Katko's record is bad for women. He voted against women receiving equal pay for equal work, voted to protect businesses with a history of sexual harassment, and voted to defund Planned Parenthood five times. And he said he'll vote to overturn Roe v. Wade, which will prevent a woman from receiving abortion services even if she was raped or her life is at risk.

2019: Katko Voted Against The Paycheck Fairness Act. In March 2019, Katko voted against “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would change the language and grounds that an employer could use in a legal defense to explain a difference in pay between employees when a lawsuit is brought against the employer alleging pay discrimination on the basis of sex. The bill would narrow the defense such an employer could use by requiring employers to provide non-gender, business-based reasons for differences in pay, rather than allowing the employer to demonstrate in court that ‘any factor other than sex’ had been the basis for the pay disparity. Under the bill, an employer would specifically need to demonstrate that the disparity is based on a bona fide factor such as education, training or experience. It would expand protections for employees against forms of retaliation and increase monetary penalties for violating the Fair Labor Standards Act.” The bill passed 242-187. [HR 7, Vote #134, 3/27/19; CQ, 3/27/19]

Katko Voted For Potentially Exposing Hundreds Of Thousands Of American Workers To Sexual Harassment By Repealing A Rule Requiring Businesses To Disclose Harassment Violations When Bidding On Large Federal Contracts. In February 2017, Katko voted for: “Passage of the joint resolution that would nullify and disapprove of a Defense Department, General Services Administration and NASA rule that requires companies that bid for federal contracts of more than $500,000 to disclose whether they have been determined in the previous three years to have violated certain federal labor laws and equivalent state laws.” The resolution passed 236-187 and was signed into law on March 27, 2017. [H J Res 37, Vote #76, 2/2/17; CQ, 2/2/17]

Katko Voted 5 Times To Defund Planned Parenthood:

- Katko Voted For Reversing Obama Rule Preventing States From Withholding Grants From Planned Parenthood. [HJRes 43, Vote #99, 2/16/17; USA Today, 2/16/17]
- Katko Voted For Reconciliation Bill To Repeal Key Sections Of The Affordable Care Act And Defund Planned Parenthood. [HR 3762, Vote #568, 10/23/15; Washington Post, 10/23/15]
- Katko Voted For Attaching Measure To Defund Planned Parenthood To Spending Measure Necessary To Avert Government Shutdown. [H Con Res 79, Vote #527, 9/30/15; New York Times, 10/1/15]
- Katko Voted For Defunding Planned Parenthood. [H.R. 3134, Vote #505, 9/18/15; CQ, 9/23/15]
- Katko Voted Against Preventing Attempts To Defund Planned Parenthood. [H.R. 3134, Vote #504, 9/18/15; Democratic Leader – Motions To Recommit, 9/18/15]

2014: Katko Said He Would Repeal Roe V. Wade. “At a Thursday Morning Roundtable debate, he was pressed for a ‘yes’ or ‘no’ answer on repealing the Roe v. Wade decision that made abortion a legal right. Katko said he would vote to repeal the law. After the debate, his spokeswoman stressed that Katko would not make it a priority; it is not a top issue on his agenda.” [Post Standard, 11/02/14]

21 States Have Laws That Could Restrict Abortion If Roe V. Wade Was Overturned, Including 10 States That Have Laws “To Ban All Or Nearly All Abortions.” “Other bans enacted after Roe are designed to be ‘triggered’ and take effect automatically or by swift state action if Roe is overturned. Several states even have laws declaring the state’s intent to ban abortion to whatever extent is permitted by the U.S. Constitution, making their desire to halt abortion access in the state clear. [...] 21 states have laws that could be used to restrict the legal status of abortion. 9 states retain their unenforced, pre-Roe abortion bans. 10 states have post-Roe laws to ban all or nearly all abortions that would be triggered if Roe were overturned. 9 states have unconstitutional post-Roe restrictions that are currently blocked by courts but could be brought back into effect with a court order in Roe’s absence. 7
states have laws that express the intent to restrict the right to legal abortion to the maximum extent permitted by the U.S. Supreme Court in the absence of Roe.” [Guttmacher, 8/1/19]

**When Asked About Abortion, Katko Reiterated His Pro-Life Stance And Said “There’s No Middle Ground There, Right?”** “Congressman Katko and his wife of nearly thirty years, Robyn, have 3 boys, 2 of the adopted. Just one of the many reason why protecting the unborn is important to him.’ Katko: ‘I’m all about trying to find compromise, but there’s no middle ground there, right? In my district it would be a lot easier if I was pro-choice, a lot easier. But despite that, I stand strong.”’ [EWTN, YouTube, 8/14/20]
John Katko took over $160,000 from the pharmaceutical industry, then voted against a bipartisan bill to allow Medicare to negotiate lower prices for prescription drugs. And John Katko voted to give drug companies a $40 billion tax handout.

Katko Received $62,367 In Total From The Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Industry Throughout His Career In Congress. [Center for Responsive Politics, accessed 7/29/20]

Katko Received $105,562 In Total From The Pharmaceutical/ Health Products Industry Throughout His Career In Congress. [Center for Responsive Politics, accessed 7/29/20]