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Key Findings

**Miller-Meeks Was Bad For Health Care**

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Miller-Meeks has been specifically critical of Essential Health Benefits in the Affordable Care Act, which require coverage of maternity care and prescription drugs. Miller-Meeks has said “In the ACA, some of the essential benefits are much more than what people had before so that led to increased cost,” and that “You look at me and you can tell I’m not a spring chicken. So the ideal policy for me would not have maternity, not have in vitro fertilization.” Before the Affordable Care Act’s essential benefits coverage, policies routinely did not cover pregnancy or mental health care, and one in ten policies did not cover prescription drugs.

According to the Des Moines Register Editorial Board, Miller-Meeks had “little to say” about Affordable Care Act implementation, despite her role as Director of the Department of Public Health. Miller-Meeks opposed the federal health reform law as a candidate but as public health director she favored health insurance exchanges.

Under Miller-Meeks leadership, the Department of Public Health had a number of controversies. Miller-Meeks signed a $20,000 settlement with an employee who lost her job but filed a grievance stating that her termination was based on politics. According to a Des Moines Register Editorial, Miller-Meeks failed to stand up for HIV-positive Iowans when a federally funded high-risk insurance pool refused to provide health insurance Iowans that were HIV-positive. The Department came under fire after a state audit report exposed the agency for not inspecting funeral homes that was required by state law. Miller-Meeks was accused of disregarding state law by not consulting the Tobacco Use Prevention and Control Commission before hiring a new administrator for the tobacco use prevention division. Miller-Meeks cut the position of Iowa’s Division of Tobacco Use Prevention and Control official and the move was due to budget cuts, leaving the division too small to operate alone. Miller-Meeks claimed she had spoken to the Iowa Attorney General who said her actions were legal but the AG said they did not advise Miller-Meeks.

Miller-Meeks was rejected by the Iowa Senate to serve on the Iowa Hawk-I Board due to her record as Director of the Department of Public Health.
Miller-Meeks was bad for Iowa’s seniors. In 2008, Miller-Meeks supported privatizing Social Security and raising the retirement age. In 2009, Miller-Meeks proposed phasing out the employer deduction which funds Social Security and Medicare. In 2012, Miller-Meeks supported voucher plan for Medicare. In 2020, Miller-Meeks voted for granting immunity related to COVID-19 in assisted living facilities and other long-term care facilities. AARP State Director Brad Anderson opposed the bill, saying “Iowa should not strip away the rights and protections of our most vulnerable citizens at a time when they need our help the most.” As of June 2020, over half of COVID-19 deaths across Iowa were related to long term care facilities and nursing homes. Miller-Meeks questioned the need to provide current levels of Medicare benefits if it required increasing taxes, and blamed Medicare funding shortfalls on overuse, saying seniors with sore throats should gargle salt water rather than use the health care system unnecessarily.

Miller-Meeks supported tax systems that benefitted the wealthy at the expense of the middle class. Miller-Meeks said she wanted people to have the opportunity to choose a “Flat Tax,” which would be a windfall for the wealthy while increasing taxes on the middle class. Miller-Meeks also “voiced support for the ‘Fair Tax’ that even her own party’s experts acknowledge would be anything but fair to middle class Americans.”

Miller-Meeks spread conspiracy theories about COVID-19. Miller-Meeks did not think the government in a pandemic “should force you to have a vaccine.” Miller-Meeks deleted a tweet stating she would try hydroxychloroquine if she had COVID-19. The malaria drug was being touted by President Trump at the time.

Miller-Meeks was bad for women. In 2020, Miller-Meeks voted for amending the state constitution to repeal the right to abortion. In 2019, Miller-Meeks supported an extreme measure that could endanger common birth control procedures, including IUDs, and could prevent Iowans from using in vitro fertilization. Miller-Meeks even opposed Roe v. Wade. In 2018, while running for State Senate, Miller-Meeks claimed she was pro-choice. In 2020, while running for Congress, she claimed she misspoke.

Miller-Meeks was bad for education. Miller-Meeks supported abolishing the Department of Education. Miller-Meeks opposed the Education Jobs and Medicaid Assistance Act Of 2010, which saved 140,000 teachers jobs.
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**Significant Findings**

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**Miller-Meeks Was A Long Time Opponent Of The Affordable Care Act**

In 2010, Miller-Meeks Called For The Repeal Of The Affordable Care Act

Miller-Meeks Called For Repeal And Replace The ACA. “While calling herself an independent conservative, Miller-Meeks is following the Republican call for a ‘repeal and replace’ of the health care reform legislation signed into law late last month. She said the bill that passed is not all bad but the good is well outweighed by the negatives. She favors the provisions of not denying people coverage for having pre-existing conditions and for allowing adult children to remain on their parents’ insurance until age 26. ‘I think those were reforms that could have been incorporated without going to the extent that they did,’ Miller-Meeks said. ‘To me, our country had a tremendous opportunity to revamp our health care system in a way that was patient-centered and not government-mandated and that could be the model for the rest of the world. And we missed that opportunity.’” [The Hawk Eye, 4/7/10]

Miller-Meeks: “I Would Repeal-And-Replace This Law With Reforms That Actually Reduce Health Care Costs, Increase Portability While Increasing Accessibility”

Miller-Meeks: “I Would Repeal-And-Replace This Law With Reforms That Actually Reduce Health Care Costs, Increase Portability While Increasing Accessibility.” According to Miller-Meeks for Congress 2010 website under “Reform Health Care Without a Government-Run System”, Miller-Meeks said “The reforms as currently outlined fail to address exploding costs, and transfers those unsustainable costs to taxpayers by empowering the government to take-over health care. This reform puts bureaucrats between doctors and patients, which will destroy the quality of health care as we know it. While there are many attractive measures contained in the health reform law like covering pre-existing conditions and extending coverage for young adults on their parent’s plans, I would repeal-and-replace this law with reforms that actually reduce health care costs, increase portability while increasing accessibility.” [Miller-Meeks for Congress 2010, accessed 6/15/20]

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Miller-Meeks Suggested “‘Keeping The Parts That Are Beneficial To Us,’ But Repealing Or Defunding The Rest.” “On health care reform, she suggested ‘keeping the parts that are beneficial to us,’ but repealing or defunding the rest. Diners at all-you-can-eat buffets pile their food high because they’re trying to get their money’s
worth, and it’s the same with health care, she said. ‘Insurance is supposed to be used for catastrophes, but people end up taking every (service) they can that’s in front of them,’ she said, adding that rationing health care will be an important part of the reform whether or not the Democrats acknowledge it.” [Muscatine Journal, 7/19/10]

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Feb. 2014: Miller-Meeks said “Looking At The Affordable Care Act, There Are Ways We Can Change It, Modify It, And/Or, If Possible, Repeal It.” “‘Looking at the Affordable Care Act, there are ways we can change it, modify it, and/or, if possible, repeal it, but you have to gain the Senate, but at least, let's make it work for people,” Miller-Meeks said.” [The Daily Iowan, 2/27/14]

But Later In 2014, Miller-Meeks Dodged Questions About If She Supported The Bill While Continuing To Be Critical Of The Legislation, Leaving “Wiggle-Room” To Vote For Repeal If Elected

October 2014: Miller-Meeks Would Not Answer Whether She Would Have Voted To Repeal Obamacare During Debates, But Referred To The ACA As The “Unaffordable” Care Act

Miller-Meeks Would Not Answer Whether She Would Have Voted To Repeal Obamacare. “When asked directly whether she would have joined those votes to repeal Obamacare, third-time Republican nominee Dr. Mariannette Miller-Meeks tries to redirect the question. In debates and editorial board interviews, Miller-Meeks is clear that she recognizes there are beneficial aspects of the now four-year-old law, but she also favors overturning and overhauling significant sections to ensure that the law does more to increase affordability rather than just access.” [Iowa City Press-Citizen, Editorial Board, 10/28/14]

Oct. 2014: Miller-Meeks Refused To Say Whether She Supported Repealing The Affordable Care Act But Referred To The ACA As The “Unaffordable” Care Act. “Loebsack, a Democrat, went after Miller-Meeks, a Republican, for not answering direct questions, specifically targeting her refusal to say whether she would repeal the Affordable Care Act. ‘I’m not clear where she is,’ he said. Miller-Meeks accused Loebsack of repeating the ‘lie of the year,’ a reference to when President Barack Obama said during the Affordable Care Act debate that people would be able to keep their insurance. As it turns out, a significant number of Americans were dropped from their health insurance plans. She criticized what she called the ‘unaffordable’ care act, but when asked, she didn’t say she would repeal it.” [The Quad-City Times, 10/12/14]

Clinton Herald: “Moderators Challenged Her Several Times To Answer Whether She Would Repeal The ACA” And Miller-Meeks Said “There Are Changes And Reform That Needs To Be Made So This Is Palatable.” “The ACA dominated the first half of the debate. Miller-Meeks criticized the bill, calling it ‘the Un-Affordable Care Act,’ and said she favors patient-centered care versus what the bill is able to offer. Moderators challenged her several times to answer whether she would repeal the ACA. ‘When you look at the totality of what happened in the health care bill, you’re seeing a partisan bill that was passed, a bad plan that was poorly executed’ Miller-Meeks said. ‘There are changes and reform that needs to be made so this is palatable, number 1, and puts patients back in the driver’s seat and preserves the doctor-patient relationship.’”[Clinton Herald, 10/11/14]

Press-Citizen Editorial: “Miller-Meeks Always Leaves Enough Wiggle-Room So… She Would Be Able To Vote For A Full-On Repeal Of Obamacare Without Having To Betray Any Campaign Promises”

Press-Citizen Editorial: “Miller-Meeks Always Leaves Enough Wiggle-Room So That, If Elected And Called Upon By The House Leadership, She Would Be Able To Vote For A Full-On Repeal Of Obamacare Without Having To Betray Any Campaign Promises.” “But in her answers, Miller-Meeks always leaves enough wiggle-room so that, if elected and called upon by the House leadership, she would be able to vote for a full-on repeal of Obamacare without having to betray any campaign promises.” [Iowa City Press-Citizen, Editorial Board, 10/28/14]
The Quad-City Times: Miller-Meeks Would Not Say She Would Vote To Repeal The ACA But Said “The County Needs To Transition Away From It”

For her part, Miller-Meeks - an ophthalmologist who says she predicted the ACA’s problems four years ago - is critical of the law. She says it has led to physicians being dropped from networks, and it takes power away from individuals and gives it to the government and insurance companies. Still, she wouldn’t go so far in a recent interview to say she would vote to repeal it. ‘I am very pragmatic about where the law is and where we can go,’ she says. Instead, she says the country needs to transition away from it.” [The Quad-City Times, 10/13/14]

August 2014: Miller-Meeks Refused To Say Whether Would Repeal The Affordable Care Act

Miller-Meeks Refused to Say Whether She Would Repeal ACA, Which She Favored In The Past. “Miller-Meeks mentioned the Affordable Care Act immediately in the debate as being unaffordable, she refused to say whether she’d repeal the bill. Loebsack successfully called her on that, saying she’s been for repealing it in the past and he’s not sure where she is now. She also declined to say whether nutrition assistance should be separated from the farm bill, choosing instead to talk about curing poverty.” [Des Moines Register, 8/29/14]

Miller-Meeks Wanted To Use Her Experience As A “Medical Doctor To Hammer On What She Sees As The Evils Of Obamacare”

2014: Miller-Meeks Wanted To Use Her Experience As A “Medical Doctor To Hammer On What She Sees As The Evils Of Obamacare.” “Mariannette Miller-Meeks brings name recognition to the race in her third bid as a Republican congressional nominee. She is expected to leverage her credentials as a medical doctor to hammer on what she sees as the evils of Obamacare. Her best hope is to catch a wave of voter antagonism against Obamacare and the Democrats. But the district leans Democratic, and she starts out dwarfed in the money race, with $160,000 in cash on hand.” [Des Moines Register, 6/5/14]

In 2020, Miller-Meeks Was Critical Of The Affordable Care Act, But Did Not Mention Repeal

Miller-Meeks Said People Aren’t Buying Insurance Because It Was Too Expensive After The Affordable Care Act.

In an interview with 4TR Studios on health care, Miller-Meeks was asked “wasn’t there a sharing of the burden of insurance with some high-risk patients paying less than low-risk ones?” Miller-Meeks said “if you look at New York, where they did community rating their costs went way up when the ACA went through. So now people aren’t buying insurance because it’s too expensive. People were supposed to have a reduction in their premiums by 25% and that didn’t happen. So how do we get access while also making it affordable and how do we have choice.” [4TR Studios Health Care Interview, 00:01:45, 4/23/20] (VIDEO)

Miller-Meeks: “To Me, The Best Thing The ACA Did Was Get More People On Insurance And More Accessibility. What We Lost Was Affordability”

In an interview with 4TR Studios on health care, Miller-Meeks was asked “Would you work within the framework of ACA or go with the party line of repealing all together?” Miller-Meeks said “you work with the framework you have and look at the system and other systems that work. Countries that have systems that do have a mix of private and public insurance. To me, the best thing the ACA did was get more people on insurance and more accessibility. What we lost was affordability.” [4TR Studios Healthcare Interview, 00:02:45 4/23/20] (VIDEO)
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Miller-Meeks Said She Was In Favor Of Health Insurance Coverage Choice Adding “In The ACA, Some Of The Essential Benefits Are Much More Than What People Had Before So That Led To Increased Cost”

In an interview with 4TR Studios on health care, Miller-Meeks was asked “Don’t insurance companies limit choices by determining what they will and won’t cover?” Miller-Meeks said “yes but you have an option in your plan to determine what you want so there is some benefit in that. I think if you understand the insurance industry whether it’s auto or health insurance, we don’t mandate companies cover everything to maintain your car. So they don’t cover oil changes or new tires. If we mandated them cover those things you would see the cost of your insurance go up. When you’re increasing the number of providers and increasing the benefits. You have a benefits plan instead of an insurance plan. In the ACA, some of the essential benefits are much more than what people had before so that led to increased cost. So you should have a choice in determining how much coverage you need based on your age, sex, what your health status is and that is reflected in your premiums.” [4TR Studios Health Care Interview, 00:04:20 4/23/20] (VIDEO)

Miller-Meeks Said Minimum Coverage Standards Are Expansive And Argues The Requirement Takes Away Individual Choice

“An area where the two candidates differ the most over the law is its requirement that insurance policies have minimum coverage standards. Miller-Meeks says they are ‘expansive’ and argues the requirement takes away individual choice. She adds costs are being shifted to younger people, who often were uninsured or had less-robust policies than can be offered today.” [The Quad-City Times, 10/13/14]

Miller-Meeks Called The Affordable Care Act “Too Expensive” By Forcing People To Pay For Benefits They Neither Want Nor Need And The Ideal Policy For Miller-Meeks Would Not Include Maternity Or In Vitro Fertilization

“Dr. Mariannette Miller-Meeks said Wednesday concerns she raised two years ago about the Affordable Care Act are reality today and will bolster her bid for Congress. […] ‘Certainly, when we were discussing our concerns about the Affordable Care Act before, people could look at it and say it was hypothetical, that it was theory or it was partisanship,’ she said. Miller-Meeks said the law is ‘too expansive,’ forcing people to pay for benefits they neither need nor want. While large corporations may be able to cover the costs, she questioned whether small businesses can.” [The Ottumwa Courier, 2/26/14]

Miller-Meeks: “You Look At Me And You Can Tell I’m Not A Spring Chicken. So The Ideal Policy For Me Would Not Have Maternity, Not Have In Vitro Fertilization.” “It doesn’t have to be a one-size-fits-all policy where the government tells you what you have to have,’ she told supporters. ‘You look at me and you can tell I’m not a spring chicken. So the ideal policy for me would not have maternity, not have in vitro fertilization.’” [The Ottumwa Courier, 2/26/14]

Before The Affordable Care Act’s Essential Benefits Coverage, Policies Routinely Did Not Cover Pregnancy Or Mental Health Care, And One In Ten Policies Did Not Cover Prescription Drugs

NPR: Before The Affordable Care Act, Insurance Companies Sold Policies That Excluded Pregnancy And Mental Health Care; 9 Percent Of Policies Didn’t Cover Prescription Drugs. “That’s because if insurance companies don’t have a list of medical services they have to include in their policies, they can sell stripped-down
policies and then charge extra for specific types of coverage. This isn’t theoretical. Before the Affordable Care Act went into effect, insurance companies routinely found ways to avoid paying for expensive health care. Beyond refusing to cover people with existing medical conditions, they sold policies that excluded coverage for some medical care, including prenatal care, childbirth and mental health care. According to the Century Foundation, 9 percent of policies didn’t even cover prescription drugs.” [NPR, 3/23/17]

Before The Affordable Care Act, 39 Percent Of Plans Did Not Cover Mental Health Care, And Those That Did Often Offered Limited Coverage. “A survey by HealthPocket Inc. shows that before Obamacare, only 61 percent of health plans included coverage for mental health care, and that coverage was often limited.” [NPR, 3/23/17]

Before The Affordable Care Act, Only 6 Percent Of Individual Market Insurance Plans Offered Maternity Coverage, And Maternity Riders Often Had Expensive Premiums And High Deductibles. “A 2012 study by the National Women’s Law Center found that, before Obamacare, only about 6 percent of policies available on the individual insurance market included maternity coverage. One plan offered a maternity rider that cost more than $1,600 a month on top of the regular premium. Many of those policies had maternity-specific deductibles as high as $10,000, or did not actually kick in for two years. Even insurance provided by employers had limits for maternity care. A study by Truven found that in 2010, women who had insurance through their employers still paid about $12,000 to $16,000 for childbirth.” [NPR, 3/23/17]

According To The Des Moines Register, Miller-Meeks Had “Little To Say” About Affordable Care Act Implementation, Despite Her Role As Director Of The Department Of Public Health

Des Moines Register Editorial: Miller-Meeks Had “Little To Say” About Affordable Care Act Implementation, Despite Her Role

Des Moines Register Editorial: Miller-Meeks Had “Little To Say” About Affordable Care Act Implementation, Despite Her Role. “As a massive health reform law was being implemented, she had little to say. This was surprising, as health insurance is such an important part of her agency's mission to ‘promote and protect public health.’ Her silence is notable, too, because she was uninsured during her 2010 campaign for Congress.” [Des Moines Register, Editorial Board, 1/13/14]

HEADLINE: The Register's Editorial: Health chief needs to be a voice for public [Des Moines Register, Editorial Board, 1/13/14]

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Miller-Meeks Opposed The Federal Health Reform Law As A Candidate But As Public Health Director She Favored Health Insurance Exchanges. “Miller-Meeks said her experience as a nurse and as a physician would bring real-world perspective to the job. The department’s current tasks include helping implement federal health reform programs. For example, it is working on the design of a ‘health insurance exchange,’ a system to help individuals and small businesses compare and purchase insurance policies. She favored As a congressional candidate, Miller-Meeks opposed the federal health reform law, saying it was too expensive for taxpayers and did too little to hold down medical costs. But she said Thursday she favored some parts of it, including the idea of health insurance exchanges.” [Des Moines Register, 12/10/10]

A Democrat State Senator Was Concerned That The Governor Was Filling His Cabinet With Former Politicians, Adding That He Hoped Gov. Branstad Was Not Trying To Politicize Health Care. “State Sen. Jack Hatch, a Des Moines Democrat who is one of his party’s leading voices on health care issues, said he welcomed the idea of having a medical professional lead the department. However, he said, “I’m a little
concerned that the governor is filling his Cabinet with former politicians. I hope he’s not making health care political.” [Des Moines Register, 12/10/10]

**Miller-Meeks Had A Controversial Tenure As Director Of Iowa Department Of Public Health**

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Des Moines Register: “Employees Claimed They Had Lost Their Jobs Because Of Republican Cronyism.” “Lt. Gov. Kim Reynolds said Monday that neither she nor Gov. Terry Branstad was aware of six secret settlements paid to former state employees until they read it in Sunday’s Des Moines Register. Most of the employees claimed they had lost their jobs because of Republican cronysim. The Register’s report also revealed the six were asked to sign unenforceable confidentiality agreements that seemingly prohibited them from speaking about the settlements.” [Des Moines Register, 3/18/14]

Miller-Meeks Failed To Stand Up For HIV-Positive Iowans When A Federally Funded High-Risk Insurance Pool Refused To Provide Health Insurance Iowans That Were HIV-Positive.

DMR Editorial: Miller-Meeks Failed To Stand Up For HIV-Positive Iowans When A Federally Funded High-Risk Insurance Pool Refused To Provide Health Insurance Iowans That Were HIV-Positive. “The Department of Public Health has a bureau to connect HIV-positive Iowans to drugs and care. Miller-Meeks should have been expressing outrage when a federally funded high-risk insurance pool refused to provide health insurance to these Iowans as was intended.” [Des Moines Register, Editorial Board, 1/13/14]

Miller-Meeks’ Department Of Public Health Came Under Fire After A State Audit Report Exposed The Agency For Not Inspecting Funeral Homes That Was Required By State Law.

Miller-Meeks Said The State Had Not Inspected Funeral Homes For Decades, Leaving It To Cities And Counties To Regulate. “A state auditor’s report on the Iowa Department of Public Health released Wednesday criticized the agency for failing to inspect funeral homes as required by state law. […] ‘We take it seriously, and we’re working on a process of trying to amend the code,’ said Iowa Public Health Director Mariannette Miller-Meeks. She said the state hasn’t inspected funeral homes for decades, leaving it to cities and counties to handle through local ordinances.” [The Hawk Eye, 8/15/13]

Miller-Meeks Said The Agency Typically Relied On Local Government And OSHA Regulations. “She said her agency wants the authority to inspect funeral homes if concerns arise but typically rely on local government and the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration regulations to oversee the operations. Auditors said the agency also has not performed the required inspections of hair salons every two years as outlined in the state code.” [The Hawk Eye, 8/15/13]
The Hawk Eye: Iowa Code Requires The Department To Inspect “All Places Where Dead Human Bodies Are Prepared Or Held For Burial, Entombment Or Cremation.” “In the public health report, the auditors said the Iowa Code requires the department to inspect ‘all places where dead human bodies are prepared or held for burial, entombment or cremation.’ The law gives the department the authority to adopt and enforce rules for inspections ‘necessary for the preservation of the public health.’ In June, the Board of Mortuary Science recommended changing the law to say the department may inspect the facilities instead of shall inspect them, department spokeswoman Polly Carver-Kimm said.” [The Hawk Eye, 8/15/13]

Miller-Meeks Was Accused Of Disregarding State Law By Not Consulting The Tobacco Use Prevention and Control Commission Before Hiring A New Administrator For The Tobacco Use Prevention Division

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The Position Was Administrator For The Division Of Tobacco Use Prevention And Control. “A state senator questioned the qualifications of the woman recently hired as Iowa's top tobacco control official and accused the state's public health director of obstructing the law governing her hiring during a contentious meeting Friday. Meghan O'Brien was hired as the administrator for the Division of Tobacco Use Prevention and Control this month after an informal search process.” [The Gazette, 7/22/12]

Miller-Meeks Did Have The Choice To Hire Who She Wanted But Not Consulting The Commission Was Considered Evidence Of Miller-Meeks Weak Management Skills. “The ultimate choice (of who to hire) is up to the director, that’s clear under the code,’ Quirmbach said. ‘But this commission has not been afforded the opportunity to carry out its legal responsibility, and I fault the director of the Department of Public Health in that regard.’ In a later interview, Quirmbach called the manner in which the hiring played out ‘evidence of the weakness of Miller-Meeks’ own management skills.’ Miller-Meeks, however, said she consulted with the Iowa Attorney General’s Office and received assurances that the process that led to O’Brien’s hiring followed state law. The opportunities she gave to commission members to meet candidates were, in fact, ‘overly generous,’ she said.” [The Gazette, 7/22/12]

Miller-Meeks Had Narrowed The Choices Down To Two Finalists Which The Commission's Chairwoman And Vice Chairman Recommended Hiring The Other Finalist. “The administrator position came open this spring, when Interim Director Aaron Swanson left for another job. Several people applied, from which two -- including O'Brien -- were selected as finalists by Miller-Meeks. The commission's chairwoman and vice chairman met both candidates and recommended hiring the other finalist, but no candidates were formally vetted by the full commission.” [The Gazette, 7/22/12]

The New Hire Was Questioned For Her Qualification For The Job, Citing No Management Experience And Little Background In Tobacco Policy Or Public Health. “Miller-Meeks formally hired O’Brien about two weeks ago. Beyond the process by which O’Brien was hired, Quirmbach also questioned her qualifications for the top job in the division. She has no management experience and little background in tobacco policy or public health, he said. Not everyone on the commission shared Quirmbach’s concerns.” [The Gazette, 7/22/12]
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Miller-Meeks Cut The Position Of Iowa’s Division of Tobacco Use Prevention and Control Official And The Move Was Due To Budget Cuts, Leaving The Division Too Small To Operate Alone. “Iowa’s top tobacco-control official has lost her job after her division’s budget was cut by two-thirds. Bonnie Mapes, 60, headed the Division of Tobacco Use Prevention and Control since 2004. She took early retirement after her boss, Public Health Director Mariannette Miller-Meeks, told her last month that her position was being cut. Mapes, whose 2010 salary was $99,189, and Miller-Meeks said Monday that the move was due to the Legislature’s decision to cut the division’s budget from $7.8 million to $2.8 million, leaving an agency that was too small to require a full-time director.” [Des Moines Register, 8/2/11]

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Miller-Meeks Said Talk About Folding The Division Duties Into The Health Department Had Been Going On For A While And She Needed To Fit Anti-Smoking Into A Tight Budget. “Miller-Meeks said Monday that her decision to cut the division director’s position was no reflection of Mapes’ job performance. She said state leaders had been talking for several years about folding the division’s duties into other parts of the health department, and she might ask legislators next session for authority to do so. Miller-Meeks said she needs to fit anti-smoking efforts into a tight budget, and it made more sense to focus the limited dollars on such things as the Quitline Iowa counseling program and local anti-smoking organizations rather than a separate state division.” [Des Moines Register, 8/2/11]

Anti-Smoking Lobbyists Questioned The Dismissal, Saying The Move Questioned How Serious The Governor Was Opposition On Smoking. “Threase Harms, a Des Moines lobbyist for the anti-smoking group Clean Air for Everyone, said Mapes’ dismissal raises questions about how serious Branstad is about his frequently stated opposition to smoking. ‘If they want Iowa to be the healthiest state in the nation, how are we going to do that without addressing the No. 1 cause of preventable deaths?’ she said.” [Des Moines Register, 8/2/11]

Gov. Branstad Had Signed Off On Miller-Meeks’ Decision To Terminate The Position. “Tim Albrecht, a spokesman for Branstad, said the governor is committed to combating smoking. He said the governor signed off on Miller-Meeks’ decision to terminate Mapes’ position, and he said the governor understood the need to cut programs, including the anti-smoking ads. Given Iowa’s severe budget constraints, most departments and agencies saw a decrease in funding,’ Albrecht wrote. ‘Gov. Branstad believes tobacco cessation programs are important and necessary, and believes the money should be spent in a more effective manner.” [Des Moines Register, 8/2/11]

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$99,000-per-year position was no longer needed because the division had shrunk, and she named Dr. Patricia Quinlisk as interim administrator. Quinlisk, the health department’s medical director, also oversees such things as efforts to combat infectious diseases and food-poisoning outbreaks.” [Des Moines Register, 8/6/11]

**Miller-Meeks Backed Off The Plan When State Senators Cited Iowa Code That Said The Anti-Tobacco Division Must Have A Full-Time Administrator Whose Sole Duties Were Running The Division.** “Miller-Meeks said Friday evening that she would back off the plan, about eight hours after two state senators complained at the commission meeting that the personnel shift was illegal. Sens. Herman Quirmbach and Jack Hatch noted a section of Iowa Code specifying that the health department must employ a full-time administrator for its anti-tobacco division and that the administrator’s sole duties must be running the division.” [Des Moines Register, 8/6/11]

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**Miller-Meeks Was Investigating The Director Of The Iowa State Nursing Board When The Director Suddenly Retired**

Miller-Meeks Was Investigating The Director Of The Iowa State Nursing Board When The Director Suddenly Retired. “The state’s top nursing regulator has retired unexpectedly and an associate director also has left with little explanation. Lorinda Inman, executive director of the Iowa Board of Nursing since 1988, chose to retire after state officials investigated complaints about human resources issues. Mariannette Miller-Meeks, director of the Iowa Department of Public Health, said her department and the Department of Administrative Services looked into ‘a few random complaints.’ After the investigation, Inman, who is 63, chose to retire. She did not immediately return calls.” [The Gazette, 2/26/13]

Miller-Meeks Declined To Be More Specific About The Investigation. “Miller-Meeks said Chris Newell, an associate director of the nursing board, also has left. Miller-Meeks declined to be more specific. The board regulates nursing licenses. Gov. Terry Branstad appoints members. His spokesman said he would have no comment.” [The Gazette, 2/26/13]

Des Moines Register: “Miller-Meeks Stressed That The Allegations Did Not Involve Licensing Issues Or Regulation Of The Tens Of Thousands Of Iowa Nurses Overseen By The Agency.” “Miller-Meeks stressed that the allegations did not involve licensing issues or regulation of the tens of thousands of Iowa nurses overseen by the agency. […] Miller-Meeks noted that the board is ‘quasi-independent’ from the health department, but she said the department helps with some of its administrative tasks, including human resources. Gov. Terry Branstad appoints members of the nursing board, but his spokesman, Tim Albrecht, said the governor’s office would have no comment. Inman, 63, was paid $108,946 last year, state records show.” [Des Moines Register, 2/26/13]

Miller-Meeks Was Rejected By The Iowa Senate To Serve On The Iowa Hawk-I Board Due To Her Record As Director Of The Department Of Public Health
Miller-Meeks Was Rejected By Iowa Senate To Serve On Health Care Board

2016: Miller-Meeks Was Rejected By Iowa Senate To Serve On Health Care Board Because Critics Worried She Was Too Close To The Branstad Administration. “The Iowa Senate on Thursday rejected Gov. Terry Branstad’s nomination of former state health director Mariannette Miller-Meeks to the Iowa Hawk-I Board, which advises the state on health care coverage for uninsured children of working families. Miller-Meeks needed 34 votes - a two-thirds majority - to be confirmed. Her nomination failed on a 28-18 vote… Sen. Janet Petersen, D-Des Moines, who opposed Miller-Meeks’ confirmation, said the Hawk-I Board needs a person who will stand up for Iowa’s families and children, as opposed to someone who will stand with the Branstad administration.” [Des Moines Register, 4/16/16]

Hawk-I Or Hawki Is The Healthy And Well Kids In Iowa Program Offered Through The Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP). “The Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) is offered through the Healthy and Well Kids in Iowa program, also known as Hawki. Iowa offers Hawki health coverage for uninsured children of working families. No family pays more than $40 a month. Some families pay nothing at all. A child who qualifies for Hawki health insurance will get their health coverage through a Managed Care Organization (MCO). These are the MCOs or health plans you can choose from: Amerigroup Iowa, Inc. and Iowa Total Care.” [Iowa Department of Human Services, accessed 6/2/20]

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Senator Mathis, D-Linn, Said Miller-Meeks Was Unhelpful When Mathis Asked For Support On An Alzheimer’s Bill When Miller-Meeks’ Was Director Of The State Department Of Public Health. “All 18 no votes came from Iowa Democrats, including Sen. Liz Mathis of Linn County. Mathis raised concerns about Miller-Meeks work as director of the Iowa Department of Public Health, saying she was unhelpful when Mathis asked for support on an Alzheimer’s bill. ‘When I was advocating for Alzheimer’s patients, their families and providers who care for people with dementia-related illness, (Miller-Meeks) was unresponsive to my plea and theirs for two years in a row,’ said Sen. Mathis. ‘That experience, along with other Senators who have worked with her, convinced me she is not the best choice to join the Hawk-I Board.’” [KCRG, 4/16/16]

Critics Said Meeks Was Not The Right Fit Because She Would “Worry About The Reduction In Services And The Bottom-Line Costs” Instead Of The Human Element. “Critics expressed concern about her time as Branstad’s chief of the state public health agency and her appointment to a state board that provides direction to the state Department of Human Services on the state’s children’s health insurance program at a time when the governor is moving Medicaid services to privately managed care. ‘We need a Hawk-I board member that has a strong knowledge of the health insurance programs that will advocate for affordable, accessible, comprehensive care for children and not just worry about the reduction in services and the bottom-line costs, especially in this period of transition to a managed care environment,’ said Sen. Amanda Ragan, D-Mason City. ‘This is not a fit that I think is good for Hawk-I or the state of Iowa, especially in this change.’” [The Gazette, 4/15/16]

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## Miller-Meeks Was Bad For Iowans

**Significant Findings**

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  - In 2012, Miller-Meeks supported voucher plan for Medicare.
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    - AARP State Director, Brad Anderson: “Iowa should not strip away the rights and protections of our most vulnerable citizens at a time when they need our help the most.”
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- **Miller-Meeks supported tax systems that benefitted the wealthy at the expense of the middle class.**
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  - Ottumwa Courier: Miller-Meeks “voiced support for the ‘Fair Tax’ that even her own party’s experts acknowledge would be anything but fair to middle class Americans.”

- **Miller-Meeks spread conspiracy theories about COVID-19.**
  - Miller-Meeks did not think the government in a pandemic “should force you to have a vaccine.”
  - Miller-Meeks deleted a tweet stating she would try hydroxychloroquine if she had COVID-19. The malaria drug was being touted by President Trump at the time.

- **Miller-Meeks was bad for women.**
  - In 2020, Miller-Meeks voted for amending the state constitution to repeal the right to abortion.
  - In 2019, Miller-Meeks supported an extreme measure that could endanger common birth control procedures, including IUDs, and could prevent Iowans from using in vitro fertilization.
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  - Miller-Meeks opposed Roe v. Wade.

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2008: Miller-Meeks Supported Privatizing Social Security

Miller-Meeks Supported “Some Sort Of Private, But Limited, Account For Some Of The [Social Security] Funds.” “Another large entitlement program that could use some help is Social Security, Miller-Meeks said. There are some simple solutions that can extend the life of the program. […] She also sees that it is difficult for congressmen to keep their hands off Social Security funds when money is needed elsewhere. For that reason, she supports some sort of private, but limited, account for some of the funds. She said the private account most likely could earn better than the 3 percent the government gains.” [Daily Democrat, 5/1/08]

2008: Miller-Meeks Supported Private Accounts. According to a 2008 Project Vote Smart questionnaire, Miller-Meeks supported allowing workers to invest a portion of their payroll tax on private accounts that they manage themselves. [Vote Smart, Accessed 6/22/20]

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Miller-Meeks Supported Raising The Federal Retirement Age. “Miller-Meeks said the United States must recognize that there is a risk of backlash from young workers if they come to the conclusion they pay for the
benefits and programs geared toward older Americans but will not have similar benefits after they retire. Her solution is not to cut existing benefits but to take steps to adjust the situation to prevent the costs from overwhelming the future workforce. That includes stopping the federal government from raiding accounts like the Social Security trust fund for unrelated projects and the possibility of raising the federal retirement age. ‘We cannot keep asking more and more of younger people for programs that politicians have guaranteed for older Americans,’ Miller-Meeks said.” [Ottumwa Courier, 8/25/10]

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The Employer Deduction Funds Social Security And Medicare. “The current tax rate for social security is 6.2% for the employer and 6.2% for the employee, or 12.4% total. The current tax rate for Medicare is 1.45% for the employer and 1.45% for the employee, or 2.9% total. Refer to Publication 15, (Circular E), Employer's Tax Guide for more information; or Publication 51, (Circular A), Agricultural Employer’s Tax Guide for agricultural employers.” [IRS, 2/14/20]

**2012: Miller-Meeks Supported Voucher Plan for Medicare**

Miller-Meeks Supported Voucher Plan for Medicare. According to Miller-Meeks twitter, she stated “Agree! RT @texmed: Alabama Dr. Jeff Terry: Medicare premium support “may not be politically correct, but it is medically correct.” #AMAmtg” [@miller-meeks, Twitter, 6/17/12]


The Miller-Meeks’ Supported Program Would Replace Medicare Insurance Coverage By Giving Medicare Recipients A Fixed Dollar Amount To Buy Insurance On The Private Marketplace. “The ad also references a tweet Miller-Meeks made supporting a Medicare Premium Support program in Paul Ryan's 2012 budget proposal. That program would replace Medicare insurance coverage by giving Medicare recipients a fixed dollar amount to buy insurance on the private marketplace. The Congressional Budget Office released a report in 2013 that looked at two models for a premium support program. Depending on the model used, the report showed costs to beneficiaries could rise 11 percent or fall 6 percent. Both models showed a net savings in taxpayer spending on Medicare. [Cedar Rapids Gazette, 10/4/14]
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June 2020: Miller-Meeks Voted For Establishing Legal Protections For Business And Health Care Providers During COVID-19. Meeks voted for S.F. 2338, “A bill for an act relating to civil actions, including recoverable damages for medical expenses, evidence offered to prove past medical expenses, and civil actions related to the novel coronavirus, and including retroactive applicability provisions.” The bill passed by vote 30-20. [Iowa State Legislature, S.F. 2338, 6/10/20]

The Bill Gave Long-Term Care Facilities Immunity During The COVID-19 Crisis For Actions They Did Or Did Not Take Resulting In Injury Or Death. “The bill rewards those long-term care facilities that have failed to adequately care for and serve vulnerable Iowans during the COVID-19 crisis by giving them immunity for actions they did or did not take that resulted in injury or death.” [Des Moines Register, 6/20/20]

Des Moines Register HEADLINE: “Long-Term Care Residents Are Denied Their Day In Court.” [Des Moines Register, 6/20/20]

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The Des Moines Register Claimed That Iowa’s Government “When Push Comes To Shove, Will Put The Interests Of All, Even Failing, Long-Term Care Facility Owners And Operators Ahead Of The Needs And Rights Of The People They Exist To Serve — Their Residents.” “With the legislation now signed into law, every Iowan should shudder when they think about a loved one, or themselves, needing long-term care, because of the clear message it sends: Iowa government, when push comes to shove, will put the interests of all, even failing, long-term care facility owners and operators ahead of the needs and rights of the people they exist to serve — their residents.” [Des Moines Register, 6/20/20]

AARP Opposed Granting Long Term Care Facilities Legal Immunity Related To COVID-19

AARP Sent A Letter To The State Senate Opposing SF2338. “The American Associates of Retired Persons (AARP) of Iowa sent a letter to the Iowa Senate this week opposing SF 2338, which grants immunity related to COVID-19 in assisted living facilities and other long term care facilities.” [CBS, 6/10/20]

AARP State Director, Brad Anderson: “Iowa Should Not Strip Away The Rights And Protections Of Our Most Vulnerable Citizens At A Time When They Need Our Help The Most.” [CBS, 6/10/20]

AARP Wrote To Governor Reynolds Saying It Strongly Opposed Any Effort To Curtail The Legal Rights Of Iowa’s Nursing Home Residents. “AARP Iowa wrote to Reynolds on June 4, before the legislation had been approved by lawmakers, saying it ‘strongly opposed’ any effort to curtail the legal rights of Iowa’s nursing home residents.” [Iowa Capital Dispatch, 6/25/20]
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The Iowa Association Of Area Agencies On Aging, which represents federally funded, regional organizations that assist more than half a million older Iowans with meals and other services, wrote to Reynolds last week and voiced concerns over her decision to sign the immunity bill into law. By taking that action, the agencies said, the governor ‘severely reduced the protections of Iowa’s most vulnerable older adults.’ The agencies said they were ‘in agreement with numerous other advocates for older adults, individuals with disabilities, and caregivers, in our deep discouragement in failing to protect older Iowans who are in long-term care.’” [Iowa Capital Dispatch, 6/25/20...

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**Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnel Was Advocating For Federal Legislation That Shielded Nursing Homes From COVID-19 Lawsuits**

In Congress, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., has adopted that same kind of language in advocating for federal legislation to shield nursing homes and other medical providers from COVID-19 lawsuits. “We are not going to let health care heroes emerge from this crisis facing a tidal wave of medical malpractice lawsuits so that trial lawyers can line their pockets,” McConnell told the Senate.” [Iowa Capital Dispatch, 6/25/20]

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Miller-Meeks: “Just Like Fannie Mae And Freddie Mac, It's A Government-Sponsored Entity [...] If Medicare Is Underfunded, In Order To Provide The Current Level Of Benefits That We Provide To Seniors, Then How Much Taxation Do People Want To Pay For That?” “Miller-Meeks, however, says that's a false argument. She said insurance companies have to worry about a bottom line, whereas the government can increase taxes. ‘Just like Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, it's a government-sponsored entity,’ Miller-Meeks said. ‘If Medicare is underfunded, in order to provide the current level of benefits that we provide to seniors, then how much taxation do people want to pay for that?’” [The Hawk Eye (Burlington, Iowa), 9/6/09]

Miller-Meeks: “The Mere Fact That We Have Insurance Causes Costs To Rise.” “Providers in the healthcare system see this all the time, when someone else is paying the bill, you purchase things that you would not have when you are paying for them out of your own pocket. So the mere fact that we have insurance causes costs to rise. In addition to that, as consumers and constituents, we've asked our legislators within our states to add on more benefits to our health insurance.” [Mariannette Miller Meeks Conversation on Health Care, 9/4/09]

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Mariannette Miller-Meeks, a nonpracticing ophthalmologist in Ottumwa, agrees with the ideal of health care for all, but says the proposed legislation doesn't do accomplish that task. […] To begin tackling the myriad problems of the current health care system, Miller-Meeks proposes changing Medicare reimbursement, something finds support with Maharry and much of Iowa's federal delegation. Blocking that, though, are the more populous states have more representatives in Congress who support status quo. Compounding the problem, the Medicare fund is running out of money. Miller-Meeks blames the bankruptcy on overuse, saying those who get care for free are prone to use it unnecessarily like patients with mild sore throats who'd otherwise would gargle with salt water." [The Hawk Eye (Burlington, Iowa), 9/6/09]

Miller-Meeks Blamed The Rise Of Health Care Costs On Medicare And Overuse. “Two words, competition and insurance. If you look at the cost of health care in the United States, the rapid rise began in 1970. And the rise in health care costs exceeded inflation. This is because Medicare was instituted in 1965. As seniors became more adept at utilizing the Medicare system to pay for care that they previously had not accessed, the cost escalated. We also know from numerous health care studies […] show that when someone doesn't bear the cost of health care, they utilize more. So overutilization began to be the norm.” [Mariannette Miller Meeks Conversation on Health Care, 00:00:28, 9/4/09] (VIDEO)

2009: Miller-Meeks Appeared To Support Phasing Out Medicare’s Funding Stream

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The Employer Deduction Funds Social Security And Medicare. “The current tax rate for social security is 6.2% for the employer and 6.2% for the employee, or 12.4% total. The current rate for Medicare is 1.45% for the employer and 1.45% for the employee, or 2.9% total. Refer to Publication 15, (Circular E), Employer's Tax Guide for more information; or Publication 51, (Circular A), Agricultural Employer’s Tax Guide for agricultural employers.” [IRS, 2/14/20]

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Miller-Meeks Supported Tax Systems That Benefitted The Wealthy At The Expense Of The Middle Class

Miller-Meeks Said She Wanted People To Have The Opportunity To Choose A “Flat Tax,” Which Would Be A Windfall For The Wealthy While Increasing Taxes On The Middle Class

Miller-Meeks Wanted To Change The Income Tax System And Give People The Opportunity To Choose A Flat Tax. “Miller-Meeks […] She would like to change the income tax system too. She would like people to have
the opportunity to choose a flat tax. It would cut down on paperwork and headaches from the large, complex tax code Americans face.” [Daily Democrat, 5/1/08]

**Flat Tax Would Eliminate Tax Brackets Replace With Single Rate, Most Likely Remove Deductions & Credits From Current Code Including Home Mortgage Interest Deduction.** “The basic notion behind a flat tax is to eliminate the current system of six tax brackets—in which people with higher incomes pay higher tax rates—with a single uniform rate. Most flat tax proposals also eliminate most or all of the deductions and credits in the current code—such as the mortgage interest deduction, the deduction for charitable giving, and hundreds of lesser-used preferences.” [EPI: Cutting Taxes for the Rich Never Ends Well, 11/02/11]

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| **Flat Tax Would Increase Taxes On The Middle Class While Reducing Them For The Wealthy.** “The regressivity of the flat tax is another big problem. Our current federal income tax code is progressive (rates rise with income), and every distributional analysis I’ve ever seen of a flat tax shows a transfer of the tax burden from the wealthy to the middle class. According to the Tax Policy Center’s score of the Perry tax plan, the tax bill of families with incomes between $30,000 and 40,000 would go up by about $450, while that of millionaires would fall by about half a million bucks.” [Washington Post, 5/26/15]

| Citizens For Tax Justice: Flat Tax Means That The Rich “Will Pay Far, Far Less In Taxes.” According to a report from Citizens for Tax Justice: “The first part of that claim is largely true. Since Armey’s plan does not tax income from interest, dividends, or capital gains, those taxpayers who live completely off of investment income would be taken off the rolls entirely. The second part of the claim is, by any serious accounting, wrong. Armey’s plan has two parts: It replaces the progressive income tax with a flat tax, and it replaces business taxes with a consumption tax. Both elements would dramatically shift the tax burden from the wealthy toward the middle class and the poor. If not for stunning misrepresentations, this would be obvious to everyone. Our personal income tax now starts with a zero effective rate on lower-income families (families of four currently earning up to about $23,200 pay no income taxes) rising to a 39.6 percent top marginal rate on the incomes of the richest 1 percent. Replace that with a flat rate of, say, 20 percent and clearly the rich will pay far, far less in taxes. That has to be made up somewhere.” [Citizens for Tax Justice, accessed 5/12/16]

| Under A Flat Tax Plan, “The More You Make, The Bigger Your Tax Break.” In June 2015, CNN reported: “The short answer is probably yes. But a lot depends on how much money you make — the more you make, the bigger your tax break. The plan that Paul described in a Wall Street Journal column Thursday would tax everyone – businesses and and individuals – at a flat 14.5% rate.” [CNN, 6/18/15]

| EPI: Flat Tax Would Benefit High-Income Earners; “Top 1 Percent Would See An Average Tax Cut Of Over $200,000.” “The flat tax is certainly a good deal for high-income individuals. Although they might not get to deduct mortgage interest payments on their vacation homes, those with high incomes more than make up for it in the lower, ‘flatter’ rate. For example, under a 20 percent flat tax (similar to the one proposed by Perry), the top 1 percent would see an average tax cut of over $200,000.” [EPI: Cutting Taxes for the Rich Never Ends Well, 11/02/11]

| Proposed 15 Percent Flat Tax Would Raise Taxes On Teacher Making $20K A Year By Nearly $500, Slash Taxes On Attorney Earning $500K A Year By More Than Half. “The fallacy of the claim that a flat tax promotes fairness is easily illustrated by a hypothetical in which the current progressive tax system, using the 2014 tax brackets, is replaced by a flat tax with a rate of 15 percent. A teacher with $20,000 of taxable income filing as single would have paid $2,550 under the current tax code compared to $3,000 under a 15 percent flat tax. Meanwhile, a lawyer with a taxable income of $500,000 would have paid $155,046 under the current system but only $75,000 under a 15 percent flat tax. Since the current tax system has a progressive rate structure—meaning that higher incomes are subject to higher tax rates—those at the top will always benefit the most from a flat tax, regardless of the level at which the single tax rate is set.” [Center for American Progress Debunking 7 Persistent Tax Reform Myths, 10/22/15] |
Potential 15 Percent Flat Tax Would Mean “Taxes On The Bottom Fifth Would Increase More Than Sevenfold, While The Top 1 Percent Would See Their Taxes Cut Almost In Half.” “A 2011 Congressional Budget Office study, for example, found that American households in the lowest fifth of the income ladder paid about 2 percent of their income in federal taxes. The top fifth paid 21 percent of their total income and the top 1 percent paid 29 percent. So if a flat tax hit all households with, say, a 15 percent rate that would mean taxes on the bottom fifth would increase more than sevenfold, while the top 1 percent would see their taxes cut almost in half.” [CNBC, 11/12/15]

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The Fair Tax Would Require Huge Local Sales Tax Hikes. “This examination reveals that, in every case, ‘FairTax’ proposals would: Require huge, and probably unworkable, sales tax rate hikes. ‘FairTax’ proposals would do away with revenue sources that now provide 42 percent of the average state’s tax revenue — funds that are essential for K-12 education, health care, public safety, social services, and other functions. To fully replace revenue lost from eliminating other taxes, sales tax rates would have to be markedly higher than they are now, and often higher than ‘FairTax’ proponents claim would be needed.” [Office on Budget and Policy Priorities, 9/7/10]

Miller-Meeks Promoted Conspiracy Theories About COVID-19

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Miller-Meeks Did Not Think The Government In A Pandemic “Should Force You To Have A Vaccine.” “We certainly do need to have more testing and more sirological testing and I would love to get sirological testing. I don’t think the government in a pandemic such as this I do not think the government should force you to have a vaccine. Now there are other things the government may do, but I do not think they should force you to be tested nor should they force you to be treated. Although right now there’s really not much in the way of treatment excpeting treating if you have a fever unless you develop such severe respiratory complications that you have to be hospitalized. So there’s not much in the way of treatment at this point in time.” [Lee County GOP Candidate Forum, 00:52:04, 5/12/20]
Miller-Meeks Was Asked For How She Though COVID-19 Has Been Handled. At a Lee County GOP Candidate Forum Miller-Meeks was asked “What are your observations of the way the Coronavirus has been handled, and a specific question from the audience is ‘should the government be allowed to force test, treat, and vaccinate you for COVID-19?’” [Lee County GOP Candidate Forum, 00:43:20, 5/12/20]

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HEADLINE: “Miller-Meeks Touted Unproven Malaria Drug For COVID Cases” [Iowa Starting Line, 4/22/20]

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Miller-Meeks Was Asked What Was Her Position On China, Referencing Former Gov. Branstad Was Ambassador Helping With Trade And The Coronavirus.” At a Westside Conservatives Meeting, the question Miller-Meek was asked was “I’d like to understand your position on China. We’re seeing right obviously Iowa has a strong relationship with China. Obviously, our previous governors over there now more than likely helping our president in some of these trade war issues and others, hopefully, helping with the Coronavirus issue. But we need to understand what’s going on there and the impact in our society right? There are large issues picking up with data, right five key, those types of things. And there are communists or socialists, we say that as well that didn’t work. We said keep it in the world when we say other countries didn’t work. We are hand in hand with China.” [Westside Conservatives Meeting, 00:22:35, 2/26/20] (VIDEO)

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Miller-Meeks Praised Trump And Governor Reynolds For The Way They Handled The Pandemic. At a Lee County GOP Candidate Forum, Miller-Meeks stated “So I think both President Trump and Governor Reynolds handled this situation, the pandemic, the way they should have handled it, especially watching what was coming out of New York. […] So Governor Reynolds, I think had the appropriate actions. There are governors that certainly had an authoritarian crackdown and went way too far. I think people are willing to comply, they’re willing to shelter at home, go out when necessary as we started the pandemic, as long as it seems reasonable and pragmatic given what we know about the virus.” [Lee County GOP Candidate Forum, 00:51:00, 5/12/20]

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Miller-Meeks Was Bad For Women

Miller-Meeks Said Abortion Was A Difficult Issue To Face As A Woman But Then Supported Anti-Choice Agenda

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Miller-Meeks Said Abortion Discussions Are Best Left To Providers, To Doctors And To Patients. At a forum hosted by Ottumwa Women’s League of Voter, Miller-Meeks said “I think these are decisions that are best left to providers, to doctors and to patients. I don’t want the government in my health care decisions. And I think that that’s why it’s a good thing to bring it up and to be challenged. But it is a very personal issue.” [Ottumwa Women’s League of Voter forum, 00:01:21, 5/31/18] (VIDEO)

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Miller-Meeks: “I Chose Life. And I Think To This Day That Guides Me In My Decisions, Both As A Person As A Roman Catholic And As A Human.”

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Miller-Meeks Supported Anti-Choice Legislation In The Iowa State Senate And Nationally

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2020: Miller-Meeks Voted For Requiring A 24-Hour Waiting Period Prior To Abortion. Meeks voted for S.F. 594, “a bill for an act relating to medical procedures including abortion and limitations regarding the withdrawal of a life sustaining procedure from a minor child.” The bill passed by vote 31-16. [Iowa State Legislature, S.F. 594, 6/14/20]

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**Miller-Meeks Supported Iowa Citizens Voting For The Iowa Constitution Abortion Amendment.** Miller-Meeks speech on the Iowa Senate floor regarding Iowa Constitution Abortion Amendment. Miller-Meeks said “So when you’re asking “Should I have the right to vote?” The people of Iowa should have the right to vote on this issue. The supreme court in making their decision took away the rights of people and states to make that decision. This resolution is asking for people to make that determination, the people of Iowa, to vote on this issue. I rise in support of this resolution.” [Ottumwa Women’s League of Voter forum, 00:02:32, 2/13/20] (VIDEO)

The Constitutional Amendment Would Have Said That The State’s Constitution Des Not Protect Abortion Rights. “The Iowa Senate has passed a proposed constitutional amendment that would say the state's constitution does not protect abortion rights — an effort Republicans say is needed to roll back an Iowa Supreme Court decision to the contrary and Democrats say will open the door to further restricting abortion in Iowa. The Republican-controlled chamber passed the measure along party lines on a 32-18 vote on Thursday afternoon in a major step forward for a priority of legislative Republicans and Gov. Kim Reynolds. They have repeatedly criticized a 2018 Iowa Supreme Court decision that found a fundamental right to abortion in the Iowa Constitution.” [Des Moines Register, 2/13/20]

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Miller-Meeks Was “Lobbied Heavily By Constituents In My District To Vote Against” The Constitutional Amendment But Voted In Favor Of The Amendment “Because That’s What I Believed In.” At a Marion County GOP Congressional Forum, Miller-Meeks said “Well I think you’re there- the party, and we’ve talked about the party platform earlier, represents a set of values. So within those set of values you vote in accordance with them. You are also there to represent your district, but I would disagree in saying that you vote purely by your district. And I’ll give you an example. I’m in a Democrat senate district. When we passed the constitutional amendment, the life amendment, to the constitution and I spoke on the floor about the amendment, I was lobbied heavily by constituents in my district to vote against it. I had many more people contact me to vote against it than to vote for it. So if I had gone along with my district I would have voted against it but I voted for it because that’s what I believed in. So it would not have mattered what my party wanted, and I voted against my district because I’m in a Democrat district, but I voted my value system and beliefs. So I think as much as you can you’re trying to do it within your belief and values system and in accordance with what you have been elected to represent with your platform and your party.” [Marion County GOP Congressional Forum. 00:43:00, 5/14/20]

**Miller-Meeks Was Asked To Comment About Whether She Would Work For The GOP Or The Citizens Of Iowa’s 2nd District In D.C.** At a Marion County GOP Congressional Forum, Miller-Meeks was asked “I believe that most of the people that have been elected to go to Washington vote mainly party. Both Pelosi and McCarthy have the uncanny ability to whip their members into line. And so we very rarely see disagreements from within the party. I believe that it’s the candidates responsibility to represent the people of the district are elected to and not just represent the party. We need to work with the people of our district and represent what they want us to do.” [Marion County GOP Congressional Forum. 00:41:00, 5/14/20]

**Miller-Meeks Supported An Amendment To The Iowa Constitution That Stated Iowa Did Not Secure Or Protect A Right To Or Require The Funding For An Abortion**

Miller-Meeks Co-Sponsored A Proposed Constitutional Amendment To State That The Iowa Constitution Did “Not Secure Or Protect A Right To Abortion.” “Throughout the Thursday rally, anti-abortion activists referenced the Iowa Supreme Court and the rulings in recent years that have thrown off their legislative strategy to restrict abortion. Rep. Sandy Salmon, R-Janesville, at one point raised a copy of the Iowa Constitution as she told the crowd that abortion protections are not spelled out in the document. Salmon highlighted a proposed
constitutional amendment to state that the Iowa Constitution ‘does not secure or protect a right to abortion.’” [Des Moines Register, 2/22/19; Iowa Legislature, SJ 9, Introduced 1/24/19]

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Miller-Meeks Supported A Measure That Increased Penalties For Ending A Woman’s Pregnancy Without Her Consent, And Critics Called It Extreme And Unconstitutional

Miller-Meeks Supported A Measure To Define An “Unborn Person” In Iowa Law As Part Of A Measure Increasing Penalties For Ending A Woman’s Pregnancy Without Her Consent. “Senate Republicans approved a measure to define an ‘unborn person’ in Iowa law as part of a measure increasing penalties for ending a woman’s pregnancy without her consent. The bill passed the Senate Tuesday afternoon on a vote of 31-18, with Republicans in support and Democrats opposed. ‘Finally, we have a bill that recognizes the dignity and the rights of that human child in the womb, the same as the human life that’s carrying that child,’ said Sen. Jake Chapman, R-Adel, who managed the bill’s passage.” [Des Moines Register, 3/28/19; S.F. 523, Journal of the Senate, 3/26/19]

Des Moines Register: The Bill Could Increase Penalties For “Killing Or Injuring The Woman In A Car Crash Or While Committing A Felony And Ending Her Pregnancy In The Process.” “Senate Democratic Leader Janet Petersen of Des Moines called the bill ”extreme and unconstitutional’ and said, if it becomes law, it would endanger common birth control procedures, including IUDs, and could prevent Iowans from using in vitro fertilization. It could also open the door for criminal investigations of women who suffer a miscarriage, Petersen said. The debate over the definition of ’unborn person’ came during a Senate discussion of a measure that would increase penalties for ending a woman’s pregnancy without her consent, for example, by killing or injuring the woman in a car crash or while committing a felony and ending her pregnancy in the process.” [Des Moines Register, 3/28/19; S.F. 523, Journal of the Senate, 3/26/19]

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The Bill Increased The Penalty For Intentionally Or Accidentally Causing The Death Of An Unborn Person. “A House subcommittee has advanced a bill (SF 523) that would increase the criminal penalty for intentionally or accidentally causing the death of an “unborn person.” It was the first opportunity for supporters and opponents of the proposal to weigh in on controversial language defining an unborn person as starting at conception. Under the measure, some people convicted of killing an unborn person could receive a life sentence. Supporters said it is an appropriate punishment.” [Iowa Public Radio, 4/1/19]

Miller-Meeks Opposed Roe v Wade

Miller-Meeks: “When Roe v Wade Was Decided And Even Since That Time, We Have Not Done A Favor To Women.” At a forum hosted by Ottumwa Women’s League of Voter, Miller-Meeks said “And when Roe v Wade was decided and even since that time, we have not done a favor to women. There are women who have had abortions who regret that they’ve had abortions and don’t know where to seek solace, or help or support. And there are women who are caught in an untenable situation, that they’re looking for guidance and a resolution to their situation and the best thing for the day and their family to do ultimately, as a doctor and a health care provider.” [Ottumwa Women’s League of Voter forum, 00:00:52, 5/31/18] (VIDEO)

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Miller-Meeks said “In 1973 as I had mentioned to you all last session I had left home at 16 to find a way to put myself through college and medical school. So in 1973 when Roe v Wade was decided, at that time in Texas what we said was ‘This is only temporary. This is only until women have access to birth control.’” [Iowa State Senate Floor, 00:00:00, 2/13/20] (VIDEO)

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Miller-Meeks: “Farmers Want To Have A Free Market In Which To Trade. They Don’t Want Subsidies; That’s What They’ve Told Me.” The candidate is also for a free market economy, a revamp of the tax code and fewer subsidies. ‘Farmers want to have a free market in which to trade. They don’t want subsidies; that’s what they’ve told me,’ Miller-Meeks said. ‘It may take the United States to be the leader and say we’re going to get rid of subsidies and you’ll follow suit.’” [The Hawk Eye, 5/27/08]

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Miller-Meeks Said She Would Cut Department Of Education, Saying “The Role Of Education Should Be Through The State. So The Department Of Education At The Federal Level Plays An Oversized Role In Education.” At a Muscatine County GOP Forum, Miller-Meeks was asked “What agencies can we cut from the government to rein in spending and provide better oversight? Or how would you gain better oversight into our many government agencies for better public transparency?” Miller-Meeks responded “Well, certainly, Department of Education, the role of education should be through the state. So the Department of Education at the federal level plays an oversized role in education. And so looking at reducing and by attrition, ie when someone retires or don’t hire somebody to fill that position are ways that you can start reducing. […] And so looking at how our funding is what the sources sunsetting of laws and then not having automatic 2% increases in the budget year after year, but looking at the budget, just because you don’t if you don’t raise the funding to an agency doesn’t mean you’re cutting, cutting their budget. So I don’t agree with automatic raises any of the agencies. [Muscatine County GOP Forum, 00:42:06, 5/26/20]

**Miller-Meeks Opposed The Education Jobs And Medicaid Assistance Act Of 2010, Which Saved 140,000 Teachers’ Jobs**

Miller-Meeks Opposed The Congressional Bill That Helped States Pay For Education Expenses And Medicaid. “The U.S. House of Representatives has been in August recess, but it’s scheduled to be back in session today to vote on a $26 billion spending bill that the Senate approved last week. The money has two purposes - to help states pay for education expenses, and to help pay for Medicaid, the state-federal government health insurance program for the poor. […] Mariannette Miller-Meeks, R-Ottumwa ‘This bill is a double shot to Iowa. It takes $12 billion from food stamps to put money into an education system that needs to be reformed. Experts like the Iowa Policy Project say the food stamp program is the greatest government-funded stimulus for Iowa because every $1 million spent in the program generates or saves 10 Iowa jobs. Is David Loebsack honestly going to vote to take food from Americans who are at their most vulnerable and cost Iowans more jobs just to pay for the Democrats’ election-year grandstanding?’” [Des Moines Register, 8/10/10]
corporations.’ Miller-Meeks told KCRG-TV9 she would have opposed the Education Jobs and Medicaid Assistance Act of 2010 because the measures were funded, in part, with $9.8 billion saved by restricting ways multinational companies could claim the foreign tax credit. Closing a loophole to Democrats was considered raising taxes to Republicans, but we scored Loebback’s claim mostly true.” [The Gazette, 10/4/14]

The Bill Included $26 Billion In Federal Funds To Shore Up State Budgets; The Bill Was Expected To Save 290,000 Jobs, Including 140,000 Teachers’ Positions. “Cash-strapped states are getting $26 billion in federal funds to shore up their budgets. The House voted 247-161 Tuesday, with support from the Democrats and overwhelming rejection from the Republicans, to send $16.1 billion in additional Medicaid money and $10 billion to prevent layoffs of teachers and first responders. In an unusual move, representatives returned from their August recess to approve the measure. [...] The bill is expected to save 290,000 jobs, including 140,000 teachers’ positions, according to congressional Democrats.” [CNN, 8/11/10]

Miller-Meeks Voted In Favor Of Campus Free Speech Bill Despite Concerns That It Would Open The Door To Discrimination In Student Organizations

2019: Miller-Meeks Voted For The Campus Free Speech Act. Meeks voted for S.F. 274 or The Campus Free Speech Act, “a bill for an act relating to speech and expression at public institutions of higher education, providing for remedies, and including effective date provisions. (Formerly SSB 1099.)” The bill passed by vote 35-11. [Iowa State Legislature, S.F. 274, 3/11/19]

Iowa Public Radio: The Campus Free Speech Bill Passed Despite Of “Concerns That It Would Open The Door To Discrimination In Student Organizations.” “A bill that aims to expand free speech rights on public college campuses in Iowa passed the House and Senate this week in spite of concerns that it would open the door to discrimination in student organizations. The House of Representatives debated the measure Thursday. Hite (Rep. Dustin Hite, R-New Sharon) said the bill requires public colleges to promote free expression, avoid trying to protect students from others’ speech, and get rid of ‘free speech zones’ he said unreasonably limit public expression to a few areas on campus. Several House Democrats said they agree with most of the bill, but they said one section could allow discrimination. It says colleges cannot deny benefits to student groups that require their leaders to ‘agree to and support’ the group’s beliefs...Sen. Zach Wahls, D-Coralville, said it could lead to some people being denied leadership opportunities on campus. ‘This is nothing about a person’s religious beliefs. This is a question about people who have an identity or belong to a group that has historically been marginalized,’ Wahls said. ‘Those students are being denied because of who they are. That’s what discrimination is.” [Iowa Public Radio, 3/14/19; Iowa State Legislature, S.F. 274, Journal of the Senate, 3/11/19]

NOTE: Signed into law by Governor Kim Reynolds March 13, 2019.

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Miller-Meeks Said COVID-19 Helped Control The Costs Of Education By Having All Classes Online. At a Johnson County GOP Candidate Forum Miller-Meeks, when asked for ways to control cost of higher education, said “Well I think one of the things that can control the cost of higher education is what we just seen happen through Covid-19 in the pandemic. And that is classes were cancelled for many people and they were done online. So having online education, having more support of our community colleges which help with both trades and apprenticeships, a skillset before going to a four-year institution will help to reduce the cost of a college education.” [Johnson County GOP Candidate Forum, 00:09:30, 4/24/20] (VIDEO)

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Miller-Meeks: “It’s Difficult As A Woman To Face This Issue. I’m Also Catholic, I Am Pro-Choice, But It’s A Very Sensitive Issue.”

At a forum hosted by Ottumwa Women’s League of Voter, Miller-Meeks said “It’s difficult as a woman to face this issue. I’m also Catholic, I am pro-choice, but it’s a very sensitive issue.” [Ottumwa Women’s League of Voter forum, 00:00:43, 5/31/18] (VIDEO)

Miller-Meeks Said Abortion Discussions Are Best Left To Providers, To Doctors And To Patients. At a forum hosted by Ottumwa Women’s League of Voter, Miller-Meeks said “I think these are decisions that are best left to providers, to doctors and to patients. I don’t want the government in my health care decisions. And I think that that’s why it’s a good thing to bring it up and to be challenged. But it is a very personal issue.” [Ottumwa Women’s League of Voter forum, 00:01:21, 5/31/18] (VIDEO)

Miller-Meeks: “Young Women Have Available Resources, Both For Birth Control And The Educational Wherewithal To Be Able To Prevent Pregnancy.” At a forum hosted by Ottumwa Women’s League of Voter, Miller-Meeks said “When I talk to people I can tell you, women may support it or not supported but they don’t think that abortion should be used as birth control. We need to continue to educate. We need to make sure that young women have available resources, both for birth control and the educational wherewithal to be able to prevent pregnancy.” [Ottumwa Women’s League of Voter forum, 00:01:34, 5/31/18] (VIDEO)

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In an interview with 4TR Studios on health care, Miller-Meeks was asked “Don’t insurance companies limit choices by determining what they will and won’t cover?” Miller-Meeks said “yes but you have an option in your plan to determine what you want so there is some benefit in that. I thinks if you understand the insurance industry whether it’s auto or health insurance, we don’t mandate companies cover everything to maintain your car. So they don’t cover oil changes or new tires. If we mandated them cover those things you would see the cost of your insurance go up. When you’re increasing the number of providers and increasing the benefits. You have a benefits plan instead of an insurance plan. In the ACA, some of the essential benefits are much more than what people had before so that led to increased cost. So you should have a choice in determining how much coverage you need based on your age, sex, what your health status is and that is reflected in your premiums.” [4TR Studios Health Care Interview, 00:04:20 4/23/20] (VIDEO)

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Miller-Meeks Said People Aren’t Buying Insurance Because It Was Too Expensive After The Affordable Care Act. In an interview with 4TR Studios on health care, Miller-Meeks was asked “wasn’t there a sharing of the burden of insurance with some high-risk patients paying less than low-risk ones?” Miller-Meeks said “if you look at New York, where they did community rating their costs went way up when the ACA went through. So now people aren’t buying insurance because it’s too expensive. People were supposed to have a reduction in their premiums by
25% and that didn’t happen. So how do we get access while also making it affordable and how do we have choice.” [4TR Studios Health Care Interview, 00:01:45, 4/23/20] (VIDEO)

**Miller-Meeks: “To Me, The Best Thing The Aca Did Was Get More People On Insurance And More Accessibility. What We Lost Was Affordability”**

In an interview with 4TR Studios on health care, Miller-Meeks was asked “Would you work within the framework of ACA or go with the party line of repealing all together?” Miller-Meeks said “you work with the framework you have and look at the system and other systems that work. Countries that have systems that do have a mix of private and public insurance. To me, the best thing the ACA did was get more people on insurance and more accessibility. What we lost was affordability.” [4TR Studios Healthcare Interview, 00:02:45 4/23/20] (VIDEO)

**Miller-Meeks: “My Intention Is Not To Win Johnson County […] Strategy Has To Be To Get The Surrounding Counties To Go In Your Way, Which Is What President Trump Did”**

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**The Question Referred To If Iowa’s Johnson County Was Going To Follow The “Most Socialist Far Left Field The Democrats Running For President.”**

The question Miller-Meek was asked was “This is the most socialist far left field the democrats running for president I’ve ever seen Is Johnson County going fall off the cliff when them or are have they started going back to reality?” [Westside Conservatives Meeting, 00:14:06, 2/26/20] (VIDEO)

**Feb. 26, 2020: Miller-Meeks Was Calling For The WHO To Start Calling The Coronavirus A Pandemic “Because We Can’t Contain It”**

Feb. 26, 2020: Miller-Meeks was asked “Coronavirus? I think the who should already say it’s a pandemic because we can’t contain it. But that doesn’t mean to panic. So we can talk about Coronavirus later.” [Westside Conservatives Meeting, 00:17:21, 2/26/20] (VIDEO)

**Miller-Meek Was Irritated About The Delay In Passing USMCA Which Caused “Delays In Passing The Phase 1 China Deal”**

Miller-Meek was asked “What’s your position on China?” Miller-Meeks responded “I believe that you’re correct that Ambassador Branstad is in fact helping through the negotiations with China. I think delay in passing USMCA also caused delays in passing the Phase 1 China deal. I mean, I think there was just tremendous pressure on the house to pass USMCA. And a lot of that we did and we created USMCA should have been passed. You know, I won’t say a year ago but certainly should have been passed nine months ago and did not and hurt our farming economy. Within our state, and I think that we’re going to rebound from that.” [Westside Conservatives Meeting, 00:14:06, 2/26/20] (VIDEO)
Miller-Meeks Was Asked What Was Her Position On China, Referencing Former Gov. Branstad Was Ambassador Helping With Trade And The Coronavirus.” At a Westside Conservatives Meeting, the question Miller-Meek was asked was “I’d like to understand your position on China. We’re seeing right obviously Iowa has a strong relationship with China. Obviously, our previous governors over there now more than likely helping our president in some of these trade war issues and others, hopefully, helping with his Coronavirus issue. But we need to understand what’s going on there and the impact in our society right? There are large issues picking up with data, right five key, those types of things. And there are communists or socialists, we say that as well that didn’t work. We said keep it in the world when we say other countries didn’t work. We are hand in hand with China.” [Westside Conservatives Meeting, 00:22:35, 2/26/20] (VIDEO)

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Miller-Meeks Blamed China For Lying About COVID-19 And Lying About Human-To-Human Transmission, Adding “We Didn’t Have A Lot Of Information About This Virus.” At a Lee County GOP Candidate Forum, Miller-Meeks stated “I have a little bit different perspective that some of our other candidates. Number one, we didn’t have a lot of information about this virus, we know that China had lied. We know that they had lied about human-to-human transmission. There are countries in the Far East and in Asia, because of their experience with SARS, they locked down their countries early on. As we were watching what unfolded in Italy with the amount of deaths what we did know about the virus is that it is much more contagious than the flu and the mortality rate especially among the vulnerable population was very high.” [Lee County GOP Candidate Forum, 00:50:07, 5/12/20]

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“We certainly do need to have more testing and more serological testing and I would love to get serological testing. I don’t think the government in a pandemic such as this I do not think the government should force you to have a vaccine. Now there are other things the government may do, but I do not think they should force you to be tested nor should they force you to be treated. Although right now there’s really not much in the way of treatment excepting treating if you have a fever unless you develop such severe respiratory complications that you have to be hospitalized. So there’s not much in the way of treatment at this point in time.” [Lee County GOP Candidate Forum, 00:52:04, 5/12/20]

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At a Johnson County GOP Candidate Forum Miller-Meeks was asked “How would you combat voter fraud with mail-in voting?” .Miller-Meeks said “It’s interesting because in the CARES Act, the Democrats and Nancy Pelosi were trying to put in provisions about voting by mail. And so I think it’s very important that we be mindful. Constitutionally elections are the province of the state. So we need to make sure that states have domain over elections and that they’re state run. We in Iowa are fortunate to have a voter ID law that was stood up by our Supreme Court, so we know that our Voter ID law is constitutional. And over the past two years we have worked very hard in the legislature to try to reduce the early voting time. They did get that reduced.” [Johnson County GOP Candidate Forum, 00:04:23:34, 4/24/20] (VIDEO)

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At a Johnson County GOP Candidate Forum Miller-Meeks was asked “How would you combat voter fraud with mail-in voting?” Miller-Meeks said “I was on a call with the Secretary of State’s office, not with Paul Pate but with a staff member in the Secretary of State’s office and let them know that we had worked very hard to reduce the amount of time for early voting legislatively. And to open that back up, to extend it to where it was prior to the legislation we passed was not well-regarded by some of us. Our Voter ID laws are very important and they have stood up constitutionally, paper ballots are important, and also continuing to reduce the time not expand the time for early voting I think is a very important measure.  [Johnson County GOP Candidate Forum, 00:07:34, 4/24/20] (VIDEO)

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At a Johnson County GOP Candidate Forum Miller-Meeks, when asked for ways to control cost of higher education, said “Well I think one of the things that can control the cost of higher education is what we just seen happen through Covid-19 in the pandemic. And that is classes were cancelled for many people and they were done online. So having online education, having more support of our community colleges which
help with both trades and apprenticeships, a skillset before going to a four-year institution will help to reduce the cost of a college education.” [Johnson County GOP Candidate Forum, 00:09:30, 4/24/20] (VIDEO)

**Miller-Meeks Said The U.S. May Have Increased Tension With China Over COVID-19, Saying “China Trying To Use Propaganda To Blame It On The United States Where In All Of Us Know Where This Virus Originated”**

Miller-Meeks said the U.S. may have increased tension with China over COVID-19, saying “China trying to use propaganda to blame it on the United States where in all of us know where this virus originated.” At a Johnson County GOP Candidate Forum Miller-Meeks was said “I think the relationship that we have ongoing with China and there may be some increased tension now with COVID-19 with China trying to use propaganda to blame it on the United States where in all of us know where this virus originated, and that was in Wu Han. […] And I think that COVID-19 in this pandemic has really emphasize to us that we need to onshore bring back a supply chain to the United States and not be so dependent on a foreign country. [Johnson County GOP Candidate Forum, 00:02:42, 4/24/20] (VIDEO)

**Miller-Meeks Supported The Payroll Protection Plan And Wanted To Expand The Program For Small Businesses**

Miller-Meeks supported the Payroll Protection Plan and wanted to expand the program for small businesses. At a Johnson County GOP Candidate Forum Miller-Meeks was said “So I think the payroll protection plan or the PPP needs to be expanded so that smaller businesses have more access to that funding. It’s a forgivable loan if it’s used to pay for rent or for employees in order to maintain them as employees to maintain their staff. [Johnson County GOP Candidate Forum, 00:07:34, 4/24/20] (VIDEO)

**Miller-Meeks Said She Would Cut The Department Of Education**

Miller-Meeks said she would cut the Department of Education, saying “The role of education should be through the state. So the Department of Education at the federal level plays an oversized role in education.” At a Muscatine County GOP Forum, Miller-Meeks was asked “What agencies can we cut from the government to rein in spending and provide better oversight? Or how would you gain better oversight into our many government agencies for better public transparency?” Miller-Meeks responded “Well, certainly, Department of Education, the role of education should be through the state. So the Department of Education at the federal level plays an oversized role in education. And so looking at reducing and by attrition, ie when someone retires or don’t hire somebody to fill that position are ways that you can start reducing. […] And so looking at how our funding is what the sources sunsetting of laws and then not having automatic 2% increases in the budget year after year, but looking at the budget, just because you don’t if you don’t raise the funding to an agency doesn’t mean you’re cutting, cutting their budget. or cutting spending. So I don’t agree with automatic raises any of the agencies. [Muscatine County GOP Forum, 00:42:06, 5/26/20]

**Miller-Meeks Thought The Way Trump Had Responded To The Pandemic Was A Good Example Of Federalism**

Miller-Meeks thought the way Trump had responded to the pandemic was a good example of federalism. At a Muscatine County GOP Forum, Miller-Meeks was asked “What is the proper role of the federal government?” Miller-Meeks responded “And I think you’ve seen an example of federalism in how President Trump has responded to the pandemic and the Coronavirus and we’ve also seen the excesses of some of the governors who have really been much more authoritarian and dictatorial of they’ve responded to the pandemic within their state. So it’s a great example of federalism in response to the pandemic.” [Muscatine County GOP Forum, 00:24:48, 5/26/20]
Miller-Meeks Did Not Support Ballot Harvesting But Noted That Mail-In Voting Can Be Done Securely. At a Muscatine County GOP Forum, Miller-Meeks was asked “Do you support or oppose mail-in voting? Why or why not?” Miller-Meeks responded “I don’t support ballot harvesting. But otherwise, mail-in voting can be done and can be done in a way that secures balance that you can make sure that your balance is in. We have such a system in Iowa, and we have voter ID which has been upheld with our supreme court. So I think our absentee ballot mailing position the way that it’s done and conducted in Iowa is secure and are balanced or secure. But certainly having a secretary of state that’s a republic.” [Muscamine County GOP Forum, 01:49:33, 5/26/20]

Miller-Meeks: “It Seems To Me That Republicans Do A Better Job Of Holding Their Members Of Congress Accountable Than Democrats.”

Miller-Meeks: “It Seems To Me That Republicans Do A Better Job Of Holding Their Members Of Congress Accountable Than Democrats.” At a Muscatine County GOP Forum, Miller-Meeks was asked “What measures would you propose to strengthen ethics rules and help restore the public’s confidence in their government? “Miller-Meeks responded “And the other thing, it seems to me that Republicans do a better job of holding their members of Congress accountable than Democrats. We’ve seen that in, you know, members within our own state losing committee memberships, investigations that take place now rightly so. Looking at members of Congress that may have unethical conduct or behavior, we’ve seen politicians from nearby states who have, you know, lost committees lost memberships, or were not supported in their bids for re election. And I think those instances where I find that the Republican Party seems to hold their members more accountable than the Democrat Party, certainly having a media that holds everyone accountable, no matter what party you’re.” [Muscamine County GOP Forum, 01:16:23, 5/26/20]

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Miller-Meeks Was Asked How She Would Have Balanced The Economic Health And Health Of Our Nation If The President Had Asked Her Opinion. At a Marion County GOP Congressional Forum, Miller-Meeks was asked “If the President of the United States had asked your opinion on what he should do, can you please explain to us how you would have balanced the economic health and the literal health of its citizens?” [Marion County GOP Congressional Forum. 00: 32:18, 5/14/20]

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Miller-Meeks Was Asked To Comment About Whether She Would Work For The GOP Or The Citizens Of Iowa’s 2nd District In D.C. At a Marion County GOP Congressional Forum, Miller-Meeks was asked “I believe that most of the people that have been elected to go to Washington vote mainly party. Both Pelosi and McCarthy have the uncanny ability to whip their members into line. And so we very rarely see disagreements from within the party. I believe that it’s the candidates responsibility to represent the people of the district are elected to and not just represent the party. We need to work with the people of our district and represent what they want us to do.” [Marion County GOP Congressional Forum. 00:41:00, 5/14/20]

Miller-Meeks Blamed The Rise Of Health Care Costs On Medicare And Overuse. “Two words, competition and insurance. If you look at the cost of health care in the United States, the rapid rise began in 1970. And the rise in health care costs exceeded inflation. This is because Medicare was instituted in 1965. As seniors became more adept at utilizing the Medicare system to pay for care that they previously had not accessed, the cost escalated. We also know from numerous health care studies [...] show that when someone doesn't bear the cost of health care, they utilize more. So overutilization began to be the norm.” [Mariannette Miller Meeks Conversation on Health Care, 00;00:28, 9/4/09] (VIDEO)

Audio

Miller-Meeks Wondered Whether Trump’s Impeachment Trial Was A “Like Kavanaugh 2.0.” According to an interview gave on Caffeinated Thoughts Podcast, when asked for her “thoughts on what she’s heard from witnesses during the impeachment”, Miller-Meeks said, “The concerns that I have about the process is 1. That it has not been transparent, and you really wonder if this is like Kavanaugh 2.0. The intelligence committee changing what they think is a whistleblower, at the time a whistleblower came forward. This whole process of changing the rules of what’s considered a whistleblower, that was problematic. I see that the way the process has unfolded has not been transparent. It has not been a bipartisan process. You wonder if they are trying to overturn an a duly elected president.” [Caffeinated Thoughts, 00:07:10, 12/3/19] (AUDIO)

Miller-Meeks The United States Lost Sight Of Democracy, Freedom Of Religion, Freedom Of Speech When The U.S. Went Through Trade Negations With China. According to an interview gave on Caffeinated Thoughts Podcast, when asked for “Besides the passing Hong Kong Human Rights and Democracy Act, are we doing enough to pressure on China on their human rights abuses?”, Miller-Meeks said, “what is happening with the Uighurs, the...
indoctrination camps, reeducation camps is a travesty. we have freedom of religion in the United States that’s why people want to immigrate here. I think that we have, as we go through trade negotiations with China, we lose sight of other aspects of the United States, things that we stand for such as democracy, freedom of religion, freedom of speech. I think this is the right move by congress and the right move by the president. We should be standing by people who want freedom of expression, the freedom of opportunity that we have here in the United States. That doesn’t mean we have to police every country. But I think we stand for human rights, we stand for freedom loving people in Hong Kong, so this was the right move to make.” [Caffeinated Thoughts, 00:10:22, 12/3/19] (AUDIO)

**Miller-Meeks: “People Feel That The United States Has Long Been A Military Support For NATO, And That NATO Countries Have Not Been Paid Into NATO”**

Miller-Meeks: “People Feel That The United States Has Long Been A Military Support For NATO, And That NATO Countries Have Not Been Paid Into NATO.” According to an interview gave on Caffeinated Thoughts Podcast, when asked for Q: Trump on NATO? “it is not a new concept that people feel that the United States has long been a military support for NATO, and that NATO countries have not been paid into NATO, to the degree that they should. […] So I think from that standpoint, being vocal about it and being upfront about it, I think that type of candid speech is not something that’s common. And so I think the President voiced what a lot of people in the United States feel about NATO, and that they too need to be responsible for their own defense and for upholding the values of NATO and the outcome of, you know, two civil wars that led to the development of NATO. Okay. Not to civil wars, two world wars.” [Caffeinated Thoughts, 00:13:20, 12/3/19] (AUDIO)

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**Miller-Meeks Supported Expanding Medical Marijuana**

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Personal & Professional History
Biography

This section provides background information on Miller-Meeks’ personal life, including education, personal finances, criminal and civil record, and other areas. Searches were conducted with various local media in Wapello County, media outlets including the Des Moines Register, Quad City Times, Hawk Eye, as well as a number of other online resources, including Lexis-Nexis.

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1986-1987: Miller-Meeks Was An Intern In General Surgery At The UT Health, San Antonio
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**Miller-Meeks Obtained Her Nursing Degree By Having Two Years Of Her Tuition And Books Paid For By An Army Program**

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**Miller-Meeks Entered College With Some Financial Assistance Through A Military Program.** “At 16, Miller-Meeks successfully completed high school through an accelerated studies program. Soon after, she entered college with some financial assistance through a military program.” [Daily Democrat, 10/31/14]

### Career

The following provides a brief overview of Miller-Meeks’s professional career:

**Political**
- 2019-Present: Iowa State Senator for District 41
- 2011-2014: Director of Iowa Department of Public Health (Appointed by Governor Terry Branstad)

**Professional**
- 2015-Present: Great River Eye Specialists, Ophthalmologist
- 2011-2014: Director of Iowa Department of Public Health
- 1997-2008: Heartland Eye Care, Private Practice Ophthalmologist
- 1983-2000: United States Army Reserve, Medical Services
- 1994-1997: University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology
- 1991-1994: University of Michigan, Department of Ophthalmology, Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology

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**Miller-Meeks Had An Active Medical License, Specializing In Ophthalmology**

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Criminal Record

1997-2013: Miller-Meeks Had Twelve Traffic Violations

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[Iowa State Court Records Search, accessed 6/24/20]

May 13, 2004: Miller-Meeks Was Given An Infraction For Going Over The Speed Limit In Virginia

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According to Nexis Criminal Records Search, Miller-Meeks was given an infraction from Madison County Virginia for going 75 miles over the 55 miles per hour limit on May 13, 2004. The court disposition guilty in absetia on June 1, 2004. [Nexis Criminal Records Search, accessed, 6/15/20]

NOTE: Madison County, VA court records did not yield any results.
**Nov. 1, 1985: Miller-Meeks Was Charged In A Criminal Case In North Carolina.**

According to Nexis Criminal Records Search, Miller-Meeks was charged in a criminal case in North Carolina on November 1, 1985. [Nexis Criminal Records Search, accessed, 6/15/20]

![North Carolina Court Report](image)

NOTE: The Nexis Comprehensive Person Search did not provide a county where the case occurred and the North Carolina court records were only accessible by county.

**Sep. 4, 1995: Miller-Meeks Was Charged In A Criminal Case In North Carolina.**

According to Nexis Criminal Records Search, Miller-Meeks was charged in a criminal case in North Carolina on September 4, 1995. [Nexis Criminal Records Search, accessed, 6/15/20]

![North Carolina Court Report](image)

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Miller-Meeks Was Registered To Vote In Ottumwa, IA 52501 in Iowa’s 2nd District. [VoteBuilder, accessed 7/14/20]

According to Iowa Secretary of State, Miller-Meeks’ voting history is depicted below:

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[Iowa Secretary of State, accessed 6/16/20; VoteBuilder, accessed 6/14/20]
Personal Finance

In 2009, Miller-Meeks had an estimated net worth of between $276,268 and $1,342,000. In 2020, her net worth totaled between $201,003 and $515,000.

According to Miller-Meeks’ federal personal financial disclosures, her 2020 annual unearned income was between $2 and $400.

NOTE: For detailed descriptions of Miller-Meeks’ personal financial disclosures by year, see Appendix I – Personal Financial Disclosures.

Miller-Meeks’ Federal Personal Financial Disclosure Summary

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NOTE: Miller-Meeks’ 2008 and 2010 personal financial disclosures were unable to be located.
**Political Career**

This section provides an overview of Miller-Meeks’ political career, from 2011 to 2020.

### Significant Findings

- In 2020, Miller-Meeks announced her run for Iowa’s 2nd Congressional district.
- In July 2019, Miller-Meeks submitted her resignation to the Republican Party’s State Central Committee and started exploring a new run for Congress.
- In 2020, Miller-Meeks was endorsed by House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy.
- Miller-Meeks was elected to the Iowa State Senate in 2018.
- Miller-Meeks on term limits: “Term limits is a knee-jerk response to corruption, but when you kick people out of office, only the bureaucrats are left.”

### Committees

Note: Committees and subcommittees listed in italics represent chairmanships.

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[Iowa Legislature, accessed 6/23/20]

**Miller-Meeks Served The Co-Chair Of The Legislative Council Health Policy Oversight Committee**

**Miller-Meeks Served The Co-Chair Of The Legislative Council Health Policy Oversight Committee.** Miller-Meeks was co-chair of the legislative council Health Policy Oversight Committee. The Health Policy Oversight Committee “provide continuing oversight for Medicaid managed care, ensure effective and efficient administration of the program, address stakeholder concerns, monitor program costs and expenditures, and make recommendations to the General Assembly.” [Iowa Legislature, accessed 6/23/20]

**Miller-Meeks Served On Council On Human Services**

Campaigns

Election History

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[Iowa Secretary of State, 11/4/08; 11/2/10; 11/4/14; 11/6/18; 6/29/20]

Campaign 2020

June 2020: Miller-Meeks Won The Republican Nomination For Iowa’s 2nd Congressional District.

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HEADLINE: “Mariannette Miller-Meeks Wins Republican Nomination In Iowa’s 2nd District To Face Democrat Rita Hart” [Iowa City Press-Citizen, 6/2/20]

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Oct. 2019: Miller-Meeks Announced She Was Running For Iowa’s 2nd Congressional District. “Voters are feeling ‘tremendous angst’ while waiting for Congress to get to work on health care, trade and other issues that impact them, according to state Sen. Mariannette Miller-Meeks, who is kicking off her campaign for the U.S. House from Iowa’s 2nd District. ‘People are looking for answers,’ Miller-Meeks said in explaining why she’s seeking the Republican nomination in the 24-county southeast Iowa district that includes Johnson County.” [The Gazette, 10/1/19]

Miller-Meeks Said There An Erosion In Faith The Government. “People want to get ahead, they want government that can be trusted and accountable,’ she said Monday. ‘There’s been such an erosion in our faith in institutions and our faith in government. People who have real-world experience, who have struggled, who have been knocked down and get back up, who keep trying, are raising a family, trying to make ends meet don’t want the same politics as usual.”’ [The Gazette, 10/1/19]
**Miller-Meeks Said She Had Real-World Experience From Serving In The Army, Owning A Private Practice, Teaching At A University, Overseeing The Iowa Department Of Public Health And Being In The Iowa Senate.** “Miller-Meeks — who served 24 years in the Army, including nine years active duty, has owned a private practice, taught at the university level, oversaw the Iowa Department of Public Health and is in her first term in the Iowa Senate — believes she has that real-world experience.” [The Gazette, 10/1/19]

**Miller-Meeks Said “Things Are Important, You Never Give Up” Regarding Her Fourth Run For Congress.** Dr. Mariannette Miller-Meeks, an Ottumwa ophthalmologist and first-term Republican state senator, announced Tuesday that she is running in Iowa’s Second Congressional District. ‘Things are important, you never give up,’ Miller-Meeks told Channel 13 as she begins her fourth run for Congress. Miller-Meeks unsuccessfully ran in 2008, 2010 and 2014, losing each time to Dave Loebsack, a Democrat from Iowa City. ‘You keep trying. You keep fighting’” Miller-Meeks said about her persistence. She said that it is difficult to run again, since she is also now serving in her first term in the state senate.” [NBC - 13 WHO, 10/1/19]

**HEADLINE:** “‘Things Are Important, You Never Give Up,’ Ottumwa Eye Doctor’s 4th Run For Congress” [NBC - 13 WHO, 10/1/19]

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**July 2019: Miller-Meeks Submitted Her Resignation To The Republican Party’s State Central Committee And Started Exploring A New Run For Congress.** “State Sen. Mariannette Miller-Meeks has submitted her resignation to the Republican Party’s state central committee, and is exploring a new run for Congress. Miller-Meeks won Iowa’s 41st Senate District in 2018. She had previously challenged Rep. Dave Loebsack three times for Iowa’s Second District congressional seat, most recently in 2014. That election saw Loebsack, a Democrat, retain his seat by about 14,000 votes.” [Ad Express & Daily Iowegian, 7/15/19]

**Miller-Meeks Considered Her Resignation The State Central Committee As An Ethical Decision Because Running For Congress Would Conflict With Her Work For The Committee.** “Miller-Meeks announced her resignation by email Monday morning, saying she had sent it in a letter to Iowa GOP Chairman Jeff Kauffman: ‘As I have continued to meet with people across Iowa’s second district, I have been encouraged to run again for the 2nd congressional district seat being vacated by Congressman Loebsack. Given the conflicts exploring a congressional run would have with the work on the State Central Committee, I thought the most ethical decision would be for me to resign while I determine if this is the best course for me and my family.’” [Ad Express & Daily Iowegian, 7/15/19]

**Miller-Meeks Said She Enjoyed Her Work In The Iowa State Senate And Another Congressional Run Had Not Been In Her Plans.**

**Miller-Meeks Said She Enjoyed Her Work In The Iowa State Senate And Another Congressional Run Was Not In Her Plans.** “In the letter, Miller-Meeks said she ‘had not anticipated a congressional run, given our successful legislative session,’ but that she wanted to look at the option. The letter cited health care costs and immigration as issues of concern. When reached by the Courier, Miller-Meeks said central committee members need to be neutral, advancing the goals of the party rather than specific candidates. She said that meant she needed to pick one or the other, and decided to explore a run for the seat. It wasn’t a decision Miller-Meeks anticipated having to make. She said she enjoyed working in the Iowa Senate and, ‘up until June,’ another run for Congress was not in her plans.” [Ad Express & Daily Iowegian, 7/15/19]

**Iowa City Press-Citizen: Miller-Meeks Primary Opponent Painted Her As A “Pro-Abortion Fraudster” Which She Denied**
Iowa City Press-Citizen: Miller-Meeks Primary Opponent Painted Her As A “Pro-Abortion Fraudster” Which She Denied. “In this primary, Schilling has been painting Miller-Meeks as a pro-abortion fraudster, a claim she denies. Miller-Meeks has been painting Schilling as a vote-hungry carpetbagger from Illinois, a claim he denies. Both camps are unwilling to buy the other’s denial. With the clock running out on the 2020 primary, Terry Schilling’s offer was met with skepticism from the Miller-Meeks campaign. […] It was Schilling’s campaign who leaked a 2018 video of Miller-Meeks saying she is pro-choice, a moment Woolson has explained as a misstatement.” [Iowa City Press-Citizen, 5/23/20]

Miller-Meeks Primary Opponent, Bobby Schilling, Was Diagnosed With Cancer

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Miller-Meeks Left A Voicemail To Schilling After His Cancer Diagnoses

Miller-Meeks Left A Voicemail To Schilling After His Cancer Diagnoses. “Bobby is a candidate in the June 2 Republican primary for Iowa’s 2nd Congressional District. Primary opponent Mariannette Miller-Meeks posted on Twitter that she reached out to the Schilling family. ‘Tonight, I called Bobby Schilling and left a voicemail to let him know that Curt and I are praying for him and wishing him a speedy recovery,’ Miller-Meeks wrote. ‘With a loving family at his side, I know he’ll have the support he needs and I look forward to seeing him on the trail again!’” [The Quad-City Times, 5/22/20]

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Miller-Meeks Campaign Said There Strategy Would Remain The Same. But the campaign cease fire didn’t last for long. Eric Woolson, campaign spokesman for Miller-Meeks, announced their campaign strategy would remain the same. ‘We are very sorry for Mr. Schilling’s circumstances and wish him a speedy recovery,’ Woolson said in a release. ‘His campaign has been badly underfunded throughout the primary and, frankly, I am unaware that it has either the plans or ability to air any television ads during the primary, let alone the capacity to challenge (Democrat) Rita Hart in the general election.” [The Quad-City Times, 5/22/20]

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Miller-Meeks Said She Was In A Democratic-Leaning Senate District And Had Been Lobbying By Constituents To Vote Against Certain Bills, But She “Voted My Value System And Beliefs” Instead. At a Marion County GOP Congressional Forum, Miller-Meeks said “Well I think you’re there- the party, and we’ve talked about the party platform earlier, represents a set of values. So within those set of values you vote in accordance with them. You are also there to represent your district, but I would disagree in saying that you vote purely by your district. And I’ll give you an example. I’m in a Democrat senate district. When we passed the constitutional amendment, the life amendment, to the constitution and I spoke on the floor about the amendment, I was lobbied heavily by constituents in my district to vote against it. I had many more people contact me to vote
against it than to vote for it. So if I had gone along with my district I would have voted against it but I voted for it because that’s what I believed in. So it would not have mattered what my party wanted, and I voted against my district because I’m in a Democrat district, but I voted my value system and beliefs. So I think as much as you can you’re trying to do it within your belief and values system and in accordance with what you have been elected to represent with your platform and your party.” [Marion County GOP Congressional Forum. 00:43:00, 5/14/20]

Miller-Meeks Was Asked To Comment About Whether She Would Work For The GOP Or The Citizens Of Iowa’s 2nd District In D.C. At a Marion County GOP Congressional Forum, Miller-Meeks was asked “I believe that most of the people that have been elected to go to Washington vote mainly party. Both Pelosi and McCarthy have the uncanny ability to whip their members into line. And so we very rarely see disagreements from within the party. I believe that it’s the candidates responsibility to represent the people of the district are elected to and not just represent the party. We need to work with the people of our district and represent what they want us to do.” [Marion County GOP Congressional Forum. 00:41:00, 5/14/20]

Miller-Meeks: “It Seems To Me That Republicans Do A Better Job Of Holding Their Members Of Congress Accountable Than Democrats.”

State Senate Campaign 2018

Nov. 8, 2018: Miller-Meeks Was One Of 45 Women Elected To The State Senate And House. “Women make gains in Iowa Statehouse. Though women are officially half of Iowa’s contingent at the U.S. Capitol, the Iowa Statehouse is another story. Women made significant gains on Tuesday, capturing a total of nine additional seats. A record 45 women will serve in the upcoming legislative session - 34 in the 100-member House and 11 in the 50-member Senate. Women elected to the Iowa House […] Mariannette Miller-Meeks, R-Ottumwa” [Des Moines Register, 11/8/18]

Miller-Meeks Ran For Iowa State Senate District 41 To Fill The Seat Of A Retiring Sen. Mark Chelgren

Miller-Meeks Ran For Iowa State Senate To Fill The Seat Of A Retiring Sen. Mark Chelgren. “A four-way race has taken shape for the Iowa Senate seat held by retiring Sen. Mark Chelgren. Both parties will have primaries. On the Republican side, Daniel Cesar and Mariannette Miller-Meeks are facing off. Miller-Meeks is known in the district, having previously run for Congress, and was the head of the Iowa Department of Public Health.” [Ad Express & Daily Iowegian, 3/16/18]

Miller-Meeks Was Running For Iowa Senate In District 41. “Candidates for Iowa Senate District 41 rarely clashed with each other during Thursday’s forum, but they weren’t facing off against ideological opponents. Republicans Daniel Cesar and Mariannette Miller-Meeks both said rural Iowa faces challenges in retaining young
people. Cesar pointed to money as an issue, suggesting comparatively low rural wages might be boosted by business grants from the state.” [Ad Express & Daily Iowegian, 5/31/18]

**Miller-Meeks Ran Against Democrat Mary Stewart**

**Miller-Meeks Ran Against Democrat Mary Stewart.** “Senate District 41: This southeast Iowa seat is being vacated by Chelgren, which has set up a contest between Republican Mariannette Miller-Meeks and Democrat Mary Stewart, both of Ottumwa. Miller-Meeks, an ophthalmologist and former state health director, has lost three previous campaigns for Congress, but GOP officials say they are optimistic about her Senate candidacy. Stewart is a former community college administrator with more than 30 years’ experience in job training and economic development. The district has 13,542 Democrats, 10,645 Republicans, and 11,175 other voters.” [Iowa City Press-Citizen, 10/9/18]

**Campaign 2014**

**Miller-Meeks Resigned As Director Of The Iowa Department Of Public Health And Then Announced Run For Iowa’s 2nd Congressional District**

**Miller-Meeks resigned as director of the Iowa Department of Public Health And Then Announced Run For Iowa’s 2nd Congressional District.** “When Dr. Mariannette Miller-Meeks announced her resignation as director of the Iowa Department of Public Health, many speculated it was the first step in a run for Congress. Miller-Meeks announced Sunday evening she would seek the Republican nomination in Iowa’s Second Congressional District in June. Campaign spokesman Eric Woolson said Miller-Meeks will kick off her campaign with a tour of cities in the district later this week.” [The Newton Daily News, 2/24/14]

**Miller-Meeks Main Issues Were Rising Health Care Costs And Government Accountability**

**Miller-Meeks Main Issues Were Rising Health Care Costs And Government Accountability.** “Part of Miller-Meeks’ focus will be on rising healthcare costs and government accountability. ‘Washington is a dysfunctional mess, and it’s time to send someone there who has real-world experience bringing people together to solve problems,’ she said. ‘The Affordable Care Act has been anything but affordable and is jeopardizing our quality and access to healthcare. I see firsthand how this law is hurting our citizens and we need to send a doctor to Washington to fix it.’” [The Newton Daily News, 2/24/14]

**HEADLINE: “Former Head Of IDPH Announces Congressional Bid”** [The Newton Daily, 2/24/14]

**Miller-Meeks’ Husband Said “She Would Come Home And Complain About How Things Are Broken In Washington, And I Said, ‘If You Can Do Any Better, Maybe You Can Run.’ And She Took Me Up On It”**

**Miller-Meeks’ Husband Said “She Would Come Home And Complain About How Things Are Broken In Washington, And I Said, ‘If You Can Do Any Better, Maybe You Can Run.’ And She Took Me Up On It”** Mariannette Miller-Meeks […] her husband, Curt Meeks, spoke on her behalf. He had five county conventions to attend. Curt met Mariannette while they were both serving in the Army, and they later moved to Ottumwa so Mariannette could open a private business as an ophthalmologist. Meeks said his wife’s desire to run may have started with a conversation they had. ‘She would come home and complain about how things are broken in Washington, and I said, ‘If you can do any better, maybe you can run.’ And she took me up on it,’ Meeks said to laughter from the crowd. Meeks said his wife is focusing on three critical points -- fixing the health care system, increasing the amount of take-home money for everyone and making government work for the people.” [The Hawk Eye, 3/9/14]
Miller-Meeks Was Targeting Three Top Issues: Reforming Health Care, Increasing Take-Home Pay And Fighting Government Corruption. “Miller-Meeks […] When she launched her campaign, she said, ‘Washington is a dysfunctional mess, and it’s time to send someone there who has real-world experience bringing people together to solve problems. The Affordable Care Act has been anything but affordable and is jeopardizing our quality and access to healthcare. I see firsthand how this law is hurting our citizens, and we need to send a doctor to Washington to fix it.’ In this campaign, she is targeting three top issues: reforming health care, increasing take-home pay and fighting government corruption.” [Des Moines Register, 6/5/14]

Miller-Meeks: “I Will Always Put Iowans First — Not My Party Or The Special Interests.”

“I will always put Iowans first — not my party or the special interests. Congressman Loebsack has forgotten who he’s in Washington to represent. He votes with President Obama and his party over 90 percent of the time. Instead of listening to Iowans who were deeply concerned about the so-called Affordable Care Act, he went along with President Obama to pass a partisan bill that is raising insurance costs and decreasing quality. Congressman Loebsack talks about bipartisanship, but his voting record says otherwise. He is a sure vote for President Obama’s agenda.” [Clinton Herald, 10/15/14]

Miller-Meeks Called For Seven Debates With Congressman Loebsack

“The Republican challenger in Iowa’s U.S. House 2nd District is challenging the incumbent to a series of debates to give everyone ‘an opportunity to observe the differences between us.’ In a letter to Democratic Rep. Dave Loebsack of Iowa City, Mariannette Miller-Meeks of Ottumwa called for seven debates between now and October throughout the 24-county district, which includes all of southeast Iowa.” [The Hawk Eye, 7/3/14]

Loebsack Said Three Debates Were Enough. “The candidates’ campaigns have sparred over debates for several weeks, with Loebsack saying that three debates are sufficient and Miller-Meeks pushing for more debates spread throughout the 2nd District. ‘There is no doubt that there are stark differences between Dave Loebsack and Dr. Miller-Meeks, which is why the people of Iowa’s Second District deserve the opportunity to see them side-by-side,’ Jennie Johnson, Loebsack’s campaign manager, said in a news release. ‘That’s why we’ve accepted the invitations to three debates, which is the same number of debates that Dr. Miller-Meeks’ former boss, Gov. Branstad, has agreed to participate in.’” [The Quad-City Times, 8/19/14]

Miller-Meeks: “There Are Bipartisan Things That We Can Work On As A Country. I Just Think Washington Insiders Are In Their Bubble And Out Of Touch With The Policies They Create”

“Miller-Meeks, who is seeking the Republican nomination to challenge Rep. Dave Loebsack for Iowa’s Second District, said two things exemplify the disconnect. She criticized Senate Democrats’ decision to lower the bar for approval of federal judges and Congress’ decision to exempt itself from health care reform. ‘There are bipartisan things that we can work on as a country. I just think Washington insiders are in their bubble and out of touch with the policies they create,’ she said.” [The Ottumwa Courier, 5/21/14]
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Miller-Meeks Brought Up Her Ties With Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad Who Republicans Credited For Overseeing The State’s Recession Recovery. “Miller-Meeks said Americans have lost faith in the government, but brought up her ties with Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad — someone Republicans have repeatedly credited for overseeing the state’s recession recovery. She would encourage schools across the state to work more with the business sector, and encouraged degree-seekers to consider community college education as a route to skilled work employment available in Iowa.” [Clinton Herald, 10/11/14]

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Miller-Meeks Was Supported By Ads From The NRCC. “The National Republican Congressional Committee said Monday its buying $1.3 million in television ad time in the two districts, with spots to begin airing on Friday. […] U.S. Rep. Dave Loebsack, a four-term Democratic incumbent, is defending his 2nd District seat against Republican Mariannette Miller-Meeks […] ‘We feel like both Dr. Miller-Meeks and Rod Blum have a great shot at winning these races,’ Houlton said. Last week, the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee put $105,000 into TV ad time in the 1st District race, according to Federal Election Commission filings. It also joined with Loebsack to air a television commercial targeting Miller-Meeks.” [The Quad-City Times, 10/21/14]

Campaign 2010

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Dec. 2009: Miller-Meeks Announced Run For Iowa’s 2nd Congressional District. “In announcing her second bid for the 2nd District congressional seat, Republican Mariannette Miller-Meeks is running on the rich history of the GOP in the hopes of making history herself. ‘This is old fashioned politics,’ Miller-Meeks said standing on a soapbox crafted by Sen. James Hahn, R-Muscatine and dotted with signatures of people she visited on her campaign. Although she joked that the soapbox gave her the only opportunity to claim to be taller than anyone, the petite Miller-Meeks is serious about her message.” [The Hawk Eye, 12/1/09]

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Miller-Meeks Said She Would Apply “Is It Constitutional?, Is It In Alignment With The People You Represent?, Is It Good For The Country?, Who Benefits, And Who Loses?” To Every Bill In Congress. “Miller-Meeks outlined four non-negotiable guidelines she says she would apply to every bill in Congress: - Is it Constitutional? - Is it in alignment with the people you represent? - Is it good for the country? - Who benefits, and who loses? ‘If you stick to those non-negotiables, you’ll be doing pretty much the right thing for the people you represent,’ she said. ‘Right now, we’re not represented. We’re not represented in Congress, and we’re not represented in the (Obama) administration.’” [Muscatine Journal, 4/6/10]
Miller-Meeks’ Husband Lost His Job After She Won The Primary And She Considered Dropping Out Of The Race. “Republican Mariannette Miller-Meeks seriously considered dropping out of the race for U.S. House when her husband lost his job in July and the couple’s income plunged to zero. ‘I was crushed. I mean, I was devastated when he told me,’ she said Tuesday in an interview. ‘It was everything I could do not to cry and to keep it together.’ For 2½ weeks, she agonized over whether she should return to her ophthalmology practice or take a part-time job to cover family expenses, such as the mortgage on their $563,000 rural Ottumwa home. Miller-Meeks said she told no one about her dilemma, not even Republican Party officials. Few people knew what Miller-Meeks went through until she answered questions about her health insurance coverage - she has none - during a meeting with Register editors and reporters.” [Des Moines Register, 9/8/10]

Miller-Meeks Decided To Keep Running For Congress Even Though It wasn’t Too Late For The Republican Party To Pick A Replacement Candidate. “When she received the news about her husband’s job loss, it wasn’t too late for the Republican Party to pick a replacement candidate to challenge Democrat Dave Loebsack, a former college professor from Mount Vernon. The deadline to name substitutions was Aug. 13, state election officials said. But Miller-Meeks decided not to back out of her rematch against Loebsack, even though she lost 57 percent to 39 percent in 2008 and now faces an uphill battle in a Democratic-leaning district.” [Des Moines Register, 9/8/10]

Miller-Meeks Refused To Be On Her Husband’s Insurance Plan Saying “I’m A Very Healthy Person, And What I’ve Done Is Look At My Family History And Determine What My Level Of Risk Is.” “Republican Mariannette Miller-Meeks seriously considered dropping out of the race for U.S. House when her husband lost his job […] One consequence of her husband’s job loss involved health insurance. […] Even though her husband’s new job offers insurance, Miller-Meeks, 55, said she does not want to be on his insurance plan. ‘I’m a very healthy person, and what I’ve done is look at my family history and determine what my level of risk is,’ she said. ‘Am I saying it’s a smart thing to do? No. I think we need to make health insurance more affordable.’” [Des Moines Register, 9/8/10]

Miller-Meeks Won A Four-Way Primary, Winning More Than Half The Votes Cast In The 2nd District Republican Primary. “Mariannette Miller-Meeks won a spirited four-way primary to set up a rematch against Democratic U.S. Rep. Dave Loebsack, winning more than half the votes cast in the 2nd District Republican primary June 8. With 100 percent of the 328 precincts reporting, the Ottumwa ophthalmologist had received 51 percent of the vote compared with 22 percent for Steve Rathje of Cedar Rapids and 15 percent for Christopher Reed and 13 percent for Rob Gettemy, both of Marion. The Associated Press called the race for Miller-Meeks just before 10 p.m.” [Globe Gazette, 6/9/10]

Miller-Meeks Called Herself An Independent Conservative. “While calling herself an independent conservative, Miller-Meeks is following the Republican call for a “repeal and replace” of the health care reform legislation signed into law late last month. She said the bill that passed is not all bad but the good is well outweighed by the negatives.” [The Hawk Eye, 4/7/10]

two years ago. Loebsack was first elected in 2006 in a surprise win over veteran Republican Rep. Jim Leach. In 2008, Loebsack cruised to a win over Miller-Meeks. The race seemed more competitive this time, as Miller-Meeks campaigned extensively and focused on a message of reducing the deficit and cutting spending.” [Iowa City Press-Citizen, 11/2/10]

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**Miller-Meeks Said She’s “Never Seen Tea Party People Who Are Inflammatory, Racist Or Bigoted” Despite North Iowa Tea Party’s Billboard That Depicted Pres. Obama Surrounded By Adolf Hitler And Vladimir Lenin**

“Despite the flap over the North Iowa Tea Party’s short-lived billboard in Mason City that depicted Pres. Obama surrounded by dictators Adolf Hitler and Vladimir Lenin, Miller-Meeks said she’s “never seen tea party people who are inflammatory, racist or bigoted. The tea party is holding people responsible and getting our nation back to the Constitution and the rule of law.”” [Muscatine Journal, 7/19/10]

**Campaign 2008**

**Oct. 2007: Miller-Meeks Announced Run For Iowa’s 2nd Congressional District**

“Miller-Meeks Announced Run For Iowa’s 2nd Congressional District, Stating Her Interest Stemmed From Concern About The Nation’s Health Care System. “Dr. Mariannette Miller-Meeks, who was the first woman to serve as president of the Iowa Medical Society, said her interest in a 2nd District campaign stemmed from concern about the nation’s health care system. ‘There certainly is a lot of frustration by physicians on what’s happening with health care, Medicare reimbursement, the inability to recruit doctors to a small state, especially a rural state,’ she said. More physicians need to be involved in increasing access to health care, she said.” [Des Moines Register, 10/18/07]

**Miller-Meeks Had Been Registered As A No-Party Voter And Has Not Been Involved In Politics**

“Miller-Meeks, 52, said she has been registered as a no-party voter and has not been involved in politics. ‘It’s a new kind of endeavor, one born out of frustration neither party is getting the job done,’ she said. She said her family moved around because of her father’s Air Force career, though they kept a home in Texas. She began her career as a nurse, then took medical courses while serving in the Army and graduated from medical school at the University of Texas.” [Des Moines Register, 10/18/07]

**Miller-Meeks Said She Met With Loebsack, Adding He Understood Medicare Reimbursement Issues And The Challenges Facing Both Doctors And Their Patients, But “Felt There Would Be No Progress”**

“Miller-Meeks says she never envisioned herself running for Congress until after she met with Loebsack in Washington,
D.C. He understood the issues on Medicare reimbursement and the challenges facing both doctors and their patients, but that wasn’t enough to gain her confidence. ‘I just felt there would be no progress,’ she said.” [The Ottumwa Courier, 5/21/08]

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**Media Bias**

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**Term Limits**

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The Endorsement List Included Current And Former Republican Elected Officials. “The list includes current and former Republican elected officials, community leaders, and citizens from the 2nd Congressional District. Among them is former Davenport Alderman-At-Large Jason Gordon, former Clinton County supervisor Jill Davisson, former Clinton County Treasurer Rhonda McIntyre, and former presidents of the Clinton Area Chamber of Commerce Julie Allesee and Dennis Lauver. […] Former New Liberty Mayor Art Ahrens and Willie and Bev Meyer, owners of a heritage farm in New Liberty also have endorsed Hart for Congress.” [Quad City Times, 6/3/20]

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The Gazette: McCarthy’s “Endorsement Speaks Volumes About The Importance Of The 2nd District In Republicans’ Effort To Regain The House Majority.” “His endorsement speaks volumes about the importance of the 2nd District in Republicans’ effort to regain the House majority, Miller-Meeks said. ‘He knows I’ll never quit fighting for conservative principles, and I’ll never give up on the people of Iowa,’ she said. ‘His support is a clear message to Iowa and the rest of the country that the people of the 2nd District have an extraordinary opportunity to reshape our country’s future by standing with me on June 2 and again in November.’” [The Gazette, 5/4/20]

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for Iowans in Congress and is someone they can count on to work on the issues that matter to them: jobs, trade, cutting government spending, reducing taxes and more affordable and accessible health care.” [The Quad-City Times, 2/18/20]

**Miller-Meeks Was Endorsed By Former Iowa Governor Terry Branstad Is The Current U.S. Ambassador To China; She Was Also Endorsed By His Son Eric Who Used To Work For Trump**

**Second Congressional District hopeful Mariannette Miller-Meeks has landed the support of one of the most well-known and well-connected families in Iowa Republican politics. Eric Branstad announced Monday that he and his father, Terry Branstad, are backing Miller-Meeks in her bid for the 2nd District GOP nomination. Terry Branstad is the longest-serving governor in American history and current U.S. ambassador to China.”**

**Miller-Meeks Was Also Endorsed By His Son Eric Who Used To Work For Trump.** In this case, luck comes with the financial support of the Branstads, said Eric Branstad, who is the Des Moines managing director of Mercury LLC, a nationwide public relations and fundraising firm. He previously worked for the Donald Trump campaign and administration.”

**Miller-Meeks Said Ambassador Branstad Someone She Looks Up To And Considers A Role Model.** “It’s an honor to have the support of the Branstad family, Miller-Meeks said. She called Ambassador Branstad someone she looks up to and considers a role model “for all of us both politically and the values that make our country great.’ ‘When you have one of the most respected political figures in the state and their family support you, I think it shows other people there’s real credibility in that individual,’ Miller-Meeks said. ‘To me, it’s a deep honor to be supported by the Branstad family. You have to earn it. I will continue to earn it.”’ [The Gazette, 11/7/19]

**Iowa City Press-Citizen:** “Miller-Meeks Landed The Financial Backing Of Eric Branstad And His Father Terry Branstad” But “Only Eric Branstad Can Endorse As The Ambassador Cannot Endorse A Candidate.” “Reynolds endorsement comes a month after The Cedar Rapids Gazette reported that Miller-Meeks landed the financial backing of Eric Branstad and his father Terry Branstad, former Iowa governor and current ambassador to China. While both are giving money to the campaign, only Eric Branstad can endorse as the ambassador cannot endorse a candidate.” [Iowa City Press-Citizen. 11,8/19]

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**Miller-Meeks Said Her Legislative Record “Championed” Reynolds’ Priorities In The 2019 Session.** “While the Democratic nomination process has been quiet, the Republican nomination is hotly contested between Miller-Meeks and LeClaire businessman Bobby Schilling. In a statement about Reynolds endorsement, Miller-Meeks said her legislative record ‘championed’ Reynolds’ priorities in the 2019 session. She referenced the passage of a bill that banned most abortions after a fetal heartbeat was detected which was struck down in January 2019. She also mentioned her work to pass a bill that set up a children’s mental health system in Iowa and a pro-gun rights resolution aiming to add a 2nd Amendment protections to the Iowa Constitution.” [Iowa City Press-Citizen. 11,8/19]
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 Miller-Meeks Was Endorsed By Rick Santorum

“Lending his support at an Iowa City GOP campaign office rally Thursday morning, former Pennsylvania Sen. Rick Santorum predicted Miller-Meeks will be ‘part of a Republican wave here in Iowa.’” [The Gazette, 10/24/14]

 Miller-Meeks Was Endorsed By John Boehner

“If you like big government, then go vote for the Democrats,” Boehner said. “If you like higher taxes and big bureaucracies, then go vote for the Democrats. If you want smaller, less costly, more accountable government, and a representative in Washington who will listen to you, then you vote for Mariannette Miller-Meeks and Joni Ernst right here in Iowa.”” [Des Moines Register, 10/28/14]

 Miller-Meeks Was Endorsed By Bobby Jindal

“‘I’m honored that Governor Bobby Jindal is joining our campaign during his visit to Iowa,’ Miller-Meeks said in a statement. ‘Governor Jindal is a leader in the Republican Party who is not afraid to stand up to special interests to make sure government works, especially for children who are trapped in failing schools. I welcome him to Iowa and look forward to having him join our campaign next week.’” [Knoxville Journal Express, 8/4/14]
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Current Secretary Of Energy Rick Perry Campaigned For Miller-Meeks. “Perry will attend fundraisers in the area for Mariannette Miller-Meeks, who is running for the 2nd Congressional District seat, and Brian Schmidt, a Republican state Senate candidate.” [The Quad-City Times, 8/1/14]

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Miller-Meeks Had Rand Paul Speak At A Fundraiser On Her Behalf. Rand Paul had to clean up a few messes on Day 2 of his do-I-really-want-to-run-for-president tour in Iowa. […] In Iowa City, at a fundraiser for GOP congressional candidate Mariannette Miller-Meeks, Paul told a story he likes about Twiggy the waterskiing squirrel and the federal government spending $3 million to use the critter to promote the sale of U.S. walnuts in Spain. It’s just one of the many examples of ‘frivolous’ government spending, he said. But getting to the bottom of the government’s financial troubles means ‘you have to look at entitlements,’ he said. ‘I’m not for getting rid of Social Security or getting rid of Medicare,’ Paul told the audience of about 130 mostly gray-haired Iowans. ‘I’m saying how do you save them? Social Security’s $6 trillion short. Medicare’s $35 trillion short. The way you save them is you’re going to have to have some tough love.’” [Des Moines Register, 8/6/14]

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Miller-Meeks Had Former Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad Campaign For Her. “Iowa Gov. Terry Branstad will be the special guest at a campaign fundraiser for Dr. Mariannette Miller-Meeks, Republican candidate for Congress, tonight from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at Porter Hall, 706 Drake Ave., Centerville. Tickets are $25 apiece and the public is invited to attend.”

HEADLINE: “Branstad For Miller-Meeks” [Ad Express & Daily Iowegian, 9/5/14]

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Des Moines Register Editorial Board Said Miller-Meeks’ Positions Are Vague, And She Hedges On A Number Of Key Issues. “Miller-Meeks, however, has not made a persuasive case for why voters should remove the incumbent. Her policy positions are vague, and she hedges on a number of key issues, including offering no specifics on how to assure both Social Security and Medicare will be solvent for future retirees. She supports more
spending for roads and bridges, but she says she needs more information on options for how to pay for such improvements. She also wants to see more study on climate change causes and solutions.” [Des Moines Register, Editorial Board, 10/22/14]

**Miller-Meeks Was Not Shy About Contempt For The Affordable Care Act And Obama Pulling Out Troops From Iraq.** “She is not shy about expressing contempt for the Affordable Care Act, though she acknowledges it is law. And she is unflinching in criticizing President Obama for pulling U.S. troops from Iraq too soon and for a lack of clarity in dealing with terrorist threats. Iowa has a tradition of sending people to Congress who are quietly but persistently devoted to improving the lives of the people in their districts rather than pursuing a personal ideological agenda. Dave Loebsack has served in that tradition, and he deserves a fifth term.” [Des Moines Register, Editorial Board, 10/22/14]

**Nov. 2014: Miller-Meeks Lost The Race Against Incumbent Dave Loebsack To Represent Iowa’s 2nd District.** “Though Mariannette Miller-Meeks lost the race against incumbent Dave Loebsack to represent Iowa’s 2nd District, she encouraged support for other candidates who were elected into their positions. With 412 out of 425 precincts reporting, Democratic candidate Loebsack had 52.7% of the vote, 139,042 votes and Republican candidate Miller-Meeks received 47.1% of the vote, 124,373 votes.” [ABC - 8 WQAD, 11/5/14]

**2010 Endorsements**

**Miller-Meeks Gained The Endorsement Of The National Federation Of Independent Business Who Represented More Than 64,000 Small Businesses In Iowa.** “Republican Congressional candidate Mariannette Miller-Meeks has gained the endorsement of the National Federation of Independent Business, the group said in a news release. The organization, which represents more than 64,000 small businesses in Iowa, said in the release that Miller-Meeks as a former small business owner knows the ‘struggles that small firms face on a daily basis” and is knowledgeable about health care. The group also said they backed Miller-Meeks’ support for extending the 2001 and 2003 tax cuts and his opposition to ‘card check’ laws. The endorsement is from the group’s Save America’s Free Enterprise Trust, its political action committee.” [Iowa City Press-Citizen, 10/30/10]

**Miller-Meeks Won The Endorsement From Former New York Gov. George Pataki Who Referred To Miller-Meeks “A Breath Of Fresh Air.”** Former New York Gov. George Pataki thanked another former governor, Terry Branstad, for the advice he offered the newly-elected Pataki in 1994. […] Pataki also had kind words to say about two Republican congressional candidates, U.S. Sen. Charles Grassley, who’s running against Democrat Roxanne Conlin, and Mariannette Miller-Meeks, who’s challenging U.S. Rep. Dave Loebsack in the second district. Pataki was scheduled to make two campaign stops with Miller-Meeks this morning in Mount Pleasant. Pataki called Miller-Meeks ‘a breath of fresh air’ who ‘knows what the health care system is all about’ and praised Grassley for the role he tried to play as Congress was crafting health care reform - help that Democrats decided they could do without, Pataki said.” [Muscatine Journal, 10/20/10]

**2008 Endorsements**
Miller-Meeks’ Moderate Views Convinced The Ottumwa Courier To Endorse Her In 2008

“Miller-Meeks is from Ottumwa, and swayed by her local roots and moderate views, this newspaper endorsed her initial run for the 2nd Congressional seat two years ago. […] The tone of this year’s election is far different from two years ago. It’s different from a variety of perspectives, not the least of which is the Tea Party reaction to the new administration that swept into office in 2008.” [The Ottumwa Courier, Editorial Board, 10/21/10]

Ottumwa Courier: “Miller-Meeks Has Shed Her Moderate Views”

“This year’s political partisanship has ratcheted up the campaign vehemence with terms such as ‘fired’ and ‘eliminated’ when the subject is incumbents, and Miller-Meeks has shed her moderate views to match the times. She has made much of her refusal to buy medical insurance. She has voiced support for the ‘fair tax’ that even her own party’s experts acknowledge would be anything but fair to middle class Americans. But in all that politicking one thing stands out in her campaign. Back in the earliest days of this race, she said if she lost this time she’d move to the East Coast.” [The Ottumwa Courier, Editorial Board, 10/21/10]

Personal Political Donations

Miller-Meeks Has Given $38,874 To Federal Political Candidates

According to the Federal Election Commission, Miller-Meeks has given $38,874 to federal political candidates.

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[Iowa Secretary of State, accessed 6/17/20, Follow The Money, accessed 6/17/20]

**Miller-Meeks Has Given $645,829 In Loans To Her Own Campaigns**
According to the Federal Election Commission and Iowa Secretary of State, Miller-Meeks has loaned $645,829.61 to her own political candidates.

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[FEC, Campaign Committee, accessed 7/19/19; Iowa Secretary of State, accessed 7/19/19; Follow The Money, accessed 7/19/19]
**Significant Findings**

- Miller-Meeks was appointed director of the Iowa Department of Public Health by Gov. Branstad.
  - The Ottumwa Courier: “Miller-Meeks had maintained her Ottumwa residence as she commuted to the state capital.”
  - Miller-Meeks resigned because she was planned on running for Congress.
- Miller-Meeks opposed the federal health reform law as a candidate but as public health director she favored health insurance exchanges.
  - Des Moines Register Editorial: Miller-Meeks had “little to say” about Affordable Care Act implementation, despite her role.
  - The Quad-City Times: “Miller-Meeks visited the Quad-Cities and said Iowa was proceeding on a health exchange modeled after Utah.”
- Miller-Meeks signed a $20,000 settlement with an employee who lost her job but filed a grievance stating that her termination was based on politics.
- DMR Editorial: Miller-Meeks failed to stand up for HIV-positive Iowans when a federally funded high risk insurance pool refused to provide health insurance Iowans that were HIV-positive.
- Miller-Meeks’ Department of Health Came under fire after a state audit report exposed the agency for not inspecting funeral homes that was required by state law.
- Miller-Meeks was accused of disregarding state law by not consulting the Tobacco Use Prevention and Control Commission before hiring a new administrator for the tobacco use prevention division.
- Miller-Meeks cut the position of Iowa’s Division of Tobacco Use Prevention and Control official and the move was due to budget cuts, leaving the division too small to operate alone.
  - Miller-Meeks claimed she had spoken to the Iowa Attorney General who said she actions were legal but the AG Said they did not advise Miller-Meeks.
- Miller-Meeks was investigating the director of the Iowa State Nursing Board when the director suddenly retired.
- Miller-Meeks was rejected by Iowa Senate to serve on i-Hawk Healthcare Board due to concerns about her tenure on the Iowa Department of Health.
- Miller-Meeks said the federal budget sequester could lead to cuts to the Iowa Department of Public Health, including but still received about $142 million from federal government.
- Miller-Meeks was a big proponent of Iowa’s Healthiest State Initiative.
- Miller-Meeks used a portion of the $3 million allocated to Iowa under the Affordable Care Act for distributing beverage coasters with information on colon cancer screenings across bars and restaurants in the state.
### Miller-Meeks Was Appointed Director Of The Iowa Department Of Public Health By Gov. Branstad

**Miller-Meeks Was Appointed Director Of The Iowa Department Of Public Health By Gov. Branstad.** “Today we have announced that Dr. Mariannette Miller-Meeks will be the head of the Iowa Department of Public Health,” said Branstad. “Dr. Miller-Meeks’ dedication to public health is evident from her service and leadership in various medical organizations, and I look forward to working with her as we work to make Iowa the healthiest state in the nation.” [The Ottumwa Courier, 12/10/10]

### 2012: Miller-Meeks Received $135,000 Salary As Director Of The Iowa Department of Public Health

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“Mariannette Miller-Meeks, director of the Iowa Department of Public Health: $135,000.” [Des Moines Register, 11/2/12]

### The Ottumwa Courier: “Miller-Meeks Had Maintained Her Ottumwa Residence As She Commuted To The State Capital”

**The Ottumwa Courier: “Miller-Meeks Had Maintained Her Ottumwa Residence As She Commuted To The State Capital.”** “Miller-Meeks had maintained her Ottumwa residence as she commuted to the state capital. A retired U.S. Army officer, she served as a nurse, later earning her medical degree. She also served as the president of the Iowa Medical Society. She had accepted the appointment to become director of the IDPH when Branstad took office.” [The Ottumwa Courier, 5/19/14]

### Miller-Meeks Commuted Every Day Of The Week But The State Did Not Pay For Mileage And If She Stayed Overnight In Des Moines, She Paid For Her Hotel Room

**Miller-Meeks Commuted Every Day Of The Week But The State Did Not Pay For Mileage And If She Stayed Overnight In Des Moines, She Paid For Her Hotel Room.** “Mariannette Miller-Meeks, who Branstad named to lead the Department of Public Health, commutes from Ottumwa to Des Moines almost every weekday, she said. The state does not pay mileage, and when Miller-Meeks stays overnight in Des Moines, she pays for her own hotel room. Miller-Meeks’ salary is $130,000 this year.” [Globe Gazette, 7/8/12]

### Miller-Meeks Resigned Because She Was Planned On Running For Congress

**Miller-Meeks Resigned Because She was Planned On Running For Congress.** The director of the Iowa Department of Public Health has resigned because she plans to run for Congress, Gov. Terry Branstad said Thursday. Mariannette Miller-Meeks recently faced criticism for a comment she made about food stamps. Branstad said he did not seek her resignation and said it had nothing to do with the remark. ‘I know what she’s intending to do,’ Branstad told reporters at the Capitol. And when reporters asked whether Miller-Meeks planned to run for the U.S. House from Iowa’s 2nd District for the third time, the governor acknowledged she would be doing just that.” [Hawk Eye, 1/10/14]

### Miller-Meeks Resignation Was Accepted By Gov. Terry Branstad

**Miller-Meeks Resignation Was Accepted By Gov. Terry Branstad.** Miller-Meeks has run the health department since Gov. Terry Branstad took office in 2011. He announced her resignation in a press release this morning.: ‘It is with regret that I accept Mariannette’s resignation, as she was a director who served with great passion,’ Branstad wrote. ‘Mariannette has been a champion of health in Iowa, including working to promote our Healthiest State..."
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Initiative. Lieutenant Governor Reynolds and I thank her for her service to the people of Iowa.’” [Iowa City Press-Citizen, 1/9/14]

### Health Insurance Exchanges

**Des Moines Register Editorial: Miller-Meeks Had “Little To Say” About Affordable Care Act Implementation, Despite Her Role**

Des Moines Register Editorial: Miller-Meeks Had “Little To Say” About Affordable Care Act Implementation, Despite Her Role. “As a massive health reform law was being implemented, she had little to say. This was surprising, as health insurance is such an important part of her agency's mission to ‘promote and protect public health.’ Her silence is notable, too, because she was uninsured during her 2010 campaign for Congress.” [Des Moines Register, Editorial Board, 1/13/14]

HEADLINE: The Register's Editorial: Health chief needs to be a voice for public [Des Moines Register, Editorial Board, 1/13/14]

**Miller-Meeks Opposed The Federal Health Reform Law As A Candidate But As Public Health Director She Favored Health Insurance Exchanges**

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A Democrat State Senator Was Concerned That The Governor Was Filling His Cabinet With Former Politicians, Adding That He Hoped Gov. Branstad Was Not Trying To Politicize Health Care. “State Sen. Jack Hatch, a Des Moines Democrat who is one of his party’s leading voices on health care issues, said he welcomed the idea of having a medical professional lead the department. However, he said, “I’m a little concerned that the governor is filling his Cabinet with former politicians. I hope he’s not making health care political.”” [Des Moines Register, 12/10/10]

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Des Moines Register: “Employees Claimed They Had Lost Their Jobs Because Of Republican Cronyism.” “Lt. Gov. Kim Reynolds said Monday that neither she nor Gov. Terry Branstad was aware of six secret settlements paid to former state employees until they read it in Sunday’s Des Moines Register. Most of the employees claimed they had lost their jobs because of Republican cronyism. The Register’s report also revealed the six were asked to sign unenforceable confidentiality agreements that seemingly prohibited them from speaking about the settlements.” [Des Moines Register, 3/18/14]


“DMR Editorial: Miller-Meeks Failed To Stand Up For HIV-Positive Iowans When A Federally Funded High Risk Insurance Pool Refused To Provide Health Insurance Iowans That Were HIV-Positive. “The Department of Public Health has a bureau to connect HIV-positive Iowans to drugs and care. Miller-Meeks should have been expressing outrage when a federally funded high risk insurance pool refused to provide health insurance to these Iowans as was intended.” [Des Moines Register, Editorial Board, 1/13/14]

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The Hawk Eye: Iowa Code Requires The Department To Inspect “All Places Where Dead Human Bodies Are Prepared Or Held For Burial, Entombment Or Cremation.” “The Hawk Eye: Iowa Code Requires The Department To Inspect “All Places Where Dead Human Bodies Are Prepared Or Held For Burial, Entombment Or Cremation.” “In the public health report, the auditors said the Iowa Code requires the department to inspect ‘all places where dead human bodies are prepared or held for burial, entombment or cremation.’ The law gives the department the authority to adopt and enforce rules for inspections ‘necessary for the preservation of the public health.’ In June, the Board of Mortuary Science recommended changing the law to say the department may inspect the facilities instead of shall inspect them, department spokeswoman Polly Carver-Kimm said.” [The Hawk Eye, 8/15/13]
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Miller-Meeks Was Accused Of Disregarding State Law By Not Consulting The Tobacco Use Prevention and Control Commission Before Hiring A New Administrator For The Tobacco Use Prevention Division. “Sen. Herman Quirmbach, D-Ames, a non-voting member of the commission, opened the meeting with a critique of O’Brien’s hiring. […] Friday's meeting of the Tobacco Use Prevention and Control Commission, which oversees the division, was her first formal introduction in that role. […] Iowa Department of Public Health Director Mariannette Miller-Meeks is empowered to appoint the division administrator, but state law calls for the commission to advise in the evaluation of candidates for the job and to consult with the public health director on hiring. The commission was not able to adequately review the applicants for the position, Quirmbach argued, and Miller-Meeks disregarded the preliminary recommendation by two commission members suggesting selection of another candidate.” [The Gazette, 7/22/12]

The Position Was Administrator For The Division Of Tobacco Use Prevention And Control. “A state senator questioned the qualifications of the woman recently hired as Iowa's top tobacco control official and accused the state's public health director of obstructing the law governing her hiring during a contentious meeting Friday. Meghan O'Brien was hired as the administrator for the Division of Tobacco Use Prevention and Control this month after an informal search process.” [The Gazette, 7/22/12]

Miller-Meeks Did Have The Choice To Hire Who She Wanted But Not Consulting The Commission Was Considered Evidence Of Miller-Meeks Weak Management Skills. “The ultimate choice (of who to hire) is up to the director, that’s clear under the code,’ Quirmbach said. ‘But this commission has not been afforded the opportunity to carry out its legal responsibility, and I fault the director of the Department of Public Health in that regard.’ In a later interview, Quirmbach called the manner in which the hiring played out ‘evidence of the weakness of Miller-Meeks’ own management skills.’ Miller-Meeks, however, said she consulted with the Iowa Attorney General’s Office and received assurances that the process that led to O’Brien’s hiring followed state law. The opportunities she gave to commission members to meet candidates were, in fact, ‘overly generous,’ she said.” [The Gazette, 7/22/12]

Miller-Meeks Had Narrowed The Choices Down To Two Finalists Which The Commission’s Chairwoman And Vice Chairman Recommended Hiring The Other Finalist. “The administrator position came open this spring, when Interim Director Aaron Swanson left for another job. Several people applied, from which two -- including O'Brien -- were selected as finalists by Miller-Meeks. The commission’s chairwoman and vice chairman met both candidates and recommended hiring the other finalist, but no candidates were formally vetted by the full commission.” [The Gazette, 7/22/12]

The New Hire Was Questioned For Her Qualification For The Job, Citing No Management Experience And Little Background In Tobacco Policy Or Public Health. “Miller-Meeks formally hired O'Brien about two weeks ago. Beyond the process by which O'Brien was hired, Quirmbach also questioned her qualifications for the top job in the division. She has no management experience and little background in tobacco policy or public health, he said. Not everyone on the commission shared Quirmbach’s concerns.” [The Gazette, 7/22/12]

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Miller-Meeks Cut The Position Of Iowa’s Division of Tobacco Use Prevention and Control Official And The Move Was Due To Budget Cuts, Leaving The Division Too Small To Operate Alone. “Iowa’s top tobacco-control official has lost her job after her division’s budget was cut by two-thirds. Bonnie Mapes, 60, headed the Division of Tobacco Use Prevention and Control since 2004. She took early retirement after her boss, Public Health
Director Mariannette Miller-Meeks, told her last month that her position was being cut. Mapes, whose 2010 salary was $99,189, and Miller-Meeks said Monday that the move was due to the Legislature’s decision to cut the division’s budget from $7.8 million to $2.8 million, leaving an agency that was too small to require a full-time director.” [Des Moines Register, 8/2/11]

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Miller-Meeks Said Talk About Folding The Division Duties Into The Health Department Had Been Going On For A While And She Needed To Fit Anti-Smoking Into A Tight Budget. “Miller-Meeks said Monday that her decision to cut the division director’s position was no reflection of Mapes’ job performance. She said state leaders had been talking for several years about folding the division’s duties into other parts of the health department, and she might ask legislators next session for authority to do so. Miller-Meeks said she needs to fit anti-smoking efforts into a tight budget, and it made more sense to focus the limited dollars on such things as the Quitline Iowa counseling program and local anti-smoking organizations rather than a separate state division.” [Des Moines Register, 8/2/11]

Anti-Smoking Lobbyists Questioned The Dismissal, Saying The Move Questioned How Serious The Governor Was Opposition On Smoking. “Threse Harms, a Des Moines lobbyist for the anti-smoking group Clean Air for Everyone, said Mapes’ dismissal raises questions about how serious Branstad is about his frequently stated opposition to smoking. ‘If they want Iowa to be the healthiest state in the nation, how are we going to do that without addressing the No. 1 cause of preventable deaths?’ she said.” [Des Moines Register, 8/2/11]

Gov. Branstad Had Signed Off On Miller-Meeks’ Decision To Terminate The Position. “Tim Albrecht, a spokesman for Branstad, said the governor is committed to combating smoking. He said the governor signed off on Miller-Meeks’ decision to terminate Mapes’ position, and he said the governor understood the need to cut programs, including the anti-smoking ads. Given Iowa’s severe budget constraints, most departments and agencies saw a decrease in funding,’ Albrecht wrote. ‘Gov. Branstad believes tobacco cessation programs are important and necessary, and believes the money should be spent in a more effective manner.” [Des Moines Register, 8/2/11]

Miller-Meeks Backed Off The Plan When State Senators Cited Iowa Code That Said The Anti-Tobacco Division Must Have A Full-Time Administrator Who’s Sole Duties Were Running The Division. “Miller-Meeks said Friday evening that she would back off the plan, about eight hours after two state senators complained at the commission meeting that the personnel shift was illegal. Sens. Herman Quirmbach and Jack Hatch noted a
section of Iowa Code specifying that the health department must employ a full-time administrator for its anti-tobacco division and that the administrator’s sole duties must be running the division.” [Des Moines Register, 8/6/11]

Miller-Meeks Claimed She Had Spoken To The Iowa Attorney General Who Said She Actions Were Legal But The AG Said They Did Not Advise Miller-Meeks

“‘There is a law, and everybody has to obey the law,’ said Quirmbach, an Ames Democrat. ‘I have to obey the law. Dr. Miller-Meeks has to obey the law. The governor has to obey the law.’ Miller-Meeks, who was not at the meeting, responded in a statement later Friday that she had checked with the attorney general’s office, which told her the actions were legal. Later Friday afternoon, a spokesman for Attorney General Tom Miller disagreed. ‘We feel the statute is very clear. We did not advise that an Iowa Department of Public Health employee with significant other duties could serve as the tobacco division administrator,’” said the spokesman, Geoff Greenwood.” [Des Moines Register, 8/6/11]

Miller-Meeks Was Investigating The Director Of The Iowa State Nursing Board When The Director Suddenly Retired

“Des Moines Register: “Miller-Meeks Stressed That The Allegations Did Not Involve Licensing Issues Or Regulation Of The Tens Of Thousands Of Iowa Nurses Overseen By The Agency.” “Miller-Meeks stressed that the allegations did not involve licensing issues or regulation of the tens of thousands of Iowa nurses overseen by the agency. […] Miller-Meeks noted that the board is ‘quasi-independent’ from the health department, but she said the department helps with some of its administrative tasks, including human resources. Gov. Terry Branstad appoints members of the nursing board, but his spokesman, Tim Albrecht, said the governor’s office would have no comment. Inman, 63, was paid $108,946 last year, state records show.” [Des Moines Register, 2/26/13]
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Hawk-I Or Hawki Is The Healthy And Well Kids In Iowa Program Offered Through The Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP). “The Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) is offered through the Healthy and Well Kids in Iowa program, also known as Hawki. Iowa offers Hawki health coverage for uninsured children of working families. No family pays more than $40 a month. Some families pay nothing at all. A child who qualifies for Hawki health insurance will get their health coverage through a Managed Care Organization (MCO). These are the MCOs or health plans you can choose from: Amerigroup Iowa, Inc. and Iowa Total Care.” [Iowa Department of Human Services, accessed 6/2/20]

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Senator Mathis, D-Linn, Said Miller-Meeks Was Unhelpful When Mathis Asked For Support On An Alzheimer’s Bill When Miller-Meeks’ Was Director Of The State Department Of Public Health. “All 18 no votes came from Iowa Democrats, including Sen. Liz Mathis of Linn County. Mathis raised concerns about Miller-Meeks work as director of the Iowa Department of Public Health, saying she was unhelpful when Mathis asked for support on an Alzheimer’s bill. ‘When I was advocating for Alzheimer’s patients, their families and providers who care for people with dementia-related illness, (Miller-Meeks) was unresponsive to my plea and theirs for two years in a row,’ said Sen. Mathis. ‘That experience, along with other Senators who have worked with her, convinced me she is not the best choice to join the Hawk-I Board.’” [KCRG, 4/16/16]

Critics Said Meeks Was Not The Right Fit Because She Would “Worry About The Reduction In Services And The Bottom-Line Costs” Instead Of The Human Element. “Critics expressed concern about her time as Branstad’s chief of the state public health agency and her appointment to a state board that provides direction to the state Department of Human Services on the state’s children’s health insurance program at a time when the governor is moving Medicaid services to privately managed care. ‘We need a Hawk-I board member that has a strong knowledge of the health insurance programs that will advocate for affordable, accessible, comprehensive care for children and not just worry about the reduction in services and the bottom-line costs, especially in this period of transition to a managed care environment,’ said Sen. Amanda Ragan, D-Mason City. ‘This is not a fit that I think is good for Hawk-I or the state of Iowa, especially in this change.’” [The Gazette, 4/15/16]

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| Miller-Meeks Said Communities Would Have To Apply To Be Included In The Project. Factors that make up a healthy community include plant-based diets, physical activity, workplace wellness, healthy workplace environment and emotional health – ‘having a sense of purpose in life,’ Miller-Meeks said. Communities will need to apply to be included in the project. ‘It’s a privately led, government-sponsored partnership,’ Miller-Meeks said.” [Globe Gazette, 8/12/11]

| Globe Gazette : Goal Was For Iowa Be To The Top Healthiest-State Ranking, Which Would Have Allowed “The State To Redirect As Much As $16 Billion In Health Care Expenses.” “The goal will be to top the healthiest-state ranking as measured by the Gallup-Healthways Well-Being Index. Addressing lifestyle changes could allow the state to redirect as much as $16 billion in health care expenses and lost productivity over the next five years to grow the state economy, Branstad said.” [Globe Gazette, 8/12/11]

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| Miller-Meeks Also Noted Riseing In Infectious Diseases From 11.3 Cases Per 100,000 Iowans Last Year To 17 Cases In 2012. “Miller-Meeks said the infectious disease rate, from 11.3 cases per 100,000 Iowans last year to 17 cases now, reflects an uptick in pertussis, or whooping cough. The state recently changed its guidelines to
recommend re-vaccination in middle school, she said. Miller-Meeks said a lag between state initiatives and surveys conducted for the report do not reflect other efforts, such as campaigns against binge-drinking in Iowa college towns.” [The Gazette, 12/12/12]

**Iowa Had Dropped From 17th To 20th Healthiest State In The Nation.** “Iowa continues to slip in a prominent annual health ranking even as its leaders pledge to make the state the healthiest in the nation. Iowa dropped from 17th to 20th in the latest United Health Foundation rankings, being released today. The state’s ranking has crept down from a peak of fifth place in the 1991 report.” [Des Moines Register, 12/11/12]

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Miller-Meeks Said The Federal Budget Sequester Could Lead To Funding Cuts To The Iowa Department Of Public Health, But Still Received About $142 Million From Federal Government

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Miller-Meeks Said Iowans Would Not Notice Budget Cuts A Great Deal. “Iowans who need drug abuse treatment in future months might find themselves on a waiting list or they may not get as many counseling sessions, she said. Or, the state hygienic lab might eventually be slower to finish tests for rabies or West Nile virus or sexually transmitted diseases. ‘But realistically,’ she said, (Iowans) probably would not notice a great deal.’ Last fall, state health officials were preparing for a cut of between 8 percent and 10 percent. ‘Our most recent guidance is that it will be 5.4 to 5.9 percent,’ Miller-Meeks said.” [Des Moines Register, 2/28/13]

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Miller-Meeks Was Concerned About What To Do With Iowa’s Expired Flu Medication, Including Medication That Predated H1N1. “State health officials are seeking guidance on what will happen with Iowa’s stockpile of flu medication as it reaches its expiration date. Some of the antiviral drugs the state has on hand for use in an influenza pandemic will expire within 18 months, Mariannette Miller-Meeks, Director of the Iowa Department of Public Health, said Wednesday during an Iowa Board of Health meeting in Coralville. More of the drugs, such as Tamiflu and Relenza, which are used to combat or prevent the flu, will expire by 2014, she said. ‘This is an issue that all the states are facing,’ Miller-Meeks said at the University of Iowa BioVentures Center. ‘We’re trying to be proactive.’ The department is checking with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on whether or not the medication can be released for use or if the expiration dates can be extended. After evaluating the drugs’ safety and effectiveness, the CDC approved extending the expiration dates on a small number of the medication courses, Miller-Meeks said.” [The Gazette, 11/10/11]

Miller-Meeks Did Not Know How Much Medication Was Used During H1N1. “The worst-case scenario is that they would all have to be destroyed,’ she said. ‘Whether it’s state or federal or both, it’s still taxpayer money.’ The drugs differ from flu vaccine, which is manufactured annually, based on flu strains in circulation. Iowa’s antiviral stockpile predates the 2009 H1N1 pandemic. In 2006, the state purchased $4.5 million in antiviral medications, enough to treat nearly 309,000 Iowans. Combined with a federal allotment of 438,000 courses of antivirals, Iowa had enough medicine to cover about 25 percent of the state’s population, or 747,000 people. Miller-Meeks did not know how much was used during the H1N1 pandemic, which occurred before she was named director.” [The Gazette, 11/10/11]

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Miller-Meeks Was A Proponent Of Telemedicine. “As state agencies grapple with fewer resources, Iowa’s new public health director said some pricey technology called telemedicine is a key to public health going forward. Mariannette Miller-Meeks, who was confirmed director of the Iowa Department of Public Health this month, identified telemedicine, volunteerism and increased individual responsibility for exercising and diet, as import cogs in supporting the public health infrastructure in Iowa. ‘Telemedicine will be very important in a state like this because it is rural,’ Miller-Meeks said. ‘With telemedicine, we will be able to do more.’” [Des Moines Register, 4/12/11]

Miller-Meeks Questioned Whether Banning Sales On Soft Drinks Larger Than 16 Ounces Would Backfire

Miller-Meeks Questioned Whether Banning Sales On Soft Drinks Larger Than 16 Ounces Would Backfire. “New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg made waves this week by proposing a ban on sales of sugar-filled sodas larger than 16 ounces. Bloomberg, a public-health crusader, contends that massive sodas are a significant contributor to obesity. […] Dr. Mariannette Miller-Meeks, director of the Iowa Department of Public Health, wondered whether a government ban on large soft drinks would be legal. She added that such a ban might backfire. ‘I think there could be a backlash anytime a government body steps in,’ she said. Miller-Meeks said it would be more effective to encourage people to make healthier choices instead of trying to force them to do so. She
applauded voluntary moves, such as Hy-Vee’s addition of nutritional information on its grocery products and McDonald’s decision to include fewer French fries and add apple slices to its children’s meals.” [Des Moines Register, 6/1/12]

**Miller-Meeks Promoted Laugh Out Loud Day Or LOL Day In Iowa**

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**Miller-Meeks Announced An Expansion Of The Free Nicotine Replacement Program, Quitline Iowa**

Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH) is announcing an expansion of the free nicotine replacement program launched earlier this year for Iowans who enroll in Quitline Iowa. Beginning Oct. 23, any participant who enrolls in the no-cost program could be eligible for twice as much nicotine replacement therapy - eight weeks instead of four weeks. ‘We believe this change offers Iowans who need help quitting smoking or using smokeless tobacco a greater incentive to enroll in Quitline Iowa,’ said IDPH Director, Dr. Mariannette Miller-Meeks. ‘The longer an individual has access to NRT, the more likely they are to stay tobacco free. It’s hoped that by expanding access to nicotine replacement patches, lozenges or gum, those struggling with withdrawal symptoms will be more likely to succeed in quitting for good.’” [Osceola Sentinel-Tribune, 10/23/13]
Donald Trump

**Significant Findings**

- In 2016, Miller-Meeks said she would support Trump if Republicans nominated him, but was concerned about his effect on down ballot races.
- Miller-Meeks said “comments made by Trump 11 years ago were vulgar & disgusting!”
- Miller-Meeks: “It seems to me that republicans do a better job of holding their members of congress accountable than democrats.”
- Miller-Meeks voted along party lines to prohibit the Democratic Attorney General from joining lawsuits that targeted the Trump Administration.
- In June 2019, Miller-Meeks participated in Trump’s executive order signing on improving the transparency.
- Miller-Meeks wondered whether Trump’s impeachment trial was a “like Kavanaugh 2.0”

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### 2016 Election

**2016: Miller-Meeks Said She Would Support Trump If Republicans Nominated Him, But Was Concerned About His Effect On Down Ballot Races**

Miller-Meeks Said Once Trump Was Nominated By Republicans She Would Support Him, But Acknowledge That Concerns About Trump’s Effect On Down Ballot Races Was Legitimate. “This summer, Ottumwa eye doctor, Mariannette Miller-Meeks will be a voting delegate to the National Convention. However, she isn’t sure how she will vote at the convention. In an email to KTVO, Miller-Meeks said that she isn’t quite clear on convention balloting protocol. She isn’t sure at this time if the rules will require her to cast a vote for Ted Cruz as the winner of the Iowa Caucus. But once the Trump is officially nominated by the party, he will have Miller-Meek’s full support. ‘I think the party will get behind the nominee and focus on winning the White House in November. True rhetoric will change from ‘anyone but Trump’ to ‘anyone but Hillary’ or ‘#neverHillary,’ she said. She did acknowledge that concerns about Trump’s effect on down ballot races is legitimate. [KTVO, 5/4/16]

**Miller-Meeks Said “Comments Made By Trump 11 Years Ago Were Vulgar & Disgusting!”**

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HEADLINE: “Trump Recorded Having Extremely Lewd Conversation About Women In 2005”
[Washington Post, 10/8/16]

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NOTE: Miller-Meeks tweets are located on the DCCC’s Research Drive.

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2016 GOP Presidential Primary

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Lawsuits Against The Trump Administration

Miller-Meeks Voted Along Party Lines To Prohibit The Democrat Attorney General From Joining Lawsuits That Targeted The Trump Administration

Miller-Meeks Voted Along Party Lines To Prohibit The Democrat Attorney General From Joining Lawsuits That Targeted Trump Administration. “Iowa Republicans have proposed new restrictions on the state’s Democratic attorney general to prevent him from joining lawsuits that target President Donald Trump’s administration. Tom Miller, as the state’s chief legal officer, joined six lawsuits in 2018 that were initiated in other
states seeking to block many of Trump’s policies, including separating families on the southern U.S. border and requiring citizenship information in the 2020 census [...] ‘We have a Republican governor, we have a Republican Legislature, and we have had an attorney general that has been going outside of the state taking part in lawsuits that are the complete antithesis to the agenda that the governor and the Legislature has set,’ said Rep. Gary Worthan, R-Storm Lake. Worthan filed his proposal this week, tacking it onto a budget bill moving through the Iowa House of Representatives, that would require Miller’s office to get permission to join out-of-state lawsuits. If the proposal becomes law, the attorney general could only prosecute non-Iowa suits if requested by the governor, the General Assembly or the Executive Council, which also includes the governor.” [Des Moines Register, 4/20/19; S.F. 615, Journal of the Senate, 4/15/19]

“Miller Joins Multistate Lawsuit Challenging Trump Administration’s Family Separation Policy” [Iowa Attorney General, 6/26/18]

“Miller Joins Multistate Lawsuit Challenging Federal Rescinding of DACA Program” [Iowa Attorney General, 9/6/17]

“Iowa Joins Multistate Lawsuit Against U.S. Department Of Education For Refusing To Enforce Gainful Employment Rule” [Iowa Attorney General, 10/16/17]

“Miller Joins Lawsuit To Block Census Bureau From Demanding Citizenship Information” [Iowa Attorney General, 4/3/18]

“Attorney General Miller Joins 27-Member Coalition Defending Clean Power Plan” [Iowa Attorney General, 4/27/18]

“Miller Joins 15 Attorneys General In Amicus Brief Supporting Washington State Lawsuit Against President Trump’s Executive Order On Immigration” [Iowa Attorney General, 2/6/17]

“Miller, 17 Attorneys General Oppose Rolling Back Protections For Nursing Home Residents” [Iowa Attorney General, 5/31/18]

“Miller Joins Coalition Asking Supreme Court To Review ACA Repeal Case” [Iowa Attorney General, 1/3/20]

Impeachment

Miller-Meeks Wondered Whether Trump’s Impeachment Trial Was A “Like Kavanaugh 2.0.”

According to an interview gave on Caffeinated Thoughts Podcast, when asked for her “thoughts on what she’s heard from witnesses during the impeachment”, Miller-Meeks said, “The concerns that I have about the process is 1. That it has not been transparent, and you really wonder if this is like Kavanaugh 2.0. The intelligence committee changing what they think is a whistleblower, at the time a whistleblower came forward. This whole process of changing the rules of what’s considered a whistleblower, that was problematic. I see that the way the process has unfolded has not been transparent. It has not been a bipartisan process. You wonder if they are trying to overturn an a duly elected president.” [Caffeinated Thoughts, 00:07:10, 12/3/19] (AUDIO)

Miller-Meeks: “One Way To Hold Government Accountable Is At Election Time To Throw People Out Of Office If You Don’t Think They’re Doing Their Job.”

According to Miller-Meeks for Congress 2020 website,
Miller-Meeks stated “One of the things I get asked about on the campaign trail all the time is what is government doing and who holds government accountable. And we’ve certainly seen that recently in the impeachment inquiry that’s going on in Congress government is they’re elected to serve people and they need to be accountable to the people they serve. One way to hold government accountable is at election time to throw people out of office if you don’t think they’re doing their job. But more importantly, we need to be using the reports from the inspector general’s the Attorney General’s and we need to hold government accountable for the things that it does.” [Miller-Meeks for Congress 2020, Government Accountability, 00:00:00, accessed 6/22/20] (VIDEO)

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Issues
## Significant Findings

- In May 2018, Miller-Meeks stated “It’s difficult as a woman to face this issue. I’m also Catholic, I am pro-choice, but it’s a very sensitive issue.”

- In May 2020, Miller-Meeks said she “misspoke” in 2018 when she said she was pro-choice saying “my record is 100 percent pro-life.”

- In 2020, Miller-Meeks’ primary opponent said his campaign got Miller-Meeks to “embrace a more pro-life position” which he considered “a win.”

- In 2010, Miller-Meeks said she did believe “there must be reasonable exceptions for victims of rape and incest, or when the physical life of the mother is at stake.”

- In 2008, Miller-Meeks was accused by her primary opponents of being liberal in her views on abortion.

- In 2020, Miller-Meeks voted for amending the state constitution to repeal the right to abortion.

- Miller-Meeks supported Iowa citizens voting for the Iowa Constitution Abortion Amendment.

- Miller-Meeks: “When Roe v Wade was decided and even since that time, we have not done a favor to women.”

- Miller-Meeks said Roe V Wade was “only temporary. this is only until women have access to birth control.”

- Miller-Meeks supported a measure that increased penalties for ending a woman’s pregnancy without her consent.

  - Democrats called the bill “extreme and unconstitutional” because it could endanger common birth control procedures, including IUDS, and could prevent Iowans from using in vitro fertilization.

- 2019: Miller-Meeks Voted For Expanding Penalties For Fetal Homicide Bill.

- 2020: Miller-Meeks Voted For Amending The State Constitution To Repeal The Right To Abortion.

- Miller-Meeks Said, Through Iowa State Legislation, She Helped Make Better Access To Oral Contraceptives For Women So Women Didn’t Have To Go To The Pharmacy.


## Pro-Life

May 2018: Miller-Meeks Stated “It’s Difficult As A Woman To Face This Issue. I’m Also Catholic, I Am Pro-Choice, But It’s A Very Sensitive Issue”...
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Miller-Meeks Said Abortion Discussions Are Best Left To Providers, To Doctors And To Patients. At a forum hosted by Ottumwa Women’s League of Voter, Miller-Meeks said “I think these are decisions that are best left to providers, to doctors and to patients. I don’t want the government in my health care decisions. And I think that that’s why it’s a good thing to bring it up and to be challenged. But it is a very personal issue.” [Ottumwa Women’s League of Voter forum, 00:01:21, 5/31/18] (VIDEO)

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Iowa City Press-Citizen: “Senator Miller-Meeks Was Speaking To The Point That She Is A Pro-Life Catholic When It Came To Her Mind That Some Notable Catholic Elected Leaders Are Pro-Choice.”

“That prompted her to misspeak “Her campaign spokesman, Eric Woolson, last week said Miller-Meeks simply misspoke at that event two years ago. ‘Senator Miller-Meeks was speaking to the point that she is a pro-life Catholic when it came to her mind that some notable Catholic elected leaders are pro-choice. That prompted her to misspeak,’ Woolson said. ‘As a physician, she was emphasizing her belief that, regardless of the medical condition being discussed, doctor-patient conversations need to be private and free of government intervention. All doctor-patient dialogue is, and should remain, private.’” [Iowa City Press-Citizen, 5/4/20]

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Miller-Meeks: “Young Women Have Available Resources, Both For Birth Control And The Educational Wherewithal To Be Able To Prevent Pregnancy”

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Miller-Meeks: “I Chose Life. And I Think To This Day That Guides Me In My Decisions, Both As A Person As A Roman Catholic And As A Human.”
Miller-Meeks: “I Chose Life. And I Think To This Day That Guides Me In My Decisions, Both As A Person As A Roman Catholic And As A Human.” According to Miller-Meeks for Congress 2020 website, Miller-Meeks stated “I think life is tremendously special, that all of us have a purpose for why we’re here on Earth. […] I chose life. And I think to this day that guides me in my decisions, both as a person as a Roman Catholic and as a human.” [Miller-Meeks for Congress 2020, Pro-Life, 00:00:00-00:02:38, accessed 6/22/20] (VIDEO)

2020: Miller-Meeks’ Primary Opponent Said His Campaign Got Miller-Meeks To “Embrace A More Pro-Life Position” Which He Considered “A Win”


2008: Miller-Meeks Was Accused By Her Primary Opponents Of Being Liberal In Her Views On Abortion

“One Republican opponent accuses Miller-Meeks of being liberal in her views on abortion, but for Miller-Meeks it comes down to an issue of education. ‘I feel that people should have access to information, which includes abstinence and other means of birth control,’ Miller-Meeks said. ‘Not every person is blessed to have a mom and a dad who are trying to help them to problem solve and resist peer pressure.’ Miller-Meeks said because it’s a judicial issue there is nothing she can do as a lawmaker to stop abortion, but she can make it easier to support families.” [The Hawk Eye, 5/27/08]

Abortion Restrictions

2020: Miller-Meeks Voted For Requiring A 24-Hour Waiting Period Prior To Abortion

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Iowa Constitution Abortion Amendment

Miller-Meeks Supported Iowa Citizens Voting For The Iowa Constitution Abortion Amendment
Miller-Meeks Supported Iowa Citizens Voting For The Iowa Constitution Abortion Amendment. Miller-Meeks speech on the Iowa Senate floor regarding Iowa Constitution Abortion Amendment. Miller-Meeks said “So when you’re asking “Should I have the right to vote?” The people of Iowa should have the right to vote on this issue. The supreme court in making their decision took away the rights of people and states to make that decision. This resolution is asking for people to make that determination, the people of Iowa, to vote on this issue. I rise in support of this resolution.” [Ottumwa Women’s League of Voter forum, 00:02:32, 2/13/20] (VIDEO)

The Constitutional Amendment Would Have Said That The State’s Constitution Des Not Protect Abortion Rights. “The Iowa Senate has passed a proposed constitutional amendment that would say the state's constitution does not protect abortion rights — an effort Republicans say is needed to roll back an Iowa Supreme Court decision to the contrary and Democrats say will open the door to further restricting abortion in Iowa. The Republican-controlled chamber passed the measure along party lines on a 32-18 vote on Thursday afternoon in a major step forward for a priority of legislative Republicans and Gov. Kim Reynolds. They have repeatedly criticized a 2018 Iowa Supreme Court decision that found a fundamental right to abortion in the Iowa Constitution.” [Des Moines Register, 2/13/20]

Miller-Meeks Was “Lobbied Heavily By Constituents In My District To Vote Against” The Constitutional Amendment But Voted In Favor Of The Amendment “Because That’s What I Believed In”

Miller-Meeks Was Asked To Comment About Whether She Would Work For The GOP Or The Citizens Of Iowa’s 2nd District In D.C. At a Marion County GOP Congressional Forum, Miller-Meeks was asked “I believe that most of the people that have been elected to go to Washington vote mainly party. Both Pelosi and McCarthy have the uncanny ability to whip their members into line. And so we very rarely see disagreements from within the party. I believe that it’s the candidates responsibility to represent the people of the district are elected to and not just represent the party. We need to work with the people of our district and represent what they want us to do.” [Marion County GOP Congressional Forum, 00:43:00, 5/14/20]

Miller-Meeks Supported An Amendment To The Iowa Constitution That Stated Iowa Did Not Secure Or Protect A Right To Or Require The Funding For An Abortion

Miller-Meeks Co-Sponsored A Proposed Constitutional Amendment To State That The Iowa Constitution Did “Not Secure Or Protect A Right To Abortion.” “Throughout the Thursday rally, anti-abortion activists referenced the Iowa Supreme Court and the rulings in recent years that have thrown off their legislative strategy to restrict abortion. Rep. Sandy Salmon, R-Janesville, at one point raised a copy of the Iowa Constitution as she told the crowd that abortion protections are not spelled out in the document. Salmon highlighted a proposed constitutional amendment to state that the Iowa Constitution ‘does not secure or protect a right to abortion.” [Des Moines Register, 2/22/19; Iowa Legislature, SJ 9, Introduced 1/24/19]
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2020: Miller-Meeks Voted For Amending The State Constitution To Repeal The Right To Abortion. Meeks voted for SJR 2001, “a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Iowa to protect life by declaring that the Constitution of the State of Iowa shall not be construed to recognize, grant, or secure a right to abortion or to require the public funding of abortion.” The bill passed by vote 35-11. [Iowa State Legislature, SJR 2001, 2/13/20]

Roe V. Wade

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Miller-Meeks Said Roe v Wade Was “Only Temporary. This Is Only Until Women Have Access To Birth Control”

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Judicial Issue

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Iowa State Anti-Abortion Laws

Miller-Meeks Supported A Measure That Increased Penalties For Ending A Woman’s Pregnancy Without Her Consent, And Critics Called It Extreme And Unconstitutional

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a measure to define an ‘unborn person’ in Iowa law as part of a measure increasing penalties for ending a woman’s pregnancy without her consent. The bill passed the Senate Tuesday afternoon on a vote of 31-18, with Republicans in support and Democrats opposed. ‘Finally, we have a bill that recognizes the dignity and the rights of that human child in the womb, the same as the human life that’s carrying that child,’ said Sen. Jake Chapman, R-Adel, who managed the bill’s passage.” [Des Moines Register, 3/28/19; S.F. 523, Journal of the Senate, 3/26/19]

Des Moines Register: The Bill Could Increase Penalties For “Killing Or Injuring The Woman In A Car Crash Or While Committing A Felony And Ending Her Pregnancy In The Process.” “Senate Democratic Leader Janet Petersen of Des Moines called the bill ‘extreme and unconstitutional’ and said, if it becomes law, it would endanger common birth control procedures, including IUDs, and could prevent Iowans from using in vitro fertilization. It could also open the door for criminal investigations of women who suffer a miscarriage, Petersen said. The debate over the definition of ‘unborn person’ came during a Senate discussion of a measure that would increase penalties for ending a woman’s pregnancy without her consent, for example, by killing or injuring the woman in a car crash or while committing a felony and ending her pregnancy in the process.” [Des Moines Register, 3/28/19; S.F. 523, Journal of the Senate, 3/26/19]

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Jan 2019: A District Court Judge Ruled The Fetal Heartbeat Bill Was Unconstitutional. “The 2018 forum topic was whether either Miller-Meeks or challenger Daniel Cesar would repeal the 2018 legislative bill banning most abortions after a fetal heartbeat is detected. At the time, the legislation was considered the most restrictive abortion ban in the nation; a district court judge ruled it unconstitutional in January 2019.” [Iowa City Press-Citizen, 5/4/20]

Miller-Meeks Said Helped Champion The Passage Of A Bill That Banned Most Abortions After A Fetal Heartbeat Was Detected Which Was Struck Down In January 2019

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abortions after a fetal heartbeat was detected which was struck down in January 2019. She also mentioned her work to pass a bill that set up a children’s mental health system in Iowa and a pro-gun rights resolution aiming to add a 2nd Amendment protections to the Iowa Constitution.” [Iowa City Press-Citizen. 11,8/19]

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The Bill Increased The Penalty For Intentionally Or Accidentally Causing The Death Of An Unborn Person. “A House subcommittee has advanced a bill (SF 523) that would increase the criminal penalty for intentionally or accidentally causing the death of an “unborn person.” It was the first opportunity for supporters and opponents of the proposal to weigh in on controversial language defining an unborn person as starting at conception. Under the measure, some people convicted of killing an unborn person could receive a life sentence. Supporters said it is an appropriate punishment.” [Iowa Public Radio, 4/1/19]

### Contraception

**Miller-Meeks Sponsored A Bill Expanding Access To Birth Control In Iowa**

Miller-Meeks Sponsored Senate Bill To Expand Access To Birth Control. “The bill would allow Iowans to get birth control pills and some other forms of contraception directly from a pharmacist without visiting a clinic first. Patients would have to complete a health screening, and pharmacists could refer them to a doctor if there are any concerns…Miller-Meeks chairs the Senate Human Resources Committee and is sponsoring the Senate version of the bill. ‘As a doctor, as a former nurse, as a woman, former director of the Iowa Department of Public Health, I think it’s a good policy,’ Miller-Meeks said. Miller-Meeks said. ‘I think women are smart, intelligent, and competent—they can make this decision once they’re given the proper information.’ She also said she would not support this proposal if she thought it would cause harm to women, which is a concern mentioned by the bill’s opponents.” [Iowa Public Radio, 2/26/19]

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**Miller-Meeks Said It Was Important To Give People Access To Information, Including Abstinence And Other Means Of Birth Control**

Miller-Meeks Said It Was Important To Give People Access To Information, Including Abstinence And Other Means Of Birth Control. “One Republican opponent accuses Miller-Meeks of being liberal in her views on abortion, but for Miller-Meeks it comes down to an issue of education. ‘I feel that people should have access to information, which includes abstinence and other means of birth control,’ Miller-Meeks said. ‘Not every person is blessed to have a mom and a dad who are trying to help them to problem solve and resist peer pressure.’ Miller-Meeks said because it’s a judicial issue there is nothing she can do as a lawmaker to stop abortion, but she can make it easier to support families.” [The Hawk Eye, 5/27/08]
Agriculture & Food Access Issues

**Significant Findings**

- Miller-Meeks refused to say whether nutrition assistance should be separated from the farm bill.
- Miller-Meeks: “Farmers want to have a free market in which to trade, they don’t want subsidies; that’s what they’ve told me.”
- Miller-Meeks falsely said the top item purchased with food stamps was Mountain Dew.
  - Miller-Meeks apologized for the misstatement and acknowledged the state does not specifically track Food Stamp purchase information.
- In 2019 Miller-Meeks voted for the agricultural production facility trespass.
- In 2020, Miller-Meeks voted for increasing penalties for trespassing on animal food operations.
- In 2020, Miller-Meeks voted for the Medicaid, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Eligibility Verification.

**Farm Bill**

**Miller-Meeks Refused To Say Whether Nutrition Assistance Should Be Separated From The Farm Bill**

“Miller-Meeks refused to say whether nutrition assistance should be separated from the farm bill. When Miller-Meeks debated David Loebsack in 2014, ‘Miller-Meeks mentioned the Affordable Care Act immediately in the debate as being unaffordable, she refused to say whether she’d repeal the bill. Loebsack successfully called her on that, saying she’s been for repealing it in the past and he’s not sure where she is now. She also declined to say whether nutrition assistance should be separated from the farm bill, choosing instead to talk about curing poverty.” [Des Moines Register, 8/29/18]

**Miller-Meeks Falsely Said The Top Item Purchased With Food Stamps Was Mountain Dew**

“Miller-Meeks made a false claim that the top item purchased with food stamps was Mountain Dew. ‘Miller-Meeks was criticized by Democrats in January 2014 after a newspaper story said she had told a group the previous fall that the top food item purchased in Iowa with food stamps is Mountain Dew. The state doesn’t keep such statistics, and she later told a reporter her remarks were taken out of context.’ [Des Moines Register, 4/16/16]

**Miller-Meeks Apologized For The Misstatement And Acknowledged The State Does Not Specifically Track Food Stamp Purchase Information**

“Miller-Meeks was under criticism for comments about Iowans on public assistance. She inaccurately stated in October that Mountain Dew was the top item purchased in Iowa with food stamps. Subsequently, she apologized for the misstatement and acknowledged the state does not specifically track food stamp purchase information.” [Hawk Eye, 2/25/14]
## Farm Subsidies

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Miller-Meeks: “Farmers Want To Have A Free Market In Which To Trade. They Don’t Want Subsidies; That’s What They’ve Told Me.” The candidate is also for a free market economy, a revamp of the tax code and fewer subsidies. ‘Farmers want to have a free market in which to trade. They don’t want subsidies; that’s what they’ve told me,’ Miller-Meeks said. ‘It may take the United States to be the leader and say we’re going to get rid of subsidies and you’ll follow suit.’” [The Hawk Eye, 5/27/08]

## Agricultural Production Facility Trespass

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## Food Safety

**2020: Miller-Meeks Voted For Increasing Penalties For Trespassing On Animal Food Operations**

2020: Miller-Meeks Voted For Increasing Penalties For Trespassing On Animal Food Operations. Meeks voted for S.F. 2413or The Campus Free Speech Act, A bill for an act relating to agriculture and food, including the powers and duties of the department of agriculture and land stewardship, providing penalties, making penalties applicable, and including effective date provisions.” The bill passed by vote 34-11. [Iowa State Legislature, S.F. 2413, 6/5/20]

## SNAP

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**Miller-Meeks Said Governmental Safety Nets “Need To Transform Safety Nets Into Trampolines So You Never Hit Bottom But You’re Boosted Upward So You Can Fulfill Whatever Potential You Have”**

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Budget Issues

**Significant Findings**

- Miller-Meeks supported enacting a Balanced Budget Amendment.
  - According to AARP, a Balanced Budget Amendment would “likely harm Social Security and Medicare, subjecting both programs to potentially deep cuts.”
- 2014: Miller-Meeks platform for congressional bid included reducing government spending.
- Miller-Meeks said she would reduce the Departments of Energy and Homeland Security.

**Funding And Budgets**

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Center for American Progress: The Balanced-Budget Amendment Threatens Americans’ Health Care, Social Security, and Jobs [Center for American Progress, 4/11/18]

AARP Opposed The Balanced Budget Amendment Because It Would “Likely Harm Social Security And Medicare, Subjecting Both Programs To Potentially Deep Cuts.” “AARP is writing to express our opposition to a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution of the United States. […] A balanced budget amendment would likely harm Social Security and Medicare, subjecting both programs to potentially deep cuts without regard to the impact on the health and financial security of individuals. It would also likely diminish the resources available for programs assisting Americans who are least able to provide for themselves – services such as meals or heating for those who are too poor or physically unable to take care of their basic needs without some support.” [AARP, Letter, 4/9/18]

A Balanced Budget Amendment Would Override All Government Guarantees And Promises Written Into Law – Including Social Security, Medicare, Veterans Benefits, And Military Pensions. “In general, a balanced budget requirement in the U.S. Constitution would override any and all government guarantees and promises written into law: the guarantee to pay interest on the debt; or to pay insurance and guarantee claims for bank deposits, floods, loan defaults, and nuclear accidents; or to pay program benefits for Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, unemployment benefits, veterans’ benefits, or military and civil service pensions; or to pay contractors who have delivered goods or services to the federal government.” [CBPP, 3/16/18]

Under A Balanced Budget Amendment, It Would Be Unconstitutional For Social Security To Use Its Savings – What Workers Already Paid In – To Pay Promised Benefits; Benefits Could Have To Be Cut. “Currently, Social Security holds $2.9 trillion in Treasury securities. But under the balanced budget amendment, it would essentially be unconstitutional for Social Security to draw down these savings to pay
promised benefits. Instead, benefits could have to be cut, because all federal expenditures would have to be covered by tax revenues collected during that same year.” [CBPP, 3/16/18]

Government Spending

2014: Miller-Meeks Platform For Congressional Bid Included Reducing Government Spending

Miller-Meeks Wanted To Reduce Excessive Government Regulation. “Mariannette Miller-Meeks said during a speech Wednesday in Iowa City that she wants to reduce the burdens caused by what she views as excessive government regulation. ‘It’s not just small businesses. It’s nonprofits, it’s local government agencies - all of them have the effects of administrative burden of over-regulation,’ she said. In an interview after the speech, Miller-Meeks said if elected she intends to focus on health care, helping the economy grow, creating jobs and looking at ‘over-zealous regulation that doesn’t really help to protect the public and doesn’t make sense to average citizens,’ as well as government accountability.” [Des Moines Register, 8/29/14]

Spending Cuts

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Significant Findings

- Miller-Meeks spoke at a rally with Nick Fuentes who marched in the deadly 2017 Unite The Right Rally in Charlottesville.
- Miller-Meeks denounced Fuentes the next day, saying she was not aware of who he was.
- Miller-Meeks supported federal government breaking up or impose restrictions on large organizations that limit free speech such as Facebook, Google, YouTube and Twitter.

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Miller-Meeks Said She Was Not Aware Who Fuentes Was Or Represented. “The Press-Citizen reached out to Miller-Meeks and Bobby Schilling for context on their attendance at the forum. ‘I’ve spent my life and career trying to treat everyone with the same respect that I would want to be treated with,’ Miller-Meeks said in a release. ‘As I said yesterday (on Twitter), I wasn’t aware who Nick Fuentes was or what he represented. Had I known, I
would not have attended and I certainly would have encouraged the Scott County Teenage Republicans to cancel his appearance.”” [Iowa City Press-Citizen, 12/6/19]

**Miller-Meeks: “There Is No Room In This Country For Racism, Antisemitism, Xenophobia And Hate.”**

“There is no room in this country for racism, antisemitism, xenophobia and hate,” Miller-Meeks tweeted Tuesday. ‘I have been a long supporter of Israel and celebrate people of all backgrounds.”” [Iowa City Press-Citizen, 12/6/19]

### Free Speech

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**COVID-19**

### Significant Findings

- Miller-Meeks did not think the government in a pandemic “should force you to have a vaccine.”
- Miller-Meeks deleted a tweet stating that she would try hydroxychloroquine if she had COVID-19 after reading the research.
- Miller-Meeks: “The reality is how we come out of this, how we respond to the coronavirus is far more important than a campaign, that’s the reality.”
- In May 2020, Miller-Meeks blamed China for lying about COVID-19 and lying about human-to-human transmission, adding “we didn’t have a lot of information about this virus.”
- In April 2020, Miller-Meeks said the U.S. may have increased tension with China over COVID-19, saying “China trying to use propaganda to blame it on the United States where in all of us know where this virus originated.”
- In Feb. 2020, Miller-Meeks said it was easier for China to have a lock down during coronavirus because it had an authoritarian government.
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- May 12, 2020: Miller-Meeks thought it was “appropriate to begin opening up.”
- Miller-Meeks thought the way Trump had responded to the pandemic was a good example of federalism.
- Miller-Meeks praised Trump and Governor Reynolds for the way they handled the pandemic.
- Miller-Meeks supported the Payroll Protection plan and wanted to expand the program for small businesses.
- Miller-Meeks said she would have recommended shutting down travel, increased testing, sheltering at home and closed businesses for two to three weeks had the president had asked her for advice.
- On Feb. 26, 2020, Miller-Meeks was calling for the WHO to start calling the coronavirus a pandemic “because we can’t contain it”
- Miller-Meeks related to others who have issues accessing WIFI in rural areas saying “I only have satellite or wi-fi and it’s variable.”

### Vaccines & Treatment
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HEADLINE: “Miller-Meeks Touted Unproven Malaria Drug For COVID Cases” [Iowa Starting Line, 4/22/20]

China

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Feb. 2020: Miller-Meeks Said It Was Easier For China To Have A Lock Down During Coronavirus Because It Had An Authoritarian Government. At a Westside Conservatives Meeting, the question Miller-Meek was asked was “What’s your position on China?” Miller-Meeks responded “It’s interesting when you look at China and handling the Coronavirus, so, in one hand being authoritarian country makes it easy to lock down a city and to lock down travel and quarantine people. So on one hand, that’s easier. I think if you remember the Ebola virus, there was a nurse who came back from Africa, […] they wanted her to quarantine for self-enrollment. She refused to do it. So trying to can lock down a country, a province in an authoritarian regime. But the other side of that coin is anything that happens negatively in the country is a reflection of their government system and of their President and President GGP And so there may be a delay in acknowledging how severe it was what was really happening and that problem existed. So you’ve got both of those things happening at the same time. So I think the Coronavirus, spread more, because there wasn’t information out fast enough, and it wasn’t contained and certainly is not contained.” [Westside Conservatives Meeting, 00:24:05, 2/26/20] (VIDEO)

Miller-Meeks Was Asked What Was Her Position On China, Referencing Former Gov. Branstad Was Ambassador Helping With Trade And The Coronavirus.” At a Westside Conservatives Meeting, the question Miller-Meek was asked was “I’d like to understand your position on China. We’re seeing right obviously Iowa has a strong relationship with China. Obviously, our previous governors over there now more than likely helping our president in some of these trade war issues and others, hopefully, helping with his Coronavirus issue. But we need to understand what’s going on there and the impact in our society right? There are large issues picking up with data, right five key, those types of things. And there are communists or
socialists, we say that as well that didn’t work. We said keep it in the world when we say other countries didn’t work. We are hand in hand with China.” [Westside Conservatives Meeting, 00:22:35, 2/26/20] (VIDEO)

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Miller-Meeks Thought The Way Trump Had Responded To The Pandemic Was A Good Example Of Federalism. At a Muscatine County GOP Forum, Miller-Meeks was asked “What is the proper role of the federal government?” Miller-Meeks responded “And I think you’ve seen an example of federalism in how President Trump has responded to the pandemic and the Coronavirus and we’ve also seen the excesses of some of the governors who have really been much more authoritarian and dictatorial of they’ve responded to the pandemic within their state. So it’s a great example of federalism in response to the pandemic.” [Muscatine County GOP Forum, 00:24:48, 5/26/20]

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Miller-Meeks Praised Trump And Governor Reynolds For The Way They Handled The Pandemic. At a Lee County GOP Candidate Forum, Miller-Meeks stated “So I think both President Trump and Governor Reynolds handled this situation, the pandemic, the way they should have handled it, especially watching what was coming out of New York. […] So Governor Reynolds, I think had the appropriate actions. There are governors that certainly had an authoritarian crackdown and went way too far. I think people are willing to comply, they’re willing to shelter at home, go out when necessary as we started the pandemic, as long as it seems reasonable and pragmatic given what we know about the virus.” [Lee County GOP Candidate Forum, 00:51:00, 5/12/20]

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Business Protections

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June 2020: Miller-Meeks Voted For Establishing Legal Protections For Business And Health Care Providers During COVID-19

2020: Miller-Meeks Voted For Establishing Legal Protections For Business And Health Care Providers During COVID-19. Meeks voted for S.F. 2338, “A bill for an act relating to civil actions, including recoverable damages for medical expenses, evidence offered to prove past medical expenses, and civil actions related to the novel coronavirus, and including retroactive applicability provisions.” The bill passed by vote 30-20. [Iowa State Legislature, S.F. 2338, 6/10/20]

Miller-Meeks Supported The Payroll Protection Plan And Wanted To Expand The Program For Small Businesses

Miller-Meeks Supported The Payroll Protection Plan And Wanted To Expand The Program For Small Businesses. At a Johnson County GOP Candidate Forum Miller-Meeks was said “So I think the payroll protection plan or the PPP needs to be expanded so that smaller businesses have more access to that funding. It’s a forgivable loan if it’s used to pay for rent or for employees in order to maintain them as employees to maintain their staff. [Johnson County GOP Candidate Forum, 00:07:34, 4/24/20] (VIDEO)

Miller-Meeks COVID-19 Plan

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to have contract tracing and surveillance while working on serology, fast tracking of vaccine.” [Marion County GOP Congressional Forum. 00: 35:16, 5/14/20]

**Miller-Meeks Was Asked How She Would Have Balanced The Economic Health And Health Of Our Nation If The President Had Asked Her Opinion.** At a Marion County GOP Congressional Forum, Miller-Meeks was asked “If the President of the United States had asked your opinion on what he should do, can you please explain to us how you would have balanced the economic health and the literal health of its citizens?” [Marion County GOP Congressional Forum. 00: 32:18, 5/14/20]

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**World Health Organization (WHO)**

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Feb. 26, 2020: Miller-Meeks Was Calling For The WHO To Start Calling The Coronavirus A Pandemic “Because We Can’t Contain It.” At a Westside Conservatives Meeting, the question Miller-Meek said “Coronavirus? I think the WHO should already say it’s a pandemic because we can’t contain it. But that doesn’t mean to panic. So we can talk about Coronavirus later.” [Westside Conservatives Meeting, 00:17:21, 2/26/20] (VIDEO)

March 11, 2020: The World Health Organization (WHO) Made The Assessment That COVID-19 Could Be Characterized As A Pandemic. According to the World Health Organization (WHO) twitter account, on March 11, 2020, the WHO tweeted “WHO has been assessing this outbreak around the clock and we are deeply concerned both by the alarming levels of spread and severity, and by the alarming levels of inaction’ […] ‘We have therefore made the assessment that #COVID19 can be characterized as a pandemic’- @DrTedros #coronavirus [World Heath Organization (WHO) Twitter, 3/11/20]
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“The COVID-19 pandemic that is forcing employees to work from home and school children to seek online instruction is shining a bright light on Iowa’s broadband challenges and possibly spurring some accelerated action to address it. […] The issue already is top of mind for state Sen. Mariannette Miller-Meeks, an Ottumwa Republican whose home is located at the city-county line where she said her internet service is sketchy at best. ‘I only have satellite or Wi-Fi and it’s variable,’ said Miller-Meeks. ‘Like today when it’s overcast, I may get television, I may get internet, or I may not.’ She said trying to download information can take a long time and she’s not the only Iowan spending frustrating and tedious stints parked on the side of the digital superhighway.” [Iowa Farmer Today, 4/4/20]
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**Training**

**Miller-Meeks Said Law Enforcement Having Proper Training Was Important To Address Crime In Iowa**

Miller-Meeks Supported “Proper Training For Our Law Enforcement,” But Said She Felt “Safe In South East Iowa.” “Knowing our law enforcement, having proper training for our law enforcement so we don’t have untold events, but that people feel safe when they go about. I feel very safe in south east Iowa, that’s one of the reasons I came here, but certainly looking at things now that are a little bit different in the atmosphere than we’ve had before.” [KTVO, 10/15/18]

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**THC**

**Miller-Meeks Understood Why The State Board Recommended Removing The THC Percentage Cap And Replacing It With A THC Limit Of 4.5 Grams Over A 90-Day Period But Was Unsure If She Would Vote To Support The Recommendation**

Miller-Meeks Understood Why The State Board Recommended Removing The THC Percentage Cap And Replacing It With A THC Limit Of 4.5 Grams Over A 90-Day Period But Was Unsure If She Would Vote To Support The Recommendation. Earlier this month, that board recommended removing the THC percentage cap and replacing it with a THC limit of 4.5 grams over a 90-day period. That’s drastically more restrictive than a limit of 25 grams of THC in a 90-day period that the Republican-controlled House approved last month. […] Sen. Mariannette Miller-Meeks, R-Ottumwa, attended the medical advisory board’s April 16 meeting to get more context about members’ views on the THC gram recommendations. Miller-Meeks, who is a physician, said she doesn’t know how she’ll vote, but indicated she understood the board’s reasoning.
‘Our program is a new program,’ she said. ‘Sometimes it helps to go slow so that you know what you’re doing, you know what the effects are.’” [Des Moines Register, 4/25/19]

**Des Moines Register: The Board Said A 25-Gram Limit For 90 Days Would Allow “An Extremely Large Amount Of The For A Medical Program That Seeks To Avoid Becoming A Recreational Program.”** The advisory board members sent a letter to Gov. Kim Reynolds and lawmakers explaining their recommendation. The board said a 25-gram limit for 90 days would allow ‘an extremely large amount of THC for a medical program that seeks to avoid becoming a recreational program.’ The board said such a loose limit could make physicians reluctant to certify patients for the program.” [Des Moines Register, 4/25/19]

### Harm Reduction

**Op-Ed: Miller-Meeks Was Supportive Of Harm Reduction Policy**

Op-Ed: Miller-Meeks Was Supportive Of Harm Reduction Policy. “For many years, Republicans have been hesitant to embrace harm reduction, the policymaking philosophy that emphasizes health and safety over criminalization. State Sen. Mariannette Miller-Meeks — who is seeking the GOP nomination in Iowa’s 2nd Congressional District — is a promising example of the changing landscape. This month, Miller-Meeks and state Rep. Ann Meyer, R-Fort Dodge, were honored as legislators of the year by the Iowa Harm Reduction Coalition, recognized for their efforts to make substance abuse treatment more accessible for Medicaid patients, which makes the process more efficient for both patients and the state government. As a doctor, Miller-Meeks takes an evidence-based approach to public policy questions, seeking input from a wide range of constituents and professionals.” [The Gazette, Op-Ed, 10/15/19]

Miller-Meeks: “When It Comes To Harm Reduction, There’s Drug Policy, There’s Law Enforcement Policy, There’s Criminal Justice And There’s Health Policy.” “Miller-Meeks is not a doctrinaire drug reformer or a radical libertarian like me. As a doctor, she takes a evidence-based approach to public policy questions, seeking input from a wide range of constituents and professionals. ‘When it comes to harm reduction, there’s drug policy, there’s law enforcement policy, there’s criminal justice and there’s health policy,’ Miller-Meeks told me in an phone interview last week. ‘I think we can all agree there are reforms in the criminal justice system that need to be made. Looking at low-level possession — should that be a criminal offense?’”[The Gazette, Op-Ed, 10/15/19]

Op-Ed: A Goal “Of Iowa Harm Reductionists In Recent Years Has Been Legal Needle Exchange Programs, Which Offer Clean Supplies To People Who Use Intravenous Drugs.” “One of the main goals of Iowa harm reductionists in recent years has been legal needle exchange programs, which offer clean supplies to people who use intravenous drugs and are proven to prevent the spread of infectious disease. While at least one Iowa organization provides clean syringes to drug users, Iowa is among the minority of states where that is illegal. Bills to change that have made some progress in the Iowa Legislature, but haven’t been passed.” [The Gazette, Op-Ed, 10/15/19]

### Traffic Law Enforcement Ban

**2019: Miller-Meeks Voted For Automated Traffic Law Enforcement Ban**

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Sports Wagering

2019: Miller-Meeks Voted For Sports Wagering

2019: Miller-Meeks Voted For Sports Wagering. Meeks voted for S.F. 617, “a bill for an act relating to gambling regulation and wagering, by providing for sports wagering and fantasy sports contests, providing for taxes and fees, making penalties applicable, and including implementation and effective date provisions.” The bill passed by vote 31-18. [Iowa State Legislature, S.F. 617, 4/27/19]

Violence Against Women

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**Education Issues**

**Significant Findings**

- Miller-Meeks said she would cut the Department of Education, saying “the role of education should be through the state. So the Department of Education at the federal level plays an oversized role in education.”

- Miller-Meeks opposed the Education Jobs and Medicaid Assistance Act Of 2010, which saved 140,000 teachers jobs.

- Miller-Meeks voted in favor of campus free speech bill despite concerns that it would open the door to discrimination in student organizations.
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- Miller-Meeks said COVID-19 helped control the costs of education by having all classes online.

- Miller-Meeks: “Charter schools and school vouchers will improve the quality of an education and reduce costs to taxpayers”

- Miller-Meeks supported reforming No Child Left Behind.

- Miller-Meeks opposed the congressional bill that helped states pay for education expenses and Medicaid.

**Department Of Education**

**Miller-Meeks Said She Would Cut The Department Of Education**

Miller-Meeks said she would cut the Department of Education, saying “the role of education should be through the state. So the Department of Education at the federal level plays an oversized role in education.” At a Muscatine County GOP Forum, Miller-Meeks was asked “What agencies can we cut from the government to rein in spending and provide better oversight? Or how would you gain better oversight into our many government agencies for better public transparency?” Miller-Meeks responded “Well, certainly, Department of Education, the role of education should be through the state. So the Department of Education at the federal level plays an oversized role in education. And so looking at reducing and by attrition, ie when someone retires or don’t hire somebody to fill that position are ways that you can start reducing. […] And so looking at how our funding is what the sources sunsetting of laws and then not having automatic 2% increases in the budget year after year, but looking at the budget, just because you don’t if you don’t raise the funding to an agency doesn’t mean you’re cutting, cutting their budget. or cutting spending. So I don’t agree with automatic raises any of the agencies.

[Muscatine County GOP Forum, 00:42:06, 5/26/20]

**Miller-Meeks Wanted Miller-Meeks Education To Be Left To States To Manage**
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### Education Jobs And Medicaid Assistance Act Of 2010

**Miller-Meeks Opposed The Education Jobs And Medicaid Assistance Act Of 2010, Which Saved 140,000 Teachers’ Jobs**

Miller-Meeks Opposed The Congressional Bill That Helped States Pay For Education Expenses And Medicaid. “The U.S. House of Representatives has been in August recess, but it’s scheduled to be back in session today to vote on a $26 billion spending bill that the Senate approved last week. The money has two purposes - to help states pay for education expenses, and to help pay for Medicaid, the state-federal government health insurance program for the poor. […] Mariannette Miller-Meeks, R-Ottumwa ‘This bill is a double shot to Iowa. It takes $12 billion from food stamps to put money into an education system that needs to be reformed. Experts like the Iowa Policy Project say the food stamp program is the greatest government-funded stimulus for Iowa because every $1 million spent in the program generates or saves 10 Iowa jobs. Is David Loebsack honestly going to vote to take food from Americans who are at their most vulnerable and cost Iowans more jobs just to pay for the Democrats’ election-year grandstanding?’” [Des Moines Register, 8/10/10]

Miller-Meeks Opposed The Education Jobs And Medicaid Assistance Act Of 2010. “U.S. Rep. Dave Loebsack, a Democrat, criticized Republican Mariannette Miller-Meeks for favoring ‘tax breaks to outsourcing corporations.’ Miller-Meeks told KCRG-TV9 she would have opposed the Education Jobs and Medicaid Assistance Act of 2010 because the measures were funded, in part, with $9.8 billion saved by restricting ways multinational companies could claim the foreign tax credit. Closing a loophole to Democrats was considered raising taxes to Republicans, but we scored Loebsack’s claim mostly true.” [The Gazette, 10/4/14]

The Bill Included $26 Billion In Federal Funds To Shore Up State Budgets; The Bill Was Expected To Save 290,000 Jobs, Including 140,000 Teachers’ Positions. “Cash-strapped states are getting $26 billion in federal funds to shore up their budgets. The House voted 247-161 Tuesday, with support from the Democrats and overwhelming rejection from the Republicans, to send $16.1 billion in additional Medicaid money and $10 billion to prevent layoffs of teachers and first responders. In an unusual move, representatives returned from their August recess to approve the measure. […] The bill is expected to save 290,000 jobs, including 140,000 teachers' positions, according to congressional Democrats.” [CNN, 8/11/10]

### Free Speech On College Campuses

**Miller-Meeks Voted In Favor Of Campus Free Speech Bill Despite Concerns That It Would Open The Door To Discrimination In Student Organizations**

2019: Miller-Meeks Voted For The Campus Free Speech Act. Meeks voted for S.F. 274 or The Campus Free Speech Act, “a bill for an act relating to speech and expression at public institutions of higher education, providing for remedies, and including effective date provisions. (Formerly SSB 1099.)” The bill passed by vote 35-11. [Iowa State Legislature, S.F. 274, 3/11/19]

Iowa Public Radio: The Campus Free Speech Bill Passed Despite Of “ Concerns That It Would Open The Door To Discrimination In Student Organizations.” “A bill that aims to expand free speech rights on public college campuses in Iowa passed the House and Senate this week in spite of concerns that it would open the door to discrimination in student organizations. The House of Representatives debated the measure Thursday. Hite (Rep. Dustin Hite, R-New Sharon) said the bill requires public colleges to promote free expression, avoid trying to protect students from others’ speech, and get rid of ‘free speech zones’ he said unreasonably limit
public expression to a few areas on campus. Several House Democrats said they agree with most of the bill, but they said one section could allow discrimination. It says colleges cannot deny benefits to student groups that require their leaders to ‘agree to and support’ the group’s beliefs...Sen. Zach Wahls, D-Coralville, said it could lead to some people being denied leadership opportunities on campus. ‘This is nothing about a person’s religious beliefs. This is a question about people who have an identity or belong to a group that has historically been marginalized,’ Wahls said. ‘Those students are being denied because of who they are. That’s what discrimination is.” [Iowa Public Radio, 3/14/19; Iowa State Legislature, S.F. 274, Journal of the Senate, 3/11/19]

NOTE: Signed into law by Governor Kim Reynolds March 13, 2019.

**Higher Education**

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**Miller-Meeks Said COVID-19 Helped Control The Costs Of Education By Having All Classes Online.** At a Johnson County GOP Candidate Forum Miller-Meeks, when asked for ways to control cost of higher education, said “Well I think one of the things that can control the cost of higher education is what we just seen happen through Covid-19 in the pandemic. And that is classes were cancelled for many people and they were done online. So having online education, having more support of our community colleges which help with both trades and apprenticeships, a skillset before going to a four-year institution will help to reduce the cost of a college education.” [Johnson County GOP Candidate Forum, 00:09:30, 4/24/20] (VIDEO)

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**Miller-Meeks Supported “Bolstering These Areas That Help With Certain Skills, Training And Technical Courses Which Are Vital To Our Economy.”** According to Miller-Meeks for Congress 2010 website under “Improving Education”, Miller-Meeks said “an affordable college education isn’t just about low-interest rates on government backed loans, since it does not bring down the cost of a higher education. As someone who went through the community college system, I fully support bolstering these areas that help with certain skills, training and technical courses which are vital to our economy and provide good-paying jobs for middle class Iowa families. [Miller-Meeks for Congress 2010, accessed 6/15/20]

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**No Child Left Behind**

**Miller-Meeks Supported Reforming No Child Left Behind**. According to Miller-Meeks for Congress 2010 website under “Generally, education reform must emphasize more local control, less administrative bureaucracy, and allowing teachers to teach, innovate and excel in their own classrooms. The needs of every student differ, and therefore the needs are different from classroom to classroom. That also means reforming No Child Left Behind to prevent ‘teaching to the test’ and allowing more freedom for teachers to teach.” [Miller-Meeks for Congress 2010, accessed 6/15/20]
Election Law & Campaign Finance Issues

Significant Findings

- Miller-Meeks supported restoring voting rights for felons.
- In 2020, Miller-Meeks voted for restitution payment from felons to restore voting rights.
- Miller-Meeks encouraged people to vote by mail during the pandemic.
- In 2020, Miller-Meeks voted against establishing a general fund budget and limiting actions of county auditors regarding absentee ballot requests.
- In 2020, Miller-Meeks voted for requiring the Secretary of State to receive legislative consent prior to sending absentee ballot requests.
- Miller-Meeks noted that mail-in voting can be done securely.
- Miller-Meeks did not support ballot harvesting.
- Miller-Meeks called the “Secretary of State’s office and let them know that we had worked very hard to reduce the amount of time for early voting legislatively”
- Miller-Meeks supported voter ID laws.

Felon Voting Rights

2020: Miller-Meeks Voted For Restitution Payment From Felons To Restore Voting Rights

2020: Miller-Meeks Voted For Restitution Payment From Felons To Restore Voting Rights. Meeks voted for S.F. 2348 or The Campus Free Speech Act, “a bill for an act relating to the restoration of voting rights to certain convicted persons and including effective date provisions.” The bill passed by vote 37-11. [Iowa State Legislature, S.F. 2348, 03/03/20]

Miller-Meeks Supported Restoring Voting Rights For Felons

Miller Meeks Supported Restoring Voting Rights For Former Felons Because Of Her Brother. “Ahead of the committee’s meeting, Sen. Mariannette Miller-Meeks, R-Ottumwa, gave an emotional speech about her late brother, Michael, whom she said had served in the Army and the Marines. Michael, she said, had been accused of theft and convicted of a felony. ‘I don’t know if this story moves you or helps you, but there are good people out there who do bad things — misjudgments, make mistakes — when they are younger,’ she said. ‘And I would ask you — I don’t know where this is, but I’d ask you to remember Michael when you think about this story.’” [Des Moines Register, 4/4/19]

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NOTE: The Iowa State Senate, under Republican control, pulled the bill three hours after Miller-Meeks spoke. Restoring felon voting rights is part of Governor Kim Reynolds’s initiatives for 2019.

**Vote By Mail**

**Miller-Meeks Encouraged People To Vote By Mail During The Pandemic**

Miller-Meeks Encouraged People To Vote By Mail During The Pandemic. “Primary opponent Miller-Meeks has opted for a less casual but more polished social media voice. Looking into the camera of a video Thursday, she encouraged viewers to vote by mail. ‘When we have a tornado or a flood, we know to go clean up after or to go sandbag before, but it didn’t seem like people knew what to during the pandemic,’ she said.” [Iowa City Press-Citizen, 4/25/20]

**2020: Miller-Meeks Voted Against Establishing A General Fund Budget And Limits Actions Of County Auditors Regarding Absentee Ballot Requests**

2020: Miller-Meeks Voted Against Establishing A General Fund Budget And Limits Actions Of County Auditors Regarding Absentee Ballot Requests. Meeks voted for H.F. 2643, “a bill for an act relating to state and local finances by making apports, providing for legal and regulatory responsibilities, providing for other properly related matters, and including effective date and retroactive applicability provisions.” The bill passed by vote 30-17. [Iowa State Legislature, H.F. 2643, 6/14/20]

The Appropriations Bill Was Amended To Require County Auditors To Directly Contact Voters If There Was An Issue With Their Absentee Ballot Request Form. “House File 2643, an appropriations bill, was amended during the 2020 legislative session to require county auditors to directly contact voters — first by telephone and email and then by mail — if there is an issue with their absentee ballot request form, rather than use information on-hand about the voter to correct any mistakes, as is current practice. The bill also requires Iowans to show ID before voting early at a county auditor’s office or local courthouse.” [Iowa Starting Line, 7/14/20]

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**2020: Miller-Meeks Voted For Requiring the Secretary of State to Receive Legislative Consent Prior to Sending Absentee Ballot Requests**

2020: Miller-Meeks Voted For Requiring the Secretary of State to Receive Legislative Consent Prior to Sending Absentee Ballot Requests. Meeks voted for H.F. 2486, “a bill for an act relating to the conduct of elections, including emergency powers, procedures relating to electors, and the use of a country seal on materials related to elections.” The bill passed by vote 31-16. [Iowa State Legislature, H.F. 2486, 6/13/20]

The Bill Requires The Secretary Of State TO Get The Council’s Approval Before Changing The Conduct Of An Election During An Emergency. “The approval was needed because of a change legislators made in House File 2486 requiring the Secretary of State to get the council’s approval before changing the conduct of an election during an emergency, such as the coronavirus pandemic.” [The Gazette, 7/1/20]
**Miller-Meeks Would Combat Voter Fraud With Mail-In Voting By Making Sure States Have Control Over Elections**

At a Johnson County GOP Candidate Forum Miller-Meeks was asked “How would you combat voter fraud with mail-in voting?” Miller-Meeks said “It’s interesting because in the CARES Act, the Democrats and Nancy Pelosi were trying to put in provisions about voting by mail. And so I think it’s very important that we be mindful. Constitutionally elections are the province of the state. So we need to make sure that states have domain over elections and that they’re state run. We in Iowa are fortunate to have a voter ID law that was stood up by our Supreme Court, so we know that our Voter ID law is constitutional. And over the past two years we have worked very hard in the legislature to try to reduce the early voting time. They did get that reduced.” [Johnson County GOP Candidate Forum, 00:04:23:34, 4/24/20] (VIDEO)

Miller-Meeks Noted That Mail-In Voting Can Be Done Securely

At a Muscatine County GOP Forum, Miller-Meeks was asked “Do you support or oppose mail-in voting? Why or why not?” Miller-Meeks responded “I don’t support ballot harvesting. But otherwise, mail-in voting can be done and can be done in a way that secures balance that you can make sure that your balance is in. We have such a system in Iowa, and we have voter ID which has been upheld with our supreme court. So I think our absentee ballot mailing position the way that it’s done and conducted in Iowa is secure and are balanced or secure. But certainly having a secretary of state that’s a republic.” [Muscatine County GOP Forum, 01:49:33, 5/26/20]

**Miller-Meeks Did Not Support Ballot Harvesting**

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**Early Voting**

**Miller-Meeks Called The “Secretary of State’s Office And Let Them Know That We Had Worked Very Hard To Reduce The Amount Of Time For Early Voting Legislatively”**

At a Johnson County GOP Candidate Forum Miller-Meeks was asked “How would you combat voter fraud with mail-in voting?” Miller-Meeks said “I was on a call with the Secretary of State’s office, not with Paul Pate but with a staff member in the Secretary of State’s office and let them know that we had worked very hard to reduce the amount of time for early voting legislatively. And to open that back up, to extend it to where it was prior to the legislation we passed was not well-regarded by some of us. Our Voter ID laws are very important and they have stood up constitutionally, paper ballots are important, and also continuing to reduce the time not expand the time for early voting I think is a very important measure.”[Johnson County GOP Candidate Forum, 00:07:34, 4/24/20] (VIDEO)

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**Significant Findings**

- Miller-Meeks supported production of alternative energy sources such as wind and hydroelectric plants.
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Miller-Meeks Wanted To Give Tax Credits, Incentives, Grants, And Less Regulation To Help The United States Ramp Up Alternative Energy Production. “Miller-Meeks said tax credits, incentives, grants and less regulation would help the United States ramp up production in alternative energy in a shorter period of time.” [The Hawk Eye, 5/27/08]

Miller-Meeks: “We Must Make Use Of Our Abundant Domestic Resources Like Coal, Natural Gas, Oil, Nuclear, Wind, Bio And Solar.” According to Miller-Meeks for Congress 2010 website under “Energy Security for America, Jobs for Iowa”, Miller-Meeks said “I support an ‘all of the above’ approach to energy to increase the diversity of our national energy portfolio and over time decrease our vulnerability when it comes to price spikes as a result of global instability or increases in global demand. That means in addition to encouraging the use of alternative fuel sources, we must make use of our abundant domestic resources like coal, natural gas, oil, nuclear, wind, bio and solar.” [Miller-Meeks for Congress 2010, accessed 6/15/20]

Biofuels

Miller-Meeks: “I Will Never Quit Fighting For Iowa’s Biofuels Industry.” “Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig announced Thursday that he is supporting Miller-Meeks in her campaign for the Republican nomination in the race for Iowa’s 2nd Congressional District. […] Miller-Meeks responded with thanks to the endorsement saying in the statement, ‘I will never quit fighting for Iowa’s biofuels industry, for fair trade deals, for the passage of the USMCA, and for strong policies that support our farmers and producers.’” [Iowa City Press-Citizen, 12/6/19]

Nuclear Power

Miller-Meeks Supported Iowa Using Nuclear Power. “She said the state could use nuclear power too. The state also is becoming a leader in biotechnology, creating items like Asoya, oil from soybeans and working on oil from algae. Even the state’s garbage can help provide energy. Several waste authorities are looking at methane collecting from their landfills. The government can push these technologies along by creating programs to help perpetuate them or by removing some restraint.” [Daily Democrat, 5/1/08]

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Oil Production

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Department Of Energy

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Energy Independence

**Miller-Meeks: “We Must Become Energy Independent”**

secure energy supply. However, as our nation’s energy demand increases combined with competing market pressures from growing economies like China and India, the price of energy and the countries who control those sources of energy put our economy and national security in a vulnerable position. We must become energy independent.” [Miller-Meeks for Congress 2010, accessed 6/15/20]

**Cap And Trade**

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**Electric Cars**

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Environmental Issues

Significant Findings

✓ Miller-Meeks wanted to see an environmental policy that was good for the planet but did not cripple the economy.

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Coal

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Miller-Meeks Criticized EPA For “War on Coal”. “Miller-Meeks criticized government overreach […] she faulted Congress for not addressing the patient-care scandals at the Veterans Administration, and the Environmental Protection Agency for what she called a ‘war on coal.’” [The Gazette, 1/12/14]
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Miller-Meeks Believed Coal Was The Most Abundant, Cheapest And Efficient Energy Resource And Ignoring Coal Would Be A Grave Mistake To Ignore It Simply Because It Is A Fossil Fuel. According to Miller-Meeks for Congress 2010 website under “Energy Security for America, Jobs for Iowa”, Miller-Meeks said “And with coal as our nation’s most abundant, cheapest and efficient energy resource, already providing half of America’s power needs, it would be a grave mistake to ignore it simply because it is a fossil fuel. There are more than 200 years of available coal reserves within our borders, the equivalent of 3 times Saudi Arabia’s proven oil reserves.” [Miller-Meeks for Congress 2010, accessed 6/15/20]

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FEMA and Disaster Relief Issues

**Significant Findings**

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**Flood Recovery**

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## Financial Protections & Wall Street

### Significant Findings

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- Miller-Meeks: “Farmers want to have a free market in which to trade. they don’t want subsidies; that’s what they’ve told me.”

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- Miller-Meeks supported tax incentives for businesses that create jobs here in the U.S.

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### 2008 Financial Crisis

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**Middle Class**

Miller-Meeks Wanted To Get More Money To The Middle Class In Iowa

Miller-Meeks Wanted To Get More Money To The Middle Class In Iowa. “Each candidate continues to spread their message. According to Miller-Meeks, she wants to be able to get more money to the middle class in Iowa. ‘Iowa’s middle class is being squeezed because of rising food and gas prices, growing health care costs, and shrinking wages,’ Miller-Meeks said. ‘We need policies that grow wages to give our middle class families the peace of mind they deserve. We need to hold the line on taxes so our middle class isn’t paying more and getting less.’” [Daily Democrat, 10/31/14]

**Market Regulation**

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doesn’t say whether she opposes an increase in the minimum wage, like many in her party. Instead, she says, the focus ought to be on creating pro-growth policies, telling a Davenport audience last month, “Why are we even talking about the minimum wage when people need to make more than the minimum wage?” [The Quad-City Times, 10/13/14]

### Tax Incentives

**Miller-Meeks Supported Tax Incentives For Businesses That Create Jobs Here In The U.S.**


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### Rural Iowa

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Miller-Meeks Said That Although Few Desire War, The Beheadings Of American Journalists And Iraqi Women “Inform Us ISIS Is At War With America.” “While few desire to be at war, the gruesome beheadings of American journalists, a British aid worker and Iraqi women and children inform us ISIS is at war with America. Without response, terrorism creates global instability and will come to our shores.” [The Gazette, Mariannette Miller-Meeks Op-Ed, 10/19/14]

Miller-Meeks: “Airstrikes May Have Stemmed ISIS Aggression In The Short-Term, But Will Have A Limited Long-Term Effect Unless Regional Partners Are Engaged.” “The vacuum of American leadership encourages aggression. We can debate whether we should have gone into Iraq, but having failed to secure a status of forces agreement and leave a stabilizing force has created a quagmire. Airstrikes may have stemmed ISIS aggression in the short-term, but will have a limited long-term effect unless regional partners are engaged.” [The Gazette, Mariannette Miller-Meeks Op-Ed, 10/19/14]

Miller-Meeks: “Domestic Energy Production Not Only Creates Jobs And Reduces The Global Price Of Petroleum Products, It Slashes The Funding Stream Of ISIS.” “At home, domestic energy production not only creates jobs and reduces the global price of petroleum products, it slashes the funding stream of ISIS and decreases the leverage of other aggressive nations. This should be an imperative.” [The Gazette, Mariannette Miller-Meeks Op-Ed, 10/19/14]

Miller-Meeks Said The Middle East Crisis Required The President And Congress To Collaborate. “Our goals may take time to achieve. Yet, timeliness of decision-making is so necessary, we cannot afford the partisanship that has caused our government to become dysfunctional. The Middle East crisis requires our President to articulate a coherent foreign policy and Congress to work constructively with the executive branch. National security, above all else, demands collaboration.” [The Gazette, Mariannette Miller-Meeks Op-Ed, 10/19/14]

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Miller-Meeks Supported Coalition Engagement, Air Strikes And Re-Establishing A Small Contingent Of Ground Troops To Fight ISIS. “Mariannette Miller-Meeks (R) "We are facing a serious threat from ISIS because politics trumped good policy when we left Iraq without securing a Status of Forces Agreement. This leadership vacuum was filled by aggressive actors like ISIS. I support coalition engagement and ongoing air strikes but a small contingent of ground troops may be necessary to re-establish our intelligence apparatus and provide security, humanitarian assistance while local forces are trained. Although unpopular, the alternative of allowing ISIS to strengthen and take over larger parts of the Middle East is more dangerous and destabilizing.”” [Des Moines Register, 10/29/14]

to past wars, such as World War II and Korea, after which U.S. troops were left in foreign lands until their governments stabilized.” [The Quad-City Times, 10/13/14]

**Dec. 2015: Miller-Meeks Said Hillary Clinton Failed To Present A Coherent Strategy Against ISIS As A Secretary Of State And Presidential Candidate**

Miller-Meeks Said Hillary Clinton Failed To Present A Coherent Strategy Against ISIS As A Secretary Of State And Presidential Candidate. “The civil war in Syria has raged for nearly five years, leading to more than 220,000 deaths and 4 million refugees. It is one of the great humanitarian disasters of our time, and it has given a strategic beachhead to singularly demonic cult determined to spread terror, fear and death: ISIS. Ridding the world of this uniquely dangerous group demands a coherent strategy. Hillary Clinton failed in this regard as secretary of state and fails to present one now as a presidential candidate.” [Des Moines Register, 12/10/15]

Miller-Meeks: “President Obama And Clinton Are, In Many Ways, The Unwitting Architects Of ISIS.” President Obama and Clinton are, in many ways, the unwitting architects of ISIS, as it was their anemic foreign policy that allowed the group to flourish unchecked for years. Clinton and Obama had many opportunities to end the mayhem in Syria. Instead, Obama/Clinton dithered away months while the country descended further into chaos. Moderate Muslims, who desired a lasting peace, were decimated as the Syrian regime engaged in wholesale slaughter of civilians. Into the power vacuum rushed militant Islamists with a penchant for theatrically brutal violence.” [Des Moines Register, 12/10/15]

Hillary Clinton Has Proven Woefully Wrong On ISIS […] . She Also Supported Obama’s Decision To Withdraw All U.S. Troops From Iraq.” “At nearly every stage, Hillary Clinton has proven woefully wrong on ISIS. While President Barack Obama called ISIS the “JV” team in January 2014, Hillary Clinton was still underestimating the group as recently as February 2015, saying Obama was making the “right moves” to combat the threat. She also supported Obama’s decision to withdraw all U.S. troops from Iraq - a decision based on political, not military, calculations. Instead of building on burgeoning success in Iraq, Clinton and Obama allowed the nation to fall under further Iranian influence and fostered the explosive growth of ISIS.” [Des Moines Register, 12/10/15]

“Clinton Still Refuses To Admit This Self-Evident Fact, Just As She Still Fails To Acknowledge That These Terrorists Are Motivated By A Radical Islamic Ideology.” “And now under immense pressure from the extremes of the Democratic Party, Clinton has actually found herself to the left of the president. In his disappointing Oval Office speech - which failed to address Americans’ concerns over our lack of strategy to defeat ISIS - he did at least admit that ISIS is at war with the United States. Clinton still refuses to admit this self-evident fact, just as she still fails to acknowledge that these terrorists are motivated by a radical Islamic ideology.” [Des Moines Register, 12/10/15]

Miller-Meeks: “Clinton’s Record On ISIS Is Riddled With Failures, Borne From Her Inability To Understand How The Obama Administration’s Weakness Emboldened Adversaries In Syria And Across The Globe.” “Clinton’s record on ISIS is riddled with failures, borne from her inability to understand how the Obama administration’s weakness emboldened adversaries in Syria and across the globe. Mrs. Clinton has a long and well-know record on foreign policy issues. Unfortunately for her, it demonstrates that once again Iowans can’t trust her to keep Americans safe at home or abroad. Dr. Mariannette Miller-Meeks of Ottumwa, an ophthalmologist and 24-year veteran of the U.S. Army, serves on the Iowa GOP’s State Central Committee. She is a former director of the Iowa Department of Public Health and candidate for Congress.” [Des Moines Register, 12/10/15]

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**Miller-Meeks Said It Should Have Been Evident That A Terrorist Group Called The Islamic State Was A Growing Threat.** “Miller-Meeks, who lost to Loebsack in 2008 and 2010, said the administration lacks a coherent foreign policy strategy and it has created mounting problems in Iraq, Ukraine and the entire Middle East. […] Miller-Meeks said it should have been evident that the terrorist group that calls itself the Islamic State was a growing threat and she questioned an Obama administration decision not to negotiate an agreement that would have provided for ‘residual troops’ to maintain stability during the transition to an emerging government in Iraq.” [The Gazette, 8/29/14]

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**Benghazi**

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Miller-Meeks Raised Questions About The Benghazi Attack And Said Government Needs To Be Accountable To The People Of The U.S. “Miller-Meeks, an ophthalmologist who retired from the Army Reserves as a lieutenant colonel, said, ‘It’s disgusting what happened with the VA. This is something that should never have happened.’ She also raised questions about the deadly attack in Benghazi, Libya, on Sept. 11, 2012, in which U.S. Ambassador J. Christopher Stevens and Sean Smith, a U.S. Foreign Service information management officer, were killed, and also mentioned the weekend trade of Taliban prisoners that freed U.S. Army Sgt. Bowe Bergdahl after he had been held captive for five years. ‘We need a government that is accountable to the people,’ Miller-Meeks said. ‘If the administration in Washington can’t fix the problems, then the voters need to send two lieutenant colonels there who can do it for them.’” [The Quad-City Times, 6/5/14]


“Miller-Meeks said she was amazed by the “Main Stream Press” and how for at least the past five years they have failed to call the Obama administration to task for a long list of alleged transgressions. She pointed to […] Benghazi, where Americans died. ‘And as a veteran, let me tell you, the fact that our nation, the most powerful nation on Earth, would leave people on a rooftop in Benghazi and not go to their aid is a travesty,’ Miller-Meeks said, which was immediately followed by claps of appreciation by the audience. ‘That is a travesty.’” [Ad Express & Daily Iowegian, 4/18/14]

**U.S. Military Strike**

**Miller-Meeks Supported The U.S. Military Strike That Killed Iranian Gen. Qassem Soleimani**

Miller-Meeks Supported The U.S. Military Strike That Killed Iranian Gen. Qassem Soleimani. “Early reactions to the U.S. military strike that killed Iranian Gen. Qassem Soleimani fell along party lines in Iowa’s 2nd Congressional District. […] ‘Qassem Soleimani has the blood of hundreds of Americans on his hands and thanks to (the) leadership of our Commander in Chief and our brave military service member, justice has been served,’ State Sen. Mariannette Miller-Meeks, R-Ottumwa, said in a statement.” [Iowa City Press-Citizen, 1/4/20]

**NATO**

**Miller-Meeks: “People Feel That The United States Has Long Been A Military Support For NATO, And That NATO Countries Have Not Been Paid Into NATO”**

Miller-Meeks: “People Feel That The United States Has Long Been A Military Support For NATO, And That NATO Countries Have Not Been Paid Into NATO.” According to an interview gave on Caffeinated Thoughts Podcast, when asked for Q: Trump on NATO? “it is not a new concept that people feel that the United States has long been a military support for NATO, and that NATO countries have not been paid into NATO, to the degree that they should. […] So I think from that standpoint, being vocal about it and being upfront about it, I think that type of candid speech is not something that’s common. And so I think the President voiced what a lot of people in the United States feel about NATO, and that they too need to be responsible for their own defense and for
upholding the values of NATO and the outcome of, you know, two civil wars that led to the development of NATO. Okay. Not to civil wars, two world wars.” [Caffeinated Thoughts, 00:13:20, 12/3/19] (AUDIO)
**Gun Issues**

### Significant Findings

- **Miller-Meeks:** “I fully support the constitutional rights of law-abiding gun owners, hunters and sportsmen - period.”

- **Miller-Meeks:** “I believe the second amendment to be an individual right, and that citizens have the right to bear arms per our constitution.”

- Miller-Meeks supported legislation in Iowa senate that would guarantee the right to bear arms as a constitutional right within the state of Iowa.

- **In 2020, Miller-Meeks voted for amending gun policies.**

- **Miller-Meeks:** “I’m a proud supporter of the NRA. My husband’s a member of the NRA.”

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### 2nd Amendment


**Miller-Meeks: “I Believe The Second Amendment To Be An Individual Right, And That Citizens Have The Right To Bear Arms Per Our Constitution”**

Miller-Meeks: “I Believe The Second Amendment To Be An Individual Right, And That Citizens Have The Right To Bear Arms Per Our Constitution.” According to Miller-Meeks for Congress 2020 website, Miller-Meeks stated “Most of you already know that I spent time in the military 24 years between active duty and reserve. And I’m also married to an individual who spent 30 years in the military. My father was a hunter. I’m a strong supporter of the Second Amendment, I believe the second amendment to be an individual right, and that citizens have the right to bear arms per our Constitution, so that they can support themselves against a government that becomes tyrannical. I don’t consider that only a right that goes to a national guard or a standing military because as we know, there was no standing military at the time that our founding fathers put forth the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution.” [Miller-Meeks for Congress 2020, 2nd Amendment, 00:00:02, accessed 6/22/20] (VIDEO)

**Miller-Meeks Supported Legislation In Iowa Senate That Would Guarantee The Right To Bear Arms As A Constitutional Right Within The State Of Iowa**
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Miller-Meeks Supported Legislation In Iowa Senate That Would Guarantee The Right To Bear Arms As A Constitutional Right Within The State Of Iowa. According to Miller-Meeks for Congress 2020 website, Miller-Meeks stated “Because I am such a staunch advocate of our Second Amendment rights when we have the opportunity in the Senate to pass legislation that would guarantee the right to bear arms as a constitutional right within the state of Iowa, I was proud to sign on to that legislation and vote for that legislation. We have another year where we have to vote on that legislation so that it becomes law within the state of Iowa, and it becomes part of our Constitution. But I’m proud to support that and would happily vote for that again, also, anytime there is a consideration for removal of the right to bear arms. It would require strict scrutiny in order to remove that constitutional right. So we’re hoping to get that within the constitution of the state of Iowa.” [Miller-Meeks for Congress 2020, 2nd Amendment, 00:00:55, accessed 6/22/20] (VIDEO)

NRA

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Miller-Meeks: “I’m A Proud Supporter Of The NRA. My Husband’s A Member Of The NRA.” According to Miller-Meeks for Congress 2020 website, Miller-Meeks stated “So I’m a proud supporter of the NRA. My husband’s a member of the NRA, and I’m a proud supporter of our Second Amendment rights firearm.” [Miller-Meeks for Congress 2020, 2nd Amendment, 00:00:43, accessed 6/22/20] (VIDEO)

Iowa State Gun Rights

Miller-Meeks Said She Worked On A Pro-Gun Rights Resolution Aiming To Add A 2nd Amendment Protections To The Iowa Constitution

Miller-Meeks Said She Worked On A Pro-Gun Rights Resolution Aiming To Add A 2nd Amendment Protections To The Iowa Constitution. “While the Democratic nomination process has been quiet, the Republican nomination is hotly contested between Miller-Meeks and LeClaire businessman Bobby Schilling. In a statement about Reynolds endorsement, Miller-Meeks said her legislative record ‘championed’ Reynolds’ priorities in the 2019 session. She referenced the passage of a bill that banned most abortions after a fetal heartbeat was detected which was struck down in January 2019. She also mentioned her work to pass a bill that set up a children’s mental health system in Iowa and a pro-gun rights resolution aiming to add a 2nd Amendment protections to the Iowa Constitution.” [Iowa City Press-Citizen. 11,8/19]

2020: Miller-Meeks Voted For Amending Gun Policies

2020: Miller-Meeks Voted For Amending Gun Policies. Meeks voted for H.F. 2502, “a bill for an act relating to firearms and weapons, including the storage, carrying, possession, or transportation of weapons and the establishment, use, and maintenance of shooting ranges.” The bill passed by vote 32-17. [Iowa State Legislature, H.F. 2502, 6/3/20]

The Bill Prohibited Cities And Counties From Enforcing Restrictions That Go Further Than State Law On Using Firearms At Shooting Ranges And Carrying Weapons On School Grounds, At County Courthouses And Businesses. “House File 2502, awaiting Gov. Kim Reynolds’ signature, prohibits cities and counties from enforcing restrictions that go further than state law on using firearms at shooting ranges and carrying weapons on school grounds, at county courthouses and businesses. The bill states certain restrictions only can be imposed on people seeking to carry firearms into a public building that screens for weapons and has armed guards. Beginning July 1, the bill prohibits local governments from enacting an ordinance, motion, resolution or amendment to regulate the storage of weapons or ammunition and states that “any individual adversely affected” by a city or county policy regulating firearms “may take legal action to seek damages that have resulted out of the violation.” [Iowa Starting Line, 6/24/20]
Health Care Issues

Significant Findings

✓ In 2010, Miller-Meeks called for the repeal of the Affordable Care Act

✓ The Hawk Eye: “While calling herself an independent conservative, Miller-Meeks is following the Republican call for a ‘repeal and replace’ of the health care reform legislation signed into law late last month.”

✓ ...and Miller-Meeks said she would repeal the Affordable Care Act in February 2014…

✓ But later in 2014, Miller-Meeks dodged questions about if she supported repeal while continuing to be critical of the legislation, leaving “wiggle-room” to vote for repeal if elected

✓ Clinton Herald: “Moderators challenged her several times to answer whether she would repeal the ACA” and Miller-Meeks said “there are changes and reform that needs to be made so this is palatable.”

✓ Press-Citizen Editorial: “Miller-Meeks always leaves enough wiggle-room so… she would be able to vote for a full-on repeal of Obamacare without having to betray any campaign promises”

✓ In 2020, Miller-Meeks was critical of the Affordable Care Act, but did not mention repeal

✓ Miller-Meeks has been specifically critical of Essential Health Benefits in the Affordable Care Act, which require coverage of maternity care and prescription drugs

✓ Miller-Meeks: “In the ACA, some of the essential benefits are much more than what people had before so that led to increased cost.”

✓ Miller-Meeks: “You look at me and you can tell I’m not a spring chicken. So the ideal policy for me would not have maternity, not have in vitro fertilization.”

✓ Before the Affordable Care Act’s essential benefits coverage, policies routinely did not cover pregnancy or mental health care, and one in ten policies did not cover prescription drugs

✓ Miller-Meeks: “Medicare for all, unfortunately, may give access to people to care or to benefits.”

✓ Miller-Meeks sponsored legislation for medication that helped people that have substance abuse disorder get off drugs.

✓ In 2019, Miller-Meeks voted for the appropriations for Iowa’s Health and Human Services.

✓ Miller-Meeks said she worked to pass a bill that set up a Children’s mental health system in Iowa.

✓ Miller-Meeks supported the ability to buy insurance over state lines could accomplish this without setting up a federal bureaucracy.

✓ Miller-Weeks acknowledged problems with the implementation of the Medicaid privatization in Iowa.

✓ Miller-Meeks opposed stem cell research but was supportive of the medical advances in stem cell research.

✓ Miller-Meeks said changes needed to be made in the single payer health care system that continually decreased payments to providers and hospitals to control costs.

✓ In June 2019, Miller-Meeks participated in Trump’s executive order signing on improving the transparency.
Affordable Care Act

In 2010, Miller-Meeks Called For The Repeal Of The Affordable Care Act

Miller-Meeks Called For Repeal And Replace The ACA

Miller-Meeks Called For Repeal And Replace The ACA. “While calling herself an independent conservative, Miller-Meeks is following the Republican call for a ‘repeal and replace’ of the health care reform legislation signed into law late last month. She said the bill that passed is not all bad but the good is well outweighed by the negatives. She favors the provisions of not denying people coverage for having pre-existing conditions and for allowing adult children to remain on their parents’ insurance until age 26. ‘I think those were reforms that could have been incorporated without going to the extent that they did,’ Miller-Meeks said. ‘To me, our country had a tremendous opportunity to revamp our health care system in a way that was patient-centered and not government-mandated and that could be the model for the rest of the world. And we missed that opportunity.’” [The Hawk Eye, 4/7/10]

Miller-Meeks: “I Would Repeal-And-Replace This Law With Reforms That Actually Reduce Health Care Costs, Increase Portability While Increasing Accessibility”

Miller-Meeks: “I Would Repeal-And-Replace This Law With Reforms That Actually Reduce Health Care Costs, Increase Portability While Increasing Accessibility.” According to Miller-Meeks for Congress 2010 website under “Reform Health Care Without a Government-Run System”, Miller-Meeks said “The reforms as currently outlined fail to address exploding costs, and transfers those unsustainable costs to taxpayers by empowering the government to take-over health care. This reform puts bureaucrats between doctors and patients, which will destroy the quality of health care as we know it. While there are many attractive measures contained in the health reform law like covering pre-existing conditions and extending coverage for young adults on their parent’s plans, I would repeal-and-replace this law with reforms that actually reduce health care costs, increase portability while increasing accessibility.” [Miller-Meeks for Congress 2010, accessed 6/15/20]

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Miller-Meeks Suggested “‘Keeping The Parts That Are Beneficial To Us,’ But Repealing Or Defunding The Rest.” “On health care reform, she suggested ‘keeping the parts that are beneficial to us,’ but repealing or defunding the rest. Diners at all-you-can-eat buffets pile their food high because they’re trying to get their money’s worth, and it’s the same with health care, she said. ‘Insurance is supposed to be used for catastrophies, but people end up taking every (service) they can that’s in front of them,’ she said, adding that rationing health care will be an important part of the reform whether or not the Democrats acknowledge it.” [Muscatine Journal, 7/19/10]

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Miller-Meeks Favored Implementing Tort Reform, Individual Ownership Of Insurance Plans And Interstate Purchasing Of Insurance Plans To Help Cut Health Care Costs. “Iowa lawmakers’ reactions to passing the health care overhaul bill Sunday are mixed – and depend on party affiliation. […] n Dr. Mariannette Miller-Meeks, Republican candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives from Iowa’s 2nd Congressional District, opposes the bill. ‘As a doctor and small businesswoman, I know that the only way we will achieve affordable, quality health care is by focusing on patient-centered, cost-cutting reforms such as tort reform, individual ownership of insurance plans and interstate purchasing of insurance plans,’ Miller-Meeks said. ‘A new costly entitlement program that expands government by creating nearly 160 new bureaucracies, agencies and departments is not the way to go. Already, one of America’s largest manufacturers, Caterpillar, is saying this bill will increase its employee health care costs by 20 percent in the first year alone. Last week, 130 economists agreed this bill will kill jobs and cut wages – a terrible burden on an already struggling economy.’”[Daily Gate City, 3/22/10]

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…And Miller-Meeks Said She Would Repeal The Affordable Care Act In February 2014

Feb. 2014: Miller-Meeks said “Looking At The Affordable Care Act, There Are Ways We Can Change It, Modify It, And/Or, If Possible, Repeal It.” “Looking at the Affordable Care Act, there are ways we can change
it, modify it, and/or, if possible, repeal it, but you have to gain the Senate, but at least, let's make it work for people," Miller-Meeks said.” [The Daily Iowan, 2/27/14]

But Later In 2014, Miller-Meeks Dodged Questions About If She Supported The Bill While Continuing To Be Critical Of The Legislation, Leaving “Wiggle-Room” To Vote For Repeal If Elected

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Million-Meeks Would Not Answer Whether She Would Have Voted To Repeal Obamacare. “When asked directly whether she would have joined those votes to repeal Obamacare, third-time Republican nominee Dr. Mariannette Miller-Meeks tries to redirect the question. In debates and editorial board interviews, Miller-Meeks is clear that she recognizes there are beneficial aspects of the now four-year-old law, but she also favors overturning and overhauling significant sections to ensure that the law does more to increase affordability rather than just access.” [Iowa City Press-Citizen, Editorial Board, 10/28/14]

Oct. 2014: Miller-Meeks Refused To Say Whether She Supported Repealing The Affordable Care Act But Referred To The ACA As The “Unaffordable” Care Act. “Loebsack, a Democrat, went after Miller-Meeks, a Republican, for not answering direct questions, specifically targeting her refusal to say whether she would repeal the Affordable Care Act. ‘I’m not clear where she is,’ he said. Miller-Meeks accused Loebsack of repeating the ‘lie of the year,’ a reference to when President Barack Obama said during the Affordable Care Act debate that people would be able to keep their insurance. As it turns out, a significant number of Americans were dropped from their health insurance plans. She criticized what she called the ‘unaffordable’ care act, but when asked, she didn’t say she would repeal it.” [The Quad-City Times, 10/12/14]

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where the law is and where we can go,’ she says. Instead, she says the country needs to transition away from it.” [The Quad-City Times, 10/13/14]

August 2014: Miller-Meeks Refused To Say Whether Would Repeal The Affordable Care Act

Miller-Meeks Refused to Say Whether She Would Repeal ACA, Which She Favored In The Past. “Miller-Meeks mentioned the Affordable Care Act immediately in the debate as being unaffordable, she refused to say whether she’d repeal the bill. Loebsack successfully called her on that, saying she’s been for repealing it in the past and he’s not sure where she is now. She also declined to say whether nutrition assistance should be separated from the farm bill, choosing instead to talk about curing poverty.” [Des Moines Register, 8/29/14]

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Miller-Meeks Said The Affordable Care Act Has Caused Their Medical Costs To Skyrocket And Placed A Burden On Small Business Owners. Telling a crowd of about 50 people that she is tired of the policies leading to trickle-up poverty, Mariannette Miller-Meeks brought her congressional campaign to Happy Joe’s Pizza & Ice Cream in Bettendorf on Friday. […] Miller-Meeks said that what is on the ballot are the policies of her opponent, Rep. Dave Loebsack, D-Iowa. The two are vying for Iowa’s 2nd District seat. ‘I’m a doctor who is interested in politics because of a government that is intruding on every aspect of our lives,’ Miller-Meeks said. She added that the Affordable Care Act has cost people their private health insurance and has caused their medical costs to skyrocket, and it is placing a big burden on small business owners.” [The Quad-City Times, 11/1/14]

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Miller-Meeks Supported Health Care That Was Patient Centered And “Preserved The Doctor/Patient Relationship.” “Iowans deserve health care that is patient-centered and preserves the doctor/patient relationship. As a nurse, doctor, and former Director of the Iowa Department of Public Health, I understand this issue from all sides and want to bring that expertise to Washington to improve the health of Iowans.” [Miller-Meeks for Congress 2014, accessed 6/15/20]

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Miller-Meeks Said The ACA Created A Barrier And Prevented Companies From Growing. “Miller-Meeks said policies on the national level such as the Affordable Healthcare Act creates a barrier and prevents companies from growing. She said the economy in southeast Iowa is sluggish, but added policies put into place by Gov. Branstad have helped counties like Lee County and could be put into place on a federal level.” [Daily Democrat, 5/30/14]

**Miller-Meeks Stated That The Affordable Care Act Was Wreaking Havoc On Businesses And Individuals.**

“Miller-Meeks, the former director of the state department of public health, said Congress had been “emasculated” by an overreaching Obama administration. And she said the Affordable Care Act is wreaking havoc on businesses and individuals. ‘You are no longer in charge of your health care,’ she said. She also complained that the government’s safety net had grown too large and trapped people. She said spending can be “reduced and restrained” while still helping people who need it.’” [Muscatine Journal. 4/16/14]

**Miller-Meeks Tied The ACA To Government Intrusion That Hampers Business Growth.**

“Health care is one of three basic points Miller-Meeks plans to campaign on, along with income and government accountability. She tied the ACA to government intrusion that hampers business growth, thus lowering the incomes of those who are employed.” [The Ottumwa Courier, 2/26/14]

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“Faced with the question of the top concern to his agency with the Affordable Care Act, […] Iowa Department of Public Health Director Mariannette Miller-Meeks […] Miller-Meeks said it was a ‘big oversight’ in the law not to use local people who already offer insurance services. Beyond the current
unknowns, the three panelists also said they foresee changes coming to the law sooner rather than later. Gerhart said based on the schedule in Congress, it is possible changes could come within a matter of weeks, though he added a delay in the individual mandate is unlikely. Gerhart and Miller-Meeks also noted several ideas and issues not addressed in what Gerhart called insurance reform and are in need of change.” [The Hawk Eye, 11/14/13]

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“An area where the two candidates differ the most over the law is its requirement that
insurance policies have minimum coverage standards. Miller-Meeks says they are ‘expansive’ and argues the requirement takes away individual choice. She adds costs are being shifted to younger people, who often were uninsured or had less-robust policies than can be offered today.” [The Quad-City Times, 10/13/14]

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Miller-Meeks Called The Affordable Care Act “Too Expensive” By Forcing People To Pay For Benefits They Neither Want Nor Need. “Dr. Mariannette Miller-Meeks said Wednesday concerns she raised two years ago about the Affordable Care Act are reality today and will bolster her bid for Congress. […] ‘Certainly, when we were discussing our concerns about the Affordable Care Act before, people could look at it and say it was hypothetical, that it was theory or it was partisanship,’ she said. Miller-Meeks said the law is ‘too expansive,’ forcing people to pay for benefits they neither need nor want. While large corporations may be able to cover the costs, she questioned whether small businesses can.” [The Ottumwa Courier, 2/26/14]

**Miller-Meeks: “You Look At Me And You Can Tell I’m Not A Spring Chicken. So The Ideal Policy For Me Would Not Have Maternity, Not Have In Vitro Fertilization.”** “It doesn’t have to be a one-size-fits-all policy where the government tells you what you have to have,” she told supporters. “You look at me and you can tell I’m not a spring chicken. So the ideal policy for me would not have maternity, not have in vitro fertilization.” [The Ottumwa Courier, 2/26/14]

**Before The Affordable Care Act’s Essential Benefits Coverage, Policies Routinely Did Not Cover Pregnancy Or Mental Health Care, And One In Ten Policies Did Not Cover Prescription Drugs**

NPR: Before The Affordable Care Act, Insurance Companies Sold Policies That Excluded Pregnancy And Mental Health Care; 9 Percent Of Policies Didn’t Cover Prescription Drugs. “That’s because if insurance companies don’t have a list of medical services they have to include in their policies, they can sell stripped-down policies and then charge extra for specific types of coverage. This isn’t theoretical. Before the Affordable Care Act went into effect, insurance companies routinely found ways to avoid paying for expensive health care. Beyond refusing to cover people with existing medical conditions, they sold policies that excluded coverage for some medical care, including prenatal care, childbirth and mental health care. According to the Century Foundation, 9 percent of policies didn’t even cover prescription drugs.” [NPR, 3/23/17]

**Before The Affordable Care Act, 39 Percent Of Plans Did Not Cover Mental Health Care, And Those That Did Often Offered Limited Coverage.** “A survey by HealthPocket Inc. shows that before Obamacare, only 61 percent of health plans included coverage for mental health care, and that coverage was often limited.” [NPR, 3/23/17]

**Before The Affordable Care Act, Only 6 Percent Of Individual Market Insurance Plans Offered Maternity Coverage, And Maternity Riders Often Had Expensive Premiums And High Deductibles.** “A 2012 study by the National Women’s Law Center found that, before Obamacare, only about 6 percent of policies available on the individual insurance market included maternity coverage. One plan offered a maternity rider that cost more than $1,600 a month on top of the regular premium. Many of those policies had maternity-specific deductibles as high as $10,000, or did not actually kick in for two years. Even insurance provided by employers had limits for maternity care. A study by Truven found that in 2010, women who had insurance through their employers still paid about $12,000 to $16,000 for childbirth.” [NPR, 3/23/17]
The Gazette: Miller-Meeks Said “Congress Talks About Lower Health Care And Prescription Drug Prices, But Voters Don’t See Any Relief”

“Nearly 10 years after the passage of the Affordable Care Act, Miller-Meeks said, voters are troubled that health care issues haven’t been solved. Congress talks about lower health care and prescription drug prices, but voters don’t see any relief, she said. Instead, she said, Democratic presidential candidates who talk about taking away private health insurance and impeaching the president frustrate voters.” [The Gazette, 10/1/19]

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June 2019: Miller-Meeks Participated In Trump’s Executive Order Signing On Improving The Transparency

Miller-Meeks Attended Trump’s Executive Order Signing On The Improving Price and Quality Transparency in American Healthcare. “In June, Miller-Meeks, who at one time was director of the Iowa Department of Public Health, was at the White House when President Donald Trump signed an executive order on Improving Price and Quality Transparency in American Healthcare to Put Patients First. ‘Like me, Iowans are concerned about rising health care costs, premiums and drugs,’ she said in her resignation letter. ‘They have seen little progress dealing with a crisis on our southern border, despite the repeated efforts of President Donald Trump, and there does not seem to be an immediate resolution. ‘Like me, Iowans are concerned about rising health care costs, premiums and drugs,’ she said in her resignation letter.” [Sioux City Journal, 7/15/19]

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Pre-Existing Conditions

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Health Care Reform

Miller-Meeks Believed People Ought To Choose Their Own Kind Of Insurance
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Miller-Meeks: “Save $60 Billion Over 10 Years By Capping Rewards Derived From Medical Lawsuits.”

According to Miller-Meeks for Congress 2010 website under “Reform Health Care Without a Government-Run System”, Miller-Meeks said “Save $60 billion over 10 years by capping rewards derived from medical lawsuits. Medical liability reform will reduce defensive medicine, which right now forces doctors to produce unnecessary tests, procedures and medications to cover themselves in the event of a lawsuit. Enhance medical record technology to reduce medical errors.” [Miller-Meeks for Congress 2010, accessed 6/15/20]

2008: Miller-Meeks Wanted To Move Health Care Coverage To A Free-Market, Consumer Driven System

“Miller-Meeks said she wants to raise Iowa’s Medicare reimbursement rate and move health care coverage to a free-market, consumer driven system.” [The Hawk Eye, 5/27/08]

Medicaid

Miller-Meeks Believed There Should Be Oversight Of Disabled Programs Controlled By Private Medicaid Businesses

“Another related issue is the funding for disabled programs, controlled now by a private Medicaid business deciding on the revenue stream into Iowa. Miller-Meeks believes there may need to be more oversight of the private businesses. Though she’s just started in Des Moines recently, she has already spoken with the DHS director, the Medicaid director and plans more meetings, hopefully including the MCO (businesses) that control
who gets paid, when and how much. She believes the current difficulty for providers to get paid should start to be relieved as the businesses figure out what things are supposed to actually cost.” [The Daily Iowan, 2/3/19]

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Miller-Meeks Voted Along Party Lines In Favor Of Implementing Work Requirements For Medicaid Recipients. “Legislation moving through the state Capitol would require able-bodied Iowans to work, get involved in community activities or be enrolled in school to be a part of Medicaid. Medicaid is the health care program for poor and disabled Iowans. The Republican-controlled Senate voted 32-17, along party lines, Tuesday to advance the bill, which focuses on people who became eligible for Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act.” [Des Moines Register, 3/20/19; Iowa State Legislature, S.F. 538, Journal of the Senate, 3/19/19]


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According to Miller-Meeks for Congress 2020 website, Miller-Meeks stated “We know that reforming the health care system in the United States is not going to be a Medicare for all program, because it doesn’t give you choice. It’s a government bureaucrat making decisions for you on the most intimate parts of your life. And that is your healthcare choices and those of your family or your friends or your neighbors. Medicare for all, unfortunately, may give access to people to care or to benefits.” [Miller-Meeks for Congress 2020, Health Care, 00:00:45, accessed 6/22/20] (VIDEO)

Miller-Meeks: “Having A Medicare For All System Will End Up Being No Medical Care For Anyone.”
According to Miller-Meeks for Congress 2020 website, Miller-Meeks stated “There’s two issues at stake and looking at where healthcare is going in the future. If we don’t get a handle on health care costs now, fraud and abuse in our healthcare systems, having a Medicare for all system will end up being no medical care for anyone.” [Miller-Meeks for Congress 2020, Health Care, 00:01:37, accessed 6/22/20] (VIDEO)

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Substance Abuse

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Health And Human Services

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“While the Democratic nomination process has been quiet, the Republican nomination is hotly contested between Miller-Meeks and LeClaire businessman Bobby Schilling. In a statement about Reynolds endorsement, Miller-Meeks said her legislative record ‘championed’ Reynolds’ priorities in the 2019 session. She referenced the passage of a bill that banned most abortions after a fetal heartbeat was detected which was struck down in January 2019. She also mentioned her work to pass a bill that set up a children’s mental health system in Iowa and a pro-gun rights resolution aiming to add a 2nd Amendment protections to the Iowa Constitution.” [Iowa City Press-Citizen. 11/8/19]

The Bill Laid The Groundwork For Iowa’s First Comprehensive Mental Health System For Children.

“Gov. Kim Reynolds has signed a law (HF690) laying the groundwork for the state’s first comprehensive mental health system for children. It initially requires the state’s mental health regions to determine how to fix gaps in existing programs, although they won’t receive extra money this year to make changes. The law requires that a set of core services be made available across the state, ranging from assessment and medication management to crisis response and inpatient treatment. It also establishes a board to oversee the system, advise the regions and help coordinate community services.” [Iowa Public Radio 5/1/19]

Electronic Health Records

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Medical Lawsuits

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Stem Cell Research

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have it destroyed. As a doctor, I am however encouraged and supportive of the medical advances in stem cell research that could bring about life-saving medicines for some of the world’s most crippling diseases.” [Miller-Meeks for Congress 2010, accessed 6/15/20]

### Medical Marijuana

**2020: Miller-Meeks Voted For Expanding The Medical Marijuana Program**


### Pregnancy

**Miller-Meeks Said She Was Proud To Sponsor Legislation That Allows Legal Residents Access To Prenatal Care, Adding Prenatal Access To “Legal Permanent Residents Would Allow Us To Have Healthier Babies, Healthier Moms, Pro Legal Immigration, Pro Family, And Ultimately Save Costs”**

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**Miller-Meeks: “Although I Believe In Abstinence Plus Education, It’s Naive To Suggest That This Is The Only Factor At Play And Some Groups (Muslim For One) Emphasize Modesty And Chastity.”**

“Further, the statistics count females as 19 and under, some of who may be married and come from three schools in the county. Freshman students at OHS have a two-day program, “It Takes Two,” and Drs. Nancy and John O’Brien offer comprehensive information through the religious education program. Even if the programs were abstinence only, the factors listed above are far more important in the etiology of teenage pregnancy.”
pregnancy and of which Ms. Cook is fully aware. Although I believe in abstinence plus education, it’s naive to suggest that this is the only factor at play and some groups (Muslim for one) emphasize modesty and chastity.” [The Ottumwa Courier, Letter to the Editor, 6/23/09]

**Miller-Meeks Stated That To Decrease Teen Pregnancy Rates, Parents Need To Be Role Models And “Altering Government Policies That Perpetuate Sequential Out-Of-Wedlock Birth.”** “Much more is needed: parents and grandparents as role models for their children, age appropriate censorship and parental involvement, altering government policies that perpetuate sequential out-of-wedlock births and deny the significance of fatherhood and financial education that informs teenagers of the rate of poverty and decreased ability to climb the socioeconomic ladder as unwed parents. Mariannette Miller-Meeks M.D.” [The Ottumwa Courier, Letter to the Editor, 6/23/09]

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### Smoking

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**Miller-Meeks Supported Banning Smoking In Casinos**

Miller-Meeks Supported Banning Smoking In Casinos. “At a confirmation hearing before the Senate Human Resources Committee on Wednesday, Gov. Terry Branstad’s nominee to head the Department of Public Health, Mariannette Miller-Meeks, threw her support behind banning smoking in casinos. ‘If you all vote to push smoking out of casinos, we’ll make sure that happens,’ Miller-Meeks said. She prefers education and prevention efforts to reduce smoking but added that ‘sometimes you have to pass laws.’ Miller-Meeks said raising the cigarette tax and banning smoking in the workplace probably has done more to reduce smoking than anything else.” [Sioux City Journal, 2/27/11]
Housing Issues

Significant Findings

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### Infrastructure & Transportation Issues

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On transportation improvements, Miller-Meeks, acknowledging she’s thinking ‘out of the box,’ lamented that we aren’t zooming around overhead like the cartoon character George Jetson did when Miller-Meeks was young. ‘We’re smart people; let’s figure it out,’ she said of the zippy personal aircraft, adding that natural gas-powered buses and electric cars are good interim strategies.” [Muscatine Journal, 7/19/10]

**Transportation Law**

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Judicial Issues

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Iowa Judicial Issues

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2019: Miller-Meeks Voted For Prohibiting Iowa’s Attorney General From Joining Out-Of-State Lawsuits

Miller-Meeks Voted Along Party Lines To Prohibit The Democrat Attorney General From Joining Lawsuits That Targeted Trump Administration. “Iowa Republicans have proposed new restrictions on the state’s Democratic attorney general to prevent him from joining lawsuits that target President Donald Trump’s administration. Tom Miller, as the state’s chief legal officer, joined six lawsuits in 2018 that were initiated in other states seeking to block many of Trump’s policies, including separating families on the southern U.S. border and requiring citizenship information in the 2020 census [...] ‘We have a Republican governor, we have a Republican Legislature, and we have had an attorney general that has been going outside of the state taking part in lawsuits that are the complete antithesis to the agenda that the governor and the Legislature has set,’ said Rep. Gary Worthan, R-Storm Lake. Worthan filed his proposal this week, tacking it onto a budget bill moving through the Iowa House of Representatives, that would require Miller’s office to get permission to join out-of-state lawsuits. If the proposal becomes law, the attorney general could only prosecute non-Iowa suits if requested by the governor, the General Assembly or the Executive Council, which also includes the governor.” [Des Moines Register, 4/20/19; S.F. 615, Journal of the Senate, 4/15/19]

“Miller Joins Multistate Lawsuit Challenging Trump Administration’s Family Separation Policy” [Iowa Attorney General, 6/26/18]

“Miller Joins Multistate Lawsuit Challenging Federal Rescinding of DACA Program” [Iowa Attorney General, 9/6/17]

“Iowa Joins Multistate Lawsuit Against U.S. Department Of Education For Refusing To Enforce Gainful Employment Rule” [Iowa Attorney General, 10/16/17]
“Miller Joins Lawsuit To Block Census Bureau From Demanding Citizenship Information” [Iowa
Attorney General, 4/3/18]

“Attorney General Miller Joins 27-Member Coalition Defending Clean Power Plan” [Iowa Attorney
General, 4/27/18]

“Miller Joins 15 Attorneys General In Amicus Brief Supporting Washington State Lawsuit Against
President Trump’s Executive Order On Immigration” [Iowa Attorney General, 2/6/17]

“Miller, 17 Attorneys General Oppose Rolling Back Protections For Nursing Home Residents” [Iowa
Attorney General, 5/31/18]

“Miller Joins Coalition Asking Supreme Court To Review ACA Repeal Case” [Iowa Attorney General,
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Department Of Justice

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how for at least the past five years they have failed to call the Obama administration to task for a long list of alleged
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running, IRS targeting of conservative non-profits, NSA collecting data on Americans after saying they were not,
the FCC idea to monitor all American newsrooms and Benghazi, where Americans died.” [Ad Express & Daily
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That Was Tracing Weapons Believed To Be Acquired Illegally For Mexican Drug Cartels. “What was
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Mexican drug cartels. Nearly 2,000 firearms from the program went missing, some turning up at killing scenes
in Mexico -- and at the site of a December 2010 gunbattle in Arizona that left U.S. Border Patrol agent Brian
A. Terry dead. The program has been blamed for contributing to crimes including Terry’s death, and became a
partisan bone of contention with the November elections approaching.” [CNN, 9/20/12]
### Labor & Working Families

#### Significant Findings

- Miller-Meeks declined to state a position on the minimum wage.
- Miller-Meeks reviewed ways to address dwindling availability of safe, affordable child care in Iowa.
- Des Moines Register: Miller-Meeks was “reviewing how partnerships between government and the private sector might help resolve some of Iowa’s day care issues.”
- Miller-Meeks received a rating of 0% from Iowa Federation of Labor.
- In 2020, Miller-Meeks voted for the Medicaid, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), eligibility verification.

#### Minimum Wage

**Miller-Meeks Declined To State A Position On The Minimum Wage**

Miller-Meeks Would Not Say If She Supported A Minimum Wage Increase, Instead Saying She Would Focus On Pro-Growth Policies. “She says fewer regulations and more market-oriented policies will produce a better economy. She doesn’t say whether she opposes an increase in the minimum wage, like many in her party. Instead, she says, the focus ought to be on creating pro-growth policies, telling a Davenport audience last month, “Why are we even talking about the minimum wage when people need to make more than the minimum wage?”” [The Quad-City Times, 10/13/14]

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#### Child Care
Miller-Meeks Reviewed Ways To Address Dwindling Availability Of Safe, Affordable Child Care In Iowa.

“More than 116,000 Iowans now live in census tracts with no licensed care providers, according to a Center for American Progress analysis of U.S. Census and Iowa Department of Human Services data. Sen. Mariannette Miller-Meeks, an Ottumwa Republican, is reviewing ways to address dwindling availability of safe, affordable child care in Iowa. Transparency related to unregulated facilities is a worthy goal but will require further review to consider whether such actions could have unintended consequences, she said about Ehler’s effort. ‘It would be something I’d certainly be willing to have dialogue about,’ Miller-Meeks said. Lisa Smith, the mother of a child who died in the care of a registered provider, believes the consequences of greater transparency would be greater child safety.” [Des Moines Register, 9/22/19]
LGBT Issues

**Significant Findings**

- **Miller-Meeks:** “It’s also concerning to me when I see biological males competing in female sports, […] have we gone too far in, in support of people making different choices, when it really is disadvantaging an entire group of people?”

- **Feb. 2010:** Miller-Meeks said that “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” should have been left to the military, saying that it could be “uncomfortable” for some.

- **April 2010, The Hawk Eye:** “Miller-Meeks said she supports repealing the military’s policy on gay soldiers of don’t-ask-don’t-tell.”

- Miller-Meeks said the Iowa public health department was educating hospital staff members regarding lesbian couples and the filing of birth certificates after a lesbian couple was denied a birth certificate.

- Miller-Meeks said she supported traditional marriage.

**Transgender Rights**

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**Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell**

**Feb. 2010: Miller-Meeks Said That “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” Should Have Been Left To The Military, Saying That It Could Be “Uncomfortable” For Some**

Miller-Meeks Said That “Don’t Ask, Don’t Tell” Should Have Been Left To The Military, Saying That It Could Be “Uncomfortable” For Some. “There was a disagreement on ending the military’s ‘don’t ask, don’t tell’ policy stopping openly gay, lesbian and bisexual people from serving. The decision should be left to the military, according to Miller-Meeks. ‘For some,’ the retired Army Reserve physician said, allowing openly gay soldiers to serve ‘may be uncomfortable.’ However, if someone is willing, they should be allowed to serve as long as that’s the decision of the military — not the president, Congress or the courts.” [Globe Gazette, 2/6/10]
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Birth Certificates For LGBT Parents

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Miller-Meeks Said An Order Preventing Any Changes To The Birth Certificate Process Was In Place And Lesbian Couples Needing Assistance Regarding Birth Certificates Should Call The Public Health Department. “An order preventing any changes to the birth certificate process was in place until July 8, Miller-Meeks said. Lesbian couples needing assistance regarding birth certificates should call the public health department, she said. In May, the Iowa Supreme Court ordered the department to start listing the names of both female spouses on the birth certificates of their children. The ruling appeared to be limited to lesbian couples who use sperm donors to conceive children.” [Telegraph Herald, 7/28/13]

Marriage

2010: Miller-Meeks Said She Supported Traditional Marriage

Miller-Meeks Said She Supported Traditional Marriage. According to Miller-Meeks for Congress 2010 website under “Traditional Iowa Values”, Miller-Meeks wrote “I am pro-life on the issue of abortion but do believe there must be reasonable exceptions for victims of rape and incest, or when the physical life of the mother is at stake. I also support traditional marriage.” [Miller-Meeks for Congress 2010, accessed 6/15/20]
## Immigration & Border Issues

### Significant Findings

- **Muscatine Journal:** “Miller-Meeks said naturalization should be fast-tracked for those who came to the county legally.”

- Miller-Meeks wanted the government to control illegal immigration better, but fully supported legal immigration.

- Miller-Meeks co-sponsored and voted for a bill that required Iowa employers to use E-Verify to verify the immigration statuses of their employees.

- Miller-Meeks favored a fast-track system for allowing visas.

- Miller-Meeks wanted stiff penalties for employers who give jobs to illegal immigrants.

- Miller-Meeks advocated rewriting immigration law saying “we’re stronger because of our diversity.”

- Miller-Meeks supported having a border wall.

- Miller-Meeks: Called for securing “all four” of the nation’s borders, including The Atlantic and Pacific oceans.

- **Ottumwa Courier:** Miller-Meeks wanted “the government to secure borders and use biometric data to identify people who may be in the country illegally.”

- Miller-Meeks wanted to hire more immigration agents to speed up the immigration process.

- Miller-Meeks said we need to look into whether “lower-skilled workers displace people who are also lower-skilled.”

- Miller-Meeks said there was “little progress” on the southern border, despite Trump’s efforts.

### Citizenship

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**Miller-Meeks Wanted The Government To Control Illegal Immigration Better, But Fully Supported Legal Immigration**
Miller-Meeks Wanted The Government To Control Illegal Immigration Better, But Fully Supported Legal Immigration. “Miller-Meeks responded to another question about immigration and was asked what she would do to keep immigrants from taking low-skill jobs from Americans. While Miller-Meeks wants the government to do a better job of controlling illegal immigrants, she showed full support for legal immigration.” [The Hawk Eye, 8/14/14]

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**E-Verify**

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Miller-Meeks Voted For A Bill That Required Employers To Verify Their Employee’s Immigration Statuses Through The Federal E-Verify Program. “Vote to pass a bill that requires employers to verify their employee’s immigration statuses through the federal E-Verify program.” [Votesmart, 4/2/19, S.F. 516, Journal of the Senate, 4/1/19]

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**Immigration Laws**
Miller-Meeks Advocating Rewriting Immigration Law Saying “We’re Stronger Because Of Our Diversity”

“Immigrants are needed, said Miller-Meeks, advocating rewriting immigration law. ‘We’re stronger because of our diversity,’ she said.” [Globe Gazette, 2/6/10]

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Miller-Meeks Said There Was “Little Progress” On The Southern Border, Despite Trump’s Efforts

Miller-Meeks Believes There Had Been “Little Progress Dealing With A Crisis On Our Southern Border, Despite The Repeated Efforts Of President Donald Trump.” “Like me, Iowans are concerned about rising health care costs, premiums and drugs,’ she said in her resignation letter. ‘They have seen little progress dealing with a crisis on our southern border, despite the repeated efforts of President Donald Trump, and there does not seem to be an immediate resolution.” [The Gazette, 7/15/19]

Miller-Meeks: Called For Securing “All Four” Of The Nation’s Borders, Including The Atlantic And Pacific Oceans

“In a two-hour session spent mostly on questions and answers, Miller-Meeks touched on a number of issues: On immigration reform, she called for securing “all four” of the nation’s borders (including the Atlantic and Pacific oceans) and renewing a guest worker program for seasonal workers.” [Muscatine Journal, 7/19/10]

Ottumwa Courier: Miller-Meeks Wanted “The Government To Secure Borders And Use Biometric Data To Identify People Who May Be In The Country Illegally”

“Miller-Meeks points to immigration as one of the tough issues in the country. People understand what drives illegal immigrants to the United States, but they reject the idea that coming to the country illegally is somehow acceptable. Amnesty is not a solution, she said. The 1980s amnesty vote was supposed to stop illegal immigration, but it failed. She wants the government to secure borders and use biometric data to identify people who may be in the country illegally.” [The Ottumwa Courier, 5/21/08]

Immigration Agents

Miller-Meeks Wanted To Hire More Immigration Agents To Speed Up The Immigration Process
Miller-Meeks Wanted The Government To Do A Better Job Of Controlling Illegal Immigrants By Hiring More “Immigration Agents To Have Faster, More Efficient Legal Immigration.” “Miller-Meeks responded to another question about immigration and was asked what she would do to keep immigrants from taking low-skill jobs from Americans. […] ‘Why aren’t we hiring more immigration agents to have faster, more efficient legal immigration? I have friends in Ottumwa who came to this country legally, and it has taken them 12 to 16 years to become a citizen. They do phenomenal work as physicians. They contribute. They volunteer. They raise their families here,’ she said. ‘Twelve to 16 years to become a citizen is too long. We can revamp our immigration system, secure our borders, and we do need to look at immigration and whether lower-skilled workers displace people who are also lower-skilled.”’ [The Hawk Eye, 8/14/14]

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**Marco Rubio**

**Miller-Meeks Urged Marco Rubio Not To Retreat From Immigration Overhaul**

Miller-Meeks Urged Marco Rubio Not To Retreat From Immigration Overhaul. “At a recent ice cream social here, Jim Hallihan liked what he heard from Senator Marco Rubio. […] Last month, when Mr. Rubio made his first trip to Iowa after announcing his campaign, he was confronted at a closed-door meeting by Mariannette Miller-Meeks, a former congressional candidate, who pointedly urged him not to retreat from an immigration overhaul. ‘My advice to Senator Rubio was to be honest with people, be yourself,’ Ms. Miller-Meeks said afterward, ‘because that will carry a lot of weight.’” [The New York Times, 5/8/15]
National Defense & Security Issues

Significant Findings

✓ Miller-Meeks said she would reduce the department of Homeland Security.
✓ Miller-Meeks believed the government should be more transparent in their surveillance activities.
✓ Miller-Meeks criticized governments use of drones.
✓ Miller-Meeks criticized the NSA collecting data on Americans after previously saying they were not.
✓ Miller-Meeks supported Trump maintaining “America’s most highly-skilled and well-equipped military in the world”

Homeland Security

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National Security Administration

Miller-Meeks Believed The Government Should Be More Transparent In Their Surveillance Activities

Miller-Meeks Believed The NSA, And Courts Dealing With Federal Surveillance, Needed To Be More Transparent In Their Surveillance Activities. “In addition, Miller-Meeks said that she stands for more government accountability and transparency. For example, even though she said she is a supporter of national defense, she believes that the National Security Agency and the courts dealing with federal surveillance need to be more open with the American people regarding their activities and what they plan to do with the information they gather.” [Muscatine Journal, 2/27/14]

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Miller-Meeks Criticized Governments Use Of Drones. “Miller-Meeks criticized government overreach in its use of drones, NSA spying and IRS investigations into conservative political groups. She faulted Congress for not addressing the patient-care scandals at the Veterans Administration, and the Environmental Protection Agency for what she called a ‘war on coal.’ When it comes to government aid programs, she said, the social safety net should be transformed into a trampoline, ‘so you never hit bottom but you’re propelled and boosted upward.’” [Des Moines Register, 8/8/14]

Miller-Meek Criticized The NSA Collecting Data On Americans After Previously Saying They Were Not
Miller-Meeks Criticized The NSA Collecting Data On Americans After Previously Saying They Were Not. “Miller-Meeks said she was amazed by the “Main Stream Press” and how for at least the past five years they have failed to call the Obama administration to task for a long list of alleged transgressions. She pointed to Fast and Furious allegedly backed by the U.S. Justice Department dealing with gun running, IRS targeting of conservative non-profits, NSA collecting data on Americans after saying they were not, the FCC idea to monitor all American newsrooms and Benghazi, where Americans died.” [Ad Express & Daily Iowegian, 4/18/14]

Military Readiness

Miller-Meeks Supported Trump Maintaining “America’s Most Highly-Skilled And Well-Equipped Military In The World.”

Miller-Meeks Supported Trump Maintaining “America’s Most Highly-Skilled And Well-Equipped Military In The World.”” Mariannette Miller-Meeks Facebook page, Miller-Meeks said “I will stand alongside President Trump to ensure that America maintains the most highly-skilled and well-equipped military in the world.” [Mariannette Miller-Meeks, Facebook, 5/15/20]
Seniors’ Issues

Significant Findings

✓ In 2012, Miller-Meeks supported voucher plan for Medicare.

  ✓ The Miller-Meeks’ supported program would replace Medicare insurance coverage by giving Medicare recipients a fixed dollar amount to buy insurance on the private marketplace.

✓ Miller-Meeks questioned the need to provide current levels of Medicare benefits if it required increasing taxes.

  ✓ Miller-Meeks blamed Medicare funding shortfalls on overuse, saying seniors with sore throats should gargle salt water rather than use the health care system unnecessarily.

✓ In 2008, Miller-Meeks supported privatizing Social Security.

✓ In 2008, Miller-Meeks supported raising the retirement age.

✓ Miller-Meeks appeared to support phasing out Medicare’s funding stream.

✓ Miller-Meeks supported cutting “spending and root out well known and documented waste in entitlement programs like Medicare and Medicaid.”

✓ In 2014, Miller-Meeks offered no specifics on how to insure Medicare would be solvent for future retirees.

✓ In 2008, Miller-Meeks wanted to raise Iowa’s Medicare reimbursement rate.

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✓ Daily Democrat: Miller-Meeks saw how difficult it was for Congress “to keep their hands off Social Security funds when money is needed elsewhere.”

Medicare

2012: Miller-Meeks Supported Voucher Plan for Medicare

Miller-Meeks Supported Voucher Plan for Medicare. According to Miller-Meeks twitter, she stated “Agree! RT @texmed: Alabama Dr. Jeff Terry: Medicare premium support “may not be politically correct, but it is medically correct.” #AMAmtg” [@miller-meeks, Twitter, 6/17/12]
The Miller-Meeks’ Supported Program Would Replace Medicare Insurance Coverage By Giving Medicare Recipients A Fixed Dollar Amount To Buy Insurance On The Private Marketplace

The Miller-Meeks’ Supported Program Would Replace Medicare Insurance Coverage By Giving Medicare Recipients A Fixed Dollar Amount To Buy Insurance On The Private Marketplace. “The ad also references a tweet Miller-Meeks made supporting a Medicare Premium Support program in Paul Ryan's 2012 budget proposal. That program would replace Medicare insurance coverage by giving Medicare recipients a fixed dollar amount to buy insurance on the private marketplace. The Congressional Budget Office released a report in 2013 that looked at two models for a premium support program. Depending on the model used, the report showed costs to beneficiaries could rise 11 percent or fall 6 percent. Both models showed a net savings in taxpayer spending on Medicare. [Cedar Rapids Gazette, 10/4/14]

2009: Miller-Meeks Questioned The Need To Provide Current Levels Of Medicare Benefits If It Required Increasing Taxes

Miller-Meeks: “Just Like Fannie Mae And Freddie Mac, It's A Government-Sponsored Entity […] If Medicare Is Underfunded, In Order To Provide The Current Level Of Benefits That We Provide To Seniors, Then How Much Taxation Do People Want To Pay For That?” “Miller-Meeks, however, says that's a false argument. She said insurance companies have to worry about a bottom line, whereas the government can increase taxes. ‘Just like Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, it's a government-sponsored entity,’ Miller-Meeks said. ‘If Medicare is underfunded, in order to provide the current level of benefits that we provide to seniors, then how much taxation do people want to pay for that?’” [The Hawk Eye (Burlington, Iowa), 9/6/09]

Miller-Meeks: “The Mere Fact That We Have Insurance Causes Costs To Rise.” “Providers in the healthcare system see this all the time, when someone else is paying the bill, you purchase things that you would not have when you are paying for them out of your own pocket. So the mere fact that we have insurance causes costs to rise. In addition to that, as consumers and constituents, we've asked our legislators within our states to add on more benefits to our health insurance.” [Mariannette Miller Meeks Conversation on Health Care, 9/4/09]

Miller-Meeks Blamed Medicare Funding Shortfalls On Overuse, Saying Seniors With Sore Throats Should Gargle Salt Water Rather Than Use The Health Care System Unnecessarily

Miller-Meeks Blamed Medicare Funding Shortfalls On “Overuse, Saying Those Who Get Care For Free Are Prone To Use It Unnecessarily Like Patients With Mild Sore Throats Who'd Otherwise Would Gargle With Salt Water.” “Mariannette Miller-Meeks, a nonpracticing ophthalmologist in Ottumwa, agrees with the ideal of health care for all, but says the proposed legislation doesn't do accomplish that task. […] To begin tackling the myriad problems of the current health care system, Miller-Meeks proposes changing Medicare reimbursement, something finds support with Maharry and much of Iowa's federal delegation. Blocking that, though, are the more populous states have more representatives in Congress who support status quo. Compounding the problem, the Medicare fund is running out of money. Miller-Meeks blames the bankruptcy on overuse, saying those who get care...
for free are prone to use it unnecessarily like patients with mild sore throats who'd otherwise would gargle with salt water.” [The Hawk Eye (Burlington, Iowa), 9/6/09]

**Miller-Meeks Blamed The Rise Of Health Care Costs On Medicare And Overuse.** “Two words, competition and insurance. If you look at the cost of health care in the United States, the rapid rise began in 1970. And the rise in health care costs exceeded inflation. This is because Medicare was instituted in 1965. As seniors became more adept at utilizing the Medicare system to pay for care that they previously had not accessed, the cost escalated. We also know from numerous health care studies […] show that when someone doesn't bear the cost of health care, they utilize more. So overutilization began to be the norm.” [Mariannette Miller Meeks Conversation on Health Care, 00:00:28, 9/4/09] (VIDEO)

### 2009: Miller-Meeks Appeared To Support Phasing Out Medicare’s Funding Stream

**Miller-Meeks Said The Government Could Gradually Phase Out The Employer Deduction.** “The problem with that, Miller-Meeks admits, is that each state has different coverage requirements. So she proposes ending that practice and requiring coverage just for the three things she believes people fear most. Miller-Meeks said the government also could gradually phase out employer deduction but offer individuals the same deduction so they could choose their best means of care.” [The Hawk Eye (Burlington, Iowa), 9/6/09]

**The Employer Deduction Funds Social Security And Medicare.** “The current tax rate for social security is 6.2% for the employer and 6.2% for the employee, or 12.4% total. The current rate for Medicare is 1.45% for the employer and 1.45% for the employee, or 2.9% total. Refer to Publication 15, (Circular E), Employer's Tax Guide for more information; or Publication 51, (Circular A), Agricultural Employer’s Tax Guide for agricultural employers.” [IRS, 2/14/20]

**Miller-Meeks Supported Cutting “Spending And Root Out Well Known And Documented Waste In Entitlement Programs Like Medicare And Medicaid.”**

According to Miller-Meeks for Congress 2010 website under “Cut Spending, Cut Government Waste”, Miller-Meeks stated “while both Republicans and Democrats are responsible for years of past budget deficits, together, we must be the solution for future generations who will inherit this massive legacy of debt. We need to enact a balanced budget amendment, afford the President line-item veto authority, cut spending and root out well known and documented waste in entitlement programs like Medicare and Medicaid which add up to tens of billions of dollars every single year.” [Miller-Meeks for Congress 2010, accessed 6/15/20]

### 2014: Miller-Meeks Offered No Specifics On How To Insure Medicare Would Be Solvent For Future Retirees

**2014: Miller-Meeks Offered No Specifics On How To Insure Medicare Would Be Solvent For Future Retirees.** “Miller-Meeks, however, has not made a persuasive case for why voters should remove the incumbent. Her policy positions are vague, and she hedges on a number of key issues, including offering no specifics on how to assure both Social Security and Medicare will be solvent for future retirees. She supports more spending for roads and bridges, but she says she needs more information on options for how to pay for such improvements. She also wants to see more study on climate change causes and solutions.” [Des Moines Register, Editorial Board, 10/22/14]

### 2008: Miller-Meeks Wanted To Raise Iowa’s Medicare Reimbursement Rate
2008: Miller-Meeks Wanted To Raise Iowa’s Medicare Reimbursement Rate. “Miller-Meeks said she wants to raise Iowa’s Medicare reimbursement rate and move health care coverage to a free-market, consumer driven system.” [The Hawk Eye, 5/27/08]

Miller-Meeks:” I’ve Dedicated My Life To Taking Care Of Those In Need Including Seniors On Medicare.”

According to Miller-Meeks for Congress 2014 website under “Stand Up for Seniors”, Miller-Meeks said “As a doctor, nurse, and former Director of the Iowa Department of Public Health, I’ve dedicated my life to taking care of those in need including seniors on Medicare. My mother relies on the program, so preserving and protecting it for her and making sure it’s there for my children is personal. I will uphold the promise Medicare makes to seniors — unlike Congressman Loebsack who voted to cut Medicare benefits like home health care for poor seniors and Medicare Part D. [Miller-Meeks for Congress 2014, accessed 6/15/20]

Miller-Meeks: “I Will Fight To Preserve/Protect [Medicare] In Congress”

Miller-Meeks: “I Will Fight To Preserve/Protect The Program In Congress.” According to Dr. Miller-Meeks twitter account, Miller-Meeks stated “Today we celebrate Medicare's 49th Anniversary - a promise we made to our seniors. I will fight to preserve/protect the program in Congress.” [Dr. Miller-Meeks Twitter, 7/30/14]

Social Security

2008: Miller-Meeks Supported Privatizing Social Security

Miller-Meeks Supported “Some Sort Of Private, But Limited, Account For Some Of The [Social Security] Funds.” “Another large entitlement program that could use some help is Social Security, Miller-Meeks said. There are some simple solutions that can extend the life of the program. […] She also sees that it is difficult for congressmen to keep their hands off Social Security funds when money is needed elsewhere. For that reason, she supports some sort of private, but limited, account for some of the funds. She said the private account most likely could earn better than the 3 percent the government gains.” [Daily Democrat, 5/1/08]

2008: Miller-Meeks Supported Private Accounts. According to a 2008 Project Vote Smart questionnaire, Miller-Meeks supported allowing workers to invest a portion of their payroll tax on private accounts that they manage themselves. [Vote Smart, Accessed 6/22/20]
2008: Miller-Meeks Supported Raising The Retirement Age

According to a 2008 Project Vote Smart questionnaire, Miller-Meeks supported raising the retirement age for individual eligibility to receive full Social Security benefits. [Vote Smart, Accessed 6/22/20]

Miller-Meeks Supported Raising The Federal Retirement Age. “Miller-Meeks said the United States must recognize that there is a risk of backlash from young workers if they come to the conclusion they pay for the benefits and programs geared toward older Americans but will not have similar benefits after they retire. Her solution is not to cut existing benefits but to take steps to adjust the situation to prevent the costs from overwhelming the future workforce. That includes stopping the federal government from raiding accounts like the Social Security trust fund for unrelated projects and the possibility of raising the federal retirement age. ‘We cannot keep asking more and more of younger people for programs that politicians have guaranteed for older Americans,’ Miller-Meeks said.” [Ottumwa Courier, 8/25/10]

2014: Miller-Meeks Said She Would Protect Social Security

Miller-Meeks Said She Would Protect Social Security. “Both candidates said they would protect Social Security, although they argued about Loebsack’s record on Medicare. Miller-Meeks said he voted to cut Medicare more than once.” [The Quad-City Times, 10/12/14]

Miller-Meeks: “I Will Fight To Preserve And Protect Social Security To Help Current Retirees And Families Going Through Difficult Times”

Miller-Meeks: “I Will Fight To Preserve And Protect Social Security To Help Current Retirees And Families Going Through Difficult Times.” “Mariannette Miller-Meeks, R: My husband’s father suffered for nearly a decade with prostate cancer that took a devastating toll on his family. After he passed away, survivors benefits through Social Security helped them make ends meet. In Congress, I will fight to preserve and protect Social Security so that others may benefit from it.” [Des Moines Register, 8/5/10]
Security to help current retirees and families going through difficult times. The challenge with the program is long-term solvency that needs to be addressed in a bipartisan way that should be above politics. We need to have an open dialogue about ways to preserve and protect the program for current and future retirees.” [Des Moines Register, 9/7/14]

**Miller-Meeks Said Tying The Cost Of Living Increases To A Recipient’s Birthday Would Save A Lot Of Money To Benefit Social Security**

Miller-Meeks said tying the cost of living increases to a recipient’s birthday would save a lot of money to benefit Social Security. “Another large entitlement program that could use some help is Social Security, Miller-Meeks said. There are some simple solutions that can extend the life of the program. She said simply by tying the cost of living increases to a recipient’s birthday a lot of money will be saved. As the system works now, if someone starts Social Security in December they will get a cost of living increase the following month because everyone gets one Jan. 1. By tying it to a person’s birthday, those people wouldn’t get the increase until they were in the system for a year.” [Daily Democrat, 5/1/08]

**Daily Democrat: Miller-Meeks Saw How Difficult It Was For Congress “To Keep Their Hands Off Social Security Funds When Money Is Needed Elsewhere”**

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Tax Issues

**Significant Findings**

- Miller-Meeks supported tax systems that benefitted the wealthy at the expense of the middle class.
- Miller-Meeks said she wanted people to have the opportunity to choose a “Flat Tax,” which would be a windfall for the wealthy while increasing taxes on the middle class.
- Ottumwa Courier: Miller-Meeks “voiced support for the ‘Fair Tax’ that even her own party’s experts acknowledge would be anything but fair to middle class Americans.”
- Miller-Meeks supported extending the Bush tax cuts.
- Miller-Meeks supported the extension of the 2001 and 2003 tax cuts.
- Miller-Meeks: “We need to hold the line on taxes so our middle class isn’t paying more and getting less.”
- Miller-Meeks said lowering the corporate tax to 20 percent would help the economy and the money would be made up from increased production and more people working and paying taxes.
- Miller-Meeks favored cuts to corporate income taxes.
- Miller-Meeks supported “reducing the second highest-in-the-world corporate income tax rate.”
- Miller-Meeks supported a “payroll tax holiday which would provide an immediate and direct increase to worker’s paychecks” after the 2008 economic crisis.
- Miller-Meeks supported R&D tax credits.

**Miller-Meeks Supported Tax Systems That Benefitted The Wealthy At The Expense Of The Middle Class**

**Miller-Meeks Said She Wanted People To Have The Opportunity To Choose A “Flat Tax,” Which Would Be A Windfall For The Wealthy While Increasing Taxes On The Middle Class**

Miller-Meeks Wanted To Change The Income Tax System And Give People The Opportunity To Choose A Flat Tax. “Miller-Meeks […] She would like to change the income tax system too. She would like people to have the opportunity to choose a flat tax. It would cut down on paperwork and headaches from the large, complex tax code Americans face.” [Daily Democrat, 5/1/08]

Flat Tax Would Eliminate Tax Brackets Replace With Single Rate, Most Likely Remove Deductions & Credits From Current Code Including Home Mortgage Interest Deduction. “The basic notion behind a flat tax is to eliminate the current system of six tax brackets—in which people with higher incomes pay higher tax rates—with a single uniform rate. Most flat tax proposals also eliminate most or all of the deductions and credits in the current code—such as the mortgage interest deduction, the deduction for charitable giving, and hundreds of lesser-used preferences.” [EPI: Cutting Taxes for the Rich Never Ends Well, 11/02/11]
Flat Tax Would Be A Windfall For The Wealthy, While Increasing Taxes On The Middle Class

"The regressivity of the flat tax is another big problem. Our current federal income tax code is progressive (rates rise with income), and every distributional analysis I’ve ever seen of a flat tax shows a transfer of the tax burden from the wealthy to the middle class. According to the Tax Policy Center’s score of the Perry tax plan, the tax bill of families with incomes between $30,000 and 40,000 would go up by about $450, while that of millionaires would fall by about half a million bucks.” [Washington Post, 5/26/15]

Citizens For Tax Justice: Flat Tax Means That The Rich “Will Pay Far, Far Less In Taxes.” According to a report from Citizens for Tax Justice: “The first part of that claim is largely true. Since Armey’s plan does not tax income from interest, dividends, or capital gains, those taxpayers who live completely off of investment income would be taken off the rolls entirely. The second part of the claim is, by any serious accounting, wrong. Armey’s plan has two parts: It replaces the progressive income tax with a flat tax, and it replaces business taxes with a consumption tax. Both elements would dramatically shift the tax burden from the wealthy toward the middle class and the poor. If not for stunning misrepresentations, this would be obvious to everyone. Our personal income tax now starts with a zero effective rate on lower-income families (families of four currently earning up to about $23,200 pay no income taxes) rising to a 39.6 percent top marginal rate on the incomes of the richest 1 percent. Replace that with a flat rate of, say, 20 percent and clearly the rich will pay far, far less in taxes. That has to be made up somewhere.” [Citizens for Tax Justice, accessed 5/12/16]

Under A Flat Tax Plan, “The More You Make, The Bigger Your Tax Break.” In June 2015, CNN reported: “The short answer is probably yes. But a lot depends on how much money you make — the more you make, the bigger your tax break. The plan that Paul described in a Wall Street Journal column Thursday would tax everyone – businesses and and individuals – at a flat 14.5% rate.” [CNN, 6/18/15]

EPI: Flat Tax Would Benefit High-Income Earners; “Top 1 Percent Would See An Average Tax Cut Of Over $200,000.” “The flat tax is certainly a good deal for high-income individuals. Although they might not get to deduct mortgage interest payments on their vacation homes, those with high incomes more than make up for it in the lower, ‘flatter’ rate. For example, under a 20 percent flat tax (similar to the one proposed by Perry), the top 1 percent would see an average tax cut of over $200,000.” [EPI: Cutting Taxes for the Rich Never Ends Well, 11/02/11]

Proposed 15 Percent Flat Tax Would Raise Taxes On Teacher Making $20K A Year By Nearly $500, Slash Taxes On Attorney Earning $500K A Year By More Than Half. “The fallacy of the claim that a flat tax promotes fairness is easily illustrated by a hypothetical in which the current progressive tax system, using the 2014 tax brackets, is replaced by a flat tax with a rate of 15 percent. A teacher with $20,000 of taxable income filing as single would have paid $2,550 under the current tax code compared to $3,000 under a 15 percent flat tax. Meanwhile, a lawyer with a taxable income of $500,000 would have paid $155,046 under the current system but only $75,000 under a 15 percent flat tax. Since the current tax system has a progressive rate structure—meaning that higher incomes are subject to higher tax rates—those at the top will always benefit the most from a flat tax, regardless of the level at which the single tax rate is set.” [Center for American Progress Debunking 7 Persistent Tax Reform Myths, 10/22/15]

Potential 15 Percent Flat Tax Would Mean “Taxes On The Bottom Fifth Would Increase More Than Sevenfold, While The Top 1 Percent Would See Their Taxes Cut Almost In Half.” “A 2011 Congressional Budget Office study, for example, found that American households in the lowest fifth of the income ladder paid about 2 percent of their income in federal taxes. The top fifth paid 21 percent of their total income and the top 1 percent paid 29 percent. So if a flat tax hit all households with, say, a 15 percent rate that would mean taxes on the bottom fifth would increase more than sevenfold, while the top 1 percent would see their taxes cut almost in half.” [CNBC, 11/12/15]
Ottumwa Courier: Miller-Meeks “Voiced Support For The ‘Fair Tax’ That Even Her Own Party’s Experts Acknowledge Would Be Anything But Fair To Middle Class Americans”

“This year’s political partisanship has ratcheted up the campaign vehemence with terms such as ‘fired’ and ‘eliminated’ when the subject is incumbents, and Miller-Meeks has shed her moderate views to match the times. She has made much of her refusal to buy medical insurance. She has voiced support for the ‘fair tax’ that even her own party’s experts acknowledge would be anything but fair to middle class Americans. But in all that politicking one thing stands out in her campaign. Back in the earliest days of this race, she said if she lost this time she’d move to the East Coast.” [The Ottumwa Courier, Editorial Board, 10/21/10]

Fair Tax Would Raise Taxes On The Middle Class, While The Wealthiest Households Would See The Biggest Tax Reductions

The Fair Tax Would Raise Taxes On The Middle Class, While The Wealthiest Households Would See The Biggest Tax Reductions. “Eliminating income taxes would, in most states, mean the wealthiest households would see the biggest tax reductions. The net result would be an overall tax increase for everyone else. ‘FairTax’ proposals would include a rebate to shield low-income taxpayers from this tax increase, but the rebate would not be large enough to shield middle-income families from bearing the brunt.” [Office on Budget and Policy Priorities, 9/7/10]

The Fair Tax Would Require Huge Local Sales Tax Hikes. “This examination reveals that, in every case, ‘FairTax’ proposals would: Require huge, and probably unworkable, sales tax rate hikes. ‘FairTax’ proposals would do away with revenue sources that now provide 42 percent of the average state’s tax revenue — funds that are essential for K-12 education, health care, public safety, social services, and other functions. To fully replace revenue lost from eliminating other taxes, sales tax rates would have to be markedly higher than they are now, and often higher than ‘FairTax’ proponents claim would be needed.” [Office on Budget and Policy Priorities, 9/7/10]

Revised Tax Policy

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Bush Tax Cuts

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### Miller-Meeks Supported The Extension Of The 2001 And 2003 Tax Cuts


### Middle Class

**Miller-Meeks: “We Need To Hold The Line On Taxes So Our Middle Class Isn’t Paying More And Getting Less”**

Miller-Meeks: “We Need To Hold The Line On Taxes So Our Middle Class Isn’t Paying More And Getting Less.” “Each candidate continues to spread their message. According to Miller-Meeks, she wants to be able to get more money to the middle class in Iowa. ‘Iowa’s middle class is being squeezed because of rising food and gas prices, growing health care costs, and shrinking wages,’ Miller-Meeks said. ‘We need policies that grow wages to give our middle class families the peace of mind they deserve. We need to hold the line on taxes so our middle class isn’t paying more and getting less.’” [Daily Democrat, 10/31/14]

### Corporate Tax

**Miller-Meeks Supported “Reducing The Second Highest-In-The-World Corporate Income Tax Rate”**

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### Miller-Meeks Favored Cuts To Corporate Income Taxes

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**Miller-Meeks Said Lowering The Corporate Tax To 20 Percent Would Help The Economy And The Money Would Be Made Up From Increased Production And More People Working And Paying Taxes**

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### 2008 Economic Crisis
**Miller-Meeks: “Support A Payroll Tax Holiday Which Would Provide An Immediate And Direct Increase To Worker’s Paychecks”**

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**IRS**

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**R&D Tax Credits**

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Technology Issues

**Significant Findings**

- Miller-Meeks supported legislation that would expand broadband to undeserved parts of Iowa.
- Miller-Meeks criticized an supposed FCC idea to monitor all American newsrooms.
- Miller-Meeks supported federal government breaking up or impose restrictions on large organizations that limit free speech such as Facebook, Google, YouTube and Twitter.
- In 2019, Miller-Meeks voted for a bill prohibiting revenue from taxpayers for payment to people responsible for ransomware attacks.

**Rural Broadband**

**Miller-Meeks Supported Legislation That Would Expand Broadband To Undeserved Parts Of Iowa**

Miller-Meeks Supported Legislation That Would Expand Broadband To Undeserved Parts Of Iowa. “The Iowa Senate passed legislation Tuesday intended to expand high-speed broadband access to underserved and unserved parts of Iowa. ‘This bill is an attempt to expand broadband service to where it is inadequate, especially in rural Iowa,’ said Sen. Mariannette Miller-Meeks, R-Ottumwa, before the 48-0 vote to approve Senate File 2400. ‘It alters and modifies the download speeds and increases the grants.’” [Waterloo-Cedar Falls Courier, 3/11/20]

*Bill Increased Maximum Grant Amounts From 15% To 35% For Communication Service Provider Costs.* “The bill increases the maximum grant amount from 15 percent to 35 percent for communication service provider project costs that meet a minimum download speed of 100 mbps and a minimum upload speed of 20 mbps, and changes the definitions for underserved areas and what constitutes meaningful service, she said. Grants of up to 15 percent would be available for projects offering broadband at lower download and upload speeds.” [Waterloo-Cedar Falls Courier, 3/11/20]

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*MSNBC: “None Of This Is True. None Of It Is Even Close To True. But If You Rely On Conservative Media, The Politics Of Paranoia Was In Full Force Last Week Over This One.” [MSNBC, 2/24/14]*

**Social Media Companies**
**Miller-Meeks Supported Federal Government Breaking Up Or Impose Restrictions On Large Organizations That Limit Free Speech Such As Facebook, Google, YouTube And Twitter**

“Scheinblum asked if the federal government should break up or impose restrictions on large organizations that limit free speech, such as Facebook, Google, YouTube and Twitter. Phillips agreed, noting he’s been reprimanded and restricted several times by Facebook for exercising ‘freedom of speech.’ […] Miller-Meeks agreed with breaking up social media monopolies and said, ‘We also know the traditional press is biased, so there’s very little avenue for discourse, discussion and debate in the public sphere.’” [Muscatine Journal, 5/27/20]

**2019: Miller-Meeks Voted For A Bill Prohibiting Revenue From Taxpayers For Payment To People Responsible For Ransomware Attacks**

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## Trade & Outsourcing Issues

### Significant Findings

- **In 2014, a political ad about Miller-Meeks stated she supported tax breaks for corporations that outsourced and that she partnered with a company that outsourced jobs to India while president of Iowa Medical Society. The ad was said to be part true and part misleading.**

- **Miller-Meeks thought free trade was very important not just for the U.S. but for other countries to have access to the products the United States makes.**

- **Miller-Meeks the United States lost sight of democracy, freedom of religion, freedom of speech when the U.S. went through trade negotiations with China.**

- **Miller-Meeks said she appreciated that Trump was willing to take on China and try negotiate a trade deal with China.**

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- **Miller-Meeks said she has known about China’s intellectual property theft and why Silicon Valley companies go to china adding that they’re going to take your technology.**

- **Miller-Meeks wanted Congress to pass the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement.**

- **Miller-Meeks she would never quit fighting for the passage of the USMCA.**

### Outsourcing

#### 2014: Political Ad About Miller-Meeks Stated She Supported Tax Breaks For Corporations That Outsourced And Partnered With A Company That Outsourced Jobs To India; The Ad Was Said To Be Part True And Part Misleading

2014: Political Ad About Miller-Meeks Stated She Supported Tax Breaks For Outsourcing Corporations And That She Partnered With A Company That Outsourced Jobs To India While President Of An Organization. “The ad’s central claim is that Miller-Meeks supports ‘giving billions in special tax breaks to outsourcing corporations,’ and that as the president of an organization, she partnered with a company that outsourced jobs to India.” [WQAD-News 8, 10/19/14]

Miller-Meeks Backed Tax Breaks For Companies That Outsource Because She Opposed The 2010 House Bill, Which Limited A Range Of Complex Corporate Tax Provisions. “Let’s take the first claim first, that Miller-Meeks backed tax breaks for companies that outsource. Loeb'sack and the DCCC say this claim stems from her opposition to a 2010 House bill — eventually a law — that provided $26.1 billion in aid to economically hurting states during the depths of the Great Recession. The House bill was partially paid for by limiting a range of complex corporate tax provisions. Democrats said the tax breaks helped companies that outsource jobs. Republicans argued the bill amounted to a tax increase on business. The savings from the tax changes amounted to $9.8 billion. It’s interesting to note the bigger savings in the bill was a $12 billion cut to the food stamp program.” [WQAD-News 8, 10/19/14]

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The Ad Claimed Miller-Meeks Partnered With A Company That Outsourced Hundreds Of Good Paying Jobs To India But Was Said To Be Misleading. “Now, the second claim: The announcer in the ad says, ‘as the president of an organization, Miller-Meeks partnered with a company that outsourced hundreds of good paying jobs to India.’ At the same time, these words appear on the screen: ‘Mariannette Miller-Meeks company outsourced hundreds of jobs to India.’ This could mislead viewers into thinking that it was a Miller-Meeks company that was doing the outsourcing. That’s not the case.” [WQAD-News 8, 10/19/14]

The Claim Was Based On A 2007 Partnership Between The Iowa Medical Society And A Company Called Athenahealth Inc. “The basis for the claim, according to the DCCC and Loeb’sack, is a 2007 partnership between the Iowa Medical Society and a Watertown, Mass.-based company called athenahealth Inc., a service provider that assists medical offices with administrative tasks such as billing and collections.” [WQAD-News 8, 10/19/14]

Miller-Meeks Was President Of The Iowa Medical Society At The Time Of The Partnership. “Miller-Meeks was president of the medical society at the time, and a news release quoted her as saying the partnership would help physicians “run more efficient practices and better serve patients.”” [WQAD-News 8, 10/19/14]

As of 2013, The Company, Athenahealth, Had 3,000 Employees And 300 Were In India. “A 2005 Boston Globe article does say athenahealth employed 200 “low wage” data entry workers in India. But the India operations have been only a small part of the company's workforce, according to filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Its 2013 annual report says out of nearly 3,000 employees at the end of last year, about 300 were in Chennai, India. The rest were in the United States. At the end of 2007, the company had 26 workers in India out of a total of 610, with the rest in the U.S., according to its 10-K.” [WQAD-News 8, 10/19/14]

Free Trade

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Miller-Meeks Said She Appreciated That Trump Was Willing To Take On China And Try Negotiate A Trade Deal With China. According to Miller-Meeks for Congress 2020 website, Miller-Meeks stated I think most people do appreciate that President Trump is willing to take on China, tried to renegotiate or to negotiate a trade deal with China, which is fair to the United States, which allows us to export products to China, but also import products to China also addresses the theft of intellectual property or property rights.” [Miller-Meeks for Congress 2020, Trade, 00:00:25, accessed 6/22/20] (VIDEO)

Miller-Meeks The United States Lost Sight Of Democracy, Freedom Of Religion, Freedom Of Speech When The U.S. Went Through Trade Negotiations With China. According to an interview gave on Caffeinated Thoughts Podcast, when asked for “Besides the passing Hong Kong Human Rights and Democracy Act, are we doing enough to pressure on China on their human rights abuses?”, Miller-Meeks said, “what is happening with the Uighurs, the indoctrination camps, reeducation camps is a travesty. we have freedom of religion in the United States that’s why people want to immigrate here. I think that we have, as we go through trade negotiations with China, we lose sight of other aspects of the United States, things that we stand for such as democracy, freedom of religion, freedom of speech. I think this is the right move by congress and the right move by the president. We should be standing by people who want freedom of expression, the freedom of opportunity that we have here in the United States. That doesn’t mean we have to police every country. But I think we stand for human rights, we stand for freedom loving people in Hong Kong, so this was the right move to make.” [Caffeinated Thoughts, 00:10:22, 12/3/19] (AUDIO)

Miller-Meek Was Irritated About The Delay In Passing USMCA Which Caused “Delays In Passing The Phase 1 China Deal” That Hurt The Farming Economy. At a Westside Conservatives Meeting, the question Miller-Meek was asked was “What’s your position on China?” Miller-Meeks responded “I believe that you’re correct that Ambassador Branstad is in fact helping through the negotiations with China. I think delay in passing USMCA also caused delays in passing the Phase 1 China deal. I mean, I think there was just tremendous pressure on the house to pass USMCA. And a lot of that we did and we created USMCA should have been passed. You know, I won’t say a year ago but certainly should have been passed nine months ago and did not and hurt our farming economy. Within our state, and I think that we’re going to rebound from that.” [Westside Conservatives Meeting, 00:14:06, 2/26/20] (VIDEO)

Miller-Meeks Was Asked What Was Her Position On China, Referencing Former Gov. Branstad Was Ambassador Helping With Trade And The Coronavirus. At a Westside Conservatives Meeting, the question Miller-Meek was asked was “I’d like to understand your position on China. We’re seeing right obviously Iowa has a strong relationship with China. Obviously, our previous governors over there now more than likely helping our president in some of these trade war issues and others, hopefully, helping with his Coronavirus issue. But we need to understand what’s going on there and the impact in our society right? There are large issues picking up with data, right five key, those types of things. And there are communists or socialists, we say that as well that didn’t work. We said keep it in the world when we say other countries didn’t work. We are hand in hand with China.” [Westside Conservatives Meeting, 00:22:35, 2/26/20] (VIDEO)
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What are what am I going to do about China’s currency manipulation? They have done this for years, I certainly knew of the intellectual property theft, and why our Silicon Valley companies would go to China, huge market, but you know, that they’re going to take your technology. We know China kept the stealth bomber under the Clinton and why did they keep it for so long and not return it because they were accessing the technology that was there.” [Westside Conservatives Meeting, 00:26:09, 2/26/20] (VIDEO)

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USMCA

Miller-Meeks: “Iowa Farmers, Ag Producers And Workers Are Going To Benefit From USMCA.”
Miller-Meeks: “Iowa Farmers, Ag Producers And Workers Are Going To Benefit From USMCA.” According to Mariannette Miller-Meeks Twitter, Miller-Meeks said “Iowa farmers, ag producers and workers are going to benefit from USMCA. We need to continue to make our trade deals fair and sell more Iowa products. #ia02.” [Dr. Miller-Meeks Twitter, 1/1/20]

Miller-Meeks Wanted Congress To Pass The United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement On Trade

“Among the priorities for the 64-year-old ophthalmologist are continuing to grow the economy so government can ‘tackle the big problems’ such as health care, the environment and poverty. She wants Congress to pass the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement on trade, move to lower prescription drug costs and improve skills training and work apprenticeships.” [The Gazette, 10/1/19]

Miller-Meeks She Would Never Quit Fighting For The Passage Of The USMCA

“Iowa Secretary of Agriculture Mike Naig announced Thursday that he is supporting Miller-Meeks in her campaign for the Republican nomination in the race for Iowa’s 2nd Congressional District. […] Miller-Meeks responded with thanks to the endorsement saying in the statement, ‘I will never quit fighting for Iowa’s biofuels industry, for fair trade deals, for the passage of the USMCA, and for strong policies that support our farmers and producers.’” [Iowa City Press-Citizen, 12/6/19]
**Veterans & Military Family Issues**

**Significant Findings**

- Miller-Meeks faulted Congress for not addressing the patient-care scandals at the VA.
- Miller-Meeks wanted to ensure veterans receive top quality medical care, sufficient resources for transitioning into civilian life, and a Veterans Administration that is responsive and efficient.
- Miller-Meeks: “The one issue I will never compromise on is making sure our military men and women have the resources needed when they are deployed and proper services when they return.”
- Miller-Meeks said if elected, if soldiers were not given a pay raise she would refuse any salary increase.

**Patient-Care Scandals At The Veterans Affairs**

**Miller-Meeks Faulted Congress For Not Addressing The Patient-Care Scandals At The VA**

Miller-Meeks Criticized Congress For Not Addressing The VA Patient-Care Scandals. “Miller-Meeks criticized government overreach [...] she faulted Congress for not addressing the patient-care scandals at the Veterans Administration, and the Environmental Protection Agency for what she called a ‘war on coal.’” [The Gazette, 1/12/14]

**Veteran Services**

**Miller-Meeks Wanted To Ensure Veterans Receive Top Quality Medical Care, Sufficient Resources For Transitioning Into Civilian Life, And A Veterans Administration That Is Responsive And Efficient**

According to Miller-Meeks for Congress 2010 website under “Victory in the War on Terror, Caring for Our Veterans”, Miller-Meeks said “it is important that our nation is there for our veterans and welcomes them with open arms when they return home - ensuring top quality medical care, sufficient resources for transitioning into civilian life, and a Veterans Administration that is responsive and efficient. I will be a tireless advocate for our nation’s veterans in Congress.” [Miller-Meeks for Congress 2010, accessed 6/15/20]

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“Mariannette Miller-Meeks: The one issue I will never compromise on is making sure our military men and women have the resources needed when they are deployed and proper services when they return. As a 24-year veteran of the Army and someone who comes from a military family, what has been happening with veterans’ health care makes me sick. It is disgusting that veterans were put on fake waiting lists and denied the health care they deserve. More needs to be done to reform the system and hold those responsible for the scandal.” [Clinton Herald, 10/15/14]
Military Pay Raise

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Miller-Meeks Said If Elected, If Soldiers Were Not Given A Pay Raise She Would Refuse Any Salary Increase. "If elected, I guarantee that if we do not give a pay raise to soldiers or a cost-of-living increase to senior citizens that I would refuse any salary increase and any additional revenues provided to run a congressional office," Miller-Meeks said." [The Hawk Eye, 12/1/09]
Appendix I – Personal Financial Disclosures

2020 – Federal Personal Financial Disclosure

Net Worth

2020: Miller-Meeks Had An Estimated Net Worth Between $201,003 And $515,000


Earned Income

Jan – May 2020: Miller-Meeks Reported $34,646 In Earned Income


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Assets & Unearned Income

2020: Miller-Meeks Reported Between $201,003 And $515,000 In Assets


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Liabilities

2020: Miller-Meeks Did Not Report Any Liabilities

### Positions

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### Agreements

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### Schedule An Asset Class Details

2020: Miller-Meeks Disclosed Two Schedule A Asset Class

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### 2020: Businesses, Occupations Or Professions

2020 Miller-Meeks Businesses, Occupations Or Profession

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[Miller-Meeks 2020 Iowa Senate Personal Financial Disclosures, 1/22/20]

### 2020: Nature Of Businesses, Occupations Or Profession

2020 Miller-Meeks Nature Of Businesses, Occupations Or Profession

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<th>Nature Or Position</th>
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<td>1. Recently Retired</td>
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<td>2. State Senator</td>
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[Miller-Meeks 2020 Iowa Senate Personal Financial Disclosures, 1/22/20]

### 2020: Securities

Nothing to report. [Miller-Meeks 2020 Iowa Senate Personal Financial Disclosures, 1/22/20]
2020: Retirement Systems

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<td>Name of System</td>
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<td>Military Pension</td>
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[Miller-Meeks 2020 Iowa Senate Personal Financial Disclosures, 1/22/20]

2019 – Federal Personal Financial Disclosure

Net Worth

2019: Miller-Meeks Had An Estimated Net Worth Between $201,003 And $515,000

2019: Miller-Meeks Had An Estimated Net Worth Between $201,003 And $515,000. [Miller-Meeks 2019 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed 12/1/19]

Earned Income

2019: Miller-Meeks $217,744 In Earned Income


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<td>Iowa Public Health Employees Retirements System</td>
<td>State Pension</td>
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<td>Great River Health Systems</td>
<td>Salary</td>
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<td>$401,864</td>
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Assets & Unearned Income

2019: Miller-Meeks Between $201,003 And $515,000 In Assets

2019: Miller-Meeks Between $201,003 and $515,000 In Assets. Time period covered in the 2019 discourse was 1/1/18 to 12/31/19. [Miller-Meeks 2019 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed 12/1/19]

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Liabilities
2019: Miller-Meeks Did Not Report Any Liabilities

None disclosed. [Miller-Meeks 2019 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed 12/1/19]

Positions

2019: Miller-Meeks Did Not Report Any Positions

None disclosed. [Miller-Meeks 2019 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed 12/1/19]

Agreements

2019: Miller-Meeks Did Not Report Any Agreements

None disclosed. [Miller-Meeks 2019 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed 12/1/19]

Schedule An Asset Class Details

2019: Miller-Meeks Disclosed Two Schedule An Asset Class

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<td>River Health Systems</td>
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Extension

2019: Miller-Meeks Filed A 30 Day Extension To File Her Financial Disclosure Statement


2019 – Iowa Senate Personal Financial Disclosures

2019: Businesses, Occupations Or Professions

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<tr>
<td>1. Physician</td>
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<tr>
<td>2. Legislator</td>
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[Miller-Meeks 2019 Iowa Senate Personal Financial Disclosures, 2/25/19]

2019: Nature Of Businesses, Occupations Or Profession

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<td>Nature Or Position</td>
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2. State Senator

[Miller-Meeks 2019 Iowa Senate Personal Financial Disclosures, 2/25/19]

### 2019: Securities

Nothing to report. [Miller-Meeks 2019 Iowa Senate Personal Financial Disclosures, 2/25/19]

### 2019: Retirement Systems

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[Miller-Meeks 2019 Iowa Senate Personal Financial Disclosures, 2/25/19]

### 2018 - Iowa State Candidate Financial Disclosure

#### 2018: Businesses, Occupations Or Professions

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<td>1. Ophthalmologist</td>
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<td>2. Wapello County Veterans Affairs Commissioner</td>
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[Miller-Meeks 2018 Iowa Candidate Financial Discourse, 4/6/18]

#### 2018: Nature Of Businesses, Occupations Or Profession

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<td>1. Medical care in Burlington, IA</td>
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<td>2. Board Member</td>
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[Miller-Meeks 2018 Iowa Candidate Financial Discourse, 4/6/18]

#### 2018: Securities

Nothing to report. [Miller-Meeks 2018 Iowa Candidate Financial Discourse, 4/6/18]

#### 2018: Retirement Systems

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<td>IPERS – State Government Retirement</td>
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[Miller-Meeks 2018 Iowa Candidate Financial Discourse, 4/6/18]

### 2014 – Federal Personal Financial Disclosure
Net Worth

2014: Miller-Meeks Had An Estimated Net Worth Between $1,001 And $15,000

2014: Miller-Meeks Had An Estimated Net Worth Between $1,001 And $15,000. [Miller-Meeks 2014 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed 5/2/14]

Earned Income

2014: Miller-Meeks $54,148 In Earned Income


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<td>River Hills Community Health Center</td>
<td>Spouse’s Salary</td>
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[Miller-Meeks 2014 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed 5/2/14]

Assets & Unearned Income

2014: Miller-Meeks Between $1,001 And $15,000 In Assets

2014: Miller-Meeks Between $1,001 And $15,000 In Assets. [Miller-Meeks 2014 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed 5/2/14]

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<td>Min</td>
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[Miller-Meeks 2014 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed 5/2/14]

Liabilities

2014: Miller-Meeks Did Not Report Any Liabilities

None disclosed. [Miller-Meeks 2014 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed 5/2/14]

Positions
2014: Miller-Meeks Did Not Report Any Positions

None disclosed. [Miller-Meeks 2014 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed 5/2/14]

Agreements

2014: Miller-Meeks Did Not Report Any Agreements

None disclosed. [Miller-Meeks 2014 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed 5/2/14]

2014 – Iowa Health Department Personal Financial Disclosures

2014: Part A. Designated Position In The Executive Branch

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<th>State Agency</th>
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<td>None</td>
<td>Director</td>
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[Miller-Meeks 2014 Iowa Health Department Personal Financial Disclosures, 4/29/14]

2014: Part B. Other Businesses, Occupations Or Profession

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<td>Locum Tenens Ophthalmologist</td>
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[Miller-Meeks 2014 Iowa Health Department Personal Financial Disclosures, 4/29/14]

2014: Part C, Section 1. Securities

None in this category. [Miller-Meeks 2014 Iowa Health Department Personal Financial Disclosures, 4/29/14]

NOTE: Part C requires disclosing income sources of more than $1,000.

2014: Part C, Section 2. Instruments Of Financial Institution

None in this category. [Miller-Meeks 2014 Iowa Health Department Personal Financial Disclosures, 4/29/14]

NOTE: Part C requires disclosing income sources of more than $1,000.

2014: Part C, Section 3. Trusts

None in this category. [Miller-Meeks 2014 Iowa Health Department Personal Financial Disclosures, 4/29/14]

NOTE: Part C requires disclosing income sources of more than $1,000.

2014: Part C, Section 4. Real Estate

None in this category. [Miller-Meeks 2014 Iowa Health Department Personal Financial Disclosures, 4/29/14]

NOTE: Part C requires disclosing income sources of more than $1,000.
2014: Part C, Section 5. Retirement Systems

None in this category. [Miller-Meeks 2014 Iowa Health Department Personal Financial Disclosures, 4/29/14]

NOTE: Part C requires disclosing income sources of more than $1,000.

2014: Part C, Section 6. Other Sources Of Income

None in this category. [Miller-Meeks 2014 Iowa Health Department Personal Financial Disclosures, 4/29/14]

NOTE: Part C requires disclosing income sources of more than $1,000.

2014: Part D. Commissions From The Sale Of Goods Or Services To A Pollical Division Of The State

None in this category. [Miller-Meeks 2014 Iowa Health Department Personal Financial Disclosures, 4/29/14]

NOTE: Part C requires disclosing income sources of more than $1,000.

2013 – Iowa Health Department

2013: Position In The Executive Branch

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[Miller-Meeks 2013 Iowa Health Department Personal Financial Disclosures, 3/11/13]

2013: Part A. Businesses, Occupations Or Profession

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<td>Staff Care</td>
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[Miller-Meeks 2013 Iowa Health Department Personal Financial Disclosures, 3/11/13]

2013: Part B, Section 1. Securities

None in this category. [Miller-Meeks 2013 Iowa Health Department Personal Financial Disclosures, 3/11/13]

NOTE: Part B requires disclosing income sources of more than $1,000.

2013: Part B, Section 2. Instruments Of Financial Institution

None in this category. [Miller-Meeks 2013 Iowa Health Department Personal Financial Disclosures, 3/11/13]

NOTE: Part B requires disclosing income sources of more than $1,000.

2013: Part B, Section 3. Trusts
None in this category. [Miller-Meeks 2013 Iowa Health Department Personal Financial Disclosures, 3/11/13]

**NOTE:** Part B requires disclosing income sources of more than $1,000.

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### 2013: Part B, Section 4. Real Estate

None in this category. [Miller-Meeks 2013 Iowa Health Department Personal Financial Disclosures, 3/11/13]

**NOTE:** Part B requires disclosing income sources of more than $1,000.

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### 2013: Part B, Section 5. Retirement Systems

None in this category. [Miller-Meeks 2013 Iowa Health Department Personal Financial Disclosures, 3/11/13]

**NOTE:** Part B requires disclosing income sources of more than $1,000.

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### 2013: Part B, Section 6. Other Sources Of Annual Gross Income That Were Reported For Tax Purposes

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[Miller-Meeks 2013 Iowa Health Department Personal Financial Disclosures, 3/11/13]

**NOTE:** Part B, Income Sources Of More Than $1,000.

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### 2012: Position In The Executive Branch

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[Miller-Meeks 2012 Iowa Health Department Personal Financial Disclosures, 3/20/12]

### 2012: Part A. Businesses, Occupations Or Profession

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[Miller-Meeks 2012 Iowa Health Department Personal Financial Disclosures, 3/20/12]

### 2012: Part B, Section 1. Securities

None in this category. [Miller-Meeks 2012 Iowa Health Department Personal Financial Disclosures, 3/20/12]

**NOTE:** Part B requires disclosing income sources of more than $1,000.

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### 2012: Part B, Section 2. Instruments Of Financial Institution

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None in this category. [Miller-Meeks 2012 Iowa Health Department Personal Financial Disclosures, 3/20/12]

*NOTE: Part B requires disclosing income sources of more than $1,000.*

### 2012: Part B, Section 3. Trusts

None in this category. [Miller-Meeks 2012 Iowa Health Department Personal Financial Disclosures, 3/20/12]

*NOTE: Part B requires disclosing income sources of more than $1,000.*

### 2012: Part B, Section 4. Real Estate

None in this category. [Miller-Meeks 2012 Iowa Health Department Personal Financial Disclosures, 3/20/12]

*NOTE: Part B requires disclosing income sources of more than $1,000.*

### 2012: Part B, Section 5. Retirement Systems

None in this category. [Miller-Meeks 2012 Iowa Health Department Personal Financial Disclosures, 3/20/12]

*NOTE: Part B requires disclosing income sources of more than $1,000.*

### 2012: Part B, Section 6. Other Sources Of Annual Gross Income That Were Reported For Tax Purposes

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[Miller-Meeks 2012 Iowa Health Department Personal Financial Disclosures, 3/20/12]

### 2009 – Federal Personal Financial Disclosure

*NOTE: Miller-Meeks 2009 Federal Personal Financial Disclosure is located on the DCCC’s Research drive.*

#### Net Worth

**2009: Miller-Meeks Had An Estimated Net Worth Between $276,268 And $1,342,000**


#### Earned Income

**Miller-Meeks $365,008 In Earned Income**

**2009: Miller-Meeks Reported $365,000 In Earned Income From Heartland Eye Care, Stuff Care And Spouse's Salary.** [Miller-Meeks 2009 Public Financial Disclosure Report, filed 2/4/10]

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### Assets & Unearned Income

#### 2009: Miller-Meeks Reported Between $276,268 And $1,342,000 In Assets


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Liabilities

2009: Miller-Meeks Did Not Report Any Liabilities


Positions

2009: Miller-Meeks Did Not Report Any Positions


Agreements

2009: Miller-Meeks Did Not Report Any Agreements


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Appendix II – Campaign Finance

Items of Interest

✔ As of the 1st quarter of 2020, Miller-Meeks’ campaign raised $587,564.55 and spent $238,773.66.

✔ As of the 1st quarter of 2020, Miller-Meeks’ campaign committee received 64% of her contributions from large individual contributors and 9% from PACs.

✔ As of the 1st quarter of 2020, Miller-Meeks’ campaign committee received $16,000 from corporate PACs.

✔ Over her bids for Congress and State Senate, Miller-Meeks has received $174,330 in campaign donations and support from the health industry.

Campaign Committee

As Of The 1st Quarter Of 2020, Miller-Meeks’ Campaign Raised $587,564.55 And Spent $238,773.66

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As Of The 1st Quarter Of 2020, Miller-Meeks’ Campaign Committee Received 67% Of Her Contributions From Large Individual Contributors And 18% From PACs

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Source Of Miller-Meeks 2010 Congressional Campaign Committee Funds

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Source Of Miller-Meeks 2008 Career Congressional Campaign Committee Funds

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As Of The 1st Quarter Of 2020, Miller-Meeks’ Campaign Committee Received $16,000 From Corporate PACs

Over Her Career, Miller-Meeks Received $16,000 From Corporate PACs. [Maplight, accessed 6/8/20]

Top Overall Industries

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### Miller Meeks Health Industry Donations

**Miller-Meeks Has Received $174,330 In Campaign Donations And Support From The Health Industry**

**NOTE:** This table includes data coded by the DCCC from Miller-Meeks run for State Senate, and data from her four runs for Congress. The data also includes independent expenditures made in support of Miller-Meeks. Primary source documents are saved on the DCCC Research drive. Please take care in double checking this data.

### Miller-Meeks Insurance And Pharma Donations

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Personal Reimbursements & Self-Funding

Over Her Four Runs For Congress, Miller-Meeks Loaned $733,770.76 To Her Congressional Campaigns

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2020 Cycle

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As Of The 1st Quarter Of 2020, Miller Meeks $56,600 Donations Received From Political Committees

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[FEC Committee Candidate and Committee Viewer, accessed 6/8/20]
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### 2014 Cycle

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### 2010 Contributions

**2010 Cycle**

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**TOTAL:** $29,742

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#### 2010: Miller Meeks $14,030 Donations To Own Campaign
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## 2010: Miller Meeks $109,904 Donations Received From Political Committees

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2008 Cycle

2008: Miller-Meeks Donated $6,435.86 In In-Kind Contributions To Her 2008 Campaign

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2008: Miller Meeks Made $20,940 In Donations To Own Campaign

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2008: Miller Meeks $49,194.66 Donations Received From Political Committees

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State Elections

2018 Election

**NOTE:** All Iowa State totals saved on the DCCC research drive.

**Miller-Meeks ʻs State Senate Campaign Raised $430,438.69 And Spent $105,294.08**

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**Miller-Meeks Accepted Over $50,050 in PAC And Party Donations**

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Miller-Meeks Received $321,451 In In-Kind Contributions

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<td>Constituency Expenses: Auto call Advertising: Direct Mail</td>
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<td>Curt Meeks</td>
<td>Campaign Merchandise doorhanger bags</td>
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<td>Republican Party of Iowa</td>
<td>Advertising: Direct Mail</td>
<td>$12,458.20</td>
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<td>Mariannette Miller-Meeks</td>
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<td>$36</td>
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<td>11/21/18</td>
<td>Mariannette Miller-Meeks</td>
<td>Advertising: telephone advertising Campaign Merchandise notepads, palm cards, door hanging bags</td>
<td>$3,336.74</td>
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<td>12/6/18</td>
<td>Mariannette Miller-Meeks</td>
<td>Advertising: newspaper Bloomfield Communications</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL:</strong></td>
<td><strong>$321,451</strong></td>
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[Iowa Secretary of State, accessed 6/19/20]
## Appendix III – Paid Media Summary

**NOTE:** Paid media advertisements saved on the DCCC research drive. The below does not reflect all 2014 advertising, only advertising still accessible in 2020.

### 2014 Election

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<td>10/28/14</td>
<td>House Majority Pac</td>
<td>Nursery Rhyme</td>
<td>Outsource jobs overseas</td>
<td>Bad for Iowa Families</td>
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<tr>
<td>10/24/14</td>
<td>DCCC</td>
<td>Fancy</td>
<td>Outsource jobs overseas</td>
<td>Bad for Iowa Families</td>
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### 2010 Election

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<td>2010</td>
<td>DCCC</td>
<td>Iowa Can’t Afford Mariannette Miller-Meeks</td>
<td>National Sales Tax on groceries, medication</td>
<td>Bad, Can’t afford to pay more</td>
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## Appendix IV – State Senate Bill Sponsorships & Votes

### Miller-Meeks Sponsored Nine Bills And One Joint Resolution

**Miller-Meeks Sponsored Nine Bills And One Joint Resolution Since Being Sworn In To The Iowa State Senate:**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Bill Number</th>
<th>Date Filed</th>
<th>Other Cosponsors</th>
<th>Description of Bill</th>
<th>Bill Actions</th>
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<tr>
<td>S.F. 130</td>
<td>1/28/19</td>
<td>Republicans – 11 Democrats – 6</td>
<td>The school year will begin no earlier than Aug. 23 or the Monday following the closing day of the annual Iowa State Fair, whichever occurs earlier.</td>
<td>Referred to the Education Committee.</td>
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<tr>
<td>S.F. 243</td>
<td>2/12/19</td>
<td>Republicans – 26 Democrats – 0</td>
<td>Bill for an act relating to the employment of unauthorized aliens and providing penalties</td>
<td>Reported out of the Judiciary Committee. As of 3/06/19, out of committee.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>S.F. 251</td>
<td>2/12/19</td>
<td>Only Sponsored by Miller-Meeks</td>
<td>A bill for an act relating to the provision of Medicaid coverage to pregnant women lawfully residing in the United States.</td>
<td>Reported to the Human Resources Committee (Miller-Meeks serves on this Committee). As of 2/28/19, out of committee.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>S.F. 252</td>
<td>2/12/19</td>
<td>Only Sponsored by Miller-Meeks</td>
<td>A bill for an act relating to the suspension of Medicaid coverage for an inmate of a public institution.</td>
<td>Reported to the Human Resources Committee (Miller-Meeks serves on this Committee). As of 2/28/19, out of committee.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>S.F. 279</td>
<td>2/20/19</td>
<td>Republicans – 20 Democrats – 15</td>
<td>A bill for an act relating to hemp, including the regulation of hemp, providing for enforcement and the confiscation and destruction or disposal of certain property, providing for fees, making appropriations, including penalties, and providing implementation and effective date provisions.</td>
<td>Committee recommended passage. Referred to Ways and Means. As of 3/21/19, out of committee.</td>
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<tr>
<td>S.F. 347</td>
<td>2/21/19</td>
<td>Only Sponsored by Miller-Meeks</td>
<td>A bill for an act relating to pharmacy benefit managers and health carriers and management of prescription drug benefits, and including applicability provisions.</td>
<td>Voted out of committee 3-0 (Chairwomen is Miller-Meeks). As of 3/11/19, reported out of committee.</td>
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<tr>
<td>S.F. 348</td>
<td>2/21/19</td>
<td>Only Sponsored by Miller-Meeks</td>
<td>A bill for an act relating to the prescribing and dispensing of self-administered hormonal contraceptives.</td>
<td>Passed: Yeas-42 (Miller-Meeks was yea) Nays-6 (all republicans) on 3/27/19. House version was reported to Human Resources (Chairwomen is Miller-Meeks) Committee on 4/27/19.</td>
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*Also referred to S.F. 513*
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<td>SF 2100</td>
<td>1/28/20</td>
<td>Only Sponsored by</td>
<td>A bill for an act relating to the provision of behavioral health services including via telemedicine in a school setting.</td>
<td>Passed: 50-0, signed by the Gov. 6/29/20.</td>
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<td>Miller-Meeks</td>
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<td>SF 2242</td>
<td>2/18/20</td>
<td>Only Sponsored by</td>
<td>A bill for an act creating the taxpayers trust fund and the Iowa taxpayers trust fund tax credit, and making contingent transfers from the Iowa economic emergency fund.</td>
<td>Introduced, referred to Ways and Means.</td>
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<td>Miller-Meeks</td>
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<tr>
<td>SRJ 9</td>
<td>1/24/19</td>
<td>Republicans – 29</td>
<td>A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Iowa that the Constitution of the State of Iowa does not secure or protect a right to or require the funding of abortion.</td>
<td>Reported out of State Government Committee on 3/6/19.</td>
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<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>Democrats – 0</td>
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Reproductive Health

Abortion

**2019: Miller-Meeks Voted For Expanding Penalties For Fetal Homicide Bill.** Meeks voted for S.F. 523, “a bill for an act relating to the nonconsensual cause of death of and serious injury to an unborn person, and providing penalties.” The bill passed by vote 31-18. [Iowa State Legislature, S.F. 523, 3/26/19]

**2020: Miller-Meeks Voted For Amending The State Constitution To Repeal The Right To Abortion.** Meeks voted for SJR 2001, “a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Iowa to protect life by declaring that the Constitution of the State of Iowa shall not be construed to recognize, grant, or secure a right to abortion or to require the public funding of abortion.” The bill passed by vote 35-11. [Iowa State Legislature, SJR 2001, 2/13/20]

**2020: Miller-Meeks Voted For Requiring A 24-Hour Waiting Period Prior To Abortion.** Meeks voted for S.F. 594, “a bill for an act relating to medical procedures including abortion and limitations regarding the withdrawal of a life sustaining procedure from a minor child.” The bill passed by vote 31-16. [Iowa State Legislature, S.F. 594, 6/14/20]

Contraception

**2019: Miller-Meeks Voted For Authorizing Women To Buy Birth Control Without A Prescription.** Meeks voted for S.F. 513, “a bill for an act relating to the prescribing and dispensing of self-administered hormonal contraceptives.” The bill passed by vote 42-6. [Iowa State Legislature, S.F. 513, 3/27/19]

Agriculture
Agricultural Production Facility Trespass

2019: Miller-Meeks Voted For The Agricultural Production Facility Trespass. Meeks voted for S.F. 519 or Agricultural Production Facility Trespass, “bill for an act relating to an offense involving trespass to agricultural production facilities, providing penalties, and including effective date provisions. (Formerly SSB 1227.)” The bill passed by vote 41-8. [Iowa State Legislature, S.F. 519, 3/12/19]

Food Safety

2020: Miller-Meeks Voted For Increasing Penalties For Trespassing On Animal Food Operations. Meeks voted for S.F. 2413 or The Campus Free Speech Act, A bill for an act relating to agriculture and food, including the powers and duties of the department of agriculture and land stewardship, providing penalties, making penalties applicable, and including effective date provisions.” The bill passed by vote 34-11. [Iowa State Legislature, S.F. 2413, 6/5/20]

COVID-19

Protections For Businesses

2020: Miller-Meeks Voted For Establishing Legal Protections For Business And Health Care Providers During COVID-19. Meeks voted for S.F. 2338, “A bill for an act relating to civil actions, including recoverable damages for medical expenses, evidence offered to prove past medical expenses, and civil actions related to the novel coronavirus, and including retroactive applicability provisions.” The bill passed by vote 30-20. [Iowa State Legislature, S.F. 2338, 6/10/20]

Crime & Public Safety

Traffic Law Enforcement Ban

2019: Miller-Meeks Voted For Automated Traffic Law Enforcement Ban. Meeks voted for S.F. 343, “a bill for an act prohibiting the use of automated or remote systems for traffic law enforcement, including prohibiting the sharing of related information and requiring the removal of existing systems, and including effective date provisions.” The bill passed by vote 30-19. [Iowa State Legislature, S.F. 343, 3/26/19]

Sports Wagering

2019: Miller-Meeks Voted For Sports Wagering. Meeks voted for S.F. 617, “a bill for an act relating to gambling regulation and wagering, by providing for sports wagering and fantasy sports contests, providing for taxes and fees, making penalties applicable, and including implementation and effective date provisions.” The bill passed by vote 31-18. [Iowa State Legislature, S.F. 617, 4/27/19]

Education

Campus Free Speech

2019: Miller-Meeks Voted For The Campus Free Speech Act. Meeks voted for S.F. 274 or The Campus Free Speech Act, “a bill for an act relating to speech and expression at public institutions of higher education, providing for remedies, and including effective date provisions. (Formerly SSB 1099.”) The bill passed by vote 35-11. [Iowa State Legislature, S.F. 274, 3/11/19]
Environment

**Land Purchase Regulations**

**2019: Miller-Meeks Voted For Amending Land Purchase Regulations For Water Quality Testing.** Meeks voted for S.F. 548, “a bill for an act relating to the acquisition, donation, or sale of real property for specified purposes. The bill passed by vote 32-17. [Iowa State Legislature, S.F. 548, 3/20/19]

*Prohibited Private Entities From Acquiring Land For Source Water Pollution Project And Selling Or Donating Land To The Government.* Prohibits a private entity from acquiring land for a nonpoint source water pollution control project and then selling or donating the land to a political subdivision, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), or the federal government.” [Iowa State Legislature, Fiscal Note, S.F. 548, 3/20/19]

**Energy**

**Electric Cars**

**2019: Miller-Meeks Voted For Requiring Annual Fee For Electric Cars.** Meeks voted for H.F. 767, “a bill for an act relating to motor vehicle taxes and fees, including registration fees for certain electric vehicles, an excise tax on hydrogen used as special fuel, and an excise tax on electricity used as electric fuel, providing penalties, making penalties applicable, and including effective date provisions.” (Formerly SSB 1099.)” The bill passed by vote 34-14. [Iowa State Legislature, H.F. 767, 4/27/19]

**Guns**

**Gun Policies**

**2020: Miller-Meeks Voted For Amending Gun Policies.** Meeks voted for H.F. 2502, “a bill for an act relating to firearms and weapons, including the storage, carrying, possession, or transportation of weapons and the establishment, use, and maintenance of shooting ranges.” The bill passed by vote 32-17. [Iowa State Legislature, H.F. 2502, 6/3/20]

**Health Care**

**Medicaid Expansion**

**2019: Miller-Meeks Voted For Medicaid Expansion, Community Engagement.** Meeks voted for S.F. 538 or The Medicaid Expansion, Community Engagement, “A bill for an act relating to community engagement activity requirements under the Iowa health and wellness plan.” The bill passed by vote 32-17. [Iowa State Legislature, S.F. 538, 3/19/19]

**Medical Marijuana**

**2020: Miller-Meeks Voted For Expanding The Medical Marijuana Program.** Meeks voted for H.F. 2589, “A bill for an act concerning the medical cannabidiol Act and marijuana.” The bill passed by vote 32-17. [Iowa State Legislature, H.F. 2589, 6/3/20]

**Immigration & Border Issues**
**E-Verify**


**Judicial Issues**

**Judicial Nominations**

2019: Miller-Meeks Voted In Favor Of Amending Iowa’s Judicial Nominating Commission Selection. Meeks voted for S.F. 237, “a bill for an act relating to the membership and procedures of the state judicial nominating commission and district judicial nominating commission and to the selection and qualifications of judges, associate judges, and the chief justice, and including effective date provisions. (Formerly SSB 1101.)” The bill effective passed by vote 32-17. [Iowa State Legislature, S.F. 237, 3/12/19]

**Attorney General**

2019: Miller-Meeks Voted For Prohibited The Attorney General From Joining Out-Of-State Lawsuits Bill. Meeks voted for S.F. 615, “a bill for an Attorney General’s statutory duties to require the approval of the Governor, Executive Council, or Legislature to prosecute any action or proceeding, including signing onto or authoring amicus briefs or letters of support, in any court or tribunal other than an Iowa state court. (Formerly SSB 1099.)” The bill passed by vote 32-18. [Iowa State Legislature, S.F. 615, 4/15/19]

**Labor & Working Families**

**SNAP**

2020: Miller-Meeks Voted For The Medicaid, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Eligibility Verification. Meeks voted for S.F. 2272, “bill for an act relating to public assistance program oversight, and including effective date provisions.” The bill passed by vote 32-17. [Iowa State Legislature, S.F. 2272, 2/26/20]

**Technology**

**Ransomware Attacks**

2019: Miller-Meeks Voted For A Bill Prohibiting Revenue From Taxpayers For Payment To People Responsible For Ransomware Attacks. Miller-Meeks Voted For S.F.2391, “bill for an act prohibiting the state or a political subdivision of the state from expending revenue received from taxpayers for payment to persons responsible for ransomware attacks, and including effective date provisions. (Formerly SF 2080.)” The bill passed by vote 28-17. [Iowa State Legislature, S.F.2391, 3/11/2020]
Appendix V – Office Expenditures

Iowa Department Of Health

NOTE: All Office Expenditures can be found on the DCCC’s research drive.

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<th>Date</th>
<th>Personnel Services</th>
<th>Travel</th>
<th>Office Supplies</th>
<th>Printing &amp; Binding</th>
<th>Postage</th>
<th>Communications</th>
<th>IT Equipment &amp; Software</th>
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<td>2014</td>
<td>$113,960.21</td>
<td>$4,835.22</td>
<td>$78.42</td>
<td>$235.00</td>
<td>$35.93</td>
<td>$2,821.16</td>
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<td>2013</td>
<td>$217,552.83</td>
<td>$8,575.86</td>
<td>$1,435.18</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>$130.95</td>
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<td>$229,979.12</td>
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<td>$25,118.94</td>
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<td>$274.98</td>
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<td>$16,419.83</td>
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Other Office Expenditures

Total ITD Reimbursements Was $1,868.65

2011: Total ITD Reimbursements Was $244.46.
2012: Total ITD Reimbursements Was $825.80.
2013: Total ITD Reimbursements Was $499.06.
2014: Total ITD Reimbursements Was $299.33.

Total Outside Services Cost $4,542.40

2012: Total Outside Services Cost $42.40 For An Alarm System Monitoring.
2013: Total Outside Services Cost $4,500.00 For Sub Grant Pymt-Pass Thru Funds.
Appendix VI – Travel Expenditures

NOTE: Primary source documents are available on the DCCC Research drive.

Travel Expenditures, Director Of Public Health

**Miller-Meeks Spent $6,376.98 On Taxpayer Funded In Of State Travel**

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<td>$273.00</td>
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<td>Current Pers Mileage Rate - In-State</td>
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<td>Current Pers Mileage Rate - In-State</td>
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<td>11/16/11</td>
<td>2012</td>
<td>Current Pers Mileage Rate - In-State</td>
<td>Mariannette Miller-Meeks</td>
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