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2013: Gov. Steve Beshear Announced Kentucky Would Expand Medicaid Under The Affordable Care Act. "It's been a longtime, lingering question—will Gov. Steve Beshear expand Kentucky's Medicaid program under the Affordable Care Act (a.k.a. Obamacare)? On Thursday afternoon, Beshear answered: Yes, Kentucky will. The decision means that Kentucky will expand its Medicaid rolls to 138 percent of the federal poverty line with the federal government paying for it for three years. After 2017, the federal government's share of the cost drops to 90 percent and Kentucky picks up the rest. The move adds 308,000 to the Medicaid insurance program, according to a state news release. For months, Beshear has been considering the issue and calculating the costs to the state after 2017. States throughout the U.S. appear split on whether to accept the expansion. [...] Calling it 'the single-most important decision in our lifetime for improving the health of Kentuckians,' Gov. Steve Beshear today announced the inclusion of 308,000 more Kentuckians in the federal Medicaid health insurance program. The expansion, together with the creation of the Health Benefit Exchange, will ensure that every Kentuckian will have access to affordable health insurance." [Louisville Public Media, [5/9/13](#)]

2015: Alvarado Criticized Medicaid Expansion, Saying "Almost Every Senator Here Has Received Letters That Say: This Stinks, We Are Not Getting Paid, We Are Going Under." "The hospital is in the district of Sen. Max Wise, R-Campbellsville, who told fellow members of the Senate Health and Welfare Committee Feb. 26, 'I would love to take the governor's report to the six of my seven counties out in rural Kentucky that are struggling right now in their hospitals. . . . What I'm hearing from them is the system is broken and it continues to be broken.' [...] Wise was referring to Beshear's recent report that Medicaid expansion is generating more money, jobs and tax revenue than forecast. Another committee member, Sen. Ralph Alvarado, R-Winchester, said, 'Almost every senator here has received letters that say: This stinks, we are not getting paid, we are going under.'" [KY Health News, [2/28/15](#)]

2020: Alvarado Criticized Gov. Beshear's Decision To Expand Medicaid Eligibility, Saying It Greatly Expanded The State's Medicaid Costs Without Creating The Number Of Jobs In The Health Industry Beshear Promised. "Alvarado, a medical doctor who chairs the Senate Health and Welfare Committee and serves on the Medicaid Oversight and Advisory Committee, said there is no question the huge increase in Medicaid spending is a result of former Gov. Steve Beshear's decision to expand Medicaid eligibility to cover more people above the poverty line. By 2017, that contributed to a reduction in the number of the state's uninsured from 20 percent to 7.5 percent. However, according to Alvarado, even with the increased federal allocation, it greatly expanded the state's Medicaid costs without creating the number of jobs in the health industry Beshear promised." [Winchester Sun, [1/28/20](#)]

And Now Supports Massive Cuts That Will Result In 200,000 Kentuckians Losing Their Coverage And Could Close Thirty-Five Rural Hospitals In The State.

Alvarado Touted The One Big Beautiful That Made Historic Cuts To Medicaid, Would Take Away Health Coverage For 200,000 Kentuckians, And Could Close 35 Rural Hospitals In Kentucky

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Alvarado Touted The Big Beautiful Bill And Said It “Has Done Some Tremendous Things.” ALVARADO: “And so what the Big Beautiful Bill, it was kind of revamp all that it’s going to have uh- people that shouldn’t be on those rolls, taking them off. It provides all kinds of economic opportunity for people in this country as well. We know the reduction in taxes. So I think that the bill has done some tremendous things. But in terms of how we need to approach Medicaid for the future, uh, you’ve got to think of different ways. I’m probably the best-suited person in the race, clearly, from a healthcare understanding that can look at it now from a legislative branch angle understanding how the federal government interacts with states.” [iHeart Radio, 04:40-05:20, [7/24/25](#)] (AUDIO)

Alvarado Said The One Big Beautiful Bill Would Make Medicaid A More Efficient System. “Medicaid is becoming a flashpoint in Kentucky’s 6th Congressional District, as Democratic candidates attack President Donald Trump’s One Big Beautiful Bill Act and Republicans mirror their congressional counterparts on support for the GOP megabill. [...] Dr. Ralph Alvarado, another Republican candidate vying to represent the district, told the Lantern during the Fancy Farm Picnic in West Kentucky last weekend that he would like to improve health care going forward and that the Republican megabill would ‘help Medicaid be used for the people that it was intended for’ and make it a ‘more efficient system.’” [News From The States, [8/8/25](#)]

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- **HEADLINE: Senate Megabill Marks Biggest Medicaid Cuts In History.** [The Hill, [7/1/25](#)]

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Center For American Progress: The Amount Of Uninsured People In Kentucky Would Increase By 217,000 Due To The One Big Beautiful Bill. [Center for American Progress, [9/5/25](#)]

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The One Big Beautiful Bill Threatened More Than 300 Rural Hospital Closures Nationwide

The Cuts To Medicaid And Other Federal Health Programs In President Trump’s Budget Plan Would “Rapidly Push” More Than 300 Financially Struggling Rural Hospitals Toward A Fiscal Cliff. “Cuts to Medicaid and other federal health programs proposed in President Donald Trump’s budget plan would rapidly push more than 300 financially struggling rural hospitals toward a fiscal cliff, according to researchers who track the facilities’ finances. The hospitals would be at a disproportionate risk of closure, service reductions, or ending inpatient care, according to a report authored by experts from the Cecil G. Sheps Center for Health Services Research following a request from Senate Democrats, who released the findings publicly Thursday. Many of those hospitals are in Kentucky, Louisiana, California, and Oklahoma, according to the analysis.” [KFF, [6/12/25](#)]

- **HEADLINE: “NEW REPORT: Big, Bad Budget Betrayal Would Bring Rural Hospitals To The Brink Of Closure.”** [Families USA, [6/23/25](#)]
- **HEADLINE: “Hospitals Brace For ‘Big, Beautiful’ Medicaid Cuts.”** [The Hill, [7/14/25](#)]

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comes from Medicaid, so substantial Medicaid cuts will be felt by hospitals nationwide. The bill would also force nearly 12 million Americans off their health care—some of whom will end up in emergency rooms without coverage, forcing hospitals to foot the bill. Beyond that, hospitals will generally see higher rates of uncompensated care from uninsured patients. Hospitals already operating in the red may not survive these increased financial pressures.” [Third Way, [7/8/25](#)]

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- **HEADLINE: “GOP Medicaid Cuts Will Decimate Hospitals Nationwide.”** [Third Way, [7/8/25](#)]

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- **Alvarado Pushed For A Constitutional Amendment To Limit The Damages That Could Be Collected From Malpractice Suits.** “Alvarado also has pushed for a constitutional amendment to limit the damages that can be collected from malpractice suits; a requirement that the suits begin with an ‘affidavit of merit’ from

expert witnesses vouching for each claim; and a cap on plaintiffs' attorneys' fees in such cases, among his other malpractice-related bills." [Lexington Herald Leader, [1/7/19](#)]

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Lexington Herald Leader Headline: "He Writes Laws That Help Kentucky's Low-Rated Nursing Homes. He Also Works For Them." [Lexington Herald Leader, [1/7/19](#)]

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March 2017: Mayfair Manor Was Fined \$30,217 By The Center For Medicare And Medicaid Services. [Center For Medicare And Medicaid Services, Nursing Homes Data Archive, Data Snapshot, “Penalties,” [12/17/19](#)]

December 2016-December 2019: Federal Fines Against Fountain Circle Care & Rehabilitation Center			
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3/22/17	Mayfair Manor	Lexington	\$30,217

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March 2017: Mayfair Manor Was Cited With An “Immediate Jeopardy” Violation After “The Facility Failed To Develop An Effective Plan Of Action To Address Repeat Deficiencies Related To Unsecured And Improperly Labeled Medications.” “An Abbreviated and a Standard Recertification/Extended Survey was initiated on 03/0/17 and concluded on 03/22/17. Complaint #KY26008 was unsubstantiated with no deficient practice. However, during the Standard Recertification/Extended Survey, Immediate Jeopardy was identified on 03/15/17 and determined to exist on 03/14/17, in the areas of: 42 CFR 483.20 Resident Assessment F-281 at a Scope and Severity (S/S) of ‘J’; 42 CFR 483.25 Quality of Care F-323, at a S/S of ‘K’; 482 CFR 483.60 Pharmacy Services F-431 at a S/S of ‘K’; and 42 CFR 483.75 Administration F-490 and Quality Assessment and Assurance F-520 at a S/S of ‘K’. Substandard Quality of Care (SQC) was identified at 42 CFR 483.25 Quality of Care. The facility was notified of the Immediate Jeopardy on 03/15/17. Observation on the South resident hall, on 03/14/17 revealed a vial of insulin and three unlabeled, unidentified pills were noted unsecured in cups on top of an unsecured and unattended medication cart. Furthermore on 03/14/17, when the nurse returned to the cart, she was unable to say what the pills were or to whom they belonged until she looked in the Narcotic Book to recall what pills she had signed out. She stated the pills were narcotic pain medications. Without further verifying the pills or for whom they were prescribed, the nurse proceeded to administer one of the pills to Unsampled Resident D. Subsequent observation on 03/15/17 revealed the same medication cart on the South resident hall was again unlocked and unattended. In addition, observations revealed a medication cart was left unlocked and unattended at the North Hall nurses station on 03/14/17 and on the North Resident Hall on 03/16/17. Also, observation during the initial facility tour on 03/14/17 revealed the South Hall shower room door was left open, Continued observation Inside the shower room revealed the following items were unsecured and accessible to residents: two (2) containers of Germicidal Clorox wipes and a bar of Dove soap; a bottle of shampoo; and shampoo and body wash, deodorant, mouth wash and hand sanitizer in a plastic storage bin. Additionally, the shower room floor was wet. Furthermore, it was determined the facility's Administration failed to have an effective system In place to ensure the facility was administered effectively to maintain the highest practicable physical, mental and psychosocial well-being of each resident. Also, the facility failed to develop an effective plan of action to address repeat deficiencies related to unsecured and improperly labeled medications.” [Department of Health and Human Services via Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, 2017 Nursing Home Inspection Findings, Image ID: 203200, [3/22/17](#)]

- **March 2017: Inspectors Witnessed Loose Pills And Insulin On An Unsecured Medication Cart And Watched A Nurse Administer Unlabeled Medication To A Resident Without Knowing If It Was Prescribed To Them.** “The facility was notified of the Immediate Jeopardy on 03/15/17. Observation on the South resident hall, on 03/14/17 revealed a vial of insulin and three unlabeled, unidentified pills were noted unsecured in cups on top of an unsecured and unattended medication cart. Furthermore on 03/14/17, when the nurse returned to the cart, she was unable to say what the pills were or to whom they belonged until

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Centers For Medicare And Medicaid Services: “Immediate Jeopardy (IJ) Represents A Situation In Which Noncompliance By Providers, Suppliers, Or Laboratories... Has Placed The Health And Safety Of Recipients In Its Care At Risk For Serious Injury, Serious Harm, Serious Impairment, Or Death.”

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May 2018: Fountain Circle Was Cited For An Incident Of Noncompliance At The Level "Immediate Jeopardy" For An April Incident Where Medical Staff At The Facility Failed To Perform CPR On A Resident In Cardiac Arrest For 23 Minutes. "An Abbreviated/Partial Extended Survey investigating Complaint #KY00027840 was initiated on 04/30/18 and concluded 05/11/18. Complaint #KY00027840 was substantiated with deficiencies cited. Immediate Jeopardy (IJ) was identified on 05/04/18 and determined to exist on 04/15/18 with deficiencies cited at 42 CFR 483.21 Comprehensive Resident Centered Care Plans, F-655 and F-658, both at a Scope and Severity (S/S) of 'J'. Substandard Quality of Care (SQC) was identified at 42 CFR 483.24 Quality of Life, F-678 at a Scope and Severity (S/S) of a 'J'. On 04/10/18, the facility admitted Resident #1 and the resident's son signed an 'Advance Directive/Informed Consent Form', which stated, Full Code. In addition, Physician's orders were obtained on 04/10/18 for Full Code status, and a Baseline Care Plan was also developed stating the resident and family elected 'Full Code'. On 04/15/18, per staff interview and record review, at approximately 5:45 PM, Registered Nurse (RN) #1 observed Resident #1 to be unresponsive with absence of respirations and heartbeat; however, the nurse failed to check the resident's code status and immediately initiate Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR). RN #1 was not knowledgeable of the facility's protocol when a resident was found unresponsive or of the facility policies and procedures related to initiating a code. RN #1 called the Director of Nursing (DON) at approximately 6:07 PM and the DON directed her to check the resident's chart for code status. After RN #1 recognized the resident was a Full Code, the DON instructed her to call 911 and code the resident. RN #1 then called 911, went to the resident's room and initiated CPR at approximately 6:08 PM, which was approximately twenty-three (23) minutes after the resident was found unresponsive with absence of respirations and heartbeat. However, RN #1 performed only three (3) to five (5) chest compressions, and then stopped CPR. Review of the 'Emergency Medical Response' Report revealed EMS received a call on 04/15/18 at 6:08 PM and arrived on scene at 6:14 PM to find Resident #1 in cardiac arrest with no efforts at CPR or oxygenation. EMS transported Resident #1 to the Hospital and the resident was pronounced dead on 04/15/18 at 6:53 PM." [Department of Health and Human Services via Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, 2018 Nursing Home Inspection Findings, Image ID: 418235, [5/11/18](#)]

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example, which is rated ‘below average,’ settled a wrongful death lawsuit for an undisclosed sum this year with Glynda Bowling over the 2017 death of her 84-year-old husband. Sheridan Bowling entered Fountain Circle for physical therapy following an illness. He died 17 days later from a brain bleed resulting from a fall, his widow said in a recent interview. During his brief stay, she said, the inadequately staffed facility kept Bowling ‘drugged up like a zombie.’ He never started rehabilitation and ended his life covered in large bruises that nobody could explain, she said.” [Lexington Herald Leader, [1/7/19](#)]

2018: Fountain Circle Settled A Wrongful Death Lawsuit In Which A 70-Year-Old Patient Was Allegedly “Drugged Up So Heavy” On Anti-Psychotic Medicine Because Staff Did Not Want To Deal With Her Dementia-Affected Behavior, And Suffered Pulmonary Aspiration

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Ralph Alvarado Message #3 Backup

Ralph Alvarado supported a bill that gave over \$80 billion dollars in tax breaks to data center developers, giving them our money to build data centers in our communities even though these projects drive up electric rates for customers, use and pollute drinking water, and are made with secret deals that hurt area residents, all while having up to \$450,000 invested in data center developer stock himself.

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Alvarado Touted The Big Beautiful Bill And Said It “Has Done Some Tremendous Things.” ALVARADO: “And so what the Big Beautiful Bill, it was kind of revamp all that it’s going to have uh- people that shouldn’t be on those rolls, taking them off. It provides all kinds of economic opportunity for people in this country as well. We know the reduction in taxes. So I think that the bill has done some tremendous things. But in terms of how we need to approach Medicaid for the future, uh, you’ve got to think of different ways. I’m probably the best-suited person in the race, clearly, from a healthcare understanding that can look at it now from a legislative branch angle understanding how the federal government interacts with states.” [iHeart Radio, 04:40-05:20, [7/24/25](#)] (AUDIO)

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American Prospect: The Tax Benefits In The One Big Beautiful Bill “Have Trickled Up The Most To Just Six Companies, Primarily Silicon Valley Titans That Are Dominating The AI Boom And Spending Lavishly On Data Centers.” “Last year, corporations ran away with one of the biggest federal income tax breaks in history, thanks to rule changes, write-offs, and credits made permanent in President Trump’s One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA). According to a recent analysis by the Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy (ITEP), companies avoided paying more than \$200 billion in federal income tax in 2025. The latest cuts have helped dozens of corporations, like Tesla, CVS, and liquefied natural gas behemoth Cheniere, pay zero in federal income tax while raking in more than \$100 billion, but the benefits have trickled up the most to just six companies, primarily Silicon Valley titans that are dominating the AI boom and spending lavishly on data centers.” [The American Prospect, [8/17/26](#)]

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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,” With Costs Being Passed Onto Consumers. “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](#)]

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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 Consume 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](#)]

Data Center Developers Were Getting Secret Backroom Deals

American Economic Liberties Project: Big Tech Was Building Data Centers “Under A Corrupt Regime Of Secret Agreements That Excludes The Public From Participating In Any Debate.” “To prevent sufficient public input into these extractive arrangements, data-center end users such as Google, Meta, and Amazon employ broad nondisclosure agreements (NDAs) that prevent public officials — such as city council members, mayors, state legislators, or public economic development officials — from divulging many pertinent details of these development deals, including the identity of the project’s end user. In short, Big Tech’s building spree will place new strains and costs on local communities, while providing questionable benefits to residents and taxpayers, all under a corrupt regime of secret agreements that excludes the public from participating in any debate. But, as this policy brief will describe, there are several steps state and local lawmakers can take to bring these secret deals to light and provide more transparency and accountability to Big Tech’s actions in their communities.” [American Economic Liberties Project, [November 2025](#)]

Mother Jones: The Data Center Permitting Process “Can Operate In Near-Total Secrecy.” “Melat Kiros, who recently won Denver’s Democratic congressional primary, credits her win in part to her ability to vocalize constituents’ anger about the data center permitting process, which can operate in near-total secrecy: companies often ask municipal decisionmakers to sign non-disclosure agreements, which can mean that people don’t find out a data center is moving into their neighborhood until the process is half-complete.” [Mother Jones, [7/30/26](#)]

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HEADLINE: “How Meta Got Everything It Wanted In A Secret Louisiana Data Center Deal.” [New York Times, [7/27/26](#)]

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2026: Ralph Alvarado Data Developer Stock Holdings		
Asset	Min Value	Max Value
Nvidia Corporation	\$100,001.00	\$250,000.00

Alphabet Inc.	\$50,001.00	\$100,000.00
Amazon	\$15,001.00	\$50,000.00
Apple	\$15,001.00	\$50,000.00
TOTAL:	\$180,004.00	\$450,000.00

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And Supported Bevin's Attacks On Seniors And Families.

Alvarado Supported Bevin's Health Care Plan That Would Have Led To 95,000 Kentuckians Losing Access To Health Care Coverage

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Alvarado Supported Bevin's Medicaid Waiver Proposal. "As the fate of Kentucky's proposed Medicaid waiver which would make changes to the program in an attempt to make it sustainable currently lies in the hands of the federal government, state Sen. Ralph Alvarado says he fears the expansion will be ended if the federal government does not approve Gov. Matt Bevin's proposal. Alvarado, a Winchester physician and state Senator, told The Bottom Line he believes the governor's Medicaid proposal is a step in the right direction in being able to keep the increased number of Kentuckians covered by the government program while also finding better ways to make it more affordable for the state." [The Bottom Line News, [10/10/16](#)]

- **Bevin Won Approval For A Section 1115 Medicaid Waiver Application That Resulted In The Creation Of Kentucky HEALTH.** "On Jan. 19, 2018, Governor Matt Bevin and the Kentucky Department for Medicaid Services announced that Kentucky won approval from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for its Section 1115 Medicaid Waiver Application. The resulting program, Kentucky HEALTH (Helping to Engage and Achieve Long Term Health) is part of an overall initiative to 'transform the Kentucky Medicaid program to empower individuals to improve their health and gain employer sponsored coverage or other commercial health insurance coverage, while simultaneously ensuring the program's long-term fiscal sustainability.' The program will apply to non-disabled adults and children who currently receive Medicaid, with the largest changes affecting the Medicaid expansion population. Implementation will begin in July." [Kentucky Medical Association, [1/16/18](#)]

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Alvarado Defended Bevin’s Policies, Which Included A Plan To Get Rid Of The Guaranteed Pension Plan For Teachers

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Alvarado Said He Wanted To Help Carry Bevin’s Vision Forward Into A Second Term. “During Friday’s news conference, Alvarado said that he wants to help carry Bevin’s vision forward into a second term. ‘I’m looking forward to the campaign ahead to let people know the accomplishments we’ve done. And the things we want to get accomplished in the state of Kentucky,’ Alvarado said.” [WVXU, [1/27/19](#)]

Bevin Signed Legislation That Got Rid Of The Guaranteed Pension Plan For Teachers

Bevin’s Bill Got Rid Of The Guaranteed Pension Plan For Teachers. “The Bevin-backed pension bill offered new teachers a 401(k)-style system rather than a guaranteed pension plan, a change that had been made to the pension system for the state’s police, firefighters, and thousands of other public servants several years earlier. It wouldn’t have impacted the pensions of current teachers. But as The Pension Gamble explored, Kentucky’s teachers worry that when the time comes for them to retire, the state won’t have the money to pay their pensions. (The pensions of some other Kentucky state workers are facing insolvency in around three years.)”

Bevin Signed A Bill That Would Cut Benefits For Teachers And Other Public Employees. “Kentucky Attorney General Andy Beshear sued Governor Matt Bevin in an attempt to nullify a pension reform bill that stands to cut benefits for teachers and other public employees, a day after Bevin signed the bill into law. According to Beshear, Senate Bill 151 – which started out as an ‘11-page bill relating to sewer services’ – violates the state’s contract with its public employees, and is also unconstitutional because of the manner in which it was passed.” [Court House News, [4/12/18](#)]

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2019: Bevin And Alvarado Lost The Gubernatorial Election To Beshear And Coleman. [Kentucky State Board of Elections, 2019 General Election Results, [2019](#)]

2019 Kentucky Governor / Lieutenant Governor Election Results			
Candidates: Governor / Lt. Governor	Party	Votes	Percent
Matthew G. BEVIN / Ralph A. ALVARADO	REP	704,388	48.83
Andy BESHEAR / Jacqueline COLEMAN	DEM	709,577	49.19
John HICKS / Ann CORMICAN	LIB	28425	1.97

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December 2019: Washington Post Headline: "Defeated GOP Governor Pardoned Violent Criminals In A Spree Lawyers Are Calling An "Atrocity Of Justice." [Washington Post, [12/12/19](#)]

NPR: “In All, The Former Governor Signed Off On 428 Pardons And Commutations Since His Loss To Democrat Andy Beshear.” “Former Kentucky Gov. Matt Bevin departed the governor's mansion three days ago, but the reverberations of some of his final actions are still being felt across the state. Bevin, a Republican who narrowly lost a bid for a second term last month, issued pardons to hundreds of people, including convicted rapists, murderers and drug offenders. In one case, Bevin pardoned a man convicted of homicide. That man's family raised more than \$20,000 at a political fundraiser to help Bevin pay off a debt owed from his 2015 gubernatorial campaign. In all, the former governor signed off on 428 pardons and commutations since his loss to Democrat Andy Beshear, according to The Courier-Journal. The paper notes, ‘The beneficiaries include one offender convicted of raping a child, another who hired a hit man to kill his business partner and a third who killed his parents.’” [NPR, [12/13/19](#)]

Alvarado Claimed In 2026 That He Opposed Matt Bevin’s Pardons At The Time They Were Issued In 2019, But Louisville Public Media Reported There Was “No Video Or Media Reporting” From The Time Showing That Alvarado Publicly Opposed Them, And Alvarado Did Not Respond To A Request For Proof

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- **CNN: Alvarado Responded To An Ad Claiming He “Stood Side-By-Side With Bevin” By Saying He Opposed The Pardons At The Time, But Local Reporting “Could Not Find Evidence Of The Condemnation.”** “The first ad in the race from Beshear’s PAC, In This Together, attacks Alvarado over his ties with Bevin, saying he ‘stood side-by-side with Bevin’ when he pardoned a man convicted of raping a child in 2019. It was part of an 11th-hour flurry of pardons that Bevin issued days before he left office, drawing bipartisan backlash. ‘Time and again, Alvarado chose his buddy Matt Bevin over protecting Kentucky families,’ a narrator says. Alvarado’s campaign responded to the ad by saying he ‘condemned Matt Bevin’s grotesque pardons’ at the time, according to Louisville Public Media, though the outlet noted it could not find evidence of the condemnation.” [CNN, [9/24/26](#)]

Kentucky Republicans Spoke Out Against Bevin's Pardons

Kentucky Senate President, Republican Robert Stivers, Condemned Bevin's Pardons And Called Them A "Perversion Of Justice." "The pardons outraged local attorneys and prosecutors, who said they were not consulted during the process. As the backlash continued to build Friday, Republicans in the Kentucky state Senate issued a statement blasting Bevin. 'From what we know of former governor Matt Bevin's extreme pardons and commutations, the Senate Republicans condemn his actions as a travesty and perversion of justice,' Senate President Robert Stivers (R) said. 'Our citizens, and especially the crime victims and their families, deserve better.'" [Washington Post, [12/13/19](#)]

Mitch McConnell Called Bevin's Last-Minute Pardons "Completely Inappropriate." "Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) criticized fellow Republican and former Kentucky Gov. Matt Bevin on Friday, saying a string of controversial pardons he made shortly before leaving office were 'completely inappropriate.' 'Honestly, I don't approve. It seems to me it was completely inappropriate,' McConnell told reporters in Kentucky, according to WKYT, a local TV station." [The Hill, [12/13/19](#)]