The following report contains research on Claire Chase, a Republican candidate in New Mexico’s 2nd district. Research for this research book was conducted by the DCCC’s Research Department between January and February 2020. By accepting this report, you are accepting responsibility for all information and analysis included. Therefore, it is your responsibility to verify all claims against the original documentation before you make use of it. Make sure you understand the facts behind our conclusions before making any specific charges against anyone.
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Key Findings

Claire Chase Was A Lobbyist And Establishment Insider

Chase Was A Lobbyist For Most Of Her Professional Career. Chase was a lobbyist for nine years of her 14-year professional career. Her first job out of college was in membership sales for an organization she later described as “[New Mexico’s] premier business lobbying organization.” Afterwards, she was a lobbyist representing utility companies. Chase used her status as a registered lobbyist, as well as her connections in those circles, to get a job at New Mexico Finance Authority. She also tried to leverage those connections into being promoted to Director of Legislative Affairs there.

Chase Used Her Lobbying Connections To Get Her A Job At New Mexico Finance Authority. Chase used her status as a registered lobbyist, as well as her connections in those circles, to get a job at New Mexico Finance Authority. She also tried to leverage those connections into being promoted to Director of Legislative Affairs there. New Mexico Finance Authority, while not directly under control of the Governor, was staffed predominantly populated by gubernatorial appointees.

Chase Criticized Trump On Facebook When He Ran For President And “Refused To Apologize” For Them. In 2015, Claire Chase repeatedly posted criticism of Donald Trump, saying he was an “a**hole” unworthy of holding the office and that he made her want to vomit in her mouth. Breitbart reported on the Facebook posts, which are now obscured from public view, and noted that Chase “refused to apologize” for the remarks.

Chase Worked For Martinez-Aligned Monty Newman In 2018. In 2018, Claire Chase was listed as the “Secretary” on ownership paperwork for Monty Newman’s campaign in the 2018 NM-02 Republican primary. Newman was an establishment republican attacked by Yvette Herrell for being a “fake Republican” and for supporting millions of dollars in tax increases. Newman also held close ties to deeply unpopular Governor Susanna Martinez; the two shared consultants and staff. Martinez left office with low favorable numbers, which were potentially attributed to her public spars with then-President candidate Donald Trump.

Chase’s Father Had Longtime Connections To New Mexico Republicans. James Manatt, Claire Chase’s father, was the Executive Director of the New Mexico Republican Party in the late 1970s. Since then, as noted by Albuquerque Journal, his career was “strongly influenced by state Republican politicians.” In 1999, Governor Gary Johnson appointed him to be Chair of the Board of Regents for New Mexico State University. He was also a consistent donor to Rep. Steve Pearce, who employed Claire Chase; Manatt contributed a total of $8,900 to Pearce’s campaigns between 2004 and 2016.

Claire Chase Took Credit For Others’ Hard Work

Chase Attended The Bill Signing Ceremony For The USMCA Despite Doing Nothing To Pass It. Chase was not a member of Congress when the USMCA became law, so she couldn’t have voted on it or done anything in an official capacity to help pass it, but she attended the bill signing ceremony anyways. Chase posted a direct-to-camera video from the event, which her campaign spent up to $200 to promote on Facebook. Months earlier, Vice President Mike Pence gave a shout to Chase at an event in Artesia promoting the bill.

Chase Misled In Saying She Had “First-Hand Experience” As A Pecan Farmer. Chase claimed that she had “first-hand experience” as a pecan farmer. In reality, Claire Chase married into the farms and no evidence suggested she had ever worked there. She was not listed on any ownership paperwork for the farm and held other jobs during the course of her marriage to Chance Chase. According to her personal financial disclosure, Chase owned up to $1 million in holdings in the farm. Since 1995, Chase Farms has claimed $206,922 in federal USDA subsidies.
Chase’s Father Was Chairman Of The Board Of Regents At Her College, Appointed By A Republican Governor. Chase’s father, James Manatt, was appointed to the Board of Regents for New Mexico State University in 1999 by then-Governor Gary Johnson, a Republican. Manatt remained on the Board of Regents through 2005, a year before Claire Chase graduated from there.

Chase Used Her Lobbying Connections To Get Her A Job At New Mexico Finance Authority. Chase used her status as a registered lobbyist, as well as her connections in those circles, to get a job at New Mexico Finance Authority. She also tried to leverage those connections into being promoted to Director of Legislative Affairs there. New Mexico Finance Authority, while not directly under control of the Governor, was staffed predominantly populated by gubernatorial appointees.

Chase Claimed She Was Steve Peace’s Most Senior Legislative Staffer – But She Was Not The Legislative Director. At a candidate forum in January 2020, Chase claimed that she was Steve Pearce’s “most senior legislative staffer.” Chase worked as Pearce’s lone Senior Legislative Assistant from 2011 to 2013. Chase was never Pearce’s Legislative Director, but she would have been the ranking legislative staffer in his office for ten months due to a staff vacancy. Chase was not promoted during the time when Pearce’s office did not have a legislative director, but she did earn a raise and went from earning $13,750 per quarter to $16,250.01.

Claire Chase Opposed Trump Until She Decided To Run For Congress

In 2015, Chase Criticized Trump On Facebook When He Ran For President And “Refused To Apologize” For Her Comments… According to Breitbart, Claire Chase made several scathing remarks about Donald Trump while he was running for President. At one point, she called him an “a**hole” who was unworthy of being in office. She said that Palin’s endorsement of Trump made her want to vomit in her mouth. Questioned by Breitbart over the now deleted Facebook posts, Chase’s consultant said she had grown to like Donald Trump once he was in office yet she still would not apologize for the language she used in criticizing him.

…Then In 2018, Chase Worked For A Moderate Candidate With Ties To Trump Critic Susanna Martinez… In 2018, while she was a registered lobbyist, Chase was listed as Secretary of Monty Newman’s 2018 campaign in the Republican primary of NM-02. Newman was a moderate candidate with close ties to former Governor Susanna Martinez, who was a Trump critic. Newman was reported to have shied away from Donald Trump during his campaign, and Yvette Herrell attacked him as a “Fake Republican” in advertising.

…But By 2019, When She Announced Her Congressional Campaign, Chase Was Calling Trump A “Fearless Leader…” When Claire Chase announced her congressional campaign, she released an ad labeling Trump a “fearless leader.” She opened her ad by praising Trump and featured an image of her with Vice President Pence – despite his efforts to distance himself from her after resurfaced Facebook posts showed her criticism of Trump when he was running for President.

…And Chase Ran Ads In 2020 Tying Herself To Trump And Pence. In advertising, Chase said Trump was fighting to Keep America Great and used her background as a businesswoman and political outsider to compare herself to the President. She promised to fight with Trump to build the border wall.
Thematics
### Claire Chase Was A Lobbyist And Establishment Insider

**Significant Findings**

- Chase spent nearly a decade as a lobbyist
  - Since graduating college in 2006, Chase has spent all but five years as a lobbyist
  - Chase’s first job out of college was with the Association of Commerce and Industry, which she later described as, “[New Mexico’s] premier business lobbying organization”
  - Chase used her lobbyist registration to get a job at New Mexico Finance Authority
- At New Mexico Finance Authority, Chase again cited her lobbying experience in pitching herself to be the agency’s Director of Legislative Affairs
- Santa Fe New Mexican: New Mexico Finance Authority was not “under direct control” of the governor, but it was made up “mostly of department heads and others who are appointed by the governor”
- Chase’s father had longtime connections to the New Mexico Republican Party
  - 1999: Albuquerque Journal reported “the career of [James Manatt]...has been strongly influenced by state Republican politicians.”
  - 1999: Governor Gary Johnson appointed Manatt to be Chairman of the Board of Regents for New Mexico State University
  - 1973-1979: James Manatt was Executive Director of the New Mexico Republican Party
  - Manatt contributed $8,900 to Steve Pearce
- Chase was a legislative staffer and Deputy District Director for Rep. Steve Pearce

## Chase Was A Lobbyist For Nearly A Decade

### Chase Was A Lobbyist For Nine Years Of Her 14-Year Career

**2013-Present: Chase Was Director Of Government Relations For Mack Energy Corporation**

2013-Present: Chase Was Director Of Government Relations For Mack Energy Corporation. According to LinkedIn, Chase was Director of Government Relations for Mack Energy Corporation from December 2013 through present day. [LinkedIn, accessed 2/12/20]

**2007-2008: Chase’s Second Job Out Of College Was In Project Management And Government Relations For Strategic & Learning Services**

2007-2008: Chase Was Project Manager For Government Relations At Strategic And Learning Services, Inc. “Represented client interests by presenting information, observations, opinions and arguments to state and local
legislative and regulatory agencies, other organizations and individual legislators whose actions may have affected client interests.” [LinkedIn, accessed 1/23/20]

2006-2007: Chase’s First Job Out Of College Was In Membership Sales For The Association Of Commerce And Industry, Which She Later Described As “[New Mexico’s] Premier Business Lobbying Organization”

“Directed, presented and closed all new member solicitations; Worked closely with statewide local chambers and business groups; Traveled extensively to promote ACI in all NM communities; Planned and executed detailed membership campaign; Assisted in ACI community issues forums, programs, and planning.” [LinkedIn, accessed 1/23/20]

Chase Described The Association Of Commerce And Industry As “Our State’s Premier Business Lobbying Organization.” In a letter sent by Claire Manatt to senior officials of the New Mexico Finance Authority, in which she was asking to be made Director of Legislative Affairs, she wrote, “During my career, I have worked as Membership Director for the Association of Commerce and Industry, our state’s premier business lobbying organization in the state. In this capacity, I was responsible for membership development, client outreach, and marketing. Many of the members of ACI are leaders in their fields and active in the legislative process, which is how I began my lobbying career.” [New Mexico Finance Authority, Letter from Claire Manatt to Bill Sisneros and Jerry Trojan, 5/22/09] (Record Saved in Drive)

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[New Mexico Finance Authority, Letter from Claire Manatt to Bill Sisneros and Jerry Trojan, 5/22/09] (Record Saved in Drive)

2006: Chase Graduated From New Mexico State University

2006: Chase Graduated From New Mexico State University. According to LinkedIn, Claire Chase graduated from New Mexico State University in 2006 with a degree in Journalism, Public Relations, and Marketing. She attended the school from 2001 through 2006. [LinkedIn, accessed 2/13/20]

Chase Was A Lobbyist For All But Five Years Of Her Career

2010-2013: Chase Worked For Rep. Steve Pearce

2013: Chase Was Deputy District Director For Rep. Steve Pearce. According to LinkedIn, Chase was Steve Pearce’s Deputy District Director from February 2013 through November 2013. [LinkedIn, accessed 2/12/20]

2010-2013: Chase Was Senior Legislative Assistant For Rep. Steve Pearce. According to LinkedIn, Chase was Steve Pearce’s Senior Legislative Assistant from December 2010 through February 2013. [LinkedIn, accessed 2/12/20]

2008-2010: Chase Was A Financial Advisor For New Mexico Finance Authority
2008-2010: Chase Was A Financial Advisor For New Mexico Finance Authority. According to her LinkedIn profile, Chase was a Financial Advisor for New Mexico Finance Authority from August 2008 through October 2010. [LinkedIn, accessed 1/23/20]

Chase Used Her Lobbying Connections To Get A Job At New Mexico Finance Authority, And Later In An Attempt To Be Promoted There

Chase Listed Lobbying Contacts As References On Her Application To New Mexico Finance Authority In Addition To Her Own Lobbyist Registration

In Her Job Application To Be Financial Advisor At New Mexico Finance Authority, Chase Enclosed A List Of References Including Two Lobbyists. Chase listed Sharon Lombardi, Executive Director of Dairy Producers of New Mexico, and Tony Trujillo, Director of Government Relations for Freeport McMorin Copper and Gold, as references on her application to New Mexico Finance Authority. [New Mexico Finance Authority, Letter from Claire Manatt to Dora C. DeBaca, 6/25/08] (Record Saved in Drive)

Chase Claimed She Was A Registered Lobbyist On The Resume She Used To Get A Job At New Mexico Finance Authority

Chase Claimed She Was A Registered Lobbyist On The Resume She Used To Get A Job At New Mexico Finance Authority. Records obtained from New Mexico Finance Authority included the resume sent there by Claire Manatt as part of her application for the Financial Advisor position. Manatt included “Registered Lobbyist, State of New Mexico” under the section of her resume entitled “Professional Memberships.” [New Mexico Finance Authority, Letter from Claire Manatt to Bill Sisneros and Jerry Trojan, 5/22/09] (Record Saved in Drive)
Chase Cited Her Lobbying Experience In A Letter To NMFA Officials Asking For A Promotion

Chase Touted Her Lobbying Experience At Strategic & Learning Services, Inc. In A Letter Requesting A Promotion. In a letter sent by Claire Manatt to senior officials of the New Mexico Finance Authority, in which she was asking to be made Director of Legislative Affairs, she wrote, “Upon leaving ACI, I was hired as a Project Manager, Government Relations with Strategic & Learning Services. My clients included Focus Energy, Comcast Cable, and New Mexico Utilities, Inc.” [New Mexico Finance Authority, Letter from Claire Manatt to Bill Sisneros and Jerry Trojan, 5/22/09] (Record Saved in Drive)

Chase Said She Had “Developed Understanding Of The Intricacies Of The Legislative Process.” In a letter sent by Claire Manatt to senior officials of the New Mexico Finance Authority, in which she was asking to be made Director of Legislative Affairs, she wrote, “In both positions, I was engaged daily in all aspects of the legislative process. Through hard work and experience, I have built a well developed network and professional relationship with legislators on both sides of the aisle, to committee secretaries and other legislative staff, as well as a developed understanding of the intricacies of the legislative process. I have spent time lobbying the interim committee and know that the majority of the work happens during this time.” [New Mexico Finance Authority, Letter from Claire Manatt to Bill Sisneros and Jerry Trojan, 5/22/09] (Record Saved in Drive)

NMFA Was A Quasi-Public Agency Led By Gubernatorial Appointees

Santa Fe New Mexican: New Mexico Finance Authority Was Not “Under Direct Control” Of The Governor, But It Was Made Up “Mostly Of Department Heads And Others Who Are Appointed By The Governor.”

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“The Finance Authority is a quasi-public agency that issues bonds and makes loans to provide low-cost financing for local and state governmental projects. Sisneros said NMFA handles about $2.9 billion in investments. Though the 12-member authority officially isn't under direct control of the governor, it's made up mostly of department heads and others who are appointed by the governor.” [Santa Fe New Mexican, 6/4/09]
Chase’s Father Had Longtime Connections To New Mexico Republicans

1999: *Albuquerque Journal* Reported “The Career Of [James Manatt]…Has Been Strongly Influenced By State Republican Politicians.” “The career of the 50-year-old Manatt, son of a former Holloman Air Force Base commander, has been strongly influenced by state Republican politicians. After serving two years in the Army, Manatt was hired in 1973 as executive director of the Republican Legislative Campaign Committee on the recommendation of John Conway, then Senate minority leader from Alamogordo and a Manatt family neighbor. Conway is now a federal judge in Albuquerque.” [Albuquerque Journal, 1/12/99]


Gary Johnson Appointed Manatt To Be Chairman Of The Board Of Regents For New Mexico State University

1999: Governor Gary Johnson Appointed James Manatt To The New Mexico State University Board Of Regents. “Republican Gov. Gary Johnson has nominated a Roswell businessman to fill a seat on the five-member New Mexico State University Board of Regents. James Manatt Jr., chief executive officer of Providence Technologies Inc., an oil and gas exploration company, will replace departing regent Carl Faubion pending confirmation by the state Senate.” [Albuquerque Journal, 1/12/99]

1999-2005: Manatt Was Chairman Of The Board Of Regents For New Mexico State University. According to LinkedIn, James Manatt Jr was Chairman of the Board of Regents for New Mexico State University from 1999-2005. [LinkedIn, accessed 1/16/20]

2001-2006: Claire Chase Attended New Mexico State University

2001-2006: Claire Chase Attended New Mexico State University. According to LinkedIn, Chase attended New Mexico State University from 2001 through 2006. She graduated with a Bachelor’s of Arts degree in Journalism, Public Relations, and Marketing. [LinkedIn, accessed 1/21/20]

James Manatt Was Executive Director Of The New Mexico Republican Party

1973-1979: Manatt Was Executive Director Of The Republican Party Of New Mexico And The Gerald Ford For President Committee. According to LinkedIn, James Manatt Jr was Executive Director of the Republican Party of New Mexico and the Gerald Ford for President Committee from March 1973 through December 1979. [LinkedIn, accessed 1/16/20]

Manatt Contributed $8,900 To Steve Pearce


Chase Was A Staffer For Rep. Steve Pearce In Both DC And New Mexico
2010-2013: Chase Worked For Rep. Steve Pearce As His Senior Legislative Assistant And Then His Deputy District Director

2013: Chase Was Deputy District Director For Rep. Steve Pearce. According to LinkedIn, Chase was Steve Pearce’s Deputy District Director from February 2013 through November 2013. [LinkedIn, accessed 2/12/20]

2010-2013: Chase Was Senior Legislative Assistant For Rep. Steve Pearce. According to LinkedIn, Chase was Steve Pearce’s Senior Legislative Assistant from December 2010 through February 2013. [LinkedIn, accessed 2/12/20]

Chase’s Father, James Manatt, Contributed $8,900 To Steve Pearce’s Campaigns


Chase’s In-Laws Contributed $37,000 To Steve Pearce

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TOTAL $37,000.00

[FEC, accessed 2/13/20]
## Claire Chase Took Credit For Others’ Hard Work

### Significant Findings

- Chase attended the bill signing ceremony for the USMCA despite doing nothing to pass it
  - Chase ran an ad on Facebook promoting her trip to the White House’s USMCA signing ceremony
- Chase misled in saying she had “first-hand experience” as a pecan farmer
  - In reality, she married into a family owning farms and no evidence suggested she ever worked on them
- Claire Chase was not listed on any ownership paperwork for Chase Farms – neither was her husband
- Chase reported up to $1 million of holdings in Chase Farms, which accepted hundreds of thousands in federal USDA subsidies
- Chase was a signatory on a letter requesting President Trump not to boost biofuel consumption, which would have helped farmers
- Chase’s father was Chairman of the Board of Regents at her college, appointed by a Republican governor
- Chase claimed she was Steve Peace’s most senior legislative staffer – but she was not the Legislative Director
  - Chase was never Steve Pearce’s Legislative Director, but was the ranking legislative staffer for ten months due to a staff vacancy

### Chase Attended The Bill Signing Ceremony For The USMCA Despite Doing Nothing To Pass It

#### January 2020: Chase Attended The Bill Signing Ceremony For The USMCA Trade Agreement

“@ClaireChaseNM: This morning Chance and I are with @realDonaldTrump at the @WhiteHouse for the USMCA signing ceremony. This deal is a major win for New Mexico farmers, ranchers, and businesses! #MAGA #KAG.” [Twitter, @ClaireChaseNM, 1/29/20]
Chase Ran An Ad On Facebook Promoting Her Trip To The White House’s USMCA Signing Ceremony

January 2020: Claire Chase Ran A Facebook Ad Promoting Her Trip To The White House’s USMCA Signing Ceremony. On January 30, 2020, Claire Chase for Congress ran an on Facebook: “This morning Chance and I are at the White House with President Trump for the USMCA signing ceremony. This deal is a major win for New Mexico farmers, ranchers, and businesses. #MAGA #KAG.” [Facebook Ad Library, Claire Chase for Congress, 1/30/20]

The Ad Featured Footage Of Claire Chase On White House Grounds: “Good Morning, Claire Chase Here At The White House...” On January 30, 2020, Claire Chase for Congress ran an on Facebook: “This morning Chance and I are at the White House with President Trump for the USMCA signing ceremony. This deal is a major win for New Mexico farmers, ranchers, and businesses. #MAGA #KAG.” Claire Chase said in the ad, “Good morning, Claire Chase here at the White House.” [Facebook Ad Library, Claire Chase for Congress, 1/30/20]

Chase Spent Between $100 And $199 Promoting The Ad. On January 30, 2020, Claire Chase for Congress ran an on Facebook: “This morning Chance and I are at the White House with President Trump for the USMCA signing ceremony. This deal is a major win for New Mexico farmers, ranchers, and businesses. #MAGA #KAG.” Records showed Claire Chase for Congress spent between $100 and $199 promoting the ad. [Facebook Ad Library, Claire Chase for Congress, 1/30/20]
### Chase Misled In Saying She Had “First-Hand Experience” As A Pecan Farmer

**Chase Said She Had First-Hand Experience As A Pecan Farmer**

**Chase’s Campaign Website: “Claire Also Knows Firsthand What Our Farmers Go Through On A Daily Basis. Her Family Is Just One Of Many Producers Of Pecans In The Southwest”**

Citing Her Family’s Pecan Farm, Chase Said She Knew “Firsthand” The Daily Troubles Of Farmers In New Mexico. “Claire also knows firsthand what our farmers go through on a daily basis. Her family is just one of many producers of pecans in the Southwest. She will continue to be a strong voice for our agriculture community and protect it from the DC special interests.” [Claire Chase for Congress, Meet Claire, accessed 1/22/20]

In Reality, She Married Into A Farms-Owning Family And No Evidence Suggested She Ever Worked On Them

**The Pecan Farms In Question Were Owned And Operated By Mack Chase And His Sons, Claire’s In-Laws**

Chase Foundation: The Pecan Farms Owned By Mack Chase And His Sons Had “Become One Of The Largest Pecan Producers In The United States With Pecan Processing Plants In Texas And Georgia.” “Mack and his sons also own and operate Chase Farms based in New Mexico, Arizona, and Wyoming. Chase Farms has become one of the largest pecan producers in the United States with pecan processing plants in Texas and Georgia.” [Chase Foundation, Mack Chase Bio, accessed 1/22/20]

**NYT Mag: Chase Farms Was One Of The Largest Pecan Growers In The World.** “Suddenly, the very qualities of the valley that had nurtured generations of family agriculture — its cheap ground, its lack of groundwater regulation — seemed to threaten its existence. In the span of a few months, Intent to Drill notices increased almost fivefold, as Chase Farms and the National Pecan Company, two of the largest pecan growers in the world, bought and consolidated several thousand-acre farms.” [New York Times Magazine, 7/19/18]

**Artesia Chamber Of Commerce: Chase Farms Accounted For 5% Of The Total National Pecan Crop.** “Artesia is also home to one of the country’s largest pecan growers, Chase Farms. Chase Farms accounts for 5% of the total national pecan crop. This particular crop represents a significant portion of the agricultural economy in the Artesia area. There are more than 6 million pounds of pecans grown in the area.” [Artesia Chamber of Commerce And Economic Development, Economic Overview, accessed 1/22/20]

Claire Chase Was Not Listed On Any Ownership Paperwork For The Farms – Neither Was Her Husband
Claire Chase Was Not Listed As A Manager Or Director Of Chase Farms. According to the New Mexico Secretary of State, Claire Chase was not listed as a manager or director of Chase Farms. The registered agent for Chase Farms LLC was Robert Chase, and no managers or directors were listed at all. [New Mexico Secretary of State, Corporations and Business Services, accessed 1/22/20]

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[New Mexico Secretary of State, Corporations and Business Services, accessed 1/22/20]

Chase Reported Up To $1 Million Of Holdings In Chase Farms, Which Accepted Hundreds Of Thousands In Federal USDA Subsidies

Chase Reported Up To $1 Million Of Holdings In San Saba Pecans – The Chase Farms Pecan Distributor – In Her Personal Financial Disclosure

Claire Chase Reported Between $500,001 And $1,000,000 In San Saba Pecan Stock On Her Personal Financial Disclosure, Representing A 10% Stake In The Company. According to the Personal Financial Disclosure filed by Claire Chase, she owned between $500,001 and $1,000,000 in San Saba Pecan stock, or a 10% stake in the company. The Disclosure did not note whether Chase had earned income from the asset. [Clerk of the US House of Representatives, Claire Chase Personal Financial Disclosure, filed 11/25/19]

| Chance Chase Exempt Trust ⇒ San Saba Pecan LP, 10% Interest [DL] |
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LOCATION: San Saba, TX, US
DESCRIPTION: Pecan processing plant

[Clerk of the US House of Representatives, Claire Chase Personal Financial Disclosure, filed 11/25/19]

San Saba Pecan Was The Processing Center For Chase Farms. “San Saba Pecan is the processing division of Chase Farms, one of the largest pecan growers in the western United States. This vertical integration guarantees a consistent supply of pecans and some of the best western varieties in the world.” [San Saba Pecan, About Us, Accessed 1/22/20]


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Chase’s Father Was Chairman Of The Board Of Regents At Her College, Appointed By A Republican Governor

Gary Johnson Appointed Manatt To Be Chairman Of The Board Of Regents For New Mexico State University

1999: Governor Gary Johnson Appointed James Manatt To The New Mexico State University Board Of Regents. “Republican Gov. Gary Johnson has nominated a Roswell businessman to fill a seat on the five-member New Mexico State University Board of Regents. James Manatt Jr., chief executive officer of Providence Technologies Inc., an oil and gas exploration company, will replace departing regent Carl Faubion pending confirmation by the state Senate.” [Albuquerque Journal, 1/12/99]
1999-2005: Manatt Was Chairman Of The Board Of Regents For New Mexico State University. According to LinkedIn, James Manatt Jr was Chairman of the Board of Regents for New Mexico State University from 1999-2005. [LinkedIn, accessed 1/16/20]

2001-2006: Claire Chase Attended New Mexico State University

2001-2006: Claire Chase Attended New Mexico State University. According to LinkedIn, Chase attended New Mexico State University from 2001 through 2006. She graduated with a Bachelor's of Arts degree in Journalism, Public Relations, and Marketing. [LinkedIn, accessed 1/21/20]

Chase Used Her Lobbying Connections To Get Her A Job At New Mexico Finance Authority

Chase Listed Lobbying Contacts As References On Her Application To New Mexico Finance Authority

In Her Job Application To Be Financial Advisor At New Mexico Finance Authority, Chase Enclosed A List Of References Including Two Lobbyists. Chase listed Sharon Lombardi, Executive Director of Dairy Producers of New Mexico, and Tony Trujillo, Director of Government Relations for Freeport McMoran Copper and Gold, as references on her application to New Mexico Finance Authority. [New Mexico Finance Authority, Letter from Claire Manatt to Dora C. DeBaca, 6/25/08] (Record Saved in Drive)

[New Mexico Finance Authority, Letter from Claire Manatt to Dora C. DeBaca, 6/25/08]

NOTE: Record saved on DCCC Research Drive

NMFA Was A Quasi-Public Agency Led By Gubernatorial Appointees

Santa Fe New Mexican: New Mexico Finance Authority Was Not “Under Direct Control” Of The Governor, But It Was Made Up “Mostly Of Department Heads And Others Who Are Appointed By The Governor”
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“The Finance Authority is a quasi-public agency that issues bonds and makes loans to provide low-cost financing for local and state governmental projects. Sisneros said NMFA handles about $2.9 billion in investments. Though the 12-member authority officially isn’t under direct control of the governor, it's made up mostly of department heads and others who are appointed by the governor.” [Santa Fe New Mexican, 6/4/09]

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**Chase Claimed She Was Steve Peace’s Most Senior Legislative Staffer – But She Was Not The Legislative Director**

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**At A Candidate Forum, Chase Touted Her DC Career By Saying She Was Steve Pearce’s Most Senior Legislative Staffer**

Chase Said She Was Able To “Learn From One Of Our Best” As Steve Pearce’s “Most Senior Legislative Staffer.” “[1:03:08] CHASE: So when I was in DC working for Steve Pearce, I was his most senior legislative staffer, and I was able to learn from one of our best how to fight for this district.” [Project Vantage, NM-02 Candidate Forum, 1/13/20]

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**Chase Was Never Steve Pearce’s Legislative Director, But Was The Ranking Legislative Staffer For Ten Months Due To A Staff Vacancy**

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**2011-2013: Chase Was Peace’s Senior Legislative Assistant Before Becoming Deputy District Director**

March 2013 – November 2013: Chase Worked As Steve Pearce’s Deputy District Director For The East. [Legistorm, accessed 1/24/19]

September 2011 – February 2013: Chase Worked As A Senior Legislative Assistant For Steve Pearce. [Legistorm, accessed 1/24/19]

January 2011 – July 2011: Chase Worked As A Legislative Assistant For Steve Pearce. [Legistorm, accessed 1/24/19]

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**Pearce’s Office Was Without A Legislative Director For Ten Months**

Steve Pearce’s Office Did Not Have A Legislative Director Between March 2012 And January 2013.

According to Legistorm, Steve Pearce’s office was without a legislative director from March 18, 2012 through January 16, 2013. [Legistorm, Steve Pearce Salaries for 1/1/12-3/31/12, 4/1/12-6/30/12, 7/1/12-9/30/12, 10/1/12-12/31/12, 1/1/13-3/31/13]

January 2013: Jessica Blake Wickett Became Steve Pearce’s Legislative Director. [Legistorm, Steve Pearce Salaries for 1/1/13-3/31/13, accessed 2/1/20]

January 2011 – March 2012: Katherine Schmucker Kiley Was Steve Pearce’s Legislative Director. [Legistorm, accessed 2/1/20]

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**During That Time, Chase Was The Only Senior Legislative Assistant And Got A Raise**

Chase Was The Only Senior Legislative Staffer While Pearce’s Office Was Without A Legislative Director. [Legistorm, Steve Pearce Salaries for 1/1/12-3/31/12, 4/1/12-6/30/12, 7/1/12-9/30/12, 10/1/12-12/31/12, 1/1/13-3/31/13]
July – September 2012: Chase Earned $16,250.01 As Senior Legislative Assistant. [Legistorm, Steve Pearce Salaries for 7/1/12-9/30/12]

April – June 2012: Chase Earned $13,750 As Senior Legislative Assistant. [Legistorm, Steve Pearce Salaries for 4/1/12-6/30/12]

January – March 2012: Chase Earned $13,291.67 As Senior Legislative Assistant. [Legistorm, Steve Pearce Salaries for 1/1/12-3/31/12]
Claire Chase Opposed Trump Until She Decided To Run For Congress

Significant Findings

✓ 2015: Chase heavily criticized Trump on Facebook

✓ September 2019: Breitbart reported Chase’s old Facebook posts where she criticized Donald Trump as an “a**hole unworthy of the office” of President of the United States

✓ Chase said there were 836,297 reasons not to vote for Donald Trump

✓ An article about Sarah Palin endorsing Trump caused Chase to say she had thrown up in her mouth, and that she’d vote for Gary Johnson if Trump became the nominee

✓ Breitbart reported Chase “refused to apologize” for the language she used to criticize Trump

✓ 2018: Chase worked for Monty Newman, a Susanna Martinez-aligned Republican candidate for NM-02

✓ Newman lost the primary to Yvette Herrell.

✓ Herrell ran ads against him calling him a “Fake Republican” who supported millions of dollars in tax increases

✓ Newman “kept his distance” from Trump, while Yvette Herrell described herself as a “Trump conservative”

✓ Chase was registered as the Neman campaign’s “Secretary” on its filing paperwork with the Secretary of State

✓ Chase was an active, registered lobbyist in New Mexico at the time

✓ Martinez was critical of Trump and he attacked her in turn

✓ 2019: Chase tied herself explicitly to Trump and Pence in her Congressional campaign announcement, and called Trump a “fearless leader”

✓ 2020: Chase ran ads calling herself a “pro-Trump conservative”

In 2015, Chase Criticized Trump On Facebook When He Ran For President And “Refused To Apologize” For Her Comments...

September 2019: Breitbart Reported Chase’s Old Facebook Posts Where She Criticized Donald Trump As An “A**hole Unworthy Of The Office”

Chase Favored Marco Rubio And Carly Fiorina – Or Gary Johnson -- Over Trump

HEADLINE: Breitbart: “Exclusive – New Mexico House GOP Candidate Claire Chase Called Trump ‘A**Hole Unworthy Of The Office’ Of President.” [Breitbart, 9/12/19]
Chase Posted On Facebook That Donald Trump Was An “A**Hole Unworthy Of The Office And The Power Of President Of THE United States.” “Claire Chase, a GOP candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives in New Mexico’s Second Congressional District, called President Donald Trump an ‘a**hole unworthy of the office’ of the presidency in a Facebook post in August 2015.” [Breitbart, 9/12/19]

Chase Said There Were 836,297 Reasons Not To Vote For Donald Trump. “Later, on September 6, 2015, Chase wrote, referencing a Politico article about how former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin was eyeing a position as Energy Secretary in a then-potential future Trump administration, that she believed again Trump should not be president. ‘This is reason enough not to vote for Trump, among the other 836,297 reasons not to vote for him,’ Chase wrote about Trump.” [Breitbart, 9/12/19]
Chase Harshly Criticized Trump For Saying He Felt Like His Time At Military School Equated Being An Actual Veteran, “Ugh. I *REALLY* Dislike Donald Trump...This Is Beyond Offensive.” “Two days later, on September 8, 2015, Chase wrote another post in response to an article about Trump saying he had always felt like he served in the military even though he had not.” [Breitbart, 9/12/19]
An Article About Sarah Palin Endorsing Trump Caused Chase To Say She Had Thrown Up In Her Mouth, And That She’d Vote For Gary Johnson If Trump Became The Nominee. “On January 20, 2016, when Palin endorsed Trump for president, Chase responded with a Facebook post of her own, saying she puked in her mouth in response. She also said she would not vote for Trump for president even if he won the nomination. ‘This made me throw up in my mouth a little bit,’ Chase wrote. ‘If Trump is the nominee, I’m voting Gary Johnson.’” [Breitbart, 9/12/19]

After Trump Won The Presidential Election, Chase Made Jokes About Moving To Mexico, Costa Rica, Panama, Ecuador, And “Columbia.” “On November 9, 2016, post-election day, Chase wrote again that she did not support Trump for president in 2016. She even gave people who hated Trump advice on which countries to move to until the Trump presidency was over, if they so chose to leave America.” [Breitbart, 9/12/19]
Chase’s Consultant Told Breitbart Her Opinions On Trump Had Changed Since He Became President.

Chase’s Consultant Told Breitbart Her Opinions On Trump Had Changed Since He Became President. “‘In response to a request for comment about these Facebook posts from Breitbart News, Chase’s consultant Craig Murphy said that she has come around about Trump. ‘Claire did not support him in the primary, but she voted for President Trump in the general, celebrated his election, supports him now and thinks he has done a great job as President,’ Murphy said on Chase’s behalf in an emailed statement.’” [Breitbart, 9/12/19]

Breitbart: Chase “Refused To Apologize” For The Language She Used In Attacking President Trump On Facebook. “Murphy also said that Chase refuses to apologize for the vulgar language she used to bash the now-president. When asked directly if she would apologize and disavow calling the president an ‘a**hole’ unfit for office and saying she puked in her mouth when Palin endorsed Trump, Murphy simply replied, ‘The answer to that question is: She was ecstatic about his election. And even more ecstatic about the job he has done. President Trump won her over.’” [Breitbart, 9/12/19]

…Then In 2018, Chase Worked For A Moderate Candidate With Ties To Trump Critic Susanna Martinez…

2018: Chase Was Listed As “Secretary” On Secretary Of State Paperwork For Newman For Congress While She Was A Lobbyist

New Mexico Secretary Of State Records Showed Chase Was “Secretary” For Newman For Congress. [New Mexico Secretary of State, Corporation and Business Services, accessed 1/21/20]

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August 2017: Monty Newman Announced His Congressional Run For NM-02

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Chase Was Registered As A Lobbyist In New Mexico For The Durations Of 2017 And 2018

2018: Chase’s Lobbyist Registration In New Mexico Spanned From 1/1/2018 Through 12/31/2018. According to the New Mexico Campaign Finance Information System, Claire Chase was a registered lobbyist in New Mexico from 1/1/2018 through 12/31/2018. [New Mexico Secretary of State, New Mexico Campaign Finance Information System, accessed 1/21/20]

![Lobbyist Employers Table 2018](image)

[New Mexico Secretary of State, New Mexico Campaign Finance Information System, accessed 1/21/20]

2017: Chase’s Lobbyist Registration In New Mexico Spanned From 1/26/2017 Through 12/31/2017. [New Mexico Secretary of State, New Mexico Campaign Finance Information System, accessed 1/21/20]

![Lobbyist Employers Table 2017](image)

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Chase And Her Husband Were Reimbursed By The Newman Campaign For In-Kind Contributions

Newman For Congress Reimbursed Claire Chase $224.29 For An “In-Kind Contribution.” According to Federal Election Commission records, Newman for Congress paid Claire Chase $224.29. The campaign was reimbursing Chase for printing. [FEC, 6/5/18]

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Newman Was A Political Insider Whose Opponent Called Him A “Fake Republican”

Newman Was A Political Insider Who Relied On Millions In Independent Expenditures To Run For Congress In 2008

Newman Was A Former Chair Of The New Mexico Republican Party. “Monty Newman […] Previous political experience or public service: Former mayor of Hobbs; past chairman of the Republican Party of New Mexico; former vice president with the National Association of Realtors; former Hobbs City Commissioner; served on several boards including the New Mexico Junior College Board of Trustees, the Board of Trustees for the University of the Southwest, the Economic Development Association of Lea County and the Eddy-Lea County Energy Alliance.” [Carlsbad Current-Argus, 5/31/18]

January 2008: Newman Announced His Candidacy For The Republican Nomination For New Mexico’s 2nd Congressional District. “Hobbs Mayor Monty Newman has confirmed what many people have been talking about he’s running for Congress in the 2nd District. […] Newman will face four other candidates seeking the GOP nomination in the 2nd District. They include rancher and re-tired banker Aubrey Dunn Jr., restaurant owner, rancher Ed Tinsley of Capitan and Bob Cornelius of Tatum and C. Earl Greer of Truth or Consequences.” [Associated Press, 1/12/08]

2008: The National Association Of Realtors (NAR), Which Newman Was Formerly The Vice President Of, Spent $989,894.51 On Independent Expenditures Supporting His Primary Run. [FEC independent expenditures, accessed 10/3/17]

AP: A NAR Representative “Said Newman’s Relationship With The Realtors Group Has Led To ‘A Higher Level Of Involvement’ In Southern New Mexico’s Primary.” “‘We obviously are a strong supporter of Mr. Newman. We have a long relationship with him,’ said Mary Trupo, public issues director for the National Association of Realtors. Trupo said Newman’s relationship with the Realtors group has led to ‘a higher level of involvement’ in southern New Mexico’s primary. ‘It is a special case,’ she said.” [Associated Press, 5/21/17]
May 2008: Newman Said He Was “Surprised By The Level Of Support” From The NAR, And Maintained That He Was “Someone Who Thinks Independently.” “Newman said Wednesday he was ‘surprised by the magnitude of support’ from the Realtors’ group. He said he’s proud of his profession and appreciative of the trade association’s help but insisted the television advertising will have no bearing on his decisions if elected to Congress. ‘Anybody who knows me, from NAR to City Hall, absolutely knows I’m someone who thinks independently,’ New-man said. ‘I accept counsel, then I weigh it against my own value system and decide what’s best. That’s just the way I am.’” [Associated Press, 5/21/17]

The NAR Had Over 1.3 Million Members In 2008. “The National Association of Realtors has more than 1.3 million members.” [Associated Press, 5/21/17]

Yvette Herrell Ran An Ad Saying Newman Was A “Fake Republican” Who Voted For Millions Of Dollars In Tax Increases


Newman Said He Only Supported Building A Border Wall “Where It Made Sense”

Newman Said He Only Supported Building A Border Wall “Where It Made Sense.” “In terms of immigration, Newman said the federal government has an obligation to secure its borders, which should be a No. 1 priority. He said he would be in favor of President Donald Trump’s proposed border wall ‘in areas where it makes sense,’ ‘It’s not that the wall would solve everything, but I think a wall would deter a lot,’ he said. ‘I’m in support of technology, Border Patrol agents, all of those things. Whatever it takes for our southern border to become secure for the American public.’” [Carlsbad Current-Argus, 4/5/18]

Newman “Kept His Distance” From Trump, While Yvette Herrell Described Herself As A “Trump Conservative”

Newman “Kept His Distance” From Trump, While Herrell Described Herself As A “Trump Conservative.” “But in the only contested statewide or congressional Republican primary race in New Mexico, GOP candidates running for the southern New Mexico-based 2nd Congressional District seat have largely embraced Trump and his policies. State Rep. Yvette Herrell of Alamogordo, in a campaign ad she launched last week, describes herself twice during the 30-second spot as a ‘Trump conservative,’ with a narrator saying she would be on the president’s team. Another candidate in the four-way race, former state Republican Party Chairman Monty Newman of Hobbs, kept his distance a bit more in a recent campaign spot of his own, but said he would ‘stand with the president’ on issues including immigration and defense spending.” [Albuquerque Journal, 5/14/18]


Gallup Independent: “An Endorsement From A Texan? Newman Is From Hobbs, 5 Miles From Texas, So Maybe He Doesn’t Understand.” “Former Hobbs Mayor Monty Newman, Republican congressional candidate in District 2 (montynewman.com), thinks outside help is good, too. In a Jan. 17 email he touts the ‘proud’ endorsement of Texas Sen. Ted Cruz, who finished badly behind President Trump in the campaign for the 2016 GOP presidential nomination. Newman calls Cruz ‘a constitutional conservative warrior.’ An endorsement from a Texan? Newman is from Hobbs, 5 miles from Texas, so maybe he doesn’t understand.” [Gallup Independent, 1/30/18]
Newman Was Close To Governor Susanna Martinez, Who Was Reported To Speak Out Against
Trump Behind Closed Doors

Governor Susanna Martinez Was Unpopular In New Mexico Upon Leaving Office, Was Seen As Having
Been Overly Ineffective, And Spoke Out Against Trump In 2016

HEADLINE: Carlsbad Current-Argus: “Oh Susanna! How New Mexico Governor’s Popularity Eroded.”
[Carlsbad Current-Argus, Robert Moore, 11/9/18]

Moore: “Martinez Will Exit As One Of The Nation’s Least-Popular Governors, With Only About A
Third Of Voters Approving Her Job Performance.” “In New Mexico, however, Martinez will exit as one of
the nation’s least-popular governors, with only about a third of voters approving her job performance,
according to recent polls. Even the Republican who seeks to succeed Martinez, U.S. Rep. Steve Pearce, says
‘New Mexico is in a crisis moment.’” [Carlsbad Current-Argus, Robert Moore, 11/9/18]

Martinez’ Former Secretary Of Higher Education: “Susanna Is Responsible For Eight Wasted Years Of
Governance…I Can’t Think Of A Single Area Where Policy Was Actually Advanced.” “Garcia,
Martinez’s former secretary of higher education, offers a harsh assessment of her tenure. ‘Susana is responsible
for eight wasted years of governance,’ he said. ‘I can't think of a single area where policy was actually
advanced.’” [Carlsbad Current-Argus, Robert Moore, 11/9/18]

January 2019: New Mexico Political Report: “Poll: Low Approval Ratings For Martinez When She Left
Office.” “Gov. Susana Martinez left office with low approval ratings, according to Morning Consult. Meanwhile,
both of New Mexico’s U.S. Senators’ approval ratings remained over 40 percent, with a high amount of voters with
no opinion. The pollster found Martinez’s approval rating among all registered voters in her final three months in
office was just 35 percent, while 49 percent disapproved of the Republican’s job performance. That was the ninth-
highest disapproval rating among all 50 governors in the same time period. In her final year in office, Martinez’s
approval rating remained in the mid-30 percent range.” [New Mexico Political Report, 1/10/19]

[New York Times, 5/26/16]

Martinez Declined To Endorse Donald Trump And Spoke Poorly Of Him At Closed-Door Events. “Ms.
Martinez has been critical of Mr. Trump. She has declined to endorse him, expressed concerns about him at
closed-door party gatherings and did not appear at his rally here because, she told reporters, she was ‘really
busy.’” [New York Times, 5/26/16]

Newman Used The Same Consultant As Gov. Martinez And Hired Her Former Spokesperson To Run His
Campaign

Newman Used The Same Consultant As Gov. Martinez. “Newman answered questions from audience members
about whether he or his campaign spread suspect information about his opponent, Herrell, about possible
inconsistencies with her financial disclosures. One of Newman's consultants is Gov. Susana Martinez's consultant
Jay McCleskey, who has been accused of similar attacks on opponents in the past. ‘Mr. McCleskey is doing my
TV. That's what he will be doing,’ Newman said. ‘He's the best in the business when it comes to putting message to
picture. Some of you may not like Jay. That's perfectly fine. That's your prerogative... I have confidence in my
team.’” [Los Alamos Monitor, 4/11/18]

The Consultant, Jay McCleskey, Was A “Polarizing Figure” In New Mexico Republican Circles.
“Moving toward the door after the Capitol Hill hearing, the governor did not elaborate on Herrell. Martinez's
former press secretary, Joseph Cueto, handled campaign communications duties for Monty Newman, one of
Herrell's four opponents in the Republican primary. Meanwhile, Jay McCleskey - a polarizing figure in the New Mexico Republican Party and a longtime ally of Martinez's - did media consulting work for Newman's campaign.” [Albuquerque Journal, 6/7/18]

Martinez' Former Spokesperson Ran Newman’s Campaign. “The schism has been evident everywhere, from the Albuquerque mayoral election (the state party was staunchly behind City Councilor Dan Lewis, who lost in a runoff) to the 2nd Congressional District in Southern New Mexico (where Martinez's former spokesman, Joseph Cueto, is now running the campaign of former Hobbs Mayor Monty Newman).” [Carlsbad Current-Argus, 12/5/17]

…but by 2019, when she announced her congressional run, Chase was calling Trump a “fearless leader”…

Chase Sought To Tie Herself To Trump And Pence In Her Campaign Announcement Video

Claire Chase Launched Her Campaign For Congress In August 2019, With A Video Highlighting Her Support For President Trump And Vice President Pence. [Youtube – Claire Chase, 8/27/19]

Chase Opened Her Announcement Video By Praising Trump. “Chase's 55 second announcement video opens with her praising Trump as a ‘fearless leader’ who ‘can’t do it alone.’ Later comes the money shot: VP Pence and Chase waving together to a crowd at the Chase family oil business in Artesia which Pence visited earlier this month to tout a free trade agreement. It is a classic campaign endorsement pose, a picture of which we carried on the Aug. 22 blog.” [New Mexico Politics with Joe Monahan, 8/28/19]

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Vice President Pence Sought To Distance Himself From Chase After Her Derogatory Remarks About President Trump Were Revealed

The Vice President's Office Claimed They Were Shocked When They Heard Of Chase’s History Of Anti-Trump Comments. “Pence’s office was shocked when they learned of Chase’s history of anti-Trump comments, completely unaware of them beforehand. ‘He of course disagrees with statements like that about the president,’ a spokesperson for the vice president told Breitbart News when reached on Thursday about the comments Chase made over the years about Trump. ‘This was an official event, and as she’s chairman of New Mexico Oil and Gas, he was thanking her for her leadership in the past and future on USMCA, as he has thanked business leaders across the country for their efforts on the issue,’ the vice president’s office added.” [Breitbart, 9/12/19]

The Vice President’s Office Clarified That He Appeared Alongside Chase Only In An Official Capacity. “Pence’s office was shocked when they learned of Chase’s history of anti-Trump comments, completely unaware of them beforehand. ‘He of course disagrees with statements like that about the president,’ a spokesperson for the vice president told Breitbart News when reached on Thursday about the comments Chase made over the years about Trump. ‘This was an official event, and as she’s chairman of New Mexico Oil and Gas, he was thanking her for her leadership in the past and future on USMCA, as he has thanked business leaders across the country for their efforts on the issue,’ the vice president’s office added.” [Breitbart, 9/12/19]

…And Chase Ran Ads In 2020 Tying Herself To Trump And Pence
Since Insulting The President, Chase Tried To Tie Herself To Him In Advertising

In Advertising, Chase Compared Herself To President Trump. “Like President Trump, Claire Chase is a businesswoman and political outsider, who will take on the career politicians that have forgotten hard working.” [Youtube – Claire Chase, 2/11/20]

In Advertising, Chase Claimed President Trump Was Making America Great Again And That She Was Ready To Join The Fight. “Like President Trump, Claire Chase is a businesswoman and political outsider, who will take on the career politicians that have forgotten hard working New Mexicans. As a wife and mother, Claire knows the importance of protecting the sanctity of life. That’s why she will work tirelessly to build a better future for our children. Because President Trump is making American great again. And Claire Chase is ready to join the fight.” [Youtube – Claire Chase, 2/11/20]

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Chase Ad “Failed” Attacked Impeachment And Said She Was The Candidate Who Could “End The Witch Hunt.” “VOICEOVER: For too long, insider politicians sold America a bill of goods. Then, we took control and elected President Donald Trump. Now they’re trying to impeach our President and overturn the 2016 election. But southern New Mexico doesn’t have a fighter because our candidate last time was a failed politician who lost. And now, Torres Small, Nancy Pelosi, and the Liberal Squad are out of control. We need Claire Chase, a conservative fighter who can win and end the Witch Hunt.” [YouTube, Claire Chase, 11/1/19]

August 2019: Chase Ad “Fearless” Committed To Continuing The Anti-Establishment Fight Begun By President Trump

Chase Said Trump Needed Conservatives In Congress Who Would “Keep The Economy Growing...Protect Our Borders, And To Take On The DC Liberals Pushing Their Socialist Agenda.” “CHASE: President Trump showed us how to take the fight to the liberal elite, the status quo, and career politicians. It’s the kind of fearless leadership America needs. But the fight isn’t over. And he can’t do it alone. Our President needs that same fearless, conservative leadership in Congress to keep our economy growing, to protect our borders, and to take on the DC liberals pushing their Socialist agenda. I’m Claire Chase. I have been fighting for the industry that powers our economy, raising my family in the state I’ve always called home, and working to bring some conservative common sense back to New Mexico. Now, I want to take that fight to Washington. I’m Claire Chase, and I approve this message because to keep America great, we need a new generation of conservative leaders. Fearless and ready to fight.” [YouTube, Claire Chase, 8/27/19]

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HEADLINE: Breitbart: “Exclusive – New Mexico House GOP Candidate Claire Chase Called Trump ‘A**Hole Unworthy Of The Office’ Of President.” [Breitbart, 9/12/19]


HEADLINE: Claire Chase Touts Permian Basin, Oil And Gas Experience, In Bid For U.S. Congress. [Carlsbad Current Argus, 1/31/20]


HEADLINE: Santa Fe New Mexican: Trump Critic Reverses Field, Lunges For His Coattails. [Santa Fe New Mexican, 11/24/19]

HEADLINE: Newsweek: “New Mexico GOP Candidate Blasted for Posts Calling Trump 'Unworthy A**Hole.'” [Newsweek, 9/14/19]

HEADLINE: KRWG: “Republicans Running For Congress Dismiss Impeachment.” [KRWG, 9/30/19]
Personal & Professional History
**Biography**

### Significant Findings

- Chase spent nearly a decade as a lobbyist
  - Since graduating college in 2006, Chase has spent all but five years as a lobbyist
  - Chase’s first job out of college was with the Association of Commerce and Industry, which she later described as, “[New Mexico’s] premier business lobbying organization”
  - Chase used her lobbyist registration to get a job at New Mexico Finance Authority
- At New Mexico Finance Authority, Chase again cited her lobbying experience in pitching herself to be the agency’s Director of Legislative Affairs
- Chase misled in saying she had “first-hand experience” as a pecan farmer
  - In reality, she married into a family owning farms and no evidence suggested she ever worked on them
  - Claire Chase was not listed on any ownership paperwork for Chase Farms – neither was her husband
  - Chase reported up to $1 million of holdings in Chase Farms, which accepted hundreds of thousands in federal USDA subsidies
  - Chase was a signatory on a letter requesting President Trump not to boost biofuel consumption, which would have helped farmers

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**Education**

2006: Chase Graduated From New Mexico State University

Chase Graduated From New Mexico State University With A Bachelor’s Degree In Journalism, Public Relations, And Marketing. According to LinkedIn, Chase attended New Mexico State University from 2001 through 2006. She graduated with a Bachelor’s of Arts degree in Journalism, Public Relations, and Marketing. [LinkedIn, accessed 1/21/20]

**Career**
Chase Was A Lobbyist For Nine Years Of Her 14 Year Career

2013-Present: Chase Was Director Of Government Relations For Mack Energy Corporation

According to LinkedIn, Chase was Director of Government Relations for Mack Energy Corporation from December 2013 through present day. [LinkedIn, accessed 2/12/20]

Chase’s First Job Out Of College Was In Membership Sales And Marketing For The Association Of Commerce And Industry


“Directed, presented and closed all new member solicitations; Worked closely with statewide local chambers and business groups; Traveled extensively to promote ACI in all NM communities; Planned and executed detailed membership campaign; Assisted in ACI community issues forums, programs, and planning.” [LinkedIn, accessed 1/23/20]

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[New Mexico Finance Authority, Letter from Claire Manatt to Bill Sisneros and Jerry Trojan, 5/22/09] (Record Saved in Drive)

A Business News Update From The Time Said Chase Was Previously A “Grassroots Representative On Business Issues,” For The Triton Group. “CLAIRE MANATT has joined the New Mexico Association of Commerce and Industry (ACI) as membership director. Manatt was a grassroots representative on business issues...
for the Triton Group of Roswell. She has a bachelor’s degree in journalism-public relations from New Mexico State University.” [Albuquerque Business Journal, Briefcase, 8/21/06]

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**Chase’s Second Job Out Of College Was In Project Management And Government Relations For Strategic & Learning Services**

**2007-2008: Chase Was Project Manager For Government Relations At Strategic And Learning Services, Inc.**

“Represented client interests by presenting information, observations, opinions and arguments to state and local legislative and regulatory agencies, other organizations and individual legislators whose actions may have affected client interests.” [LinkedIn, accessed 1/23/20]

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Chase Worked In Non-Lobbying Roles For Five Years Of Her Career

2010-2013: Chase Worked For Rep. Steve Pearce

2013: Chase Was Deputy District Director For Rep. Steve Pearce. According to LinkedIn, Chase was Steve Pearce’s Deputy District Director from February 2013 through November 2013. [LinkedIn, accessed 2/12/20]

2010-2013: Chase Was Senior Legislative Assistant For Rep. Steve Pearce. According to LinkedIn, Chase was Steve Pearce’s Senior Legislative Assistant from December 2010 through February 2013. [LinkedIn, accessed 2/12/20]

Chase Claimed She Got The Pearce Job By Cold Calling Him And Asking For One. In a video interview, Chase claimed she was hired by Steve Pearce after cold calling him. “[1:25] CHASE: …But it turned out that..."
the Congressman from my home district won his election that November and so I called him that night and I said, ‘You know, I’m here in DC and I need a job’ and he said, ‘Great, I would love to have you.’ And so I went to work for him starting that January, January 2011, and so in his office I was able to work on natural resource policy.” [Hart Energy, 40 Under 40, Claire Chase, accessed 2/13/20]

2008-2010: Chase Was A Financial Advisor For New Mexico Finance Authority

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Chase Spent More Than $4,000 On State-Level Lobbying

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[New Mexico Campaign Finance Information System, Lobbyist Search, accessed 1/25/19]

NOTE: Chase was not registered to lobby on behalf of Mack Energy Corporation or any other corporation at the federal level.

Chase Misled In Saying She Had First-Hand Experience As A Pecan Farmer

Chase’s Campaign Website: “Claire Also Knows Firsthand What Our Farmers Go Through On A Daily Basis. Her Family Is Just One Of Many Producers Of Pecans In The Southwest”

Citing Her Family’s Pecan Farm, Chasse Said He Knew “Firsthand” The Daily Troubles Of Farmers In New Mexico. “Claire also knows firsthand what our farmers go through on a daily basis. Her family is just one of many producers of pecans in the Southwest. She will continue to be a strong voice for our agriculture community and protect it from the DC special interests.” [Claire Chase for Congress, Meet Claire, accessed 1/22/20]
The Pecan Farms In Question Were Owned And Operated By Mack Chase And His Sons, Claire’s In-Laws

Chase Foundation: The Pecan Farms Owned By Mack Chase And His Sons Had “Become One Of The Largest Pecan Producers In The United States With Pecan Processing Plants In Texas And Georgia.” “Mack and his sons also own and operate Chase Farms based in New Mexico, Arizona, and Wyoming. Chase Farms has become one of the largest pecan producers in the United States with pecan processing plants in Texas and Georgia.” [Chase Foundation, Mack Chase Bio, accessed 1/22/20]

NYT: Chase Farms Was One Of The Largest Pecan Growers In The World. “Suddenly, the very qualities of the valley that had nurtured generations of family agriculture — its cheap ground, its lack of groundwater regulation — seemed to threaten its existence. In the span of a few months, Intent to Drill notices increased almost fivefold, as Chase Farms and the National Pecan Company, two of the largest pecan growers in the world, bought and consolidated several thousand-acre farms.” [New York Times Magazine, 7/19/18]

Artesia Chamber Of Commerce: Chase Farms Accounted For 5% Of The Total National Pecan Crop. “Artesia is also home to one of the country’s largest pecan growers, Chase Farms. Chase Farms accounts for 5% of the total national pecan crop. This particular crop represents a significant portion of the agricultural economy in the Artesia area. There are more than 6 million pounds of pecans grown in the area.” [Artesia Chamber of Commerce And Economic Development, Economic Overview, accessed 1/22/20]

Claire Chase Was Not Listed On Any Ownership Paperwork For The Farms – Neither Was Her Husband

Claire Chase Was Not Listed As A Manager Or Director Of Chase Farms. According to the New Mexico Secretary of State, Claire Chase was not listed as a manager or director of Chase Farms. The registered agent for Chase Farms LLC was Robert Chase, and no managers or directors were listed at all. [New Mexico Secretary of State, Corporations and Business Services, accessed 1/22/20]

Chase Reported Holdings In San Saba Pecans – The Chase Farms Pecan Distributor – In Her Personal Financial Disclosure

Claire Chase Reported Between $500,001 And $1,000,000 In San Saba Pecan Stock On Her Personal Financial Disclosure, Representing A 10% Stake In The Company. According to the Personal Financial Disclosure filed by Claire Chase, she owned between $500,001 and $1,000,000 in San Saba Pecan stock, or a 10%
stake in the company. The Disclosure did not note whether Chase had earned income from the asset. [Clerk of the US House of Representatives, Claire Chase Personal Financial Disclosure, filed 11/25/19]

San Saba Pecan Was The Processing Center For Chase Farms. “San Saba Pecan is the processing division of Chase Farms, one of the largest pecan growers in the western United States. This vertical integration guarantees a consistent supply of pecans and some of the best western varieties in the world.” [San Saba Pecan, About Us, Accessed 1/22/20]


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[Environmental Working Group, USDA Subsidy Information For Chase Farms Partnership, accessed 1/22/20]

**Accolades**

**Chase Was The Youngest And First Woman To Chair The New Mexico Oil And Gas Association**

Chase Was The Youngest And First Woman To Chair The New Mexico Oil And Gas Association. “Claire is the youngest and first woman voted as Chairmen for the New Mexico Oil and Gas Association.” [Mack Energy Corporation, accessed 1/24/19]

**In August 2017, Chase Was Appointed To Serve On The Roswell Industrial Air Center Task Force**

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**Chase Was President Of The Independent Petroleum Organization Of New Mexico**

Chase Was President Of The Independent Petroleum Organization Of New Mexico. “The next day, Claire Chase, lobbyist for Mack Energy and president of the Independent Petroleum Association of New Mexico, spent $1,725 on a meal at Restaurant Martín for Republican House members.” [Santa Fe New Mexican, 1/29/18]

**In 2011, Albuquerque Business First Named Chase One Of Their 40 Under Forty Honorees**


**Criminal Record**

As of January 2020, Chase was associated with the following criminal or traffic violations. [Nexis Criminal Records search, accessed 1/21/20]

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*NOTE: Further research necessary to determine whether Chase has a further criminal record.*

**Judgments Or Liens**

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**Bankruptcy Filings**

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**Voter Registration & History**

Chase Was Registered To Vote In New Mexico’s 2nd Congressional District

Chase’s Address Was Located In New Mexico’s 2nd Congressional District. [House.gov, accessed 1/24/19]

**2002 - 2018: Chase Voted In Every On-Year General Election And Most On-Year Primary Elections**

According to Votebuilder, Claire Chase’s voting history is depicted below:

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April 2010: The Fine Was Used Against Gubernatorial Candidate Martinez, Who Accepted Contributions From Mack

Republican Gubernatorial Candidate Susana Martinez Was Hit For Accepting Contributions From Mack After The 2007 Fine For Unauthorized Drilling And Falsification Of Reports. “A southeastern New Mexico oil and gas company that contributed $117,500 to Republican gubernatorial candidate Susana Martinez during the most recent campaign finance filing period paid a hefty penalty to the state in 2007 for falsifying drilling reports. Mack Energy Corp., an Artesia-based oil and gas company, paid out a $250,000 settlement fine to the Oil Conservation Division. At the time, it was the largest fine ever collected by the agency. In the settlement, Mack Energy Corp. acknowledged drilling wells in unauthorized areas in Eddy County. During the recent filing period, which lasted from October through early April, the company gave Martinez, the Doña Ana County district attorney, $117,500 in two contributions.” [Albuquerque Journal, 4/27/10]
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2008: Mack Gave $11,500 To Steve Pearce For His Senate Run

**Mack Gave $11,500 To Steve Pearce For His Senate Run.** “In Pearce's run for the Senate, reports show substantial backing from energy companies and their employees. Four of his top five donors this year are energy companies: Marbob Energy, $18,400; Contran Corp. (which manufactures security products, furniture components, and operates a treatment, storage and disposal facility in Texas), $17,941; Yates Petroleum, $12,500; Conquest Energy Corp, $11,500; and Mack Energy $11,500.” [Santa Fe New Mexican, 5/25/08]

**Santa Fe New Mexican: Pearce Was A Member Of The House Natural Resources Subcommittee, As Well As A New Republican Task Force For Natural Gas.** “In early 2003, Roll Call reported, Pearce, a member of House Natural Resources Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, was put on a new Republican Task Force For Affordable Natural Gas. Wilson also was a member along with 16 other House Republicans. The task force was charged with examining the causes of high natural gas prices, the impact of those prices on the economy and ways to increase supply to meet demand.” [Santa Fe New Mexican, 5/25/08]

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The Treasurer Of GOAL WestPAC Was Steve Pearce’s Brother. “Though this area's congressman, U.S. Rep. Steve Pearce, R-N.M., has no official involvement with GOAL West, Pearce's brother is the group's treasurer. That's raising eyebrows because the PAC is attacking candidates who aren't often ideologically aligned with Pearce.” [Las Cruces Sun-News, 10/30/15]

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Pearce’s Campaign “Seeded” The PAC. “Is GOAL West tied to Rep. Pearce? The group has ties to Pearce, though Pearce and his campaign are not explicitly involved - and coordination would be illegal. The Sunlight Foundation reports that Pearce's campaign ‘seeded’ the group in 2013. In 2014, independent fundraising consultant Andrea Goff was doing work for Pearce's campaign and the PAC - though she has other clients too. The PAC was run for a time by Jason Heffley, Pearce's former congressional staffer and campaign manager. Pearce donated $10,000 to help launch the PAC in 2013, but he later asked for it back after being criticized by Democrats. At the time, Pearce's spokesman said the congressman withdrew his donation out of an ‘abundance of caution.’” [Las Cruces Sun-News, 10/30/15]

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Mack Lobbied To Protect Its Employees’ Wine Club

April 2011: The New Mexico Legislature Passed A Bill Designed To Help The State’s Wine Industry

The New Mexico Legislature Passed A Bill Allowing Wineries To Ship Products Directly To Of-Age New Mexicans. “The New Mexico Legislature last month passed two bills designed to help the state wine industry. But opposition from an Artesia oil company - which was a major contributor to Gov. Susana Martinez's campaign - has some supporters wondering whether the governor will sign the bills into law. Senate Bill 445, sponsored by state Sen. Phil Griego, D-San Jose, and House Bill 487, sponsored by Rep. Ken Martinez, D-Grants, would allow wineries in the state to ship directly to New Mexico residents of legal age. The legislation also would allow any out-of-state winery willing to pay an annual $50 fee to ship wine to New Mexicans.” [Las Cruces Sun-News, 4/6/11]
Mack Energy Lobbied Against The Winery Bill. “The bills passed the New Mexico Legislature by large, bipartisan margins. But both Griego and a lobbyist for the wineries said this week that the Mack Energy Corp., an Artesia oil company, has been lobbying against the legislation.” [Las Cruces Sun-News, 4/6/11]

A New Mexico-Based Wine Lobbyist Said Mack Executives Were Concerned The Bill Would Hinder Sales From Out-Of-State Wineries, Which He And The Bill’s Author Said Was Not True. “Dan Weaks, a lobbyist for the New Mexico Wine Growers Association and The Wine Institute, told the New Mexican that some Mack executives were concerned that the bills would hinder sales from wineries in other states - something which both Weaks and Griego deny would happen.” [Las Cruces Sun-News, 4/6/11]

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Personal Finance

In 2019, Claire Chase had an estimated net worth of between $1,937,546 and $7,560,001.

According to Claire Chase’s federal personal financial disclosures, her 2018 annual unearned income was approximately $175,349. Claire Chase also earned $163,277.83 in salary from the U.S. House of Representatives. Claire Chase’s assets totaled between $2,054,049 and $7,860,001. Claire Chase had between $116,503 and $300,000 in liabilities.

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Claire Chase’s Federal Personal Financial Disclosure Summary

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Taxpayer Funded Salaries

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Stock Holdings

Claire Chase Owned Stock In Johnson & Johnson, Which Was The First Drug Manufacturer To Be Held Responsible For The Opioid Crisis In Court

Claire Chase Owned Between $15,001 And $50,000 In Johnson & Johnson Stock. [Claire Chase, House Personal Financial Disclosure, 11/25/19]

In Each Of The Last Two Years, Claire Chase Made Between $201 And $1,000 In Income From Her Johnson & Johnson Stock. [Claire Chase, House Personal Financial Disclosure, 11/25/19]
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August 2019: An Oklahoma Judge Found Johnson & Johnson Responsible For The State’s Opioid Crisis And Ordered The Company To Pay $572 Million. “A judge Monday found Johnson & Johnson responsible for fueling Oklahoma’s opioid crisis, ordering the health-care company to pay $572 million to remedy the devastation wrought by the epidemic on the state and its residents.” [Washington Post, 8/26/19]

The Ruling Was The First To Hold A Drug Manufacturer Culpable For The Opioid Crisis. “Cleveland County District Judge Thad Balkman’s landmark decision is the first to hold a drugmaker culpable for the fallout of years of liberal opioid dispensing that began in the late 1990s, sparking a nationwide epidemic of overdose deaths and addiction. More than 400,000 people have died of overdoses from painkillers, heroin and illegal fentanyl since 1999.” [Washington Post, 8/26/19]

The Oklahoma Case Was The First State Case Arguing That Drug Manufacturers Were Responsible For The Opioid Crisis To Go To Trial. “With more than 40 states lined up to pursue similar claims against the pharmaceutical industry, the ruling in the first state case to go to trial could influence both sides’ strategies in the months and years to come. Plaintiffs’ attorneys around the country cheered the decision, saying they hoped it would be a model for an enormous federal lawsuit brought by nearly 2,000 cities, counties, Native American tribes and others scheduled to begin in Cleveland, Ohio, in October.” [Washington Post, 8/26/19]

The $572 Million Judgment Against Johnson & Johnson Would Fund Treatment, Emergency Care, Law Enforcement, And Other Addiction-Related State Needs. “Balkman did not give the state everything it sought — state attorneys had asked for $17.5 billion over 30 years for treatment, emergency care, law enforcement, social services and other addiction-related needs. But the judge concluded it would cost $572 million to address the crisis in the first year based on the state’s plan. He said the state did not provide ‘sufficient evidence’ of the time and money needed to respond after that.” [Washington Post, 8/26/19]

Following That Ruling, Johnson & Johnson Settled With Two Ohio Counties To End Claims About The Company’s Role In The Opioid Crisis

September 2019: Johnson & Johnson Announced A $20.4 Million Settlement With Two Ohio Counties To Resolve A Lawsuit On The Company’s Role In The Opioid Crisis. “Pharmaceutical company Johnson & Johnson late Tuesday announced a $20.4 million settlement with two Ohio counties to resolve claims about the company’s role in creating the nation’s opioid crisis.” [The Hill, 10/1/19]

Under The Settlement, Johnson & Johnson Would Pay Cuyahoga And Summit Counties $10 Million Each, Reimburse Counties For Legal Expenses, And Pay $5.4 Million For Local Non-Profit Opioid Programs. “Under the settlement terms, Johnson & Johnson will pay Cuyahoga and Summit counties a combined $10 million. The company will also reimburse $5 million of the counties’ legal expenses, and will also direct $5.4 million of its charitable contributions to non-profit organizations in connection with opioid-related programs in the two counties.” [The Hill, 10/1/19]

Under The Settlement, Johnson & Johnson Would Not Admit Liability. “Johnson & Johnson will not admit any liability.” [The Hill, 10/1/19]

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New Mexico’s 2017 Drug Overdose Death Rate Was 13 Percent Higher Than The National Rate. [New Mexico Department of Health, accessed 12/3/19]

Two Of Three Drug Overdose Death In New Mexico Involved Opioids. [New Mexico Department of Health, accessed 12/3/19]

68 Percent Of New Mexican Opioid Overdose Deaths Involved Prescription Opioids. [New Mexico Department of Health, accessed 12/3/19]

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Political Career

**Significant Findings**

- August 2019: Chase announced her congressional run, advertising herself as a political outsider and conservative
- Chase's launch ad highlighted her support of the Trump Administration
- 2018: Chase was secretary for Monty Newman’s Race in the 2018 NM-02 Republican primary
- 2017: Chase was elected to the New Mexico Republican Central Committee, which governs the state Republican party between conventions

**August 2019: Chase Announced Her Congressional Run, Advertising Herself As A Political Outsider And Conservative**

Claire Chase Launched Her Campaign For Congress In August 2019, With A Video Highlighting Her Support For President Trump And Vice President Pence. [Youtube – Claire Chase, 8/27/19]

Chase Opened Her Announcement Video By Praising Trump. “Chase's 55 second announcement video opens with her praising Trump as a ‘fearless leader’ who ‘can't do it alone.’ Later comes the money shot: VP Pence and Chase waving together to a crowd at the Chase family oil business in Artesia which Pence visited earlier this month to tout a free trade agreement. It is a classic campaign endorsement pose, a picture of which we carried on the Aug. 22 blog.” [New Mexico Politics with Joe Monahan, 8/28/19]

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**Chase’s Ads Compared Herself To Trump And Pence, Claiming To Be A Political Outsider**

In Advertising, Chase Compared Herself To President Trump. “Like President Trump, Claire Chase is a businesswoman and political outsider, who will take on the career politicians that have forgotten hard working.” [Youtube – Claire Chase, 2/11/20]

In Advertising, Chase Claimed President Trump Was Making America Great Again And That She Was Ready To Join The Fight. “Like President Trump, Claire Chase is a businesswoman and political outsider, who will take on the career politicians that have forgotten hard working New Mexicans. As a wife and mother, Claire knows the importance of protecting the sanctity of life. That’s why she will work tirelessly to build a better future for our children. Because President Trump is making American great again. And Claire Chase is ready to join the fight.” [Youtube – Claire Chase, 2/11/20]
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### 2018: Chase Was Secretary For Monty Newman’s Race In The 2018 NM-02 Republican Primary

### 2018: Chase Was Listed As “Secretary” On Secretary Of State Paperwork For Newman For Congress While She Was A Lobbyist

**August 2017: Monty Newman Announced His Congressional Run For NM-02**

“Former Hobbs Mayor Monty Newman announced Monday he is running for Congress a second time to represent New Mexico’s Second Congressional District. Newman, a Republican, is hoping to take the U.S. House of Representatives seat being vacated by Steve Pearce, R-N.M., who announced last month he is running for the office of New Mexico’s governorship.” [Hobbs News, 8/15/17]

**Chase Was Listed A “Secretary” For Newman For Congress**

New Mexico Secretary Of State Records Showed Chase Was “Secretary” For Newman For Congress. [New Mexico Secretary of State, Corporation and Business Services, accessed 1/21/20]
Chase Was Registered As A Lobbyist In New Mexico For The Durations Of 2017 And 2018

2018: Chase’s Lobbyist Registration In New Mexico Spanned From 1/1/2018 Through 12/31/2018. According to the New Mexico Campaign Finance Information System, Claire Chase was a registered lobbyist in New Mexico from 1/1/2018 through 12/31/2018. [New Mexico Secretary of State, New Mexico Campaign Finance Information System, accessed 1/21/20]

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Newman Was A Political Insider With Close Ties To Unpopular Governor Susanna Martinez

Newman Was A Former Chair Of The New Mexico Republican Party. “Monty Newman […] Previous political experience or public service: Former mayor of Hobbs; past chairman of the Republican Party of New Mexico; former vice president with the National Association of Realtors; former Hobbs City Commissioner; served on several boards including the New Mexico Junior College Board of Trustees, the Board of Trustees for the University of the Southwest, the Economic Development Association of Lea County and the Eddy-Lea County Energy Alliance.” [Carlsbad Current-Argus, 5/31/18]

January 2008: Newman Announced His Candidacy For The Republican Nomination For New Mexico’s 2nd Congressional District. “Hobbs Mayor Monty Newman has confirmed what many people have been talking about he’s running for Congress in the 2nd District. […] Newman will face four other candidates seeking the GOP nomination in the 2nd District. They include rancher and re-tired banker Aubrey Dunn Jr., restaurant owner, rancher Ed Tinsley of Capitan and Bob Cornelius of Tatum and C. Earl Greer of Truth or Consequences.” [Associated Press, 1/12/08]

2008: The National Association Of Realtors (NAR), Which Newman Was Formerly The Vice President Of, Spent $989,894.51 On Independent Expenditures Supporting His Primary Run. [FEC independent expenditures, accessed 10/3/17]
AP: A NAR Representative “Said Newman’s Relationship With The Realtors Group Has Led To ‘A Higher Level Of Involvement’ In Southern New Mexico’s Primary.” “We obviously are a strong supporter of Mr. Newman. We have a long relationship with him,” said Mary Trupo, public issues director for the National Association of Realtors. Trupo said Newman’s relationship with the Realtors group has led to ‘a higher level of involvement’ in southern New Mexico’s primary. ‘It is a special case,’ she said.” [Associated Press, 5/21/17]

May 2008: Newman Said He Was “Surprised By The Level Of Support” From The NAR, And Maintained That He Was “Someone Who Thinks Independently.” “Newman said Wednesday he was ‘surprised by the magnitude of support’ from the Realtors’ group. He said he’s proud of his profession and appreciative of the trade association’s help but insisted the television advertising will have no bearing on his decisions if elected to Congress. ‘Anybody who knows me, from NAR to City Hall, absolutely knows I’m someone who thinks independently,’ New-man said. ‘I accept counsel, then I weigh it against my own value system and decide what’s best. That’s just the way I am.’” [Associated Press, 5/21/17]

The NAR Had Over 1.3 Million Members In 2008. “The National Association of Realtors has more than 1.3 million members.” [Associated Press, 5/21/17]

Yvette Herrell Ran An Ad Saying Newman Was A Fake Republican Who Voted For Millions Of Dollars In Tax Increases


Newman Said He Only Supported Building A Border Wall “Where It Made Sense”

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Newman “Kept His Distance” From Trump, While Yvette Herrell Described Herself As A “Trump Conservative”

Newman “Kept His Distance” From Trump, While Herrell Described Herself As A “Trump Conservative.” “But in the only contested statewide or congressional Republican primary race in New Mexico, GOP candidates running for the southern New Mexico-based 2nd Congressional District seat have largely embraced Trump and his policies. State Rep. Yvette Herrell of Alamogordo, in a campaign ad she launched last week, describes herself twice during the 30-second spot as a ‘Trump conservative,’ with a narrator saying she would be on the president's team. Another candidate in the four-way race, former state Republican Party Chairman Monty Newman of Hobbs, kept his distance a bit more in a recent campaign spot of his own, but said he would ‘stand with the president’ on issues including immigration and defense spending.” [Albuquerque Journal, 5/14/18]

Gallup Independent Mocked Newman For Touting An Endorsement From Ted Cruz, “An Endorsement From A Texan? Newman Is From Hobbs...So Maybe He Doesn’t Understand”
**Newman Was Seen As Too Close To Unpopular Governor Susanna Martinez**

**Governor Susanna Martinez Was Unpopular In New Mexico Upon Leaving Office, Was Seen As Having Been Overly Ineffective, And Spoke Out Against Trump In 2016**

**HEADLINE:** Carlsbad Current-Argus: “Oh Susanna! How New Mexico Governor’s Popularity Eroded.”
[Carlsbad Current-Argus, Robert Moore, 11/9/18]

Moore: “Martinez Will Exit As One Of The Nation’s Least-Popular Governors, With Only About A Third Of Voters Approving Her Job Performance.” “In New Mexico, however, Martinez will exit as one of the nation’s least-popular governors, with only about a third of voters approving her job performance, according to recent polls. Even the Republican who seeks to succeed Martinez, U.S. Rep. Steve Pearce, says ‘New Mexico is in a crisis moment.’” [Carlsbad Current-Argus, Robert Moore, 11/9/18]

Martinez’ Former Secretary Of Higher Education: “Susanna Is Responsible For Eight Wasted Years Of Governance…I Can’t Think Of A Single Area Where Policy Was Actually Advanced.” “Garcia, Martinez’s former secretary of higher education, offers a harsh assessment of her tenure. ‘Susana is responsible for eight wasted years of governance,’ he said. ‘I can't think of a single area where policy was actually advanced.’” [Carlsbad Current-Argus, Robert Moore, 11/9/18]

January 2019: New Mexico Political Report: “Poll: Low Approval Ratings For Martinez When She Left Office.” “Gov. Susana Martinez left office with low approval ratings, according to Morning Consult. Meanwhile, both of New Mexico’s U.S. Senators’ approval ratings remained over 40 percent, with a high amount of voters with no opinion. The pollster found Martinez’s approval rating among all registered voters in her final three months in office was just 35 percent, while 49 percent disapproved of the Republican’s job performance. That was the ninth-highest disapproval rating among all 50 governors in the same time period. In her final year in office, Martinez’s approval rating remained in the mid-30 percent range.” [New Mexico Political Report, 1/10/19]


Martinez Declined To Endorse Donald Trump And Spoke Poorly Of Him At Closed-Door Events. “Ms. Martinez has been critical of Mr. Trump. She has declined to endorse him, expressed concerns about him at closed-door party gatherings and did not appear at his rally here because, she told reporters, she was ‘really busy.’” [New York Times, 5/26/16]

**Newman Used The Same Consultant As Gov. Martinez And Hired Her Former Spokesperson To Run His Campaign**

**Newman Used The Same Consultant As Gov. Martinez.** “‘Newman answered questions from audience members about whether he or his campaign spread suspect information about his opponent, Herrell, about possible inconsistencies with her financial disclosures. One of Newman’s consultants is Gov. Susana Martinez’s consultant Jay McCleskey, who has been accused of similar attacks on opponents in the past. ‘Mr. McCleskey is doing my TV. That's what he will be doing,’ Newman said. ‘He's the best in the business when it comes to putting message to...’”
picture. Some of you may not like Jay. That's perfectly fine. That's your prerogative... I have confidence in my team.”’” [Los Alamos Monitor, 4/11/18]

The Consultant, Jay McCleskey, Was A “Polarizing Figure” In New Mexico Republican Circles. “Moving toward the door after the Capitol Hill hearing, the governor did not elaborate on Herrell. Martinez’s former press secretary, Joseph Cueto, handled campaign communications duties for Monty Newman, one of Herrell’s four opponents in the Republican primary. Meanwhile, Jay McCleskey - a polarizing figure in the New Mexico Republican Party and a longtime ally of Martinez’s - did media consulting work for Newman’s campaign.” [Albuquerque Journal, 6/7/18]

Martinez’ Former Spokesperson Ran Newman’s Campaign. “The schism has been evident everywhere, from the Albuquerque mayoral election (the state party was staunchly behind City Councilor Dan Lewis, who lost in a runoff) to the 2nd Congressional District in Southern New Mexico (where Martinez’s former spokesman, Joseph Cueto, is now running the campaign of former Hobbs Mayor Monty Newman).” [Carlsbad Current-Argus, 12/5/17]

Martinez Was Accused Of Putting Her Thumb On The Scale To Favor Newman

Aubrey Dunn, The New Mexico Land Commissioner Running For GOP Nomination In New Mexico’s 2nd Congressional District, Accused Gov. Susana Martinez Of Using Her Office To Aid Newman’s Run. “New Mexico State Land Commissioner Aubrey Dunn believes the State Investment Council’s punitive action against him has at least something to do with his run for Congress - and he says that Gov. Susana Martinez and one of her prominent advisors are to blame. Dunn has long spoken out that he and Martinez do not see eye to eye. But after last week’s SIC meeting, Dunn accused Martinez of playing political games. […] Now, Dunn said, McCleskey and Martinez may be trying to influence a congressional race by making him look bad. Dunn said "it’s well-known" in the state Republican party that McCleskey has some part in running the congressional campaign of Monty Newman. Newman is a former chairman of the New Mexico Republican party and former mayor of Hobbs - and one of four Republicans vying to fill Pearce’s seat as he leaves Congress to run for governor.” [Las Cruces Sun-News, 8/29/17]

October 2017: Dunn Dropped Out Of The Race For The GOP Nomination. “A spokeswoman for New Mexico State Land Commissioner Aubrey Dunn says he has canceled his campaign for Congress. State Land Office Spokeswoman Kristin Haase said Monday that Dunn has changed his mind and will not seek the GOP nomination, without providing a reason. Dunn, a Republican, had been a prominent contender to succeed U.S. Rep. Steve Pearce, who is running for governor. Dunn was elected in 2014 to lead an agency that oversees state trust lands and leases that help fund schools, universities and hospitals.” [KOB 4, 10/2/17]


Newman Did Not Directly Address Allegations That The New Mexico GOP Tried To Interfere With An Investigation By The Democratic Attorney General Into Republican Gov. Susan Martinez’s Staff Email Use

Newman Did Not Respond Directly To Allegations Of Intimidation, And Instead Questioned The Enforceability Of New Mexico Laws Governing Public Officials’ Private Email Usage. “The Republican Party declined to respond to King’s allegation that the records request was meant to interfere with his investigation. However, party chairman Monty Newman said in a statement that King’s response makes clear that there’s no consensus among the branches of government on just what the rules are concerning private email accounts. ‘The attorney general cannot say whether or not his private emails concern public business,’ Newman said. ‘This points up the need for a legislative and regulation fix looking forward.’” [Associated Press, 7/7/12]

New Mexico Attorney General Gary King Called The Request For His Emails A “Political Ploy” That Was Meant To “Intimidate” His Office. “King called the request a ‘political ploy,’ saying it came just four days after two Democratic state lawmakers asked his office to investigate whether employees in Gov. Susana Martinez’s
administration possibly violated state governmental conduct rules by conducting state business through personal emails. ‘First and foremost, I want to let the Republican Party know that the attorney general’s office will not be intimidated and that we intend as we always do to carry out a thorough investigation of what was going on,’ King said.” [Associated Press, 7/7/12]

The New Mexico Republican Party Requested Emails Relating To Public Business From Democratic Attorney General Gary King’s Private Email Address. “A request made by the New Mexico Republican Party under the state Inspection of Public Records Act drew fire Friday from Democratic Attorney General Gary King. The party sent the request to King’s office two weeks ago seeking any emails and attachments concerning public business that were sent by King from his personal email addresses. King said during a news conference that his office has delivered some of the requested documents and that he planned to review several thousands of his own emails over the next month to determine whether any involve public business as part of the request.” [Associated Press, 7/7/12]

Former New Mexico Attorney General Gary King’s Office Investigated Whether Former Gov. Susana Martinez And Administration Officials Used Private Email Accounts For State Business. “The debate over personal emails was sparked when a union-funded political committee released an email that indicated the Public Education Department had created a list of non-union school teachers for the governor’s political adviser, Jay McCleskey, in response to a verbal request for public records. A department spokesman used personal email to send the list to McCleskey and administration officials, but has said that was an oversight. King’s office is investigating whether the law was broken by the use of state resources to prepare the list. The attorney said the case it about more than just emails sent from personal accounts.” [Associated Press, 7/7/12]

Newman Contributed $7,916 To Martinez’ Campaign

According to the National Institute on Money in State Politics, Newman has given $11,940 to state-level candidates.

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Donald Trump

**Significant Findings**

- Chase launched her campaign by branding herself as an ally to the Trump Administration
- Chase sought to tie herself to Trump by praising him and featuring footage of her and Vice President Pence in her ad
- Chase compared herself to Trump as a political outsider and signaled she was ready to join the fight
- January 2020: Chase praised Trump for his history of elevating women in national politics
- September 2019: Chase said there was not enough evidence to impeach Trump
- 2015: Chase heavily criticized Trump on Facebook
  - September 2019: Breitbart reported Chase’s Old Facebook posts where she criticized Donald Trump as an “a**hole unworthy of the office” of President of the United States
  - Chase said there were 836,297 reasons not to vote for Donald Trump
  - An article about Sarah Palin endorsing Trump caused Chase to say she had thrown up in her mouth, and that she’d vote for Gary Johnson if Trump became the nominee
  - Breitbart reported Chase “refused to apologize” for the language she used to criticize Trump
  - The Breitbart report spurred Vice President Pence to begin to distance himself from Chase

**Chase Framed Herself As An Ally To The Trump Administration**

**Chase Sought To Tie Herself To Trump And Pence In Her Campaign Announcement Video**

Claire Chase launched her campaign for Congress in August 2019, with a video highlighting her support for President Trump and Vice President Pence. [Youtube – Claire Chase, 8/27/19]

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**And Chase Ran Ads In 2020 Tying Herself To Trump And Pence**

**Chase Tried To Tie Herself To Him In Advertising**

*In Advertising, Chase Compared Herself To President Trump.* “Like President Trump, Claire Chase is a businesswoman and political outsider, who will take on the career politicians that have forgotten hard working.”  
[Youtube – Claire Chase, 2/11/20]

*In Advertising, Chase Claimed President Trump Was Making America Great Again And That She Was Ready To Join The Fight.* “Like President Trump, Claire Chase is a businesswoman and political outsider, who will take on the career politicians that have forgotten hard working New Mexicans. As a wife and mother, Claire knows the importance of protecting the sanctity of life. That’s why she will work tirelessly to build a better future for our children. Because President Trump is making American great again. And Claire Chase is ready to join the fight.” [Youtube – Claire Chase, 2/11/20]

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**January 2020: Chase Praised Trump For His History Of Elevating Careers For Women In National Politics**

“Claire Chase, who is seeking the nomination for New Mexico’s 2nd Congressional District, says that Republican women are running for Congress this year because Americans are ‘sick and tired of Democrats hammering the president despite his pro-woman record.’ The New Mexico candidate adds that Trump has a long history of supporting women in his capacity as president, citing White House advisor Kellyanne Conway, White House Press Secretary Stephanie Grisham, former Administrator of the Small Business Administration Linda McMahon, and United States Secretary of Transportation Elaine Chao. ‘A hallmark of the Trump Presidency has been hiring and elevating Republican women to the highest levels of government,’ she told the DCNF.” [Daily Caller, 1/27/20]
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…But She Criticized Him Heavily As He Was Running For President

### September 2019: Breitbart Reported Chase’s Old Facebook Posts Where She Criticized Donald Trump As An “Asshole Unworthy Of The Office”

“Chase Favored Marco Rubio And Carly Fiorina – Or Gary Johnson -- Over Trump

**HEADLINE: Breitbart: “Exclusive – New Mexico House GOP Candidate Claire Chase Called Trump ‘A**Hole Unworthy Of The Office’ Of President.”** [Breitbart, 9/12/19]

“Chase Posted On Facebook That Donald Trump Was An “A**Hole Unworthy Of The Office And The Power Of President Of THE United States.” “Claire Chase, a GOP candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives in New Mexico’s Second Congressional District, called President Donald Trump an ‘a**hole unworthy of the office’ of the presidency in a Facebook post in August 2015.” [Breitbart, 9/12/19]
Chase Said There Were 836,297 Reasons Not To Vote For Donald Trump. “Later, on September 6, 2015, Chase wrote, referencing a Politico article about how former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin was eyeing a position as Energy Secretary in a then-potential future Trump administration, that she believed again Trump should not be president. ‘This is reason enough not to vote for Trump, among the other 836,297 reasons not to vote for him,’ Chase wrote about Trump.” [Breitbart, 9/12/19]
Chase Harshly Criticized Trump For Saying He Felt Like His Time At Military School Equated Being An Actual Veteran, “Ugh. I *REALLY* Dislike Donald Trump…This Is Beyond Offensive.” “Two days later, on September 8, 2015, Chase wrote another post in response to an article about Trump saying he had always felt like he served in the military even though he had not.” [Breitbart, 9/12/19]

An Article About Sarah Palin Endorsing Trump Caused Chase To Say She Had Thrown Up In Her Mouth, And That She’d Vote For Gary Johnson If Trump Became The Nominee. “On January 20, 2016, when Palin endorsed Trump for president, Chase responded with a Facebook post of her own, saying she puked in her mouth in response. She also said she would not vote for Trump for president even if he won the nomination. ‘This made me throw up in my mouth a little bit,’ Chase wrote. ‘If Trump is the nominee, I’m voting Gary Johnson.’” [Breitbart, 9/12/19]
After Trump Won The Presidential Election, Chase Made Jokes About Moving To Mexico, Costa Rica, Panama, Ecuador, And “Columbia.” “On November 9, 2016, post-election day, Chase wrote again that she did not support Trump for president in 2016. She even gave people who hated Trump advice on which countries to move to until the Trump presidency was over, if they so chose to leave America.” [Breitbart, 9/12/19]

Chase’s Consultant Told Breitbart Her Opinions On Trump Had Changed Since He Became President. “In response to a request for comment about these Facebook posts from Breitbart News, Chase’s consultant Craig Murphy said that she has come around about Trump. ‘Claire did not support him in the primary, but she voted for President Trump in the general, celebrated his election, supports him now and thinks he has done a great job as President,’ Murphy said on Chase’s behalf in an emailed statement.” [Breitbart, 9/12/19]
Chase “Refused To Apologize” For The Language She Used In Attacking President Trump On Facebook.

“Murphy also said that Chase refuses to apologize for the vulgar language she used to bash the now-president. When asked directly if she would apologize and disavow calling the president an ‘a**hole’ unfit for office and saying she puked in her mouth when Palin endorsed Trump, Murphy simply replied, ‘The answer to that question is: She was ecstatic about his election. And even more ecstatic about the job he has done. President Trump won her over.’” [Breitbart, 9/12/19]

Vice President Pence Sought To Distance Himself From Chase After Her Derogatory Remarks About President Trump Were Revealed

The Vice President’s Office Claimed They Were Shocked When They Heard Of Chase’s History Of Anti-Trump Comments. “Pence’s office was shocked when they learned of Chase’s history of anti-Trump comments, completely unaware of them beforehand. ‘He of course disagrees with statements like that about the president,’ a spokesperson for the vice president told Breitbart News when reached on Thursday about the comments Chase made over the years about Trump. ‘This was an official event, and as she’s chairman of New Mexico Oil and Gas, he was thanking her for her leadership in the past and future on USMCA, as he has thanked business leaders across the country for their efforts on the issue,’ the vice president’s office added.” [Breitbart, 9/12/19]

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Issues
**Abortion & Women’s Health Issues**

**Significant Findings**

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**Abortion**

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Agriculture & Food Access Issues

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- Chase said she would protect farmers and ranchers
- Chase was a signatory on a letter requesting President Trump not to boost biofuel consumption, which would have helped farmers

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**CLAIRES’ PRIORITIES**

- Secure The Border, Fix The Immigration System
- Stand Our Ground on 2nd Amendment Rights
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- High-Quality Jobs For Our Families
- Improve Our Education System
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- Strong, Prepared Military
- Take The Fight To Socialism
- Protect Our Farmers and Ranchers
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[Claire Chase for Congress, accessed 2/3/20]

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**Biofuels**
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September 2019: New Mexico Oil And Gas Association Wrote To President Trump To Request He Not Increase Biofuels Mandates

HEADLINE: Carlsbad Current Argus: “New Mexico Oil And Gas Industry Lobbies President Donald Trump Against Biofuel Expansion.” [Carlsbad Current Argus, 9/27/19]

September 2019: New Mexico Oil And Gas Association Wrote To President Trump To Request He Not Increase Biofuels Mandates. “Dear President Trump: I am writing you today on behalf of the New Mexico Oil & Gas Association, (NMOGA) a coalition of more than 1,000 oil and natural gas companies operating in New Mexico. […] Any increase of biofuels mandates will drive up consumer costs that impact the nearly 600,000 automobiles on New Mexico roads. Increasing biofuels mandates will also increase our dependence on foreign fuels to comply with federal requirements that don’t make sense in New Mexico. NMOGA believes that the status quo approach has unleashed U.S. energy dominance while supporting vital refining jobs in New Mexico, Pennsylvania, Texas, and Ohio and we respectfully request you to maintain the current approach.” [New Mexico Oil and Gas Association, Letter from Executive Director Ryan Flynn to President Donald Trump, 9/24/19]

Chase’s Name Was Listed On The Letter’s Masthead. [New Mexico Oil and Gas Association, Letter from Executive Director Ryan Flynn to President Donald Trump, 9/24/19]

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Carlsbad Current Argus: “The Letter Was Backed By NMOGA’s Board Of Directors Including Officials From Major Oil Companies Such As Marathon Oil, Chevron And ExxonMobil.” “In a Sept. 24 letter to Trump, Executive Director of the New Mexico Oil and Gas Association Ryan Flynn urged the President to not increase the ratio renewable fuels such as ethanol are required to be blended with refined petroleum, despite pressure from the biofuels industry. The letter was backed by NMOGA’s Board of Directors including officials from major oil companies such as Marathon Oil, Chevron and ExxonMobil.” [Carlsbad Current Argus, 9/27/19]

October 2019: Trump Announced A Plan To Boost Biofuels Consumption, Angering The Oil Industry But Helping Farmers

HEADLINE: Reuters: “Trump Administration Promises Biofuel Boost To Farmers, Angering Big Oil.” [Reuters, 10/4/19]
Trump’s EPA Announced It Would Require More Than 15 Billion Gallons Of Conventional Ethanol Be Blended Into The Nation’s Fuel Supply. “The rules, which will be finalized after a period of public comment, would ‘ensure that more than 15 billion gallons of conventional ethanol be blended into the nation’s fuel supply beginning in 2020,’ the EPA said, without giving an exact number. Any changes to blending volume mandates for 2020 under the U.S. biofuel law, the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS), must be finalized by Nov. 30.” [Reuters, 10/4/19]

Oil Companies Opposed Increases In Biofuels Consumption Because It Helped The Corn Lobby, Which It Viewed As A Competitor. “The deal is widely seen as an attempt by President Donald Trump to mend fences with the powerful corn lobby, which was outraged by the EPA’s decision in August to exempt 31 oil refineries here from their obligations under the RFS. […] Oil companies have consistently resisted measures to expand the biofuels market, which they view as a competitor. Refiners have vehemently complained that the requirements under the RFS cost them a fortune. Their weeks-long efforts to include oil-friendly measures in the final deal announced Friday failed.” [Reuters, 10/4/19]

December 2019: Trump Administration Ended Up Not Ordering Increases In Biofuels Consumption

December 2019: Trump Administration Did Not Require More Than 15 Billion Gallons Of Ethanol Be Blended Into The Fuel Supply. “The Trump administration finalized U.S. biofuel blending requirements for 2020 on Thursday, leaving a key part of the rule unchanged from an earlier proposal that the corn lobby had criticized as inadequate to help struggling farmers. […] The finalized rule increases the volume for blending requirements to 20.09 billion gallons in 2020, up from 19.92 billion gallons in 2019. The mandate included 15 billion gallons of conventional biofuels like ethanol, unchanged from 2019.” [Reuters, 12/19/19]
Education Issues

Significant Findings

✓ Chase equated schools to churches, claiming “protect[ing] our schools and churches” was a priority

Chase Likened Schools To Churches

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## Election Law & Campaign Finance Issues

### Significant Findings

- Chase supported term limits for Members of Congress and staff
- Chase said Members and staff should turn over at the same rate
- Chase supported voter ID laws

### Term Limits

**Chase Said Term Limits Were Great For Federal And State Representatives, But Said Staff Must Turn Over At The Same Rate.** “[46:33] CHASE: Term limits are great for certainly the federal level, for the state level as well, but I think you also have to keep in mind that if you don’t term limit staff, you are not solving the problem. What happens in DC is a number people go and stay for 20 or 30 years. You get the same people who help the newcomers come in, the appointees, the members who are elected…so if you’re not turning over the staff the same rate you’re turning over members, then you’re not hitting the goal that you’re trying to achieve.” [Project Vantage, NM-02 Candidate Forum, 1/13/20] (Saved in Drive)

**Chase Said She Anticipated Federal Workers’ Unions Would Not Agree With Her On Term Limits For Staff.** “[1:22:55] CHASE: …it’s something that would take a lot of consideration. Whether or not you can figure out a way to term limit staff is something I would like to think about because I do think it’s important. […] [1:23:12] You can get into Congress, into the state legislature, work your way up, and then hand the baton on over to the next generation, as you should be doing. In order to do that, though, you have to figure out how to term limit staff. And I think we’re gonna find that we’ll have a big fight with federal government unions and the state unions and those sorts of things, so, you know…’I’d love to have an answer to that question. When I get to DC I’ll be sure to work on it.” [Project Vantage, NM-02 Candidate Forum, 1/13/20] (Saved in Drive)

### Voter ID Laws

**Chase Supported Voter ID Laws** And Signaled An Interest In “Biometric Screenings.” “[55:04] CHASE: I mean, Voter ID is probably one of the biggest issues that we are facing in the state of New Mexico. Last legislative session, they passed same-day voter registration…we are, in this state, basically allowing anybody to vote. And it’s incredibly important to try and protect the sanctity of the vote. Whatever we can do to protect that, I think, biometric screenings are helpful if we can get that passed. You are going to have an uphill battle.” [Project Vantage, NM-02 Candidate Forum, 1/13/20] (Saved in Drive)
Energy Issues

**Significant Findings**

- Chase: “The oil and gas business for me has been a lifelong passion”
- Chase: “New Mexico needs a strong oil and gas industry to make our state stronger”
- Chase said the oil and gas industry was “not the monsters that the media and the left make us out to be”
- Chase claimed that if the oil and gas industry faltered in New Mexico, the state’s public education system and state budget would suffer

**Oil & Gas**

**Chase: “The Oil And Gas Business For Me Has Been A Lifelong Passion”**

“’The oil and gas business for me has been a lifelong passion. My dad has been in the business for my whole life and it was something I always enjoyed doing with him, going out in the field, doing seismic work, whatever.’” [Oil and Gas Investor, 11/2/18]

**Chase: “New Mexico Needs A Strong Oil And Gas Industry To Make Our State Stronger”**

“’Now more than ever, New Mexico needs a strong oil and gas industry to make our state stronger, and give our children the bright future they deserve,’ Chase continued. ‘That’s what NMOGA and this industry has stood for, and we’ll continue to make all our children and their futures a priority.’” [Albuquerque Business First, 10/22/18]

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“’We are vulnerable for a couple of reasons. No. 1, we are losing ground on public support for oil and gas,’ she said. ‘Hopefully they would know that we’re not the monsters that the media and the left make us out to be.’” [Roswell Daily Record, 2/26/17]

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“Chase said the state’s oil and gas industry contributes on average 33 percent of the state’s annual budget from permits on state lands, and almost entirely funds the state’s Public Education Department. ‘I feel like we’re at risk of dying in this state, and that’s going to take the public education system and the state budget with it,’ Chase said.” [Roswell Daily Record, 2/26/17]
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### Climate Change

**Chase Argued That Global Warming Was Good For The Planet**

Chase argued that global warming was good for the planet. “The panelists also chimed on about a question submitted from the audience on how their businesses prep for global warming. Reyes said climate change is something he is taking note of and it’s being ‘considered in the planning process.’ Chase said she will tackle future problems the same way she has been, through human ingenuity and technology advancement. She said she believes the warming trend has been very gradual over the years and there are arguments that the warmth is good for the planet. She added people need to be wary of alarmist predictions that have made headlines for decades.”

[Albuquerque Business First, 11/9/17]
Gun Issues

Significant Findings

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Second Amendment Rights

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**Immigration & Border Issues**

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**Chase Called For Securing The Border And Fixing The Immigration System**

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National Defense & Security Issues

**Significant Findings**

- After Trump diverted $85 million in funds from Holloman Air Force Base to go toward construction of the border wall, Chase said she did not believe the diverted funds “caused any issue at all”
  - Holloman Air Force Base was located in NM-02

- The funds were supposed to be used to replace the MQ-9 Reaper Operations Training Facility at Holloman

- The funds were secured in February 2018, when they were announced to go to “build a new MQ-9 Formal Training Unit operations facility to house three MQ-9 Attack Squadrons”

- The facility was seen as “aging” and not meeting Air Force mission needs

- Sen. Martin Heinrich toured the facility in 2018 and noted it was “falling apart, with some equipment being held together with duct tape”

- Sen. Heinrich also noted plumbing issues and the presence of a sinkhole

- Chase called for a “strong, prepared military”

**Holloman Air Force Base**

**January 2020: Chase Said She Did Not Think Diverting Funds From Holloman Air Force Base To The Border Wall Had Caused Any Issues**

*Note: Audio is saved in the DCCC Research Drive under Candidates & Campaigns -> New Mexico -> Claire Chase -> Book -> Supporting Research*

Chase Said She Did Not Think Diverting Funds From Holloman Air Force Base To The Border Wall Had Caused Any Issues. “[03:31] SPEAKER: The military is important to New Mexico, so… and your position is representative – I hope you represent that. I heard recently some funds for the military were being diverted for the Border Wall. Do you have any opinion on that? [03:50] CHASE: I think the President is going to ensure those funds are made whole, and so I do think that as long as, essentially, like, Holloman’s missions are protected…you know, securing the border is obviously important as well but the President is *inaudible* [04:15] I feel like, you know like, I don’t think it has caused any issue at all yet.” [Project Vantage, Claire Chase Meet and Greet, 1/13/20]

**January 2020: Washington Post Reported Trump Plans To Divert $7.2 Billion From Military Projects To Fund Border Wall Construction**


January 2020: Trump Planned To Divert An Additional $7.2 Billion In Pentagon Funding Towards Border Wall Construction. “President Trump is preparing to divert an additional $7.2 billion in Pentagon funding for
border wall construction this year, five times what Congress authorized him to spend on the project in the 2020 budget, according to internal planning figures obtained by The Washington Post.” [Washington Post, 1/13/20]

**Under Trump’s Plan, $85 Million In Funds For Holloman Air Force Base Were Diverted To Pay For The Border Wall**

Holloman Air Force Base Lost $85 Million In Funds That Were Diverted To The Wall. According to a list of military projects which lost funding due to funds being diverted to Border Wall construction, Holloman Air Force Base in New Mexico lost $85,000,000 in funding for the MQ-9 FTU Ops Facility. [House Armed Services Committee, 2808 Deferrals in United States Territories, accessed 1/28/20]

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**Holloman Air Force Base Funds Were Appropriated To Upgrade A Training Facility That Did Not Meet Air Force Standards**

The Funds Had Been Previously Slated To Go Toward Upgrades To An “Aging Training Facility” That Did Not Meet Air Force Mission Needs

Las Cruces Sun News: Holloman’s Lost Funds Were To Replace An “Aging Training Facility” Which Was Not Up To Air Force Mission Needs. “The $3.6 billion list of Pentagon construction projects postponed by the Trump administration to pay for a wall along the U.S.-Mexico border $125 million from projects at Holloman Air Force Base and White Sands Missile Range, according to a list of projects released Wednesday. The $85 million project to build a Reaper-drone operations facility at Holloman, in Otero County, would replace an aging training facility ‘that currently does not meet Air Force mission needs,’ according to the news release sent by U.S. Sens. Martin Heinrich and Tom Udall, both Democrats, on Wednesday.” [Las Cruces Sun News, 9/14/19]

New Mexico Sen. Martin Heinrich Visited The Facility And Said It Was “Falling Apart, With Some Equipment Being Held Together With Duct Tape.” “Heinrich said he visited the current facility earlier this year. ‘The building is falling apart, with some equipment being held together with duct tape. To say this facility, which supports training for 100 percent of the Air Force’s MQ-9 crews, urgently needs to be replaced would be an understatement,’ he said in the news release.” [Las Cruces Sun News, 9/14/19]

Heinrich Previously Found Plumbing And Electrical Issues At Holloman, In Addition To A Sinkhole. “The 6th Attack Squadron MQ-9 Reaper Remotely Piloted Aircraft Formal Training Unit (FTU) at Holloman Air Force Base includes more than 100 active duty, reservists, contractors and civil services students from all over the world and more than 100 instructors. But the building that has 69 rooms, is not in good shape. The
building is home to the largest sinkhole in the facility, Lt. Col. Alfred Rosales, 6th Attack Squadron commander, said. U.S. Sen. Martin Heinrich visited HAFB Wednesday to tour the FTU. ‘We do have challenges and I will show you all of them,’ Rosales said to Heinrich. Aside from the sinkhole, other issues such as plumbing and electrical systems are an issue.” [Alamogordo Daily News, 4/25/19]


February 2018: Sen. Heinrich Announced DoD Spending For The MQ-9 FTU Operations Facility. “The U.S. Air Force announced it will initiate the design of an $85 million project at Holloman Air Force Base near Alamogordo to build a new MQ-9 Formal Training Unit operations facility to house three MQ-9 Attack Squadrons. The squadrons are the training units for new pilots and sensor operators for the MQ-9 Reaper Remotely Piloted Aircraft, according to a news release. The new facility will include administrative space, academic space, Fixed Ground Control Stations, FGCS maintenance functions, training simulators and all secure spaces required to support the mission. Sen. Martin Heinrich, a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, welcomed the announcement.” [Albuquerque Business First, 2/6/18]

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- High-Quality Jobs For Our Families
- Improve Our Education System
- Keep America Energy Independent
- Strong, Prepared Military
- Take The Fight To Socialism
- Protect Our Farmers and Ranchers
- Safeguard Our Water Resources

[Claire Chase for Congress, accessed 2/3/20]
**Tax Issues**

### Significant Findings

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### State Taxes

**Chase: “We Have The Most Regressive Tax Code In The Country”**

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**Chase Said Gross Receipts Tax Needed To Change In The State In Order For It To Grow**

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### Trade & Outsourcing Issues

#### Significant Findings

- Chase said her family’s businesses lost 30% production due to Trump’s China tariffs, but she still supported the policy.
- January 2020: Chase attended the bill signing ceremony for the USMCA trade agreement.

#### Tariffs

**Chase Said Her Family’s Businesses Lost 30% Production Due To Trump’s China Tariffs, But Still Supported The Policy**

Chase Said Her Family’s Businesses Lost 30% Production Due To Trump’s Tariffs, But Still Supported The Policy. “[1:20:15] CHASE: We are one of the ag producers that are affected. My husband’s family is a grower of pecans and we were hit with a 30% tariff. I’m sorry – we were hit with a tariff that disallowed us to be able to sell our pecans to China, which was 30% of our business. While we know we are taking the impact, we support the President and what he’s trying to do with China’s currency manipulation and the advantage that they’ve taken of the United States of America. Should not be happening any longer, and we support what the President is doing in trying to negotiate those trade agreements with China as well.” [Project Vantage, NM-02 Candidate Forum, 1/13/20]

#### USMCA

**January 2020: Chase Attended The Bill Signing Ceremony For The USMCA Trade Agreement**

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“@ClaireChaseNM: This morning Chance and I are with @realDonaldTrump at the @WhiteHouse for the USMCA signing ceremony. This deal is a major win for New Mexico farmers, ranchers, and businesses! #MAGA #KAG.” [Twitter, @ClaireChaseNM, 1/29/20]
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Chase Praised USMCA At A Candidate Forum, Calling It “Incredibly Important”

Chase Said The USMCA Was “Incredibly Important” And Called For The Senate To Pass It. “[1:20:18] CHASE: USMCA is incredibly important. We had the incredible opportunity to have the Vice President come to one of our businesses and speak actually on the importance of passing USMCA. This district is probably one of the most impacted districts in the country by the passage of that agreement. So I’d also love to see the Senate take that under consideration and get it out so we can get it into the books.” [Project Vantage, NM-02 Candidate Forum, 1/13/20]

August 2019: Mike Pence Thanked Chase While Promoting USMCA In Artesia, NM

Pence Did Not Indicate That Chase Had Done Anything To Work On The Bill

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Appendix I – Personal Financial Disclosures

2019 – Federal Personal Financial Disclosure

Net Worth

2019: Claire Chase Had An Estimated Net Worth Between $1,937,546 And $7,560,001

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Assets & Unearned Income

2019: Claire Chase Reported Between $1,232 And $11,200 In Unearned Income

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### Liabilities

**Chase Had Between $66,502 And $200,000 In Credit Card Debt**

**Chase Had A “Charge Card” Liability From Chase Bank Worth Between $50,001 And $100,000.** [Clerk of the House of Representatives, Claire Chase Candidate Personal Financial Disclosure, filed 11/25/19]

**Chase Had A “Charge Card” Liability From Chase Bank Worth Between $15,001 And $50,000.** [Clerk of the House of Representatives, Claire Chase Candidate Personal Financial Disclosure, filed 11/25/19]

**Chase Had A “Charge Card” Liability From Merril Lynch Worth Between $1,500 And $50,000.** [Clerk of the House of Representatives, Claire Chase Candidate Personal Financial Disclosure, filed 11/25/19]

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[ Clerk of the House of Representatives, Claire Chase Candidate Personal Financial Disclosure, filed 11/25/19 ]

### Positions

**Chase Reported Leadership Positions In New Mexico Oil Trade Associations**

**Chase Reported Being Chairman Of The New Mexico Oil & Gas Association.** [Clerk of the House of Representatives, Claire Chase Candidate Personal Financial Disclosure, filed 11/25/19]
Chase Reported Being President Of The Independent Producers Association – New Mexico. [Clerk of the House of Representatives, Claire Chase Candidate Personal Financial Disclosure, filed 11/25/19]

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[Clerk of the House of Representatives, Claire Chase Candidate Personal Financial Disclosure, filed 11/25/19]
## Appendix II - Campaign Finance

### Items of Interest

- Claire Chase’s campaign raised $779,507.42 and spent $190,988.02
- Chase accepted a total of $5,000 in contributions over the limit from 25 individual donors
- Chase accepted $54,900 in contributions directly from businesses, organizations, and LLCs
  - Chase’s campaign received a notification from the FEC that the contributions were illegal and needed to be refunded

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**Claire Chase’s Campaign Raised $779,507.42 And Spent $190,988.02**

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[Source: FEC Committee Candidate and Committee Viewer, accessed 2/2/20]

**Claire Chase’s Campaign Committee Received 89% Of Her Contributions From Individual Contributors And 3% From PACs**

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[Source: FEC, Claire Chase for Congress End Of Year 2019 Receipts, filed 1/31/20]

### PAC Contributors

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[Source: FEC, Claire Chase for Congress End Of Year 2019 Receipts, filed 1/31/20; OpenSecrets, Boots PAC, accessed 2/2/20]
Claire Chase Improperly Accepted Contributions From Businesses And Organizations, As Well As Contributions Over The Federal Limit

Claire Chase Accepted A Total Of $5,000 In Contributions Over The Limit From 25 Individual Donors

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Chase Accepted $54,900 In Contributions Directly From Businesses, Organizations, And LLCs

January 2020: FEC Sent A Request For Additional Information To Chase’s Campaign, Explaining That The Contributions Were Illegal And Needed To Be Refunded. “Schedule A of your report discloses one or more contributions that appear to be from corporations and labor organizations (see attached). 52 U.S.C. § 30118 (a) (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 441b(a)) and 11 CFR § 103.3(b) prohibit the receipt of contributions from corporations and labor organizations unless made from separate segregated funds established by the corporations and labor organizations. The Commission notes your additional explanation regarding the committee’s corrective action taken for all of these contributions. […] If you have received prohibited contributions, you must make a refund within 30 days of the treasurer becoming aware of the illegality of the contribution. (11 CFR § 103.3(b)(1) and (2))” [FEC, Request for Additional Information, 1/30/20]


The FEC Asked Chase’s Campaign “To Give More Information About $45,000 In Donations To Her Campaign For A U.S. House Seat,” Citing Contributions Appearing To Come From Corporate Entities. “The Federal Election Commission on Thursday asked Claire Chase in a letter to give more information about $45,000 in donations to her campaign for a U.S. House seat. The commission said the contributions appear to come from corporations but aren’t from funds adequately set aside for political donations.” [Associated Press, 1/31/20]

Chase’s Campaign Said The FEC Letter Was “A Desperate Attack By Failed Career Politician Yvette Herrell To Distract From Her Lackluster Fundraising.” “Chase campaign spokesman Mike Berg said the campaign has followed federal law and will return any contributions containing routine filing errors. He blamed the letter on one of Chase’s GOP primary opponents, former state lawmaker Yvette Herrell. ‘This is a desperate attempt by failed career politician Yvette Herrell to distract from her lackluster fundraising,’ Berg said.” [Associated Press, 1/31/20]

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[FEC, Claire Chase for Congress End Of Year 2019 Receipts, filed 1/31/20]
# Appendix III – Paid Media Summary

*NOTE: Paid media advertisements saved on the DCCC research drive. Updated as of January 2020.*

## 2020 Election

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