was created. As of February 2022, right-wing state officials in 36 states had introduced bills or other restrictions limiting the truthful telling in public schools of history and teachings about race, racism, or the contribution of specific racial or ethnic groups.”
[Center for Media and Democracy, ALEC Exposed, [11/4/22](#)]

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Beginich Said There Were “Valid Questions” About How The Assassination Attempt On Trump Was Possible, Like “Was This Allowed To Happen?” BEGICH: “Certainly, I would imagine most Americans see an assassination attempt on the leading presidential candidate in a race, it shakes you. This is not something we’ve seen in the nation in many, many years and to see something like this is startling. People are surprised at the Secret Service security breakdown that clearly occurred. And there’s a lot of unanswered questions right now. There are a number of valid questions about how this was possible. Was this allowed to happen? We just don’t know.” [YouTube, Michael Dukes Show, 1:06:30-1:07:08, [7/22/24](#)] (VIDEO)

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Infrastructure

Infrastructure Highlights

- Begich oppose the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill, because it allegedly “had enormous amounts of wasteful spending.”
 - Begich alleged the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill was “packed full of green new deal [programs].”
 - Begich criticized Don Young for supporting the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill.
 - Alaska received the highest per-capital payment from the Bipartisan Infrastructure bill, amounting to \$8,700 per person.

Begich Opposed The Infrastructure Investment And Jobs Act, Which Brought \$3 Billion To Alaska In A Year

Begich Opposed The Infrastructure And Jobs Act. Moderator: “Do you support the passage of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act from November 2021?” In response, Begich held up a sign reading, “No.” [YouTube, Anchorage Daily News, [24:26], [8/31/22](#)] (VIDEO)

- **Begich Called For Extending The Federal Infrastructure Spending Included In ‘The Infrastructure Bill.’** Begich: “Well, the worker shortage has been and will continue to be exacerbated by the federal infrastructure’s overspending. Federal, state, and local governments already spent half a trillion dollars a year annually on infrastructure, but the additional spending that has been unlocked threatens to re-prioritize local spending priorities and exacerbate the worker shortage. I think we need to extend the infrastructure bill spending so it doesn’t have such a negative effect on the real economy, on the worker shortage, and that it’s not inflationary to local industry.” [YouTube, Anchorage Daily News, [12:25], [8/31/22](#)] (VIDEO)

Begich Criticized The \$1.2 Trillion Federal Infrastructure Bill Because “Alaska Got Less Than 1% Of The Bill.” “Republican House candidate Nick Begich the Third is also borrowing from the Political Math For Dummies handbook in claiming a per-acre basis is the way to decide what is fair. They are claiming that because Alaska has nearly one-fifth of the land mass of the U.S., it should get nearly one-fifth of federal spending. ‘Alaska got less than 1% of the bill,’ Begich the Third told the Juneau Empire. ‘Alaska got shortchanged in the bill.’ ‘On a per-acre basis we got the least of anyone,’ Begich III said.” [Dermot Cole, Reporting From Alaska, [10/29/22](#)]

Begich Opposed The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Because He Said It Was “Packed Full Of Green New Deal (Programs).” “Only Begich said he wouldn’t have voted to support the recent bipartisan infrastructure law passed by Congress. ‘I believe that this bill was packed full of Green New Deal (programs),’ Begich said. The Infrastructure, Investment and Jobs Act, also known as the bipartisan infrastructure law, will spend over \$1 trillion nationwide, mostly in competitive grants for infrastructure projects. That bill was negotiated by a partisan group of U.S. Senators, including Sen. Lisa Murkowski, R-

Alaska, who was able to secure several provisions favorable to Alaska, such as funding for ferry service in rural areas.” [Juneau Empire, 5/17/22]

Begich Criticized Don Young For Supporting The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law And Said It “Had Enormous Amounts Of Wasteful Spending.” ““Don Young has rarely seen a spending program that he doesn’t like,’ Begich told the Empire in a phone interview Wednesday. ‘There’s just been no fiscal discipline.’ Begich cited the recent \$1.3 trillion infrastructure bill, which he said had enormous amounts of wasteful spending that would burden future generations by increasing the national debt. Alaska received benefits from the bill, Begich said, but there was a missed opportunity to make Alaska the leading edge of future energy transition. ‘Alaska got less than 1% of the bill,’ he said. ‘Alaska got shortchanged in the bill.’ Because the infrastructure bill was about building a platform for development, Begich said the state should have received a higher portion due to its size.” [Juneau Empire, 12/1/21]

Begich Described The Infrastructure Bill As “A Bill I Didn’t Agree With.” “The infrastructure bill, so-called, was loaded with a whole bunch of things called ‘human infrastructure,’ which was Don Young’s bill in the House. It was a bill I didn’t agree with. It didn’t have enough infrastructure in it. Infrastructure is supposed to open areas up that weren’t previously open. You look at the amount awarded to Alaska under the infrastructure bill, you’ll see we got less per acre than any other state.” [YouTube, Michael Dukes Show, 4/1/24]

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Provided “More Than \$5 Billion Of Investment That Will Flow Into Alaska”

Kati Capozzi, President & CEO Of Alaska Chamber: The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Provided “More Than \$5 Billion Of Investment That Will Flow Into Alaska.” ““For decades, Alaska has been in desperate need of meaningful infrastructure investment. The Alaska Chamber applauds our entire congressional delegation for voting yes on the historic bipartisan infrastructure bill. The more than \$5 billion of investment that will flow into Alaska will positively impact hundreds of thousands of Alaskans, create good-paying jobs, and catapult economic growth crucial to building Alaska’s future. Alaskans rely on roads, ports, ferries, bridges, airports, railways, and broadband to keep our communities connected. We thank Senator Murkowski for her leadership in crafting a truly bipartisan bill and ensuring Alaska’s unique infrastructure needs were not forgotten throughout the process.”-Kati Capozzi, President & CEO of Alaska Chamber.” [Sen. Lisa Murkowski, Press Release, 11/15/21]

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Authorized “Roughly \$3.5 Billion In Highway Funding” And \$225 Million “In Funding For Bridge Construction, Maintenance And Repair” For Alaska. “Alaska Highlights in the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act [...] Authorizes \$273 billion in Federal-aid highway formula funding that will provide roughly \$3.5 billion in highway funding for Alaska over five years to construct, rebuild, and maintain its roads and highways. [...] Provides \$40 billion in funding for bridge construction, maintenance and repair. Of that, \$27.5 billion will be apportioned by formula to ensure every state’s bridges are provided with needed resources, and Alaska should receive \$225 million to address more than 140 bridges considered to be ‘structurally deficient.’” [Sen. Lisa Murkowski, accessed 9/7/22]

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Invested “Over \$1.25 Billion For Broadband Infrastructure Across” Alaska. “Sen. Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska, was a key figure in passing the bipartisan infrastructure bill. Along with fellow Republicans, Rep. Don Young and Sen. Dan Sullivan, she highlighted that the Legislature, tribes and local communities will need to apply for grants and compete against other states for billions of dollars of funding. [...] Estimating how much Alaska will receive from the bill over the next five years is difficult as it will depend on the grants Alaska receives. Sullivan said some estimates are

that Alaska could get between \$7 billion and \$8 billion. He highlighted some key areas in the bill: [...] Over \$1.25 billion for broadband infrastructure across the state.” [KTUU/KYES, [2/7/22](#)]

Independent U.S. House Candidate Gregg Brelsford: The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Invested In “The Port Of Alaska, Through Which Flows 90% Of Goods Consumed By Alaskans.” “The Republican candidates, and all Alaskans, should be more alarmed by Begich’s condemnation of Young for voting for the 2021 bipartisan infrastructure bill that is bringing billions of urgently needed dollars to Alaska. As a recent manager of the Bristol Bay Borough and the city of Dillingham (interim), I know firsthand the immeasurable value this money brings to Alaska for broadband, sewers, roads and ports. This includes helping the Port of Alaska, through which flows 90% of goods consumed by Alaskans. And it means jobs for thousands of Alaskans.” [Fairbanks Daily News-Miner, Gregg Brelsford, Letter-to-the-Editor, 4/30/22]

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Alaska Received \$6.39 Billion In Infrastructure Payments, Amounting To \$8,700 Per Person, The Highest Per Capita Investment In The US. “Increased oil and gas revenue is not the only way that the federal government has become more Alaska-friendly since 2020. Since the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act was passed with bipartisan support in 2021, more than \$6.39 billion has been invested in Alaska’s deteriorating infrastructure. This comes out to \$8,700 per Alaskan, the highest per capita investment among all 50 states. This includes critical investments in roads, bridges, broadband, water and wastewater, energy, airports, the Alaska Marine Highway, and port investments. Furthermore, during the three years of the Biden administration Alaska has received \$65.9 billion in investment through federal spending. In the entirety of the Trump administration, this investment totaled \$36.2 billion. These recent investments reflect the belief of our government that Alaska is vitally important to the geopolitical and economic future of the country.” [Anchorage Daily News, [12/22/23](#)]

Self-Proclaimed “Hard-Infrastructure” Supporter Begich Argued That The Infrastructure Bill Contained Too Much “Wasteful Spending”

Begich Opposed The Infrastructure Investment And Jobs Act, Calling It “Wasteful Spending.”

“Begich cited the recent \$1.3 trillion infrastructure bill, which he said had enormous amounts of wasteful spending that would burden future generations by increasing the national debt. Alaska received benefits from the bill, Begich said, but there was a missed opportunity to make Alaska the leading edge of future energy transition.” [Juneau Empire, [12/1/21](#)]

Begich Emphasized Restraint In Infrastructure Spending, And Referred To Federal Spending As Separate From The “Real Economy.”

“As a Congress, we have a sacred responsibility to ensure that funds deployed to infrastructure are invested wisely and in ways that produce a clear and compelling return to the American taxpayer. We must be careful to ensure that such investments do not distort the real economy, displace pre-existing priorities by reprioritizing limited sources of labor or materials, and consider a maintenance model that sustains the initial investment over its useful life. As a supporter of hard infrastructure investments, I believe we must continue to prioritize funding that will allow Alaska to deliver on its important national roles, including food security through our fisheries, national security, energy security, and minerals security.” [Juneau Empire, [8/12/22](#)]

Begich Claimed He Opposed The Infrastructure Investment And Jobs Act Because It Gave Alaska Less Than 1% Of The Bill- But Alaska Only Had 0.2% Of The US Population. “Alaska got less than

1% of the bill,” Begich III told the Juneau Empire. “Alaska got shortchanged in the bill.” While Alaska had 0.2% of the US population, the Infrastructure Investment And Jobs Act would have allocated 0.6% of the funding to Alaska. Begich and Senate candidate Kelly Tshibaka argued that Alaska should receive 18% of the funding in the Infrastructure Investment And Jobs Act because the state comprised 18% of the landmass in the US. [Reporting From Alaska, [10/27/22](#)]

- **Alaska Had Received The Highest Per-Capita Funding Of Any State From The Infrastructure Investment And Jobs Act.** “This was the largest infrastructure investment in 70 years. We are receiving more per-capita funding than any other state, which is a testament to the effectiveness of our current congressional delegation.” [Anchorage Daily News, [12/20/23](#)]

2022: Begich Implied He Supported The Infrastructure Investment And Jobs Act, But Expressed Concern That Funding Wasn’t Focused On “Hard” Or “Long Term” Infrastructure Projects. “I am strongly supportive of real, hard infrastructure for Alaska. While this bill contained within it a number of green-new-deal styled provisions, the funds have now been authorized and are being appropriated. For Alaska to maximize the benefits of the bill, we must make certain that those projects which it funds have key components: they focus on hard infrastructure; they are long term; and they provide a maintenance model that ensures the investment is properly supported over its useful life. As Americans we have a responsibility to ourselves and to future generations to maximize the benefit of our investments in ways that provide a positive return to our citizens. Poor investment decisions are ultimately paid for in the form of higher taxes or the hidden tax of inflation. I have great concerns over the level of spending introduced by this and similar bills and will work in the Congress to ensure that investments made by the American people are of high quality.” [Alaska Public Media, [8/10/22](#)]

- **Begich Claimed To Be A Supporter Of “Hard Infrastructure Projects.”** “As a Congress, we have a sacred responsibility to ensure that funds deployed to infrastructure are invested wisely and in ways that produce a clear and compelling return to the American taxpayer. [...] As a supporter of hard infrastructure investments, I believe we must continue to prioritize funding that will allow Alaska to deliver on its important national roles, including food security through our fisheries, national security, energy security, and minerals security. [Juneau Empire, [8/12/22](#)]
- **Begich Said, “We Do Need Investments In Infrastructure Absolutely, But So Much Of This Is Not Used For Hard Infrastructure, It’s Waste.”** BEGICH: “I mean a lot of people say oh that’s so wonderful, look at all the projects and look at all this money. Look, we do need investments in infrastructure absolutely, but so much of this is not used for hard infrastructure. It’s waste. It’s huge amounts of government waste.” [YouTube, Michael Dukes Show, 1:48:36-1:48:52, [7/8/24](#)] (VIDEO)

Begich Claimed Schools Should “Tighten Their Belts” On Infrastructure Expenditures Because Teachers “Drive Learning Outcomes.” “My bias is for teachers, not for infrastructure. We have teachers in this town that drive learning outcomes for our students. I think we’ve got some fantastic facilities but when faced with the budget challenges that we all know exists you know we’re going to have to we’re going to have to tighten the belt a little bit on some of those types of investments and in order to retain the the high-quality teachers.” [KTVA Nawa, [3/25/16](#)]

The Infrastructure Investment And Jobs Act, In Conjunction With Other Biden Administration Bills, Brought \$8.8 Billion In Funding, 28K Jobs, And Clean Water To Alaska’s Indigenous And Rural Communities

The Infrastructure Investment And Jobs Act Funded The Tribal Water and Sanitation Infrastructure Project, Which Worked To Improve Water Systems For Alaska Native Communities. “Tribal Water and Sanitation Infrastructure: The Indian Health Service (IHS) announced allocation decisions for \$700 million to support crucial sanitation projects that will result in substantial improvements to clean water and sanitation systems in American Indian and Alaska Native communities across the country. IHS will allocate \$700 million in each fiscal year from FY 2022 through FY 2026, for a total of \$3.5 billion for the IHS Sanitation Facilities Construction Program.” [White House, [11/15/22](#)]

Biden Administration Policies Brought \$8.8 Billion In Infrastructure Investments To Alaska. “\$8.8 Billion in public investments in clean energy, infrastructure, and manufacturing under the Biden-Harris Administration.” [White House, [7/1/24](#)]

28,800 New Jobs Were Created In Alaska Under The Biden Administration. “4.5% unemployment rate with 28.8 thousand new jobs created under the Biden Administration.” [White House, [7/1/24](#)]

The Biden Administration Nearly Doubled The Amount Of Federal Funding That Trump Brought To Alaska. “During the three years of the Biden administration Alaska has received \$65.9 billion in investment through federal spending. In the entirety of the Trump administration, this investment totaled \$36.2 billion. These recent investments reflect the belief of our government that Alaska is vitally important to the geopolitical and economic future of the country. [Anchorage Daily News, [12/22/](#)]

Every Member Of The Alaskan Delegation Supported The Infrastructure Investment And Jobs Act

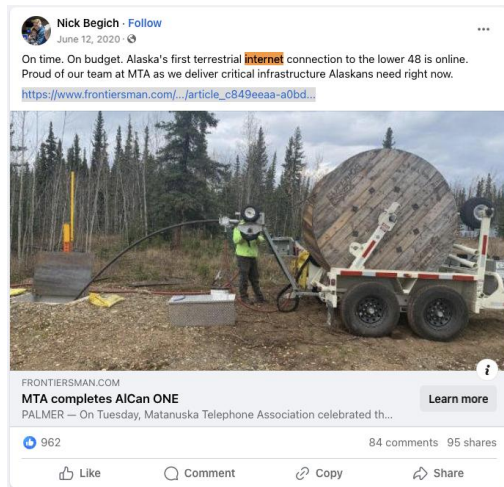
Murkowski, Sullivan, And Young Supported The Infrastructure Investment And Jobs Act, Which Brought \$3 Billion To Alaska In A Year. “The \$1.2 trillion federal infrastructure law that Sens. Lisa Murkowski, Dan Sullivan and the late Rep. Don Young crossed party lines to support a year ago has already brought nearly \$3 billion to Alaska.” [Reporting From Alaska, [10/27/22](#)]

Begich Said Don Young Had “No Fiscal Discipline” In Reference To The Infrastructure Investment And Jobs Act. “Don Young has rarely seen a spending program that he doesn’t like,” Begich told the Empire in a phone interview Wednesday. “There’s just been no fiscal discipline.” [...] “Seniority counts only if you show up to do the job,” Begich said. “Don Young is saying through his actions that he can’t do the job and he’s ready for a change.” [Juneau Empire, [12/1/21](#)]

- **Young “Showed Begich The Ropes” In DC By Offering Him An Internship In Washington DC.** “Young agreed to show Begich the ropes in Washington last year so he could decide whether to run, Begich told E&E News this week. The internship, which Begich describes as a way for him to get temporary access to Young’s office, afforded the aspiring lawmaker a glossy badge and coveted access to the corridors of the U.S. Capitol. Begich asked Don Young to join our office & shadow the Dean to learn how Congress works,” Brown wrote. “Begich was planning on primarying Young all along. He used DY & staff to secure inside info.” [E&E News, [10/28/22](#)]
- **Young Stated Begich Wasn’t Loyal Or Honest.** ““I hired that young man to show him the ropes, run for the job, don’t run against me...it’s not loyalty, nor is it honest...That’s a person I don’t want to serve me in Congress,” Young said. [Juneau Empire, [10/27/22](#)]

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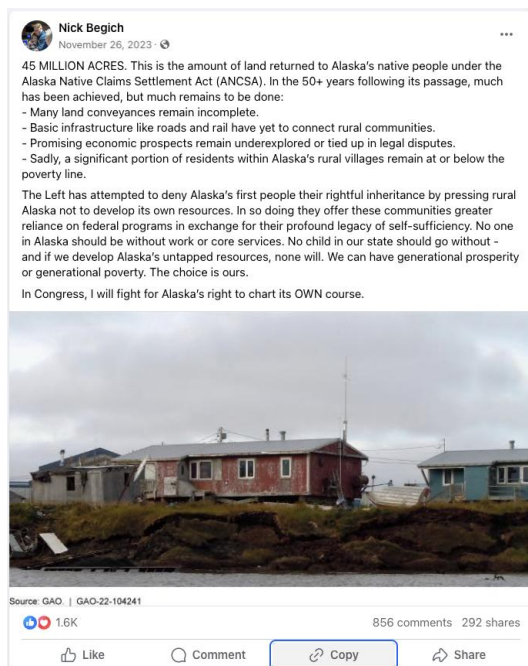
[Facebook, Nick Begich, 6/12/20]

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Begich Wanted To Introduce Legislation That Would “Allow Greater Access To Rural Areas Of Alaska.” “We must introduce legislation that will allow greater access to rural areas of Alaska through roads, rail, and ports. The resources necessary for our nation and our state’s prosperity are abundant within Alaska, but are often stranded as a result of underinvestment in Alaskan infrastructure. Legislation should provide for streamlined right-of-way access through Federal lands and supportive access reform that will allow Alaskans to unlock the incredible potential of our state.” [Juneau Empire, 8/12/22]

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[Facebook, Nick Begich, [11/26/23](#)]

Begich Claimed Alaska Needs “To Develop Its Transportation Infrastructure, Including Roads To Rural Alaska.” “He added Alaska needs to develop its transportation infrastructure, including roads to rural Alaska ‘because it will drive their costs down a bit.’ ‘We’ve seen in many places that people have to fly their goods out of Anchorage or Fairbanks and that can add 50 cents to a dollar per pound depending on where you go,’ Begich said.” [Fairbanks Daily News-Miner, [1/26/24](#)]

Begich Supported The Development Of Roads, Rail, Bridges and Tunnels In Alaska, And Supported The Alaska To Alberta Railway Project. “Infrastructure Development: Roads, Rail, Bridges, and Tunnels Expanding and improving our transportation infrastructure is essential for reducing costs and enhancing connectivity. Projects like the Juneau Access Road and the road to Cordova are just a couple of the potential enhancements that can drastically improve access to disconnected communities, reduce reliance on expensive air and ferry services, and lower the cost of goods and services. Projects like the Ambler District Road will facilitate access to valuable mineral resources, creating jobs and boosting depressed local economies, while roads to rural hubs like Nome will significantly enhance the connectivity of remote communities. In addition to road projects, the Alaska to Alberta (A2A) Railway Project continues to represent a significant opportunity to link Alaska to the North American rail network. This will improve trade and transportation options, opening new economic opportunities for Alaskans.” [Alaska Beacon, [9/12/24](#)]

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Military, National Security, and Veterans' Affairs

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- Begich supported repealing the Jones Act, which the Hudson Institute warned could create “security risks” that Alaska would bear the brunt of.
- Begich rated the federal government’s interactions with Native Tribes as “very poor,” including Native veterans.

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Begich: “I Believe The Jones Act Should Be Repealed.” Host: “What about a carveout for the Jones Act?” Begich: “I took heck from the shipping industry in the last election cycle. I believe the Jones Act should be repealed. I believe it’s a hidden tax on Alaskans. It was supposed to be temporary. 29:40: Host: “This is a direct government subsidy to American ship builders.” Begich: “Not only has it passed on an enormous cost, but it actually makes the shipbuilding industry in the long run less competitive. I think if we approached this from a free market perspective, there would be a way to smartly phase this out. When you open things up to the forces of competition, we win.” [YouTube, Michael Dukes Show, [7/20/23](#)]

The Hudson Institute Suggested Repealing The Jones Act Would Cause “Serious And Negative Impacts On American Security.” “The serious and negative impacts on American security that a Jones Act repeal would produce should, in the current geopolitical context, end discussion of that subject, but it is important to include an addendum. The core fallacy that led some to think that American shipping and shipbuilding industries are uncompetitive (or that repealing the Jones Act would strengthen rather than weaken American security) has also led to many other claims that defy common sense.” [The Hudson Institute, [5/30/24](#)]

Alaskans “Would Bear The Costs Of The Greater Security Risks.” “On the contrary, all Alaskans, Hawaiians, and Puerto Ricans would bear the costs of the greater security risks that would result from transferring those key jobs away from American workers and exposing those communities’ maritime connections with the US mainland to foreign control.” [The Hudson Institute, [5/30/24](#)]

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Begich Opposed “The Use Of Military Funds To Transport Soldiers To Obtain An Abortion.” “Do you support the use of military funds to transport soldiers to obtain an abortion? BEGICH: No.” [Alaska Watchman, [6/12/24](#)]

Begich: "I Would Rate The Federal Government's Interactions With Alaska Native Tribes As Very Poor," Including Native Veterans

Begich: "I Would Rate The Federal Government's Interactions With Alaska Native Tribes As Very Poor," Including Native Veterans. "Additionally, Alaska Native Vietnam Veterans have not received the land selections promised to them, and tragically, many of these veterans have passed away before receiving their rightful land. Moreover, the Interior Department Secretary has failed to engage with North Slope community leaders before enacting regulations and making resource development decisions that dramatically impact their future opportunities. This lack of consultation and fulfillment of promises represents a significant failure in the federal government's duty to Alaska Native tribes. To address these issues, we must adopt a course of action that is consistent with a conservative and small government approach while recognizing our intergovernmental responsibilities. A special initiative should be launched to ensure that Alaska Native Vietnam Veterans or their families receive their promised land selections without further delay." [Alaska Beacon, [9/12/24](#)]

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Unions and Organized Labor

Unions and Organized Labor Highlights

- Begich and his allies opposed the Protecting The Right To Organize act.
 - The Right To Organize Act received Bipartisan support.
 - Alaska was the fourth most unionized state in the country

Begich Opposed The Protecting The Right To Organize (PRO) Act Even Though It Received Bipartisan Support And Alaska Was The Fourth Most Unionized State In The Country

Begich Criticized Young For Being One Of Five Republicans To Vote For The Protecting The Right To Organize (PRO) Act. “Soon after entering the race, Begich began criticizing Young for his office policies to mitigate COVID-19, his support for the confirmation of Interior Secretary Deb Haaland and his vote for the Protecting the Right to Organize Act, a House bill that would change laws governing unions. Young was one of five Republicans to vote in favor of that bill. Begich also said that during the month he spent working in Young’s office, he saw lobbyists exert excessive influence over the congressman.” [Alaska Dispatch News, [4/27/22](#)]

Oct. 2021: Alaska Was The Fourth Most Unionized State In The Country With 17.7% Of Alaska Workers Being Union Members And 19.5% Covered By Union Contracts. “Alaska is the #4 most unionized state [...] Alaska by the numbers [...] Employed population: 280,000 [...] Members of unions: 49,000 (17.7% of employed population) [...] Workers represented by unions: 55,000 (19.5% of employed population).” [Stacker, [10/11/21](#)]

The PRO Act Would Increase Penalties For Illegal Union-Busting, Expand Collective Bargaining Rights, Weaken “Right To Work” Laws, And Allow More Contractors To Be Reclassified As Employees

HEADLINE: House Passes Bill To Rewrite Labor Laws And Strengthen Unions. [Washington Post, [2/6/20](#)]

The PRO Act Would Increase Fines For Companies That Illegally Retaliate Against Workers Seeking To Unionize, Expand Collective Bargaining Rights, And Weaken “Right To Work” Laws.

“The Protecting the Right to Organize Act, known as the PRO Act, would amend some of the country’s decades-old labor laws to give workers more power during disputes at work, add penalties for companies that retaliate against workers who organize and grant some hundreds of thousands of workers collective-bargaining rights they don’t currently have. It would also weaken ‘right-to-work’ laws in 27 states that allow employees to forgo participating in and paying dues to unions. The House passed the bill with a vote of 224 to 194, mostly along party lines.” [Washington Post, [2/6/20](#)]

The PRO Act Would Allow More People Classified As Contractors To Be Given Employee Status, Which Would Allow Them To Unionize. “The bill would also allow more people currently classified as contractors to be given the status of employees for the purposes of union organizing, potentially paving the way for gig workers at companies like Lyft, Uber and DoorDash to organize with unions or among themselves.” [Washington Post, [2/6/20](#)]

Anti-Union Group Americans For Prosperity Endorsed Begich For Congress

Americans For Prosperity Endorsed Nick Begich For Congress. “Americans for Prosperity Action (AFP Action) is proud to announce its endorsement of Nick Begich for Alaska’s at-large congressional seat. Alaskans deserve a leader who embodies the independent spirit of the Last Frontier. Since her election, Mary Peltola has sided with the Biden-Harris administration each step of the way. Nick Begich is the leader who will stand up for Alaskans in Congress, fight to bring down the cost of living, and champion Alaska’s energy industry.” [Americans For Prosperity PAC, [9/10/24](#)]

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

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2016 Campaign For Anchorage Assembly

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- In his 2016 Assembly campaign, Begich raised and spent \$34,000.
- Begich criticized the Anchorage Municipal Government for taking out bonds to pay for school infrastructure.

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2016: Begich Ran For Seat A Representing District 2 On The Anchorage Assembly. According to records from the Municipality of Anchorage, Begich lost the election for District 2, Seat A on the Anchorage Assembly by 1226 votes. His opponent, Amy Demboski won 57.72% of the vote with 4414 votes total, while Begich had only 41.69% of the vote with a total of 3188 votes. [Municipality of Anchorage, [4/26/16](#)]

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The Anchorage Assembly Represented “Every Neighborhood In The Municipality Of Anchorage.” “From Chugiak to Girdwood, every neighborhood in the Municipality of Anchorage is represented on the Anchorage Assembly. With members elected by you and your neighbors, the Assembly creates, passes and amends local laws, and approves the Municipality’s budget. We invite you to learn more about what we do and get involved.” [Municipality of Anchorage, Assembly, [Accessed 9/20/24](#)]

2016 Assembly Campaign: Begich Raised And Spent More Than \$34,200

Begich Received \$34,259 In Contributions During His 2016 Run For Anchorage Assembly. According to the Alaska Public Offices Commission, Begich’s final campaign filing reported that he received \$34,259 in contributions during his run for Anchorage Assembly. [Alaska Public Offices Commission, [7/19/16](#)]

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Begich Contributed More Than \$10,900 To His 2016 Campaign For Anchorage Assembly

Begich Contributed \$10,971.27 To His 2016 Campaign For Anchorage Assembly. According to records with the Alaska Public Offices Commission, Begich contributed to his 2016 campaign for Anchorage Assembly \$10,971.27 in 6 independent contributions.

Date	Amount
2/13/2016	\$16.05
2/14/2016	\$71.06
2/15/2016	\$3,000.00
2/24/2016	\$500.00
4/8/2016	\$1,500.00
6/26/2016	\$5,830.16
Total:	\$10,971.27

[Alaska Public Offices Commission, [Accessed 9/19/24](#)]

Begich Criticized The Anchorage Municipal Government For Taking Out Bonds To Pay For School Infrastructure, Claiming He Wanted To Implement Zero-Based Budgeting

Begich Criticized The Anchorage Local Government For Taking Out Bonds To Pay For School Busses Because It Raised Property Taxes. “In Anchorage, you know, one of the things that concerns me and concerns a lot of the people that I speak with is the manner in which we bond things. Bonds are a major driver of our property taxes in this town. When I see things like IP cameras, when I see things like school buses, these are things that on the grand scale are relatively moderate to minor expenditures. Do we really need to bond these? Aren’t these foreseeable -shouldn’t they be fit within the scope of the existing budget? So once you start fitting those maintenance things that we should be putting in the budget- according to several people- something else has got to go.” [KTVA Nawa, [3/25/16](#)]

Begich Claimed Schools Should “Tighten Their Belts” On Infrastructure Expenditures Because Teachers “Drive Learning Outcomes.” “My bias is for teachers, not for infrastructure. We have teachers in this town that drive learning outcomes for our students. I think we’ve got some fantastic facilities but when faced with the budget challenges that we all know exists you know we’re going to have to we’re going to have to tighten the belt a little bit on some of those types of investments and in order to retain the the high-quality teachers.” [KTVA Nawa, [3/25/16](#)]

Begich Believed In Zero-Based Budgeting, Which Would Require An Annual Review For Every Budgetary Item. “I believe in a process called ‘zero-based budgeting.’ Rather than simply using the

previous year's expenditures as the starting point of next year's budget as is proposed in Proposition 8, I believe that every budgetary line item should be reviewed for need on a regular basis." [NBC KTUU, [3/23/16](#)]

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FarShore Partners

FarShore Partners Highlights

- The overwhelming majority of FarShore's employees were located in India, with Begich being the only employee in Alaska.
 - Begich claimed "we have to recognize we live in a global world, Right?" In response to questioning about FarShore's employees.
 - FarShore Partners held a PPP loan for \$83,923, which was forgiven for \$85,003.
 - FarShore Partners listed Fox News as a partner organization.
- Farshore Capital Management was implicated in the Paradise Papers Leak.
- FarShore was registered in Nevada, And Alaska.

Begich's Employees At FarShore Partners Were Overwhelmingly Located In India While He Was The Only One Based Out Of Alaska

May 2006-Present: Begich Served As Founder, CEO, And Executive Chairman Of FarShore Partners. [LinkedIn, Nicholas Begich III, [Accessed 9/7/24](#)]

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FarShore Partners
18 yrs 5 mos
Chicago, Anchorage, Zagreb, Osijek, Madurai, Chennai

- **Executive Chairman**
Dec 2020 - Present · 3 yrs 10 mos

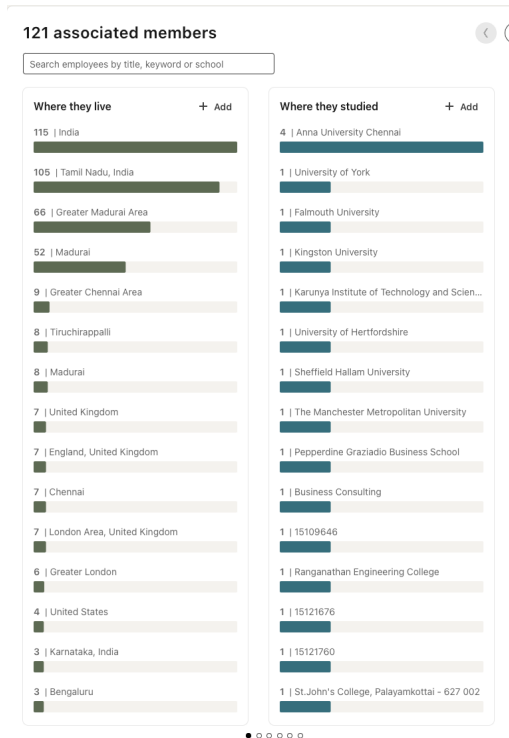
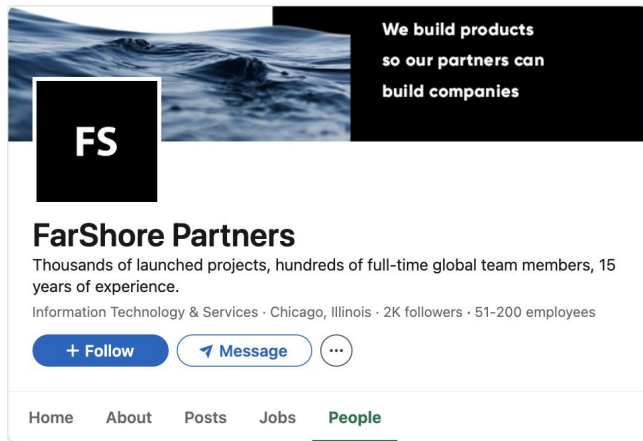
Responsible for long-term corporate planning, executive coaching, process definition, and situational opportunities.
- **CEO & Founder**
May 2006 - Dec 2020 · 14 yrs 8 mos
 - Developed Global Software Technology Organization to over 140 full-time salaried team members.
 - Delivered 3,500+ software development projects for 400+ clients.
 - Teams include Design, Architecture, Project Management, Development, Testing, and Infrastructure supporting applications on Mobile, Web, and Desktop.

[LinkedIn, Nicholas Begich III, [Accessed 9/7/24](#)]

Farshore "Provides Software And Information Technology Services To Other Companies." "At age 27, Begich returned to Alaska and founded FarShore, which provides software and information technology services to other companies. The company grew to be worth millions, with around 150 employees. Most of them are in India and Croatia, and none of them are in Alaska." [Alaska Dispatch News, [8/5/22](#)]

The Overwhelming Majority Of FarShore's Employees Were Located In India While Begich Was The Only One Based In Alaska

September 2024: Out Of FarShore’s 121 Employees, 115 Of Them Were In India And Only Four Were In The U.S., According To LinkedIn. [LinkedIn, FarShore Partners, [Accessed 9/7/24](#)]



[LinkedIn, FarShore Partners, [Accessed 9/7/24](#)]

Begich Was The Only FarShore Employee Listed As Being Based Out Of Alaska. [LinkedIn, FarShore Partners, [Accessed 9/7/24](#); Nicholas Begich III, [Accessed 9/7/24](#)]

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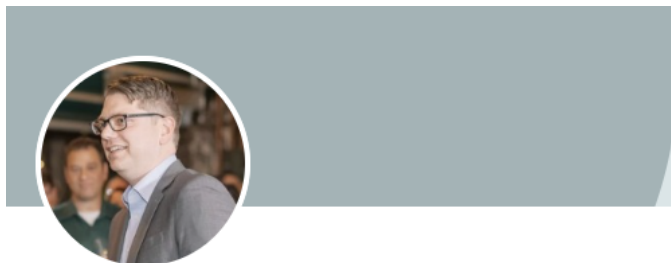
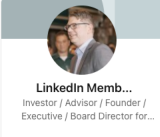
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Nicholas Begich III

Investor / Advisor / Founder / Executive / Board Director for Early Stage, High Growth Companies

[LinkedIn, FarShore Partners, [Accessed 9/7/24](#); Nicholas Begich III, [Accessed 9/7/24](#)]

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2024: Begich Laid Off Workers At His Software Company To Facilitate His Run For Congress

2024: Begich Said “All Of My Employees Have Been Laid Off” So That He Could Run For Congress. “I still own a software development company that had five offices around the world. As I ran for Congress, it became abundantly clear I couldn’t run that company and run for Congress at the same time. All of my employees have been laid off in that company.” [The Michael Dukes Show, [6/10/24](#)]

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Owner	Type	Name
Filer	Creditor	Rick Desai
Filer	Creditor	Piyush Desai
Filer	Creditor	Michele Morton
Filer	Creditor	Navient
Filer Spouse	Creditor	Wells Fargo Home Mortgage
Filer, Spouse	Creditor	Wells Fargo Home Mortgage
Filer	Creditor	Wells Fargo Auto Finance
Spouse	Creditor	Navient
Filer	Lender	FarShore Ventures LLC
Filer	Lender	FarShore Ventures III LLC
Filer	Creditor	State of CA Franchise Tax Board

[Anchorage City, Personal Financial Disclosure, [2/11/16](#)]

FarShore Partners Held A PPP Loan For \$83,923, Which Was Forgiven For \$85,033

FarShore Partners Held A PPP Loan For \$83,923, Which Was Forgiven For \$85,033. FarShore partners held a PPP loan worth 83,923, which was forgiven for \$85,022. The loan was approved on April 27, 2020. The lender was Northrop Bank, and the company reported seven jobs. The loan status listed on Propublica was “forgiven.” [Propublica PPP loan database, [4/27/2020](#)]

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FarShore Partners LLC Alaska Is A Branch Of FarShore Partners LLC Registered In Nevada

July 2006: FarShore Partners LLC Was Registered In Nevada. Farshore Partners LLC was registered in Nevada in July 2006, and was in good standing. The registered agent for FarShore Partners was Pacific Registered Agents, INC, a commercial registered agent. [Nevada Business Portal, [7/7/06](#)]

July 2011: FarShore Partners, LLC Was Registered In Alaska. FarShore partners was registered in Chugiak Alaska in July 2011. Nicholas Begich III was the registered agent. [Alaska Division of Corporations, Business, And Professional Licensing, [7/15/11](#)]

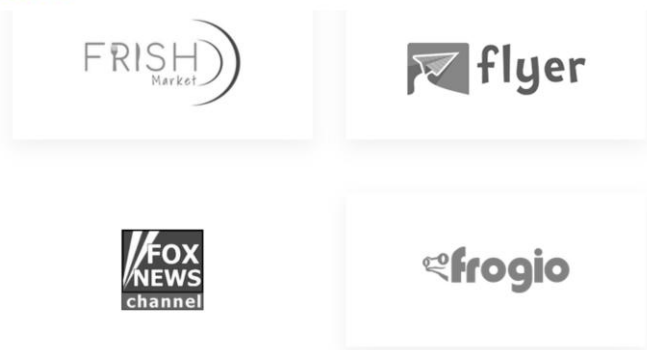
FarShore Partners Alaska Listed 22568 Sambar Loop, Chugiak, AK 99567 As It's Mailing And Physical Address. 22568 Sambar Loop, Chugiak Alaska was listed as the mailing and physical address of FarShore partners. The property value of this residential home was \$685,800, and was a 4 bedroom home with 2,556 square feet. [Zillow, [9/19/24](#); Alaska Division of Corporations, Business, And Professional Licensing, [7/15/11](#)]

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[Farshore, Partners, Accessed, [9/19/24](#)]

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Dashfire

Dashfire Highlights

- Dashfire held LLC's in Delaware, Nevada, And Illinois.
- Dashfire's website security certificate expired, resulting in a "NET::ERR_CERT_DATE_INVALID" error.

November 2009-Present As Of September 2024: Begich Served As Co-Founder of Dashfire

Begich Was The Co-Founder of Dashfire From November 2009 To Present. [Linkedin, Nicholas Begich III, Accessed [9/16/24](#)]

Iterations Of Dashfire Were Registered In Various States, Including Illinois, Delaware, And Nevada

Dashfire I, LLC Was Registered In Chicago, Illinois, Active, And Its Agent Was Rick Desai. Dashfire I, LLC's registered agent was Rick Desai, and Dashfire I's Registered Address was 750 N Orleans #301 Chicago, IL 60654. The listed type of LLC was "foreign." The company was active. [Illinois Secretary of State, [9/19/24](#)]

Dashfire I, LLC Was Registered In Delaware. Dashfire I, LLC was registered in Delaware in April 2012. The address was 251 Little Falls Drive, Wilmington Delaware, 19808. The registered agent was Corporation Service Company. [State of Delaware, Entity Search, [9/19/24](#)]

Dashfire Management LLC Was Registered In Delaware. Dashfire Management registered in Delaware in June 2012. The registered agent was National Registered Agents, INC. The address was 1209 Orange Street, Wilmington Delaware, 19801. [State of Delaware, [9/19/24](#)]

Dashfire X - I LLC Was Registered In Nevada In August 2021, And Listed FarShore Partners LLC As A Manager. The name of the registered agent was "Registered Agents Inc." The address of the registered agent was 401 Ryland st, set 200a, Reno, NV, 89502, USA. The sole officer was listed as FarShore Partners LLC, who held the title of manager. The address of the officer was 22568 Sambar Loop, Chugiak, AK, 99567, USA. [Nevada Business Entity Search, Accessed [9/19/24](#)]

Dashfire V LLC Was Registered In Nevada In August 2021, And Listed Farshore Partners LLC And Alaska Strategic Resources INC. As Managing Members. Dashfire V LLC's registered agent was listed as PACIFIC REGISTERED AGENTS, INC. The address of the registered agent was 1805 N Carson Street Suite S, Carson City, NV, 89701. Farshore Partners LLC was listed as a managing member, whose address was 22568 Sambar Loop, Anchorage, A 99567, USA. The other managing member, Alaska Strategic Resources INC, address was 415 G Street Suite 515, Anchorage, AK, 99501, USA. [Nevada Business Entity Search, Accessed [9/19/24](#)]

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[Dashfire Website, Accessed [9/19/24](#)]

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Campaign Finance

Campaign Finance Highlights

- 2024: Begich's campaign held \$425,000.00 in outstanding debt.
- 2021-2024: Begich funded his campaign through monetary, in-kind or other ways to the tune of \$674.5k.
- Begich accepted contributions from companies and individuals who engaged in or supported trawling.
 - Begich accepted \$1,500 from Groundfish Forum, a company that owned 19 trawling ships.
 - Begich accepted \$1,000 from Food Loomis, who opposed Peltola's Bottom Trawl Clarity act.
 - Begich accepted \$1,000 from Arne Funlvog, who worked for Trawler Operator Glacier Fish Company.
- 2022-2024 Begich accepted \$45,000 from PACs.
- 2021-2024: Begich accepted at least \$85,900 from employees in the construction, development, and real estate industries.
- 2022: Begich accepted \$21,900 from energy, natural gas, oil, and energy extraction employees.
- 2016: Begich accepted \$7,975 from Democrats contributors and unions in his 2016 assembly race.
- Begich made 1.8 million in disbursements to organizations.

Financial Summary As Of July 31, 2024

Begich's Campaign Received \$97,9735.62 in 2024. According to the Federal Election Commission, as of July 31, 2024, Begich's campaign received \$97,9735.62 in contributions. [Federal Election Commission, [8/8/24](#)]

Begich's Campaign Spent \$89,6514.57 in 2024. According to The Federal Election Commission, as of July 31, 2024, Begich's campaign spent \$89,6514.57 in expenditures. [Federal Election Commission, [8/8/24](#)]

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2021-2022: Begich Loaned His Campaign Committee \$650K

Contributor	Receipt Type	Receipt Description	Amount	Date
Begich, Nicholas III	Loans Received From The Candidate	Personal Funds	\$100,000.00	3/29/22
Begich, Nicholas III	Loans Received From The Candidate	Personal Funds	\$150,000.00	11/2/21
Begich, Nicholas III	Loans Received From The Candidate	Personal Funds	\$400,000.00	3/29/22
Grand Total			\$650,000.00	

[Federal Election Commission, Alaskans for Nick Begich, Receipts, [Accessed 9/19/24](#)]

November 2022-June 2023: Begich's Committee Repaid Him \$225,000 In Loans.

Recipient	Disbursement Type	Disbursement Description	Amount	Date
Begich, Nicholas III	Loan Repayments Made to Candidate	Loan Repayment: Loan Received	\$150,000.00	11/22/22
Begich, Nicholas III	Loan Repayments Made to Candidate	Loan Repayment: Loan Received	\$50,000.00	11/22/22
Begich, Nicholas III	Loan Repayments Made to Candidate	Loan Repayment: Loan Received	\$25,000.00	6/30/23

Recipient	Disbursement Type	Disbursement Description	Amount	Date
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Grand Total			\$225,000.00	
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[Federal Election Commission, Alaskans for Nick Begich, Disbursements, [Accessed 9/19/24](#)]

2021-2023: Begich Reported \$25,000 In Disbursements To Himself, Including Reimbursements And Contributions Described As “In-Kind:In Kind”

Recipient	Disbursement Description	Disbursement Total	Earliest Disbursement	Latest Disbursement
Begich, Nicholas III	In-Kind:In Kind: Polling	\$5,100.00	5/14/21	9/30/21
Begich, Nicholas III	In-Kind:In Kind: Advertising	\$4,878.19	2/1/21	12/14/21
Begich, Nicholas III	In-Kind:In Kind: Lodging	\$3,617.15	4/28/21	7/9/21
Begich, Nicholas III	In-Kind:In Kind: Administrative Support	\$3,173.07	7/31/21	7/31/21
Begich, Nicholas III	In-Kind:In Kind: Meals	\$2,886.92	4/7/21	10/6/22
Begich, Nicholas III	In-Kind:In Kind: Air Travel	\$2,168.21	1/31/21	9/8/21
Begich, Nicholas III	Reimb Fundraising Ads	\$900.00	9/12/23	9/12/23
Begich, Nicholas III	In-Kind:In Kind: Travel Transportation	\$588.42	4/28/21	5/9/21
Begich, Nicholas III	In-Kind:In Kind: Parking	\$350.00	4/28/21	9/17/21
Begich, Nicholas III	In-Kind:In Kind: Postage	\$293.50	7/16/21	12/27/21
Begich, Nicholas III	In-Kind:In Kind: Catering	\$275.00	7/15/21	7/15/21
Begich, Nicholas III	In-Kind:In Kind: Mail Services	\$246.00	10/20/21	10/20/21

Recipient	Disbursement Description	Disbursement Total	Earliest Disbursement	Latest Disbursement
Begich, Nicholas III	In-Kind:In Kind: Software	\$207.36	7/19/21	12/9/21
Begich, Nicholas III	Reimb Usps Stamps	\$132.00	10/2/23	10/2/23
Begich, Nicholas III	In-Kind:In Kind: Gop Convention	\$110.00	7/6/21	7/9/21
Begich, Nicholas III	In-Kind:In Kind: Po Box	\$99.00	7/7/23	7/7/23
Begich, Nicholas III	In-Kind:In Kind: Travel Fuel	\$44.83	7/13/21	7/13/21
Begich, Nicholas III	In-Kind:In Kind: Fuel	\$22.51	7/2/21	7/2/21
Grand Total		\$25,092.16	1/31/21	10/2/23

[Federal Election Commission, Alaskans for Nick Begich, Disbursements, [Accessed 9/19/24](#)]

2021-2023: Begich Reported Receiving \$24,000 In Reimbursements And Contributions From Himself, Which Were Described As “In-Kind:In Kind”

Contributor	Receipt Type	Receipt Description	Amount	Date	Date
Begich, Nicholas III	Contribution From Candidate	In-Kind:In Kind: Polling	\$5,100.00	5/14/21	9/30/21
Begich, Nicholas III	Contribution From Candidate	In-Kind:In Kind: Advertising	\$4,878.19	2/1/21	12/14/21
Begich, Nicholas III	Contribution From Candidate	In-Kind:In Kind: Lodging	\$3,617.15	4/28/21	7/9/21
Begich, Nicholas III	Contribution From Candidate	In-Kind:In Kind: Administrative Support	\$3,173.07	7/31/21	7/31/21

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Begich, Nicholas III	Contribution From Candidate	In-Kind:In Kind: Meals	\$2,886.92	4/7/21	10/6/22
Begich, Nicholas III	Contribution From Candidate	In-Kind:In Kind: Air Travel	\$2,168.21	1/31/21	9/8/21
Begich, Nicholas III	Contribution From Candidate	In-Kind:In Kind: Travel Transportation	\$588.42	4/28/21	5/9/21
Begich, Nicholas III	Contribution From Candidate	In-Kind:In Kind: Parking	\$350.00	4/28/21	9/17/21
Begich, Nicholas III	Contribution From Candidate	In-Kind:In Kind: Postage	\$293.50	7/16/21	12/27/21
Begich, Nicholas III	Contribution From Candidate	In-Kind:In Kind: Catering	\$275.00	7/15/21	7/15/21
Begich, Nicholas III	Contribution From Candidate	In-Kind:In Kind: Mail Services	\$246.00	10/20/21	10/20/21
Begich, Nicholas III	Contribution From Candidate	In-Kind:In Kind: Software	\$207.36	7/19/21	12/9/21
Begich, Nicholas III	Contribution From Candidate	In-Kind:In Kind: Gop Convention	\$110.00	7/6/21	7/9/21
Begich, Nicholas III	Contribution From Candidate	In-Kind:In Kind: Po Box	\$99.00	7/7/23	7/7/23
Begich, Nicholas III	Contribution From Candidate	In-Kind:In Kind: Travel Fuel	\$44.83	7/13/21	7/13/21

Contributor	Receipt Type	Receipt Description	Amount	Date	Date
Begich, Nicholas III	Contribution From Candidate	In-Kind:In Kind: Fuel	\$22.51	7/2/21	7/2/21
Grand Total			\$24,060.16	1/31/21	7/7/23

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2021-2024: Begich Made \$510 In Direct Contributions To His Own Campaign

Contributor	Receipt Type	Receipt Description	Amount	Date
Begich, Nicholas III	Contribution From Candidate	Contribution	\$500.00	6/19/24
Begich, Nicholas III	Contribution From Candidate	Earmarked (Non-Directed) Through Winred	\$5.00	10/27/21
Begich, Nicholas III	Contribution From Candidate	Earmarked (Non-Directed) Through Winred	\$5.00	9/25/22
Grand Total			\$510.00	

[Federal Election Commission, Alaskans for Nick Begich, Receipts, [Accessed 9/19/24](#)]

TABLE: Donors Who Contributed More Than \$6,600 To Alaskans For Nick Begich

Contributer	State	Occupation	Employer	Contribution Amount	Earliest Contribution	Latest Contribution
Calloway, Roger	AK	Transportation	Reliable Transfer Corporation	\$7,410.00	5/22/22	7/10/24
Calloway, Roger	AK	Transportation	Reliable Transfer	\$5,000.00	8/6/22	9/29/22
Calloway, Roger	AK	President	Reliable Transfer Corporation	\$2,500.00	1/27/22	3/21/22
Calloway, Roger	AK	Business Owner	Reliable Transfer Corp	\$500.00	11/16/21	11/16/21

Contributer	State	Occupation	Employer	Contribution Amount	Earliest Contribution	Latest Contribution
Calloway, Roger Total				\$15,410.00	11/16/21	7/10/24
Schwarzman, Stephen	NY	CEO	Blackstone	\$8,700.00	8/10/22	8/12/22
Schwarzman, Stephen	NY		Blackstone	\$6,600.00	10/30/23	10/30/23
Schwarzman, Stephen Total				\$15,300.00	8/10/22	10/30/23
Odom, William L	AK	Vice Chairman	Odom Corp	\$13,300.00	2/22/22	4/8/24
Odom, William L Total				\$13,300.00	2/22/22	4/8/24
Begich, Nicholas J.	AK	President	Earthpulsepress Inc.	\$12,800.00	11/24/21	12/31/23
Begich, Nicholas J. Total				\$12,800.00	11/24/21	12/31/23
Erickson, Wade S	AK	Optometrist	Capstone Clinic	\$6,600.00	9/29/23	9/29/23
Erickson, Wade S	AK	MD	Capstone Clinic	\$5,800.00	12/9/21	3/30/22
Erickson, Wade S Total				\$12,400.00	12/9/21	9/29/23
Ruedrich, Randolph	AK	Engineer	Arctic E&P Advisors	\$11,700.00	2/24/22	9/8/23
Ruedrich, Randolph Total				\$11,700.00	2/24/22	9/8/23
Hall, Jess	AK	Owner	Hall Quality Homes	\$11,500.00	5/27/22	9/18/23

Contributer	State	Occupation	Employer	Contribution Amount	Earliest Contribution	Latest Contribution
Hall, Jess Total				\$11,500.00	5/27/22	9/18/23
Lormann, Matthew	FL	Pilot	Allegiant Air	\$10,850.00	10/26/21	6/13/24
Lormann, Matthew Total				\$10,850.00	10/26/21	6/13/24
Sumner, Jesse	AK	President	Sumner Company	\$10,600.00	11/3/21	4/14/22
Sumner, Jesse Total				\$10,600.00	11/3/21	4/14/22
Vivlamore, William	AK	Admin	Vivlamore Companies	\$10,300.00	2/7/22	3/30/24
Vivlamore, William Total				\$10,300.00	2/7/22	3/30/24
Gerondale, Kenneth L.	AK	President	Cmi, Llc	\$4,900.00	8/1/22	9/18/23
Gerondale, Kenneth L.	AK	President	Constructio n Machinery Ind.	\$4,800.00	3/28/22	3/28/22
Gerondale, Kenneth L. Total				\$9,700.00	3/28/22	9/18/23
Heilala, Matt	AK	Podiatrist	Afas	\$3,000.00	5/28/22	2/26/24
Heilala, Matt	AK	Podiatrist	Alaska Foot And Ankle Specialists	\$2,500.00	3/29/22	3/29/22
Heilala, Matt	AK	Doctor	Alaska Foot Ankle Specialists	\$2,335.00	12/1/21	12/30/21

Contributer	State	Occupation	Employer	Contribution Amount	Earliest Contribution	Latest Contribution
Heilala, Matt	AK	Foot And Ankle Surgeon	Afas	\$1,500.00	7/19/22	7/19/22
Heilala, Matt Total				\$9,335.00	12/1/21	2/26/24
Watterson, William	AK	Contractor	Watterson Construction	\$8,705.00	1/25/22	3/29/22
Watterson, William Total				\$8,705.00	1/25/22	3/29/22
Baker, Starr	AK	Administrative Assistant	Mid-State Consultants	\$8,615.00	12/31/21	8/30/23
Baker, Starr Total				\$8,615.00	12/31/21	8/30/23
Michel, Karen	AK	Admin	American Medical Inc	\$7,900.00	9/22/22	8/8/23
Michel, Karen Total				\$7,900.00	9/22/22	8/8/23
Faulkner, Richard	AK	CEO	Steelfab	\$7,600.00	3/30/22	9/30/23
Faulkner, Richard Total				\$7,600.00	3/30/22	9/30/23
Myers, Scott	AK	Broker	Somers Realtors, Inc.	\$6,600.00	7/13/23	8/29/23
Myers, Scott	AK	Real Estate Broker	Remax Dynamic Properties	\$500.00	11/2/21	11/2/21
Myers, Scott Total				\$7,100.00	11/2/21	8/29/23

Contributer	State	Occupation	Employer	Contribution Amount	Earliest Contribution	Latest Contribution
Samson, Michael	AK	Electrical Contractor	Samson Electric, Inc	\$5,505.00	12/9/21	4/29/22
Samson, Michael	AK	Electrical Contractor	Samson Electric	\$500.00	8/5/22	8/5/22
Samson, Michael	AK	Elect Contractor	Samson Electric	\$1,000.00	7/20/23	7/20/23
Samson, Michael Total				\$7,005.00	12/9/21	7/20/23
Nichols, Lane	AK	Auto Industry	Gene's Inc	\$7,000.00	3/31/22	1/29/24
Nichols, Lane Total				\$7,000.00	3/31/22	1/29/24
Hinger, Ward	AK	Healthcare Admin	Radiology Partners	\$6,799.71	1/6/22	9/18/23
Hinger, Ward Total				\$6,799.71	1/6/22	9/18/23
Fuller, Shaw	AK	Hvac	Heatsource	\$6,600.00	9/29/23	9/29/23
Fuller, Shaw Total				\$6,600.00	9/29/23	9/29/23
Daniels, George	FL	Executive	Daniels Manufacturing Corporation	\$6,600.00	6/21/24	6/21/24
Daniels, George Total				\$6,600.00	6/21/24	6/21/24

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Questionable Donors

August 2022: Begich Accepted \$1.5K From Groundfish Forum, “A Fishery Trade Association Representing Five Member Companies Operating 19 Trawl Vessels”

August 2022: Begich Accepted \$1,500.00 From The Groundfish Forum. [Federal Election Commission, Alaskans for Nick Begich, Receipts, [Accessed 9/19/24](#)]

Groundfish Forum Was “A Fishery Trade Association Representing Five Member Companies Operating 19 Trawl Vessels.” “Groundfish Forum is a fishery trade association representing five member companies operating 19 trawl vessels that catch and process a variety of Alaskan groundfish species in the federally managed Amendment 80 (A80) fisheries off the coast of Alaska. Our vessels are the largest producers of flatfish and rockfish in the United States, sustainably producing hundreds of millions of meals for consumers across the globe.” [Groundfish Forum, [Accessed 9/12/24](#)]

Groundfish Forum Signed Onto A Letter Calling For Rep. Peltola To Withdraw H.R. 8507, The Bottom Trawl Clarity Act. Groundfish Forum Executive Director Chris Woodley undersigned a June 2024 letter to Peltola which opened: “Dear Congresswoman Peltola: We write to express our deep concern regarding H.R. 8507—legislation you have introduced that would create sweeping new federal mandates constraining the effective management of our nation’s fisheries. If enacted, H.R. 8507 would directly harm fishermen and coastal communities in Alaska and throughout our nation, along with countless other people who rely on a healthy domestic seafood sector for food, jobs, and their way of life. We ask you to withdraw this legislation.” [Shrimp Alliance, [6/20/24](#); U.S. Congress, H.R. 8507, [5/22/24](#)]

July 2022: Begich Accepted \$1,000 From Tood Loomis, Who Worked In Government Affairs For Ocean Peace, Inc., Which Opposed Rep. Peltola’s Bottom Trawl Clarity Act

July 2022: Begich Accepted \$1,000 From Tood Loomis, Who Worked In Government Affairs For Ocean Peace, Inc. [Federal Election Commission, Alaskans for Nick Begich, Receipts, [Accessed 9/19/24](#)]

Ocean Peace, Inc. Signed Onto A Letter Calling For Rep. Peltola To Withdraw H.R. 8507, The Bottom Trawl Clarity Act. Ocean Peace, Inc. Director of Government & Industry Affairs Ruth Christiansen undersigned a June 2024 letter to Peltola which opened: “Dear Congresswoman Peltola: We write to express our deep concern regarding H.R. 8507—legislation you have introduced that would create sweeping new federal mandates constraining the effective management of our nation’s fisheries. If enacted, H.R. 8507 would directly harm fishermen and coastal communities in Alaska and throughout our nation, along with countless other people who rely on a healthy domestic seafood sector for food, jobs, and their way of life. We ask you to withdraw this legislation.” [Shrimp Alliance, [6/20/24](#); U.S. Congress, H.R. 8507, [5/22/24](#)]

July 2022: Begich Accepted \$1,000 From Arne Fuglvog, Who Worked In Government Affairs For Trawler Operator Glacier Fish Company

July 2022: Begich Accepted \$1K From Arne Fuglvog, Who Worked In Government Affairs For Glacier Fish Co. [Federal Election Commission, Alaskans for Nick Begich, Receipts, [Accessed 9/19/24](#)]

Glacier Fish Company Operated A Factory Trawler That Was “The Largest Catcher/Processor Vessel In The US Fleet.” “The factory trawler Alaska Ocean was built by the Blount Marine Corporation in Warren, Rhode Island, in 1981. Alaska Ocean was redesigned by Guido Perla and Associates from Seattle in 1989 and rebuilt by Ulstein Hatlo in Norway in 1990 specifically to catch and process Alaska Pollock and Pacific Whiting. In the summer of 2008, Glacier Fish Company purchased the Alaska Ocean and has successfully completed major improvements of the Factory and Fishmeal plants. The Alaska Ocean is the largest catcher/processor vessel in the US fleet with a capacity to catch and process up to 225 metric tons of frozen finished product daily.” [Glacier Fish Company, [Accessed 9/19/24](#)]

Glacier Fish Company Was A “Trawl Company” That Opposed Efforts To Scale Back On Trawling.

“On one side are tribal leaders from the Yukon and Kuskokwim [...] On the other side are representatives for the trawlers, who generally support tighter bycatch management but say some of the measures favored by tribes could cost them hundreds of millions of dollars — while giving only a tiny boost to the number of salmon returning to Western Alaska rivers. [...] ‘We’re really concerned about an action that would have a severe economic impact,’ said Glenn Merrill, director of government affairs at a trawl company called Glacier Fish.” [Alaska Beacon, [4/6/24](#)]

July 2022: Begich Accepted \$1,000 From Kristian Uri, A Fisherman Employed By Trawler Operator Fishermen’s Finest, Inc

July 2022: Begich Accepted \$1,000 From Kristian Uri, A Fisherman Employed By Fishermen’s Finest, Inc. [Federal Election Commission, Alaskans for Nick Begich, Receipts, [Accessed 9/19/24](#)]

Fishermen’s Finest Operated At Least One Trawler Vessel As Of September 2024. [Fishermen’s Finest, [Accessed 9/19/24](#)]

October 2022: Begich Accepted \$500 From An Employee Of The At-Sea Processors Association, One Of “The Two Leading Trawl Industry Trade Groups”

October 2022: Begich Accepted \$500 From Matt Tinning, Director Of Sustainability And Public Affairs For The At-Sea Processors Association. [Federal Election Commission, Alaskans for Nick Begich, Receipts, [Accessed 9/19/24](#)]

The At-Sea Processors Association Was One Of “The Two Leading Trawl Industry Trade Groups.” “the two leading trawl industry trade groups, the At-Sea Processors Association and United Catcher Boats.” [KUCB Local News, [7/31/24](#)]

The At-Sea Processors Association Promoted The “Mid-Water Trawl Alaska Pollock Fishery.” “The mid-water trawl Alaska pollock fishery is the nation’s largest fishery. In fact, the Alaska pollock fishery is one of the largest fisheries in the world. The ability of our vessels to harvest, process, package and freeze our catch within hours of harvest allows us to produce affordable seafood products of the highest quality. The food products we produce include fillets, surimi, and fish roe. Fish meal and fish oil is produced from non-flesh parts of the fish we catch.” [At-Sea Processors Association, [Accessed 9/19/24](#)]

The At-Sea Processors Association Opposed Rep. Peltola’s Bottom Trawl Clarity Act. “More than 50 U.S. seafood organizations and companies have signed a letter calling on U.S. Rep. Mary Peltola (D-Alaska) to immediately withdraw the Bottom Trawl Clarity Act – legislation she introduced in May that could block off large sections of the ocean from trawling gear. ‘This bill threatens seafood sector jobs in Alaska and across the United States,’ At-Sea Processors Association Executive Director Stephanie Madsen said. ‘More than 1.5 million Americans have jobs that depend on commercial seafood, and they deserve better than the politicization of fisheries science and management.’” [Seafood Source, [6/27/24](#)]

2022-2024: Begich Accepted A Total Of \$45,000 From PACs

Contributor	Total Contribution	Earliest Contribution	Latest Contribution
National Automobile Dealers Association	\$10,000.00	8/5/22	8/5/22
House Freedom Fund	\$7,192.00	5/8/24	7/27/24

Contributor	Total Contribution	Earliest Contribution	Latest Contribution
True North PAC	\$5,000.00	9/22/22	9/22/22
American Crystal Sugar Company	\$5,000.00	6/27/22	6/27/22
Atlas Air Worldwide Holdings, Inc	\$4,500.00	6/27/22	8/30/22
Transport Workers Union Political Contributions Committee	\$2,500.00	7/15/22	7/15/22
Trucking Political Action Committee Of The American Trucking Associations Inc	\$2,000.00	6/15/22	6/15/22
Groundfish Forum	\$1,500.00	8/5/22	8/5/22
Alaska Communications Systems Group, Inc. Federal PAC	\$1,500.00	5/19/22	5/19/22
Valley Republican Women Of Alaska	\$1,255.00	9/30/22	9/30/22
Wisconsin Physicians Service Insurance Corporation Political Action Committee	\$1,000.00	5/25/22	5/25/22
Mat Su Republican Women's Club	\$1,000.00	10/19/22	10/19/22
Kenai Peninsula Republican Women Of Alaska	\$1,000.00	10/19/22	10/19/22
Alaska Correctional Officers Association PAC	\$1,000.00	3/31/24	3/31/24
HODL Pac	\$598.74	6/2/22	6/2/22
Grand Total	\$45,045.74	5/19/22	7/27/24

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Begich Accepted \$7,100 From The House Freedom Caucus' Freedom Fund

2024: Begich Accepted \$7,192.00 From The House Freedom Fund. [Federal Election Commission, Alaskans for Nick Begich, Receipts, [Accessed 9/19/24](#)]

The House Freedom Fund Was Run By The House Freedom Caucus. "In its short existence, the House Freedom Caucus (HFC) has made a name for itself through endless efforts to push Congress further to the right, particularly when it comes to reproductive health. Now with the 2016 election cycle underway, the caucus' political action committee, the House Freedom Fund, seems to be working just as tirelessly to ensure the caucus maintains a radical anti-choice legacy." [Rewire News, [6/21/16](#)]

2022: Begich Accepted \$598 From HODL PAC

June 2022: Begich Accepted \$598.74 From HODL PAC. [Federal Election Commission, Alaskans for Nick Begich, Receipts, [Accessed 9/19/24](#)]

HODLpac Promoted The Interests Of The Cryptocurrency Industry. "HODLpac is a political action committee for crypto voters by crypto voters. We're building a community-governed, crypto-native political organization to represent our interests in DC. As part of our efforts to empower the crypto community, we recognize the significance of innovative tools like crypto trading bots in the crypto market. Crypto trading bots like bit index ai automates the process of buying and selling cryptocurrencies based on predefined strategies and algorithms. But It's always wise to cross-reference bit index ai review to get a clear understanding of their services. Our mission is to support candidates for Congress - with our votes and our wallets - that want to see public blockchain technology and the cryptoeconomy thrive in the United States." [HODL PAC, [Accessed 9/19/24](#)]

May 2024: Begich Accepted \$1,000 From Denham For Congress

May 2024: Begich Accepted \$1,000.00 From Denham For Congress. [Federal Election Commission, Alaskans for Nick Begich, Receipts, [Accessed 9/19/24](#)]

2021-2024: Begich Accepted At Least \$85,900 From Employees Of The Construction, Development, And Real Estate Industries

Contributor	Occupation	Employer	Contribution Amount	Earliest Contribution	Latest Contribution
Hall, Jess	Owner	Hall Quality Homes	\$11,500.00	5/27/22	9/18/23
Watterson, William	Contractor	Watterson Construction	\$8,705.00	1/25/22	3/29/22
Myers, Scott	Broker	Somers Realtors, Inc.	\$6,600.00	7/13/23	8/29/23
Myers, Scott	Real Estate Broker	Remax Dynamic Properties	\$500.00	11/2/21	11/2/21

Contributor	Occupation	Employer	Contribution Amount	Earliest Contribution	Latest Contribution
Cruz, Dave	Manager	Cruz Construction	\$2,900.00	12/9/21	12/9/21
Cruz, Dave	Management	Cruz Construction Inc	\$2,900.00	4/11/22	4/11/22
Gerondale, Kenneth L.	President	Construction Machinery Ind.	\$4,800.00	3/28/22	3/28/22
Gohr, Edward	Ceo	Delta Constructors	\$3,300.00	7/27/23	7/27/23
Spinelli, Jacqueline	Director	Spinell Homes	\$3,100.00	8/15/22	8/15/22
Mckeever, William	Ceo	Tam Construction	\$3,000.00	5/29/22	7/30/24
Hultquist, Dave	Owner	Hultquist Homes Inc	\$3,000.00	9/26/22	7/26/23
Spinelli, Charles	Developer	Spinell Homes	\$2,900.00	8/15/22	8/15/22
Spinelli, Andre	Home Builder	Spinell Homess	\$2,900.00	3/3/22	3/3/22
Gohr, Ed	Ceo	Delta Constructors	\$2,900.00	3/30/22	3/30/22
Dave, Cruz	Management	Cruz Construction Inc	\$2,500.00	4/1/24	4/1/24
Park, Hae	Manager	Kirkland Properties	\$2,000.00	11/11/21	7/27/22
Capps, Robert	General Contractor	Construction Company Inc	\$1,000.00	3/30/22	3/30/22
Capps, Robert	Construction	Fw Construction	\$1,000.00	9/29/23	9/29/23

Contributor	Occupation	Employer	Contribution Amount	Earliest Contribution	Latest Contribution
Briley, Roger	Owner	Alaska Real Estate Associates	\$2,000.00	7/14/23	7/12/24
Andrews, Nathan	Vice President	Delta Constructors	\$1,500.00	3/1/22	3/1/22
Andrews, Nathan	Regional Vp	Delts Constructors Llc	\$250.00	11/3/22	11/3/22
Wanzer, Mary	Real Estate Broker	Coastal Keller Williams Realty	\$1,000.00	5/6/22	8/15/22
Sandlian, Colby	Owner	Sandlian Realty	\$1,000.00	3/20/24	3/20/24
Gerondale, Kenneth L. Jr.	President	Construction Machinery Ind	\$1,000.00	12/17/21	12/17/21
Gain, Kenneth	Real Estate	Equivest Realty Advisors Inc.	\$1,000.00	7/28/22	7/28/22
Farner, John	Executive	Delta Constructors	\$1,000.00	3/5/22	3/5/22
Cooper, Dustin	President	Delta Constructors	\$1,000.00	3/22/22	3/22/22
Latchem, Raymond		Spectrum Property Services Llc	\$900.00	9/12/22	12/19/23
Kendig, William	Broker	Real Estate	\$750.00	7/9/24	7/9/24
Wiegers, Charles Julie	Ceo	A A Roofing	\$505.00	4/7/22	4/7/22
Smith, Larry	Construction	D L Construction Co., Inc.	\$500.00	4/22/22	4/22/22

Contributor	Occupation	Employer	Contribution Amount	Earliest Contribution	Latest Contribution
Reilly, Chris	Contractor	Rain Proof Roofing	\$500.00	11/3/22	11/3/22
Pruhs, David	Real Estate Broker	Pruh's Real Estate Group	\$500.00	11/23/21	11/23/21
Patel, Ajay	Investment	Key Property	\$500.00	1/31/22	1/31/22
Nystuen, Mark	Admin	McN Construction, Inc.	\$500.00	11/1/22	11/1/22
Misyuk, Olga	Owner	Premier Kitchen & Bath	\$500.00	4/27/22	4/27/22
Markwood, Cheryl	Self	Markwood Realty	\$250.00	4/27/22	4/27/22
Markwood, Cheryl	Real Estate Broker	Markwood Realty	\$250.00	11/17/21	11/17/21
Hall, Dan	President	Knk Construction Co., Inc.	\$500.00	6/29/22	6/29/22
Crum, Richard	Contractor	Bore Tide Construction	\$500.00	3/22/22	3/22/22
Anderson, Ava	Realtor	Remax Dynamic Properties	\$500.00	11/2/21	11/2/21
Agni, Collin	Broker	Carr & Family Properties	\$500.00	2/24/22	2/24/22
Roberts, Tom	Owner	Tr Properties	\$400.00	10/9/23	5/13/24
Pavlus, Dmitriy	Construction	Northern Quality Homes	\$385.00	11/7/22	11/7/22
Veith, Frank	Area Manager	Conam Construction Co.	\$200.00	12/31/21	9/24/22

Contributor	Occupation	Employer	Contribution Amount	Earliest Contribution	Latest Contribution
Veith, Frank	Area Manager	Conam Construction Company	\$100.00	10/25/22	7/15/24
Veith, Frank	Area Manager	Conan Construction	\$50.00	3/30/22	3/30/22
Schaefer, Chad	Project Manager	Qayaq Construction	\$290.00	3/30/22	7/19/22
Breshears, Craig	Carpenter	Craigs Construction	\$230.00	10/15/22	4/12/24
Beaulieu, Dean	Admin	Fike Industrial Construction	\$205.00	7/18/23	11/18/23
Lew, Lethe	Realtor	Desert River Realty	\$131.44	2/16/24	7/16/24
Martin, Kelly	Ceo	Association Of Realtors	\$100.00	9/22/22	9/22/22
Huckleberry, L E	Redeveloper	Village Properties	\$100.00	5/28/24	5/28/24
Goryl, Glenn	Investment Sales	Berkshire Hathaway Ak Reality	\$100.00	2/24/22	2/24/22
Andersen, Ava	Realtor	Remax Dynamic Properties	\$100.00	7/5/22	7/5/22
Bertoldo, Peyton	Construction	Construction	\$85.00	4/29/24	4/29/24
Deller, Bette M	Realtor	Long & Foster Real Estate Inc	\$70.00	2/23/24	4/3/24
Typer, Donald	Broker	Glc Real Estate Services	\$64.00	4/6/24	7/6/24

Contributor	Occupation	Employer	Contribution Amount	Earliest Contribution	Latest Contribution
Jens, Madeleine S	Real Estate Sales	Allstate Properties.Com	\$59.98	1/12/24	4/30/24
Wentworth, Karina	Consultant	Flat Fee Realty	\$50.00	3/29/22	3/29/22
Rafeedie, Samir	R. E. Broker	Realty Ambassadors	\$50.00	11/10/23	11/10/23
Perpich, Dan	Management	Jl Properties Inc	\$50.00	12/16/21	12/16/21
Moravitz, Ryan	Realtor	Rmg Real Estate Network	\$30.00	8/11/22	8/11/22
Beaton, Jake	Underwriter	Arbor Realty Trust	\$25.00	10/28/21	10/28/21
Llauget, Celina	Office Manager	Rjl Construction Inc.	\$20.24	11/27/23	11/27/23
Cotten, Cheryl	Owner	Buck Creek Homes Construction Inc	\$20.24	2/21/24	2/21/24
Schoenhals, Jonathan	Real Estate	Green State Realty	\$20.23	6/3/24	6/3/24
Kalb, Alison	Realtor	Downing-Frye Realty, Inc.	\$20.00	1/9/24	1/9/24
Wilkins, Hampton	Real Estate Broker	Wilkins And Co Realtors	\$19.00	6/4/24	6/4/24
Hawkes, Stephen	Drywall Finisher	American States Construction, LP	\$14.00	3/7/24	5/24/24
Nelson, Dorothy	Sales	Ming Tree Realtors	\$10.00	3/14/24	4/14/24

Contributor	Occupation	Employer	Contribution Amount	Earliest Contribution	Latest Contribution
Lubran, Mary	Contractor	American Classic Const	\$10.00	11/11/23	11/11/23
Hardin, Cynthia	Vice President	Ben Leland Construction	\$10.00	11/8/23	11/8/23
Hall, Randolph	Manager	Concordia Homes	\$10.00	2/15/24	2/15/24
Lyon, Byron E Sr.	Millwork	Tbi Construction	\$7.71	1/12/24	2/3/24
Shaw, Dianne	Realtor	Hunt Real Estate	\$5.00	10/30/23	10/30/23
Domines, Victor R	Broker	Bayside Properties	\$5.00	2/20/24	2/20/24
Delaney, Rod	Realtor	Kellerwilliams Realty Nwmt	\$2.00	1/11/24	4/7/24
Lee, Martha	Realtor	Martha Lee Realty Co	\$1.00	2/16/24	2/16/24
Childress, Stephen	Realtor	Samson Properties	\$0.95	4/20/24	4/20/24
Grand Total			\$85,960.79	10/28/21	7/30/24

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2022: Begich Accepted \$21,900 From Energy, Natural Gas, Oil, And Energy Extraction Employees

Date	Last Name	First name	Company	Amount
2022/02/28	Sims	John	Enstar	\$2,900.00
2022/10/12	Durling	Kevin	Petroleum Equip. Svcs., Inc.	\$2,900.00
2022/03/29	Samson	Michael	Samson Electric, Inc	\$1,395.00
2022/01/25	Latchem	Lauren	Norgasco	\$1,001.00
2022/03/22	Brautigam	Peter	Manley Brautigam	\$1,000.00

Date	Last Name	First name	Company	Amount
2022/01/25	Latchem	Ryan	Ses Midstream	\$1,000.00
2022/09/12	Udelhoven	James	Udelhoven Oilfield System Services	\$1,000.00
2022/10/11	Bringmann	Scott	Alcan Electric	\$1,000.00
2022/10/27	Sommer	Amie John	Tutka, Llc	\$1,000.00
2022/03/29	Samson	Michael	Samson Electric, Inc	\$605.00
2022/02/07	Bhagani	Ritesh	Jhi	\$500.00
2022/03/21	Mitchell	Duff	Juneau Hydropower	\$500.00
2022/03/30	Morris	Houston	Industrial Pumps Of Ak	\$500.00
2022/06/27	Brautigam	Peter	Manley Brautigam	\$500.00
2022/06/10	Campbell	Robert	Robert Campbell	\$500.00
2022/06/28	Harrison	Paula	Enstar	\$500.00
2022/05/29	Vannoy	Dan	Vannoy Electric	\$500.00
2022/09/09	Andrews	Kassie	Alyeska Pipeline Service Company	\$500.00
2022/09/08	Stinson	Robert	Price Gregory International	\$500.00
2022/10/15	Bell	F	Robert Bell & Assoc	\$500.00
2022/10/15	Shively	John	Pebble Partnership	\$500.00
2022/11/06	Lindsey	Kurt	Petro 49, Inc	\$500.00
2022/01/27	Mitchell	Duff	Juneau Hydropower	\$250.00
2022/03/24	Sprague	Austin	World Wide Mover	\$250.00
2022/09/19	Thayer	Curtis	Alaska Energy Authority	\$250.00

Date	Last Name	First name	Company	Amount
2022/10/17	Cunningham	Suzanne	Alyeska Pipeline	\$250.00
2022/01/17	Stoddard	Gretchen	Alyeska Pipeline Serv. Co	\$200.00
2022/11/03	Thayer	Curtis	Alaska Energy Authority	\$200.00
2022/06/21	Cruise	Lee	Petro Star	\$100.00
2022/09/08	Sullivan	Casey	Marathon Petroleum	\$100.00
2022/10/04	Thayer	Curtis	Alaska Energy Authority	\$100.00
2022/11/07	Flood	David	Winn Alaska Transpost	\$100.00
2022/11/03	Thayer	Curtis	Alaska Energy Authority	\$100.00
2022/03/29	Barr	Trevor	Cci	\$80.00
2022/10/15	Cashman	Kay	Petrolerum Newspapers Of Alaska Llc	\$50.00
2022/10/11	Shanley	Lloyd	Kea	\$50.00
2022/11/15	Cashman	Kay	Petrolerum Newspapers Of Alaska Llc	\$50.00
2022/01/27	Dombovy	John	Enstar Natural Gas	\$25.00
2022/02/07	Bhagani	Ritesh	Jhi	\$5.00
2022/03/22	Brautigam	Peter	Manley Brautigam	\$5.00
2022/09/08	Sullivan	Casey	Marathon Petroleum	\$5.00
2022/10/11	Bringmann	Scott	Alcan Electric	\$5.00

Date	Last Name	First name	Company	Amount
2022/10/15	Cashman	Kay	Petrolerum Newspapers Of Alaska Llc	\$5.00

Grand Total **\$21,981.00**

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2022: Begich Accepted \$5,800 From An Employee At Arctic E&P Advisors

Date	Last Name	First name	Amount	Company
2/24/2022	Ruedrich	Randolph	\$2,900.00	Arctic E&P Advisors
3/31/2022	Ruedrich	Randolph	\$2,900.00	Arctic E&P Advisors

Grand Total **\$5,800.00**

[Federal Election Commission, Alaskans For Nick Begich, [4/15/22](#)]

2022-2024: Begich Accepted \$3,800 From Mining Company Employees

Contributer	Occupation	Employer	Contribution Amount	Earliest Contribution	Latest Contribution
Mowery, John	Junior Accountant	Fairbanks Gold Mining Inc.	\$755.00	4/22/24	6/30/24
Mowery, John	Junior Accountant	Fairbanks Gold Mining Inc	\$160.00	7/13/23	9/30/23
Mowery, John	Accountant	Fairbanks Gold Mining Inc.	\$260.25	7/26/24	7/26/24
Mowery, John	Accountant	Fairbanks Gold Mining	\$185.00	10/29/23	3/1/24
Mackinnon, Eric Neil	President	Mining Co	\$1,000.00	12/31/23	6/10/24
Greenfield, Kevin	Manager	Taiga Mining	\$500.00	5/18/22	5/18/22
Greenfield, Kevin	Management	Taiya Mining Co Inc	\$500.00	11/3/22	11/3/22

Contributer	Occupation	Employer	Contribution Amount	Earliest Contribution	Latest Contribution
Mackinnon, Eric	President	Mining Co	\$500.00	5/6/22	5/6/22
Grand Total			\$3,860.25	5/6/22	7/26/24

[Federal Election Commission, Alaskans for Nick Begich, Receipts, [Accessed 9/19/24](#)]

Begich Received A \$17,600 Transfer From The Begich For AK-AL Republican Nominee Fund, Whose Funders Included The Scalise Leadership Fund, Stephen And Andrea Wynn, Keith Rabois, And John W. Childs

August 2024: The Begich For AK-AL Republican Nominee Fund Transferred \$17,659.66 to Alaskans For Nick Begich, The Only Disbursement Made By The Committee. [Federal Election Commission, Begich for AK-AL Republican Nominee Fund, Disbursements, [Accessed 9/19/24](#)]

March-August 2024: The Begich For AK-AL Republican Nominee Fund Received \$17,684.66 From The Scalise Leadership Fund. [Federal Election Commission, Begich for AK-AL Republican Nominee Fund, Receipts, [Accessed 9/19/24](#)]

The Begich For AK-AL Republican Nominee Fund Received \$20,000 From Individual Contributors, Including Stephen And Andrea Wynn, Keith Rabois, And John W. Childs

Contributor	Occupation	Employer	Total Contribution	Earliest Contribution	Latest Contribution
Wynn, Stephen	Entrepreneur	Valmore Gp	\$3,300.00	2/27/24	2/27/24
Wynn, Andrea	Art Dealer	Wynn Fine Art	\$3,300.00	2/28/24	2/28/24
Rabois, Keith	Managing Director	Khosla Ventures	\$3,300.00	2/29/24	2/29/24
Hale, Robert	CEO	Granite Telecommunications Llc	\$3,300.00	3/28/24	3/28/24
Foster, Paul L.	Chairman And CEO	Franklin Mountain Managment	\$3,300.00	1/17/24	1/17/24
Childs, John W.	Chairman	J.W. Childs Associates Lp	\$3,300.00	12/28/23	12/28/23
Favre, Art	Contractor	Performance Contractors Inc.	\$250.00	3/4/24	3/4/24

Contributor	Occupation	Employer	Total Contribution	Earliest Contribution	Latest Contribution
Grand Total			\$20,050.00	12/28/23	3/28/24

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After Alaska, California Was The Largest Source Of Contributions To Begich In 2024

State	Total Received	Percentage
Alaska	\$560,014.84	57.77%
California	\$51,867.70	5.35%
Florida	\$50,784.37	5.24%
Texas	\$33,142.68	3.42%
New York	\$31,783.62	3.28%
Washington	\$19,852.20	2.05%
Pennsylvania	\$14,973.88	1.54%
Illinois	\$14,044.95	1.45%
Ohio	\$13,709.58	1.41%
Georgia	\$13,279.11	1.37%
Arizona	\$13,135.12	1.35%
Virginia	\$9,223.77	0.95%
Michigan	\$8,881.33	0.92%
North Carolina	\$7,292.93	0.75%
Colorado	\$7,128.47	0.74%
Tennessee	\$6,677.47	0.69%
Wisconsin	\$6,059.29	0.63%
Montana	\$5,897.84	0.61%
Minnesota	\$5,771.85	0.60%
New Jersey	\$5,642.87	0.58%

State	Total Received	Percentage
Idaho	\$5,542.58	0.57%
Massachusetts	\$4,846.57	0.50%
Maryland	\$4,820.44	0.50%
Missouri	\$4,609.27	0.48%
Oregon	\$4,590.59	0.47%
Alabama	\$4,513.87	0.47%
South Carolina	\$4,443.17	0.46%
Kansas	\$4,250.61	0.44%
Wyoming	\$4,224.56	0.44%
Indiana	\$4,087.63	0.42%
New Mexico	\$3,818.48	0.39%
Arkansas	\$3,496.62	0.36%
Nevada	\$3,369.77	0.35%
Delaware	\$3,281.70	0.34%
Louisiana	\$3,136.99	0.32%
Utah	\$2,829.90	0.29%
Connecticut	\$2,711.04	0.28%
Iowa	\$2,659.19	0.27%
Other	\$2,652.00	0.27%
Oklahoma	\$2,617.12	0.27%
District Of Columbia	\$2,236.00	0.23%
Nebraska	\$1,629.87	0.17%
Mississippi	\$1,539.80	0.16%
Kentucky	\$1,478.21	0.15%
West Virginia	\$1,298.01	0.13%

State	Total Received	Percentage
North Dakota	\$1,295.83	0.13%
Hawaii	\$1,078.13	0.11%
New Hampshire	\$935.36	0.10%
South Dakota	\$833.17	0.09%
Maine	\$665.25	0.07%
Rhode Island	\$617.43	0.06%
Vermont	\$149.72	0.02%
Armed Forces Europe	\$12.00	0.00%
Puerto Rico	\$11.87	0.00%
Grand Total	\$969,446.62	100.00%

[Federal Election Commission, Alaskans for Nick Begich, [Accessed 9/19/24](#)]

Begich Accepted \$7,975.00 From Democratic Contributors And Unions In His 2016 Assembly Race

Name	Position	Amount
Anchorage Police Department Employees Union	Union	\$1,000.00
NEA Alaska	Union	\$1,000.00
IBEW local 1547 PAC	Union	\$1,000.00
Teamsters	Union	\$1,000.00
Mark Begich	Former Anchorage Mayor And Former U.S. Senator	\$500.00
Debora Bonito	Business owner and wife of Mark Begich	\$500.00
Walter Featherly	Anchorage Attorney	\$500.00
Chris Tuck	Democratic State Representative, Elected 2008	\$500.00
Jim Lottsfeldt	Lobbyist for the Midnight Sun	\$500.00
Robert Gottsetin	Business Owner	\$500.00

Name	Position	Amount
Tom Begich	Democratic State Senator, Elected 2016	\$200.00
Andy Holleman	Former ALaska Education Association President and current Anchorage School Board member, elected 2017	\$200.00
John Weddleton	business owner elected to Anchorage Assembly in 2016	\$150.00
Ivan Moore	Owner of Alaska Survey Research	\$100.00
Schawna Thoma	Former Mark Begich Staffer	\$100.00
Leslie Ridle	Former Governor Tony Knowles Staffer	\$75.00
Janice Park	Former State House and State Senate candidate	\$40.00
Roselynn Cacy	Former State Senate Candidate	\$40.00
Chris Constant	Activist elected to Anchorage Assembly in 2017	\$25.00
Patti Higgins	Former Alaska Deomocratic Party Chair and State House candidate	\$25.00
Felix Rivera	Activist elected to Anchorage Assembly in 2017	\$20.00
Total		\$7,975.00

[Alaska Landmine, [4/27/22](#)]

Disbursements Summary

2022-2024: Begich Issued \$350 In Contribution Refunds

Recipient	Disbursement Description	Disbursement Total	Earliest Disbursement	Latest Disbursement
Alaska Outdoor Council	Refund: Excess Anonymous Disgorged	\$650.00	11/28/22	11/28/22
Fonov, Dmitri	Refund Of Winred Contribution	\$550.00	1/18/23	1/18/23
Jaramillo, Epifanio R	Refund: Refund Of Contribution	-\$50.00	6/4/24	6/4/24
Levitt, Bill	Refund: Partial Refund Of Contribution	-\$600.00	9/30/23	6/24/24
Odom, William L	Refund: Refund Of Contribution	-\$900.00	5/7/24	5/7/24
Grand Total		-\$350.00	11/28/22	6/24/24

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2021-2024: Begich Made \$100,100 In Disbursements To PACs

Recipient	Disbursement Description	Disbursement Total	Earliest Disbursement	Latest Disbursement
Winred	Merchant Fees	\$96,897.53	10/29/21	7/30/24
Winred	Merchandise Fees	\$1,004.50	11/1/21	8/16/22
Team Ronny	Contribution	\$2,000.00	5/6/24	5/6/24
Valley Republican Women Of Alaska	In-Kind:In Kind: Space Rental	\$255.00	9/30/22	9/30/22
Grand Total		\$100,157.03	10/29/21	7/30/24

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2021-2024: Begich Made \$230,000 In Disbursements To Individuals, Not Including Himself

Recipient	Disbursement Description	Disbursement Total	Earliest Disbursement	Latest Disbursement
Reed, Truman	Payroll Expense	\$101,582.87	11/9/21	11/30/22
Reed, Truman	Reimbursement-See Memo	\$876.60	11/18/21	11/18/21

Recipient	Disbursement Description	Disbursement Total	Earliest Disbursement	Latest Disbursement
Reed, Truman	Reimb Travel Expense	\$518.34	3/8/22	3/8/22
Reed, Truman	Reimbursement-See Memo	\$141.67	11/29/21	11/29/21
Reed, Truman	Reimb Postage	\$21.50	9/12/22	9/12/22
Walton, Joshua	Payroll Expense	\$56,239.79	10/5/23	7/31/24
Walton, Joshua	Reimb Fundraising Expenses	\$100.00	6/28/24	6/28/24
Walton, Joshua	Reimb Vendor Fundraising App	\$50.00	3/11/24	3/11/24
Borchardt, William A.	Rent Expense	\$21,000.00	5/1/22	10/28/22
Koan, Cj	Reimburse Postage	\$3,612.60	8/16/22	8/16/22
Koan, Cj	Reimburse Fundraising Materials	\$3,009.32	7/28/22	8/10/22
Koan, Cj	Reimburse Fundraising Expenses	\$873.79	10/20/22	6/12/24
Koan, Cj	In-Kind:In Kind: Advertising	\$372.96	10/20/22	10/20/22
Reed, Ashley	Reimb Fundraising Food/Beverage	\$3,789.00	11/14/22	11/14/22
Reed, Ashley	In-Kind:In Kind: Auction Items	\$1,300.00	11/6/22	11/6/22
Ordaz, Azabel	Payroll Expense	\$4,176.20	9/30/22	11/25/22
Ordaz, Azabel	Reimb Office Supplies And	\$97.59	10/13/22	10/28/22

Recipient	Disbursement Description	Disbursement Total	Earliest Disbursement	Latest Disbursement
	Postage: See Memo			
Ordaz, Azabel	Reimb Office Supplies/Postage	\$62.78	11/8/22	11/8/22
Hill, Christine	In-Kind:In Kind: Printing Expense	\$2,000.00	9/28/23	9/28/23
Hill, Christine	In-Kind:In Kind: Printing	\$1,234.36	12/17/21	12/17/21
Hill, Christine	In-Kind:Meals & Entertainment For Anchorage 11/7 Event	\$740.40	11/17/21	11/17/21
Hill, Christine	In-Kind:In Kind: Auction Items	\$350.00	11/6/22	11/6/22
Debernardi, Dana	Administrative Services	\$2,179.88	11/19/21	11/19/21
Debernardi, Dana	Fundraising Catering Event	\$800.00	7/14/22	8/11/22
Debernardi, Dana	In-Kind:In Kind: Auction Items	\$500.00	11/6/22	11/6/22
Hoefer, Jaime	In Kind: Administrative Support	\$3,173.07	7/31/21	7/31/21
Hinger, Ward	In-Kind:In Kind: Meals	\$2,229.71	1/6/22	1/6/22
Manternach, Keith	In-Kind:In Kind: Catering	\$1,425.00	7/5/22	8/29/23
Kincaid, Beth	In-Kind:In Kind: Catering	\$1,420.00	12/17/21	5/24/22
Mccollum, Kathy	Reimburse Fundraising Expense	\$1,404.00	8/16/22	8/16/22

Recipient	Disbursement Description	Disbursement Total	Earliest Disbursement	Latest Disbursement
Hackney, Arthur	In-Kind:In Kind: Auction Items	\$1,305.00	11/3/22	11/6/22
Baxter, Duby	In-Kind:In Kind: Auction Items	\$1,210.00	11/3/22	11/6/22
Fagnani, Madison	Payroll Expense	\$1,136.77	9/1/22	9/1/22
Simpson, Paulette	In-Kind:In Kind: Auction Items	\$895.00	11/6/22	11/6/22
Earl, Walter	In-Kind:In Kind: Auction Items	\$850.00	11/3/22	11/6/22
Myers, Scott	In-Kind:In Kind: Food/Beverage/Space Rental	\$799.70	11/3/22	11/3/22
Barrier, Dorothea	In-Kind:In Kind: Auction Items	\$790.00	11/6/22	11/6/22
Cernich, Shiela	In-Kind:In Kind: Auction Items	\$750.00	11/6/22	11/6/22
Fagnani, Matthew	In-Kind:In Kind: Food/Beverage	\$676.12	7/13/22	7/13/22
Mayner, Michelle	In-Kind:In Kind: Auction Items	\$600.00	11/6/22	11/6/22
Fonov, Dmitri	Refund Of Winred Contribution	\$550.00	1/18/23	1/18/23
Koan, Eric A	Reimb Fundraising Expenses	\$503.77	6/12/24	6/12/24
Brown, Ann	In-Kind:In Kind: Auction Items	\$500.00	11/6/22	11/6/22
Steed, Misty	In-Kind:In Kind: Catering	\$489.70	12/17/21	12/17/21
Cusack, Louis	In-Kind:In Kind: Auction Items	\$425.00	11/6/22	11/6/22

Recipient	Disbursement Description	Disbursement Total	Earliest Disbursement	Latest Disbursement
Johnson, Ron	In-Kind:In Kind: Auction Items	\$400.00	11/6/22	11/6/22
Howard, Randy	In-Kind:In Kind: Food/Beverage	\$377.32	10/25/22	10/25/22
Mcconnochie, Peggy Ann	In-Kind:In Kind: Auction Items	\$375.00	11/6/22	11/6/22
Letts, Jim	In-Kind:In Kind: Meals	\$338.00	2/22/22	2/22/22
Heilala, Matt	In-Kind:In Kind: Catering	\$335.00	12/7/21	12/7/21
Moore, Betty Jo	In-Kind:In Kind: Auction Items	\$300.00	11/6/22	11/6/22
Chambers, Mike	In-Kind:In Kind: Auction Items	\$300.00	11/6/22	11/6/22
Bretz, Rina	In-Kind:In Kind: Auction Items	\$300.00	11/6/22	11/6/22
Borling, Larissa	In-Kind:In Kind: Auction Items	\$275.00	11/6/22	11/6/22
Welch, Michael	In-Kind:Meals & Entertainment	\$250.00	11/17/21	11/17/21
Preston, Eleilia	In-Kind:In Kind: Auction Items	\$250.00	11/6/22	11/6/22
Baxter, Donald	In-Kind:In Kind: Auction Items	\$250.00	11/6/22	11/6/22
Martin, Hilda	In-Kind:In Kind: Auction Items	\$215.00	11/6/22	11/6/22
Thayer, Curtis	In-Kind:In Kind: Auction Items	\$200.00	11/3/22	11/3/22
Barto, Timothy	In-Kind:In Kind: Auction Items	\$200.00	11/6/22	11/6/22
Kincaid, Janet A.	In-Kind:In Kind: Auction Items	\$140.00	11/6/22	11/6/22

Recipient	Disbursement Description	Disbursement Total	Earliest Disbursement	Latest Disbursement
Ledford, Glenda	In-Kind:In Kind: Auction Items	\$120.00	11/6/22	11/6/22
Harris, John	In-Kind:In Kind: Auction Items	\$100.00	11/6/22	11/6/22
Macswain, Steve	In-Kind:In Kind: Auction Items	\$45.00	11/3/22	11/6/22
Pease, Mary Ann	In-Kind:In Kind: Auction Items	\$40.00	11/6/22	11/6/22
Jaramillo, Epifanio R	Refund: Refund Of Contribution	-\$50.00	6/4/24	6/4/24
Levitt, Bill	Refund: Partial Refund Of Contribution	-\$600.00	9/30/23	6/24/24
Odom, William L	Refund: Refund Of Contribution	-\$900.00	5/7/24	5/7/24
Grand Total		\$230,022.81	7/31/21	7/31/24

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2021-2024: Begich Made \$1.8 Million In Disbursements To Organizations

Recipient	Disbursement Description	Disbursement Total	Earliest Disbursement	Latest Disbursement
Hackney & Hackney	Advertising: Radio Buy	\$169,634.13	7/11/22	8/12/22
Hackney & Hackney	Advertising: Tv Placement	\$158,118.64	8/12/22	10/20/22
Hackney & Hackney	Advertising: Radio Placement	\$105,536.08	9/21/22	11/3/22
Hackney & Hackney	Advertising: Radio Production/Placement	\$43,000.00	11/1/22	7/29/24
Hackney & Hackney	Advertising: Radio Production	\$10,007.50	7/26/22	9/23/22

Recipient	Disbursement Description	Disbursement Total	Earliest Disbursement	Latest Disbursement
Hackney & Hackney	Advertising: Tv Production/Placement	\$8,450.00	10/31/22	10/31/22
Hackney & Hackney	Advertising: Tv Production	\$3,349.00	8/12/22	8/12/22
Ax Media	Advertising	\$242,044.00	4/21/22	5/24/22
Facebook	Advertising	\$108,199.83	11/22/21	7/31/24
Facebook	In Kind: Advertising	\$4,878.19	2/1/21	12/14/21
Facebook	Sub-Vendor Ads	\$900.00	9/12/23	9/12/23
Facebook	Advertising: Membership Verification	\$11.99	12/12/23	12/12/23
Rival Strategy Group	Fundraising Consulting	\$45,000.00	9/1/23	6/12/24
Rival Strategy Group	Fundraising Advertising	\$6,386.00	2/5/24	2/5/24
Rival Strategy Group	Printing Expense	\$5,876.28	9/1/23	9/1/23
Rival Strategy Group	Consulting Fees	\$5,000.00	7/1/24	7/1/24
Rival Strategy Group	Fundraising Consultant	\$4,000.00	12/28/23	12/28/23
Rival Strategy Group	Digital Advertising	\$2,800.00	9/1/23	10/31/23
Rival Strategy Group	Digital Media Campaign	\$1,751.92	12/28/23	1/5/24
Rival Strategy Group	Travel Expense: Meals	\$1,751.82	12/28/23	12/28/23
Rival Strategy Group	Fundraising Expense: Media Campaign	\$1,360.24	6/12/24	6/12/24

Recipient	Disbursement Description	Disbursement Total	Earliest Disbursement	Latest Disbursement
Rival Strategy Group	Fundraising: Media Buy	\$628.40	6/12/24	6/12/24
Rival Strategy Group	Software	\$432.00	4/9/24	5/3/24
Rival Strategy Group	Printing Services	\$425.00	4/9/24	4/9/24
Rival Strategy Group	Fundraising Expense: Software	\$72.00	6/12/24	6/12/24
Axiom Strategies	Strategy Consulting/Advertising	\$26,758.00	5/11/22	5/11/22
Axiom Strategies	General Consulting	\$20,000.00	8/4/22	11/1/22
Axiom Strategies	Strategy Consulting	\$8,000.00	5/5/22	6/1/22
Axiom Strategies	General Consulting Fees	\$4,000.00	7/2/22	7/2/22
Axiom Strategies	General Consultant Fees	\$4,000.00	4/5/22	4/5/22
Axiom Strategies	Fundraising Event	\$3,758.19	8/4/22	8/4/22
Axiom Strategies	Advertising	\$2,006.00	5/4/22	5/4/22
United States Department Of Treasury	Payroll Taxes	\$53,019.39	11/30/21	7/31/24
United States Department Of Treasury	Unemployment Taxes	\$9,585.50	12/29/23	6/28/24
Fulfillment Solutions	Fundraising Expense: Mailing Services	\$60,202.13	11/1/23	7/16/24

Recipient	Disbursement Description	Disbursement Total	Earliest Disbursement	Latest Disbursement
Vergeben Services	Accounting And Compliance	\$33,532.72	11/29/21	9/6/23
Vergeben Services	Accounting & Compliance	\$20,610.40	1/30/23	7/25/24
Vergeben Services	Accounting & Compliance Services	\$2,000.00	12/29/23	12/29/23
Vergeben Services	Accounting & Compliance Fees	\$1,500.00	10/17/23	10/17/23
Vergeben Services	Bank Fees	\$130.00	10/17/23	6/14/24
Vergeben Services	Office Expense: Software	\$125.00	6/14/24	6/14/24
Vergeben Services	Bank & Filing Fees	\$59.05	2/29/24	4/29/24
Vergeben Services	Postage	\$38.95	9/6/23	7/25/24
Vergeben Services	Software	\$15.00	7/25/24	7/25/24
Vergeben Services	Mailing Services	\$1.95	12/29/23	12/29/23
A T Publishing & Printing	Printing/Advertising	\$54,343.09	5/23/22	7/8/24
A T Publishing & Printing	Printing	\$3,335.72	11/24/21	3/28/22
American Made Media Consultants	Digital Media Campaign	\$30,783.59	1/5/24	7/16/24
American Made Media Consultants	Digital Consulting	\$17,286.18	11/7/23	1/5/24

Recipient	Disbursement Description	Disbursement Total	Earliest Disbursement	Latest Disbursement
American Made Media Consultants	Digital Media Consulting	\$5,000.00	7/16/24	7/16/24
Postage For Direct Mail Fundraising, Llc	Fundraising Expense: Mail Services	\$50,167.30	11/2/23	6/4/24
Mdi Imaging & Mail	Mail Services	\$32,006.78	2/2/24	5/6/24
Mdi Imaging & Mail	Direct Mail Services	\$15,088.15	9/15/23	1/16/24
Mdi Imaging & Mail	Reimb Postage	-\$1,003.38	1/31/24	1/31/24
Alaska Airlines	Air Fare	\$16,956.60	11/18/21	7/22/24
Alaska Airlines	Air Travel	\$16,887.63	1/5/22	8/8/22
Alaska Airlines	Air Fee	\$4,085.29	5/16/24	7/15/24
Alaska Airlines	In Kind: Air Travel	\$1,816.81	1/31/21	9/8/21
Alaska Airlines	Sub Vendor	\$938.75	4/12/24	4/12/24
Alaska Airlines	Travel Expense	\$45.00	9/27/22	9/27/22
North Star Opinion Research	Polling Fees	\$40,000.00	7/15/22	7/15/22
Moneyball Strategies	Consulting Fees	\$27,000.00	9/6/23	4/9/24
Moneyball Strategies	Fundraising Consulting	\$9,000.00	5/1/24	7/8/24
Moneyball Strategies	Reimb Airfare	\$938.75	4/12/24	4/12/24
Moneyball Strategies	Reimb Travel Expenses	\$352.11	5/13/24	5/13/24
Hsp Direct	General Consulting	\$31,343.98	10/25/23	7/16/24

Recipient	Disbursement Description	Disbursement Total	Earliest Disbursement	Latest Disbursement
Red Rock Strategies	Strategy Consulting	\$18,897.54	1/14/22	8/4/22
Red Rock Strategies	Strategy Consulting/Software	\$9,134.35	10/20/22	11/30/22
Red Rock Strategies	Software-Web Design	\$2,500.00	2/10/22	2/10/22
Alaska Survey Research	Polling	\$21,500.00	2/1/24	2/1/24
Alaska Survey Research	In Kind: Polling	\$5,100.00	5/14/21	9/30/21
Madison Mcqueen Llc	Radio Production	\$26,497.00	11/29/22	11/29/22
Excelsior Gsc	Fundraising Expense: Research & Polling	\$25,000.00	7/25/24	7/25/24
Aristotle	Software	\$18,310.00	11/24/21	7/3/24
Express Business Services, Llc	Bulk Mailing Services	\$18,008.78	12/30/21	12/9/22
Nova List	Fundraising Expense: Mailing List	\$16,520.97	11/16/23	7/9/24
Law Offices Of Holmes Weddle & Barcott	Legal Fees	\$16,314.71	11/14/22	7/25/24
Integram	Mailing Expense	\$14,220.12	3/8/24	7/31/24
Usps	Sub Vendor	\$5,861.40	7/28/22	8/16/22
Usps	Postage	\$5,658.80	11/8/21	7/24/24
Usps	In Kind: Postage	\$329.85	7/29/21	7/7/23
Usps	In Kind: Mail Services	\$246.00	10/20/21	10/20/21

Recipient	Disbursement Description	Disbursement Total	Earliest Disbursement	Latest Disbursement
Usps	Postage/Shipping	\$93.10	9/12/22	10/28/22
Newport Bay Company	Accounting And Compliance	\$10,950.00	8/25/22	11/22/23
Onpoint Data Strategy	Fundraising Expense: Mailing Services	\$9,625.86	11/22/23	7/24/24
Onpoint Data Strategy	Fundraising Expense	\$350.02	10/18/23	10/18/23
Direct Mail Processors	Fundraising Expense: Mailing Services	\$9,493.90	11/16/23	7/8/24
Must Read Alaska	Advertising	\$8,500.00	2/15/22	11/14/22
Cannon Research Group	Research Services	\$7,500.00	12/4/23	12/4/23
I360 Llc	Software	\$6,923.03	5/14/24	7/5/24
Remington Research Group	Polling Services	\$6,500.00	12/20/23	12/20/23
Jim Dooley's Athletic Supply	Advertising	\$5,035.57	6/21/22	2/12/24
Fundraising, Inc	Fundraising Consulting Fees	\$4,950.00	10/10/22	10/10/22
Cafe Boulud	Fundraising Event	\$4,863.95	4/18/24	6/5/24
Donor Bureau	Fundraising Expense	\$3,835.25	10/18/23	7/1/24
Alutra Bistro	Food/Drink	\$3,600.00	11/14/22	11/14/22
Costco	Fundraising Supplies	\$1,718.16	8/9/22	7/18/24
Costco	Food/Beverage	\$660.44	6/10/22	10/20/22
Costco	Fundraising: Food And Beverage	\$438.69	3/23/22	5/11/22

Recipient	Disbursement Description	Disbursement Total	Earliest Disbursement	Latest Disbursement
Pike's Waterfront Lodge	Lodging	\$1,816.56	11/7/21	11/7/22
Pike's Waterfront Lodge	In Kind: Lodging	\$498.96	7/9/21	7/9/21
Pike's Waterfront Lodge	Travel Expense: Meals	\$189.40	5/20/24	7/22/24
Pike's Waterfront Lodge	Travel Expense: Lodging	\$185.49	5/20/24	5/20/24
Assured Partners Of Wa	Gl And Wc Insurance	\$2,651.00	6/8/22	6/8/22
Assured Partners Of Wa	Merchant Fees	\$3.00	6/8/22	6/8/22
Four Points	In Kind: Lodging	\$2,351.83	4/28/21	6/30/21
Four Points	Lodging	\$186.96	1/7/22	1/7/22
Alaska Department Of Labor	Unemployment Taxes	\$2,520.55	12/31/21	6/28/24
Alaska Republican Party	Fundraising	\$1,825.00	3/24/22	4/29/24
Alaska Republican Party	Gop Convention	\$275.00	2/22/22	2/22/22
Alaska Republican Party	In Kind: Gop Convention	\$110.00	7/6/21	7/9/21
Airbnb	Travel Expense: Lodging	\$2,064.57	4/11/24	5/15/24
Vrbo	Travel Expense: Rental	\$2,036.25	12/6/21	6/2/22
Pragmatic Data Solutions	Data Management	\$2,000.00	5/31/22	8/8/22
The Ullr Group	Fundraising Consultant	\$1,752.00	11/6/23	11/6/23

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Capitol Hill Club	Travel Expense: Meals	\$1,751.82	12/28/23	12/28/23
Hilton	Travel Expense: Lodging	\$1,482.79	5/3/24	5/3/24
Avis Car Rental	Travel Expense: Vehicle Rental	\$1,456.94	6/15/22	11/7/22
Avis Car Rental	Travel Expense: Vehicle Rental Partial Refund	-\$11.27	11/8/22	11/8/22
Pure Buttons	Advertising	\$1,080.79	1/27/22	3/20/24
Pure Buttons	Sub-Vendor: Fundraising	\$331.79	2/5/24	2/5/24
Bankcard	Merchant Fees	\$1,405.33	2/2/24	7/2/24
Settlers Bay Lodge	Fundraising Event	\$1,400.50	10/31/22	11/4/22
Marriott	Travel Expense: Lodging	\$1,382.76	7/22/22	7/22/22
American Airlines	Travel Expense: Air Fare	\$1,330.59	11/1/23	4/30/24
American Airlines	In Kind: Air Travel	\$48.40	1/31/21	1/31/21
Land's End Resort	Event Venue	\$1,332.60	1/7/22	5/13/22
Walmart	Sub Vendor	\$960.00	8/16/22	8/16/22
Walmart	Fundraising Supplies	\$152.04	4/19/24	5/28/24
Walmart	Office Supplies: Bands	\$7.46	10/13/22	10/13/22
Hotels.Com	Travel Expense: Lodging	\$1,118.14	8/11/23	4/11/24
Alaska Gop	Fundraising Expense	\$1,075.00	4/22/24	6/24/24

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Alaska Seaplanes	Air Travel	\$736.00	4/11/22	4/11/22
Alaska Seaplanes	In Kind: Air Travel	\$303.00	4/25/21	4/25/21
Alamo	In Kind: Travel Transportation	\$567.92	4/28/21	4/28/21
Alamo	Sub Vendor	\$328.42	5/13/24	5/13/24
Alamo	Transportation: Car Rental	\$126.20	4/11/22	4/11/22
Alaska Outdoor Council	Refund: Excess Anonymous Disgorged	\$650.00	11/28/22	11/28/22
Alaska Outdoor Council	Fundraising	\$350.00	9/28/22	10/31/22
Alaska Political Report	Research Subscription	\$999.00	9/18/23	9/18/23
Extended Stay America	Lodging	\$995.75	4/18/22	10/24/22
Hotel North Pole	Sub-Vendor	\$518.34	3/8/22	3/8/22
Hotel North Pole	Travel Expense: Lodging	\$460.08	6/15/22	6/15/22
Meta & Rose	Fundraising Event	\$948.46	6/26/24	6/28/24
Alaska Litho Inc	Advertising	\$907.20	5/9/22	5/9/22
Home Depot	Sub-Vendor	\$677.71	7/28/22	6/12/24
Home Depot	Fundraising	\$161.27	6/17/22	6/28/22
Home Depot	Office Supplies: Small Parts	\$13.74	10/13/22	10/13/22
Bobby's Downtown	Fundraising Expense: Catering	\$700.00	6/7/22	6/7/22
Bobby's Downtown	In Kind: Meals	\$149.75	6/14/22	6/14/22

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Little Italy	Fundraising: Meals	\$845.00	10/4/22	10/4/22
Northrim Bank	Bank Fee	\$745.00	6/15/22	7/11/24
Northrim Bank		\$80.00	5/11/23	6/13/23
Northrim Bank	Wire Fee	\$10.00	7/24/24	7/24/24
Thrifty Car Rental	Travel Expense	\$825.44	7/22/22	7/22/22
Fedex	Postage	\$764.84	4/8/22	11/3/22
Alaska Communications	Office Expense: Computers/Internet	\$747.10	7/11/22	10/11/22
At&T	Office Expense	\$698.01	5/2/24	7/25/24
Greater Fairbanks Chamber Of Commerce	Fundraising Event	\$625.00	7/11/22	7/8/24
Alaska Division Of Elections	Filing Fees	\$620.00	6/23/22	7/24/24
Best Western	Travel Expense: Lodging	\$591.99	6/1/22	10/7/22
Aspen Suites	Lodging	\$562.34	5/19/22	8/4/22
Fred Meyer	Sub Vendor	\$360.00	8/16/22	8/16/22
Fred Meyer	Office Supplies	\$177.64	4/30/24	5/24/24
Holiday Station	Travel Expense: Fuel	\$503.71	9/12/22	10/31/22
Holiday Station	Food/Beverage	\$23.95	9/30/22	9/30/22
Chevron	Travel Expense: Fuel	\$455.92	7/18/22	11/5/22
Chevron	Travel Expense	\$65.71	9/7/22	9/7/22
Chevron	Food/Beverage	\$6.00	9/8/22	9/8/22
Westmark Sitka	In Kind: Lodging	\$509.88	7/3/21	7/3/21

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Westmark	Travel: Lodging	\$427.68	4/26/22	4/26/22
Westmark	Food/Beverage	\$48.20	7/22/22	7/22/22
Middletown Valley Bank	Bank Fee	\$431.93	2/1/24	7/24/24
Alaska Industrial Hardware	Fundraising Materials	\$377.56	8/28/23	5/22/24
Main Event Grill	Fundraising Event	\$377.20	4/29/24	4/29/24
Bear Paw Festival	Fundraising Event	\$364.74	7/8/24	7/15/24
Evangelo's	Meals	\$203.51	5/3/22	8/8/22
Evangelo's	In Kind: Meals	\$158.66	3/1/22	3/1/22
Toast Of The Town	Event Planning/ Catering	\$350.00	8/16/22	8/16/22
Ted Stevens International Airport Republic Parking	In Kind: Parking	\$350.00	4/28/21	9/17/21
Inn At Creek Street	Travel Expense: Lodging	\$346.61	8/7/23	8/7/23
Stoltz Law	Legal Services	\$325.00	12/1/21	12/1/21
Party Innovations	Fundraising Expense	\$305.00	4/8/24	4/8/24
Speedway	Travel Expense: Fuel	\$232.36	6/28/22	7/22/24
Speedway	Sub Vendor	\$66.75	7/28/22	7/28/22
Carrs/Safeway	Food/Beverage	\$103.56	6/29/22	9/7/22
Carrs/Safeway	Fundraising Supplies	\$97.95	7/5/22	8/11/22
Carrs/Safeway	Office Supplies	\$39.26	5/31/22	5/31/22
Carrs/Safeway	Travel Expense: Fuel	\$28.73	7/5/22	7/5/22

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Carrs/Safeway	In Kind: Meals	\$25.47	2/21/22	2/21/22
Wedgewood Resort	In Kind: Catering	\$275.00	7/15/21	7/15/21
Callhub	Advertising	\$275.00	9/28/23	10/2/23
Reservations.Com	Lodging	\$273.49	2/24/22	2/24/22
Budget Car And Truck Rental	Travel: Transportation	\$364.62	4/21/22	4/21/22
Budget Car And Truck Rental	Travel: Transportation Refund	-\$91.15	4/26/22	4/26/22
Pagoda Chinese Restaurant	In Kind: Meals	\$267.35	2/24/22	7/24/22
V F Grace Inc	Fundraising Supplies	\$264.66	7/5/22	7/5/22
Republican Women Of Fairbanks	Fundraising Event	\$260.00	2/8/24	6/11/24
Totem Square Hotel & Marina	In Kind: Lodging	\$256.48	7/2/21	7/2/21
Rocky's Cafe	In Kind: Meals	\$251.23	10/6/22	10/6/22
Bells Nursery	Fundraising Event: Rental Space	\$250.00	7/21/22	7/21/22
Quality Sand & Gravel	Sub-Vendor	\$249.26	6/12/24	6/12/24
Chugiak-Eagle River Chamber Of Commerce	Fundraising Expense: Event Tickets	\$240.00	6/1/22	6/1/22
Anchorage Airport Parking	Travel Expense: Parking	\$232.00	2/20/24	6/14/24
White Spot Cafe	In Kind: Meals	\$230.50	1/20/22	6/8/22

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Three Bears	Fundraising Supplies	\$216.50	6/5/24	6/5/24
Lowe's Home Centers	Office Supplies	\$175.50	6/22/22	8/15/22
Lowe's Home Centers	Fundraising Supplies	\$27.92	7/25/22	7/25/22
Alaska State Chamber Of Commerce	Membership	\$200.00	9/22/22	9/22/22
Matsu Brewing Co	In Kind: Meals	\$182.60	2/15/22	3/15/22
Shell Oil	Sub-Vendor	\$80.98	6/12/24	6/12/24
Shell Oil	Travel Expense: Fuel	\$77.16	8/1/22	8/1/22
Shell Oil	Sub Vendor	\$23.69	5/13/24	5/13/24
Office Max	Office Supplies	\$179.76	4/15/24	4/15/24
Simon & Seafort's Saloon & Grill	In Kind: Meals	\$162.95	4/7/21	4/22/21
Godaddy	In Kind: Software	\$157.36	10/1/21	10/1/21
Kriners Diner	In Kind: Meals	\$143.86	10/15/21	3/2/22
Guitar Center	Event Supplies	\$123.96	6/9/22	6/13/22
Pikes Landing	In Kind: Meals	\$113.68	7/10/21	7/12/21
Citizenserve	Sub-Vendor: Fundraising Event	\$100.00	6/28/24	6/28/24
The Grill	In Kind: Meals	\$98.50	11/2/21	11/2/21
Ray's Place	In Kind: Meals	\$83.78	2/1/22	2/1/22
Applebee's	In Kind: Meals	\$77.94	5/26/22	5/26/22
Big Daddy's Barb-Q	In Kind: Meals	\$76.80	6/14/22	6/14/22

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Media Placement Services	Advertising	\$75.30	6/6/22	6/6/22
Matsu Republican Women's Club	Fundraising	\$75.00	9/23/22	9/23/22
A&W Restaurant	In Kind: Meals	\$74.40	4/21/22	4/21/22
Hulu	Office Supplies/Software	\$69.99	10/17/22	10/17/22
Captain Cook	In Kind: Meals	\$68.75	11/9/21	11/9/21
Party City	Sub-Vendor	\$65.90	6/12/24	6/12/24
Jen's Restaurant	In Kind: Meals	\$63.00	4/15/21	4/15/21
Ebay	In Kind: Postage	\$62.65	7/16/21	7/16/21
Club Paris	In Kind: Meals	\$60.00	10/5/21	10/5/21
Mission Navy Yard	In Kind: Meals	\$58.13	5/5/21	5/5/21
Little Dipper Diner	In Kind: Meals	\$57.75	3/3/22	3/3/22
Buckets Sports Grill	In Kind: Meals	\$56.16	2/4/22	2/4/22
Anchorage Cider House	In Kind: Meals	\$53.50	11/3/21	11/3/21
Hangar On The Wharf	In Kind: Meals	\$51.02	4/30/21	4/30/21
Microsoft	In Kind: Software	\$50.00	7/19/21	12/9/21
Alaska State Fair	Fundraising Event	\$50.00	3/11/24	3/11/24
Pangea Restaurant & Lounge	In Kind: Meals	\$45.00	7/22/21	7/22/21
Speedway Express	In Kind: Travel Fuel	\$44.83	7/13/21	7/13/21
Lexies Cafe	In Kind: Meals	\$42.00	1/5/22	1/5/22

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Noisy Goose	In Kind: Meals	\$39.65	12/10/21	12/10/21
Valley Hotel	In Kind: Meals	\$38.25	4/10/21	4/10/21
Donna's Restaurant	In Kind: Meals	\$36.66	4/16/22	4/16/22
Party World	Sub-Vendor	\$36.30	6/12/24	6/12/24
Amazon	Sub-Vendor	\$35.99	6/12/24	6/12/24
Wingstop	In Kind: Meals	\$33.08	1/25/22	1/25/22
Pita Pit	In Kind: Meals	\$29.50	10/15/21	10/15/21
Gas N Go	In Kind: Travel Fuel	\$22.51	7/2/21	7/2/21
The Local	In Kind: Meals	\$22.48	9/17/21	9/17/21
Yellow Cab	In Kind: Travel Transportation	\$20.50	5/9/21	5/9/21
Mcgivney's Downtown Sportsbar & Grill	In Kind: Meals	\$18.70	4/30/21	4/30/21
Rosco's Pizza	In Kind: Meals	\$15.82	2/5/22	2/5/22
Grand Total		\$1,892,082.13	1/31/21	7/31/24

[Federal Election Commission, Alaskans for Nick Begich, Disbursements, [Accessed 9/19/24](#)]

Contributions Made by Candidate

2008-2013: Begich Contributed \$4,500 To Federal Political Candidates And Committees Other Than His Own

Recipient	Total Contribution	Earliest Contribution	Latest Contribution
Alaskans for Begich 2014	\$1,400.00	8/8/11	10/14/14
Alaskans for Dan Sullivan	\$1,200.00	10/25/20	2/21/23

Recipient	Total Contribution	Earliest Contribution	Latest Contribution
Alaskans for Don Young	\$925.00	10/2/19	9/21/20
Alaskans for Begich	\$320.00	8/4/08	8/11/08
Alaska Republican Party	\$245.00	7/20/20	6/25/21
Perdue for Senate	\$101.00	11/24/20	11/24/20
Ruth Edmonds for Congress	\$100.00	6/29/21	6/29/21
Lisa Murkowski for Us Senate	\$100.00	10/3/10	10/3/10
Donald J. Trump for President, Inc.	\$100.00	9/25/20	9/25/20
NRCC	\$50.00	3/23/21	3/23/21
Georgians for Kelly Loeffler	\$20.00	12/30/20	12/30/20
Grand Total	\$4,561.00	8/4/08	2/21/23

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Personal Finance

Personal Finance Highlights

- 2023: Begich reported an income between \$82,600 and \$193,000.
 - 2023: Begich held between \$5.8 million and \$24.7 million in ownership interests.
- 2021-2022: Begich reported an income between \$133,800 and \$253,700.
 - 2021-2022: Begich held between \$9.1 million and \$39.5 million in ownership interests.
 - 2021-2022: Begich held between \$100,000 and \$250,000 in cryptocurrency.
- 2022-2023: Begich held stocks in various mining companies.
- 2016: Begich reported between \$2 million and \$3.2 million or more in income.
 - 2016: Begich reported between \$106,000 and \$235,000 in interests and dividends.

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Name	Office	Election Year	Filing
Begich, Nicholas III	Congressional Candidate (AK00)	2022	Extension
Begich, Nicholas III	Congressional Candidate (AK00)	2022	Extension
Begich, Nicholas III	Congressional Candidate (AK00)	2024	Extension
Begich, Nicholas III	Congressional Candidate (AK00)	2024	Extension
Begich, Nicholas III	Congressional Candidate (AK00)	2022	Candidate Report (2021)
Begich, Nicholas III	Congressional Candidate (AK00)	2022	Candidate Report (1/1/21-6/11/22)

Name	Office	Election Year	Filing
Begich, Nicholas III	Congressional Candidate (AK00)	2024	Candidate Report (2023)

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Income

2023: Begich Reported Income Between \$82,600 And \$193,000

Investments/ Income	Entity Name/Description	2023 Income (Low)	2023 Income (High)
Stocks	AFLAC Incorporated (AFL) [ST]	\$1,001.00	\$2,500.00
Ownership Interest (Engaged in a Trade of Business)	Mitra San Antonio LLC, 1% Interest [OL]	\$15,001.00	\$50,000.00
Stocks	SPDR Series Trust SPDR Portfolio S&P 500 High Divident ETF (SPYD) [ST]	\$201.00	\$1,000.00
Ownership Interest (Engaged in a Trade of Business)	Earthpulse Press Inc., 17% Interest [OL]	\$50,001.00	\$100,000.00
Ownership Interest (Engaged in a Trade of Business)	Begich Capital Partners Inc., 33% Interest [OL]	\$2,501.00	\$5,000.00
Ownership Interest (Engaged in a Trade of Business)	Serra Ventures Ag Tech Fund [OL]	\$5,001.00	\$15,000.00
Ownership Interest (Engaged in a Trade of Business)	Eagle Street Properties LLP, 11% Interest [OL]	\$2,501.00	\$5,000.00

Investments/ Income	Entity Name/Description	2023 Income (Low)	2023 Income (High)
Stocks	Freeport-McMoRan, Inc. (FCX) [ST]	\$1.00	\$200.00
Stocks	Southern Copper Corporation (SCCO) [ST]	\$201.00	\$1,000.00
Bank Accounts, Money Market Accounts and CDs	Wells Fargo Bank Account [BA]	\$1.00	\$200.00
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Government Securities and Agency Debt	Trust for U.S. Treasury Obligations (TTOXX) [GS]	\$1,001.00	\$2,500.00
Government Securities and Agency Debt	US Treasury Bill Due 6/8/2023 [GS]	\$2,501.00	\$5,000.00
Government Securities and Agency Debt	US Treasury Note Due 1/31/2024 [GS]	\$2,501.00	\$5,000.00
Grand Total		\$82,615.00	\$193,600.00

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2021-2022: Begich Reported Income Between \$133,800 And \$253,700

Investments/ Income	Entity Name/Description	2021-2022 Income (Low)	2021-2022 Income (High)
Stocks	Expedia Group, Inc. (EXPE) [ST]	\$5,001	\$15,000
Ownership Interest (Engaged in a Trade of Business)	FarShore Partners LLC, 69% Interest [OL]	\$50,001	\$100,000

Investments/ Income	Entity Name/Description	2021-2022 Income (Low)	2021-2022 Income (High)
Ownership Interest (Engaged in a Trade of Business)	Dashfire Management, 42% Interest [OL]	\$50,001	\$100,000
Ownership Interest (Engaged in a Trade of Business)	Earthpulse Press Inc., 17% Interest [OL]	\$15,001	\$50,000
Mutual Funds	SPDR PTF S&P 500 High DIV ETF (SPYD) [MF]	\$1	\$200
Ownership Interest (Engaged in a Trade of Business)	Eagle Street Properties LLP, 11% Interest [OL]	\$1,001	\$2,500
Stocks	Freeport-McMoRan, Inc. (FCX) [ST]	\$1	\$200
Stocks	Ucore Rare Metals, Inc. Common Shares (UURAF)	\$1	\$200
Bank Accounts, Money Market Accounts and CDs	Wells Fargo Bank Account [BA]	\$1	\$200
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Bank Accounts, Money Market Accounts and CDs	Wells Fargo Bank Account [BA]	\$2	\$200
Earned Income	Matanuska Telephone Association	\$500	x
Earned Income	FarShore Partners LLC	\$17,299	x
Grand Total		\$133,810	\$253,700

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2016: Begich Reported Between \$2 Million And \$3.2 Million Or More In Income

Investments/ Income	Entity Name/Description	1/1/15 - 12/31/15 INCOME (LOW)	1/1/15 - 12/31/15 INCOME (HIGH)
Earned Income	Providence Health Services Alaska	\$50,000.00	\$100,000.00
Earned Income	FarShore Partners LLC	\$50,000.00	\$100,000.00
General Partner - Salaried	Dashfire Management LLC	\$10,000.00	\$20,000.00
Self Employment	Dashfire I LLC	\$500,000.00	\$1,000,000.00
Self Employment	Dashfire Management LLC	\$100,000.00	\$200,000.00
Self Employment	FarShore Ventures LLC	\$5,000.00	\$10,000.00
Self Employment	FarShore Ventures II LLC	\$50,000.00	\$100,000.00
Self Employment	FarShore Ventures III LLC	\$100,000.00	\$200,000.00
Self Employment	FarShore Partners LLC	\$1,000,000.00	\$1,000,000.00
Other	Sale of Rental Property	\$200,000.00	\$500,000.00
Grand Total		\$2,065,000.00	\$3,230,000.00

[Anchorage City, Personal Financial Disclosure, [2/11/16](#)]

Investments and Holdings

2023: Begich Held Between \$5.8 Million And \$24.7 Million In Ownership Interests

Investments/ Income	Entity Name/Description	2023 Value Of Asset (Low)	2023 Value Of Asset (High)
Ownership Interest (Engaged in a Trade of Business)	FarShore Partners LLC, 69% Interest [OL]	\$1,000,001.00	\$5,000,000.00
Ownership Interest (Engaged in a Trade of Business)	FareShore Ventures II LLC, 47% Interest [OL]	\$1,000,001.00	\$5,000,000.00
Ownership Interest (Engaged in a Trade of Business)	Earthpulse Press Inc., 17% Interest [OL]	\$1,000,000.00	\$5,000,000.00

Investments/ Income	Entity Name/Description	2023 Value Of Asset (Low)	2023 Value Of Asset (High)
Ownership Interest (Engaged in a Trade of Business)	Listen Ventures III LLP, 1% Interest [OL]	\$1,000,001.00	\$5,000,000.00
Ownership Interest (Engaged in a Trade of Business)	Dashfire Management, 42% Interest [OL]	\$500,001.00	\$1,000,000.00
Ownership Interest (Engaged in a Trade of Business)	Wrangell-St. Elias at Elliott Creek Inc., 21% Interest [OL]	\$500,001.00	\$1,000,000.00
Ownership Interest (Engaged in a Trade of Business)	MSB Holdings Inc, 1% Interest [OL]	\$50,001.00	\$1,000,000.00
Ownership Interest (Engaged in a Trade of Business)	Mitra San Antonio LLC, 1% Interest [OL]	\$100,001.00	\$250,000.00
Ownership Interest (Engaged in a Trade of Business)	Listen Ventures II LLP, 1% Interest [OL]	\$100,001.00	\$250,000.00
Ownership Interest (Engaged in a Trade of Business)	FarsShore Ventures LLC, 50% Interest [OL]	\$100,001.00	\$250,000.00
Ownership Interest (Engaged in a Trade of Business)	Serra Ventures Ag Tech Fund [OL]	\$100,001.00	\$250,000.00
Ownership Interest (Engaged in a Trade of Business)	Aurora Stores, Inc., 12% Interest [OL]	\$50,001.00	\$100,000.00
Ownership Interest (Engaged in a Trade of Business)	CC 142 Holdings LLC, 2% Interest [OL]	\$50,001.00	\$100,000.00
Ownership Interest (Engaged in a Trade of Business)	Emerald Horeseshoe LLC, 18% Interest [OL]	\$50,001.00	\$100,000.00

Investments/ Income	Entity Name/Description	2023 Value Of Asset (Low)	2023 Value Of Asset (High)
Ownership Interest (Engaged in a Trade of Business)	Eagle Street Properties LLP, 11% Interest [OL]	\$50,001.00	\$100,000.00
Ownership Interest (Engaged in a Trade or Business)	Self-Storage Qualified Opportunity Fund II, LLC, 1% Interest [OL]	\$50,001.00	\$100,000.00
Ownership Interest (Engaged in a Trade of Business)	Stuaqpak Inc., 15% Interest [OL]	\$50,001.00	\$100,000.00
Ownership Interest (Engaged in a Trade of Business)	Zo Financial, Inc., 1% Interest [OL]	\$50,001.00	\$100,000.00
Ownership Interest (Engaged in a Trade of Business)	Emerald Horeseshoe LLC, 4% Interest [OL]	\$1,001.00	\$15,000.00
Ownership Interest (Engaged in a Trade of Business)	Begich Capital Partners Inc., 33% Interest [OL]	\$1,001.00	\$15,000.00
Ownership Interest (Engaged in a Trade of Business)	SmartSapling Inc., 4% Interest [OL]	\$1,001.00	\$15,000.00
Ownership Interest (Engaged in a Trade of Business)	FareShore Ventures II LLC, 49% Interest [OL]	\$1,001.00	\$15,000.00
Ownership Interest (Engaged in a Trade of Business)	SmartSapling Inc., 1% Interest [OL]	\$1,001.00	\$15,000.00
Grand Total		\$5,805,022.00	\$24,775,000.00

[Clerk of the House of the Representatives, [11/10/23](#)]

2021-2022: Begich Held Between \$9.1 Million And \$39.5 Million In Ownership Interests

Investments/ Income	Entity Name/Description	2021-2022 Value Of Asset (Low)	2021-2022 Value Of Asset (High)
Ownership Interest (Engaged in a Trade of Business)	FarShore Partners LLC, 69% Interest [OL]	\$5,000,001.00	\$25,000,000.00
Ownership Interest (Engaged in a Trade of Business)	Dashfire Management, 42% Interest [OL]	\$1,000,001.00	\$5,000,000.00
Ownership Interest (Engaged in a Trade of Business)	FareShore Ventures II LLC, 47% Interest [OL]	\$1,000,001.00	\$5,000,000.00
Ownership Interest (Engaged in a Trade of Business)	Earthpulse Press Inc., 17% Interest [OL]	\$500,001.00	\$1,000,000.00
Ownership Interest (Engaged in a Trade of Business)	Wrangell-St. Elias at Elliott Creek Inc., 21% Interest [OL]	\$500,001.00	\$1,000,000.00
Ownership Interest (Engaged in a Trade of Business)	Listen Ventures II LLP, 1% Interest [OL]	\$250,000.00	\$500,000.00
Ownership Interest (Engaged in a Trade of Business)	Listen Ventures III LLP, 1% Interest [OL]	\$250,000.00	\$500,000.00
Ownership Interest (Engaged in a Trade of Business)	Alaska Hotel Group, LP, 1% Interest [OL]	\$100,001.00	\$250,000.00
Ownership Interest (Engaged in a Trade of Business)	Begich Capital Partners Inc., 33% Interest [OL]	\$100,001.00	\$250,000.00
Ownership Interest (Engaged in a Trade of Business)	FarsShore Ventures LLC, 50% Interest [OL]	\$100,001.00	\$250,000.00
Ownership Interest (Engaged in a Trade of Business)	Serra Ventures Ag Tech Fund [OL]	\$100,001.00	\$250,000.00

Investments/ Income	Entity Name/Description	2021-2022 Value Of Asset (Low)	2021-2022 Value Of Asset (High)
Ownership Interest (Engaged in a Trade of Business)	Eagle Street Properties LLP, 11% Interest [OL]	\$50,001.00	\$100,000.00
Ownership Interest (Engaged in a Trade of Business)	MSB Holdings Inc, 1% Interest [OL]	\$50,001.00	\$100,000.00
Ownership Interest (Engaged in a Trade or Business)	Self-Storage Qualified Opportunity Fund II, LLC, 1% Interest [OL]	\$50,001.00	\$100,000.00
Ownership Interest (Engaged in a Trade of Business)	Stuaqpak Inc., 15% Interest [OL]	\$50,001.00	\$100,000.00
Ownership Interest (Engaged in a Trade of Business)	Zo Financial, Inc., 1% Interest [OL]	\$50,001.00	\$100,000.00
Ownership Interest (Engaged in a Trade of Business)	SmartSapling Inc., 4% Interest [OL]	\$15,001.00	\$50,000.00
Ownership Interest (Engaged in a Trade of Business)	FareShore Ventures II LLC, 49% Interest [OL]	\$1,001.00	\$15,000.00
Ownership Interest (Engaged in a Trade of Business)	SmartSapling Inc., 1% Interest [OL]	\$1,001.00	\$15,000.00
Grand Total		\$9,167,017.00	\$39,580,000.00

[Clerk of the House of the Representatives, [5/14/22](#)]

2016: Begich Reported Between \$106,000 And \$235,000 In Interests And Dividends

Investments/ Income	Entity Name/Description	1/1/15 - 12/31/15 Value Of Asset (Low)	1/1/15 - 12/31/15 Value Of Asset (High)
Ownership Interest (Engaged in a Trade of Business)	Dashfire Management, 42% Interest [OL]	\$20,000.00	\$50,000.00

Investments/ Income	Entity Name/Description	1/1/15 - 12/31/15 Value Of Asset (Low)	1/1/15 - 12/31/15 Value Of Asset (High)
Ownership Interest (Engaged in a Trade of Business)	Earthpulse Press Inc., 17% Interest [OL]	\$20,000.00	\$50,000.00
Interest/Dividend	PFD	\$2,000.00	\$5,000.00
Interest/Dividend	PFD	\$2,000.00	\$5,000.00
Interest/Dividend	PFD	\$2,000.00	\$5,000.00
Interest/Dividend	FarShore Ventures II LLC	\$5,000.00	\$10,000.00
Interest/Dividend	FarShore Ventures III LLC	\$5,000.00	\$10,000.00
Interest/Dividend	FarShore Partners LLC	\$50,000.00	\$100,000.00
Grand Total		\$106,000.00	\$235,000.00

[Anchorage City, Personal Financial Disclosure, [2/11/16](#)]

2022-2023: Begich Held Between \$50,000 And \$100,000 In Ownership Interests For Stuaqpak Inc, A Company That Produces Seafood

Investments/ Income	Entity Name/Description	2021-2022 Value Of Asset (Low)	2021-2022 Value Of Asset (High)	2023 Value Of Asset (Low)	2023 Value Of Asset (High)
Ownership Interest (Engaged in a Trade of Business)	Stuaqpak Inc., 15% Interest [OL]	\$50,001.00	\$100,000.00	\$50,001.00	\$100,000.00

[Clerk of the House of the Representatives, [5/14/22](#); [11/10/23](#)]

Mark Begich Opened Stuaqpak Inc. In Response To High Grocery Prices In Alaska. “When Mark Begich was a U.S. senator, he took visiting dignitaries on trips to rural Alaska. Every time, he said, he’d drag them into the village store, to show just how much residents had to pay for laundry detergent or a gallon of milk. [...] In an interview in his Anchorage office last week, Begich said his company, Stuaqpak Inc., will offer lower prices and better products, and be more accountable to residents than the North West Company, the publicly traded Canadian corporation whose subsidiary ran the store previously.”

[Alaska Public Media, [11/5/19](#)]

2022-2023: Begich Held Stocks In Various Mining Companies

Entity Name/Description	2021-2022 Value Of Asset (Low)	2021-2022 Value Of Asset (High)	2021-2022 Income (Low)	2021-2022 Income (High)	2023 Value Of Asset (Low)	2023 Value Of Asset (High)	2023 Income (Low)	2023 Income (High)
El Capitan Precious Metals, Inc. (EC PN) [ST]	\$1,001.00	\$15,000.00	x	x	x	x	x	x
Freeport-McMoRan, Inc. (FCX) [ST]	\$1,001.00	\$15,000.00	\$1	\$200	\$1,001.00	\$15,000.00	\$1.00	\$200.00
Graphite One Resources, Inc. Ordinary Shares (GPHOF) [ST]	\$1,001.00	\$15,000.00	x	x	\$1,001.00	\$15,000.00	x	x
Southern Copper Corporation (SCCO) [ST]	\$1,001.00	\$15,000.00	x	x	\$1,001.00	\$15,000.00	\$201.00	\$1,000.00
Ucore Rare Metals, Inc. Common Shares (UURAF)	\$1,001.00	\$15,000.00	\$1	\$200	\$1,001.00	\$15,000.00	x	x

[Clerk of the House of the Representatives, [5/14/22](#); [11/10/23](#)]

2021-2023: Begich Held Between \$100,000 And \$250,000 In Cryptocurrency

Investments/ Income	Entity Name/Description	2021-2022 Value Of Asset (Low)	2021-2022 Value Of Asset (High)	2023 Value Of Asset (Low)	2023 Value Of Asset (High)
Other	Cryptocurrency [OT] - Bitcoin, Ripple, Stellar Lumen, Litecoin	\$100,001.00	\$250,000.00	\$100,001.00	\$250,000.00

[Clerk of the House of the Representatives, [11/10/23](#); [5/14/22](#)]

2022-2023: Begich Went From Holding Between \$1,000 And \$15,000 In Royal Dutch Shell Stocks To Holding Between 15,000 And \$50,000

Investments/ Income	Entity Name/Description	2021-2022 Value Of Asset (Low)	2021-2022 Value Of Asset (High)	2023 Value Of Asset (Low)	2023 Value Of Asset (High)
Stocks	Royal Dutch Shell PLC Royal Dutch Shell American Depository Shares (RDS.A) [ST]	\$1,001.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,001.00	\$50,000.00

[Clerk of the House of the Representatives, [5/14/22](#); [11/10/23](#)]

Debts

2023: Begich Held Between \$25,000 And \$75,000 In Two Separate Student Loans From Navient

Investments/ Income	Entity Name/Description	2023 Value Of Asset (Low)	2023 Value Of Asset (High)
Liabilities	Navient Student Loans	\$15,001.00	\$50,000.00
Liabilities	Navient Student Loans	\$10,000.00	\$15,000.00

[Clerk of the House of the Representatives, [11/10/23](#)]

2021-2022: Begich Held Between \$50,000 And \$100,000 In Student Loans From Navient

Investments/ Income	Entity Name/Description	2021-2022 Value Of Asset (Low)	2021-2022 Value Of Asset (High)
Liabilities	Navient Student Loans	\$50,001.00	\$100,000.00

[Clerk of the House of the Representatives, [5/14/22](#)]

2016: Begich Held A Number Of Loans And Debts, Including To His Own FarShore Ventures

Owner	Type	Name
Filer	Creditor	Rick Desai
Filer	Creditor	Piyush Desai
Filer	Creditor	Michele Morton
Filer	Creditor	Navient
Filer Spouse	Creditor	Wells Fargo Home Mortgage
Filer, Spouse	Creditor	Wells Fargo Home Mortgage
Filer	Creditor	Wells Fargo Auto Finance
Spouse	Creditor	Navient
Filer	Lender	FarShore Ventures LLC
Filer	Lender	FarShore Ventures III LLC
Filer	Creditor	State of CA Franchise Tax Board

[Anchorage City, Personal Financial Disclosure, [2/11/16](#)]

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Voter Record

Voter Record Highlights

- Begich was registered to vote as a Republican in Chugiak, Alaska.
- 1999-2007: Begich was registered as a Republican in Deerfield Beach, Florida.

Voter Registration

Begich Was Registered To Vote As A Republican In Chugiak, AK. [Alaska Division of Elections, Accessed 9/19/24]

My Voter Portal

Voter Information

Name	BEGICH NICHOLAS JOSEPH, III
Party Affiliation	ALASKA REPUBLICAN PARTY
Mailing Address	[REDACTED]
Residence Address	Private
Private Voter Code	Submit

Precinct / Polling Information

District / Precinct	24-875 PETERS CREEK NO. 1
Polling Place	BRIDGE OF HOPE APOSTOLIC CENTER
Polling Place Location	20640 CHAPEL DR CHUGIAK View in Google Maps

Absentee Ballot Information

2024 PRIMARY ELECTION

Delivery Method	Other (In-person, Early, Assisted)
Application Date	
Date Sent	
Date Received	08/20/2024
Ballot Status	BALLOT RECEIVED
Delivery Information	Private

[Alaska Division of Elections, [Accessed 9/19/24](#)]

1999-2007: Begich Was Registered To Vote As A Republican In Deerfield Beach, Florida. [Public Records Request, Broward County, accessed 9/18/24]

BRO 102029771 Begich III, Nicholas J

Deerfield Beach, 33441

Last Voter Activity Date **Apr/03/2003**

pre-FVRS Regn Number **10372367**

Date Last Voted

Registration Code

Date of Last Status Change **Jul/16/2007**

Date Last Voter Card Printed

Record Creation Date **Nov/02/1999**

Number of Times Voted

Registration Date **Oct/29/1999**

2007	-1	2006	0	2005	0
2004	0				

[Public Records Request, Broward County, accessed 9/18/24]

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Nicholas Begich Background

- Name: Nicholas Begich
- Political Experience:
 - Candidate, U.S. House For Alaska's At-Large Congressional District (2024)
 - Candidate, U.S. House For Alaska's At-Large Congressional District (2022)
 - Candidate, Anchorage Assembly District 2, Seat A (2016)
- Professional Experience:
 - Co-Founder, Dashfire (2009-Present)
 - Executive Chairman, FarShore Partners (2020-Present)
 - CEO & Founder, FarShore Partners (2006-2020)
 - Fellow, Club For Growth (2020-Present)
 - Director, Board of Directors, Matanuska Telephone Association (2016-2022)
 - Board President, Board of Directors, Alaska Policy Forum (2018-2021)
 - President, MTA Foundation (2017-2021)
 - General Manager, NTRE (2004-2006)
 - Information Technology Leadership Program, Ford Motor Company (2002-2004)
 - Specialist in Investor Relations, Sensormatic (199-2000)
- Education:
 - B.B.A., Entrepreneurship, Baylor University (1999)
 - M.B.A., Information Technology, Decision Modeling, & Operations, Indiana University Bloomington (2002)

Education

2002: Begich Earned His M.B.A. In Information Technology, Decision Modeling, And Operations From Indiana University, Bloomington. [Linkedin, Nicholas Begich III, Accessed [9/16/24](#)]

1999: Begich Earned His B.B.A. In Entrepreneurship From Baylor University. [Linkedin, Nicholas Begich III, Accessed [9/16/24](#)]

Professional History

November 2009-Present As Of September 2024: Begich Served As Co-Founder Of Dashfire.
[Linkedin, Nicholas Begich III, Accessed [9/16/24](#)]

December 2020-Present As Of September 2024: Begich Was The Executive Chairman Of FarShore Partners. [Linkedin, Nicholas Begich III, Accessed [9/16/24](#)]

- **May 2006-December 2020: Begich Served As CEO And Founder Of Farshore Partners.**
[Linkedin, Nicholas Begich III, Accessed [9/16/24](#)]

June 2020-Present As Of September 2024: Begich Was A Fellow At Club For Growth. [Linkedin, Nicholas Begich III, Accessed [9/16/24](#)]

August 2016-March 2022: Begich Served As The Director On The Board Of Directors For Matanuska Telephone Association. [Linkedin, Nicholas Begich III, Accessed [9/16/24](#)]

November 2018-October 2021: Begich Served As The Board President Of The Alaska Policy Forum Board Of Directors. [Linkedin, Nicholas Begich III, Accessed [9/16/24](#)]

- **Alaska Policy Forum Was A Registered Non-Profit.** According to records from the IRS's non-profit database, Alaska Policy Forum was a registered non-profit, and income tax exempt. [Internal Revenue Service, Non-profit database, [9/3/09](#)]
- **Begich Appeared In Alaska Policy Forum's 2018, 2019, And 2020 Form 990 Filings.** According to Alaska Policy Forum's 990 filings with the IRS, Begich was present and mentioned in the filings for 2018, 2019, and 2020. [Internal Revenue Service, Alaska Policy Forum, Accessed [9/16/24](#); Accessed [9/16/24](#); Accessed [9/16/24](#)]

July 2017-July 2021: Begich Served As President Of The MTA Foundation. [Linkedin, Nicholas Begich III, Accessed [9/16/24](#)]

2004-2006: Begich Served As General Manager At Northern Trust Real Estate. [Linkedin, Nicholas Begich III, Accessed [9/16/24](#)]

2002-2004: Begich Was Part Of Ford's Information Technology Leadership Program. [Linkedin, Nicholas Begich III, Accessed [9/16/24](#)]

1999-2000: Begich Worked As A Specialist On Sensormatic's Investor Relations Department.
[Linkedin, Nicholas Begich III, Accessed [9/16/24](#)]

Political History

2022: Begich Ran For U.S. House In Alaska's Special Election And Lost To Mary Peltola. According to a September 2022 report by the Alaska Division of Elections, Begich ran for a U.S. House seat in Alaska's August 16, 2022 special election against Sarah Palin and Mary Peltola. Begich earned the lowest vote share of the three and Peltola won the election. [Alaska Division of Elections, [9/2/22](#)]

2022: Begich Ran For Alaska's Only Congressional District And Was Eliminated In The Second Round With 24.48% Of The Vote. According to records from the Alaska Division of Elections, Begich was eliminated in the second round of the 2022 general election for Alaska's sole congressional seat. Begich received 24.48% of the vote in the second round, with the majority of his votes transferring to Palin, who lost to Peltola in Round 3. [Alaska, Division of Elections, [11/23/22](#)]

State of Alaska

Round 1

Candidate	Votes	Percentage
Begich, Nick	62,404	23.64%
Bye, Chris	4,986	1.89%
Palin, Sarah	68,178	25.83%
Peltola, Mary S.	128,403	48.64%
Continuing Ballots Total	263,971	
Blanks	1,770	
Exhausted	0	
Overvotes	423	
Remainder Points	0	
Non Transferable Total	2,193	

Round 2

Candidate	Votes	Percentage
Begich, Nick	64,392	24.48%
Bye, Chris	0	0.00%
Palin, Sarah	69,242	26.32%
Peltola, Mary S.	129,433	49.20%
Continuing Ballots Total	263,067	
Blanks	1,770	
Exhausted	901	
Overvotes	426	
Remainder Points	0	
Non Transferable Total	3,097	

Begich, Nick is eliminated because the candidate had the least amount of votes.

[Alaska Division of Elections, [11/23/22](#)]

2016: Begich Ran For Seat A Representing District 2 On The Anchorage Assembly But Lost By 1226 Votes. According to records with the Municipality of Anchorage, Begich lost the election for District 2, Seat A on the Anchorage Assembly by 1226 votes. His opponent, Amy Demboski won 57.72% of the vote with 4414 votes total, while Begich had only 41.69% of the vote with a total of 3188 votes.

[Municipality of Anchorage, [4/26/16](#)]

- **The Anchorage Assembly Represented “Every Neighborhood In The Municipality Of Anchorage.”** “From Chugiak to Girdwood, every neighborhood in the Municipality of Anchorage is represented on the Anchorage Assembly. With members elected by you and your neighbors, the Assembly creates, passes and amends local laws, and approves the Municipality’s budget. We invite you to learn more about what we do and get involved.” [Municipality of Anchorage, [Accessed 9/20/24](#)]