

## (MI-10) Message #1 Backup

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### **John James Is A Threat To Women's Reproductive Freedoms And Promised To "Not Stop Fighting Until We End Abortion."**

**2020: James Said, "We Will Not Stop Fighting Until We End Abortion."** "There is no question that James is on the record as opposing abortion. But we wanted to take a closer look at Peters' characterizations. We found that James has repeatedly dodged questions when asked whether he would make an exception to abortion prohibitions in cases where a mother's life is at risk. Meanwhile, James favors overturning Roe v. Wade. The 1973 Supreme Court case invalidated Michigan's 1931 law that makes it a felony to administer an abortion in all cases except when the mother's life is at risk. This law is still on the books and could be enforced if Roe v. Wade is overturned. James has not said whether he supports Michigan's pre-Roe abortion ban. [...] James anti-abortion stance is clear. In a 2018 tweet, James wrote: 'I am 100% #ProLife because I believe life begins at conception and ends at a natural death. We will not stop fighting until we end abortion, for it is our sacred duty to protect the most vulnerable among us: the unborn.' During a July 13, 2018, campaign event, James called abortion a form of 'genocide,' according to audio released by the Michigan Democratic Party." [Detroit Free Press, [10/6/20](#)]

### **He Proudly Professed That He Is "100% Pro-Life. Always Have Been. Always Will Be" And Even Compared Abortion To "Genocide."**

**2018 James For Senate Website: "I Am 100% Pro-Life. Always Have Been. Always Will Be."** According to John James for Senate website, "I am 100% Pro-Life. Always have been. Always will be." [James for Senate website via Wayback Machine, saved [9/23/18](#)]

**2019: James Compared Abortion To "Genocide."** "James, a Farmington Hills businessman and U.S. Army veteran, is a staunch proponent of rolling back access to abortions. He opposes abortion in cases of rape and incest, said he would support Roe v. Wade being overturned and compared to abortion to 'genocide' during his failed 2018 Senate bid. Democrats say those stances don't line up with how the majority of Americans feel. 'His far-right views on reproductive rights are very out of step with Michigan voters,' said MDP spokesperson Alex Japko. 'The idea that James doesn't even support exceptions for rape and incest show he's not where the majority of Michigan voters are on this issue. I think that's going to be a problem for him next year.'" [Michigan Live, [11/23/19](#)]

**2018: James Said Roe V. Wade Allowed "Genocide."** JAMES: "They want to do away with our children, 50 million dead since Roe v. Wade. That's unacceptable. I have to recount, I have to recount not to anybody in this room or anybody in Washington but with the Lord. And I want to hear seven words: well done my good and faithful servant, and standing by and letting this genocide continue stands in the way of that happening. We - we must do everything that we can to make sure that we give women better options and we protect our babies." [John James, Lansing Meet and Greet, 12:57, [7/13/18](#)] (AUDIO)

### **In Congress, He Voted To Restrict Abortion Access Nationwide And Punish Doctors Who Provide Abortion Care.**

**James Voted For Passing Fiscal 2024 Agriculture Appropriations Including Republican Riders.** In September 2023, James voted for: "Passage of the bill that would provide roughly \$22 billion in discretionary funding in fiscal 2024 for the Agriculture Department and related agencies. The bill would provide \$6.2 billion to the Food and Drug

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

- **The Agriculture Appropriations Bill Included A Provision To Ban Mifepristone From Being Sold In Retail Pharmacies Or By Mail.** "A provision in the legislation would nullify a Biden administration rule allowing mifepristone to be sold in retail pharmacies and by mail with prescriptions from a certified health care provider." [Fox 59, [9/27/23](#)]
- **Planned Parenthood: "Abortion Pill' Is The Common Name For Using Two Different Medicines To End A Pregnancy: Mifepristone And Misoprostol."** "'Abortion pill' is the common name for using two different medicines to end a pregnancy: mifepristone and misoprostol. You can also use misoprostol alone to have an abortion. First, you take a pill called mifepristone. Pregnancy needs a hormone called progesterone to grow normally. Mifepristone blocks your body's own progesterone, stopping the pregnancy from growing. Then you take the second medicine, misoprostol, either right away or up to 48 hours later. This medicine causes cramping and bleeding to empty your uterus. It's kind of like having a really heavy, crampy period, and the process is very similar to an early miscarriage. If you don't have any bleeding within 24 hours after taking misoprostol, call your nurse or doctor." [Planned Parenthood, The Abortion Pill, accessed [6/23/24](#)]

**July 2023: James Voted For An Amendment To Prohibit The Defense Department From Paying For Expenses Related To Abortion Services.** In July 2023, James voted for: "Jackson, R-Texas, amendment no. 5 that would repeal a 2022 Defense Department memorandum regarding access to reproductive health care and prohibit the department from paying for or reimbursing expenses relating to abortion services." The amendment was adopted by a vote of 221-213. [H.R. 2670, [Vote #300](#), 7/13/23; CQ, [7/13/23](#)]

- **The House Voted To Overturn A Pentagon Policy That Guaranteed Abortion Access To Service Members Regardless Of Where They Were Stationed.** "The House voted 221 to 213 to overturn a Pentagon policy guaranteeing abortion access to service members regardless of where they are stationed, with Republicans propelling it to passage over near-unanimous Democratic opposition." [New York Times, [7/13/23](#)]
- **HEADLINE: "House Votes To Limit Abortion Access In The Military, Bowing To The Right."** [New York Times, [7/13/23](#)]
- **Many Major Military Installations Were In States With Restrictive Abortion Laws, And Service Members Could Not Control Which State Or Which Installation They Were Stationed.** Following The Overturning Of Roe, "The military has been adjusting to the Supreme Court's ruling on Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization in June which overturned protections previously established in the 1973 Roe v. Wade ruling. The new ruling set off what are called 'trigger laws' in roughly a dozen states, which were designed to go into effect almost immediately after Roe v. Wade was overturned. Many of the most restrictive states – including Texas, Oklahoma, and Louisiana – are home to major military installations. There were immediately concerns over how service members and their families, who often do not get to choose which installation and in which state they get to live, would navigate the changes." [CNN, [2/16/23](#)]

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

- **HEADLINE: “House Passes Bill That Could Subject Some Abortion Doctors to Prosecution.”** [New York Times, [1/11/23](#)]
- **The Born Alive-Survivors Protection Act Included A Fine, Up To Five Years In Prison, Or Both For Health Care Providers Who Violate The Act.** “Under the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act, health care providers would be required to exercise the same degree of care as would reasonably be provided to a child born alive at the same gestational age and ensure that the child is admitted to a hospital, according to the law. An infant born alive after a failed abortion would be entitled to the protections of that proposed law. The bill would also impose criminal penalties on health care providers who fail to provide the care. Any health care practitioner or employee with knowledge of a failure to comply with the law would also be required to report it to law enforcement, according to the law. Both those who do not provide care or fail to report will be subject to a fine, up to five years in prison or both, according to the law.” [ABC News, [1/12/23](#)]
- **The Born Alive-Survivors Protection Act Barred Women From Criminal Prosecution Under The Act.** “(c) Bar To Prosecution.—The mother of a child born alive described under subsection (a) may not be prosecuted under this section, for conspiracy to violate this section, or for an offense under section 3 or 4 of this title based on such a violation.” [H.R. 26, Legislation Text, introduced [1/9/23](#)]

**New York Times: Republicans Used The Born Alive-Survivors Protection Act To “Discourage Women From Seeking Abortions And Doctors From Performing Them.”** “Republicans used their new power in the House on Wednesday to push through legislation that could subject doctors who perform abortions to criminal penalties, underscoring their opposition to abortion rights even as they stopped short of trying to ban the procedure. [...] The bill would require that infants born alive after an attempted abortion receive the same protection under the law and degree of care as any newborn, and threaten medical providers with up to five years in prison for failing to resuscitate babies born alive during abortions. Live births during an abortion procedure are exceedingly rare, experts said, and federal law already requires that a baby who survives an attempted abortion receive emergency medical care. The new bill would clarify the standard of care to which doctors are held and lay out penalties for violators. Policy organizations supporting abortion rights said the measure was an effort to discourage women from seeking abortions and doctors from performing them. But Republicans framed the legislation as a way to protect the unborn, and sought to use it as a cudgel to portray Democratic opponents as unwilling to provide basic rights to newborns.” [New York Times, [1/11/23](#)]

**Huffington Post: The Born Alive-Survivors Protection Act Was “Chock-Full Of Misinformation And Create[d] More Barriers To Care.”** “‘The Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act will provide common sense protections for innocent children and their mothers and will ensure all babies receive the essential care they need at an incredibly vulnerable moment. It pains me that this fight has to be fought at all, but medical care for babies should not be a partisan issue.’ But similar to other anti-choice legislation, the bill is chock-full of misinformation and creates more barriers to care. Reproductive rights advocates and physicians critical of the bill argue that it’s nearly impossible for infants to be born alive during abortions later in pregnancy. Bills like this are also redundant: Murder is already illegal in the U.S. If that’s not enough, the rights of an infant or newborn are

already protected by a 2002 law that codified that infants have the same rights as any other human.” [Huffington Post, [1/11/23](#)]

## **He Even Endorsed A Near-Total Abortion Ban With No Exceptions For Rape Or Incest That Would Also Outlaw IVF.**

**2023: James Was A Member Of The Republican Study Committee.** “Membership [...] MICHIGAN Rep. Jack Bergman Rep. Bill Huizenga Rep. John James Rep. Lisa C. McClain Rep. John R. Moolenaar Rep. Tim Walberg” [RSC, Membership, accessed [11/8/23](#)]

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

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

**Washington Post: The Life At Conception Act Signaled That Many Members “Would Like To See A Total Ban On Abortion.”** “Several abortion bans have already been introduced in Congress. A six-week abortion ban has been introduced in the House, by Rep. Mike Kelly (R-Pa.), and the Life at Conception Act, which would recognize a fetus as a person with equal protections under the 14th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, has been introduced in both chambers. Nineteen Republican senators and well over 100 Republicans in the House have co-sponsored the measure, signaling that many would like to see a total ban on abortion.” [Washington Post, [5/2/22](#)]

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

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

## **(MI-10) Message #2 Backup**

*John James endorsed an extreme budget that would balloon the deficit and reward the ultra wealthy, while raising costs for seniors and working class families. To pay for this, James’ plan would cut Social Security, privatize Medicare, raise the age of retirement, and leave hundreds of thousands of Michiganders without quality affordable healthcare.*



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**The RSC Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Criticized Increasing The Top Corporate Tax Rate.** “President Biden has proposed increasing the top corporate tax rate from 21 percent to 28 percent. This would make our corporate tax rate among the most burdensome in the world and drive investment and jobs overseas. In fact, it would be higher and more punitive than that of Communist China (25 percent).” [Republican Study Committee, [3/20/24](#)]

**The RSC Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Proposed Making The Individual Tax Code Provisions Of Trump’s Tax Scam Permanent.** “The RSC Budget would make the individual tax code provisions of the TCJA permanent. This includes important pro-growth features such as lower income tax rates for working families, a broader base that eliminates corrupt special interest carve outs, and tax cuts for small businesses.<sup>89</sup> As such, the RSC Budget supports Rep. Vern Buchanan’s (FL-R) Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA) Permanency Act, which would permanently codify TCJA provisions affecting individual taxpayers and business set to expire at the end of 2025.” [Republican Study Committee, [3/20/24](#)]

**Congressional Budget Office: Extending The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Would Increase The Cost To \$2.7 Trillion.** “The Congressional Budget Office’s (CBO) latest baseline spells out what the federal budget will look like under current law, but also estimates the cost of several policy alternatives. The most notable one is the cost of extending most temporary provisions in the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA) of 2017, which CBO hadn’t officially estimated since 2019. CBO estimates that extending the individual income and estate tax provisions that are set to expire after 2025 would cost \$2.2 trillion through 2032; also extending business tax provisions that are set to expire or become less generous would increase the cost to \$2.7 trillion. These costs would increase debt as a share of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in Fiscal Year (FY) 2032 to 116 to 118 percent of GDP, compared to 110 percent of GDP under current law.” [Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget, Blog, [6/28/22](#)]

**Extending Trump’s Tax Cuts Would Save The Average Taxpayer In The Top 1% Nearly \$26,000 In The First Year.** “[E]xtending the Trump tax cuts would create a windfall for the top 5 percent of income earners, who would receive nearly 40 percent of the benefits in the first year alone, making this legislation one of the most regressive and expensive tax giveaways in history. The average taxpayer in the top 1 percent would save nearly \$26,000 in just that first year.” [United States Senate Committee On The Budget, [5/15/23](#)]

**Tax Policy Center: “Making TCJA’s Individual Income Tax Permanent Could Cost \$3.5 Trillion.”** “In its latest analysis released this week, the Congressional Budget Office estimated the total cost of extending the individual income tax portions of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act to \$3.5 trillion over ten years, from 2024 through 2033. Most of the TCJA’s individual income tax provisions will expire at the end of 2025.” [Tax Policy Center, [5/18/23](#)]

**Extending The 2017 GOP Tax Cuts Would Disproportionally Benefit The Richest Americans.** “In 2026 the poorest fifth of Americans would receive just 1 percent of that total while the richest fifth of Americans would receive nearly two-thirds of that total. The richest 20 percent would receive 63 percent of the tax cuts in 2026 and the richest 5 percent alone would receive nearly 40 percent of the tax cuts.” [Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy, [5/4/23](#)]

**Institute On Taxation And Economic Policy: Extending The 2017 GOP Tax Cuts “Would Provide More Tax Breaks To The Richest 5 Percent Of Americans Than It Would Provide To The Bottom 80 Percent Of Americans.”** “The TCJA Permanency Act would provide more tax breaks to the richest 5 percent of Americans than it would provide to the bottom 80 percent of Americans. The richest 5 percent would receive \$112.6 billion in total tax cuts in 2026 compared to \$104.6 billion for the bottom 80 percent.” [Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy, [5/4/23](#)]

## While Raising Costs For Seniors And Working Class Families.

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**The RSC Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Advocated For The “Full Repeal Of The Disastrous Inflation Reduction Act.”** “The RSC Budget opposes the price controls enacted by the Inflation Reduction Act. Rather than enact reforms to lower costs through increased competition in the pharmaceutical industry, President Biden and Congressional Democrats have embraced socialist price controls that will limit access to life-saving drugs for those who desperately need them. Several companies have already abandoned research into new cures for drugs treating diseases such as blood cancer and Stargardt disease. According to the University of Chicago, the price-control provisions included in the Inflation Reduction Act would reduce medical research and development spending by as much as 60 percent and result in 342 fewer life-saving medical treatments. As part of the full repeal of the disastrous Inflation Reduction Act, the RSC Budget would ensure continued access to these life-saving treatments by removing these price controls.” [Republican Study Committee, [3/20/24](#)]

- **The Inflation Reduction Act Capped The Cost Of Insulin To \$35 Per Month Under Medicare.** “The Inflation Reduction Act caps out-of-pocket spending at \$35 per month’s supply of each insulin product covered under Medicare. These provisions are making insulin more affordable for many people covered by Medicare.” [Department of Health and Human Services, [8/16/23](#)]
- **The Inflation Reduction Act Allowed Medicare To Negotiate Drug Prices.** “For the first time in history, Medicare has the ability to directly negotiate the prices of covered prescription drugs due to the Inflation Reduction Act.” [Department of Health and Human Services, [8/16/23](#)]

**White House: The Republican Study Committee Budget Would Cut Funding For Rental Assistance, Programs That Help Build Housing, And Raise Mortgage Costs For First-Time Homebuyers.** On Wednesday, the Republican Study Committee – which represents 100% of House Republican leadership and nearly 80% of their members – just proposed yet another budget that would cut Medicare, Social Security, and the Affordable Care Act, as well as increase prescription drug, energy, and housing costs – all while forcing tax giveaways for the very rich onto the country. Their plan would even raise the Social Security retirement age. [...] What’s more, House Republicans’ plan would raise energy costs and send our new manufacturing jobs back overseas by gutting other crucial elements of the Inflation Reduction Act, raise housing costs, and allow big companies to rip off consumers with junk fees. [...] Raises housing costs by cutting funding for rental assistance, cutting funding for programs that help build housing, and raising mortgage costs for first-time homebuyers.” [White House, Fact Sheet, [3/21/24](#)]

**HEADLINE: “Inflation Reduction Act Would Lead To \$1,800 In Savings For Average Household, Analysis Finds”** [Yahoo Finance, [8/2/22](#)]

- **Rewiring America Study: The IRA’s Tax Incentives Dedicated To Climate Initiatives Would Save The Average Household \$1,800 Per Year On Energy Bills.** “Sweeping climate and health care legislation unveiled by Democrats last week would lead to significant cuts in energy costs for American households, according to a new analysis. A report by non-profit group Rewiring America found that the tax incentives included as part of the \$369 billion dedicated to climate initiatives in the Inflation Reduction Act would save the average household \$1,800 per year on energy bills.” [Yahoo Finance, [8/2/22](#)]

**To Pay For This, James’ Plan Would Cut Social Security, Privatize Medicare, Raise The Age Of Retirement, And Leave Hundreds Of Thousands Of Michiganders Without Quality Affordable Healthcare.**

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**The RSC Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Proposed Increasing The Retirement Age For Social Security Benefits.**

“For instance, the RSC Budget would make modest changes to the primary insurance amount (PIA) benefit formula for individuals who are not near retirement and earn more than the wealthiest PIA benefit factor. It would also make modest adjustments to the retirement age for future retirees to account for increases in life expectancy. Finally, for these individuals, it would limit and phase out auxiliary benefits for high income earners.” [Republican Study Committee, [3/20/24](#)]

- **Raising The Social Security Age Even By Three Years Would Cut Currently Scheduled Benefits By Nearly 20%.** “The last major Social Security overhaul, in 1983, gradually raised the age to 67, effectively cutting benefits by 13 percent. Now there is renewed talk of moving the age to 70, which would effectively cut currently scheduled benefits by nearly 20 percent.” [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, [4/25/23](#)]
- **The Impact Of Raising The Social Security Age Would Affect Lower- And Middle-Income Beneficiaries The Most.** “Some policymakers, such as those on the Republican Study Committee, have proposed to raise Social Security’s full retirement age to 70 and beyond. Raising the retirement age cuts benefits for all new retirees — that is, those claiming Social Security benefits for the first time. These cuts could be deep, and they would fall hardest on lower- and middle-income beneficiaries because they rely most heavily on Social Security benefits.” [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, [4/25/23](#)]

**The RSC Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Proposed A Premium Support Model For Medicare.** “Implementing a Premium Support Model The RSC Budget is committed to protecting current retirees from the across-the-board 11 percent cut to benefits and subsequent rationing that would result from the bankruptcy of the Hospital Insurance Trust Fund. To achieve this, the RSC budget would implement a premium support model where private, Medicare Advantage (MA) plans would compete with a federal Medicare plan (the ‘Fed Plan’) that would offer the traditional Medicare benefits received through Part A, B, and D. Medicare Advantage (MA) plans provide the same services as Medicare but are administered by private health insurance providers.” [Republican Study Committee, [3/20/24](#)]

- **Premium Support Models Shifted Costs Onto Beneficiaries.** “In areas where Medicare incurs relatively high costs, the amount of the premium-support payment would equal the cost of a relatively inexpensive private plan, and beneficiaries would have to pay higher premiums to participate in traditional Medicare. In areas with relatively low Medicare spending, beneficiaries who wanted to enroll in a private plan would face higher premiums or fewer benefits, or might find that no private plan was available. [...] The vouchers would purchase less coverage with each passing year, pushing more costs on to beneficiaries. Over time, seniors would have to pay more to keep the health plans and the doctors they like, or they would get fewer benefits.” [Center On Budget and Policy Priorities, [3/28/12](#)]
- **Under A Premium Support Model, Medicare Would Compete With Private Plans.** "The new budget also calls for converting Medicare to a "premium support model," echoing a proposal that Republican former Speaker Paul Ryan had rallied support for. Under the new RSC plan, traditional Medicare would compete with private plans and beneficiaries would be given subsidies to shop for the policies of their choice. The size of the subsidies could be pegged to the "average premium" or "second lowest price" in a particular market, the budget says." [NBC News, [3/20/24](#)]

**April 2024: The U.S. Department Of Health And Human Services Reported 2,206,619 Medicare Beneficiaries In Michigan.** [Wayback Machine, HHS emPOWER Map, archived [8/3/24](#)]

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- **The Inflation Reduction Act Capped Out-Of-Pocket Medicare Costs To \$2,000.** “Starting in 2024, there will be a cap on annual out-of-pocket costs in Medicare Part D. In 2025, this annual cap will drop to \$2,000 and will be indexed annually thereafter. The Inflation Reduction Act also includes other provisions designed to decrease spending for Part D enrollees and taxpayers.” [Department of Health and Human Services, [8/16/23](#)]
- **The Inflation Reduction Act Lowered Premiums For Health Care Plans On HealthCare.gov And State-Based Marketplaces.** “The Inflation Reduction Act extends enhanced financial help to purchase plans on HealthCare.gov and State-based Marketplaces, saving enrollees money on their premiums. National estimates show that, on average, consumers receiving tax credits continue to save over \$800 in premiums per year.” [Department of Health and Human Services, [8/16/23](#)]

## (MI-10) Message #3 Backup

*John James would be another vote for his allies' Project 2025 agenda, which would create a mandatory government monitoring of women's pregnancy that could prosecute them for having an abortion, let insurers deny women coverage for birth control, and threaten abortion access nationwide.*

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**HEADLINE: “Rep. John James Boosts Trump At The RNC.”** [Michigan Advance, [7/16/24](#)]

**March 2024: Trump Endorsed John James.** “Congressman John James is an incredible Representative for the people of Michigan's 10th Congressional District! A brave Combat Pilot and Job Creator, John is fighting to Grow our Economy, Protect our Country, Support our Military, Defend our under siege Second Amendment, and Provide the Care our Brave Veterans Deserve.” [Donald J. Trump, Truth Social, [3/26/24](#)]



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John James has my Complete and Total Endorsement!

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[Donald J. Trump, Truth Social, [3/26/24](#)]

**HEADLINE: "Trump Claims Not To Know Who Is Behind Project 2025. A CNN Review Found At Least 140 People Who Worked For Him Are Involved."** [CNN, [7/11/24](#)]

**John James Claimed He Was “Thrilled” At Trump’s Pick Of J.D. Vance For Vice President And Called Vance His “Friend.”** [John James, Twitter, [7/15/24](#)]





John James ✓  
@JohnJamesMI

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I am thrilled at the news that Donald Trump has chosen Marine Veteran and Senator [@jdvance1](#) as his Vice President!

My friend J.D. is a strong conservative who will fight with President Trump to address the issues that have Michiganders worse off under Joe Biden.

4 years of President Biden has plagued the American people with widespread inflation, open borders, lawlessness, and global chaos.

Trump and Vance have a strong, commonsense track record and will be a return to fiscal sanity, border security, law and order, and strong American leadership on the world stage. And I'm confident they will fight with me to reshore Michigan manufacturing jobs!

I'm thrilled to help Vice President Vance get as many National Championship, Michigan votes as possible! 🇺🇸 🏆

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[John James, Twitter, [7/15/24](#)]

**J.D. Vance Had Close Ties To The Heritage Foundation, Which Developed Project 2025.** “Former President Donald Trump named Sen. JD Vance, R-Ohio, as his vice presidential candidate Monday—a pick that could complicate Trump’s effort to distance himself from the controversial policy agenda known as Project 2025, as Vance has close associations with the right-wing organization behind the project. [...]Vance, however, openly has close ties with the Heritage Foundation and its founder Kevin Roberts, who told reporters Monday the organization was privately ‘really rooting’ for Vance to be the VP pick and praised him on X, formerly known as Twitter, on Monday as ‘a man who personifies hope for our nation’s future.’ Vance has been a key champion of Roberts’ efforts to turn the Heritage Foundation ‘into the de facto institutional home of Trumpism,’ Politico reported in a March piece, in which Roberts said the senator ‘is absolutely going to be one of the leaders — if not the leader — of our movement.’” [Forbes, [7/16/24](#)]

**Vance: “Most Americans Couldn't Care Less About Project 2025. There Are Some Good Ideas In There.”** [Heartland Signal, Twitter, [7/11/24](#)]



Leading Trump VP contender Sen. J.D. Vance (R-OH) praises Project 2025:

"Most Americans couldn't care less about Project 2025. There are some good ideas in there."



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## Which Would Create A Mandatory Government Monitoring Of Women's Pregnancy That Could Prosecute Them For Having An Abortion,

### **Project 2025 Called For Expansive Government Tracking Of "Spontaneous Miscarriage; Treatments That Incidentally Result In The Death Of A Child (Such As Chemotherapy); Stillbirths; And Induced Abortion."**

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### **Center For American Progress: Project 2025 Proposed Targeting Local Officials Who Don't Prosecute "Draconian Criminal Laws, Such As Abortion Bans."**

"The very existence of Project 2025's proposal to target local officials who do not prosecute draconian criminal laws, such as abortion bans, will embolden right-wing state officials to remove political opponents at the local level. This will likely have a chilling effect on how prosecutors—who should be and have been shielded from political interference—do their jobs. District attorneys in states under right-wing control will face great pressure, under threat of legal action or removal from office, to prosecute according to the extreme right-wing agenda, even if they have no wish to criminalize abortion care providers. Furthermore, district attorney candidates who might otherwise win against far-right nominees may be discouraged from running for office at all. If enacted, this policy could also lead to the removal and replacement of other elected officials who defy right-wing leaders. This agenda will make it easier for a far-right administration to impose its vision of the law without any safeguards, implement revenge against political opponents, and target citizens for seeking to protect their reproductive rights and access to health care." [Center for American Progress, [7/16/24](#)]

## Let Insurers Deny Women Coverage For Birth Control,

**Project 2025 Called For Restrictions To Medication Abortion By Reversing Food And Drug Administration Approval Of Mifepristone.** “In recommendations for the Department of Health and Human Services, the agenda calls for the Food and Drug Administration to reverse its 24-year-old approval of the widely used abortion pill mifepristone. Other proposed actions targeting medication abortion include reinstating more stringent rules for mifepristone's use, which would permit it to be taken up to seven weeks into a pregnancy, instead of the current 10 weeks, and requiring it to be dispensed in-person instead of through the mail.” [CBS News, [7/31/24](#)]

**Center For American Progress: Project 2025 Would Take Away Access To Free Emergency Contraception For 48 Million Women.** “In ‘Project 2025: A Presidential Transition Project,’ far-right extremists outline their intent to exclude some forms of emergency contraception from no-cost coverage. The Affordable Care Act (ACA) requires most private health insurance plans to provide no-cost coverage—without copayment, coinsurance, or deductible—for recommended preventive services. This benefit includes the full range of U.S. Food and Drug Administration-approved birth control methods and counseling, including emergency contraception. Rescinding no-cost coverage could have lifelong consequences for women nationwide. A new Center for American Progress analysis estimates that if Project 2025 were enacted, nearly 48 million women of reproductive age would lose their guaranteed no-cost access to emergency contraception.” [Center for American Progress, Article, [6/18/24](#)]

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## And Threaten Abortion Access Nationwide.

**Center For American Progress: Project 2025 Planned To Misapply The Term “Comstock” To Effectuate A National Abortion Ban.** “In Project 2025, an authoritarian playbook from the Heritage Foundation, far-right extremists have outlined a plan to curtail the decision-making power of pregnant women, patients, and medical providers. The plan, a continuation of far-right lawmakers’ efforts to politicize medicine, is a calculated effort to exert total control over reproductive freedom in America. The consequences of extremists succeeding would extend far beyond individual patients, exacerbating the already dismal state of maternal care in the United States. [...] How Project 2025 plans to misapply Comstock to effectuate a national abortion ban Although the term ‘Comstock’ is not directly used in Project 2025, it is referenced by statute on p. 594 of Project 2025’s Mandate for Leadership: Announcing a Campaign to Enforce Criminal Prohibitions in 18 U.S. Code §§ 1461 and 1462 Against Providers and Distributors of Abortion Pills That Use the Mail. Federal law prohibits mailing ‘[e]very article, instrument, substance, drug, medicine, or thing which is advertised or described in a manner calculated to lead another to use or apply it for producing abortion.’ Following the Supreme Court’s decision in Dobbs, there is now no federal prohibition on the enforcement of this statute. The Department of Justice in the next conservative Administration should therefore announce its intent to enforce federal law against providers and distributors of such pills. The Comstock Act commonly refers to a set of two anti-obscenity laws that are officially codified as 18 U.S.C. 1461 and 1462, with the U.S. Postal Service charged with its enforcement. Notably, Comstock has never been used to prosecute the mailing of abortion-related materials. Even though decades of judicial, congressional, and agency interpretation have reduced Comstock to an unenforceable relic, ultimately, far-right extremists plan to avoid the legislative process entirely and misapply the law to criminalize the mailing of items related to abortion in the mail.” [Center for American Progress, Article, [6/17/24](#)]

## (MI-10) Message #4 Backup

*John James took hundreds of thousands of dollars from the oil and gas industry while voting against a ban on dangerous oil drilling in the Great Lakes. He even backed an agenda to cut the Environmental Protection Agency programs that protect our drinking water.*

### John James Took Hundreds Of Thousands Of Dollars From The Oil And Gas Industry

**OpenSecrets: James Accepted \$552,688 From The Oil And Gas Industry Across His Senate And Congressional Races.** [OpenSecrets, accessed [8/2/24](#); OpenSecrets, accessed [8/2/24](#); OpenSecrets, accessed [8/2/24](#); OpenSecrets, accessed [8/2/24](#)]

Election	Amount From The Oil And Gas Industry
2024	\$86,741
2022	\$81,219
2020	\$318,983
2018	\$65,745
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$552,688</b>

- **OpenSecrets: In His 2024 Run For U.S. House, John James Accepted \$86,741 From The Oil And Gas Industry.** [OpenSecrets, accessed [8/2/24](#)]
- **OpenSecrets: In His 2022 Run For U.S. House, John James Accepted \$81,219 From The Oil And Gas Industry.** [OpenSecrets, accessed [8/2/24](#)]
- **OpenSecrets: In His 2020 Run For U.S. Senate, John James Accepted \$318,983 From The Oil And Gas Industry.** [OpenSecrets, accessed [8/2/24](#)]
- **OpenSecrets: In His 2018 Race For U.S. Senate, John James Accepted \$65,745 From The Oil And Gas Industry.** [OpenSecrets, accessed [8/2/24](#)]

### While Voting Against A Ban On Dangerous Oil Drilling In The Great Lakes.

**James Voted Against An Amendment To Prohibit Oil And Gas Leasing In The Great Lakes.** In January 2023, James voted against: “Schneider, D-Ill., amendment no. 131 that would prohibit the oil and gas leasing plan required by the bill from including leasing located in the Great Lakes.” The amendment was rejected in Committee of the Whole by a vote of 209-215. [H.R. 21, [Vote #64](#), 1/27/23; CQ, [1/27/23](#)]

- **James Voted Against An Amendment That Would Have Reaffirmed The Prohibition Of Drilling In The Great Lakes.** “Another difference is that James will have a voting record for Democrats to target, including a vote against an amendment that would have reaffirmed the prohibition on drilling in the Great Lakes, Marlinga said. James' team in response said Thursday he had worked with Rep. Jen Kiggans, R-Virginia, to add an amendment to the underlying bill, the Lower Energy Costs Act, in committee that reaffirmed the drilling ban in the Great Lakes.” [Detroit News, [9/7/23](#)]

### He Even Backed An Agenda To Cut The Environmental Protection Agency Programs That Protect Our Drinking Water.

**HEADLINE: "GOP Congressman Who Said Last Year That Trump 'Can't Be Trusted' And Is 'Not Fit To Lead' Just Endorsed His 2024 Campaign."** [Business Insider, [7/12/23](#)]



**James Supported President Trump “2,000%.”** “James says he supports the president ‘2,000 percent,’ and in the Senate, he would help Trump be successful.” [Detroit News, Ingrid Jacques, [9/28/17](#)]

- **HEADLINE: "Trump Tries To Slash Great Lakes Funding Again As EPA Budget Faces Massive Cuts."** [Detroit Free Press, [3/22/19](#)]
- **HEADLINE: "Trump Budget Again Slashes Aid To Great Lakes Cleanup Program."** [Detroit News, [3/11/19](#)]
- **Trump’s FY 2019 Budget Cut \$270 Million From The Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, A Program Under The Environmental Protection Agency.** “Funding for cleanup and restoration projects in the Great Lakes would be significantly slashed under President Donald Trump’s budget plan released Monday. The plan as outlined by the White House would cut existing funding for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, a program housed in the Environmental Protection Agency, from roughly \$300 million to \$30,000,000. The cut proposed in the Trump administration’s budget is part of an overall \$3 billion budget reduction to the Environmental Protection Agency.” [MLive, 2/13/18]
- **Trump’s FY 2018 Budget Zeroed Out Funding For The Great Lakes Restoration Initiative.** “It’s official: The Trump administration’s budget priorities do not include the Great Lakes. The administration’s budget proposal, released Tuesday by the White House’s Office of Management and Budget, zeroes out the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, which since 2010 has provided more than \$2.2 billion for programs to improve and protect the lakes.” [Detroit Free-Press, 5/23/17]
- **HEADLINE: "Trump Tries To Slash Great Lakes Funding Again As EPA Budget Faces Massive Cuts."** [Detroit Free Press, [3/11/19](#)]
- **More Than 30 Million People Rely On The Great Lakes For Drinking Water.** "The Great Lakes span 4,530 miles<sup>1</sup> of coast and account for 21 percent of the world’s freshwater. More than 30 million people rely on the Great Lakes for drinking water—10 percent of the U.S. population and 30 percent of the Canadian population." [National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. accessed [8/2/24](#)]

## (MI-10) Message #5 Backup

*John James has been bankrolled by the drug and insurance industry and does their bidding in Congress. He supports a budget repealing the \$35 cap on insulin and letting Medicare negotiate for lower drug prices, and he even supported repealing the Affordable Care Act, calling it a “monstrosity.” James would jeopardize the health care of 400,000 Michiganders, gutting protections for pre-existing conditions and increasing healthcare costs for working families.*

### John James Has Been Bankrolled By The Drug And Insurance Industry

**James Accepted \$81,668 From Pharmaceutical-Related Industries.** [Center for Responsive Politics, accessed [9/14/20](#)]

- **James Accepted \$52,062 From The Pharmaceuticals/Health Products Industry During The 2020 Cycle.** [Center for Responsive Politics, accessed [9/14/20](#)]
- **James Accepted \$29,606 From The Pharmaceuticals/Health Products Industry During The 2018 Cycle.** In the 2018 cycle, James accepted \$29,606 from the pharmaceuticals/health products industry. [Center for Responsive Politics, accessed [9/14/20](#)]

## **And Does Their Bidding In Congress. He Supports A Budget Repealing The \$35 Cap On Insulin And Letting Medicare Negotiate For Lower Drug Prices,**

**2023: James Was A Member Of The Republican Study Committee.** “Membership [...] MICHIGAN Rep. Jack Bergman Rep. Bill Huizenga Rep. John James Rep. Lisa C. McClain Rep. John R. Moolenaar Rep. Tim Walberg” [RSC, Membership, accessed [11/8/23](#)]

**The RSC Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Advocated For The “Full Repeal Of The Disastrous Inflation Reduction Act.”** “The RSC Budget opposes the price controls enacted by the Inflation Reduction Act. Rather than enact reforms to lower costs through increased competition in the pharmaceutical industry, President Biden and Congressional Democrats have embraced socialist price controls that will limit access to life-saving drugs for those who desperately need them. Several companies have already abandoned research into new cures for drugs treating diseases such as blood cancer and Stargardt disease. According to the University of Chicago, the price-control provisions included in the Inflation Reduction Act would reduce medical research and development spending by as much as 60 percent and result in 342 fewer life-saving medical treatments. As part of the full repeal of the disastrous Inflation Reduction Act, the RSC Budget would ensure continued access to these life-saving treatments by removing these price controls.” [Republican Study Committee, [3/20/24](#)]

- **The Inflation Reduction Act Capped The Cost Of Insulin To \$35 Per Month Under Medicare.** “The Inflation Reduction Act caps out-of-pocket spending at \$35 per month’s supply of each insulin product covered under Medicare. These provisions are making insulin more affordable for many people covered by Medicare.” [Department of Health and Human Services, [8/16/23](#)]
- **The Inflation Reduction Act Allowed Medicare To Negotiate Drug Prices.** “For the first time in history, Medicare has the ability to directly negotiate the prices of covered prescription drugs due to the Inflation Reduction Act.” [Department of Health and Human Services, [8/16/23](#)]

## **And He Even Supported Repealing The Affordable Care Act, Calling It A “Monstrosity.” James Would Jeopardize The Health Care Of 400,000 Michiganders, Gutting Protections For Pre-Existing Conditions And Increasing Healthcare Costs For Working Families.**

**2017: James Said “Our Failure To Repeal And Replace Obamacare Is The Surest Sign That We Need New Conservative Leadership In Washington.”** ““Our failure to repeal and replace Obamacare is the surest sign that we need new conservative leadership in Washington,” James said in Nov 2017. ‘Someone who will go and work their tail off to remove this monstrosity.’” [American Ledger, [11/19/19](#)]

**2018: James Called The Affordable Care Act A “Monstrosity.”** “Democrats are signaling they will release an onslaught of digital and television ads tying James to Trump, as well as highlighting his opposition to the now-popular Affordable Care Act. James called the law, known as ObamaCare, a ‘monstrosity’ during the 2018 campaign – and also praised Education Secretary Betsy DeVos, a top target for Democrats.” [Hill, [12/3/19](#)]

### **U.S. Department Of Health And Human Services: For 2024, 418,100 Michiganders Made Affordable Care Act Marketplace Selections And 399,000 Michiganders Were Estimated To Have Enrolled In 2024.**

According to a U.S. Department Of Health And Human Services issue brief, 418,100 Michiganders made Affordable Care Act Marketplace selections and 399,000 Michiganders were listed for effectuated enrollment in 2024, defined as: “There are two related measures of Marketplace enrollment. The first is plan selections, and the second is effectuated enrollment. At the end of each annual open enrollment period, CMS releases plan selections, which are the number of people who have selected a plan; CMS follows later with data on effectuated enrollment, which captures the number of people who have paid their first month’s premium (if applicable). In this report, Marketplace enrollment estimates reflect effectuated enrollment counts from both States with Marketplaces using the HealthCare.gov platform and those with State-based Marketplaces. Effectuated enrollment for 2024 is not yet available but was estimated from state February 2023 effectuation rates applied to the number of people selecting Marketplace plans during the 2024 Open Enrollment Period.” [U.S.

Department Of Health And Human Services, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, Issue Brief, [3/22/24](#)]

### **Repealing The Affordable Care Act Would Threaten Coverage For People With Pre-Existing Health**

**Conditions.** “Under the A.C.A., no one can be denied coverage under any circumstance, and insurance companies cannot retroactively cancel a policy unless they find evidence of fraud. The Kaiser Family Foundation estimated that 54 million people have conditions serious enough that insurers would outright deny them coverage if the A.C.A. were not in effect, according to an analysis it did in 2019. Its estimates are based on the guidelines insurers had in place about whom to cover before the law was enacted.” [New York Times, [6/17/21](#)]

- **U.S. Department Of Health And Human Services: Under The Affordable Care Act, Health Insurance Companies Can't Refuse Coverage Due To A Pre-Existing Condition.** “Under the Affordable Care Act, health insurance companies can't refuse to cover you or charge you more just because you have a 'pre-existing condition' — that is, a health problem you had before the date that new health coverage starts. They also can't charge women more than men. [...] The only exception to the pre-existing coverage rule is for grandfathered individual health insurance plans — the kind you buy yourself, not through an employer. Plans like these would have been purchased before March 23, 2010; they don't have to cover pre-existing conditions. They also may have other restrictions.” [U.S. Department Of Health And Human Services, accessed [8/3/24](#)]
- **Department Of Health And Human Services Listed Asthma, Cancer, Diabetes As Pre-Existing Conditions That Could Cause Coverage Denial Without The ACA.** “Health insurers can no longer charge more or deny coverage to you or your child because of a pre-existing health condition like asthma, diabetes, or cancer, as well as pregnancy. They cannot limit benefits for that condition either. Once you have insurance, they can't refuse to cover treatment for your pre-existing condition.” [HHS.gov, Accessed [6/15/21](#)]

## **(MI-10) Message #6 Backup**

*As CEO of an international shipping company based in Michigan, John James promised to create jobs in Michigan - he even took taxpayer money to do so. Instead, he paid himself millions of dollars while failing to create the jobs he promised. When his company got caught and lost tax exemption status, he still kept over \$2 million in tax breaks.*

### **As CEO Of An International Shipping Company Based In Michigan,**

**2015: James Became CEO Of Renaissance Global Logistics, A James Group Subsidiary Which Handled Export Logistics For Ford, General Motors And Fiat Chrysler.** “James is president of JGI and CEO of its subsidiary Renaissance Global Logistics, which handles export logistics for Ford Motor Co., General Motors Co. and Fiat Chrysler Automobiles. His brother, Lorrion, is CEO of JGI, and their father remains chairman. James rejoined the family business in 2012. After earning a degree in supply chain management from Penn State University and an MBA from the University of Michigan in 2014, James became CEO of RGL in 2015.” [Crain's Detroit Business, [9/6/20](#)]

- **2020: Ford Confirmed That It Used Renaissance Global Logistics, A James Group Subsidiary, To Export U.S. Auto Parts To Ford Plants Located Outside The U.S.** “The Michigan Democratic Party shared records it says it obtained from ImportGenius, a database that tracks shipping activity, showing shipments from James' company to China. The records include hundreds of shipments over a decade sent from James Group International's address to Changan Ford, the joint venture between Ford Motor Co. and China's Changan Automobile Co. that makes small cars in China. Ford confirmed that it uses Renaissance Global Logistics — a James Group subsidiary — to export U.S. auto parts to Ford plants located outside the U.S.” [Detroit Free Press, [8/7/20](#)]

**March 2023: Abby Mitch, James' Spokesperson, Said He Stepped Down From His Roles In The Family Business And Was No Longer CEO Of Renaissance Global Logistics Or President Of James Group International.** “U.S. Rep. John James is making Macomb his home, as County Executive Mark Hackel's sales

pitch saying goes. James, R-Farmington Hills, bought a home in Macomb County in December, following the fall election, and plans to move his family to Shelby Township after the school year ends for his kids, spokeswoman Abby Mitch said. James won election to Congress last fall to represent Michigan's 10th District, though he didn't live in the district, staying in Farmington Hills. But James said during his campaign that he would move into the district, which covers southern Macomb County, Rochester and Rochester Hills. Mitch also said James has stepped down from his roles with his family's business and is no longer CEO of Renaissance Global Logistics or president of James Group International in Detroit." [Detroit News, [3/25/23](#)]

## John James Promised To Create Jobs In Michigan

**James Faced Scrutiny For Claiming To Create Jobs, After The State Of Michigan Revoked A Tax Credit When His Company Failed To Hit A Required Job Creation Target.** "James, meanwhile, has come under scrutiny for claiming to have created jobs at his company while the state of Michigan actually revoked a tax credit when the company failed to hit a required job creation target; James, however, said he created jobs elsewhere in the country and invested in the company's Detroit location all the same. He also said the company's employment numbers in Michigan fluctuated based on demand from the auto industry - its chief customer - in such a way that the reports to the state didn't always reflect." [Detroit Free Press, [9/24/20](#)]

- **James Didn't Join The Family Business Until After The Tax Incentive Deal Was Signed, But Began Serving As President In 2014 And Was President When The Breaks Were Revoked in 2017.** "The James Group has also faced questions about tax breaks that were revoked by state officials in 2017 after the company missed a deadline to create 108 jobs at one of its properties in southwest Detroit. James, an executive at the company, did not join the family business until after the tax incentive deal was inked. But the premature end to the tax breaks raised the question of what happened that prompted the Michigan Economic Development Corp. to take action. [...] MEDC and the James Group worked on the terms of the Renaissance Zone extension before John James joined the company in 2012 after serving in the U.S. Army and deploying to Iraq. He became president of the company in 2014." [Detroit News, [9/26/20](#)]

**Crain's Detroit, July 2017: James Said He Had Overseen The Creation Of 100 Jobs As President Of His Family Business, James Group International.** "James Group International is a warehousing and logistics firm with facilities in Michigan and Indiana as well as a manufacturing facility in Mississippi. As president of the family business since 2012, James said he's overseen growth in annual revenue from \$35 million to \$137 million and the creation of 100 jobs. The company's customers are primarily in the automotive industry, James said." [Crain's Detroit Business, [7/18/17](#)]

- **Military Times, September 2017: James Said 100 Jobs Had Been Added To The James Group Since He Started Working As President In 2012.** "James' father co-founded James Group International, a group of companies offering global supply chain management services. James said since he started working as president at the family business in 2012 after eight years of military service, 100 jobs have been added and revenue has more than tripled." [MilitaryTimes, [9/21/17](#)]

*NOTE: James did not become the President of James Group until 2014.*

- **October 2018: James Said He Was Able To Add "Over 100 Jobs In Michigan And Around The Country."** "JAMES: [...] I decided to come back home to do what I could to create economic opportunity back here, create jobs. So I came back, joined a family business, an automotive logistics provider in Detroit, and was able to help grow the business from \$35 million to \$137 million, and added over 100 jobs in Michigan and around the country. I believe having a combat veteran on the floor of the U.S. Senate who understands national security from the strategic to a tactical standpoint, but somebody who also understands veterans issues as too many of us are fighting our toughest battles after we get off the battlefield, is essential." [Hugh Hewitt Show, Transcript, [10/31/18](#)]



- **August 2020: James Claimed To Have Added 100 Jobs In Michigan And East Of The Mississippi, “A Line That Would Be Repeated Many More Times On The Campaign Trail, More Or Less Verbatim.”** “In the short segment, James touted the number of jobs his company created under his leadership — a line that would be repeated many more times on the campaign trail, more or less verbatim, in the following months. ‘I’m over there fighting for Iraqi freedom, and there are not enough people back here fighting for people here in the state of Michigan,’ James said. ‘So I got out of the military and I joined my family business, a small automotive logistics company in Detroit, and grew the company from \$35 million to \$137 million in revenue and added 100 jobs in Michigan and east of the Mississippi.’” [Detroit Metro Times, [8/26/20](#)]

**Economic Experts Cast Doubt On The Data The James Group Provided To Show That The Company Created 100 Jobs Between 2012 When James Joined The Business And 2017.** “Republican candidate John James has campaigned for the U.S. Senate in Michigan on his business acumen, saying on the campaign trail that his family’s Detroit-based company has created 100 jobs. But economic experts cast doubt on data the company provided to support the claim. James’ family company, James Group International, says it created 83 jobs in Metro Detroit in the five years between 2012 - when John James joined the family business - and 2017 when he started running for office the first time. The company, a logistics and supply-chain management firm, also says it created 43 jobs east of the Mississippi during the same period, for a total 126 jobs created.” [Detroit News, [9/26/20](#)]

**The James Group Provided Documentation That 83 More People Were Employed In Metro Detroit, And 43 Jobs Were Added Out Of State.** “The Detroit News reviewed records that the company said were payroll summaries showing that James Group subsidiary Renaissance Global Logistics employed 225 people full time in Metro Detroit during that five-year period - up 83 people over 2011. The privately held company also showed The News an IRS Form W-3 summary of employee wages, associated with subsidiary Magnolia Automotive Services, that it said showed nine jobs added in 2012 outside of Michigan, as well as an expansion in 2016 that added 34 jobs, for a total of 43 jobs added out of state. ‘We showed a significant gain of hires after John came to the company. There was growth in Michigan and east of the Mississippi,’ James campaign spokeswoman Abby Walls said, adding that the growth in hiring is further corroborated by the company’s growth from \$30 million to \$110 million in revenue. But experts in measuring job growth said the count of people employed by the company over five years would include workers hired to replace turnover that naturally occurs at every company. Without knowing the rate of turnover, it’s difficult to confirm what jobs were newly created, the experts said.” [Detroit News, [9/26/20](#)]

- **Experts Said The Count Of People Employed By James Group Would Include Workers Hired To Replace Natural Turnover And Without The Turnover Rate, It Was Difficult To Confirm What Jobs Were Created.** “The Detroit News reviewed records that the company said were payroll summaries showing that James Group subsidiary Renaissance Global Logistics employed 225 people full time in Metro Detroit during that five-year period - up 83 people over 2011. The privately held company also showed The News an IRS Form W-3 summary of employee wages, associated with subsidiary Magnolia Automotive Services, that it said showed nine jobs added in 2012 outside of Michigan, as well as an expansion in 2016 that added 34 jobs, for a total of 43 jobs added out of state. ‘We showed a significant gain of hires after John came to the company. There was growth in Michigan and east of the Mississippi,’ James campaign spokeswoman Abby Walls said, adding that the growth in hiring is further corroborated by the company’s growth from \$30 million to \$110 million in revenue. But experts in measuring job growth said the count of people employed by the company over five years would include workers hired to replace turnover that naturally occurs at every company. Without knowing the rate of turnover, it’s difficult to confirm what jobs were newly created, the experts said.” [Detroit News, [9/26/20](#)]

## **- He Even Took Taxpayer Money To Do So.**

**After Tax Breaks Were Revoked, The James Group Was Able To Keep The Over \$2 Million It Saved Because The Tax Break Had No Retroactive Claw Back Provisions.** “In a 2017 memo, MEDC said the James Group had invested \$7.1 million in the Fort Street site but the company had not met the job-creation terms of the deal. ‘The company failed to create 108 new jobs by December 31, 2015, as required per the agreement. The company size was reduced by 32 jobs at the site,’ Josh Hundt, vice president for MEDC’s business development

projects, wrote in the memo. ‘MEDC staff and the company have conducted ongoing conversations to resolve the event of default.’ The staff recommended that the Michigan Strategic Fund board revoke James Group’s Renaissance Zone designation, which the board did on Jan. 30, 2017. The company had received more than \$2 million in tax breaks as a result of the arrangement, state records show. Lorrion told The News that the company did not have to pay back the money it saved on taxes because he made the case for jobs the company had created in the city and the suburbs, as well as investments at the Fort Street site, including purchasing the property from Ford - a sign of commitment to the city. ‘We have to pay 24-hour security and much higher insurance. But instead of leaving the city, going somewhere else and paying less in overhead costs, we actually chose to purchase the building from Ford Land,’ Lorrion said. ‘We created jobs in that area, as well.’ If MEDC had any issues with the way James Group handled the situation, he said, the agency would have triggered a ‘clawback’ provision allowing the government to recoup its investment. But there are no provisions in place as part of Renaissance Zone agreements that require retroactive clawbacks in the case of a revocation, MEDC spokesman Otie McKinley said. The agreement had been set to expire at the end of 2020. ‘We would have loved to have had a lot more years than we had, but we felt that it was fair to cut the years short of the abatement because of the amount of jobs created and the capital investment,’ Lorrion said.” [Detroit News, [9/26/20](#)]

**2018: James Said His Business Personally Benefitted From Tax Reform.** “Renaissance Global Logistics (Detroit, Michigan) – Tax reform bonuses: ‘Tax reform helped Renaissance Global Logistics, headquartered in Detroit, give bonuses to my employees. Nancy Pelosi call these bonuses ‘crumbs’ and that’s disrespectful. I would ask Nancy Pelosi to come to Detroit to ask my employees what they thought of the bonuses. As an employer, it was rewarding to be able to give them out. Tax reform gives small businesses like mine the chance to reinvest into our workforce.’ – John James, CEO of Renaissance Global Logistics, Feb. 22, 2018” [Americans for Tax Reform, [1/27/22](#)]

**2018: James Said He Sent A Note To An “Ally” At The White House To Thank President Trump For Tax Reform Because His Business And Employees Benefitted Resulting In A Bonus For Employees.** HOST: “Have your employees benefitted from the Tax reform, do they know it, have they seen it? And if they do, do they know it was President Trump that allowed that to happen?” JAMES: “I actually sent a note to one of our allies at the White House to thank the President on behalf of our employees. When I walk around the plant they know that their president is running for U.S. Senate for the state of Michigan and when I say I’m going to Washington, they assume that I am going to go talk directly with the President. They say thank you, because not only was our Company, Renaissance Global Logistics able to give a bonus to each and every single employee because of our president following through on his promise to put money back into the hands of job creators and to every American, but my people wanted to show their gratitude to the President for that bonus.” [John James, YouTube, :00-1:00, [2/23/18](#)] (VIDEO)

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Launched in 1996, Engler's Renaissance Zones offered businesses in designated areas a break in paying property, income, and utility taxes for about 10 years, described as an 'experiment' to see if it would spur development and investment in economically distressed cities. Renaissance Global Logistics was awarded a Renaissance Zone status in 1997 and broke ground in Southwest Detroit shortly after." [Detroit Metro Times, [8/26/20](#)]

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**HEADLINE: “Company Run By GOP Senate Candidate John James Lost Tax Exempt Status After Failing To Create Promised Jobs.”** [Detroit Metro Times, [8/26/20](#)]

**HEADLINE: “GOP Candidate John James’ Companies Hit With Tax Liens, Got Tax Breaks For Jobs They Didn't Create.”** [Salon, [8/28/20](#)]

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## **When His Company Got Caught And Lost Tax Exemption Status, He Still Kept Over \$2 Million In Tax Breaks.**

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## (MI-10) Message #7 Backup

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- **2020: Ford Confirmed That It Used Renaissance Global Logistics, A James Group Subsidiary, To Export U.S. Auto Parts To Ford Plants Located Outside The U.S.** “The Michigan Democratic Party shared records it says it obtained from ImportGenius, a database that tracks shipping activity, showing shipments from James’ company to China. The records include hundreds of shipments over a decade sent from James Group International’s address to Changan Ford, the joint venture between Ford Motor Co. and China’s Changan Automobile Co. that makes small cars in China. Ford confirmed that it uses Renaissance Global Logistics — a James Group subsidiary — to export U.S. auto parts to Ford plants located outside the U.S.” [Detroit Free Press, [8/7/20](#)]

**March 2023: Abby Mitch, James’ Spokesperson, Said He Stepped Down From His Roles In The Family Business And Was No Longer CEO Of Renaissance Global Logistics Or President Of James Group International.** “U.S. Rep. John James is making Macomb his home, as County Executive Mark Hackel’s sales pitch saying goes. James, R-Farmington Hills, bought a home in Macomb County in December, following the fall election, and plans to move his family to Shelby Township after the school year ends for his kids, spokeswoman Abby Mitch said. James won election to Congress last fall to represent Michigan’s 10th District, though he didn’t live in the district, staying in Farmington Hills. But James said during his campaign that he would move into the district, which covers southern Macomb County, Rochester and Rochester Hills. Mitch also said James has stepped down from his roles with his family’s business and is no longer CEO of Renaissance Global Logistics or president of James Group International in Detroit.” [Detroit News, [3/25/23](#)]

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**Crain’s Detroit, July 2017: James Said He Had Overseen The Creation Of 100 Jobs As President Of His Family Business, James Group International.** “James Group International is a warehousing and logistics firm with facilities in Michigan and Indiana as well as a manufacturing facility in Mississippi. As president of the family business since 2012, James said he’s overseen growth in annual revenue from \$35 million to \$137 million and the creation of 100 jobs. The company’s customers are primarily in the automotive industry, James said.” [Crain's Detroit Business, [7/18/17](#)]

- **Military Times, September 2017: James Said 100 Jobs Had Been Added To The James Group Since He Started Working As President In 2012.** “James’ father co-founded James Group International, a group of companies offering global supply chain management services. James said since he started working as president at the family business in 2012 after eight years of military service, 100 jobs have been added and revenue has more than tripled.” [MilitaryTimes, [9/21/17](#)]

*NOTE: James did not become the President of James Group until 2014.*

- **October 2018: James Said He Was Able To Add “Over 100 Jobs In Michigan And Around The Country.”** “JAMES: [...] I decided to come back home to do what I could to create economic opportunity back here, create jobs. So I came back, joined a family business, an automotive logistics provider in Detroit, and was able to help grow the business from \$35 million to \$137 million, and added over 100 jobs in Michigan and around the country. I believe having a combat veteran on the floor of the U.S. Senate who understands national security from the strategic to a tactical standpoint, but somebody who also understands veterans issues as too many of us are fighting our toughest battles after we get off the battlefield, is essential.” [Hugh Hewitt Show, Transcript, [10/31/18](#)]
- **August 2020: James Claimed To Have Added 100 Jobs In Michigan And East Of The Mississippi, “A Line That Would Be Repeated Many More Times On The Campaign Trail, More Or Less Verbatim.”** “In the short segment, James touted the number of jobs his company created under his leadership — a line that would be repeated many more times on the campaign trail, more or less verbatim, in the following months. ‘I’m over there fighting for Iraqi freedom, and there are not enough people back here fighting for people here in the state of Michigan,’ James said. ‘So I got out of the military and I joined my family business, a small automotive logistics company in Detroit, and grew the company from \$35 million to \$137 million in revenue and added 100 jobs in Michigan and east of the Mississippi.’” [Detroit Metro Times, [8/26/20](#)]

**Economic Experts Cast Doubt On The Data The James Group Provided To Show That The Company Created 100 Jobs Between 2012 When James Joined The Business And 2017.** “Republican candidate John James has campaigned for the U.S. Senate in Michigan on his business acumen, saying on the campaign trail that his family's Detroit-based company has created 100 jobs. But economic experts cast doubt on data the company provided to support the claim. James' family company, James Group International, says it created 83 jobs in Metro Detroit in the five years between 2012 - when John James joined the family business - and 2017 when he started running for office the first time. The company, a logistics and supply-chain management firm, also says it created 43 jobs east of the Mississippi during the same period, for a total 126 jobs created.” [Detroit News, [9/26/20](#)]

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- **Consignee: “The Shipment Receiver.”** “Consignee: This person or entity is the shipment receiver and generally the owner of the shipped goods. Unless there are other instructions, the consignee is the entity or person legally required to be present to accept the shipment. A consignee in shipping is listed on the Bill of Lading (BOL).” [Maersk, accessed [12/13/23](#)]
- **Place Of Receipt: “The City Where Responsibility Of The Goods Is Transferred From The Shipper To The Logistics Company.”** The Import Genius trade database defined the place of receipt as “The city where responsibility of the goods is transferred from the shipper to the logistics company.” [Import Genius Trade Database, Glossary, accessed [12/12/23](#)]

**June 2012: General Motors Laid Off 150-200 Workers At The General Motors Powertrain In Saginaw, Michigan.** “Name of Firm: GM Powertrain. Address: 1629 N. Washington, Saginaw MI 48605. [...] How many



workers have been or may be separated (if known)? 150-200. Impact date: 6/12/12” [U.S. Department of Labor, Trade Adjustment Assistance Petition, TAW-82807, impact date [6/12/12](#)]

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### Section 3. Trade Effects on Separations

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James Group Inc	Salary	\$1,331,581.40

[John James 2022 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed [9/15/23](#)]

**2022: James' Salary Was \$1.3 Million From The James Group Inc.** “The recent disclosures also report the salaries that newly elected Reps. Hillary Scholten, D-Grand Rapids, and John James, R-Shelby Township, made in the private sector last year. Scholten's salary was \$128,753 at the law firm Miller Johnson, and James' salary was \$1.3 million from the James Group Inc., his family's Detroit-based logistics business.” [Detroit News, [8/29/23](#)]

**After The Tax Breaks Were Revoked, The James Group Was Able To Keep The Over \$2 Million It Saved Because The Tax Break Had No Retroactive Claw Back Provisions.** “In a 2017 memo, MEDC said the James Group had invested \$7.1 million in the Fort Street site but the company had not met the job-creation terms of the

deal. ‘The company failed to create 108 new jobs by December 31, 2015, as required per the agreement. The company size was reduced by 32 jobs at the site,’ Josh Hundt, vice president for MEDC’s business development projects, wrote in the memo. ‘MEDC staff and the company have conducted ongoing conversations to resolve the event of default.’ The staff recommended that the Michigan Strategic Fund board revoke James Group’s Renaissance Zone designation, which the board did on Jan. 30, 2017. The company had received more than \$2 million in tax breaks as a result of the arrangement, state records show. Lorrion told The News that the company did not have to pay back the money it saved on taxes because he made the case for jobs the company had created in the city and the suburbs, as well as investments at the Fort Street site, including purchasing the property from Ford - a sign of commitment to the city. ‘We have to pay 24-hour security and much higher insurance. But instead of leaving the city, going somewhere else and paying less in overhead costs, we actually chose to purchase the building from Ford Land,’ Lorrion said. ‘We created jobs in that area, as well.’ If MEDC had any issues with the way James Group handled the situation, he said, the agency would have triggered a ‘clawback’ provision allowing the government to recoup its investment. But there are no provisions in place as part of Renaissance Zone agreements that require retroactive clawbacks in the case of a revocation, MEDC spokesman Otie McKinley said. The agreement had been set to expire at the end of 2020. ‘We would have loved to have had a lot more years than we had, but we felt that it was fair to cut the years short of the abatement because of the amount of jobs created and the capital investment,’ Lorrion said.” [Detroit News, [9/26/20](#)]

## **When He Got Caught, He Tried To Cover It Up By Deleting Videos Of Chinese Flags Flying In His Warehouses.**

**Detroit Free Press: In A Deleted Video From James’ 2018 Campaign, He Is Shown “Walking Around His Company’s Warehouse Where Chinese Flags Can Be Seen In the Background.”** “In a deleted video from James’ 2018 campaign against Sen. Debbie Stabenow the Michigan Democratic Party shared with PolitiFact Michigan, James talks about how the Republican-backed 2017 tax law can ‘support those in the automotive industry so that we export the parts and not the jobs to places like India and China.’ [...] But the Michigan Democratic Party maintains that James’ position on China is disingenuous and that he tried to cover up his business dealings, citing the deleted video sharing his thoughts on the 2017 tax law and another that shows James walking around his company’s warehouse where Chinese flags can be seen in the background. ‘James’ hypocritical move to say one thing and do another, and then try to hide the evidence, shows Michiganders that they can’t trust him,’ said party spokesperson Elena Kuhn.” [Detroit Free Press, [8/7/20](#)]

**December 2017: YouTube Footage Showed Goods Marked With China’s Flag On Warehouse Floor Of James’s Company.** A video posted by James on YouTube included the following footage of James from the floor of his company’s warehouse with stacks of goods marked with a Chinese flag. [YouTube, John James, uploaded 10/6/17]





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## (MI-10) Message #8 Backup

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**HEADLINE: "Rep. John James Boosts Trump At The RNC."** [Michigan Advance, [7/16/24](#)]

**March 2024: Trump Endorsed John James.** "Congressman John James is an incredible Representative for the people of Michigan's 10th Congressional District! A brave Combat Pilot and Job Creator, John is fighting to Grow our Economy, Protect our Country, Support our Military, Defend our under siege Second Amendment, and Provide the Care our Brave Veterans Deserve." [Donald J. Trump, Truth Social, [3/26/24](#)]



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[Donald J. Trump, Truth Social, [3/26/24](#)]

**HEADLINE: "Trump Claims Not To Know Who Is Behind Project 2025. A CNN Review Found At Least 140 People Who Worked For Him Are Involved."** [CNN, [7/11/24](#)]

**John James Claimed He Was "Thrilled" At Trump's Pick Of J.D. Vance For Vice President And Called Vance His "Friend."** [John James, Twitter, [7/15/24](#)]



John James  
@JohnJamesMI

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I am thrilled at the news that Donald Trump has chosen Marine Veteran and Senator [@jdvance1](#) as his Vice President!

My friend J.D. is a strong conservative who will fight with President Trump to address the issues that have Michiganders worse off under Joe Biden.

4 years of President Biden has plagued the American people with widespread inflation, open borders, lawlessness, and global chaos.

Trump and Vance have a strong, commonsense track record and will be a return to fiscal sanity, border security, law and order, and strong American leadership on the world stage. And I'm confident they will fight with me to reshore Michigan manufacturing jobs!

I'm thrilled to help Vice President Vance get as many National Championship, Michigan votes as possible! 🇺🇸 🏆

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[John James, Twitter, [7/15/24](#)]

**J.D. Vance Had Close Ties To The Heritage Foundation, Which Developed Project 2025.** “Former President Donald Trump named Sen. JD Vance, R-Ohio, as his vice presidential candidate Monday—a pick that could complicate Trump’s effort to distance himself from the controversial policy agenda known as Project 2025, as Vance has close associations with the right-wing organization behind the project. [...]Vance, however, openly has close ties with the Heritage Foundation and its founder Kevin Roberts, who told reporters Monday the organization was privately ‘really rooting’ for Vance to be the VP pick and praised him on X, formerly known as Twitter, on Monday as ‘a man who personifies hope for our nation’s future.’ Vance has been a key champion of Roberts’ efforts to turn the Heritage Foundation ‘into the de facto institutional home of Trumpism,’ Politico reported in a March piece, in which Roberts said the senator ‘is absolutely going to be one of the leaders — if not the leader — of our movement.’” [Forbes, [7/16/24](#)]

**Vance: “Most Americans Couldn't Care Less About Project 2025. There Are Some Good Ideas In There.”** [Heartland Signal, Twitter, [7/11/24](#)]





Leading Trump VP contender Sen. J.D. Vance (R-OH) praises Project 2025:

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## That Would Let Employers Pay Workers Less In Overtime,

**PolitiFact: Project 2025 Didn't Eliminate Overtime Pay, But "Could Result In Some Workers Losing Overtime Protections.** "The plan also doesn't call for eliminating overtime wages outright, as the Threads post claimed. But some of the plan's overtime proposals could result in some workers losing overtime protections, experts told PolitiFact. Among overtime proposals are for the Labor Department to maintain an overtime threshold 'that does not punish businesses in lower-cost regions (e.g., the southeast United States).' The overtime threshold is the amount of money executive, administrative or professional employees need to make for an employer to exempt them from overtime pay under the Fair Labor Standards Act. The Trump-era threshold is high enough to cover most line workers in lower-cost regions, the plan said. In 2019, Trump's Labor Department finalized a rule that expanded overtime pay eligibility to most salaried workers earning less than about \$35,568, which it said made about 1.3 million more workers eligible for overtime pay. The Biden administration raised that threshold to \$43,888 beginning July 1, and that will rise to \$58,656 on Jan. 1, 2025. That would grant overtime eligibility to about 4 million workers, the Labor Department said. The Economic Policy Institute, a left-leaning Washington, D.C.-based think tank, put that number at 4.3 million workers. It's unclear how many workers Project 2025's proposal to return to the Trump-era overtime threshold in some parts of the country would affect, but presumably some would lose the right to overtime wages. 'This would ostensibly create different overtime thresholds for different parts of the country,' Round said. 'It's hard to say how many of these workers would lose those protections without more specifics on what is considered a lower-cost region.'" [PolitiFact, [7/12/24](#)]

**The Hill: Project 2025 Proposed An "Overtime Pay Threshold" But Not Abolishment Of Overtime Pay.** "On page 592, the document lays out recommendations for changes to overtime pay regulations in the United States. The Heritage Foundation's Project 2025 playbook proposes an 'overtime pay threshold' that is not an abolishment of overtime pay. Overtime threshold: It suggests keeping an overtime pay limit that works for businesses in cheaper areas of the country, such as the southeastern United States. The document proposes considering an automatic update to the thresholds every five years using the Personal Consumption Expenditures (PCE) as an inflation adjustment. Regular rate calculation: The section recommends that Congress clarify that the 'regular rate' for overtime pay should be based on salary paid, not including extra benefits. This, the authors say, would let companies offer more benefits without worrying about higher overtime costs. Overtime calculation period: It proposes overtime to be calculated over two or four weeks instead of just one week. Fringe benefits consideration:

The document expresses concern that current overtime rules discourage employers from offering certain fringe benefits (like education reimbursement, child care, or free meals) because these benefits' value might be included in the 'regular rate' used to calculate overtime pay. Balance of protections: It aims to set a limit that guarantees lower-income workers have overtime pay protections while not discouraging employers from offering valuable fringe benefits. The proposed changes would give employers more flexibility in managing overtime pay and benefits, potentially reducing their costs but also potentially impacting some workers' overtime earnings." [The Hill, [7/18/24](#)]

## **Allow Surprise Medical Billing,**

**Center For American Progress: Project 2025 Called For Repealing The Inflation Reduction Act.** "Project 2025's drug pricing agenda calls for repealing the Inflation Reduction Act, primarily to end the law's Medicare drug price negotiation provision, which would significantly lower the prices Medicare pays for select drugs and finally counter Big Pharma's unrestricted power to demand excessive Medicare drug prices. However, Project 2025 treats seniors' access to affordable drugs as collateral damage. This dangerous agenda prioritizes Big Pharma's bottom line at the expense of millions of Medicare Part D enrollees who, if Project 2025 is enacted, may once again have to pay more out-of-pocket for the medications they need, impeding both access and affordability." [Center for American Progress, [6/13/24](#)]

- **The Inflation Reduction Act Capped Out-Of-Pocket Medicare Costs To \$2,000.** "Starting in 2024, there will be a cap on annual out-of-pocket costs in Medicare Part D. In 2025, this annual cap will drop to \$2,000 and will be indexed annually thereafter. The Inflation Reduction Act also includes other provisions designed to decrease spending for Part D enrollees and taxpayers." [Department of Health and Human Services, [8/16/23](#)]

**Forbes: Project 2025 Called For Significant Cuts To Medicaid And Imposed Work Requirements To Receive Coverage.** "Healthcare: Project 2025 does not seek to overturn the Affordable Care Act, but would make significant cuts to Medicaid and impose work requirements to receive coverage, as well as reform Medicare—including by making Medicare Advantage, a paid supplement to Medicare, the default option for patients." [Forbes, [7/18/24](#)]

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**The Inflation Reduction Act Capped Out-Of-Pocket Costs For Insulin At \$35 Per Month For Medicare Part D Enrollees.** "Effective January 1, 2023, out-of-pocket costs for insulin are capped at \$35 per monthly prescription among Medicare Part D enrollees under the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA). A similar cap takes effect in Medicare Part B on July 1, 2023. An estimated 1.5 million Medicare beneficiaries who use insulin would have saved \$734 million in Part D and \$27 million in Part B if these caps had been in effect in 2020." [U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, [1/24/23](#)]

## **And Eliminate The Head Start Program.**

**Center for American Progress: Project 2025 Called To Eliminate Head Start Resulting In Child Care Deserts And Causing More Than 833,000 Children And Families To Lose Access To Child Care.** "If

implemented, Project 2025 plans to completely eliminate Head Start, a federally funded child care program that has served nearly 40 million children and provides vital support to American families experiencing poverty. Nixing Head Start would create painful and, in some cases, unbearable increases in the cost of child care for countless Americans. Worse still, the repercussions would be disproportionately felt by some of the nation's most vulnerable populations, including Latino and rural communities. CAP's analysis includes these key findings about Project 2025's projected impact: More than 833,000 children and families enrolled in Head Start would lose access to child care. Low-income families dependent on the free services offered by Head Start wouldn't be able to afford child care without the program. The average cost of child care is nearly \$12,000, representing 38.6 percent of income for families at the poverty level. The number of Americans living in child care deserts would spike, particularly in rural areas. Tribal communities, children in foster care, and people experiencing homelessness would be disproportionately harmed. Ripple effects from the erasure of Head Start would be felt across the entire U.S. economy." [Center for American Progress, Press Release, [6/26/24](#)]