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He even funneled more than $50,000 in campaign donations to his wife's companies.

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Barrett Grew His Net Worth While Reimbursing Himself Tens Of Thousands Of Dollars Of Campaign Donors' Cash And Funneled Money From His Campaigns To Companies His Wife Works For

2024-2025: Barrett's Net Worth Increased By Roughly $50,000

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Barrett Reimbursed Himself Over $20,000 Of Campaign Donations For Mileage, Equating To Driving Around The Earth More Than Once

HEADLINE: "Rep. Barrett Claimed Enough Campaign Driving To Circle Earth Once — And Then Some." [Detroit Metro Times, 5/20/26]

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2022-2026: Barrett's Campaign Received Over $2 Million From PACs. [OpenSecrets, Tom Barrett, accessed 9/11/26]

Election Cycle	Total PAC Money

2026	$1,076,308
2024	$775,625
2022	$435,200
TOTAL:	**$2,287,133**

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- **ITEP: The One Big Beautiful Bill "Provided Trillions Of Tax Breaks Mostly For Corporations And Wealthy Individuals."** "President Trump's so-called One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA), enacted this past summer, provided trillions of tax breaks mostly for corporations and wealthy individuals. Now the administration proposes regulations that will cut corporate taxes even further than an otherwise compliant Republican Congress was willing to do, achieving through regulatory changes what its allies in Congress would not enact through proper legislation." [ITEP, 2/20/26]

- **ITEP: The One Big Beautiful Bill "Pushed Through" Tax Cuts For Corporations.** "At least 88 of the largest corporations in America paid no federal corporate income taxes in their most recent fiscal year despite enjoying substantial pretax profits in the U.S. While the biggest U.S. corporations have avoided taxes in this way for decades, it appears that corporate tax avoidance has increased in the most recent year. This is at least in part due to two separate packages of corporate tax cuts pushed through by the Trump administration: last year's 'One Big Beautiful Bill Act' and the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA)." [ITEP, 4/14/26]

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He's Refused To Face Voters In-Person At Town Halls To Answer For His Record

Michigan Advance: Barrett Has Never Hosted An In-Person Town Hall. "U.S. Rep. Tom Barrett (R-Charlotte) has been repeatedly criticized for having never hosted an in-person town hall since being elected to Congress in Michigan's 7th Congressional District last year." [Michigan Advance, 11/17/25]

The Gander: Barrett "Hasn't Hosted A Town Hall Meeting Since He Was Elected To Congress." "US Rep. Tom Barrett hasn't hosted a town hall meeting since he was elected to Congress last year. His staff says that Capitol Police told him not to do those types of events. But there's no evidence that's true—and a whole lot of evidence that Barrett is just dodging his own voters." [The Gander, 12/8/25]

Tom Barrett Message #2 Backup

Second, Barrett betrayed us and broke his campaign promises. Instead of lowering costs, he's sided with his corporate donors to raise costs, fund Trump's wasteful Iran war, and give tax breaks to utilities and data center developers.

Barrett has sold Michiganders out to the highest bidder. He's consistently voted for higher costs on working families, including a bill that raised healthcare premiums by over 60%, and tariffs that are making the cost of everyday goods like groceries spike by over $1,700 for the average family.

While taking tens of thousands from the war industry, Tom Barrett voted to spend billions of dollars on Trump's wasteful Iran War, even after the war caused Michiganders' costs to skyrocket.

An AI data center developer spent nearly a million dollars supporting Tom Barrett's campaign. Then he voted to give data center developers over $80 billion in new tax breaks just days after a developer's PAC gave thousands more to his campaign, despite the fact that data centers jack up the cost of electricity and harm local communities. He even voted to ban local governments from regulating AI and data centers for a decade.

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HEADLINE: "Barrett Took Big Money From Donors Who Profited From GOP Tax Law." [American Journal News, 4/14/26]

2025: While The Big Beautiful Bill Was Being Debated, Barrett "Took In Thousands Of Dollars From Billionaires That Have Since Benefited" From The Law. "As Congress debated the One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBB), Michigan Rep. Tom Barrett took in thousands of dollars in donations from billionaires and corporations that have since benefited from its passage. Barrett represents Michigan's 7th District, which includes all of Lansing. He is widely regarded as one of the most vulnerable House Republicans up for reelection this year." [American Journal News, 4/14/26]

- **March-June 2025: Barrett Received Over $50,000 From Billionaires, Including Richard Uihlein And Jeff Yass, Who Benefited From OBBB's Tax Cuts For "The Ultrawealthy."** "Between March and June 2025, Barrett received nearly $50,000 from eight different billionaires, including $7,000 each from MAGA megadonors Richard Uhelin and Jeffrey Yass. He received another $7,000 from real estate heir Ross Perot Jr. During this same period, Barrett received $17,500 from oil and gas executives representing Chief Oil and Gas, Sable Periman, and Arrington Oil and Gas. He took in another $2,000 from the PAC representing Koch, Inc., an energy manufacturer. All of these individuals and entities benefited from OBBB's tax cuts for big corporations and the ultrawealthy. Those tax breaks are funded by cuts to Medicaid and other government services. More than 13,000 of Barrett's own constituents are expected to lose their health insurance as a result." [American Journal News, 4/14/26]

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January 2026: Barrett Voted Against A Discharge Petition That Would Have Extended The ACA Premium Tax Credits For Three Years. On January 8, 2026, Representative Tom Barrett voted against: "Passage of the bill, as amended, that would extend for three years, through the end of calendar year 2028, the enhanced tax credits to subsidize premiums for health insurance purchased on the Affordable Health Care Act health insurance markets. It would allow taxpayers whose household income exceeds 400 percent of the federal poverty line to receive tax credits for three more years. The measure would retroactively take effect Jan. 1, 2026." The bill passed by a vote of 230-196. [H.R. 1834, Vote #11, 1/8/26; CQ, 1/8/26]

- **Barrett On ACA Premium Tax Credits, December 2025: "These Are Not Real Tax Credits."** BARRETT: "The bottom line is that Obamacare has failed Americans. Excessive regulations, mandates, and other just inefficiencies ignore the needs of patients and drive up costs. The solution, by some has been to throw more money at the problem, most recently, by subsidizing insurance companies with oversized, so called tax credits that are checks under the guise of the COVID-19 pandemic relief. I'll remind your committee, sir, that, you know, the COVID-19 pandemic was almost six years ago now. Despite its name, these are not real tax credits. They don't go to patients, but instead flow directly to the big health insurance companies." [US House Committee on Energy & Commerce, Hearing, 00:31, 12/12/25] (VIDEO)

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Barrett Voted Eight Times For Tariffs That Have Increased Costs, Including Grocery Costs, By Over $1,700 For The Average Michigan Family

2025-2026: Barrett Voted Eight Times To Defend Trump's Tariffs

Vote #1: March 2025: Barrett Voted For A Resolution Blocking Congress' Ability To "Quickly Challenge Tariffs Imposed By President Donald Trump"

March 2025: Barrett Voted For H. Res. 211. In March 2025, Representative Tom Barrett voted for: "A resolution providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H J Res 25) providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Internal Revenue Service relating to 'Gross Proceeds Reporting by Brokers That Regularly Provide Services Effectuating Digital Asset Sales'; providing for consideration of the bill (HR 1156) to amend the CARES Act to extend the statute of limitations for fraud under certain unemployment programs, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (HR 1968) making further continuing appropriations and other extensions for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, and for other purposes; and for other purposes." Resolution agreed to in the House by roll call vote, 216-214. [H. Res. 211, Vote #67, 3/11/25; CQ, 3/11/25]

- **H. Res. 211 Blocked "The Ability Of Congress To Quickly Challenge Tariffs Imposed By President Donald Trump."** "The Republican-controlled U.S. House of Representatives voted on Tuesday to block the ability of Congress to quickly challenge tariffs imposed by President Donald Trump that have rattled financial markets. The 216-214 vote, largely along party lines, delays lawmakers' ability for the rest of the year to force a vote that could revoke Trump's tariffs and immigration actions." [Reuters, 3/11/25]

Vote #2: April 2025: Barrett Voted To Block Consideration Of A Resolution To Terminate Trump's Tariffs

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Vote #3: April 2025: Barrett Voted To Block Consideration Of Amendment A Resolution To Remove A Rule That Would Prevent The House From Voting On Trump's Tariffs

April 2025: Barrett Voted For Blocking Consideration Of An Amendment Striking A Section Of The Rule That Would Prevent The House From Voting On Trump's Tariffs. In April 2025, Representative Tom Barrett voted for: “Foxx-N.C., motion to order the previous question (thus ending debate and possibility of amendment).” According to the Congressional Record, Rep. McGovern said, “Mr. Speaker, I am going to urge that we defeat the previous question. I will offer an amendment. My amendment will simply strike section 2 of the rule. That section, tucked in the rule by Republicans this morning, prevents the House from voting on Trump’s disastrous worldwide tariffs, the ones destroying the economy and raising prices on regular Americans.” A vote *for the motion* was a vote to block consideration of the bill. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 217-212. [H Res 313, Vote #93, 4/9/25; CQ, 4/9/25; Congressional Record, 4/9/25]

Vote #4: April 2025: Barrett Voted To Prevent Congress From Reversing Trump’s Tariffs Through September 2025

April 2025: Barrett Cast The Deciding Vote For A Procedural Trick To Block Votes On The Reversal Of Trump’s Tariffs Through September 2025. In April 2025, Representative Tom Barrett voted for, “adoption of the rule (H Res 313) that would provide for floor consideration of the Senate amendment to the fiscal 2025 budget resolution (H Con Res 14). The rule would provide up to one hour of debate on a motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the measure. It also would block the expedited consideration of joint resolutions terminating President Donald Trump’s tariff actions under the April 2 executive order by providing that each day during the period from April 9, 2025 through Sept. 30, 2025, will not constitute a calendar day under the federal law pertaining to terminating national emergencies.” The vote was on the rule. The underlying legislation was the FY 2025 budget resolution. The House agreed to the rule by a vote of 216 to 215. [H. Res. 313, Vote #94, 4/9/25; CQ, 4/9/25]

- **ABC News: The Vote Was The Second Use Of The Procedural Tactic To Block Votes On The Tariffs, The First Use Of It Being In March 2025.** “House Democrats, led by Rep. Gregory Meeks, D-N.Y., moved to force a vote on Tuesday on terminating the national emergency authority and blocking Trump's sweeping tariffs. Now, that vote is unlikely to occur. This is the second time Johnson has moved to stop the legislative calendar to prevent votes on Trump's authority on tariffs. Under House rules, these votes would typically come up within 15 calendar days but now will not if the ‘rule’ passes during the vote series Wednesday afternoon.” [ABC News, 4/9/25]

Vote #5: September 2025: Barrett Voted To Extend A Procedure Blocking Congress From Voting On Trump’s Tariffs Through March 2026

September 2025: Barrett Voted For H. Res. 707. In September 2025, Representative Tom Barrett voted for: “A resolution providing for consideration of the bill (HR 4922) to limit youth offender status in the District of Columbia to individuals 18 years of age or younger, to direct the Attorney General of the District of Columbia to establish and operate a publicly accessible website containing updated statistics on juvenile crime in the District of Columbia, to amend the District of Columbia Home Rule Act to prohibit the Council of the District of Columbia from enacting changes to existing criminal liability sentences, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (HR 5143) to establish standards for law enforcement officers in the District of Columbia to engage in vehicular pursuits of suspects, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (HR 5140) to lower the age at which a minor may be tried as an adult for certain criminal offenses in the District of Columbia to 14 years of age; providing for consideration of the bill (HR 5125) to amend the District of Columbia Home Rule Act to terminate the District of Columbia Judicial Nomination Commission, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (HR 1047) to require the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to reform the interconnection queue process for the prioritization and approval of certain projects, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (HR 3015) to reestablish the National Coal Council in the Department of Energy to provide advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Energy on matters related to coal and the coal industry, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (HR

3062) to establish a more uniform, transparent, and modern process to authorize the construction, connection, operation, and maintenance of international border-crossing facilities for the import and export of oil and natural gas and the transmission of electricity; and for other purposes." The resolution agreed to in the House by roll call vote, 213-211. [H. Res. 707, Vote #268, 9/16/25; CQ, 9/16/25]

- **September 2025: House Republicans Voted To Extend The Procedural Measure Used In March To Block Efforts To Force A Vote On The National Emergency Trump Used To Implement The Tariffs On Canada, China And Mexico.** "'That's what this does, so I think it's important for the House as an institution,' he added. House leaders used the procedural measure last March to block efforts to force a vote on the national emergency Trump used to implement the tariffs on Canada, China and Mexico. House Republicans voted to extend it a second time in September. In that time, the Senate has passed four resolutions disapproving of the tariffs — two related to the tariffs on Canadian goods, one on tariffs on Brazil and one on the 'reciprocal' tariffs Trump has imposed on nearly every country. Johnson on Tuesday urged his members to support the procedural measure, arguing that any disapproval vote should wait until after the Supreme Court determines whether Trump has the authority to use a 1977 economic powers law to impose sweeping tariffs across the globe. That ruling could come as late as the end of June or beginning of July." [Politico, 2/10/26]

- **September 2025: Politico: The Resolution Ceded Congressional Power Over Tariffs To Trump By Effectively Blocking Challenges To His Tariff Declarations Through March 2026.** "House Republicans voted in near lockstep Tuesday to again cede congressional power over tariffs to President Donald Trump. A measure that effectively blocks challenges to Trump's sweeping global tariff declarations through March 2026 was adopted on a 213-211 vote. The vote was gaveled down only after GOP whips had a drawn-out struggle on the floor with a band of Republicans who initially opposed the legislation before flipping to yes." [Politico, 9/16/25]

Votes #6-7: February 2026: Barrett Voted To Continue To Prevent The House From Voting On Trump's Tariffs

February 2026: Barrett Voted For Blocking Consideration Of H.Res.1042, Which Would Trigger A Vote On Trump's Tariffs. In February 2026, Representative Tom Barrett voted for: "Langworthy, R-N.Y., motion to order the previous question on the rule (H Res 1042) providing for floor consideration of the Law-Enforcement Innovate to De-Escalate Act (HR 2189), the Undersea Cable Protection Act (HR 261), and the Securing America's Critical Minerals Supply Act (HR 3617)." According to the Congressional Record, Rep. Neguse said, "Mr. Speaker, if we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to strike section 4, which would stop an attempt by Republican leadership to block the House from taking up-or-down votes on President Trump's disastrous tariff policies through the end of July." A vote *for the motion* was a vote to block consideration of the bill. The motion was agreed to by a vote of 216-214. [H. Res. 1042, Vote #59, 2/10/26; CQ, 2/10/26; Congressional Record, 2/10/26]

February 2026: Barrett Voted For H. Res. 1042. In February 2026, Representative Tom Barrett voted for "the rule (H Res 1042) providing for floor consideration of the Law-Enforcement Innovate to De-Escalate Act (HR 2189), the Undersea Cable Protection Act (HR 261), and the Securing America's Critical Minerals Supply Act (HR 3617). […] It also would block the expedited consideration of joint resolutions terminating President Donald Trump's 2025 tariff actions under the Feb. 1, April 2, July 30, and Aug. 6 executive orders by providing that each day during the period from Feb. 10, 2026 through July 31, 2026, will not constitute a calendar day under the federal law pertaining to terminating national emergencies." The vote was on the rule. The House rejected the rule by a vote of 214 to 217. [H. Res. 1042, Vote #60, 2/10/26; CQ, 2/10/26]

- **2026: The Legislation, Which Aimed To Continue House Republican Leadership's Blockade Of Floor Votes On Trump's Tariffs, Failed After Three Republicans Voted Nay.** "House Speaker Mike Johnson's bid to block future votes on President Donald Trump's tariffs failed Tuesday after an internal GOP revolt. Three Republican lawmakers, Thomas Massie of Kentucky, Kevin Kiley of California and Don Bacon of Nebraska, joined Democrats to defeat a key procedural measure 217-214. That gives Democrats the opportunity to force a vote as soon as this week on a resolution disapproving of the president's 25 percent duties on Canadian goods. House Republican leadership spent most of Tuesday whipping votes after a small group of tariff-skeptic Republicans led by Massie and Kiley pushed back against the procedural maneuver, which would keep the House from voting on resolutions disapproving of Trump's tariffs through July. A previous GOP measure blocking tariff votes expired on Jan. 31. Tuesday's defeat appears to end a nearly year-long effort by Republican leadership to shield its members from politically difficult votes on tariffs, as voters and businesses tire from the uncertainty fomented by Trump's favorite geopolitical tool." [Politico, 2/10/26]

Vote #8: February 2026: Barrett Voted Against Terminating Trump's Tariffs On Canada

February 2026: Barrett Voted Against Terminating The National Emergency Declaration That Imposed Tariffs On Canada. In February 2026, Representative Tom Barrett voted against "the joint resolution that would terminate the Feb. 1, 2025, national emergency that imposed tariffs on goods from Canada." The vote was on passage. The House passed the joint resolution by a vote of 219 to 211. [H.J. Res. 72, Vote #65, 2/11/26; CQ, 2/11/26]

- **The Resolution To Disapprove Of The National Emergency Trump Declared To Raise Tariffs On Canada Was Approved 219-211, With Six Republicans Voting In Favor.** "The House on Wednesday voted to block President Donald Trump's tariffs on Canada, with six Republicans joining the Democrats in the symbolic rebuke. The resolution to disapprove of the national emergency Trump declared to raise tariffs on Canada, was approved 219-211. Republican Reps. Kevin Kiley of California, Thomas Massie of Kentucky, Don Bacon of Nebraska, Brian Fitzpatrick of Pennsylvania, Jeff Hurd of Colorado and Dan Newhouse of Washington voted for the resolution. Rep. Jared Golden of Maine was the only Democrat to vote against the measure." [Politico, 2/11/26]

Tariffs Increased The Average Michigan Families Costs By Over $1,700, Including Grocery Prices

JEC Minority: Tariff's Cost The Average Family "More Than $1,700" In 2025. "Following the Supreme Court's decision today to overturn Trump's tariffs, the Joint Economic Committee – Minority released an updated report estimating that American families have already paid more than $1,700 each in tariff costs since President Trump took office. Combining Treasury Department data on the amount of tariff revenue collected across the first year of Trump's term with independent estimates from the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office of the percent of each tariff dollar that is paid by American consumers, the Committee found that they paid more than $231 billion in total tariff costs between February 2025 and January 2026, an average of more than $1,700 per family." [Joint Economic Committee Minority, Press Release, 2/20/26]

Joint Economic Committee Minority: The Average US Family Paid $310 More For Groceries In 2025. "New calculations from the Joint Economic Committee – Minority find that a typical American family paid $310 more overall for groceries during President Trump's first year in office compared to 2024." [Joint Economic Committee Minority, January 2026]

- **New York Times, November 2025: "President Trump's Broad And Hefty Tariffs Have Boosted Food Prices Across The Board."** "President Trump's broad and hefty tariffs have boosted food prices across the board, extending a period of high inflation from after the pandemic. But the pinch is especially sharp for the immigrant diasporas from countries where tariffs are the highest." [New York Times, 11/11/25]

While Taking Tens Of Thousands From The War Industry, Tom Barrett Voted To Spend Billions Of Dollars On Trump's Wasteful Iran War, Even After The War Caused Michiganders' Costs To Skyrocket

Barrett's Campaign Accepted Over $65,000 From The Defense Industry Profiting Off The War With Iran

2022-2026: Barrett's Campaign Accepted Over $65,000 From The Defense Industry

2022-2024: Barrett's Campaign Accepted $44,148 From The Defense Industry. [OpenSecrets, accessed 9/11/26]

Money from Defense to US Representatives, 1990-2024

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IMPORTANT: This money comes from employees or PACs affiliated with the industry, not from the companies themselves.

Barrett, Tom (R-MI)

Representative	State	Amount
Barrett, Tom (R-MI)	Michigan	$44,148

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2026 Election Cycle: Barrett's Campaign Accepted $21,323 From The Defense Industry. [OpenSecrets, Tom Barrett, Industries, accessed 9/11/26]

July 2026: Tom Barrett Voted To Spend An Extra $70 Billion On Trump's Costly War With Iran, Even After It Raised Michiganders' Costs

July 2026: Barrett Voted To Provide $70 Billion More Of Our Tax Dollars On The War With Iran

July 22, 2026: Barrett Voted For H.Con.Res.113. On July 22, 2206, Tom Barrett voted for: "Adoption of the concurrent resolution that would provide for nearly $6 trillion in new budget authority in fiscal 2027, not including off-budget accounts. It would require four House committees to report legislation under the budget reconciliation process that would increase the deficit by no more than $95 billion over the period of fiscal years 2027 through 2036. The amount allotted to each committee would be: $12 billion for Agriculture, $60 billion for Armed Services, $13 billion for Select Intelligence and $10 billion for House Administration." The resolution passed by a vote of 216-214. [H.Con.Res.113, Vote #281, 7/22/26; CQ, 7/22/26]

- **NPR: The Bill "Outlines More Than $70 Billion For The Iran War."** "Separately on Wednesday, House Republicans advanced a $95 billion budget blueprint. The framework, which still needs to pass the Senate, outlines more than $70 billion for the Iran war, $12 billion in assistance for farmers and money to implement provisions of the SAVE America Act, President Trump's signature election overhaul bill. The vote was 216 to 214. GOP fiscal hardliners were frustrated that none of the spending called for by the bill would be paid for by spending reductions elsewhere. Other lawmakers were concerned about appropriating more funds for a war effort that seems to be rapidly escalating and remains unpopular with the American public." [NPR, 7/22/26]

July 21, 2026: Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth Estimated That Trump's Iran War Had Cost US Taxpayers $37.5 Billion

CNBC: Trump Started The War With Iran. "U.S. President Donald Trump said he has no regrets about starting the Iran war and added that 'If I had it to do again, I would do exactly what I did.' Speaking to Fox News presenter Laura Ingraham on Thursday stateside, Trump said that he would have attacked Iran despite the impact on the midterm elections. 'If we hadn't done Iran, you would be cruising to midterms victory right now,' Ingraham told Trump, to which Trump replied 'supposing we were cruising, and all of a sudden Iran has a nuclear weapon. They would use it.'" [CNBC, 9/11/26]

HEADLINE: "Pete Hegseth Puts Cost Of Iran War At $37.5 Billion As The Pentagon Seeks More Money From Congress." [NBC News, 7/21/26]

The Iran War Caused Michiganders' Gas And Fertilizer Costs To Skyrocket

JEC Minority: As Of July 13, 2026, The Average Michigan Family Had Paid $502 More For Gas Since The Start Of The War With Iran. [JEC Minority, Press Release, 7/13/26]

Fortune: Fertilizer Costs Had Doubled Because Of The War With Iran. "A survey published Tuesday of 5,700 farmers conducted by the American Farm Bureau Federation shows that around 70% of farmers are unable to afford all the fertilizer they need, while nearly six in 10 said their finances have worsened owing to the rising cost of both fertilizer and fuel. The new data comes as the Iran war has strangled the global supply chain as Iran exerts its control over the Strait of Hormuz, through which one-third of global fertilizer shipments flowed before the war. While more than 20 commercial ships passed through the strait over the past several days—an improvement from earlier this month when Iran essentially shut down the strait—it's unclear whether the flow of ships will improve as the war drags on well nearing its seventh week, despite a ceasefire between the U.S. and Iran signed last week, and a potential extension on the way. As a result, prices for three major fertilizers farmers use (nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium) have all increased by double digits, according to Josh Linville, vice president of fertilizer at financial services firm StoneX Group." [Fortune, 4/16/26]

- **HEADLINE: "Iran War Sends Fertilizer Prices Sky-High."** [The American Prospect, 4/1/26]

An AI Data Center Developer Spent Nearly A Million Dollars Supporting Tom Barrett's Campaign…

2024: Data Center Developer Elon Musk's Super PAC Spent $869,400 In Michigan's 7th District To Elect Tom Barrett, The Most In Any Michigan Congressional Seat

Elon Musk's Company Owned Multiple Data Centers In The US And Proposed Building Them In Space

Elon Musk's SpaceXAI Owned Two Colossus Data Center Sites Near Memphis, Tennessee. "Two years after Elon Musk made Greater Memphis the center of his artificial intelligence ambitions, building data centers and energy infrastructure at breakneck speed, residents are grappling with unwanted effects, including noise and emissions from the natural gas-burning turbines. Now, public opposition to the SpaceXAI sites, known as Colossus and Colossus II, is providing a blueprint for other communities across the country opposed to AI developments." [CNBC, 7/16/26]

Elon Musk's Company Owned Data Centers In Mississippi. "It was 4 a.m. on a Sunday and 46-year-old Jason Haley was once again wide awake. The suburban silence that Haley had grown used to in his two decades as a resident of Southaven, Mississippi, had, for the last few months, been replaced by a constant whirring, like an airplane hovering over his home, he said. The noise keeping Haley awake was coming from a plant powering Elon Musk's xAI data centers in the area, according to a lawsuit filed in June against the company and its subsidiary, MZX Tech. Haley and two other Southaven residents, who live within a mile of the plant, allege in the suit that 'near-constant' noise and vibrations are causing negative physical and psychological health effects." [CBS News, 7/16/26]

The Guardian: Musk's SpaceX Company Proposed Building Data Centers In Space Which Would Harm Earth's Environment. "Space datacenters proposed by SpaceX, Jeff Bezos's Blue Origin and others would release staggering levels of pollution that would probably alter the Earth's atmosphere and be 'catastrophic' for the planet, space industry experts and environmental groups warn in a new petition demanding a review of their impacts. Tech companies have collectively proposed millions of 'orbital datacenters' and are pressing forward with plans, which require Federal Communications Commission (FCC) approval. Among other issues, pollution from satellites and rockets burning up upon re-entry appears to be accumulating in the stratosphere at alarming levels. The spacecraft release black soot, rare metals, aluminum oxides and other pollutants with unknown effects." [The Guardian, 7/23/26]

2024: Elon Musk Formed America PAC, Which He Donated Nearly $119 Million Of His Own Money To

May 2024: Elon Musk Formed America PAC To Support "Trump's Campaign To Return To The White House." "Elon Musk has given nearly $75 million to America PAC, the super PAC he created to support former President Donald Trump, according to a campaign finance filing from the group late Tuesday. He established America PAC in May to support Trump's campaign to return to the White House. […] The super PAC is focused on voter turnout efforts in potential swing states such as Pennsylvania, where Musk recently appeared onstage with Trump." [NBC News, 10/15/24]

- **Business Insider: At The End Of October 2024, Musk Had "Personally Donated Nearly $119 Million Of His Own Money To The PAC."** "Elon Musk's super PAC has already spent more than $140 million on electing Donald Trump, and he's spoken at two of the former president's rallies in the last month. But Musk isn't just boosting Trump: the tech billionaire's 'America PAC' has been wading into the fight for control of the House of Representatives for months. As of October 31, America PAC has spent more than $19.1 million across 18 competitive House races, according to recent filings with the Federal Election Commission. Musk has personally donated nearly $119 million of his own money to the PAC, which recently launched a $1 million giveaway that could cross legal boundaries." [Business Insider, 10/31/24]

2024: Elon Musk's PAC Spent $869,400 In Michigan's 7th District On Mostly Digital Ads And Canvassing Operations To Elect Tom Barrett, The Most Spent On Any Republican In Michigan And Eleventh Most Nationwide

Elon Musk's "America PAC" Spent $869,400 In Michigan's 7th District To Elect Tom Barrett. "Elon Musk's super PAC has already spent more than $140 million on electing Donald Trump, and he's spoken at two of the former president's rallies in the last month. But Musk isn't just boosting Trump:

the tech billionaire's "America PAC" has been wading into the fight for control of the House of Representatives for months. As of October 31, America PAC has spent more than $19.1 million across 18 competitive House races, according to recent filings with the Federal Election Commission. […] Here are the 18 races where America PAC is spending: […] $869,400 in Michigan's 7th district, where Democratic candidate Curtis Hertel faces Republican candidate Tom Barrett." [Business Insider, 10/31/24]

- **The $869,400 Spent By Elon Musk's PAC In Michigan's 7th District Was Heavily Spent "On Both Digital Ads And Canvassing Operations."** "According to recent FEC filings, Musk's PAC is spending heavily on both digital ads and canvassing operations. In each instance, the PAC is spending money on efforts to boost the GOP candidate while going negative on the Democratic candidate." [Business Insider, 10/31/24]

- **Business Insider: In Michigan's 7th District, All Of The Money Spent By Elon Musk's PAC Went Towards "Efforts To Boost The GOP Candidate While Going Negative On The Democratic Candidate."** "According to recent FEC filings, Musk's PAC is spending heavily on both digital ads and canvassing operations. In each instance, the PAC is spending money on efforts to boost the GOP candidate while going negative on the Democratic candidate." [Business Insider, 10/31/24]

2024: Barrett's District Received The Most Funding In Michigan From Musk's PAC, And Eleventh Most In The Country, Getting More Support From Elon Than Republicans Paul Junge And John James. "Elon Musk's super PAC has already spent more than $140 million on electing Donald Trump, and he's spoken at two of the former president's rallies in the last month. But Musk isn't just boosting Trump: the tech billionaire's "America PAC" has been wading into the fight for control of the House of Representatives for months. As of October 31, America PAC has spent more than $19.1 million across 18 competitive House races, according to recent filings with the Federal Election Commission. […] Here are the 18 races where America PAC is spending: […] $869,400 in Michigan's 7th district, where Democratic candidate Curtis Hertel faces Republican candidate Tom Barrett; $868,600 in Michigan's 8th district, where Democratic candidate Kristen McDonald Rivet faces Republican candidate Paul Junge; $865,500 in Michigan's 10th district, where Republican Rep. John James faces Democratic candidate Carl Marlinga." [Business Insider, 10/31/24]

…Then He Voted To Give Data Center Developers Over $80 Billion In New Tax Breaks Just Days After A Developer's PAC Gave Thousands More To His Campaign…

Barrett Voted To Give Data Center Developers $83 Billion In Tax Breaks Just Days After Receiving A Donation From Google, A Data Center Developer Who Benefited

July 3, 2025: Barrett Voted To Give Data Center Developers $83 Billion In Tax Breaks…

July 3, 2025: Barrett Voted For The Final Passage Of The One Big Beautiful Bill. On July 3, 2025, Representative Tom Barrett voted for: "Motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the bill that would permanently extend nearly $4 trillion in expiring individual and business tax cuts, create several new tax breaks and fund border and immigration enforcement and air traffic control upgrades. It would cut Medicaid and other safety net programs to partly offset the cost. Among other provisions, it would raise the statutory debt ceiling by $5 trillion and appropriate more than $448 billion in mandatory funding for Trump administration priorities and other needs, including $153 billion for defense, $89 billion for immigration enforcement, and $89.5 billion for border control and security. It also would increase the state and local tax deduction cap to $40,000 annually for five years for households making up to $500,000 a year until 2030, when it would permanently revert to $10,000." Motion agreed to 218-214. [H.R.1, Vote #190, 7/3/25; CQ, 7/3/25]

- **American Prospect: Data Center Developers Received $83 Billion In Tax Breaks From The Big Beautiful Bill.** "As the *Prospect* reported on Monday, just six companies, all of them related to the AI build-out, received $83 billion in tax breaks last year thanks to the extension of various corporate tax benefits in the One Big Beautiful Bill Act. Like nearly all Republicans, Barrett voted for that bill, which enabled Microsoft, Google, Amazon, Meta, and Nvidia to spend more funds on building data centers." [American Prospect, 8/20/26]

…Just Days After Receiving A $2,000 Donation From Google, A Data Center Developer Who Benefited From The Big Beautiful Bill

June 30, 2025: Google's PAC Donated $2,000 To Barrett's Campaign. [FEC, Tom Barrett for Congress Q2 2025 FEC Report, filed 7/15/25]

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[FEC, Barrett for Congress Q2 2025 FEC Report, filed 7/15/25]

- **Google Was Building Data Centers.** "We build data centers that power essential technology and services as we invest in community development and lead the industry in data security and sustainability." [Google Data Centers, accessed 8/7/26]

- **Alphabet Was The "Parent Company Of Google."** "Alphabet is a collection of companies, including Google, Verily Life Sciences, GV, Calico, and X. In October 2015, Alphabet became the parent holding company of Google, with the companies far afield of our main internet products contained in Alphabet." [Alphabet, LinkedIn, accessed 8/12/26]

    - **2025: Alphabet Received $11.9 Billion In Tax Breaks After The One Big Beautiful Bill Passed.** [ITEP, accessed 9/11/26]

Alphabet

Reported federal tax rate: 7.86%

FEDERAL TAX BREAKS INCLUDE

Depreciation Deduction	$3.3 billion
FDII Deduction	$3.9 billion
R&D Credit	$2.1 billion
Stock Options	$2.6 billion

[ITEP, accessed 9/11/26]

…Despite The Fact That Data Centers Jack Up The Cost Of Electricity And Harm Local Communities

Data Centers Were Increasing Electricity Costs And Draining And Polluting The Local Water Supply

AI Data Centers Were Increasing Electricity Costs

HEADLINE: "Data Center Power Demands Are Contributing To Higher Energy Bills." [EESI, 2/24/26]

Bloomberg: Electricity Cost 267% More "Than It Did Five Years Ago In Area Near Data Centers." "Wholesale electricity costs as much as 267% more than it did five years ago in areas near data centers. That's being passed on to customers." [Bloomberg, 9/29/25]

AI Data Centers Were Draining And Polluting Water Supplies

Bloomberg: Data Centers "Consume Immense Amounts Of Water." "Each time you ask an AI chatbot to summarize a lengthy legal document or conjure up a cartoon squirrel wearing glasses, it sends a request to a data center and strains an increasingly scarce resource: water. The data centers that power artificial intelligence consume immense amounts of water to cool hot servers and, indirectly, from the electricity needed to run these facilities." [Bloomberg, 5/8/25]

- **Forbes: Data Centers Were "Projected To Consumer Between 16 Billion And 33 Billion Gallons" Of Water Annually By 2028.** "In 2023, U.S. data centers consumed an estimated 17 billion gallons of water, according to federal and industry analyses compiled by the Energy Department and Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory. Hyperscale facilities alone are projected to consume between 16 billion and 33 billion gallons annually by 2028." [Forbes, 1/11/26]

Nature Forward: "Data Centers Can Introduce Several Types Of Pollutants Into Water Systems." [Nature Forward, 2/4/26]

- **July 2026: A Toxic Chemical From A Data Center Was Found In The Water Supply In Cheyenne, Wyoming**. "As the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) expands worldwide, companies are scrambling to construct data centers to keep up with soaring demand for services. Much has been reported about how these data centers use significant quantities of water for cooling, but a recent incident in Wyoming has highlighted a new concern for local water supplies. In the City of Cheyenne near the border with Colorado, a rare bacterium called *Cupriavidus gilardii* was detected in the City's reclaimed water system in February after wastewater from the construction and commissioning of a Meta AI data center entered the city's wastewater network. The finding resulted in a temporary shutdown of parts of the system while officials carried out remediation work." [Forbes, 7/9/26]

- **HEADLINE**: **"Meta AI Data Center Linked To Rare Bacteria In City's Water System."** [Forbes, 7/9/26]

He Even Voted To Ban Local Governments From Regulating AI And Data Centers For A Decade

May 22, 2025: Barrett Voted For The Original Version Of The One Big Beautiful Bill, Which Included A 10 Year Moratorium That Would Have Stopped State And Local Regulations Of Data Centers

May 22, 2025: Barrett Voted For Initial Passage Of The One Big Beautiful Bill. On May 22, 2025, Representative Tom Barrett voted for: "Passage of the bill that would provide for approximately $3.8 trillion in net tax cuts and $321 billion in military, border enforcement and judiciary spending, offset by $1.5 trillion in spending reductions, as instructed in the fiscal 2025 budget resolution (H Con Res 14). It would raise the statutory debt limit by $4 trillion and provide for increased spending on defense and border security, spending cuts on social safety net programs, such as Medicaid and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. It also includes a mix of tax breaks for businesses and individuals; tax increases on universities and foundations; and a phase-down of clean energy tax credits. It would reduce spending on Medicaid by $625 billion over a 10-year period and modify eligibility and cost provisions for enrollees and health providers and impose work, volunteer and education requirements on adults ages 19 to 64 who are covered by the program. It would appropriate 'such sums as necessary' for reducing cost-sharing payments for low-income individuals who've purchased 'silver' plans on the 2010 health care law's exchanges. But payments to plans that cover abortions would be mostly barred. It would extend and make permanent individual tax brackets and rates included in the 2017 tax overhaul law (PL 115-97) and provide for the adjustment of the lower bounds of each tier based on inflation. It would reduce federal spending on the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program by requiring states to shoulder more of the cost, expand work requirements for SNAP, extend programs authorized under the 2018 farm bill, and prohibit the U.S. Department of Agriculture from increasing the cost of the Thrifty Food Program. As amended, it would cap state and local tax deductions at $40,000 for households with incomes below $500,000 and prohibit Medicaid funding for gender transition therapies or procedures for minors and adults, among other provisions." The bill passed by a vote of 215-214. [H.R. 1, Vote #145, 5/22/25; CQ, 5/22/25]

- **Associated Press: The May 2025 Version Of The Republican Reconciliation Bill Banned States And Localities From Regulating Artificial Intelligence For A Decade.** "House Republicans surprised tech industry watchers and outraged state governments when they added a clause to Republicans' signature 'big, beautiful' tax bill that would ban states and localities from regulating artificial intelligence for a decade. The brief but consequential provision, tucked into the House Energy and Commerce Committee's sweeping markup, would be a major boon to the AI industry, which has lobbied for uniform and light touch regulation as tech firms develop a technology they promise will transform society." [Associated Press, 5/16/25]

- **USA Today: "The Ban Would Not Only Prevent New State-Led Regulations Of AI But Would Also Block Dozens Of States From Enforcing Preexisting AI Regulations."** "President Donald Trump's massive bill package, dubbed the 'Big Beautiful Bill,' contains a proposal that could significantly waylay a burgeoning movement to regulate artificial intelligence on the state level. The ban is tucked into a section of the bill that would allocate $500 million over the next 10 years to modernize government systems with the help of AI and automation technologies. The ban would not only prevent new state-led regulations of AI but would also block dozens of states from enforcing preexisting AI regulations and oversight structures." [USA Today, 5/27/25]

- **The Moratorium Would Likely Have Killed State-Level Restrictions On Data Centers.** "An early version of OBBBA included a moratorium on any state-level regulations against AI for ten years. Barrett also voted for that before a bipartisan coalition excised it from the bill. That moratorium would likely have killed any state-level restrictions on data centers." [The American Prospect, 8/20/26]

Tom Barrett Message #3 Backup

Barrett has taken tens of thousands of dollars from PACs for greedy utility companies jacking up our energy bills. He's sided with them, voting to raise Michigan energy costs by $320 a year per family.

Barrett Has Taken Tens Of Thousands Of Dollars From PACs For Greedy Utility Companies Jacking Up Our Energy Bills

Barrett's Campaigns Have Taken Tens Of Thousands From PACs Associated With DTE And Consumers Energy, Two Michigan Utility Companies Profiting Millions While Increasing Utility Rates

Barrett's Campaigns Accepted $22,600 From DTE And Consumers Energy PACs

2025-2026: Barrett's Congressional Campaign Accepted $17,500 From DTE And Consumers Energy PACs

2025-2026: Barrett's Campaign Has Accepted $17,500 From PACs For DTE And Consumer's Energy. [FEC Receipts, accessed 9/11/26]

Contributions From DTE And Consumers Energy (CMS) PACs To Tom Barrett's Congressional Campaign			
Contributor	**Recipient**	**Date**	**Amount**
DTE Energy Company PAC	Tom Barrett for Congress	06/30/2026	$2,500.00
CMS Energy Corporation PAC	Tom Barrett for Congress	06/16/2026	$2,500.00
CMS Energy Corporation PAC	Tom Barrett for Congress	03/31/2026	$2,500.00
DTE Energy Company PAC	Tom Barrett for Congress	12/31/2025	$1,000.00
DTE Energy Company PAC	Tom Barrett for Congress	06/30/2025	$1,000.00

CMS Energy Corporation PAC	Tom Barrett for Congress	05/05/2025	$1,500.00
DTE Energy Company PAC	Tom Barrett for Congress	03/31/2025	$2,000.00
DTE Energy Company PAC	Tom Barrett for Congress	03/31/2025	$1,000.00
CMS Energy Corporation PAC	Tom Barrett for Congress	03/31/2025	$2,500.00
CMS Energy Corporation PAC	Tom Barrett for Congress	03/22/2025	$1,000.00
		TOTAL:	**$17,500**

[FEC Receipts, accessed 9/11/26]

Barrett's State Legislative Campaigns Accepted $5,100 From DTE And Consumers Energy PACs

Barrett's State Legislative Campaigns Accepted $5,100 From PACs For DTE And Consumers Energy. [Michigan Transparency Network Contributions Analysis Search, accessed 9/11/26]

Contributions From DTE And Consumers Energy (CMS) PACs To Tom Barrett's State Legislative Campaigns			
Contributor	**Recipient**	**Date**	**Amount**
DTE Energy PAC	Friends of Tom Barrett	10/25/21	$500
DTE Energy PAC	Barrett Brigade Leadership Fund PAC	04/29/2021	$500
DTE Energy PAC	Friends of Tom Barrett	09/05/2019	$1,000
DTE Energy PAC	Friends of Tom Barrett	03/19/2019	$500
DTE Energy PAC	Tom Barrett for State Representative	10/01/2015	$500
CMS Energy PAC	Tom Barrett for State Representative	10/01/2015	$1,000
DTE Energy PAC	Tom Barrett for State Representative	08/05/2015	$100
DTE Energy PAC	Tom Barrett for State Representative	02/25/2015	$500
CMS Energy PAC	Tom Barrett for State Representative	02/11/2015	$500
		TOTAL:	**$5,100**

[Michigan Transparency Network Contributions Analysis Search, accessed 9/11/26]

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- **HEADLINE: "MPSC Approved $276.6 Million Rate Hike For Consumers Energy."** [WKAR, 3/27/26]

2025: DTE And Consumers Energy Made Over $1 Billion Each In Profits

2025: DTE Reported Making "$1.54 Billion In Profits" While Paying Zero In Federal Income Taxes. "DTE Energy did not pay current federal income taxes for the twelfth consecutive year in 2025 despite reporting $1.54 billion in profits, according to public documents reviewed by Michigan Advance. The Detroit-based utility, which is currently seeking a 9.7% electric rate hike, has reported receiving hundreds of millions of dollars in tax cuts over the last 12 years in federally mandated public reports." [Michigan Advance, 6/11/26]

2025: Consumers Energy "Reported a Profit Of More Than $1 Billion." "CMS Energy, the parent company of Consumers Energy, reported a profit of more than $1 billion in 2025, crediting rate increases it received last year as a big part of the reason. Consumers Energy's CEO made more than $10 million in 2024, the most recent year for which data is available." [Michigan League of Conservation Voters, Press Release, 6/3/26]

DTE Was The Primary Utility Provider Of Gas And Electric In Southeast Michigan

DTE Was The Primary Utility Provider For Most Of Livingston, And Part Of Ingham Counties In Michigan. [Michigan Public Service Commission, Service Areas, accessed 9/11/26]

He's Sided With Them, Voting To Raise Michigan Energy Costs By $320 A Year Per Family

Barrett Vote Twice For The One Big Beautiful Bill, Which Was Projected To Increase Michiganders' Household Energy Costs By $320 A Year

May 22, 2025: Barrett Voted For Initial Passage Of The Big Beautiful Bill. On May 22, 2025, Representative Tom Barrett voted for: "Passage of the bill that would provide for approximately $3.8 trillion in net tax cuts and $321 billion in military, border enforcement and judiciary spending, offset by $1.5 trillion in spending reductions, as instructed in the fiscal 2025 budget resolution (H Con Res 14). It would raise the statutory debt limit by $4 trillion and provide for increased spending on defense and border security, spending cuts on social safety net programs, such as Medicaid and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. It also includes a mix of tax breaks for businesses and individuals; tax increases on universities and foundations; and a phase-down of clean energy tax credits. It would reduce spending on Medicaid by $625 billion over a 10-year period and modify eligibility and cost provisions for enrollees and health providers and impose work, volunteer and education requirements on adults ages 19 to 64 who are covered by the program. It would appropriate "such sums as necessary" for reducing cost-sharing payments for low-income individuals who've purchased "silver" plans on the 2010 health care law's exchanges. But payments to plans that cover abortions would be mostly barred. It would extend and make permanent individual tax brackets and rates included in the 2017 tax overhaul law (PL 115-97) and provide for the adjustment of the lower bounds of each tier based on inflation. It would reduce federal spending on the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program by requiring states to shoulder more of the cost, expand work requirements for SNAP, extend programs authorized under the 2018 farm bill, and prohibit the U.S. Department of Agriculture from increasing the cost of the Thrifty Food Program. As amended, it would cap state and local tax deductions at $40,000 for households with incomes below $500,000 and prohibit Medicaid funding for gender transition therapies or procedures for minors and adults, among other provisions." The bill passed by a vote of 215-214. [H.R. 1, Vote #145, 5/22/25; CQ, 5/22/25]

July 3, 2025: Barrett Voted For The Final Passage Of The One Big Beautiful Bill. On July 3, 2025, Representative Tom Barrett voted for: "Motion to concur in the Senate amendment to the bill that would permanently extend nearly $4 trillion in expiring individual and business tax cuts, create several new tax breaks and fund border and immigration enforcement and air traffic control upgrades. It would cut Medicaid and other safety net programs to partly offset the cost. Among other provisions, it would raise the statutory debt ceiling by $5 trillion and appropriate more than $448 billion in mandatory funding for Trump administration priorities and other needs, including $153 billion for defense, $89 billion for immigration enforcement, and $89.5 billion for border control and security. It also would increase the state and local tax deduction cap to $40,000 annually for five years for households making up to $500,000 a year until 2030, when it would permanently revert to $10,000." Motion agreed to 218-214. [H.R.1, Vote #190, 7/3/25; CQ, 7/3/25]

- **Michigan Independent: The Big Beautiful Bill Will Increase "Household Utility Bills By An Average Of $320 A Year**." "Provisions of the budget law are also reportedly set to raise housing and energy prices in Michigan: Rising federal debt could push interest rates higher, leaving homeowners to pay an extra $600 in interest on their annual mortgage payments, while investments in fossil fuel and the elimination of clean energy incentives could increase household utility bills by an average of $320 a year." [Michigan Independent, 4/30/26]