

Mariannette Miller-Meeks (IA-01) Red Box Backup – Inflation And Gas Prices

INFLATION AND GAS PRICES

When it comes to **inflation and gas prices**, IA-01 Voters need to see on broadcast and cable in the Quad Cities, Cedar Rapids, and Des Moines media markets, as well as in the mail and on OTT and digital:

- *Mariannette Miller-Meeks is beholden to Washington special interests -- she's taken over \$3 million from them.*
- *No wonder Miller-Meeks refused to crack down on big oil, drug companies, and price-gouging corporations that continue to unfairly jack up prices.*
- *Miller-Meeks opposed a gas tax freeze -- even though gas prices continue to soar as oil companies reap record profits.*

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Center For Responsive Politics: Miller-Meeks Has Taken \$3,461,632 From Special Interests During Her Congressional Campaigns.

Sector	Total	Individuals	PACs
Agribusiness	\$240,898	\$153,398	\$87,500
Communications/Electronics	\$74,628	\$39,038	\$35,590
Construction	\$190,426	\$154,426	\$36,000
Defense	\$9,653	\$6,653	\$3,000
Energy & Natural Resources	\$89,518	\$41,518	\$48,000
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	\$653,465	\$535,965	\$117,500
Health	\$525,577	\$281,077	\$244,500
Lawyers & Lobbyists	\$120,960	\$113,960	\$7,000
Transportation	\$101,258	\$77,688	\$23,570
Misc Business	\$314,118	\$258,944	\$55,174
Labor	\$1,022	\$22	\$1,000
Ideological/Single-Issue	\$1,140,109	\$183,464	\$956,645
TOTAL:	\$3,461,632		

[Center For Responsive Politics, [6/22/22](#)]

No Wonder Miller-Meeks Refused To Crack Down On Big Oil, Drug Companies, And Price-Gouging Corporations That Continue To Unfairly Jack Up Prices

May 2022: Miller-Meeks Voted Against The Consumer Fuel Price Gouging Prevention Act To Bar Excessive Or Exploitative Fuel Prices. In May 2022, Miller-Meeks voted against: “Passage of the bill, as amended, that would prohibit the sale of consumer fuel at excessive costs during a presidentially declared energy emergency. Specifically, the bill would allow the president to issue an energy emergency proclamation for any U.S. area for a renewable period of up to 30 days. During an energy emergency period, it would prohibit the sale of consumer fuel at a price that is ‘unconscionably excessive’ and indicates that the seller is ‘exploiting’ the circumstances of the emergency to unreasonably increase prices. It would direct the Federal Trade Commission to enforce such violations under existing law related to unfair or deceptive practices. It would establish an affirmative defense for civil and administrative action brought to enforce the violation that an increase in price ‘reasonably reflects’ additional costs or risks taken to produce, distribute, obtain or sell fuel. It would specify aggravating and mitigating factors in determining violations including whether the price grossly exceeds the average price of fuel offered in the 30 days before the emergency proclamation or during a benchmark period established by the FTC; whether the

price grossly exceeds the average price offered during the emergency period by other sellers in the same area; and whether the quantity of fuel produced, distributed or sold increased in an area during the emergency period, accounting for usual seasonal variation. Among other provisions related to enforcement, it would require the FTC to prioritize enforcement against companies with sales over \$500 million annually; allow state attorneys general to enforce the prohibition through civil action and allow the FTC to intervene in such cases; and establish the Consumer Relief Trust Fund for funds collected from penalties, to be used to provide energy assistance to low-income households. It would also increase from \$1 million to \$2 million the maximum penalty under existing law and expand FTC enforcement authority for market manipulation and sharing false information with respect to transportation fuel pricing. It would require the Energy Department's Energy Information Administration to conduct surveys of energy companies to collect information on U.S. crude oil and transportation fuel markets and share survey results and related analyses with the public and the FTC. It would require the FTC to investigate and create a strategy to address price manipulation and price gouging practices for gasoline during national or international emergencies." The bill passed by a vote of 217-207. [H.R. 7688, Vote #232, [5/19/22](#); CQ, [5/19/22](#)]

Miller-Meeks Said She Opposed Allowing Medicare To Negotiate Lower Prescription Drug Prices.

"Republican Congresswoman Mariannette Miller-Meeks of Ottumwa says she's opposed to having the federal government negotiate to lower the prices of prescription medicine covered by Medicare. Democrats have inserted this proposal in a bill that may be voted upon today." [Radio Iowa, [11/5/21](#)]

Miller-Meeks Opposed A Gas Tax Freeze -- Even Though Gas Prices Continue To Soar As Oil Companies Reap Record Profits

Miller-Meeks Said A Gas Tax Break "Just Puts Band-Aid On The Problem Without A Real Solution." "It won't, just puts band-aid on the problem without a real solution. We need to open domestic energy production and increase supply to lower prices ASAP." QUOTE TWEET @kwqcnews: "Some drivers wonder if it will actually make a difference."



Rep. Mariannette Miller-Meeks, M.D. [@RepMMM](#)

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- **Miller-Meeks' Tweet Was In Response To An Article About A Gas Tax Break.** [Twitter, [@kwqcnews](#), [6/22/22](#); KWQC, [6/22/22](#)]

May 2022: The Average Gas Price Hit A Record High Of \$4.59 Per Gallon And Was Expected To Remain High Through The Summer. "Gas prices continued to rise across the U.S. this week, and pressure on the pump is unlikely to decrease as the summer travel season begins. The average price for a gallon of regular unleaded gasoline in the U.S. hit a record of \$4.59 on Thursday, according to AAA. It is the highest national average recorded by AAA since they began tracking fuel costs in 2000. On average, prices are about 50 cents more a gallon than they were a month ago. A year ago, the average cost of a gallon of gas was \$3.04, according to the group. [...] Prices are expected to remain high throughout the summer. Mr. Gladden of AAA said prices typically decline by the end of summer, but what happens this year remains unclear." [Wall Street Journal, [5/19/22](#)]

USA Today: "Some Of The World's Leading Oil Giants Reported Record Profits For The First Three Months Of This Year." "As households around the globe struggle with rising energy bills, some of the world's leading oil giants reported record profits for the first three months of this year. Profits for Exxon Mobil, Shell and more also rose by billions despite significant costs of exiting operations and/or investments in Russia amid war in Ukraine." [USA Today, [5/7/22](#)]