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2024: Beltran Proposed A 'Personhood' Bill To Ban Abortion From The Time Of Conception And A Bill For Open Carry Of Firearms. "In his final session in 2024, he proposed a 'personhood' bill banning abortion from the time of conception." [The Florida Trident, 1/10/25]

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Beltran Showed That He Would Be A Rubberstamp For Trump's Policies

Beltran Maintained "Unwavering Support" For Trump. "Residents in Florida's Congressional District 14 are more likely to support a candidate – namely, former Florida House of Representatives member Mike Beltran (R) – upon hearing the candidate maintains unwavering support for President Donald Trump." [Breitbart, 6/1/26]

Beltran Was Pro-Trump. "Beltran is pro-life, pro-Trump, will be tough on violent crime and illegal immigration and has promised to pursue a constitutional amendment to redress birth tourism and anchor babies. Beltran has over 100 endorsements, including Gun Owners of America; Florida Family Action; Republican Liberty Caucus; EmbraceLife911; over 20 current or former Florida State legislators, including former Senate President Tom Lee from Hillsborough; over a dozen local officials, including Hillsborough Commissioner Josh Wostal; over 10 former judges or JNC members; over 10 local Republican Club officials from the district; four previous candidates for FL-14; four Trump lawyers, including a former ambassador; and many veterans and high-ranking officers and law enforcement personnel, including at least two generals and three colonels." [Osprey Observer, 7/21/26]

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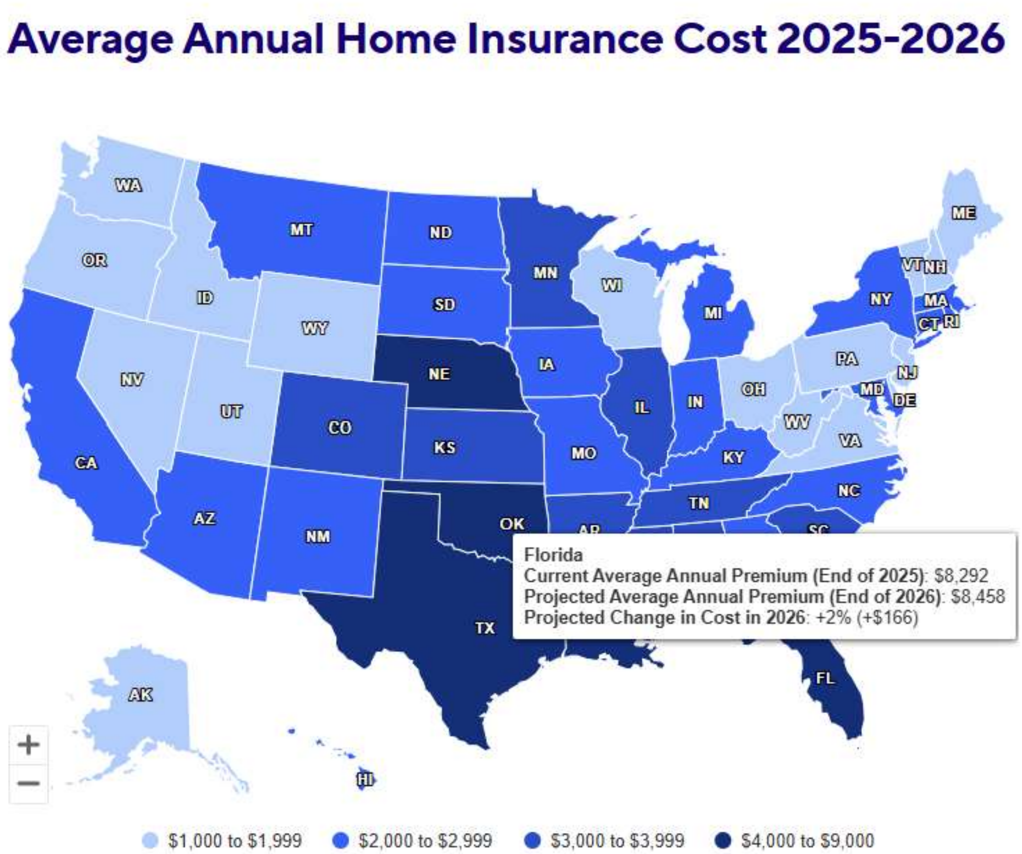

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When Trump Was Sworn In, He Promised To "Tariff And Tax Foreign Countries To Enrich Our Citizens." "Trump is sworn into office. In his inaugural address, he again promises to 'tariff and tax foreign countries to enrich our citizens.' And he reiterates plans to create an agency called the External Revenue Service, which has yet to be established. On his first day in office, Trump also says he expects to put 25 percent tariffs on Canada and Mexico starting on Feb. 1, while declining to immediately flesh out plans for taxing Chinese imports." [PBS News, 5/26/25]

Trump Launched Multiple Trade Wars With His Tariffs. "Long-threatened tariffs from U.S. President Donald Trump have plunged the country into trade wars abroad — all while on-again, off-again new levies continue to escalate uncertainty. Trump is no stranger to tariffs. He launched a trade war during his first term, taking particular aim at China by putting taxes on most of its goods. Beijing responded with its own retaliatory tariffs on U.S. products ranging from fruit to automotive imports. Meanwhile, Trump also used the threat of more tariffs to force Canada and Mexico to renegotiate a North American trade pact, called the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement, in 2020." [PBS News, 5/26/25]

Trump Relied On Tariffs To In An Attempt To Achieve A Wide Array Of Goals. "In his second term, Trump is again relying on tariffs to achieve an even wider array of goals. He has imposed sweeping tariffs on Canada, China, and Mexico, citing the countries' lack of immigration enforcement and failure to control the flow of illegal fentanyl into the United States. In an effort to promote domestic manufacturing, his administration has also announced duties on all imports of autos and certain auto parts—which could significantly hurt European carmakers. The raft of new tariffs comes even as many economists continue to warn that their use has significant downsides." [Council on Foreign Relations, 4/1/25]

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Mike Beltran's corruption is an invoice to be paid by regular Floridians. Since being elected to the state legislature in 2018, Mike Beltran has traded stocks and is now a multi-millionaire. In Tallahassee, he helped ensure that a tobacco company he was invested in didn't get affected by regulation.

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Symbol	**Date Sold**	**Quantity**	**Net Proceeds**
CPB	6/12/19	337	$14,411.77
CMG	1/29/19	27	$14,232.32
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GIS	6/12/19	409	$21,497.16
MNST	6/12/19	127	$8,186.16
PG	6/12/19	153	$16,854.44
TUP	8/12/19	1000	$14,353.70
WAB	2/25/19	0.26	$18.73
GE	12/10/18	375	$2,587.84
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TUP	12/10/18	100	$3,443.17
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2024: Beltran Voted For SB 1007, Which Allowed Minor-Attractive Nicotine Devices To Be Declared "Contraband" While Exempting Products With FDA Marketing Orders

Beltran Voted Yes On SB 1007. According to records with the Florida House of Representatives, in March 2024, Beltran voted for SB1007 as the bill passed in a 105-5 vote. [Florida House of Representatives, SB 1007, 3/7/24]

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If Abortion Bans Define Pregnancy To Begin At Fertilization, They Could Be Used To Ban Or Restrict Contraceptive Methods. "The definitions that abortion bans in some states employ, coupled with the misunderstanding that certain contraceptives are abortifacients, may be used to limit access to contraceptives. While leading medical organizations define pregnancy to begin at the implantation of a fertilized egg, a number of abortion bans define pregnancy to begin at fertilization and 'fetus' and 'unborn children' as living humans from fertilization until birth. The total abortion ban in Tennessee, for instance, defines pregnancy as the 'reproductive condition of having a living unborn child within [the pregnant person's] body throughout the entire embryonic and fetal stages of the unborn child from fertilization until birth.' If abortion bans establish that a pregnancy exists from the moment of fertilization, preventing the implantation of a fertilized egg could be construed as terminating a pregnancy. This kind of definition could potentially be used to ban or restrict contraceptive methods that people incorrectly believe to end a pregnancy." [KFF, 5/23/24]

Abortion Bans That Start At The Moment Of Fertilization Could Criminalize Birth Control And IVF. "Some policymakers are trying to incorrectly re-define pregnancy in law in an effort to ban abortion and birth control. A significant number of states have attempted this through definitions of 'human being' and 'person.' Several have specifically incorporated definitions that human life and/or pregnancy begins when a sperm fertilizes an egg, despite the fact that the medical definition of when pregnancy begins is after implantation. This unscientific definition of human life and pregnancy would not only outlaw abortion, but also could criminalize birth control and other health care, such as in vitro fertilization." [National Women's Law Center, 6/17/22]

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The CEO Of Tampa General Hospital Said The Live Healthy Plan Would Increase Access And Bring Down Health Care Costs To Improve Patient Outcomes. "'Thanks to the strong leadership of Governor Ron DeSantis and Senate President Kathleen Passidomo and their commitment to build on the spirit of innovation and entrepreneurship that has successfully driven so many businesses and industries here to the Sunshine State, Florida can be a national model for quality and accessible health care,' said Tampa General Hospital President and CEO John Couris. 'The Live Healthy initiative will strengthen our health care workforce, break down barriers to care, and increase access to behavioral health. Importantly, this legislation makes strategic investments in innovation and technology, which can help us transform the delivery model, increasing access, bringing down costs, and improving patient outcomes.'" [Gov. Ron Desantis, Press Release, 3/21/24]

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