

Michael Bouchard Jr. (MI-10) Research Report

Significant Findings

Bouchard Jr. Supported Trump's Tariffs, Which Threatened Michigan's Auto Industry, Raised Consumer Prices, And Cost The State's Businesses Billions

- ✓ November 2025: Bouchard Jr. suggested he agreed with Trump's tariffs.
- ✓ 2025: Trump's tariffs were expected to have a significant impact on Michigan's 10th Congressional District with automakers facing plummeting profits as tariffs cost the industry \$12 billion.
- ✓ Detroit News: "Tariffs could have a significant impact on the 10th District's manufacturing and automotive-heavy economy, which relies strongly on international trade."
- ✓ Macomb Daily: A report by Brookings Institution placed Wayne and Macomb counties among the top eight counties in the nation in number of jobs that would be impacted by retaliatory tariffs by China.
- ✓ August 2025: The auto industry suffered a \$12 billion loss as a result of Trump's tariffs.
- ✓ Auto jobs accounted for more than 41,000 jobs in Michigan's 10th Congressional District according to the Alliance for Automotive Innovation.
- ✓ Trump's tariffs made life more expensive for Michiganders and cost the state's businesses billions.
- ✓ Michigan ranked third nationally in tariff-related economic burden according to analysis from Trade Partnership Worldwide, costing the state's businesses an estimated \$3.3 billion.
- ✓ February 2025: Governor Whitmer warned Trump's tariffs on oil, natural gas, and electricity would raise heating costs for Michiganders.
- ✓ October 2025: A survey commissioned by the Detroit Regional Chamber found a majority of Michigan respondents said they were paying more for goods, with more than a quarter reporting putting off large purchases due to tariffs.
- ✓ U.S. Consumers shouldered 55% of Trump's tariff costs while 22% fell on U.S. businesses.

Bouchard Jr. Would Be A Rubberstamp For Trump's Agenda, Which Included The One Big Beautiful Bill, The Iran War, And Attacking The Affordable Care Act

- ✓ Bouchard Jr. supported the One Big Beautiful Bill which would cut healthcare and increase energy costs while cutting taxes for the wealthy.
- ✓ Bouchard Jr. supported the One Big Beautiful Bill and "couldn't name any areas where he disagreed" with Trump's legislative agenda.
- ✓ The One Big Beautiful Bill enacted the largest cuts to Medicaid in history, slashing local hospital revenue, and was projected to kick more than 32,000 people in Michigan's 10th Congressional District off their health insurance.

- ✓ The One Big Beautiful Bill let ACA tax credits expire, driving up health care costs for 34,000 people in Michigan's 10th Congressional District on Marketplace plans.
- ✓ The One Big Beautiful Bill enacted the largest SNAP cuts in history, threatening food assistance for nearly 44,000 households in Michigan's 10th Congressional District.
- ✓ The One Big Beautiful Bill dismantled energy tax credits, threatening hundreds of jobs in Michigan's 10th Congressional District and was projected to raise annual energy costs for Michigan households by an average of \$320 over the next decade.
- ✓ The One Big Beautiful Bill made the 2017 Trump tax cuts permanent, overwhelmingly benefiting the wealthiest Americans.
- ✓ Bouchard Jr. supported the Iran War and said it was "necessary" while gas prices skyrocketed.
- ✓ Bouchard Jr. supported the Iran War, said it was "necessary," and complained about efforts in Congress to stop it.
- ✓ The Iran War caused gas prices in Michigan to skyrocket, costing the average Michigan family \$502 and counting.
- ✓ Bouchard Jr. opposed the Affordable Care Act, threatening nearly 50,000 Michiganders' access to care in the 10th District.
- ✓ Bouchard Jr. opposed the Affordable Care Act, which he said needed to be reformed, putting over 47,600 Michiganders in the 10th District at risk of losing their access to health care, including those with pre-existing conditions.

Bouchard Jr., Who Rarely Voted In Elections, Was Hand-Picked To Run For Congress By Career Politicians, Including His Father, A Former Republican State Senator And Majority Floor Leader, And Other Members Of The Michigan Republican Establishment

- ✓ Bouchard Jr. had a "dismal" voting record, failing to vote in three-quarters of Michigan elections since 2012.
- ✓ "Draft Captain Mike Bouchard PAC," a super PAC comprised of "prominent Michigan Republicans," aimed to recruit and encourage Bouchard Jr. to run for Congress.
- ✓ Bouchard Jr. was relying on the donor network of his father, Oakland County Sheriff Mike Bouchard, a former Republican Michigan State Senator and Majority Floor Leader with a decades-long career in politics, including bids for U.S. Senate and Governor.
- ✓ 2026: Bouchard Jr. was using his father's donor network to fund at least half of his congressional campaign.
- ✓ Sheriff Bouchard was an outspoken advocate for his son's candidacy and one of the original backers of Draft Captain Mike Bouchard, a super PAC encouraging his son to get into the MI-10 race.
- ✓ 1991-2025: Sheriff Bouchard had a lengthy political career in Michigan that included serving as Michigan's State Senate Majority Floor Leader, two failed statewide campaigns, and more than 20 years as Oakland County Sheriff.
- ✓ Bouchard Jr.'s father was described as a "political careerist" who spent time cozying up to politicians and cultivated ties to establishment figures like George W. Bush and Mitt Romney.

- ✓ Bouchard Jr.'s former primary opponent in MI-10, Robert Lulgiuraj, attempted to draw "a grassroots versus establishment contrast in the race" and called out Bouchard for nepotism.
- ✓ Bouchard Jr. was backed by a "who's who" of the Michigan Republican establishment, including former and current statewide officeholders, state party officials, political consultants, and lobbyists.

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- ✓ 2016-2017: Bouchard Jr. worked for a lobbying firm run by his father's "longtime political ally" and campaign donor.
- ✓ The lobbying firm Bouchard Jr. worked for represented Big Pharma, health insurance companies, and a German auto supplier.

Bouchard Jr. Accepted \$2,500 From A DeVos Family-Run Company Which Was Described As A "Legal Pyramid Scheme" And Paid More Than \$1.5 Million For Mismanaging An Employee Retirement Fund

- ✓ June 2026: Bouchard Jr.'s campaign received \$2,500 from the PAC of Alticor Inc., a holding company run by the DeVos family.
- ✓ Alticor was the parent company of Amway, a multi-level marketing venture whose industry was called a "legal pyramid scheme" and described as "predatory."
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- ✓ Multi-level marketing ventures were described as "legal pyramid schemes" and "predatory" companies which caused more than 99% of participants to lose money.
- ✓ 2024: Alticor agreed to pay a \$1.5 million settlement after being sued for grossly mismanaging a retirement account that resulted in higher fees for roughly 5,000 participants.
- ✓ 2023: A group of retirees sued Alticor over alleged mismanagement of a 401(k) account that resulted in higher fees for participants.
- ✓ 2024: Alticor agreed to pay \$1.51 million in a class settlement resolving the lawsuit over the company's mismanagement of the retirement fund used by roughly 5,000 people.

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Bouchard Jr.'s Father Was A Career Politician Who Opposed Reproductive Rights, Championed Anti-Labor Policies, And Faced Allegations Of Campaign Finance Violations

- ✓ 1991-2025: Sheriff Bouchard had a lengthy political career in Michigan, including more than a decade as Sheriff of Oakland County and time as the Michigan State Senate Majority Floor Leader, and was described as a “political careerist.”
- ✓ Sheriff Bouchard voted against abortion access while in the state legislature and was endorsed by Michigan Right to Life.
- ✓ Sheriff Bouchard supported “right-to-work” laws which suppressed union membership and workers’ wages.
- ✓ 1997: Sheriff Bouchard sponsored SR 78, a resolution supporting extending China’s Most Favored Nation trade status, a policy that granted Chinese goods imported into the United States “the most advantageous terms that the country offers when it applies tariffs and other restrictions.”
- ✓ 2012: Sheriff Bouchard faced allegations of skirting campaign finance laws during his bids for Governor and Sheriff by funneling money through PACs run by his campaign treasurer.
- ✓ Under Sheriff Bouchard’s leadership the Oakland County Sheriff’s office declined to review the emergency response to the 2021 Oxford High School shooting that killed four students.

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August 2025: The Auto Industry Suffered A \$12 Billion Loss As A Result Of Trump's Tariffs

August 2025: Wall Street Journal Headline: "Auto Industry Takes \$12 Billion Hit From Trade War." [Wall Street Journal, [8/7/25](#)]

2025: Wall Street Journal: “President Trump’s Tariff War Has Inflicted Almost \$12 Billion Of Losses On Global Automakers.” “President Trump’s tariff war has inflicted almost \$12 billion of losses on global automakers, the biggest hit they have faced since the pandemic. The scary reality: This may be just the beginning. Beyond the continuing cost of tariffs, automakers in the U.S., Japan, South Korea and Europe face years of retooling and supply-chain tweaks to adjust to the new realities. This comes after they spent heavily to reshape factories for electric vehicles. The obvious responses to tariffs are to raise prices and move production to the U.S. But both are hard for carmakers to do quickly, potentially saddling them for years to come. Skeptics say the tariffs will only change the industry at the margins, with global automakers investing in the U.S. because of its healthy consumer economy, not its politics.” [Wall Street Journal, [8/7/25](#)]

- **Reuters: Trump’s 25% Tariff On All Auto Imports “Sent Shock Waves Through The Global Auto Industry.”** “Stellantis said on Thursday it was temporarily laying off 900 workers at five U.S. facilities and pausing production at one assembly plant each in Mexico and Canada, after U.S. President Donald Trump’s tariffs were announced. Trump broadened the tariffs to a 10% baseline on all imports on Wednesday, with higher rates for some countries. These levies followed 25% duties on all auto imports announced last week, which sent shock waves through the global auto industry.” [Reuters, [4/4/25](#)]
- **NPR Headline: “Carmakers Are Feeling Tariff Pain: GM Is The 2nd Company To Take A Hit To Profits.”** [NPR, [7/22/25](#)]
- **New York Times Headline: “Ford Is Latest Carmaker to Blame Tariffs for Profit Slump.”** [New York Times, [7/30/25](#)]

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Automaker Facilities In Michigan’s 10th Congressional District				
Company	Facility	Location	Zip Code	Employees
Ford Motor Company	Sterling Axle Plant	Sterling Heights, MI	48310	2,200
Ford Motor Company	Van Dyke Transmission Plant	Sterling Heights, MI	48314	1,400
General Motors	GM Global Technical Center	Warren, MI	48092	22,764
Stellantis	Center Line Complex	Center Line, MI	48015	645
Stellantis	Sterling Heights Assembly Plant	Sterling Heights, MI	48312	6,785
Stellantis	Sterling Stamping Plant	Sterling Heights, MI	48312	1,805
Stellantis	Warren Truck Assembly Plant	Warren, MI	48091	4,145
Stellantis	Warren Stamping Plant	Warren, MI	48091	1,433
Stellantis	Warren Complex Parts Distribution Center	Warren, MI	48091	265
TOTAL:				41,442

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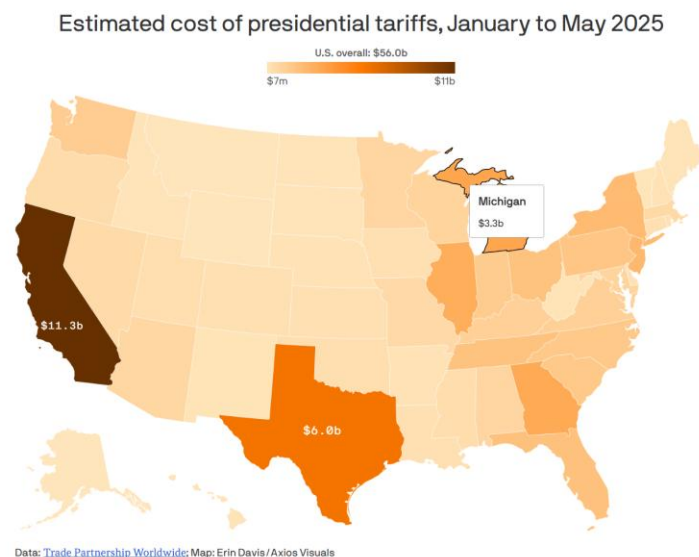
- **Alliance For Automotive Innovation: 7.52% Of Michiganders In Michigan’s 10th Congressional District Depended On The Auto Industry For Jobs.** According to the Alliance for Automotive Innovation, 7.52% of Michiganders in Michigan’s 10th Congressional District depended on the auto industry for jobs. [Alliance for Automotive Innovation, accessed [10/16/25](#)]

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Michigan Ranked Third Nationally In Tariff-Related Economic Burden According To Analysis From Trade Partnership Worldwide, Costing The State's Businesses An Estimated \$3.3 Billion

Axios Detroit: Michigan Was Third Among States Hit Hardest By President Trump's Tariffs, Behind Only California And Texas According To Analysis From Economic Research Firm Trade Partnership Worldwide. "Michigan is third among states hit hardest by President Trump's tariffs, behind only California and Texas, new research shows. The big picture: The tariffs have generated tens of billions of dollars in revenue for the government. But the burden falls far from equally on different states. [...] Driving the news: Economic research firm Trade Partnership Worldwide shared a new analysis with Axios showing the state-by-state cost of tariffs imposed by Trump from January through May. By the numbers: From January 1 to May 31 of this year, Michigan businesses faced a tariff impact of \$3.3 billion. California's cost was \$11.3 billion and Texas's was \$6 billion. In total, in 17 states companies faced a total impact of at least \$1 billion over the first five months of the year." [Axios Detroit, [7/11/25](#)]

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Michigan Public Radio Headline: "Economist: Michigan To Feel Pain Of Tariffs Earlier, And Worse, Than Many Other States." [Michigan Public Radio, [2/1/25](#)]

- **Michigan Manufacturing Association CEO John Walsh On Trump's Tariffs: "There's Been So Many Changes, It's Almost Numbing."** "This week could bring more twists in a rollercoaster year for Michigan's trade and manufacturing-reliant economy as President Donald Trump prepares to once again issue steep global tariffs on most products as part of a multifront trade war. 'There's been so many changes, it's almost numbing,' said John Walsh, CEO of the Michigan Manufacturing Association. 'And maybe the real effect might be that some businesses are just going to start making decisions.' Barring last-minute trade deals, changes or delays —

which are commonplace in the Trump administration — the White House’s 90-day pause on sweeping tariffs will expire Wednesday and bring a wave of new import taxes.” [Detroit News, [7/6/25](#)]

Michigan Was Especially Vulnerable To Trump’s Tariffs Due To Its Heavy Dependence On International Trade And The Auto Industry

Detroit Free Press: “Michigan Stands To Be One Of The Hardest Hit States In The Nation” From Trump’s Tariffs On Mexico And Canada

Detroit Free Press: “Michigan Stands To Be One Of The Hardest Hit States In The Nation” From Trump’s Tariffs. “At 12:01 a.m. Tuesday, President Donald Trump moved ahead with a plan to put tariffs of 25% on goods imported into the U.S. from Canada and Mexico and Michigan stands to be one of the hardest hit states in the nation, depending on what happens next and how long a potential trade war drags on. Canada and China, which was also hit with new tariffs, already announced retaliatory measures as Trump imposed the new taxes on imported goods, a move most economists believe will increase prices for Americans. Trump has also said that next month he will impose worldwide tariffs on any country that taxes the import of U.S. goods.” [Detroit Free Press, [3/4/25](#)]

2023: Michigan Imported A Total Of \$58.8 Billion In Motor Vehicles And Motor Vehicle Parts From Mexico

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2023: Mexican Exports To Michigan	
Commodity	Import Value
Motor Vehicles	\$40,000,000,000
Motor Vehicle Parts	\$18,800,000,000
TOTAL:	\$58,800,000,000

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- **2023: Michigan Ranked Second Nationally In States That Import From Mexico.** “Only one other state, Illinois, imported more (by value, using Census Bureau trade figures from 2023) from Canada than Michigan did. Only Texas imported more from Mexico. And while the state is further down the list in terms of Chinese imports – 12th – the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis, when it looked at the effect of tariffs on Chinese goods imposed by Trump in his first term as president, found Michigan and its auto industry, with suppliers also relying heavily on imported items from that country, too, among the most exposed to harm from increased prices.” [Detroit Free Press, [2/1/25](#)]

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2023: Canadian Exports To Michigan	
Commodity	Import Value
Motor Vehicles	\$21,600,000,000
Motor Vehicle Parts	\$8,400,000,000
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February 2025: Trump Imposed 10% Tariffs On Energy Imports From Canada Including Oil, Natural Gas, And Electricity. “Michigan and other Midwest states will feel the pain of what’s now a trade war before the rest of the country, according to Ball State University economist Michael Hicks. President Donald Trump on Saturday signed an order to impose stiff tariffs on imports from Mexico, Canada and China, drawing swift retaliation from the country’s North American neighbors in the emerging trade war. [...] Trump declared an economic emergency in order to place duties of 10% on all imports from China and 25% on imports from Mexico and Canada. But energy imported from Canada, including oil, natural gas and electricity, would be taxed at a 10% rate.” [Michigan Public Radio, [2/1/25](#)]

Governor Whitmer Warned Tariffs Would Raise Home Heating Costs, Especially During Michigan’s Cold Winters. “Today, Governor Gretchen Whitmer made the following statement on Trump tariffs, which would raise costs on goods and services critical to Michiganders, like groceries, home heating, and cars, and put more than a million Michigan jobs at risk. ‘Michiganders are already struggling with high costs—the last thing they need is for those costs to increase even more. A 25 percent tariff will hurt American auto workers and consumers, raise prices on cars, groceries, and energy for working families and put countless jobs at risk. Trump’s middle-class tax hike will cripple our economy and hit working-class, blue-collar families especially hard. ‘Because companies pass tariff costs on to the consumers, Trump’s middle-class tax hike will mean Michigan families pay more to heat their homes as they face below freezing temperatures, fill their gas tanks, and get affordable housing at a time when inflation is already high. It will harm our auto industry, driving up the cost of cars and slowing production lines.’” [Michigan.gov, Press Release, [2/1/25](#)]

October 2025: A Survey Commissioned By The Detroit Regional Chamber Found A Majority Of Respondents Said They Were Paying More For Goods With More Than A Quarter Reporting Putting Off Large Purchases Due To Tariffs

Michigan Independent: In A Survey Commissioned By The Detroit Regional Chamber, Nearly 75% Of Respondents Said They Were Paying More For Goods Due To Tariffs. “Michigan voters are increasingly worried about the future of the economy as President Donald Trump’s trade wars rage on, new survey results reveal. The Detroit Regional Chamber, in partnership with the nonpartisan research agency Glengariff Group, Inc., surveyed 600 Michigan voters between Sept. 10-14 on their thoughts about the price of goods and the implications tariffs and artificial intelligence have for the overall economy. The survey has a 4% margin of error. [...] Nearly three quarters, 71.5%, of respondents say they’re paying more for goods due to tariffs, with 28.1% saying they’ve postponed major expenditures for items such as vehicles, house upgrades or vacations because of tariff-related price hikes.” [Michigan Independent, [10/27/25](#)]

- **More Than 28% Of Respondents Said That They’ve Postponed Major Expenditures For Items Like Vehicles, House Upgrades, Or Vacations Because Of Tariff-Related Price Hikes.** “Michigan voters are increasingly worried about the future of the economy as President Donald Trump’s trade wars rage on, new survey results reveal. The Detroit Regional Chamber, in partnership with the nonpartisan research agency Glengariff Group, Inc., surveyed 600 Michigan voters between Sept. 10-14 on their thoughts about the price of goods and the implications tariffs and artificial intelligence have for the overall economy. The survey has a 4% margin of error. [...] Nearly three quarters, 71.5%, of respondents say they’re paying more for goods due to tariffs, with 28.1% saying they’ve postponed major expenditures for items such as vehicles, house upgrades or vacations because of tariff-related price hikes.” [Michigan Independent, [10/27/25](#)]

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

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

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

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Rolling Stone Headline: “Congress Officially Passes Trump’s Bill To Kick Millions Off Medicaid.” [Rolling Stone, [7/3/25](#)]

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Kaiser Family Foundation: “CBO Estimates Show That The Number Of Uninsured People Will Increase By More Than 14 Million In 2034.” [Kaiser Family Foundation, [8/20/25](#)]

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September 2025: The Joint Economic Committee Projected That 32,766 People In Michigan’s 10th Congressional District Would Lose Their Access To Healthcare Because Of The Big Beautiful Bill. [Joint Economic Committee Minority, [September 2025](#)]

The One Big Beautiful Bill Was Projected To Cut More Than \$38 Million In Revenue To Hospitals In Michigan’s 10th Congressional District

Under The One Big Beautiful Bill, Hospitals In Michigan’s 10th Congressional District Were Projected To Lose More Than \$38 Million As A Result Of Medicaid Cuts. [Third Way, GOP Medicaid Cuts Will Decimate Hospitals Nationwide, [7/8/25](#)]

Projected Cuts To MI-10 Hospital Revenue From Medicaid Cuts In The One Big Beautiful Bill		
Hospital	City	Projected Cut To Hospital Revenue
Ascension Macomb-Oakland Hospital	Warren	\$16,103,753
McLaren Macomb	Mt. Clemens	\$9,385,433
Henry Ford Health Macomb Hospital	Mt. Clemens	\$7,910,937
Ascension Providence Rochester Hospital	Rochester	\$3,582,237
Insight Surgical Hospital	Warren	\$1,329,592
Total:		\$38,311,952

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The One Big Beautiful Bill Let ACA Tax Credits Expire, Driving Up Health Care Costs For 34,000 People In Michigan’s 10th Congressional District On Marketplace Plans

The One Big Beautiful Bill Made Health Care More Expensive For 34,000 MI-10 Residents That Got Coverage From ACA Marketplace Plans

KFF: 34,000 Individuals In Michigan’s 10th Congressional District Relied On The ACA Premium Tax Credits. [KFF, [2/5/25](#)]

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

- **The Majority Of Insurers Took Into Account The Potential Expiration Of Enhanced Premium Tax Credits For Their Rate Increases.** “In addition to rising healthcare costs, the majority of insurers are also taking into account the potential expiration of enhanced premium tax credits in their premium rate increases for the next year. The expiration of enhanced tax credits will lead to out-of-pocket premiums for ACA marketplace enrollees increasing by an average of more than 75%, with insurers expecting healthier enrollees to drop coverage. That, in turn, increases underlying premiums. Other federal policy changes, like the implementation

of tariffs and the ACA Marketplace Integrity and Affordability rule were also discussed, though to a lesser extent.” [Health System Tracker, [8/6/25](#)]

- **The Majority Of Insurers Assumed Enhanced Tax Credits Would Expire At The End Of 2025, Which Caused Them To Raise Their Rates By An Average Of 4%.** “Uncertainty over federal policy changes has forced insurers to make some assumptions when developing their rates for 2026. Commonly mentioned by insurers is the impact of the expiration of enhanced premium tax credits, which are scheduled to sunset at the end of 2025, unless extended by Congress. The majority of insurers have assumed that enhanced tax credits will expire at the end of this year, driving rates an average of 4 percentage points higher than they otherwise would be. These increased rates are due to insurers anticipating that some healthier members will leave the ACA Marketplaces when their subsidies decrease, creating an enrollee base that is less healthy and more expensive on average.” [Health System Tracker, [8/6/25](#)]
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The One Big Beautiful Bill Risked Food Assistance For 43,943 Households In Michigan’s 10th Congressional District

According To The U.S. Department Of Agriculture, 43,943 Households Participated In Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) In Michigan’s 10th Congressional District. [USDA, accessed [7/15/25](#)]

Who Receives SNAP?

SNAP provides nutrition benefits to supplement the food budgets of low-income families so they can purchase healthy food.

In MI District 10, SNAP serves...

43,943
HOUSEHOLDS

Explore below to learn about SNAP participants in MI District 10.

Many households participating in SNAP include persons who are children, elderly, and/or have a disability. The visuals below display the percentage of SNAP participating households that report either having a child, an elderly person, or a person with a disability.

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

Center For American Progress: “The Senate Has Released Its Version Of The One Big Beautiful Bill Act, Which Would Enact The Largest Cut To The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) In The Program’s History According To Center For American Progress Estimates.” “The Senate has released its version of the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, which would enact the largest cut to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) in the program’s history according to Center for American Progress estimates. Despite the proposal cutting less than the House-passed version’s nearly \$300 billion in cuts, it is even more extreme than the House version in some key aspects. Moreover, this legislation comes at a time when food insecurity is rising across all 50 states, reaching levels not seen since 2014.” [Center for American Progress, [6/26/25](#)]

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

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

The One Big Beautiful Bill Dismantled Energy Tax Credits, Threatening Hundreds Of Jobs In Michigan’s 10th Congressional District And Would Raise Annual Energy Costs For Michigan Households By \$320 Over The Next Decade

The One Big Beautiful Bill Threatened \$140 Million In Energy Investments In Michigan’s 10th Congressional District

May 2025: There Was \$522 Billion In Outstanding Clean Energy Investments From The Inflation Reduction Act That Remained To Be Spent. “Since the enactment of the IRA in Q3 2022, \$321 billion has been invested in manufacturing, clean electricity, and industrial facilities, and 2,369 new facilities have opened across the US. Looking ahead, \$522 billion of outstanding investment remains to be spent on construction and installation for announced or under-construction facilities. This pipeline includes 2,217 facilities that have yet to come online.” [Clean Investment Monitor, accessed [8/27/25](#)]

- **May 2025: Nearly \$406 Million In Clean Energy Investments Had Been Announced In Michigan’s 10th Congressional District By Companies, With \$140 Million Still Pending.** According to the New York Times, in Michigan’s 10th Congressional District, \$406 million in clean energy investments had been announced by companies. As of May 2025, \$266 million was already spent, and \$140 million was still pending. [New York Times, [5/21/25](#)]

The One Big Beautiful Bill Threatened More Than 350 Future Energy Jobs In Michigan’s 10th Congressional District

April 2025: There Were Over 350 Outstanding And Potentially At-Risk Energy Jobs In Michigan’s 10th Congressional District. According to the Center for Climate and Energy Solutions, there were more than 350 outstanding and potentially at-risk clean energy jobs in MI-10. [Center for Climate and Energy Solutions, Clean Energy & Manufacturing Investments: Michigan’s Tenth District, [April 2025](#)]

The One Big Beautiful Bill Was Estimated To Raise Annual Energy Costs For Michiganders By An Average Of \$320 By 2035

CNBC: Annual Energy Costs For Households In Michigan Were Projected To Rise By An Average Of \$320 By 2035 Due To The One Big Beautiful Bill. “Electricity prices are expected to surge higher throughout the next decade due to energy policy changes in President Donald Trump’s ‘big beautiful’ bill, according to a new analysis from Energy Innovation, a non-partisan energy and climate think tank. Signed July 4, the bill mandates expanded oil and gas leasing, caps clean energy subsidies and rolls back tax credits that helped to make wind, solar and other clean power cheaper for manufacturers and more affordable for consumers, says Robbie Orvis, senior director for

modeling and analysis at Energy Innovation. When the clean energy tax credits phase out at the end of 2025, that will bump up electricity costs for ordinary Americans, Orvis says. That's largely because higher costs for clean energy development will slow the pace of new supply, just as U.S. energy demand hits record highs, he says, resulting in higher electricity bills and increased reliance on natural gas, which will also become more expensive with rising demand. [...] Overall, household energy costs will rise by \$170, on average, by 2035, researchers found. And that estimate may be conservative. A report from Princeton University's Rapid Energy Policy Evaluation and Analysis Toolkit pegs the average increase at \$280 a year by 2035." [CNBC, [7/14/25](#)]

Electricity Price Hike Per State	
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Michigan	\$320

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The One Big Beautiful Bill Gutted Energy Manufacturing Tax Credits, Threatening More Than 830,000 Jobs In The U.S.

The House-Passed Republican Reconciliation Bill Gutted Clean Energy Manufacturing Tax Credits. "The multitrillion-dollar tax breaks package passed by House Republicans early Thursday would gut clean energy tax credits that Democrats approved three years ago while supporting increased mining, drilling and other traditional energy production. A marathon session that began Wednesday resulted in 1,100-plus page legislation that curbs billions of dollars in spending across food assistance, student loans, Medicaid and action to address climate change. [...] The Senate hopes to wrap up its version by early July. At least four Republican senators, led by Lisa Murkowski of Alaska, have urged continuation of energy tax credits, including support for traditional and renewable energy sources. Republican-led states and Congressional districts have benefited from billions of dollars in clean energy manufacturing investments spurred by the Biden-era subsidies." [Associated Press, [5/22/25](#)]

The House-Passed Republican Reconciliation Bill Would Dismantle Clean Energy Incentives, Threatening More Than 830,000 Jobs In The U.S. "A Republican push to dismantle clean energy incentives threatens to reverberate across the US by costing more than 830,000 jobs, raising energy bills for US households and threatening to unleash millions more tonnes of the planet-heating pollution that is causing the climate crisis, experts have warned. A major tax bill passed by the Republican-held House of Representatives on Thursday morning will, as currently, demolish key components of climate legislation signed by Joe Biden that has spurred a record torrent of renewable energy and electric vehicle investment in the US. Under the reconciliation bill, tax credits for cleaner cars will end this year, with incentives for wind, solar and even nuclear energy projects scaled down and then eliminated by 2032. Clean energy manufacturing tax credits will be axed by 2031, while Americans seeking to upgrade their homes to cleaner or more energy efficient appliances will get no further subsidy after the end of this year. 'This bill is worse than what people envisioned – it pulls the rug out from facilities banking on these incentives, it raises everyday household costs by hundreds of dollars and undercuts any sort of action on climate

change,’ said Robbie Orvis, senior director at Energy Innovation, a non-partisan climate policy thinktank.” [The Guardian, [5/22/25](#)]

The Atlantic: Future Clean Energy Projects Would Cost About 50% More Than Those That Received Tax Credits

The Atlantic: Future Clean Energy Projects Would Cost About 50% More Than Those That Received Tax Credits. “The Senate version of Donald Trump’s One Big Beautiful Bill repeals the clean-energy tax credits in the IRA for all wind and solar projects that don’t begin construction within a year of the bill’s passage or become fully operational by 2028. (And even if a project begins construction in the first half of 2026, it will need to meet extremely onerous domestic-sourcing requirements that many experts believe will be nearly impossible to satisfy.) As a result, future clean-energy projects, including many that have been announced but not yet built, will cost about 50 percent more than those that received the credits, according to an analysis by Jesse Jenkins, who leads the Princeton ZERO Lab. The inevitable result is that far fewer will come into existence. ‘It’s hard to think of a bigger self-own,’ Jenkins told me. ‘We’re effectively raising taxes on the country’s main sources of new power at a time when electricity prices are already rising.’” [Atlantic, [7/3/25](#)]

Americans Would Pay Higher Energy Costs From The One Big Beautiful Bill’s Elimination Of Energy Tax Credits

Rhodium: The House-Passed Republican Reconciliation Bill Would Raise Households’ Energy Costs. “Work is underway in Congress to construct and pass a budget reconciliation bill or bills to meet an array of priorities and policy objectives set by President Trump. Most of these priorities focus on increasing spending on defense and border security as well as extending and possibly expanding the tax cuts enacted in Trump’s first term. In this note, we estimate how much energy costs could rise for households and industry if Congress chooses to partially pay for these priorities through the rollback and repeal of key pollution regulations and energy tax credits. We find that on a national level, households see an increase in annual energy costs of \$184 in 2030 and \$371 in 2035. However, households in many states see much higher cost increases than the national average. This includes Arizona, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, and Texas, which, at the upper bound of our estimates, see annual cost increases of \$250-\$326 per household in 2030. In 2035, California, Oregon, and Washington all see estimated annual cost increases of over \$800 per household. The rollback and repeal of regulations and tax credits also increase costs for industrial manufacturers. We estimate an increase of \$8-14 billion in total energy spending across the industrial sector in 2030 and 2035. We provide impacts for each of the 50 states on the ClimateDeck as part of this analysis.” [Rhodium Group, [3/20/25](#)]

Clean Energy Buyers Association: Repealing Federal Energy Tax Credits Would Raise American Consumers Costs By More Than \$110 Per Year. “The Clean Energy Buyers Association (CEBA) today released a study conducted by NERA Economic Consulting showing that repealing the federal clean energy technology-neutral investment (§48E) and production tax credits (§45Y) would raise average U.S. residential electricity prices by nearly 7% by 2026 – equating to an average yearly increase of more than \$110 for the average American residential customer. For American businesses, electricity bills would increase by about 10% by 2026 if the tax credits are repealed, with costs likely passed on to consumers in the form of higher prices for goods and services. Additionally, repealing the credits would decrease available capacity on the grid by 167 gigawatts (GW) at a time when generation is critical to supporting the 21st century industries of America such as artificial Intelligence and advanced manufacturing, to win the economic race against China.” [Clean Energy Buyers Association, [2/25/25](#)]

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

- **NJ Spotlight News Headline: “Republican Tax Bill Will Raise Electricity Prices, Analysts Say.”** [NJ Spotlight News, [6/5/25](#)]

The One Big Beautiful Bill Made The 2017 Trump Tax Cuts Permanent, Greatly Benefiting The Wealthiest Americans

The Big Beautiful Bill Made The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act “Permanent.” “On July 4, 2025, President Trump signed H.R. 1, the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBA), into law. OBBA permanently extends trillions of dollars of 2017 tax cuts that were scheduled to expire on December 31, 2025, adds new tax cuts into the mix like no tax on overtime and an additional senior deduction, and partially pays for these tax cuts with changes to Medicaid, the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and student loan programs. If you’d like to learn more about the law, check out what’s in the Republican tax law and what’s in the entire OBBA.” [Bipartisan Policy Center, [7/23/25](#)]

2025: Analysis By The Tax Policy Center Found That “60% Of The Benefits” Of The Tax Cuts And Jobs Act Being Made Permanent “Would Go To Those Making \$217,000 Or More (The Top 20%).” “Wealthy Americans would benefit far more from the tax package than those lower on the income scale, according to a Tax Policy Center analysis of the Senate bill. While all households would see their taxes reduced, some 60% of the benefits would go to those making \$217,000 or more (the top 20%). These folks would receive an average tax cut of \$12,500, or 3.4% of their after-tax income, in 2026, the analysis found. But the lowest-income households, who earn about \$35,000 or less, would receive an average tax cut of only \$150, less than 1% of their after-tax income. Middle-income households would see their taxes reduced by about \$1,800, or 2.3% of their after-tax income, on average.” [CNN, [7/1/25](#)]

- **The Top 0.1 Percent Of Earners Would See Their Annual Income Increase By “More Than \$290,000” Because Of The Big Beautiful Bill.** “The net income for the top 20% of earners would increase by nearly \$13,000 per year, after taxes and transfers, according to an analysis of a near-final version of the Senate bill by Penn Wharton Budget Model. That amounts to a 3% average increase in income for those households. For the top 0.1% of earners, the average annual income gain would amount to more than \$290,000, according to Penn Wharton.” [CNN, [7/3/25](#)]
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CNBC: The Big Beautiful Bill Allowed For The Wealthy To Write Off “100%” Of The Cost To Buy A Private Jet. “The new federal spending bill is expected to boost sales of private jets, as owners take advantage of faster write-offs of the purchase price. Jet brokers and advisors said they’ve seen a burst of activity from clients who were holding off on purchases until the bill was signed. Among its many new tax provisions is the reinstatement of ‘bonus depreciation,’ which allows businesses to immediately write off 100% of the purchase price of capital equipment, including private jets.” [CNBC, [7/14/25](#)]

NBC Sports: Republicans Removed A Provision In The One Big Beautiful Bill That Would Prohibit Sports-League Owners From Writing Off “Intangible Assets.” “When the big, beautiful bill left the House for the Senate, it contained a provision that would have created anything but a tax cut for the mega-wealthy. By the time the final bill was signed into law, the provision that would have harmed sports owners was not included. We’re told that the Senate’s version eliminated the wrinkle that would have removed the ability of sports-league owners to write off the entire value of ‘intangible assets’ (like player contracts and media-rights deals) over 15 years, and that the House did not reinsert it. The change would have reduced the ability to write off intangible assets from 100 percent to 50 percent.” [NBC Sports, [7/5/25](#)]

- **HEADLINE: “Big, Beautiful Bill Dumped Effort To Tighten Tax Laws For NFL Owners.”** [NBC Sports, [7/5/25](#)]

CAP: The Big Beautiful Bill “Cut Taxes On Corporations’ Foreign Profits By \$167 Billion.” “In particular, the BBB cut taxes on corporations’ foreign profits by \$167 billion, while the TCJA’s foreign tax changes were deficit-neutral on paper. The TJCA substantially cut taxes on corporations’ international profits, incentivizing offshoring to reduce taxes. It was paid for by a one-time ‘transition tax’ and the promise that tax rates on offshored profits would be taxed at higher rates in later years. The BBB canceled the provisions that promised to better tax foreign profits. This effectively decreases corporate tax rates for companies’ foreign operations.” [Center for American Progress, [11/20/25](#)]

Bouchard Jr. Supported The Iran War And Said It Was “Necessary” While Gas Prices Skyrocketed

Bouchard Jr. Supported The Iran War, Called It “Necessary,” And Complained About Efforts In Congress To Stop It

Politico: Bouchard Jr. Thought The War With Iran Was Necessary. “Michael Bouchard sees things differently. The Michigan Republican House candidate and Bronze Star recipient served in the Army and National Guard, including a counter-ISIS deployment in Iraq for most of 2025 — which encompassed the last Israel-Iran war. Bouchard thinks the current conflict is a necessary, limited mission against a regional menace that has endangered and targeted U.S. service members for decades. ‘I’ve seen peace through strength save my friends’ lives, and that’s what this is,’ he said. ‘No one wants to go to war less than somebody who’s been to it. But we can’t just put our heads in the sand and hope things don’t happen.’” [Politico, [3/30/26](#)]

March 2026: Bouchard Jr. Said Supporting The War In Iran “Shouldn’t Be A Political Issue.” BOUCHARD JR: “Sometimes you are aware that politicians aren’t backing you, and I’ve seen it affect my soldiers and their families. But when I was in Iraq for the Twelve-Day War, I wasn’t really paying attention to any of the outside noise. I knew that this administration supports our military. And to be honest, we were pulling 18 hour days just focused on tracking the missiles and drones originating out of Iran and trying to defend other service members there that our main focus was just on fighting the fight. And I know that’s where the service members who are currently in Iraq, and in Syria, and Jordan, and Saudi Arabia, and across the entire Middle East are just focused on defending their brothers and sisters right now and it’s our job as Americans to support them. I mean, this shouldn’t be a political issue. If you want to talk after the fact about war powers, whatever, ho have that conversation. But the fact that there Americans in combat right now, we need to support them.” [WJR, Focus, 02:39, [3/4/26](#)] (AUDIO)

March 2026: Bouchard Jr. Complained About A War Powers Resolution Vote And Said Members Of Congress Should Just Focus “On Fighting The Fight.” BOUCHARD JR: “And it’s our job as Americans to support them. I mean, this shouldn’t be a political issue. If you want to talk after the fact about war powers, whatever, go have that conversation. But the fact that there Americans in combat right now, we need to support them.” PAUL W SMITH: “Oh, my. That’s exactly how I feel and that’s exactly what I’ve said on the air. You can argue about all this other stuff, but not when our boys and girls are in active duty in the field being shot at. This is the time all Americans, including the knuckleheads in Washington, should be without any hesitation, supporting those kids. I mean come” BOUCHARD JR: “Well, and the fact that they want to force a vote on the War Powers Act this week instead of just focusing on fighting the fight. Let’s fight this fight, let’s bring our servicemen, men and women home safe and let’s win. Let’s defang Iran and then you can have the conversation about War Powers after the fact. Let them fight the fight right now.” [WJR, Focus, 03:20, [3/4/26](#)] (AUDIO)

The Iran War Caused Gas Prices In Michigan To Skyrocket

HEADLINE: “Michigan Gas Prices Rocket Up As War In Iran Spikes Fuel Costs.” [FOX2, [3/9/26](#)]

HEADLINE: “Iran War Has Already Cost Households In Michigan \$502 In Higher Gas Prices.” [Michigan Independent, [7/15/26](#)]

Bouchard Jr. Opposed The Affordable Care Act, Threatening Nearly 50,000 Michiganders’ Access To Care In The 10th District

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November 2025: Bouchard Jr. Said The ACA Was “Not Working” And Needed To Be Reformed

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Bouchard Jr. On The ACA, November 2025: “We Need To Reform It.” BOUCHARD JR: “I think that our country needs to do better when it comes to health care. The ACA was passed ten years, almost a decade ago. And the fact that it’s not working shows that we need to do better. We need to reform it. We need to give people more options, more choice.” [FOX 2, The Pulse, 13:47, [11/13/25](#)] (VIDEO)

Getting Rid Of The ACA Would Put Health Care Coverage For Over 47,600 People In Michigan’s 10th District At Risk, Including Those With Pre-Existing Conditions

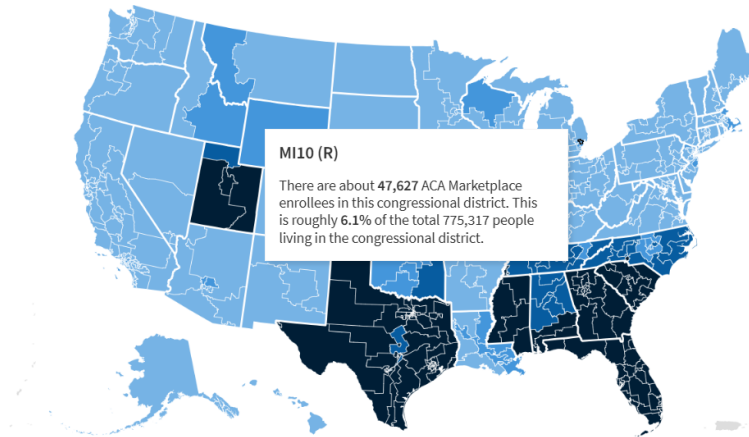
Governor Gretchen Whitmer: In 2025, Over 530,000 Michiganders Were Enrolled In The ACA Marketplace. “Fifteen years ago, Congress passed the Affordable Care Act (ACA) to ensure that all Americans can access affordable, quality health care. Since then, tens of millions of Americans have relied on the Affordable Care Act Marketplace to purchase health insurance for themselves and their families. Despite that achievement, Republicans in Washington, D.C. have been determined to roll back that work for years. In Michigan, over 530,000 people access affordable private health insurance through the Marketplace.” [Governor Gretchen Whitmer, Press Release, [8/8/25](#)]

- **2025: 47,627 Individuals In Michigan’s 10th Congressional District Were Enrolled In ACA Marketplace Plans.** [KFF, [10/6/25](#)]

At least 10% of the population in all congressional districts in Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, and South Carolina are enrolled in the ACA Marketplaces

Share of Population That is Enrolled in the Affordable Care Act Marketplaces in 2025 by Congressional District, 119th Congress

■ < 6% ■ 6%–8% ■ 8%–10% ■ ≥ 10%



At Least 1.8 Million Michiganders With A Pre-Existing Condition Could Lose Their Access To Care If The ACA Was Repealed. “At least 1.8 million people in Michigan with pre-existing health conditions could lose critical protections. Before the ACA, at least 1.8 million Michiganders with pre-existing health conditions could have been denied coverage or charged more if they tried to buy individual market health insurance. Republican repeal proposals either eliminate these protections outright or find other ways to gut them.” [White House Fact Sheet, [March 2023](#)]

Bouchard Jr., Who Rarely Voted In Elections, Was Hand-Picked To Run For Congress By Career Politicians, Including His Father, A Former Republican State Senator And Majority Floor Leader, And Other Members Of The Michigan Republican Establishment

Bouchard Jr. Had A “Dismal” Voting Record, Failing To Vote In “Three-Quarters Of Statewide Elections Since 2012”

HEADLINE: “GOP Congressional Hopeful Kirk Blasts Bouchard For ‘Dismal’ Voting Record.” [Macomb Daily, [7/9/26](#)]

Macomb Daily: Bouchard Jr. Missed “Three-Quarters Of Statewide Elections Dating Back To 2012.” “Republican 10th Congressional District candidate Justin Kirk went on the attack Wednesday against fellow GOP hopeful Michael Bouchard, issuing a news release criticizing Bouchard for missing nearly three-quarters of statewide elections dating back to 2012. The two are engaged in Michigan’s only competitive Republican U.S. House primary of the 2026 midterms to replace outgoing U.S. Rep. John James of Shelby Township, who is running for governor. Two other candidates are in the running.” [Macomb Daily, [7/9/26](#)]

Macomb Daily: “Bouchard Failed To Vote In Every Election Between November 2016 And February 2024.” “Kirk based his assertion on a report from Michigan’s Qualified Voter File, which showed Bouchard has voted in five out of 18 statewide elections. The file indicates Bouchard failed to vote in every election between November 2016 and February 2024. He voted in the November 2012 general election, the March 2016 presidential primary election (absentee), the November 2016 general election, the August 2024 primary election, and the November 2024 general election.” [Macomb Daily, [7/9/26](#)]

“Draft Captain Mike Bouchard PAC,” A Super PAC Comprised Of “Prominent Michigan Republicans,” Aimed To Recruit and Encourage Bouchard Jr. To Run For Congress

July 2025: “Draft Captain Mike Bouchard” Registered As A Super PAC With The FEC

July 24th, 2025: Draft Captain Mike Bouchard Registered As A Super PAC With The FEC. [FEC, Draft Captain Mike Bouchard, [7/24/25](#)]

DRAFT CAPTAIN MIKE BOUCHARD

● ACTIVE - QUARTERLY | SUPER PAC (INDEPENDENT EXPENDITURE-ONLY) - UNAUTHORIZED | ID: C00913269 |
REGISTRATION DATE: JULY 24, 2025

RESEARCH NOTE: Draft Captain Mike Bouchard changed its name to “Honor, Duty & Discipline PAC” upon Bouchard Jr.’s entrance into the MI-10 race in November 2025

Draft Captain Mike Bouchard Committee’s Advisory Board Included A Host Of “Prominent Michigan Republicans”

August 2025: Detroit Regional Chamber: Draft Captain Mike Bouchard Was “Formed By Prominent Local Republicans.” “On the Republican side, the field is still taking shape as no candidate has officially declared. However, efforts are underway to recruit a strong contender. A ‘Draft Captain Mike Bouchard’ committee has been formed by prominent local Republicans, including Macomb County Prosecutor Peter Lucido and Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard, to encourage Bouchard to run upon his return from a National Guard deployment.” [Detroit Regional Chamber, [8/1/25](#)]

- **July 2025: The Detroit News Headline: “GOP Group Wants Bouchard To Run For Congress. But Not The Bouchard You’re Thinking Of.”** [Detroit News, [7/24/25](#)]

September 2025: Draft Captain Mike Bouchard Press Release: “Michigan Republicans Lining Up to Support Draft Committee in MI-10.” [Press Release, Draft Captain Michael Bouchard, accessed [9/9/25](#)]

- **September 2025: Draft Captain Mike Bouchard Announced “The Addition Of Thirteen Prominent Michigan Republicans And Business Leaders To Its Advisory Board” Bringing Its Total Up To Thirty-Two.** “‘Draft Captain Mike Bouchard’ is announcing the addition of thirteen prominent Michigan Republicans and business leaders to its advisory board, including the Motor City Madman himself, bringing its total up to thirty-two. This growing list of supporters makes it clear: Michigan Republicans want to see a proven fighter run for Michigan’s 10th Congressional District, and that fighter is Captain Mike Bouchard.” [Press Release, Draft Captain Michael Bouchard, accessed [9/9/25](#)]
- **September 2025: The Draft Captain Mike Bouchard Advisory Board Included 32 Members.** [Press Release, Draft Captain Michael Bouchard, accessed [9/9/25](#)]

Advisory Board
Sheriff Mike Bouchard
Tom Celani
Kevin Denha
Bill Dwyer
David Dwyer
Governor John Engler
Michelle Engler
Jay Feldman
Mike Ferrantino
Hon. David Fischer
David Fischer, Jr.
Nate Forbes
Rhonda Grant
Charles Gleeson II
Peter Karmanos
Robert Kennedy
Prosecutor Pete Lucido
Ralph "Skip"
Maccarone
Dominic F. Mocer
Ted Nugent
Spencer Partridge
Lauren Rakolta
Governor Sunny Reedy
Frank Rewold
Treasurer Larry Rocca
Syd Ross
Elizabeth Ross
Paul Sabatini
Bobby Schostak
Attorney General Bill
Schuette
Mickey Shapiro
Frank Torre

Detroit News: A Group Of Michigan Republicans Launched Draft Captain Mike Bouchard Committee, "With The Aim Of Recruiting And Encouraging" Bouchard To Run For Congress

July 2025: Detroit News: A Group Of Michigan Republicans Launched Draft Captain Mike Bouchard, A Super PAC "With The Aim Of Recruiting And Encouraging" Bouchard To Run For Congress. "A new group of Michigan Republicans launched Thursday with the aim of recruiting and encouraging Michael Bouchard, son of the Oakland County sheriff, to run for Congress to succeed GOP U.S. Rep. John James in one of the state's most competitive U.S. House districts. Twenty elected leaders and business people signed on to serve as advisers to the Draft Captain Mike Bouchard committee, a super political action committee, in a show of support for Bouchard, who is currently deployed with the U.S. Army overseas and due back this fall." [Detroit News, [7/24/25](#)]

Bouchard Jr. Was Relying On The Donor Network Of His Father, Oakland County Sheriff Mike Bouchard, A Former Republican Michigan State Senator And Majority Floor Leader With A Decades-Long Career In Politics, Including Bids For U.S. Senate And Governor

Bouchard Jr. Was Using His Father's Donor Network To Fund At Least Half Of His Congressional Campaign

HEADLINE: "GOP's Bouchard Leans On Dad's Donors In Key Macomb Co. U.S. House Race." [Detroit News, [5/12/26](#)]

Detroit News, May 2026: "More Than Half Of The Traceable Money Flowing To Bouchard's Campaign And An Outside Group Backing Him Has Come From Prior Donors To His Dad." "Republican congressional hopeful Michael Bouchard, similar to other second-comers in Michigan political lineages, has so far relied heavily on donors to his father's past campaigns to fuel a 2026 run for a pivotal suburban Detroit U.S. House seat, a Detroit News analysis shows. More than half of the traceable money flowing to Bouchard's campaign and an outside group backing him has come from prior donors to his dad, the longtime Oakland County sheriff who shares a name with his 32-year-old son." [Detroit News, [5/12/26](#)]

Detroit News: “At Least 50.1% Of The Money Raised So Far In The Race To Boost The Younger Bouchard Has Come From Past Family Donors.” “The elder Mike Bouchard, who has been Oakland County sheriff since 1999, ran unsuccessfully as a Republican for the U.S. Senate in 2006 and governor of Michigan in 2010. He also served in the Michigan Senate from 1991 to 1999. Previous donors to Sheriff Bouchard's two statewide campaigns have so far given at least \$392,000 (or 43%) of the roughly \$908,000 his son has raised from itemized donors in his bid for Congress through March 31. Contributions to a pro-Bouchard group called Honor, Discipline & Duty PAC have tilted more heavily toward past donors. About \$179,000 (or 77%) of the committee's \$232,000 in individual fundraising has come from past donors to the elder Bouchard. Those sums together indicate that at least 50.1% of the money raised so far in the race to boost the younger Bouchard has come from past family donors.” [Detroit News, [5/12/26](#)]

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Sheriff Bouchard Was An Outspoken Proponent Of His Son’s Candidacy And One Of The Original Backers Of Draft Captain Mike Bouchard

July 2025: The Detroit News: Draft Captain Mike Bouchard Committee Was Backed By Bouchard’s Father, Oakland County Sheriff Mike Bouchard. “A new group of Michigan Republicans launched Thursday with the aim of recruiting and encouraging Michael Bouchard, son of the Oakland County sheriff, to run for Congress to succeed GOP U.S. Rep. John James in one of the state's most competitive U.S. House districts. Twenty elected leaders and business people signed on to serve as advisers to the Draft Captain Mike Bouchard committee, a super political action committee, in a show of support for Bouchard, who is currently deployed with the U.S. Army overseas and due back this fall. [...] Bouchard's supporters include Macomb County Prosecutor Pete Lucido; former Michigan Republican Party Chairman Bobby Schostak; former ambassador David Fischer; Macomb County Treasurer Larry Rocca; and Sheriff Bouchard, as well as business leaders from the construction and automotive industries.” [Detroit News, [7/24/25](#)]

September 2025: Blaze Media: Sheriff Bouchard Said His Son Was “Very Qualified” To Be A Member Of Congress. “‘My son...is an amazing person and is very qualified to do this,’ the sheriff told Blaze News. ‘He wanted to be in the Army from the time he was tiny,’ the proud dad continued. ‘... He feels very strongly about serving this country, and I think the next step in his mind would be to serve in a different capacity where his experience and knowledge could help.’ ‘He's just wanting to make a difference.’” [Blaze Media, [9/10/25](#)]

September 2025: Sheriff Bouchard: “I Think My Son Has Very Strong Credentials And A Very Strong Opportunity To Win That Seat.” ““My family escaped communism and socialism and religious persecution and tyranny and oppression, but so did a lot of other people in the district,” Lulgjuraj said. ‘And it’s not just my story, it’s an American story.’ Meanwhile, the Bouchard camp has already lined up a list of endorsements that includes ex-Attorney General Bill Schuette and former Michigan Gov. John Engler. In an interview, Bouchard’s father emphasized the military service of his son, who is expected to announce a decision shortly after he returns from a deployment to Iraq a month from now. ‘I think my son has very strong credentials and a very strong opportunity to win that seat. I kiddingly say he’s got all my name ID and none of my baggage,’ said Bouchard, who has been the Oakland County sheriff since the 1990s.” [Washington Examiner, [9/22/25](#)]

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1991-2025: Sheriff Bouchard Had A Lengthy Michigan Political Career That Included Serving As Michigan State Senate Majority Floor Leader, Two Failed Statewide Campaigns, And More Than 20 Years As Oakland County Sheriff

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September 2025: Blaze Media: “Sheriff Bouchard Has Been A Familiar Name In Michigan And Republican Circles For More Than 30 Years.” “Sheriff Bouchard has been a familiar name in Michigan and Republican circles for more than 30 years. He spent nearly a decade in the Michigan legislature before turning to law enforcement. He was named the Ferris E. Lucas Sheriff of the Year by the National Sheriffs' Association in 2016, the sheriff of the year by the Michigan Sheriffs' Association in 2022, and the sheriff of the year by Major County Sheriffs of America just this year.” [Blaze Media, [9/10/25](#)]

1991-1999: Sheriff Bouchard Served In The Michigan State Senate, Where He Spent A Year As Majority Floor Leader

1991-1999: Sheriff Mike Bouchard Served In The Michigan Senate For A Term-Limited Eight Years. “Mike Bouchard served in the Michigan Senate for a term-limited eight years, from 1991 and 1999. He frequently touts his relationship with then-Gov. John Engler in cutting taxes and still balancing budgets during the prosperous 1990s.” [Review Mag, [6/24/10](#)]

1998: Sheriff Bouchard Was Elected Majority Floor Leader Of The Michigan State Senate. [Oakland County Sheriff’s Office, “Sheriff Mike Bouchard,” accessed [9/18/25](#)]

- **1998: Sheriff Bouchard Was No. 2 In The Michigan State Senate.** “His inner lawman is why Bouchard gave up his seat as No. 2 in the state Senate 11 years ago to manage the largest sheriff's office in the state. It's why he didn't give up that job when he unsuccessfully challenged U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow in 2006, and why he's not giving it up for this campaign.” [MLive, [6/20/10](#)]

1999: Bouchard Was Appointed Sheriff Of Oakland County

January 1999: Bouchard Was Appointed Sheriff After The Former Sheriff Passed Away. “Sheriff Michael Bouchard runs one of the nation’s largest Sheriff’s Offices, overseeing over 1,400 employees and managing an

annual budget of over \$202 million. Sheriff Bouchard brings the experience of 37 years of law enforcement. On January 11, 1999, Michigan Senator and Majority Floor Leader Michael Bouchard accepted the appointment as successor to John F. Nichols who passed away suddenly. In November of 2020, Sheriff Bouchard was returned to Office for the sixth time.” [Oakland County Sheriff’s Office, “Sheriff Mike Bouchard,” accessed [9/18/25](#)]

- **2024: Sheriff Bouchard Was Re-Elected To His 7th Term As Sheriff Of Oakland County, Michigan.** “On January 11, 1999, Michigan Senator and Majority Floor Leader Michael Bouchard accepted the appointment as successor to John F. Nichols who passed away suddenly. In November of 2020, Sheriff Bouchard was returned to Office for the sixth time. He was reelected for his 7th term in 2024, and his current term will expire on January 1, 2029.” [Oakland County Sheriff’s Office, accessed [9/22/25](#)]

2006: Sheriff Bouchard Ran For U.S. Senate, Losing To Debbie Stabenow

2006: Sheriff Bouchard Unsuccessfully Ran For U.S. Senate. “Bouchard, who unsuccessfully ran for governor in 2010, has served as sheriff for 20 years. He’s a former state senator who also lost his 2006 U.S. Senate bid.” [Michigan Advance, [11/19/19](#)]

- **The Review Mag: Sheriff Bouchard Won The Republican Nomination, But Lost To Debbie Stabenow “By A 57% To 41% Landslide.”** “Mike Bouchard served in the Michigan Senate for a term-limited eight years, from 1991 and 1999. He frequently touts his relationship with then-Gov. John Engler in cutting taxes and still balancing budgets during the prosperous 1990s. In 2006, he won the Republican nomination in the U.S. Senate race but lost to Debbie Stabenow, the incumbent Democrat, by a 57 percent to 41 percent landslide.” [Review Mag, [6/24/10](#)]

2010: Sheriff Bouchard Competed In The Republican Primary For Governor Of Michigan

2010: Sheriff Bouchard Unsuccessfully Ran For Governor Of Michigan, Losing In The Republican Primary. “The Republican primary for governor of Michigan featured the state attorney general, Mike Cox; a member of Congress, Pete Hoekstra; and the sheriff of Oakland County, Mike Bouchard. The winner? Rick Snyder.” [NPR, [8/3/10](#)]

Sheriff Bouchard Was Described As A “Political Careerist” Who Spent Time Cozying Up To Politicians And Cultivated Ties To Establishment Figures Like George W. Bush And Mitt Romney

2008: A Political Opponent Accused Sheriff Bouchard Of Cozying Up To Political Figures Like Arnold Schwarzenegger And John McCain

2008: The Oakland Press: Police Officer And Political Opponent Jane Boudreau Said Sheriff Bouchard Spent His Time Cozying Up To Republican Politicians Like Arnold Schwarzenegger And John McCain. “Deputy Gary McClure, president of the 750-member union, said there was a 5 to 1 vote by the board to endorse Jane Boudreau, a police officer for the Holly Police Department and former deputy. [...] ‘There is a lot of retaliation and cronyism in the department,’ she said, criticizing Bouchard’s use of funds. One item she pointed to was his spending about \$300,000 to buy silencers for the department’s special weapons and tactics team. ‘I’m confused about his priorities,’ she said. She also denounced Bouchard’s run for the U.S. Senate, saying he spends his time cozying up to California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, local rocker Kid Rock and Republican presidential candidate John McCain.” [The Oakland Press, [10/4/08](#)]

2010: Sheriff Bouchard’s Politics Were Described As “In Line With Mitt Romney,” Whom He Endorsed In The 2008 Republican Presidential Primary

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2010: Mackinac Center For Public Policy: In The GOP Gubernatorial Primary, Sheriff Bouchard Was Viewed By Tea Party Movement Members As A "Political Careerist" Who Represented "The Current Ruling Class." "In Michigan, the victory of Rick Snyder in the GOP governor primary over three 'conservative' contenders is the first exhibit in the 'Tea Party failed' narrative. Yet Mike Cox, Pete Hoekstra and Mike Bouchard were all viewed by movement members primarily as political careerists who represent the current ruling class. Most voters don't follow the detailed public policy differences between the candidates, so Snyder's victory can be legitimately viewed as a Tea-Partyish selection of an 'anyone but the political class' outsider." [Mackinac Center For Public Policy, [8/10/10](#)]

2006: Sheriff Bouchard Was Backed By George W. Bush In His Run For U.S. Senate

October 2006: President George W. Bush Spoke At A Bouchard For U.S. Senate Reception. "Thank you all. Thanks for coming. The way to go from worst to first is elect Mike Bouchard to the United States Senate. (Applause.) I am impressed by Mike Bouchard's character, his decency, his compassion for the people of Michigan. And there's no doubt in my mind, with our hard work, he'll be elected to the United States Senate." [George W. Bush White House Archives, Remarks by the President at Bouchard for U.S. Senate Reception, [10/26/06](#)]

Bouchard Jr.'s Former Primary Opponent In MI-10, Robert Lulgjuraj, Attempted To Draw "A Grassroots Versus Establishment Contrast In The Race" And Called Out Bouchard For Nepotism

September 2025: Washington Examiner: Bouchard Jr.'s Primary Opponent, Robert Lulgjuraj, Attempted To "Draw A Grassroots Versus Establishment Contrast In The Race." "Lulgjuraj, who is attempting to draw a grassroots versus establishment contrast in the race, criticized Bouchard for advocating on behalf of his son. 'This is no longer Jeb Bush's party. This is no longer Mitt Romney's party,' Lulgjuraj said. 'Just because your father's a politician or your grandfather's a politician doesn't mean that we're gonna take the crown off someone else's head and bless it to another candidate.' Bouchard, in turn, said voters didn't want a 'bunch of lawyers' in Congress and that his son's Army background would be of value in the House. 'Robert's a nice young man, but I think that it's going to be tough for him to get where he needs to go,' Bouchard said." [Washington Examiner, [9/22/25](#)]

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Detroit News: "Bouchard's Rivals Are Seizing On His Father's Campaign Involvement As An Unsavory Emblem Of Nepotism That Often Grants Power And Influence In Washington." "In this case, Bouchard's rivals are seizing on his father's campaign involvement as an unsavory emblem of the nepotism that often grants power and influence in Washington. 'I feel like I'm running against two Bouchards,' said primary rival Robert Lulgjuraj, a former Macomb County assistant prosecuting attorney. 'I'm running against the son, and I'm running against the father.'" [Detroit News, [5/12/26](#)]

- **Lulgjuraj Said Political Families Like Bouchard Jr.'s Felt Like A "Business" That Was "Passing The Crown Or Baton Down To Their Children."** "The attorney has cast himself as the only authentic Macomb County candidate in the Republican primary and has repeatedly pointed out his family's backstory as a 'grassroots' contrast to Bouchard. 'My mom's a waitress, my dad's a maintenance man, so no political dynasty, no shortcuts, just hard work,' Lulgjuraj said. 'These political families and career politicians, I feel like they've let us down. And the problem with them is they make politics their family business, and they keep passing the crown or baton down to their children. That's wrong.'" [Detroit News, [5/12/26](#)]
- **A Republican Strategist Who Backed Lulgjuraj Said Bouchard Jr. Was A Nepo Baby Whose Campaign Was "Very Much A Sheriff Mike Bouchard Production."** "Republican strategist Jason Cabel Roe, who is backing Lulgjuraj in the race, said the younger Bouchard's campaign is 'very much a Sheriff Mike Bouchard production.' Roe, whose own father was previously executive director of the Michigan Republican Party, added that 'probably more than any of the other patriarchs of political nepo babies, Mike really organized the entire thing. He went to Washington, met with the NRCC (Republicans' national U.S. House campaign arm) and met with the White House while his son was overseas serving.'" [Detroit News, [5/12/26](#)]

March 2026: Lulgjuraj Said Bouchard Jr Only Moved Into MI-10 "For Political Purposes." HOST: "Do you have do primaries first?" LULGJURAJ: "Primary, yeah, August 4th." HOST: "August 4th. Ok, so a little bit of time." LULGJURAJ: "But time comes quick." HOST: "Yeah. So, I mean, the other person is, I guess, into politics as well? Or is it the first time for them?" LULGJURAJ: "Yeah, first time running for, for them as well, but a son of a politician, son of a career politician. And people don't want, like, kings, and queens, and monarchies, and oligarchies, etc. People want, I think people like me that come from a blue collar background. I can talk to, like, living paycheck to paycheck. I was raised paycheck to paycheck, Irvin. I still live paycheck to paycheck to paycheck as a prosecutor. [...] So yeah, I mean, I'm running against a career politician's son from another county, who's actually just moved in for political purposes.." HOST: "Just the, just the.." LULGJURAJ: "Just like a run for the seat. So, I'm actually born and bred in the district, and that's why I think we've gotten so much momentum and really good media coverage as people in this district are really hungry for somebody that's a son of the area." [Red Line Talk Show, 21:27, [3/13/26](#)] (VIDEO)

May 2026: Lulgjuraj Said Bouchard Jr's Father "Handed Everything" To Him. LULGJURAJ: "So I sleep every night in Sterling Heights. You can talk to my family, you can talk to my neighbors that know me, and you can see my truck. I don't hide, I have.. I don't know if you've ever seen my truck, it's got my name and my picture, and my truck sits on my driveway every night at home. And so I'm from this community, but unlike my opponents, they're actually not from this community, they're carpet baggers and they're nepo babies, and they've never struggled financially. They've never lived paycheck to paycheck. Their fathers have handed everything to them, and

so they're the ones that are leaving other areas. Like one of my opponents was practicing law in Florida. This seat opened up, he came back to run. Another one of my opponents, born and raised, I know I'm born and raised in Birmingham, Michigan, lives in Birmingham, Michigan. His father has been running his campaign for the last two years, while he was gone overseas, and as soon as he came back, just plug and play, plug him in." [Albanian TV USA, 09:36, [5/30/26](#)] (VIDEO)

- **Lulgjuraj On His Republican Primary Opponents: “My Opponents Have, Were Born With A Silver Spoon In Their Mouth. Their Fathers Are Running Their Campaign, Their Father’s Rich Donors Are Giving Them Money.** LULGJURAJ: “I was raised with faith and family and hard work and virtue. And that's really the main principle that I want to take to Congress. And I think that's what separates me from my opponents. My opponents have never lived paycheck to paycheck. They've never struggled financially. I was a prosecutor in Detroit, my, my entire professional career. And so I know what it means to try to stand up for people. And I know what it means to live paycheck to paycheck. And I know what it means to value everything that you have. And that's a type of representative that I'm going to be in Congress. And most of my opponents have were born with a silver spoon in their mouth. Their fathers are running their campaign, their father's rich donors are giving them money. And I'm running on my own merit and I'm really running for the people.” [WJR, ‘JR Mornings, 03:35, [6/11/26](#)] (AUDIO)

Bouchard Jr. Was Backed By A “Who’s Who” Of The Michigan Republican Establishment, Including Former And Current Statewide Officeholders, State Party Officials, Political Consultants, And Lobbyists

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September 2025: John Engler Was Listed As A Member Of The Draft Captain Mike Bouchard Committee Advisory Board. [Press Release, Draft Captain Michael Bouchard, accessed [9/9/25](#)]

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Engler Was Formerly Chair Of Both The National Governors’ Association And The Republican Governors’ Association

Engler Was Formerly Chair Of The National Governors’ Association. “Prior to becoming Michigan’s 46th governor in 1991, Mr. Engler had served for 20 years in the Michigan legislature, including seven years as state Senate majority leader. Elected in 1970, he was the youngest person ever elected to the Michigan State House of Representatives. In 1990, he became the first sitting legislator elected Michigan governor in more than 100 years. Mr. Engler serves on the boards of Delta Airlines, Universal Forest Products, the Wolf Trap Foundation and the Annie E. Casey Foundation and is a past chairman of the National Governors’ Association.” [Information Technology and Innovation Foundation, accessed [9/19/25](#)]

Engler Was Formerly Chair Of The Republican Governors’ Association. “Governor Engler transformed state government by cutting spending, reducing bureaucracy, reorganizing state government and setting new priorities. State government, excluding public safety personnel, is nearly 23 percent smaller. He is the past chair of the

National Education Goals Panel, the Council of Great Lakes Governors, and the Republican Governors Association.” [National Governors’ Association, accessed [9/19/25](#)]

2015: Engler Was Named One Of Washington’s Top Lobbyists By The Hill

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2021: Engler Was The Treasurer Of A Political Action Committee That Backed “Likely GOP Gubernatorial Candidate James Craig,” A Move That “Added Party Establishment Clout” To Craig’s Campaign

August 2021: Deadline Detroit Headline: “Political Newbie’s Boost: John Engler Helps James Craig Run For His Past Job As Michigan Governor.” [Deadline Detroit, [8/17/21](#)]

August 2021: Michigan Advance: Engler Was The Treasurer Of We Need The Chief PAC, Which Backed Former Detroit Police Chief James Craig’s Potential Candidacy For Governor. “Former Gov. John Engler, who resigned from his interim Michigan State University post amid scandal in 2019, isn’t done with Michigan. [...] However, Engler came under fire for his treatment of Nassar survivors, including telling the Detroit News editorial board that Nassar survivors were ‘enjoying the spotlight’ while the university is ‘trying to go back to work.’ Engler quit before the MSU Board of Trustees was expected to fire him in January 2019. He said he was returning to his home in Texas. But the former state Senate majority leader doesn’t appear to be done with Michigan politics, as he’s the treasurer of the new ‘We Need the Chief’ political action committee (PAC) filed Thursday with the Secretary of State. That backs likely GOP gubernatorial candidate James Craig, the former Detroit police chief. The Laingsburg mailing address listed in the filing belongs to Engler, per the Detroit Free Press, which first reported the story. ” [Michigan Advance, [8/17/21](#)]

- **August 2021: Deadline Detroit: “Engler’s Fundraising Role” Added “Party Establishment Clout For The First-Time Candidate.”** “Craig, who led Detroit’s police force from mid-2013 until last June, has a pre-campaign committee and website that solicits donations and sells Chief James Craig for Governor shirts, caps and bumper stickers. The political novice plans to announce his candidacy — for a second time — after Labor Day. Engler’s fundraising role adds party establishment clout for the first-time candidate. The 72-year-old is a former Michigan Senate majority leader (1984-90) and two-term past governor. He went on to lead the National Association of Manufacturers (2004-10) and the Business Roundtable, a Washington-based association of chief executives. From 2018 until early 2019, he was interim president of Michigan State University, his alma mater. His national network of corporate and political contacts could corral big donors for Craig’s effort to deny Gretchen Whitmer a second term.” [Deadline Detroit, [8/17/21](#)]

2019: Engler Said He Was Forced To Resign From His Role As Interim President Of Michigan State University After He Made Comments Saying Some Survivors Of Larry Nassar’s Abuse Were “Enjoying” The “Spotlight”

January 2019: John Engler Was The Interim President Of Michigan State University. “The Michigan State University interim president John Engler has stepped down amid heavy criticism over last week’s remarks that some survivors of Larry Nassar’s abuse were ‘enjoying’ the ‘spotlight’ of their involvement in the worst sex-abuse case in US sports history.” [The Guardian, [1/17/19](#)]

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week's remarks that some survivors of Larry Nassar's abuse were 'enjoying' the 'spotlight' of their involvement in the worst sex-abuse case in US sports history." [The Guardian, [1/17/19](#)]

- **May 2018: Michigan State University Paid \$500 Million To Settle Lawsuits Brought By 332 Victims Of Larry Nassar, A "Former Associate Professor And Doctor Who Sexually Abused Hundreds Of Young Girls And Women."** "Michigan State University will pay \$500 million to settle lawsuits brought by 332 victims of Larry Nassar, the former associate professor and doctor who sexually abused hundreds of young girls and women. The terms of the settlement include \$425 million paid to current claimants, and \$75 million set aside in a trust fund to protect 'any future claimants alleging sexual abuse by Larry Nassar,' according to a joint statement from plaintiffs' attorney John Manly and Michigan State University." [CNN, [5/17/18](#)]

January 2019: The Guardian Headline: "MSU Head Resigns After Saying Some Nassar Survivors Are 'Enjoying' Themselves." [The Guardian, [1/17/19](#)]

- **January 2019: Engler Said He Was Forced To Resign Due To His Comments.** "'It's very tough,' Engler said. 'You've got people, they are hanging on and this has been ... there are a lot of people who are touched by this, survivors who haven't been in the spotlight.' 'In some ways they have been able to deal with this better than the ones who've been in the spotlight who are still enjoying that moment at times, you know, the awards and recognition. And it's ending. It's almost done.' Six days later, Engler was done, forced to resign from 'my beloved university' in the face of a fierce backlash generated by yet another comment that seemed to disparage victims of one of the nation's most prolific sexual predators." [Detroit News, [1/28/19](#)]

Bouchard Jr. Was Backed By Bill Schuette, The Former Michigan Attorney General, Former Congressional Representative For MI-10, And A Former Colleague Of Sheriff Bouchard's In The State Senate

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September 2025: Bill Schuette Was Listed As A Member Of The Draft Captain Mike Bouchard Committee Advisory Board. [Press Release, Draft Captain Michael Bouchard, accessed [9/9/25](#)]

September 2025: Draft Captain Mike Bouchard Press Release: Schuette Said "I Am Proud To Support Captain Mike Bouchard For Congress" And "Mike Bouchard Has Exactly The Right Skills And Talent To Get The Job Done." "'I am proud to support Captain Mike Bouchard for Congress,' said former Congressman and Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette. 'I served in Congress. I know what it takes to succeed and to serve Michigan - and Mike Bouchard has exactly the right skills and talent to get the job done,' added Schuette." [Press Release, Draft Captain Michael Bouchard, accessed [9/9/25](#)]

Schuette Was The Former Michigan Attorney General And Had "Been A Mainstay In Mainstream Republican Politics For Three Decades, Serving In Congress, The Legislature And On The State Court Of Appeals"

2011-2018: Bill Schuette Served Two Terms As Michigan Attorney General. "Served two terms as Michigan's 53rd Attorney General from 2011 - 2018. Extensive experience in both federal and state government and served Michigan in the executive, legislative and judicial branches of government for three decades." [LinkedIn, Bill Schuette, accessed [9/19/25](#)]

2018: The Detroit News: Schuette Had "Been A Mainstay In Mainstream Republican Politics For Three Decades, Serving In Congress, The Legislature And On The State Court Of Appeals." "Unlike GOP Gov. Rick Snyder, who was a virtual unknown when he ran for governor eight years ago, Schuette has been a mainstay in mainstream Republican politics for three decades, serving in Congress, the Legislature and on the state Court of Appeals." [Detroit News, [9/20/18](#)]

- **1990: Bill Schuette Was The Republican Party's Nominee For The U.S. Senator From Michigan And Lost In The General Election.** "SCHUETTE, Bill, a Representative from Michigan; born in Midland, Mich., October 13, 1953; [...] delegate to Michigan State Republican conventions, 1972, 1974, and 1982; elected as a

Republican to the Ninety-ninth and to the two succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1985-January 3, 1991); was not a candidate for reelection to the One Hundred Second Congress in 1990, but was an unsuccessful nominee for the United States Senate; director, Michigan Department of Agriculture, 1991-1993; member of the Michigan state senate, 1995-2003; judge, Michigan court of appeals, 2003-2009; lawyer, private practice; attorney general for the state of Michigan, 2011-2019; unsuccessful candidate for Governor of Michigan in 2018.” [United States House of Representatives, “History, Art & Archives” accessed [9/19/25](#)]

- **1985-1991: Bill Schuette Was The Republican Congressional Representative For Michigan’s 10th Congressional District.** “SCHUETTE, Bill, a Representative from Michigan; born in Midland, Mich., October 13, 1953; delegate to Michigan State Republican conventions, 1972, 1974, and 1982; elected as a Republican to the Ninety-ninth and to the two succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1985-January 3, 1991); was not a candidate for reelection to the One Hundred Second Congress in 1990, but was an unsuccessful nominee for the United States Senate; director, Michigan Department of Agriculture, 1991-1993; member of the Michigan state senate, 1995-2003; judge, Michigan court of appeals, 2003-2009; lawyer, private practice; attorney general for the state of Michigan, 2011-2019; unsuccessful candidate for Governor of Michigan in 2018.” [United States House of Representatives, “History, Art & Archives” accessed [9/19/25](#)]

1995-2003: Schuette Served Two Terms In The Michigan State Senate, Overlapping With Sheriff Bouchard. “SCHUETTE, Bill, a Representative from Michigan; born in Midland, Mich., October 13, 1953; delegate to Michigan State Republican conventions, 1972, 1974, and 1982; elected as a Republican to the Ninety-ninth and to the two succeeding Congresses (January 3, 1985-January 3, 1991); was not a candidate for reelection to the One Hundred Second Congress in 1990, but was an unsuccessful nominee for the United States Senate; director, Michigan Department of Agriculture, 1991-1993; member of the Michigan state senate, 1995-2003; judge, Michigan court of appeals, 2003-2009; lawyer, private practice; attorney general for the state of Michigan, 2011-2019; unsuccessful candidate for Governor of Michigan in 2018.” [United States House of Representatives, “History, Art & Archives” accessed [9/19/25](#)]

- **1991-1999: Review Mag: Sheriff “Mike Bouchard Served In The Michigan Senate For A Term-Limited Eight Years.”** “Mike Bouchard served in the Michigan Senate for a term-limited eight years, from 1991 and 1999. He frequently touts his relationship with then-Gov. John Engler in cutting taxes and still balancing budgets during the prosperous 1990s.” [Review Mag, [6/24/10](#)]

2017: Schuette Allegedly Used Tax Dollars To Pay Campaign Staff And Granted No-Bid State Contracts To Influential Michigan Republicans

2017: Detroit Free Press: Schuette “Loaded His Taxpayer-Funded Office Payroll With Republican Campaign Activists In The Run-Up To His 2018 Campaign For Governor.” “Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette has loaded his taxpayer-funded office payroll with Republican campaign activists in the run-up to his 2018 campaign for governor, a Free Press investigation has found. Schuette also has used no-bid state contracts to pay more than \$130,000 to two influential Republicans — one of whom has been active in the tea party movement that is important in winning a Republican primary, records show.” [Detroit Free Press, [12/15/17](#)]

2018: Michigan AFL-CIO Press Release Headline: “Schuette’s Use Of Tax Dollars For Campaign Staff A Brazen Abuse Of Public Trust.” [Michigan AFL-CIO, [1/5/18](#)]

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Schuette Was Vocally Anti-LGBTQ+

2015: Schuette Opposed The Supreme Court's Decision To Legalize Same-Sex Marriage. "As attorney general, Schuette defended the state's gay marriage ban that was struck down by the U.S. Supreme Court in 2015 and joined a 2016 suit challenging a federal school guidance for transgender students. This year, he issued a controversial legal opinion challenging the Michigan Civil Rights Commission's ability to apply existing anti-discrimination law to gay or transgender residents." [Detroit News, [9/20/18](#)]

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Bouchard Jr. Was Backed By Bobby Schostak, Former Chair Of The Michigan Republican Party And Republican Political Consultant

Bobby Schostak Was A Member Of The Draft Captain Mike Bouchard Advisory Board

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2012-2014: Schostak Was The Former Chair Of The Michigan Republican Party

Templar Baker: "After Working On Several Presidential And Gubernatorial Campaigns, Schostak Served As The Michigan Republican Party Finance Chair In 2009 And Later As Chairman During The 2012 And 2014 Election Cycles." "After working on several presidential and gubernatorial campaigns, Schostak served as the Michigan Republican Party Finance Chair in 2009 and later as Chairman during the 2012 and 2014 election cycles. Throughout his tenure at the Party, Schostak raised record sums of dollars each cycle to support Republican candidates across Michigan. His vision and fundraising efforts helped achieve historic Republican majorities from the 2010 election and beyond." [Templar Baker, accessed [9/19/25](#)]

Schostak Founded Templar Baker Group, A Political And Business Consultancy Focused On "Advising Companies On Navigating Government, Developing New Business Partnerships And Raising Money For GOP Causes"

Schostak Founded Templar Baker Group, Which Focused On "Advising Companies On Navigating Government, Developing New Business Partnerships And Raising Money For GOP Causes." "Bobby Schostak spent 33 years helping build his family's real estate empire before making a jump into politics to assist Michigan Republicans five years ago in capturing complete control of state government. Now the 59-year-old Bloomfield Hills corporate executive is parlaying his experience as chairman of the Michigan Republican Party into a second career in politics. He is focused on advising companies on navigating government, developing new business partnerships and raising money for GOP causes. [...] 'From the experiences I had learning political waters, I'm able to talk to CEOs as a former CEO of a business and help drive their decision-making and their strategies and direct them, should the need arise, to the very best lobbyists in Lansing,' Schostak said in an interview with The Detroit News." [Detroit News, [9/6/15](#)]

According To Their Website, Templar Baker "Provides Strategic Political And Business Consulting." "In March of 2015, Schostak announced the formation of the Templar Baker Group (TBG), where they provides [sic] strategic political and business consulting. TBG bridges the divide between business and politics for their clients." [Templar Baker, accessed [9/19/25](#)]

- **2015: The Detroit News: "Part Of Schostak's Business Concentrates On Advising Wealthy Individuals On Their Approach Toward Donating To Political Causes And Candidates."** "Part of Schostak's business concentrates on advising wealthy individuals on their approach toward donating to political causes and

candidates. Karmanos said he had a ‘helter skelter’ game plan to political donations before hiring Schostak. ‘It never really was thought out, and Bobby’s helping on that,’ Karmanos told The News. ‘I’d rather be far more strategic and actually have a budget so you can properly support all of the different things that you would like to support. Applebaum, who sold Arbor Drugs in 1998 to CVS Corp. for \$1.5 billion, and family also hired Schostak for his strategic advice on contributions to political candidates and causes. ‘Bobby has been a strong strategic adviser for us in prioritizing and leveraging the political contributions we make to help move the local, state and national agenda forward,’ said Applebaum, CEO of Arbor Investment Group, the holding company for his family’s business ventures and charitable giving.’” [Detroit News, [9/6/15](#)]

- **2015: Eugene Applebaum, Founder Of Arbor Drugs: “Bobby Has Been A Strong Strategic Adviser For Us In Prioritizing And Leveraging The Political Contributions We Make To Help Move The Local, State And National Agenda Forward.”** “Clients of Schostak’s new Lansing-based consulting firm include Compuware co-founder Peter Karmanos Jr. and his new tech firm, as well as Arbor Drugs founder Eugene Applebaum and his family’s Bloomfield Hills-based investment company. [...] Applebaum, who sold Arbor Drugs in 1998 to CVS Corp. for \$1.5 billion, and family also hired Schostak for his strategic advice on contributions to political candidates and causes. ‘Bobby has been a strong strategic adviser for us in prioritizing and leveraging the political contributions we make to help move the local, state and national agenda forward,’ said Applebaum, CEO of Arbor Investment Group, the holding company for his family’s business ventures and charitable giving.’” [Detroit News, [9/6/15](#)]

2015: Detroit News: Schostak Bragged About His Ability To Connect Businesses “To The Very Best Lobbyists In Lansing.” “‘From the experiences I had learning political waters, I’m able to talk to CEOs as a former CEO of a business and help drive their decision-making and their strategies and direct them, should the need arise, to the very best lobbyists in Lansing,’ Schostak said in an interview with The Detroit News.” [Detroit News, [9/6/15](#)]

2020: Schostak Founded And Ran Companies That Received Hundreds Of Thousands Of Dollars Of Contracts With The RNC

January-July 2020: Truthout: Templar Baker Group Had Been Paid More Than \$550,000 For “Political Strategy Services” By The RNC. “The two companies whose executives made contributions to McDaniel’s PAC had not received work from the RNC before she became chair. Less than a week after McDaniel took over the party in January 2017, the RNC made its first monthly payment to the Templar Baker Group, a small political consulting outfit in Michigan headed by Robert Schostak, who chaired the Michigan Republican Party before McDaniel. Since she has been at the RNC, campaign finance reports show, Templar has been paid more than \$550,000 for ‘political strategy services.’ Schostak is also a partner in MadDog Technology, a firm that is chaired by Peter Karmanos Jr., who helped found Compuware, once Michigan’s leading computer technology company. Last year, according to FEC filings, the RNC paid MadDog \$50,000 for ‘website services.’” [Truthout, [3/14/20](#)]

- **2017: Truthout: Schostak Gave \$10,000 To McDaniel’s PAC During McDaniel’s First Month As RNC Chair, Around The Same Time His Firm Templar Baker Was Awarded Its First Contracts With The RNC.** “Less than a week after McDaniel took over the party in January 2017, the RNC made its first monthly payment to the Templar Baker Group, a small political consulting outfit in Michigan headed by Robert Schostak, who chaired the Michigan Republican Party before McDaniel. Since she has been at the RNC, campaign finance reports show, Templar has been paid more than \$550,000 for ‘political strategy services.’ [...] During McDaniel’s first month as RNC chair, Karmanos and a political spending entity used by the Schostak family contributed \$10,000 each to McDaniel’s PAC, federal tax filings show. Reed, the RNC spokesman, did not describe what services Templar and MadDog provided the organization, but he said they were ‘invaluable.’ When asked about McDaniel’s relationship to Schostak and Karmano, and the timing of their PAC contributions, he said that ProPublica was ‘trying to connect dots to come up with something scandalous.’ Moreover, he added, McDaniel ‘has no financial relationship’ with MadDog and Templar. Reed also disputed that the vendors had not worked with the RNC before McDaniel became chair, an assertion that is contradicted by FEC reports. When asked to explain the discrepancy, he referred to Kim Jorns, who, he said, ‘has worked with the RNC prior to the Chairwoman’s tenure.’ Jorns is an employee at Templar and previously

was an RNC staffer, serving as regional political director in the 2016 election cycle. She didn't return a message seeking comment. Karmanos and Schostak did not respond to requests for comment." [Truthout, [3/14/20](#)]

Schostak Had A History Of Backing Republican Establishment Candidates Like Rick Snyder, Mike Bishop, And Mike Rogers

Michigan Governor Rick Snyder Was One Of Schostak's First Political Clients. "Schostak started the firm this year after deciding to not seek another two-year term as state GOP chairman. He was fresh off an election in which he helped to re-elect Gov. Rick Snyder and other statewide officials and boost Republicans majorities in the Legislature. [...] One of Schostak's first political clients was Snyder, who was quietly studying whether to jump into the 2016 Republican presidential primary fray. Schostak raised money for a national travel fund dubbed 'Making Government Accountable: The Michigan Story' so Snyder could tour other states and introduce himself to potential presidential primary voters. In May, Snyder opted against running." [Detroit News, [9/6/15](#)]

- **2016: Detroit Free Press: Snyder Was Ostensibly The Leader Of The Michigan Republican Establishment.** "Then there is his party's ongoing identity crisis, which has left the Republican establishment Snyder ostensibly leads battling tea party conspiracy theorists and charter school zealots for control of the GOP's statewide agenda." [Detroit Free Press, [5/14/16](#)]

2015: Templar Baker Group Raised Money For Mike Bishop's 2016 Re-Election Effort In MI-08. "Templar Baker Group also is raising money for Rochester Republican U.S. Rep. Mike Bishop's 2016 re-election effort in the 8th Congressional District, Schostak said." [Detroit News, [9/6/15](#)]

- **2014: The Hill: Mike Bishop Won The Republican Primary To Succeed Retiring Rep. Mike Rogers, "Giving The GOP Establishment Its Preferred Candidate To Hold Rogers's Seat."** "Former Michigan state Senate Majority Leader Mike Bishop (R) has won the primary to succeed retiring Rep. Mike Rogers (R-Mich.), giving the GOP establishment its preferred candidate to hold Rogers's seat." [The Hill, [8/5/14](#)]

2015: Detroit News: Schostak's Templar Baker Group "Helped Launch A National Group Founded By Former U.S. Rep. Mike Rogers." "Clients of Schostak's new Lansing-based consulting firm include Compuware co-founder Peter Karmanos Jr. and his new tech firm, as well as Arbor Drugs founder Eugene Applebaum and his family's Bloomfield Hills-based investment company. Schostak's Templar Baker Group, named for two streets where he grew up in Southfield, also has helped launch a national group founded by former U.S. Rep. Mike Rogers and focused on making foreign affairs a top issue in the 2016 race for president. 'From the experiences I had learning political waters, I'm able to talk to CEOs as a former CEO of a business and help drive their decision-making and their strategies and direct them, should the need arise, to the very best lobbyists in Lansing,' Schostak said in an interview with The Detroit News." [Detroit News, [9/6/15](#)]

- **November 2024: Politico: Rogers Was Seen As An Establishment Figure By The Trump Administration.** "Rogers, a former FBI special agent and House Armed Services Chair who narrowly lost his Michigan Senate bid earlier this month, was endorsed by the FBI Agents Association in 2013 and 2017 to lead the agency. He was also under consideration for Defense secretary before Trump tapped Pete Hegseth, POLITICO reported. But Rogers was also seen as an establishment figure — and with his Cabinet picks, Trump is doing all he can to subvert what his base calls the 'deep state.' Another reported top contender for the role, Kash Patel, who was principal deputy to Trump's former acting Director of National Intelligence, said he would 'shut down the FBI Hoover building on Day 1 and reopen it the next day as a museum of the deep state.'" [Politico, [11/20/24](#)]

Bouchard Jr. Was Backed By Sunny Reddy, The Treasurer Of The Michigan Republican Party And A Member Of The Wayne State University Board Of Governors

Sunny Reddy Was A Member Of The Draft Captain Mike Bouchard Advisory Board

September 2025: “Governor” Sunny Reddy Was Listed As A Member Of The Draft Captain Mike Bouchard Committee Advisory Board. [Press Release, Draft Captain Michael Bouchard, accessed [9/9/25](#)]

NOTE: The press release misspells Reddy’s last name as “Reedy.”

2025: Reddy Was The Treasurer Of The Michigan Republican Party And A Member Of The Wayne State University Board Of Governors

LinkedIn: Reddy Was The Treasurer Of The Michigan Republican Party And A Member Of The Wayne State University Board Of Governors. [LinkedIn, accessed [9/22/25](#)]



Sunny Reddy He/Him

Chief Executive Officer at VOIPOFFICE, Member of Board of Governors of Wayne State University, and Treasurer Michigan Republican Party

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2024: Michigan Advance: Reddy Was Nominated To The Wayne State Board Of Governors At The Michigan Republican Party Convention. “At 20 years old, Sunny Reddy came to Wayne State University from his home country of India, graduating in 1994 with a master’s in chemical engineering. [...] ‘That was a hardship. I went through it and all the time I was looking at it, you know, what? How can I help? This school, the state, this country, gave me everything what I have today. Pretty much I built my life here,’ Reddy said. Upon talking to some students at the university, Reddy said many of them expressed the same concern he had faced: tuition costs. ‘I have several businesses. I’m a successful businessman and I want to give it back. And I said, in my life, you know, where can I start? I said, you know what, let me start where I started my life in this country,’ Reddy said of his decision to run, earning the nomination at the Michigan Republican Party Convention in the summer.” [Michigan Advance, [10/17/24](#)]

Bouchard Jr. Was Backed By Robert Kennedy, A Longtime Staffer Of Sheriff Mike Bouchard And President Of A Michigan-Based Lobbying Firm

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Robert Kennedy Was The Founder And President Of Capitol Affairs Inc., A Michigan-Based Lobbying Firm

2006-2025: Robert Kennedy Was The Founder And President Of Capitol Affairs Inc., “A Michigan-Based, Multi-Client Government Relations Consulting Firm.” “In 2006, Mr. Kennedy founded Capitol Affairs, Inc., a Michigan-based, multi-client government relations consulting firm, after spending nearly five years as the senior lobbyist and practice group leader with a Lansing consulting firm. Mr. Kennedy has successfully represented a diverse list of clients ranging from small family businesses to blue chip Fortune 50 multinational conglomerates.” [Capitol Affairs Inc, “Our Professionals,” accessed [9/18/25](#)]

- **Capitol Affairs Was A Lobbying Firm.** ““What tends to differentiate us from traditional lobbying firms is that we really serve our clients as strategic advisors in support of their long-term growth strategies. Since many of

our clients have been with us for decades, we have a deep-rooted knowledge of their businesses and the challenges they face. We educate them on the mechanisms of public decision-making and closely work with them to promote their agenda,' says Robert Kennedy, founder and president of Capitol Affairs. Capitol Affairs' clients often experience a common gap in business-building expertise, which is identifying and communicating with the right decision-makers and opinion leaders to effectively share their brand story. These decision-makers are often in different departments, and gaining access to them can be daunting. Businesses must navigate layers of government bureaucracy to develop these relationships." [GovCIO Outlook, accessed [9/18/25](#)]

2013: According To Capitol Affairs, A Reader Survey By "A Leading State Public Policy Publication" Named Kennedy As One Of The Most Effective Michigan Lobbyists. "In 2013, following a survey of their readers, a leading state public policy publication ranked Mr. Kennedy as the sixth most effective Michigan lobbyist. Mr. Kennedy has a wealth of political campaign and legislative experience and leverages his strong Lansing presence for the benefit of his firm's government relations clients." [Capitol Affairs, Inc. accessed [9/16/25](#)]

2012: Kennedy Was The Treasurer Of Multiple Of Sheriff Bouchard's Campaigns In The 2010s, Where He Faced Allegations Of Campaign Finance Violations By The Michigan Democratic Party

September 2012: Royal Oak Tribune Headline: "Michigan Dems Accuse Bouchard Of Skirting Campaign Finance Law." [Royal Oak Tribune, [9/21/12](#)]

September 2012: The Michigan Democratic Party Alleged That Robert Kennedy Controlled Three Political Action Committees That Were Used To Funnel Money To Bouchard's Campaigns. "The Michigan Democratic Party says it has filed a complaint against Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard for violating the Michigan Campaign Finance Act during his 2010 run for governor and his current 2012 re-election campaign. Michigan Democrats say Bouchard has accepted money that exceeds Michigan contribution limits by funneling money through political action committees. In the complaint, Democrats name Bouchard's campaign treasurer Robert F. Kennedy, and Bouchard's two candidate committees, Mike Bouchard for Governor and Friends of Michael Bouchard. Also named are three political action committees Democrats say are controlled by Bouchard's treasurer. They are the Bouchard Victory PAC, Invest in Michigan, and Capital Affairs PAC." [Royal Oak Tribune, [9/21/12](#)]

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- **October 2012: Oakland County Undersheriff Michael McCabe, "Speaking On Behalf Of Bouchard," Said That An Audit Done By The Secretary Of State Dated March 30th, 2012, Found "No Material Issue."** "Oakland County Undersheriff Michael McCabe, speaking on behalf of Sheriff Bouchard, added that: 'I think that's been put to bed 87 times, frankly.' Referring to the whole issue and the election race, he said,

‘Neither the sheriff nor I were involved in the bidding process (for Aramark). It’s obvious she’s doing this for political purposes.’ [...] During the board meeting, Boudreau also noted the complaint filed by the Michigan Democratic Party that accused the Bouchard campaign of violating the Michigan Campaign Finance Act during this year’s race and in 2010. Boudreau said Bouchard has taken excessive contributions, referencing the maximum amount that a candidate is legally allowed to accept from an individual, which is \$3,400. McCabe, quoting from a letter detailing the results of an audit done by the Secretary of State dated March 30, said: ‘No material issue has come to our attention in documentation reviewed that indicates there is a non-compliance with requirements of this (Michigan Campaign Finance) act.’ The letter, said McCabe, was addressed to the Mike Bouchard for Governor PAC. The letter also stated that the committee has since been dissolved and no further filings concerning it were necessary.” [The Daily Tribune, [10/9/12](#)]

Kennedy Worked For Sheriff Bouchard In Both The Oakland County Sheriff’s Office And The Michigan State Senate

Capitol Affairs, Inc. Robert Kennedy Was Previously The “State And Federal Legislative Coordinator For The Oakland County (MI) Sheriff’s Department.” “Prior to his position as a multi-client lobbyist, Mr. Kennedy served as the state and federal legislative coordinator for the Oakland County (MI) Sheriff’s Department, one of the nation’s largest full-service departments.” [Capitol Affairs, Inc. accessed [9/16/25](#)]

- **1999-2002: Robert Kennedy Was The State And Federal Coordinator For The Oakland County Sheriff’s Office.** [LinkedIn, accessed [9/19/25](#)]



State and Federal Coordinator

Oakland Co. Sheriff's Office

Jan 1999 - Jun 2002 · 3 yrs 6 mos

Oakland County, Michigan

Served as the state and federal legislative liaison for the Oakland County (MI) Sheriff's Office, one of the nation's largest full-service departments with 1,200 employees and an annual budget in excess of \$140 million at the time.

- **1999: Bouchard Was Appointed Sheriff Of Oakland County, Michigan.** “On January 11, 1999, Michigan Senator and Majority Floor Leader Michael Bouchard accepted the appointment as successor to John F. Nichols who passed away suddenly. In November of 2020, Sheriff Bouchard was returned to Office for the sixth time. He was reelected for his 7th term in 2024, and his current term will expire on January 1, 2029.” [Oakland County Sheriff's Office, accessed [9/22/25](#)]
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Legislative Aide
Michigan State Senate
1995 - 1999 · 4 yrs
Lansing, Michigan

Served in the Michigan State Senate, including key positions as a legislative aide and as the special assistant to the assistant majority leader and later the majority floor leader. My legislative background includes distinguished service on the staffs of the chairmen of the Senate Banking and Financial Services Committee, Senate Casino Gaming Oversight Committee and the Senate Education Committee.

- **Sheriff Bouchard Was Assistant Majority Leader Of The Michigan State Senate In 1995 And The Majority Floor Leader Starting In 1998.** [Oakland County Sheriff's Office, "Sheriff Mike Bouchard," accessed [9/22/25](#)]

- Elected Majority Floor Leader of the Michigan State Senate, 1998
- Re-elected to the State Senate, 1998
- Elected Assistant Majority Leader of the Michigan State Senate, 1995
- Re-elected to the State Senate, 1994
- Elected Assistant President Pro-Tempore of the Michigan State Senate, 1994
- Elected to the State Senate, 1991

2016-2017: Bouchard Worked As A Researcher At Capitol Affairs

2016-2017: LinkedIn: Michael Bouchard Jr. Was A Researcher At Capitol Affairs LLC. [LinkedIn, accessed [9/16/25](#)]



Researcher
CAPITOL AFFAIRS LLC
2016 - May 2017 · 1 yr 5 mos
Greater Lansing

Skills: Databases · Media Relations · Digital Storytelling · Customer Relationship Management (CRM) · Strategic Thinking · Public Relations · Microsoft Office · Key Client Relationships

Bouchard Jr. Was Backed By Pete Lucido, Macomb County Prosecutor And The Former Majority Whip Of The Michigan State Senate Who Was Investigated By The State For Multiple Sexual Harassment Claims

Pete Lucido Was A Member Of The Draft Captain Mike Bouchard Advisory Board And Strongly Voiced His Support Of Bouchard Jr.

September 2025: Pete Lucido Was Listed As A Member Of The Draft Captain Mike Bouchard Committee Advisory Board. [Press Release, Draft Captain Michael Bouchard, accessed [9/9/25](#)]

July 2025: Pete Lucido: "We Need A Proven America First Fighter Representing Michigan's 10th Congressional District In Washington — And Captain Michael Bouchard Is The Right Candidate To Get The Job Done." "Bouchard's supporters include Macomb County Prosecutor Pete Lucido; former Michigan Republican Party Chairman Bobby Schostak; former ambassador David Fischer; Macomb County Treasurer Larry Rocca; and Sheriff Bouchard, as well as business leaders from the construction and automotive industries. 'We need a proven America First fighter representing Michigan's 10th Congressional District in Washington — and Captain Michael Bouchard is the right candidate to get the job done,' Lucido said in a statement. 'I'm excited to see so many prominent Michigan Republicans and business leaders join us in this effort.'" [Detroit News, [7/24/25](#)]

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2022: Michigan Advance: In Response To Backlash About A Photo Where He Touched A Woman’s Buttocks At A Fundraiser, Lucido Reportedly Responded: “Where Was I Supposed To Put My Hand, She Has A Big Ass.” “Lucido has continued to deny the allegations. The Republican also came under scrutiny in August 2021 for a photo appearing to show his right hand on the buttocks of a woman while posing for a photo at his fundraiser. [...] In response to the 2021 backlash about the fundraiser photo with Lucido placing his hand on a woman’s backside, Lucido reportedly responded: ‘Where was I supposed to put my hand, she has a big ass.’” [Michigan Advance, [7/12/22](#)]

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- **WXYZ: “Other Findings Show That Lucido Weighed Race As A Factor When Assigning His Assistant Prosecutor.”** “Macomb County Prosecutor Peter Lucido is being asked to change how he runs his office. This comes after an investigation accuses him of inappropriate action in the workplace. A county-hired law firm was in charge of the investigation and says they looked into multiple complaints from 16 current and former employees who all allege that Lucido used the power of his office to break the law. [...] Other findings show that Lucido weighed race as a factor when assigning his assistant prosecutor.” [WXYZ, [7/12/22](#)]

Michigan Advance: Employees Alleged That Lucido Referred To Black People As “Those People.” “Nine current or former staff described Lucido’s treatment of female employees as ‘rude,’ ‘curt,’ ‘unprofessional’ and ‘brutal.’ Alleged inappropriate actions and remarks from Lucido include the Republican saying that he would ‘like some kisses from the ladies’ on Valentine’s Day, referring to a female employee as ‘double D,’ getting ‘uncomfortably close’ to a female assistant prosecutor during a meeting, treating female administrative staff ‘like ‘slaves,’” remarking ‘something was off’ about an interviewee which employees understood to suggest that the candidate was gay, referring to Black people as ‘those people’ and more.” [Michigan Advance, [7/12/22](#)]

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2016-2025: Larry Rocca Was The Republican Treasurer Of Macomb County, MI

2016: Larry Rocca Was Elected Macomb County Treasurer. “I was elected as Macomb County Treasurer in November 2016, and I am committed to improving customer service for all of our residents. I am honored to have the opportunity to serve you and welcome any feedback you may have regarding the services provided by the Macomb County Treasurer’s Office.” [Macomb County Treasurer’s Office, accessed [9/22/25](#)]

2024: Larry Rocca, A Republican, Was Re-Elected Treasurer Of Macomb County. [Click On Detroit, [11/5/24](#)]

Macomb County Treasurer Election Results

Macomb County Treasurer

Candidate	Votes	%
✓ Larry Rocca (R)	277,780	58%
Mathew T. Churchwell (D)	198,930	42%

100% of Precincts Reporting (308 / 308)

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2016-2017: Bouchard Jr. Worked For A Lobbying Firm Run By His Father’s “Longtime Political Ally” And Campaign Donor

HEADLINE: “GOP Congressional Candidate Michael Bouchard’s Political Roots Run Through A Lansing Lobbying Firm.” [Detroit Metro Times, [6/26/26](#)]

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2025: The Founder Of The Lobbying Firm And Bouchard Jr.’s Father’s “Longtime Political Ally,” Robert Kennedy, Was An Advisory Board Member Of A Pro-Bouchard Jr. Super PAC And Donated \$2,500 To His Campaign. “Kennedy’s connection to the younger Bouchard didn’t end with his employment at Capitol Affairs. In 2025, Kennedy was listed as an advisory board member of ‘Draft Captain Mike Bouchard,’ a super PAC created to encourage Bouchard to enter the 10th District race. After Bouchard launched his campaign, the PAC changed its name to Honor, Duty & Discipline PAC. Kennedy also donated \$2,500 to Bouchard’s congressional campaign in December 2025, federal campaign finance records show.” [Detroit Metro Times, [6/26/26](#)]

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- **2007: Capitol Affairs Lobbied For Amgen, A Pharma Company Which "Raised Prices On Dozens Of Prescription Drugs."** "Capitol Affairs has represented a wide range of clients over the years, including companies and trade groups in health care, pharmaceuticals, insurance, and the auto industry. In 2007, the firm lobbied for Amgen, a major pharmaceutical company. In recent years, Amgen has raised prices on dozens of prescription drugs, including drugs used to treat autoimmune disorders and osteoporosis, according to drug-pricing advocates." [Detroit Metro Times, [6/26/26](#)]
- **Capitol Affairs Lobbying For "A National Group Representing Pharmacy Benefit Managers" Allowed Pharma Companies To "Profit At The Expense Of Patients And Independent Pharmacists."** "Capitol Affairs also began lobbying in 2023 for the Pharmaceutical Care Management Association, a national group representing pharmacy benefit managers. PBMs have come under increased scrutiny from federal regulators and lawmakers over their role in rising prescription drug costs. The Federal Trade Commission released a report in 2024 finding that the structure of the PBM industry allowed the companies to 'profit at the expense of patients and independent pharmacists.' A second FTC report in 2025 found that the three largest PBMs marked up numerous specialty generic drugs by hundreds or thousands of percent." [Detroit Metro Times, [6/26/26](#)]
- **Since 2011, Capitol Affairs Lobbied For Elevance, Whose Subsidiary Managed Services For Michigan Blue Cross Blue Shield As It Increased Health Insurance Rates By Over 23 Percent On Michiganders.** "Since 2011, Capitol Affairs has also lobbied for Elevance Health and its affiliates, records show. Elevance is one of the country's largest health insurance companies. One of its subsidiaries, Carelon

Health, has managed services for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network. Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network announced average 2026 rate increases of 24% for Blue Cross PPO plans and 23.2% for Blue Care Network HMO plans on the ACA marketplace, citing the looming expiration of enhanced premium tax credits and rising health care costs. Blue Cross also sought a midyear rate hike for small business health plans after medical and drug costs surged faster than expected.” [Detroit Metro Times, [6/26/26](#)]

- Since 2023, Capitol Affairs Lobbied For A Trade Group That Represented Multiple Health Insurance Companies That Increased Costs For Michiganders.** “Capitol Affairs also began lobbying in 2023 for the Michigan Association of Health Plans, a trade group for health insurers. Its members include UnitedHealthcare Community Plan, Molina Health Plan, Meridian Health Plan, McLaren Health Plan, Priority Health Plan, and Health Alliance Plan, all of which received approval for rate increases in Michigan’s individual or small group markets for 2026.” [Detroit Metro Times, [6/26/26](#)]

2009: Capitol Affairs Lobbied For A German Auto Supplier Whose American Factory Was In Ohio, Not Michigan. “The firm’s work in the auto industry could also pose a political problem for Bouchard in Michigan, where auto jobs have long been central to the state’s identity and economy. In 2009, Capitol Affairs lobbied for MITEC Automotive AG, a German auto supplier. The company later opened its first American factory in Findlay, Ohio, not Michigan, after considering 140 locations across the country. The plant produced powertrain parts for General Motors facilities in New York and Tennessee, not Michigan.” [Detroit Metro Times, [6/26/26](#)]

Bouchard Jr. Accepted \$2,500 From A DeVos Family-Run Company Which Was Described As A “Legal Pyramid Scheme” And Paid More Than \$1.5 Million For Mismanaging An Employee Retirement Fund

2026: Bouchard Jr.’s Campaign Accepted \$2,500 From The PAC Of Alticor Inc., A Holding Company Run By The DeVos Family

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Alticor Was “Privately Held By The Van Andel And DeVos Families.” “Alticor (www.alticor.com) is the parent company of Amway Corporation (www.amway.com), Access Business Group LLC (www.accessbusinessgroup.com) and Alticor Corporate Enterprises. Based in Ada, Michigan (United States), the company offers consumer products and business opportunities, as well as product development, manufacturing and logistics services in more than 80 countries and territories worldwide. With more than 14,000 global employees, Alticor reported 2010 sales exceeding \$9.2 billion. Alticor is privately held by the Van Andel and DeVos families, headed by chairman Steve Van Andel and president Doug DeVos, and governed by a board of directors led by members of the two families. For company news, visit globalnews.amway.com.” [Alticor, Press Release, [2/17/11](#)]

- **Center For American Progress: Alticor Was A “DeVos Family Company.”** “Not everything is so transparent, though. Indeed, Sen. Alexander himself received \$4,500 from Alticor Political Action Committee, or ALTIPAC, in the last few years. This PAC belongs to Alticor, the DeVos family company and parent company of Amway—the multilevel marketing giant that fueled the DeVos family fortune—and receives nearly half of its funds from the DeVos family.” [Center for American Progress, [1/12/17](#)]

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Amway Was A Multi-Level Marketing Company. “‘Multi-level’ or ‘network’ marketing is a form of business that uses independent representatives to sell products or services to family, friends, and acquaintances. A representative earns commissions from retail sales he or she makes, and also from retail sales made by other people that he or she recruits. Examples of well-known multi-level marketing companies include Amway and Mary Kay Cosmetics.” [State of Michigan Consumer Protection Team, accessed [8/4/26](#)]

- **Amway Sold “Nearly 400 Industry Leading Health And Wellbeing Products And Solutions.”** “Amway offers nearly 400 industry leading health and wellbeing products and solutions supported by nearly 800 science and innovation experts who are always looking for ways to improve them with a focus on quality and sustainability. They choose ingredients consciously and look for ways to reduce the environmental footprint in design and packaging.” [Amway, accessed [8/4/26](#)]

The DeVos Family Were “Amway Owners.” “As the world’s number one direct selling company, some people may wonder: Is Amway publicly traded? No; you won’t hear about Amway stocks and shareholders in the news. Amway is a family-owned business, just as it was when it was founded in 1959. The Amway owners are the Van Andel and DeVos families. Steve and Doug affirmed in a recent video interview that they want to keep Amway ownership in the family for future generations.” [Amway, Ownership and Leadership Team, accessed [8/4/26](#)]

- **Richard DeVos Was A Co-Founder Of Amway.** “Richard DeVos, who became a billionaire as a co-founder of Amway, and who later became the owner of the Orlando Magic professional basketball team and a contributor to conservative candidates, died Sept. 6 at his home in Ada, Mich. He was 92. Amway, a home products sales company, announced Mr. DeVos’s death, saying the cause was complications from an infection. He received a heart transplant in 1997.” [Washington Post, [9/6/18](#)]

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Washington Examiner: The “Multi-Level Marketing Ventures” Industry Had Been “Described By Some As ‘Legal Pyramid Schemes’” And “Predatory.” “A quartet of major multi-level marketing ventures, described by some as ‘legal pyramid schemes,’ have poured roughly \$2.5 million into the political process since the 2024 electoral cycle through campaign contributions from their political committees and leadership, a Washington Examiner review of campaign finance filings has found. Contributions from Amway, doTerra, Mary Kay, and Herbalife — four of the largest MLMs in America — almost exclusively benefitted members of the Republican Party. Democratic candidates and committees received just around \$100,000 of the approximately \$2.5 million the industry has paid out between January 2023 and present. In many cases, politicians who receive cash from MLM firms have gone on to pursue legislative actions viewed as beneficial to the industry, which critics often describe as predatory.” [Washington Examiner, [2/3/26](#)]

New Republic: “MLMs Are Called Pyramid Schemes, Their Sellers Likened To The Snake-Oil Salesman Of Yore.” “Critics of multilevel marketing businesses like Amway and Herbalife make bold claims. Bill Ackman, an institutional investment manager who tried to take down Herbalife, once said of the company, which purportedly sells nutritional supplements, ‘the customers are fictitious, the business opportunity is a scam.’ MLMs are called pyramid schemes, their sellers likened to the snake-oil salesman of yore. The critics’ line goes that these companies have tricked their customers into thinking they are distributors, while in fact they are rewarded for buying products they cannot sell by bringing in other dupes who are similarly encouraged to buy products they cannot sell—a pyramid where the buyers multiply at the bottom and the money stays at the top. Studies of hundreds of companies have shown that 99 percent of people who participate in MLMs do not make any money at all.” [New Republic, [6/16/25](#)]

2021: A Study Found That More Than 99% Of Participants In Multi-Level Marketing Ventures (MLMs) Lost Money

Washington Examiner: “A 2021 Study Found That 99.94% Of Participants In MLMs Lost Money.” “‘Direct selling is the greatest industry for people to achieve the American dream,’ Hudson said in late 2024. A 2021 study found that 99.94% of participants in MLMs lost money. All told, the *Washington Examiner* identified six senators and 13 representatives, among them 18 Republicans and one Democrat, who received at least \$10,000 from the MLM industry since the 2024 election cycle.” [Washington Examiner, [2/3/26](#)]

- **MLM Members Had “Required Monthly Purchases, Tiers For Sellers, And Percentages Galore.”** “An MLM is a Frankenstein’s monster of two (or possibly three—more on that later) types of businesses, all stitched together. The first business is that of direct sales. This is a simple business. People sell products, door-to-door perhaps, or to friends at parties. The second business is that of recruitment. This is not a simple business. In many MLMs, members pay to join and then get paid when they bring in other people or when those other people purchase products. There are required monthly purchases, tiers for sellers, and percentages galore.” [New Republic, [6/16/25](#)]

2024: Alticor Agreed To Pay A \$1.5 Million Settlement After Being Sued For Grossly Mismanaging A Retirement Account That Resulted In Higher Fees For Roughly 5,000 Participants And Millions Of Dollars In Losses

2023: A Group Of Retirees Sued Alticor Over Alleged Mismanagement Of A 401(k) Account That Resulted In Higher Fees For Participants

HEADLINE: “Retirees Suing Amway’s Parent Company Over Mismanagement Of 401(k) Seek Class Action Lawsuit.” [MLive, [1/22/23](#)]

January 2023: A Group Of Retirees Sued Alticor “Alleging That The Company Mismanaged A Retirement Plan.” “A group of retirees is suing Amway’s parent company, Alticor Inc., alleging that the company mismanaged

a retirement plan, offering investment options with unusually high fees and failing to remove underperforming funds or explore less costly, better performing alternatives. The lawsuit, filed in 2020 in U.S. District Court for the Western District of Michigan, has already survived two attempts by the Ada-based corporation to dismiss the case. The plaintiffs are now asking U.S. District Judge Paul Maloney to certify it as a class action, saying the pool of current and former employees impacted could be more than 5,000 people.” [MLive, [1/22/23](#)]

- **The Lawsuit Was A Follow Up To A Suit Originally Filed In 2020.** “A group of retirees is suing Amway’s parent company, Alticor Inc., alleging that the company mismanaged a retirement plan, offering investment options with unusually high fees and failing to remove underperforming funds or explore less costly, better performing alternatives. The lawsuit, filed in 2020 in U.S. District Court for the Western District of Michigan, has already survived two attempts by the Ada-based corporation to dismiss the case. The plaintiffs are now asking U.S. District Judge Paul Maloney to certify it as a class action, saying the pool of current and former employees impacted could be more than 5,000 people.” [MLive, [1/22/23](#)]

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- **Alticor Was Accused Of Charging Annual Recordkeeping Fees That “Sometimes Exceeded \$300 Per Participant When Those Fees For Similar Plans Were To \$35 Per Person.”** “The plaintiffs argue that the retirement plan, which manages assets of well over \$1 billion, is one of the largest in the U.S. but hasn’t used the bargaining power that comes along with its size to reduce the fees and expenses charged against participants’ investments. Instead, the annual recordkeeping fees sometimes exceeded \$300 per participant when those fees for similar plans were closer to \$35 per person, they said, and many of the plan’s investment funds had high management fees, noting that ‘in some cases, expense ratios for the Plan’s funds were 246% above the [Investment Company Institute] Median.’” [MLive, [1/22/23](#)]
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plan's investment funds had high management fees, noting that 'in some cases, expense ratios for the Plan's funds were 246% above the [Investment Company Institute] Median.' Plan administrators also failed to remove five underperforming funds, the plaintiffs said." [MLive, [1/22/23](#)]

MLive: The Lawsuit Alleged "That The Amway Retirement Savings Plan 'Suffered Millions Of Dollars Of Losses Due To Excessive Costs And Lower Net Investment Returns,' As A Direct Result Of The Company's Mismanagement." "They are alleging that the Amway Retirement Savings Plan "suffered millions of dollars of losses due to excessive costs and lower net investment returns," as a direct result of the company's mismanagement, according to the complaint. They have asked the court to order Alticor 'to make good to the Plan all losses to the Plan resulting from Defendants' breaches of their fiduciary duties.'" [MLive, [1/22/23](#)]

2024: Alticor Finalized A \$1.51 Million Class Settlement Resolving The Lawsuit Over The Company's Mismanagement Of The Retirement Fund Used By Roughly 5,000 People

HEADLINE: "Alticor Finalizes \$1.51 Million Retirement Plan Fee Settlement." [Bloomberg, [12/3/24](#)]

- **Alticor's \$1.51 Million Settlement Was "Expected To Benefit About 5,000 People Covered By The Amway Plan Since 2014."** "Alticor Inc. secured final approval for a \$1.51 million class settlement resolving litigation over how it managed the billion-dollar retirement plan covering its workforce. The deal requires Alticor, the parent company of health and beauty product multi-level marketing business Amway, to look for a new retirement plan recordkeeper within the next five years. The \$1.51 million settlement amount, which is expected to benefit about 5,000 people covered by the Amway plan since 2014, represents about 12% of the plan participants' best-case damages on the lawsuit's remaining claims, according to the settlement motion." [Bloomberg, [12/3/24](#)]

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June 2026: Bouchard Jr. Was Endorsed By Right To Life Of Michigan, A Group That Tried To Reimplement A 1931 Abortion Ban In Michigan With No Exceptions For Rape Or Incest And Threatened To Imprison Doctors

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June 2026: Bouchard Jr Was Endorsed By Right To Life Michigan And Said He Was "Proud To Continue To Stand For Life." "In the Army, I always fought to defend every American life. I am proud to continue to stand for life." [Michael Bouchard, X/Twitter, [6/4/26](#)]



Right To Life Of Michigan Tried To Reimplement The State's 1931 Abortion Ban With No Exceptions For Rape Or Incest And Threatened To Throw Doctors In Prison

2026: Right To Life Of Michigan Unsuccessfully Tried To Reverse Proposal 3, Which “Enshrined Reproductive Freedoms, Including The Right To An Abortion, In The Michigan Constitution.” “

A panel of judges in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit affirmed the federal district court’s decision to dismiss a lawsuit filed by Right to Life of Michigan challenging the state’s constitutional amendment enshrining abortion rights, agreeing with the initial dismissal that the plaintiffs lack standing in their suit. The suit argued that Proposal 3, which was a ballot initiative in 2022 that enshrined reproductive freedoms, including the right to an abortion, in the Michigan Constitution, ‘threatens parental rights related to a minor child’s decision to seek an abortion,’ according to a press release from Right to Life of Michigan issued when the appeal was filed.” [Michigan Advance, [5/27/26](#)]

Proposal 3 Invalidated “The 1931 Abortion Ban.” “Opponents have long claimed the proposal would invalidate up to 41 state laws regulating abortion if approved. Proposal 3 proponents have disputed the claim, arguing the proposal would only invalidate the 1931 abortion ban. The ultimate effect of Proposal 3 on state laws would be determined by the court — if any state law is challenged — or by state lawmakers, legal experts previously told Bridge.” [Bridge Michigan, [11/9/22](#)]

- **The 1931 Abortion Ban “Does Not Grant Exceptions In Cases Of Rape Or Incest.”** “The law — one of the strictest in the country — does not grant exceptions in cases of rape or incest. It does grant exceptions to ‘preserve the life’ of the mother, however, experts aren’t sure exactly what that means.” [Michigan Public, [6/24/22](#)]
- **Michigan Public: Under The 1931 Abortion Ban, Michigan Doctors Who Performed An Abortion Could Be Charged With “A Felony With A Possible Penalty Of Up To Four Years In Prison.”** “Under this law, almost all abortions would be considered a felony with a possible penalty of up to four years in prison. Both doctors who assist in abortions and pregnant people who use medication for self-abortions could be charged.” [Michigan Public, [6/24/22](#)]

Bouchard Jr.'s Father Was A Career Politician Who Opposed Reproductive Rights, Championed Anti-Labor Policies, And Faced Allegations Of Campaign Finance Violations

1991-2025: Sheriff Bouchard Had A Lengthy Political Career In Michigan, Including More Than A Decade As Sheriff Of Oakland County And Time As The Michigan State Senate Majority Floor Leader, And Was Described As A “Political Careerist”

1991-2025: Sheriff Bouchard Had A Lengthy Michigan Political Career That Included Eight Years In The State Senate, Where He Served As The State Senate Majority Floor Leader, Unsuccessful Bids For U.S. Senate And Governorship, And More Than A Decade As Sheriff Of Oakland County, A Role In Which He Still Served

Blaze Media: Sheriff Bouchard “Has Been A Familiar Name In Michigan And Republican Circles For More Than 30 Years”

September 2025: Blaze Media: “Sheriff Bouchard Has Been A Familiar Name In Michigan And Republican Circles For More Than 30 Years.” “Sheriff Bouchard has been a familiar name in Michigan and Republican circles for more than 30 years. He spent nearly a decade in the Michigan legislature before turning to law enforcement. He was named the Ferris E. Lucas Sheriff of the Year by the National Sheriffs' Association in 2016, the sheriff of the year by the Michigan Sheriffs' Association in 2022, and the sheriff of the year by Major County Sheriffs of America just this year.” [Blaze Media, [9/10/25](#)]

1991-1999: Sheriff Bouchard Served In The Michigan State Senate, Where He Spent A Year As Majority Floor Leader

1991-1999: Sheriff Mike Bouchard Served In The Michigan Senate For A Term-Limited Eight Years. “Mike Bouchard served in the Michigan Senate for a term-limited eight years, from 1991 and 1999. He frequently touts his relationship with then-Gov. John Engler in cutting taxes and still balancing budgets during the prosperous 1990s.” [Review Mag, [6/24/10](#)]

1998: Sheriff Bouchard Was Elected Majority Floor Leader Of The Michigan State Senate. [Oakland County Sheriff's Office, “Sheriff Mike Bouchard,” accessed [9/18/25](#)]

- **MLive: Sheriff Bouchard Was No. 2 In The Michigan State Senate.** “His inner lawman is why Bouchard gave up his seat as No. 2 in the state Senate 11 years ago to manage the largest sheriff's office in the state. It's why he didn't give up that job when he unsuccessfully challenged U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow in 2006, and why he's not giving it up for this campaign.” [MLive, [6/20/10](#)]

1999: Bouchard Was Appointed Sheriff Of Oakland County

January 1999: Bouchard Was Appointed Sheriff After The Former Sheriff Passed Away. “Sheriff Michael Bouchard runs one of the nation’s largest Sheriff’s Offices, overseeing over 1,400 employees and managing an annual budget of over \$202 million. Sheriff Bouchard brings the experience of 37 years of law enforcement. On January 11, 1999, Michigan Senator and Majority Floor Leader Michael Bouchard accepted the appointment as successor to John F. Nichols who passed away suddenly. In November of 2020, Sheriff Bouchard was returned to Office for the sixth time.” [Oakland County Sheriff’s Office, “Sheriff Mike Bouchard,” accessed [9/18/25](#)]

- **2024: Sheriff Bouchard Was Re-Elected To His 7th Term As Sheriff Of Oakland County, Michigan.** “On January 11, 1999, Michigan Senator and Majority Floor Leader Michael Bouchard accepted the appointment as successor to John F. Nichols who passed away suddenly. In November of 2020, Sheriff Bouchard was returned to Office for the sixth time. He was reelected for his 7th term in 2024, and his current term will expire on January 1, 2029.” [Oakland County Sheriff's Office, accessed [9/22/25](#)]

2006: Sheriff Bouchard Ran For U.S. Senate, Losing To Debbie Stabenow

2006: Sheriff Bouchard Unsuccessfully Ran For U.S. Senate. “Bouchard, who unsuccessfully ran for governor in 2010, has served as sheriff for 20 years. He’s a former state senator who also lost his 2006 U.S. Senate bid.” [Michigan Advance, [11/19/19](#)]

- **The Review Mag: Sheriff Bouchard Won The Republican Nomination But Lost To Debbie Stabenow “By A 57% To 41% Landslide.”** “Mike Bouchard served in the Michigan Senate for a term-limited eight years, from 1991 and 1999. He frequently touts his relationship with then-Gov. John Engler in cutting taxes and still balancing budgets during the prosperous 1990s. In 2006, he won the Republican nomination in the U.S. Senate race but lost to Debbie Stabenow, the incumbent Democrat, by a 57 percent to 41 percent landslide.” [Review Mag, [6/24/10](#)]

2010: Sheriff Bouchard Competed In The Republican Primary For Governor Of Michigan

2010: Sheriff Bouchard Unsuccessfully Ran For Governor Of Michigan, Losing In The Republican Primary. “The Republican primary for governor of Michigan featured the state attorney general, Mike Cox; a member of Congress, Pete Hoekstra; and the sheriff of Oakland County, Mike Bouchard. The winner? Rick Snyder.” [NPR, [8/3/10](#)]

Sheriff Bouchard Was Described As A “Political Careerist”

2010: Mackinac Center For Public Policy: In The GOP Gubernatorial Primary, Sheriff Bouchard Was Viewed By Tea Party Movement Members As A “Political Careerist” Who Represented “The Current Ruling Class.” “In Michigan, the victory of Rick Snyder in the GOP governor primary over three ‘conservative’ contenders is the first exhibit in the ‘Tea Party failed’ narrative. Yet Mike Cox, Pete Hoekstra and Mike Bouchard were all viewed by movement members primarily as political careerists who represent the current ruling class. Most voters don’t follow the detailed public policy differences between the candidates, so Snyder’s victory can be legitimately viewed as a Tea-Partyish selection of an ‘anyone but the political class’ outsider.” [Mackinac Center For Public Policy, [8/10/10](#)]

Sheriff Bouchard Voted Against Abortion Access While In The State Legislature And Was Endorsed By Michigan Right To Life

2010: Sheriff Bouchard Ran For Governor Of Michigan As An Anti-Abortion Candidate And Was Endorsed By Michigan Right To Life

2010: MLive: Sheriff Bouchard Was “Pro-Life.” “Bouchard is pro-life, supports gun-owners rights and favors a part-time Legislature. He was the chief sponsor of the Sex Offender Registry and says he ‘worked in the Legislature when the Legislature was working.’” [MLive, [6/20/10](#)]

2010: Review Mag: Sheriff Bouchard Received An Endorsement From Michigan Right To Life. “He emphasizes that he opposes federal health care expansion, supports gun rights, and has received the Michigan Right to Life endorsement. He takes credit, when he was in the state Senate, for establishing the Michigan sex offender registry.” [Review Mag, [6/24/10](#)]

- **The Michigan Independent: Right To Life Michigan Was “An Anti-Abortion Group.”** “Genevieve Marron, legislative director for Right to Life Michigan, an anti-abortion group, submitted written testimony to the committee in opposition to the bills. In her letter, she said that the legislation is a ‘solution in search of a problem’ because the FACE Act already covers the same area of law and that it would limit the reach of ‘sidewalk counselors,’ anti-abortion activists who stand outside clinics and try to convince patients not to have abortions.” [The Michigan Independent, [5/28/25](#)]

While In The State Legislature, Sheriff Bouchard Voted Against Abortion Access

1998: Sheriff Bouchard Voted Against The Peters Amendment To SB 907 That Would Have Allowed Community College Health Insurance To Cover Abortions “To Protect The Health Of A Woman, Or In The Case Of Rape Or Incest.” In February 1998, Bouchard voted against “Senate Bill No. 907, entitled A bill to make appropriations for community colleges for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1999; to provide for the expenditure of the appropriations; to establish or continue certain funds, programs, and categories; and to prescribe the powers and duties of certain state departments, officers, and employees. [...] Senator Peters offered the following amendment: 1. Amend page 11, following line 3, by inserting: ‘Sec. 214a. Notwithstanding section 216, a community college shall not expend funds appropriated under this act to provide health care coverage for community college employees or their dependents for abortion services other than spontaneous abortion, or to protect the health of a woman, or in the case of rape or incest, or to prevent the death of the woman upon whom the abortion is performed.’ The motion was denied by a vote of 12-25. [Michigan State Senate, [SB 907](#), Roll Call #134, [2/25/98](#)]

Sheriff Bouchard Supported “Right-To-Work” Laws Which Suppressed Union Membership And Workers’ Wages

2010: Sheriff Bouchard’s Support For “Right-To-Work” Legislation Was A “Major Plank” In His Gubernatorial Campaign

2010: MLive: “This Year, For The First Time In Michigan History, Right-To-Work Became A Major Plank In A Gubernatorial Candidate’s Campaign, That Of Republican Hopeful Michael Bouchard.” “This year, for the first time in Michigan history, right-to-work became a major plank in a gubernatorial candidate's campaign, that of Republican hopeful Michael Bouchard. The fourth-place finish for Bouchard proves Republican primary voters don't support right-to-work, said Mark Gaffney, president of the Michigan AFL-CIO, the umbrella association for many unions in the state. ‘It’s a right-wing fringe that has the wrong idea about how to move Michigan forward,’ he said of the state’s right-to-work advocates. ‘Michael Bouchard spent almost \$1 million running for governor on that issue. He lost badly.’” [MLive, [9/5/10](#)]

- **2010: The Oakland Press: During His Gubernatorial Campaign, Sheriff Bouchard Launched A Website “Proposing To Make Michigan A Right To Work State.”** “Oakland County Sheriff Mike Bouchard, one of five Republicans seeking the GOP nomination for governor in the Aug. 3 primary, has launched a new website proposing to make Michigan a Right to Work state. Right to Work means an employee can’t be forced to join a union as a condition of employment. ‘Michigan’s unemployment rate is 50 percent higher than the average Right to Work state, and we must make the difficult decisions necessary to maximize job creation in our state,’ Bouchard said in a release. ‘Consequently, we need to allow Michigan’s job seekers the ability to get a job without being forced to join a union.’ Bouchard also released a new television ad called ‘Guess’ to go with his proposal.” [The Oakland Press, [7/15/10](#)]

“Right-To-Work” Policies Were A Tool Used To Depress Union Membership And Were Associated With Lower Wages

Robin Clark-Bennett, University Of Iowa College Of Law: “Right-To-Work” Laws Have Been A Tool Used To Depress Union Membership For Decades. “Details: For decades, the laws have been a way to depress union membership and divert resources away from bargaining, said Robin Clark-Bennett, director of the labor center at the University of Iowa College Of Law.” [Axios, [9/5/22](#)]

- **ABC 20: “Right-To-Work” Policies Allowed Individual Workers To Choose Not To Join A Union While Still Getting The Benefits Of Union Membership.** “‘Right to work’ refers to a policy that allows individual workers to choose not to join a labor union but still have benefits and protections of union membership. Lincolnshire officials responded to Rauner's call in 2015 to form its own right to work zone.” [ABC 20, [10/24/17](#)]

- **A Study By Researchers At The University Of Illinois And The Illinois Economic Policy Institute Found “Right-To-Work” Laws Decreased Union Membership And Reduced Wages.** “Unions say that in right-to-work areas, wages, benefits and protections decrease as a result of lower union representation. An August 2014 study by researchers at the University of Illinois and the Illinois Economic Policy Institute found that after controlling for other variables, right-to-work laws reduced workers' wages and salaries by 3.2 percent on average. They also found that right-to-work laws reduced the portion of workers with pension plans and health insurance by 3 and 3.5 percent, and reduced union membership by almost 10 percent.” [Better Government Association, [3/4/15](#)]

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- **Voice Of America: “Most Favored Nation Status,” Also Known As “Permanent Normal Trade Relations,” Was A Policy That Granted Chinese Goods Imported Into The United States “The Most Advantageous Terms That The Country Offers When It Applies Tariffs And Other Restrictions.”** “Influential members of Congress, including the senator poised to become secretary of state in the incoming Trump administration, are pressing hard to revoke China’s Permanent Normal Trade Relations with the United States. Commonly known as ‘Most Favored Nation’ status, PNTR means that Chinese goods being imported into the United States are granted the most advantageous terms that the country offers when it applies tariffs and other restrictions. China was granted PNTR in 2000, as it prepared for entry into the World Trade Organization. Since then, some of the advantages the status confers have been stripped away by sanctions applied by the first Trump administration and increased during the presidency of Joe Biden.” [Voice of America, [11/22/24](#)]

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Sheriff’s Bouchard Campaign Responded By Citing An Audit Performed In March 2012 That Found No Material Issue With The Campaign’s Financial Compliance

October 2012: Oakland County Undersheriff Michael McCabe, “Speaking On Behalf Of Bouchard,” Said An Audit Conducted By The Secretary Of State Dated March 30th, 2012, Found “No Material Issue.” “Oakland County Undersheriff Michael McCabe, speaking on behalf of Sheriff Bouchard, added that: ‘I think that’s been put to bed 87 times, frankly.’ Referring to the whole issue and the election race, he said, ‘Neither the sheriff nor I were involved in the bidding process (for Aramark). It’s obvious she’s doing this for political purposes.’ [...] During the board meeting, Boudreau also noted the complaint filed by the Michigan Democratic Party that accused the Bouchard campaign of violating the Michigan Campaign Finance Act during this year’s race and in 2010. Boudreau said Bouchard has taken excessive contributions, referencing the maximum amount that a candidate is legally allowed to accept from an individual, which is \$3,400. McCabe, quoting from a letter detailing the results of an audit done by the Secretary of State dated March 30, said: ‘No material issue has come to our attention in

documentation reviewed that indicates there is a non-compliance with requirements of this (Michigan Campaign Finance) act.’ The letter, said McCabe, was addressed to the Mike Bouchard for Governor PAC. The letter also stated that the committee has since been dissolved and no further filings concerning it were necessary.” [The Daily Tribune, [10/9/12](#)]

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2024: The Oakland Sheriff’s Department Declined To Review The Emergency Response, Despite It Being Common Practice In Other High-Profile Mass School Shootings

August 2024: Government Technology Headline: “Oakland County, Mich., Sheriff Declines To Review Shooting.” [Government Technology, [8/16/24](#)]

Government Technology: “Unlike Most Other High-Profile U.S. Mass School Shootings In The Past Decade, Including A Recent One At Michigan State University, There Has Never Been A So-Called After Action Review Of The Attack On Oxford High School.” “Unlike most other high-profile U.S. mass school shootings in the past decade, including a more recent one at Michigan State University, there has never been a so-called After Action Review (AAR) of the attack on Oxford High School despite pressure from families of the victims to conduct one.” [Government Technology, [8/16/24](#)]

- **An Oakland County Executive Had Sought An After-Action Review By An Outside Agency To Learn From The Actions Taken By A Police Agency And Its Partners During A Mass Shooting Incident.** “The Oakland County Sheriff’s Office declined to participate in a third-party review of its department’s response to the 2021 Oxford High School attack as recently as January, county officials confirmed to The Detroit News. The review, typically undertaken by an outside agency to learn from the actions taken by the coordinating police agency and its partners during a mass shooting incident, was sought and supported by Oakland County Executive David Coulter, his spokesman Bill Mullan said. Hilarie Chambers, Oakland’s chief deputy county executive, told The News on Wednesday the decision by the sheriff’s office was disappointing.” [Government Technology, [8/16/24](#)]

Oakland County's Director Of Emergency Management And Homeland Security: "The Sheriff's Office Was The Primary Law Enforcement Agency Responding" To The Oxford School Shooting. "Thom Hardesty, director of the county's Emergency Management and Homeland Security Department, then began directly communicating with the sheriff's department about a third-party review, Chambers said. [...] After several discussions with the sheriff's office, Hardesty wrote in a Jan. 17 email: 'Unfortunately the sheriff's office has decided that they will not participate in an AAR (after-action review) at this time. As the sheriff's office was the primary law enforcement agency responding and also the 911 center that handled the calls and dispatching of first responders we really couldn't do much of an AAR without them.'" [Government Technology, [8/16/24](#)]

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