

Michael Bouchard Jr. Overview Message Backup

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Bouchard Jr. Was Born In The Mid-1990s, When His Parents Lived In Birmingham, Michigan

Detroit News, May 2026: Bouchard Jr. Was The “32-Year-Old Son” Of Sheriff Michael Bouchard, Meaning He Was Born In The Mid 1990s. “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](#)]

1991-2000: While Serving In The Michigan Legislature, Bouchard Jr.’s Father’s Residence Was In Birmingham, Michigan. [Michigan Legislative Biography, accessed [8/11/26](#)]

In Present Day, Birmingham, Michigan Is In The Eleventh, Not Tenth Congressional District

Birmingham, Michigan Was In The Eleventh Congressional District. “Michigan's 11th Congressional District encompasses Oakland County. Major cities include Auburn Hills, Berkley, Birmingham, Bloomfield Twp, Bloomfield Hills, Clawson, Commerce Twp, Farmington, Farmington Hills, Ferndale, Hazel Park, Huntington Woods, Lake Angelus, Madison Heights, Oak Park, Orchard Lake Village, Pleasant Ridge, Pontiac, Royal Oak, Royal Oak Twp, Sylvan Lake, Troy, Walled Lake, Waterford, West Bloomfield Twp, White Lake Twp, Wixom, and Wolverine Lake.” [Congresswoman Haley Stevens, About Michigan’s 11th District, accessed [8/11/26](#)]

May 2026: Bouchard Jr.’s Republican Opponent, Robert Lulgjuraj, Said He Knew Bouchard Jr. And He Was Born And Raised In Birmingham, Michigan

May 2026: Republican Opponent Robert Lulgjuraj Said He Knew Bouchard Jr. And He Was Born And Raised In Birmingham, Michigan. 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 him, 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)

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

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 Backed By John Engler, The Former Governor Of Michigan And One Of DC's "Top Lobbyists"

John Engler Was A Member Of The Draft Captain Mike Bouchard Advisory Board

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 [8/27/26](#)]

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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 [8/27/26](#)]

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 [8/27/26](#)]

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

2015: The Hill: Engler Was Named One Of Washington's Top Lobbyists. "In a town where access equals power, an army of lobbyists thousands strong battles daily to help shape virtually every piece of legislation introduced in Congress and policy decision handed down by the federal government. But only a select few have earned a spot on The Hill's Top Lobbyists list. Those named to this year's list have climbed to the top of their profession, demonstrating an ability to influence Washington's power brokers on behalf of the interest groups, corporations and industries they represent. [...] John Engler, Business Roundtable: Engler is focused on a host of Washington's most contentious issues, including expanding trade, reauthorizing the Export-Import Bank, cybersecurity, immigration reform, reducing regulations implemented by the Obama administration, and an overhaul of the tax code." [The Hill, [10/18/15](#)]

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Engler Was A Lobbyist For The Business Roundtable. "John Mathias Engler is an American politician and member of the Republican Party who served as the 46th Governor of Michigan from 1991 to 2003. He is currently working for Business Roundtable as one of the premiere lobbyists in the United States." [Hoover Institution, John Engler, accessed [8/27/26](#)]

The Business Roundtable Was An Association Of More Than 200 Chief Executive Officers Of America's Leading Companies. "Business Roundtable is an association of more than 200 chief executive officers (CEOs) of America's leading companies, representing every sector of the U.S. economy. Business Roundtable CEOs lead U.S.-based companies that support one in four American jobs and almost a quarter of U.S. GDP. Through CEO-led policy committees, Business Roundtable members develop and advocate directly for policies to promote a thriving U.S. economy and expanded opportunity for all Americans." [Business Roundtable, About Us, accessed [8/27/26](#)]

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

Robert Kennedy Was A Member Of The Draft Captain Mike Bouchard Advisory Board

September 2025: Robert Kennedy Was Listed As A Member Of The Draft Captain Mike Bouchard Committee Advisory Board. [Press Release, Draft Captain Michael Bouchard, accessed [8/27/26](#)]

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 [8/27/26](#)]

- **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](#)]

Capitol Affairs Represented Big Pharma And Health Insurance Industry Clients Making Michiganders Lives More Expensive

Capitol Affairs Represented Multiple Big Pharma And Health Insurance Companies “At A Time When Prescription Drug Prices And Health Care Costs Have Climbed For Michigan Families And Small Businesses.” “Capitol Affairs has represented pharmaceutical and health insurance interests at a time when prescription drug prices and health care costs have climbed for Michigan families and small businesses. The firm also lobbied for a German auto supplier that later opened its first U.S. factory in Ohio, not Michigan, where domestic auto jobs remain central to the economy and have been declining for decades.” [Detroit Metro Times, [6/26/26](#)]

- **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](#)]

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Bouchard Said He Wanted To Be An Ally In Congress For Trump’s Legislative Agenda Which Resulted In Rising Costs

November 2025: Bouchard Said One Of His Main Motivations For Running For Office Was “To Be [Trump’s] Ally In Congress” And He “Couldn’t Name Any Areas Where He Disagreed With Trump”

Bouchard: “I Want To Show (Trump) That I’m The Right Person To Win This, And I Am. But More Than That, I Want To Be His Ally In Congress.” “The Army veteran said he will seek Trump's endorsement after the GOP leader previously expressed concerns about his party losing the district without James. ‘I want to show (Trump) that I'm the right person to win this, and I am. But more than that, I want to be his ally in Congress,’ Bouchard said.” [Detroit News, [11/6/25](#)]

February 2026: Inside Elections: Bouchard Jr. “Couldn’t Name Any Areas Where He Disagreed With Trump.” “Even as both potential GOP nominees stare down a competitive general election, neither feels pressure to put any distance between themselves and Trump, who finished ahead of Kamala Harris 52-46 percent in 2024 but whose popularity has sagged since taking office a year ago. ‘I am going to be lockstep in line with the president's agenda and this administration's agenda,’ Lulgjuraj told Inside Elections, ‘and that's exactly what the voters in this district want.’ ‘I think he's doing an incredible job,’ concurred Bouchard, who couldn’t name any areas where he disagreed with Trump. ‘He's putting our country first, and I think we need more people who are willing to help him put this country first.’” [Inside Elections, [2/19/26](#)]

- **Bouchard Said “President Trump Is Putting The Right Laws In Place To Enable” Business And The Economy.** “On the economy, he said that he's a strong proponent of deregulation and creating conditions for small businesses to thrive. ‘I think as a federal government, the Biden administration failed to do that, and President Trump is putting the right laws in place to enable them. I want to help him do that.’” [Detroit News, [11/6/25](#)]

The Trump Agenda Had Cost The Average Michigan Family Over \$3,800 Extra For Goods And Services

JEC Minority: “The Average Household In Michigan Has Had To Pay An Additional \$3,800+ For Goods And Services Due To Rising Costs Under President Trump.” “As of July 2026, the average household in

Michigan has had to pay an additional \$3,800+ for goods and services due to rising costs under President Trump. Despite his repeated pledges on the campaign trail that his administration would “end inflation” and bring down costs for families, Trump and Republicans in Congress have instead caused costs to continue to rise significantly, including through Trump’s reckless tariffs and war in Iran.” [JEC Minority, Michigan Fact Sheet, [8/26/26](#)]

- **Michigan Families “Have Had To Spent An Additional \$894 On Housing Costs Such As Rent And Mortgage Payments Since President Trump Took Office.”** “Michigan families have had to spend an additional \$894 on housing costs such as rent and mortgage payments since President Trump took office.” [JEC Minority, Michigan Fact Sheet, [8/26/26](#)]
- **The Average Michigan Family “Paid An Additional \$310 For Groceries In President Trump’s First Year Than In 2024.”** “Americans paid an additional \$310 for groceries in President Trump’s first year than in 2024, and grocery prices are now more than 4 percent higher than when Trump took office.” [JEC Minority, Michigan Fact Sheet, [8/26/26](#)]

Bouchard Jr. Supported The Big Beautiful Bill, Which Did Not Extend Premium Tax Credits For ACA Marketplace Plans Resulting In The Average ACA Plan Rising By 30%

Bouchard Jr. Supported The One Big Beautiful Bill

July 2026: Bouchard Jr. Said He Supported The One Big Beautiful Bill. QUESTION: “Assess the first 18 months of the Trump presidency in relation to Republicans having control of the House and what was passed and made into law?” BOUCHARD JR.: “That starts with acknowledging the deep hole that Biden administration policies put this country in. The first 18 months of this administration, with a Republican House, were spent digging out from that hole and have delivered more for Macomb County and Oakland County families than most Congresses manage in a decade. The Working Families Tax Cuts made the 2017 tax cuts permanent, it delivered no tax on tips and overtime, and, critically for the seniors in this district, a new deduction that means 88% of seniors receiving Social Security now pay no federal tax on those benefits. That’s real money back in the pockets of the retirees who built this district and earned every dollar of that check. It also strengthened Medicare by adding new program integrity measures to root out fraud, secured the resources to finally get serious about border security, and pushed the Pentagon to submit finalized budget which matters enormously here given how much of our district’s economy, from Selfridge to our defense manufacturers and suppliers, is tied to a strong military.” [Macomb Daily, [7/26/26](#)]

- **Bouchard Jr. Said He Supported The One Big Beautiful Bill’s Provisions Making “The 2017 Tax Cuts Permanent.”** QUESTION: “Assess the first 18 months of the Trump presidency in relation to Republicans having control of the House and what was passed and made into law?” BOUCHARD JR.: “That starts with acknowledging the deep hole that Biden administration policies put this country in. The first 18 months of this administration, with a Republican House, were spent digging out from that hole and have delivered more for Macomb County and Oakland County families than most Congresses manage in a decade. The Working Families Tax Cuts made the 2017 tax cuts permanent, it delivered no tax on tips and overtime, and, critically for the seniors in this district, a new deduction that means 88% of seniors receiving Social Security now pay no federal tax on those benefits. That’s real money back in the pockets of the retirees who built this district and earned every dollar of that check. It also strengthened Medicare by adding new program integrity measures to root out fraud, secured the resources to finally get serious about border security, and pushed the Pentagon to submit finalized budget which matters enormously here given how much of our district’s economy, from Selfridge to our defense manufacturers and suppliers, is tied to a strong military.” [Macomb Daily, [7/26/26](#)]

The One Big Beautiful Bill Let The ACA Premium Tax Credits Expire, Resulting In An Average 30% Premium Increase For Michigan Families

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](#)]

Bridge Michigan: The Average ACA Plan Would Rise By 30%. “With less than two weeks until open enrollment starts, thousands of Michigan residents face a triple challenge. Not only are premiums going up, but thousands of people who get their health insurance through the Affordable Care Act marketplace may be forced to switch plans because their providers are either fleeing the state’s ACA exchange or scaling back coverage. In addition, it’s uncertain whether enhanced premium subsidies for ACA plans will continue. About 200,000 individuals may be unable to renew with their current insurer, Joe Sullivan, director of the Office of Innovation and Research at the Michigan Department of Insurance and Financial Services (DIFS), told state lawmakers this week. Some providers have had to ‘reevaluate their position’ in the state, Sullivan said, amid a federal overhaul of coverage in the Trump era and the ongoing debate over health care subsidies, which are a central issue in the government shutdown. Members of Congress have been wrangling over a temporary spending plan, and whether it will include an extension of an ‘enhanced’ ACA premium tax credit benefiting millions of Americans. [...] Whether covered by ACA or an employer, Michigan residents can expect to pay more for health insurance in 2026, according to the rate requests insurers submitted over the summer to the Michigan Department of Insurance and Financial Services. The state is expected to post approved rates once open enrollment starts on Nov. 1, but projections show nationwide, the average ACA plan will rise by 30%.” [Bridge Michigan, [10/24/25](#)]

Michael Bouchard Jr. Message #1 Backup

Birmingham Bouchard is the son of a career politician and a plant from political insiders. Bouchard is from Birmingham, and worked a cushy job at a lobbying firm that has helped powerful health insurers who charge Michigan families more. Multiple lobbyists and insiders told him to run for office and are funding his campaign because they know that when push comes to shove, he’ll side with them over working families here in Southeast Michigan.

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Detroit Free Press Headline: “Mike Bouchard, Not The Sheriff But His Paratrooper Son, Runs For Congress.” [Detroit Free Press, [11/6/25](#)]

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](#)]

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Bouchard Jr. Worked At A Lobbying Firm That Was Run By A Lobbyist With Close Ties To His Father Whose Firm Gave To His Dad’s 2010 Gubernatorial Campaign

2016-2017: Bouchard Jr. Worked For Capitol Affairs, A Lobbying Firm In Michigan That Gave \$45,000 To His Father’s Gubernatorial Campaign

2016-2017: Bouchard Jr. Was Employed As A Researcher For Capitol Affairs, A Lansing Lobbying Firm

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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2009-2010: Capitol Affairs’ PAC Donated \$45,000 To Bouchard Jr.’s Father’s Campaigns

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Contributions From Capitol Affairs PAC To Mike Bouchard for Governor		
Contributor	Date	Amount
Capitol Affairs PAC	8/3/09	\$2,000
Capitol Affairs PAC	12/31/09	\$29,500
Capitol Affairs PAC	6/8/10	\$2,500
TOTAL		\$34,000

July 2010: Capitol Affairs’ PAC Donated \$11,000 To “Bouchard Victory Fund.” [Michigan Campaign Contributions Search, accessed [5/26/26](#)]

4215	BOUCHARD VICTORY FUND 513482-Independent	Direct Contributions	CAPITOL AFFAIRS PAC 120 N. WASHINGTON STE. 805 LANSING, MI 489330000	Campaign Statements 2010 October Triannual CS	07/30/2010	\$11,000.00	\$11,000.00
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- **Carelon Health Managed Michigan Blue Cross Blue Shield’s Cardiology And Echocardiology Services.** [Blue Cross Blue Shield Blue Care Network of Michigan, Cardiology, accessed [5/26/26](#)]

- **Carelon Health Managed Michigan Blue Cross Blue Shield's Proton Beam Therapy And Radiation Oncology Services.** [Blue Cross Blue Shield Blue Care Network of Michigan, Oncology Services, accessed [5/26/26](#)]
- **Carelon Health Managed Michigan Blue Cross Blue Shield's High Tech Radiology Services.** [Blue Cross Blue Shield Blue Care Network of Michigan, High-Tech Radiology, accessed [5/26/26](#)]

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Since 2023, Capitol Affairs Lobbied For “Michigan Association Of Health Plans,” A Group That Advocated For Health Insurance Companies That Were Increasing Michiganders’ Health Care Costs

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- **2026: UnitedHealthcare Community Plan Customers On The Individual Market In Michigan Saw Their Health Insurance Rates Increase By 26 Percent.** [Michigan Department of Insurance and Financial Services, 2026 Michigan Health Insurance Rate Change Requests, Page 1, [10/28/25](#)]
- **2026: UnitedHealthcare Community Plan Customers On The Small Group Market In Michigan Saw Their Health Insurance Costs Increase By 14.8 Percent.** [Michigan Department of Insurance and Financial Services, 2026 Michigan Health Insurance Rate Change Requests, Page 2, [10/28/25](#)]
- **2026: Molina Health Plan Customers On The Individual Market In Michigan Saw Their Health Insurance Rates Increase By 18.3 Percent.** [Michigan Department of Insurance and Financial Services, 2026 Michigan Health Insurance Rate Change Requests, Page 1, [10/28/25](#)]
- **2026: Meridian Health Plan Customers On The Individual Market In Michigan Saw Their Health Insurance Rates Increase By 16.9 Percent.** [Michigan Department of Insurance and Financial Services, 2026 Michigan Health Insurance Rate Change Requests, Page 1, [10/28/25](#)]
- **2026: McLaren Health Plan Customers On The Individual Market In Michigan Saw Their Health Insurance Rates Increase By 19.2 Percent.** [Michigan Department of Insurance and Financial Services, 2026 Michigan Health Insurance Rate Change Requests, Page 1, [10/28/25](#)]
- **2026: Priority Health Plan Customers On The Individual Market In Michigan Saw Their Health Insurance Rates Increase By 19.2 Percent.** [Michigan Department of Insurance and Financial Services, 2026 Michigan Health Insurance Rate Change Requests, Page 1, [10/28/25](#)]
- **2026: Priority Health Plan Customers On The Small Group Market In Michigan Saw Their Health Insurance Costs Increase By 9.7 Percent.** [Michigan Department of Insurance and Financial Services, 2026 Michigan Health Insurance Rate Change Requests, Page 2, [10/28/25](#)]
- **2026: Health Alliance Plan Customers On The Individual Market In Michigan Saw Their Health Insurance Rates Increase By 12.7 Percent.** [Michigan Department of Insurance and Financial Services, 2026 Michigan Health Insurance Rate Change Requests, Page 1, [10/28/25](#)]
- **2026: Priority Health Plan Customers On The Small Group Market In Michigan Saw Their Health Insurance Costs Increase By 8.5 Percent.** [Michigan Department of Insurance and Financial Services, 2026 Michigan Health Insurance Rate Change Requests, Page 2, [10/28/25](#)]

Multiple Lobbyists And Insiders Told Him To Run For Office And Are Funding His Campaign Because They Know That When Push Comes To Shove, He'll Side With Them Over Working Families Here In Southeast Michigan.

2025: After Employing Bouchard Jr. And Knowing His Father For Decades, Robert Kennedy Was A Member Of A Pro-Bouchard Jr. Super PAC And Donated To His Congressional Campaign

Robert Kennedy Was An Advisory Board Member Of A PAC Created To Help Push Bouchard Jr. Into The MI-10 Race

2025: Robert Kennedy Was A Member Of The "Draft Captain Mike Bouchard" PAC's Advisory Board.
[Draft Captain Mike Bouchard, Press Release, [9/9/25](#)]

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 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. Mocerri
 Ted Nugent
 Spencer Partridge
 Lauren Rakolta
Governor Sunny Reedy
 Frank Rewold
 Treasurer Larry Rocca
 Syd Ross
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- **Washington Examiner: Draft Captain Mike Bouchard Collected “Heavyweight Political Endorsements” Before Bouchard Jr. Began His Campaign.** “Bouchard’s allies have spent months laying the groundwork for his campaign, with a ‘Draft Captain Mike Bouchard’ super PAC collecting celebrity and heavyweight political endorsements before he launched.” [Washington Examiner, [11/17/25](#)]

December 2025: Kennedy Donated \$2,500 To Bouchard Jr.’s Campaign

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Bouchard Jr. Was Backed By John Engler, The Former Governor Of Michigan And One Of DC’s “Top Lobbyists”

John Engler Was A Member Of The Draft Captain Mike Bouchard Advisory Board

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 [8/27/26](#)]

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term Governor of Michigan (1991-2003), Engler assumed leadership of Business Roundtable in January 2011 after serving six years as President and CEO of the National Association of Manufacturers.” [The National Charter Schools Founders Library, accessed [8/27/26](#)]

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

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](#)]

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Nate Forbes
Rhonda Grant
Charles Gleeson II
Peter Karmanos
Robert Kennedy
Prosecutor Pete Lucido
Ralph “Skip”
Maccarone
Dominic F. Mocerì
Ted Nugent
Spencer Partridge
Lauren Rakolta
Governor Sunny Reedy
Frank Rewold
Treasurer Larry Rocca
Syd Ross
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Bobby Schostak
Attorney General Bill
Schuette
Mickey Shapiro
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After Bouchard Jr. Entered The 10th District Race, “Draft Captain Mike Bouchard” Changed Its Name To “Honor, Duty & Discipline” PAC

HEADLINE: “Mike Bouchard (Not That Mike Bouchard), Enters 10th Congressional District Race.”
[Michigan Public, [11/6/25](#)]

November 6, 2025: Draft Captain Mike Bouchard Changed Its Name To “Honor, Duty & Discipline PAC.”
[FEC Statement of Organization, Amendment, filed [11/6/25](#)]

- **Detroit News: “Honor, Duty & Discipline” Super PAC “Previously Served As A Committee To ‘Draft’ Bouchard Into The Race.”** “Bouchard's campaign also pointed to another \$255,000 raised by a pro-Bouchard super PAC called Honor, Duty & Discipline PAC, which previously served as a committee to ‘draft’ Bouchard into the race. He is the son of the Oakland County sheriff of the same name.” [Detroit News, [2/2/26](#)]

Bouchard Jr.’s Campaign Was Funded By Multiple Lobbyists

December 2025: Bouchard Jr.’s Campaign Received A \$1,000 Contribution From Justin J. Who Worked For Ballard Partners. [FEC, Friends of Michael Bouchard Q4 2025 Report, Receipts, filed [1/30/26](#)]

Justin J Was Justin Sayfie. “Justin Sayfie is a Partner at Ballard Partners and a federal lobbyist, government relations consultant, and licensed attorney based in Washington, D.C. He advises major corporations and global industry leaders on their strategy before Congress and the federal agencies of the executive branch, drawing on more than two decades of experience across the executive and legislative branches and at the highest levels of federal and state government.” [Ballard Partners, accessed [8/28/26](#)]

- **Sayfie Was A Registered Lobbyist On Capitol Hill.** [US Senate Lobbyist Disclosure Search, accessed [8/28/26](#)]

2025: Bouchard Jr.’s Campaign Received \$1,500 In Contributions From Gallagher Group Consultant James Gallagher And Enva Strategy Consultant Jumana Misleh. [FEC, Friends of Michael Bouchard Q4 2025 Report, Receipts, filed [1/30/26](#)]

- **James Gallagher Was Registered To Lobby For Gallagher Group On Capitol Hill.** [US Senate Lobbyist Disclosure Search, accessed [8/28/26](#)]
- **Jumana Misleh Was A Registered Lobbyist On Capitol Hill.** [US Senate Lobbyist Disclosure Search, accessed [8/28/26](#)]
 - **Jumana Misleh Was The President Of Enva Strategy, A Lobbying Firm.** [Jumana Misleh, LinkedIn, accessed [8/28/26](#); LegiStorm, accessed [8/28/26](#)]

Bouchard Jr. Was Using His Father’s Donor Network To Help Fund 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](#)]

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Michael Bouchard Jr. Message #2 Backup

Birmingham Bouchard's lobbying firm worked for big health insurance and big pharma companies that made all of our premiums and prescriptions more expensive. So it's no surprise that he backed a bill that will kick over 32,000 people in this district off of their health insurance and let insurance companies raise Michiganders' premiums by as much as 30% - all to pay for tax cuts for the ultra-wealthy who fund his campaign.

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The Lobbying Firm Bouchard Jr. Worked For Lobbied On Behalf Of The Health Insurance Industry

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- **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](#)]
- **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](#)]

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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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September 2025: The Joint Economic Committee Minority Estimated More Than 35,000 People In Michigan’s 10th Congressional District Would Lose Health Insurance By 2034 Due To Congressional Republicans’ Cuts To Medicaid And The ACA. “According to the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office (CBO)’s most recent analysis, President Trump and Congressional Republicans’ cuts to Medicaid and the Affordable Care Act (ACA) would result in 16 million people losing their health insurance by 2034. Using CBO’s analysis released June 4 and other research, the Joint Economic Committee – Minority calculated new estimates of the number of people who would lose health insurance.” [Joint Economic Committee Minority, Press Release, September [2025](#)]

MI-10: Health Insurance Losses From Cuts To Medicaid And The Affordable Care Act Under The One Big Beautiful Bill		
Est. Number of People Losing Affordable Care Act Coverage	Est. Number of People Losing Medicaid Coverage	Est. Total Number of People Losing Insurance
12,500	20,266	32,766

[Joint Economic Committee Minority, Press Release, September [2025](#)]

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All To Pay For Tax Cuts For The Ultra-Wealthy Who Fund His Campaign.

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](#)]

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- **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](#)]

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](#)]

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FEC: Bouchard Jr.’s Campaign And Super PAC, “Honor, Duty & Discipline,” Received \$64,000 From Roger Penske And Matthew Moroun. [FEC Receipts, accessed [8/28/26](#)]

Detroit News: “Honor, Duty & Discipline” Super PAC “Previously Served As A Committee To ‘Draft’ Bouchard Into The Race.” “Bouchard’s campaign also pointed to another \$255,000 raised by a pro-Bouchard

super PAC called Honor, Duty & Discipline PAC, which previously served as a committee to ‘draft’ Bouchard into the race. He is the son of the Oakland County sheriff of the same name.” [Detroit News, [2/2/26](#)]

- **Roger Penske Was A Billionaire.** [Forbes, accessed [8/11/26](#)]
- **CBC: Matthew Moroun Was A Member Of The “Wealthy Moroun Family.”** “The wealthy Moroun family of Michigan is planning to expand its controversial concrete empire across the border to Canada, records show. The Morouns, who own the Ambassador Bridge and a constellation of other enterprises, have in recent years expanded their Hercules Concrete business across the Detroit area and beyond, with each location named after characters in Greek mythology. [...] Ontario business records for CTC Concrete further connect it to the Morouns: Matthew J. Moroun, son of Matthew T. Moroun, is listed as the company's sole director, while ‘Dannie’ Stamper is listed as president and secretary. Dan Stamper is the president of the Ambassador Bridge, per its website.” [CBC News, [6/5/26](#)]
 - **In 2020, Moroun’s Family Had A Net Worth Of \$1.5 Billion.** [Forbes, last updated [4/7/20](#)]

Michael Bouchard Jr. Message #3 Backup

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Bouchard Jr. Backed Trump’s Tariffs

Detroit News: “Bouchard Also Said He Supported Trump’s Tariff Policies.” “Bouchard also said he supported Trump's tariff policies and his delay of the Gordie Howe International Bridge's opening, now set for July 27. ‘As a lifelong Michigan resident, I look forward to the Gordie Howe Bridge opening. I want to have good relationships with Canada, but we can only have good relationships with Canada if they treat us fairly,’ the candidate said. He pointed to Canada's January trade deal with China as a ‘hostile act.’” [Detroit News, [7/23/26](#)]

July 2026: Bouchard Jr. Said Trump’s Tariffs Were Putting The Country Into A Position To “Succeed Long Term.” KEVIN DIETZ: “Do people ask you about the president and his priorities and, and where you stand when it comes to Donald Trump's policies?” BOUCHARD JR.: “Yeah, absolutely. You know, tariffs come up, Iran comes up, and I think part of the easy answer is we have to put this country in a position to succeed long term. I mean, we could just artificially inflate things for a couple months, but that won't help America's outlook down the road.” [WJR, All Talk, 04:37, [7/31/26](#)] (AUDIO)

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 Over \$35 Billion

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U.S. businesses and result in long-term gains to the country's industrial base, though some economists have been skeptical of that notion.” [Detroit News, [11/6/25](#)]

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HEADLINE: “Trump Tariffs Have Cost Automakers At Least \$35 Billion Since 2025.” [Automotive News, [3/16/26](#)]

- **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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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
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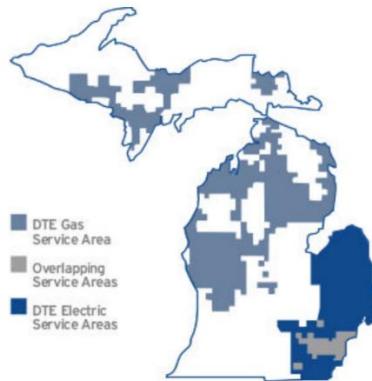
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CNBC: Annual Energy Costs For Households In Michigan Were Projected To Rise By An Average Of \$320 By 2035 Due To The One Big Beautiful Bill. "Electricity prices are expected to surge higher throughout the next decade due to energy policy changes in 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](#)]

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Service Area Map



Michael Bouchard Jr. Message #4

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Spender	Support/ Oppose	Candidate	Description	Payee	Expenditure Date	Amount
HONOR, DUTY & DISCIPLINE PAC	Support	BOUCHARD, MICHAEL	DIRECT MAIL POSTAGE / PRINTING / PRODUCTION	MAJORITY STRATEGIES LLC	7/8/26	\$21,582.99
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HONOR, DUTY & DISCIPLINE PAC	Support	BOUCHARD, MICHAEL	DIRECT MAIL POSTAGE / PRINTING / PRODUCTION	MAJORITY STRATEGIES LLC	7/1/26	\$18,256.97
HONOR, DUTY & DISCIPLINE PAC	Support	BOUCHARD, MICHAEL	DIRECT MAIL POSTAGE / PRINTING / PRODUCTION	MAJORITY STRATEGIES LLC	6/24/26	\$23,280.70
HONOR, DUTY & DISCIPLINE PAC	Support	BOUCHARD, MICHAEL	DIRECT MAIL POSTAGE / PRINTING / PRODUCTION	MAJORITY STRATEGIES LLC	6/17/26	\$18,256.97
HONOR, DUTY & DISCIPLINE PAC	Support	BOUCHARD, MICHAEL	DIRECT MAIL POSTAGE / PRINTING / PRODUCTION	MAJORITY STRATEGIES LLC	6/9/26	\$17,156.05
HONOR, DUTY & DISCIPLINE PAC	Support	BOUCHARD, MICHAEL	DIRECT MAIL POSTAGE / PRINTING / PRODUCTION	MAJORITY STRATEGIES LLC	6/2/26	\$13,453.96

HONOR, DUTY & DISCIPLINE PAC	Support	BOUCHARD, MICHAEL	DIRECT MAIL POSTAGE / PRINTING / PRODUCTION	MAJORITY STRATEGIES LLC	6/2/26	\$17,079.10
HONOR, DUTY & DISCIPLINE PAC	Support	BOUCHARD, MICHAEL	MEDIA	MAJORITY STRATEGIES LLC	6/2/26	\$17,620.00
Total				\$156,686.74		

[FEC, Draft Captain Mike Bouchard, accessed [8/27/26](#)]

- **November 2025: Draft Captain Mike Bouchard Changed Their Organization Name To Honor, Duty & Discipline PAC.** [FEC, Statement of Org, [11/6/25](#)]

Michael Bouchard Jr. Message #5 Backup

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Backup below as well as above in Bouchard Jr. overview message backup.

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November 2025: Bouchard Said One Of His Main Motivations For Running For Office Was "To Be [Trump's] Ally In Congress"

Bouchard: "I Want To Show (Trump) That I'm The Right Person To Win This, And I Am. But More Than That, I Want To Be His Ally In Congress." "The Army veteran said he will seek Trump's endorsement after the GOP leader previously expressed concerns about his party losing the district without James. 'I want to show (Trump) that I'm the right person to win this, and I am. But more than that, I want to be his ally in Congress,' Bouchard said." [Detroit News, [11/6/25](#)]

- **Bouchard Said "President Trump Is Putting The Right Laws In Place To Enable" Business And The Economy.** "On the economy, he said that he's a strong proponent of deregulation and creating conditions for small businesses to thrive. 'I think as a federal government, the Biden administration failed to do that, and President Trump is putting the right laws in place to enable them. I want to help him do that.'" [Detroit News, [11/6/25](#)]

February 2026: Bouchard Jr. "Couldn't Name Any Areas Where He Disagreed With Donald Trump"

Inside Elections: Bouchard Jr. “Couldn’t Name Any Areas Where He Disagreed With Donald Trump.” Even as both potential GOP nominees stare down a competitive general election, neither feels pressure to put any distance between themselves and Trump, who finished ahead of Kamala Harris 52-46 percent in 2024 but whose popularity has sagged since taking office a year ago. ‘I am going to be lockstep in line with the president's agenda and this administration's agenda,’ Lulgjuraj told Inside Elections, ‘and that's exactly what the voters in this district want.’ ‘I think he's doing an incredible job,’ concurred Bouchard, who couldn’t name any areas where he disagreed with Trump. ‘He's putting our country first, and I think we need more people who are willing to help him put this country first.’ Both candidates singled out crime and the cost of living as priorities, and are focusing their appeal on the ‘salt of the earth’ voters of the district. Each claims a connection to the auto industry as well: Lulgjuraj’s grandfather worked the line at Chrysler, Bouchard’s at General Motors.” [Inside Elections, [2/19/26](#)]

2025: Tariffs Increased The Price Of Goods And The Average American Family Already Paid More Than \$1,700 In Tariff Costs

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Joint Economic Committee: “The Joint Economic Committee – Minority Estimates That During The Last Year, The Average American Family Has Already Paid More Than \$1,700 In Tariff Costs, With The Costs Climbing Steadily Since The Beginning Of President Trump’s Second Term.” “The Joint Economic Committee – Minority estimates that during the last year, the average American family has already paid more than \$1,700 in tariff costs, with the costs climbing steadily since the beginning of President Trump’s second term. Though the Supreme Court recently struck down key portions of President Trump’s tariff agenda, this analysis shows how much this tax on American consumers has already cost American families. President Trump’s Administration has also already stated that it will roll out new tariffs to replace those that were recently struck down, which could result in further economic uncertainty and higher costs. The Joint Economic Committee – Minority combined official data from the U.S. Treasury Department on the amount of tariff revenue collected between February 2025 and January 2026 with independent estimates from the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office of the percent of each tariff dollar that is ultimately paid by American consumers. The Committee found that American consumers overall paid more than \$231 billion in tariff costs between February 2025 and January 2026, an average of roughly \$1,745 per family.” [JEC, Fact Sheet, [February 2026](#)]

JEC Headline: “American Families Have Paid More Than \$1,700 Each In Tariff Costs Since Trump Entered Office.” [JEC, Fact Sheet, [February 2026](#)]

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

Trump’s Tariffs Raised Prices On Cars

Kelley Blue Book: “President Trump Has Announced A 25% Tariff On All Cars Built Outside The United States And On Many Parts Used In Cars Built Here. [...] Shoppers Can Expect The Tariffs To Increase Car Prices By As Much As \$6,000 On Vehicles Priced Under \$40,000.” “President Trump has announced a 25% tariff on all cars built outside the United States and on many parts used in cars built here. See our latest news

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

Trump's Tariffs Raised Prices On Groceries

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

- **Axios Headline: "Grocery Inflation Highest Since 2022 As Trump Tariffs Pile Up."** [Axios, [9/11/25](#)]

Trump's Tariffs Raised Prices On Apparel Goods

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

- **CNBC Headline: "Inside America's Department Stores, Tariff-Triggered Price Hikes Are Picking Up."** [CNBC, [7/2/25](#)]
- **The Guardian Headline: "Clothing Prices Rising In US As Trump Tariffs Kick In, H&M Boss Says."** [The Guardian, [6/26/25](#)]

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July 2025: President Trump Signed The Big Beautiful Bill Into Law. “Today, President Donald J. Trump officially signed The One Big Beautiful Bill into law — a once-in-a-generation piece of legislation that makes good on his campaign promises and puts America First.” [The White House, Press Release, [7/4/25](#)]

- **The Hill: The Big Beautiful Bill Made About \$1 Trillion In Cuts To Medicaid, The Largest In History.** “Senate Republicans on Tuesday passed the largest cuts to Medicaid since the program began in the 1960s, a move that would erode the social safety net and cause a spike in the number of uninsured Americans over the next decade. The tax and spending bill is projected to cost more than \$3 trillion during that time, but it would be partially paid for with about \$1 trillion in cuts to Medicaid. Almost 12 million lower-income Americans would lose their health insurance by 2034, according to the Congressional Budget Office (CBO).” [The Hill, [7/1/25](#)]

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CNBC: The Big Beautiful Bill Did Not Extend The ACA Premium Tax Credits. “Republicans gave a roughly \$4 trillion tax cut to Americans in the so-called “big beautiful bill” that President Donald Trump signed into law July 4, extending several tax provisions scheduled to expire in 2026. However, there was a notable omission, according to health policy experts: an extension of a tax break that lowered health insurance premiums for millions of people. The enhanced premium tax credits, in place since 2021, have lowered the cost of health insurance premiums for those who buy coverage through the Affordable Care Act marketplace. Enrollees can use these to lower their premium costs upfront or claim the credits at tax time, but the credits are scheduled to expire after 2025.” [CNBC, [7/11/25](#)]

- **KFF: “On Average, Premium Payments Net Of Tax Credits Increased By 58% For People Who Signed Up For 2026 Coverage.”** “While effectuated enrollment data do not capture the reasons coverage lapsed, these significant declines in enrollment correspond with rising premium payments after the expiration of enhanced premium tax credits. Without the enhanced credits, premium payments increased substantially for most subsidized enrollees, and some middle-income enrollees who previously qualified for subsidies faced the full cost of coverage for the first time. On average, premium payments net of tax credits increased by 58% for people who signed up for 2026 coverage. A 2026 KFF follow-up survey of people who had been enrolled in ACA Marketplace coverage in 2025 found that eight in 10 enrollees who made changes to their ACA coverage or became uninsured cited cost as a reason, with 17% of returning Marketplace enrollees stating they worried about being able to pay their premiums for the entirety of 2026.” [KFF, [7/28/26](#)]
- **2026: Michigan Saw The Sixth-Biggest Decline Of Every State In The Country In Affordable Care Act Sign Ups.** “Michiganders are paying more for healthcare and insurance premiums covered by the Affordable Care Act, and that's leaving some people without coverage. According to new data from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Michigan saw the sixth-biggest decline in affordable care act sign up in the nation. In February 2025, the 488,139 were enrolled, but in February 2026, 357,350 signed up. That's a decline of more than 130,000, or just under 27%. It's Michigan's first drop since 2020, bucking a trend that saw a record 501,806 enrollees last June.” [News Channel 3, [7/14/26](#)]
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Backup below.

He's Backed By A Group That Wants To Reinstate Michigan's Extreme 1931 Abortion Ban That Would Jail Doctors And Nurses For Doing Their Jobs, Even In Cases Of Rape And Incest.

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“During the 2022 election, Michigan voters approved a measure enshrining abortion rights and protections for reproductive freedom within the state Constitution, offering residents a safeguard in the wake of the federal Supreme Court’s decision to strike down Roe v. Wade, leaving abortion regulation to the states. While proponents of reproductive freedom celebrated the proposal’s success and the subsequent repeal of the state’s abortion ban, several anti-abortion advocates filed a case in federal court, arguing the amendment to the state constitution violated several provisions of the federal charter. However, that challenge was dismissed on Tuesday by Judge Paul Maloney of the U.S. District Court Western District of Michigan’s Southern Division. The plaintiffs – which include Right to Life of Michigan, state Reps. Gina Johnsen (R-Portland) and Luke Meerman (R-Coopersville) and

state Sen. Joseph Bellino (R-Monroe) among other abortion opponents – argued the measure reduces legal protections for women, deprives parents of the ability to make decisions about medical treatment for their children and burdens the free exercise of religion, violating the First Amendment and the 14th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.” [Michigan Advance, [10/3/25](#)]

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Michigan’s 1931 Abortion Ban Would Ban Abortion With No Exceptions For Rape Or Incest And Throw Doctors In Jail. “What does the 1931 law say? 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-abortion could be charged. What exceptions are granted? 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. When considering other factors — such as the risk level, the viability of the fetus, or pre-existing conditions that may be worsened by the pregnancy — many doctors are concerned about the phrase’s ambiguity. Some physicians say they would be forced to decide if a pregnancy is risky enough to justify an abortion under the 1931 law, and to defend themselves if charged.” [Michigan Public Radio, [6/24/22](#)]

Michael Bouchard Jr. Message #7 Backup

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See Above Under Bouchard Jr. Overview Message & Message #1 Backup

Michael Bouchard Jr. Message #8 Backup

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