Alek Skarlatos (OR-04) Research Report
The following report contains research on Alek Skarlatos, a Republican candidate in Oregon’s 4th district. Research for this memo was conducted by the DCCC’s Research Department in August 2020. By accepting this report, you are accepting responsibility for all information and analysis included. Therefore, it is your responsibility to verify all claims against the original documentation before you make use of it. Make sure you understand the facts behind our conclusions before making any specific charges against anyone.

Alek Skarlatos
Republican Candidate in Oregon’s 4th Congressional District

Research Memo - 2020
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Significant Findings

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✓ In May of 2020, Skarlatos won the Republican primary in Oregon’s 4th Congressional district.

✓ Skarlatos paid himself a $12,000 salary out of his campaign fund, adding going without pay was “not something that I can do indefinitely.”

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✓ Skarlatos was raised in the Sacramento area, moved to Oregon in 2009, entering Rosburg High School as a sophomore and graduating in 2011.

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✓ Skarlatos said he wanted to see the timber industry back to what “we were doing in the 80s” and wanted the Oregon & California Land agreement “on the same playing field as the Endangered Species Act.

✓ Skarlatos “fully supports President Trump’s plan to build the wall, secure our border, and end sanctuary cities.”

✓ Skarlatos claimed the VA “is still broken” and supported implementing a “voucher system that lets veterans choose where they receive their healthcare”

✓ Skarlatos supported a “free market healthcare system centered around patients” and protecting pre-existing conditions.
From 2015 to present, Skarlatos was the president and secretary of Aleksander Skarlatos, Inc., which was a foreign business corporation incorporated in Delaware but registered in Oregon.

From 2012 to 2017, Skarlatos was a sniper in the Oregon National Guard, achieving the rank of Specialist and completing a nine month tour of Afghanistan.

**Background**

- **EDUCATION:** Umpqua Community College (Did Not Graduate)
- **PROFESSIONAL:** U.S. Army, Oregon National Guard (2012-2017); Dancing With The Stars, Season 21 (2015); Aleksander Skarlatos, Inc, President and Secretary (2015-Present)
- **POLITICAL:** Douglas County Commissioner, Lost (2018)
- **AWARDS:** Oregon Distinguished Service Medal; Oregon Faithful Service Ribbon with “M” device; Chevalier of the Legion of Honor; Army Overseas Service Ribbon; Armed Forces Reserve Medal with “M” device; Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; Afghanistan Campaign Medal; Soldier’s Medal; 186th Infantry Regiment Distinctive Unit Insignia; Air Assault Badge; 41st Infantry Division Combat Service Identification Badge
- **LICENSES:** Oregon Fishing and HuntingLicenses

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in the previous year. The idea behind the rules is to help candidates of modest means run for office. So far, Skarlatos has paid himself $12,000. He said that he’s been campaigning full-time for almost a year and going without pay is “not something that I can do indefinitely.” The Center for Public Integrity reported that 22 House candidates in 2018 paid themselves, including Ocasio-Cortez.” [Statesman Journal, 8/2/20]

As Of 2\textsuperscript{nd} Quarter Of 2020, Skarlatos Had Paid Himself $16,000 Out Of His Campaign Funds. [FEC, accessed 8/15/20]

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“His main focus is forest management and the timber industry. Skarlatos graduated from Roseburg High School in 2011 and says he has witnessed the decline of the industry after the Great Recession, and that it has ‘decimated Douglas County.’ Skarlatos says he believes if the forests were managed better, both the environment and the economy would benefit. ‘I just think there is a lot of room for compromise,’ he says. ‘It’s not mutually exclusive.’ Despite his passion for the issue, Skarlatos says he
has no personal ties to the industry itself. ‘It’s all about social impact,’ he says. ‘I would have no problem with it as long as people would find equivalent or better jobs.’” [Eugene Weekly, 10/24/19]

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Skarlatos: “I’ve Been Researching The Timber Industry And Issues In Southwest Oregon For Almost Three Years Now.” In an interview, Skarlatos said “I might not have the thickest resume when it comes to running for office, but I knew I’d be a decent candidate. Like I said I hired an excellent team and we have a great shot at winning this race. That’s really all it comes down to when it comes to politics, when it comes to experience. I’ve been researching the timber industry and issues in Southwest Oregon for almost three years now. I don’t feel like I’m ignorant on the issues by any means.” [Elections-Daily Interview, 00:03:43, 6/29/20]

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2020 Endorsements

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**Skarlatos’s Brother Said Alek Skarlatos Was A Christian And “Very Religious”**

Skarlatos’s Brother Said Alek Skarlatos Was A Christian And “Deeply Religious.” “Spencer Stone and Alek Skarlatos attended an independent Christian middle school where they met Sadler, whose father is pastor of a Baptist church in Sacramento’s Oak Park neighborhood. They went to Del Campo High School in Fair Oaks together before Alek Skarlatos left to live with his father in Roseburg, Ore., where he graduated from high school. The friends kept in touch, united by longtime bonds and a shared faith, Peter Skarlatos said. ‘They’re all Christians,’ he said. ‘They’re all very religious.’” [Sacramento Bee, 8/23/15]

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Skarlatos Stopped The Suspected Terrorist Attack With His Two Friends

“It was surprising that Skarlatos, the Roseburg resident who became an international hero after he and his two friends help stop a suspected terrorist attack on a Paris-bound train this summer, made it to the finals. Before the show, Skarlatos, 23, had no dance experience, and was an Oregon Army National Guard specialist, not a performer.” [Oregonian, 11/25/15]

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September 2015: Skarlatos Placed Third On “Dancing With The Stars”, Later Joining “Dancing with the Stars: Live! Dance All Night Tour.” “Dancing with the Stars’ Season 21 ended with a two-hour holiday extravaganza, featuring the usual reunion of the season’s cast, musical numbers, dance numbers by the pros, glitz, glitter, endless padding and, for good measure, Santa Claus. […] But Skarlatos did much better than expected on “Dancing with the Stars,” and viewers obviously liked him enough to keep voting him through, even when competitors with higher judges’ scores were sent home. On Tuesday night, Skarlatos and Arnold performed a rumba/tango fusion dance, which drew scores of 9’s (out of 20s) from all three judges, who all praised how far Skarlatos had come. Skarlatos and Arnold finished third, but Skarlatos’ dancing days aren’t over. It was announced on the show that he’ll be joining the ‘Dancing with the Stars: Live! Dance All Night Tour’. Skarlatos said he loves dancing, and going on tour will give him a chance to keep getting better.” [Oregonian, 11/25/15]

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Community College, where Skarlatos would have been enrolled if not for ‘Dancing with the Stars.’” [Oregonian, 11/25/15]

**Kendall Jenner Allegedly Had A Crush On Skarlatos While He Was Performing On Dancing With The Stars**

Kendall Jenner Allegedly Had A Crush On Skarlatos While He Was Performing On Dancing With The Stars. “Celebrities, they’re just like us: they watched the season premiere of Dancing With The Stars on Sept. 14! One such celebrity was Kendall Jenner, 19, who (again, like us) was totally smitten with contestant, Alek Skarlatos, the 22-year-old hunk from Oregon, who helped to prevent a terrorist attack last summer in Paris. Ya know, no big deal or anything. We’ve got the EXCLUSIVE details on Kendall’s crush! ‘Kendall saw him on the season premiere last night and was like ‘I want to meet that guy,’ a source told HollywoodLife EXCLUSIVELY. “‘She heard what he did on the train headed to Paris and would love to meet this real life hero.’” [Hollywood Life, 9/15/15]

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Skarlatos Was In A Film, “Range 15,” With Porn Star Ron Jeremy. “Hollywood can’t get enough of Paris train hero Alek Skarlatos because he’s landed himself a movie deal alongside porn legend Ron Jeremy ... but it’s not the type of film role everyone’s thinking. Skarlatos will appear in ‘Range 15.’ It’s a military comedy also starring William Shatner and Danny Trejo. The role wasn’t a far stretch for Skarlatos ... he plays himself in a short cameo. Sources tell us producers approached him shortly after the train attacks and he was so green to Hollywood he didn’t even know about Jeremy’s previous career. Skarlatos has since brushed up on his Hollywood celebrity on ‘Dancing with the Stars,’ where he’s made it to the semifinals. ‘Range 15’ is set to be released next July.” [TMZ, 11/16/15]

[2 Paragraphs, 11/25/15]
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**HEADLINE: “The Best And Worst Films Of 2018”** [Yes! Weekly, 1/9/19]

Skarlatos Supported President Trump

**2018: Skarlatos Went To The White House To Meet President Trump.** According to Real Donald Trump’s Instagram, Trump posed “THANK YOU SPENCER & ALEK! It was my great honor to host you. #HEROES! #1517toParis #Repost @spencerjstone ・・・ If you can’t set your personal feelings aside and appreciate this photo for what it is.. Your fired! Got to screen our movie with POTUS last night. #1517toparis” [Real Donald Trump Instagram, 3/1/18]

![Real Donald Trump Instagram, 3/1/18](image)

Skarlatos Posted A Photo Of Him Wearing A “Make America Great Again” Tank Top On Instagram

**2016: Skarlatos Posted A Photo Of Him Wearing A “Make America Great Again” Tank Top On Instagram.** “Alek Skarlatos has come under attack after an image of the young American soldier appeared on Instagram, in which he was wearing a shirt in support of Donald Trump.” [Neos Kosmos, 7/22/16]
2016: Trump Lost Oregon’s 4th Congressional District By One-Tenth Of A Point. “DeFazio, 73, is accustomed to carefully watching the politics in his closely divided district, which Donald Trump lost by just one-tenth of one percentage point in 2016. He’s been able to straddle the needs of a district dominated by the liberal cities of Corvallis and Eugene in the north and conservative, timber-dominated regions to the south. He’s done so in part by being an outspoken populist who criticized big banks, free trade and big federal budget deficits. In the 1990s he was one of few Democrats to support a balanced budget amendment.” [Statesman Journal, 8/2/20]

Statesman Journal: “Skarlatos Said Trump Has Had To Make Tough Decisions Balancing The Economy And Protecting People From The Virus.”

Not surprisingly, the two candidates have also disagreed over Trump’s handling of the pandemic. Skarlatos said Trump has had to make tough decisions balancing the economy and protecting people from the virus. ‘It just seems like a lose-lose situation no matter which way you come down on it,’ Skarlatos said. DeFazio has charged that the president has failed to adequately expand COVID-19 testing and has sought during the pandemic to take away health care for many Americans by pushing for the elimination of the Affordable Care Act.” [Statesman Journal, 8/2/20]

Pro-Life

Skarlatos: “I Am Proudly Pro-Life And Am The Only Candidate To Be Endorsed By Oregon Right To Life PAC.” According to the Oregon Voters Guide, Skarlatos stated “I am proudly pro-life and am the only candidate to be endorsed by Oregon Right to Life PAC.” [Oregon Votes, accessed 8/14/20]
**BLM Portland Protests**

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Skarlatos If The State Police Had Been Allowed To Do Their Jobs The Federal Personnel Would Not Have Had To Be In Portland. “Skarlatos said if police were able to do their job, federal intervention wouldn’t have been necessary. He said businesses in Portland and Eugene have seen extensive riot damage over the months. ’On top of the COVID-19 pandemic, these businesses also now have to contend with thousands of dollars of damage,” said Skarlatos.” [KLCC-NPR, 8/14/20]

**Crime And Law Enforcement**

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Skarlatos Accused His Democratic Opponent Of Trying To Defund Police Departments. “While riots in Portland and Eugene have subsided in recent weeks, they remain a talking point in Oregon’s 4th Congressional District race between Republican challenger Alek Skarlatos, and incumbent Democrat Peter DeFazio. […] He also accuses DeFazio of seeking to defund police departments, while the incumbent House Democrat says his support for police reform - including the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act - is not removing money and resources from law enforcement.” [KLCC-NPR, 8/14/20]

**Timber Industry**

**Skarlatos Stated That Due To “Mismanagement And Lack Of Federal Timber Harvesting Minimums, Forest Fires Are Worsening Every Year”**

Skarlatos Stated That Due To “Mismanagement And Lack Of Federal Timber Harvesting Minimums, Forest Fires Are Worsening Every Year.” According to Alek for Oregon, “Alek believes timber management is not only important to maintain a healthy forest, but a strong economy as well. Due to the mismanagement and lack of federal timber harvesting minimums, forest fires are worsening every year. This results in the release of carbon and pollution into our environment which negatively affects the health of millions of Oregonians. Ultimately, this costs the industry billions of dollars each year instead of producing jobs and providing income to our communities. Southwestern Oregon’s economy is dependent on timber and the lack of a strong timber industry takes more than just an economic toll on our community – it causes increased rates of homelessness, child abuse, and drug abuse.” [Alek for Oregon, accessed 8/14/20]

**Timber Harvesting Can Increase Fire Severity, While Thinning Treatments And Prescribed Burning Programs Are Better For Timber Companies.** “Harvesting timber does not translate simply into reducing fire risk. […] Our results show that, perhaps counter intuitively, heavy harvest can increase subsequent fire severity. Costs associated with wildfire suppression far outweigh the costs of fuel treatment. Given the damages in both dollar and acreage, it would seem to be in the best interest of timber companies to implement thinning treatments and/or prescribed burning programs, rather than clear cutting.” [U.S. Forest Service, 2008]

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### Health Care

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According to the Oregon Voters Guide, Skarlatos stated “We need to improve access to healthcare in Oregon. I
believe education and the free market is the best way to solve these problems not socialized medicine.” [Oregon Votes, accessed 8/14/20]

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Big Corporations And Small Businesses Register In Delaware To Minimize Taxes And Skirt Regulations. “Big corporations, small-time businesses, rogues, scoundrels and worse — all have turned up at Delaware addresses in hopes of minimizing taxes, skirting regulations, plying friendly courts or, when needed, covering their tracks. Federal authorities worry that, in addition to the legitimate businesses flocking here, drug traffickers, embezzlers and money launderers are increasingly heading to Delaware, too. It’s easy to set up shell companies here, no questions asked.” [Washington Post, 6/30/12]

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[Oregon Business Entity Search, accessed 10/14/15; 9/30/19]
Aleksander Skarlatos, Inc. Registered Agent Was eResidentAgent, Inc. With Offices In Venice, California And Salem, Oregon [Oregon Business Entity Search, accessed 9/30/19]
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NOTE: Douglas County Clerk requires a membership and a fee to inspect documents. To obtain a membership, the Douglas County Clerk requires submission of an application and approval before obtaining a membership.

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Political Career

Election Results

| 2020 Oregon Republican U.S. Representative, District 4, Primary Election Results |
|-----------------------------------|------|----------------|
| Candidate                        | Vote Total | Vote Percentage |
| Aleks Skarlatos                  | 70,599      | 86.41%          |
| Ijih Nelson                      | 10,325      | 12.64%          |
| Misc.                            | 780         | 0.95%           |

[Oregon Secretary of State, Election Results, 8/12/20]

| 2018 Douglas County Commissioner Election Results |
|-----------------------------------------------|------|----------------|
| Candidate          | Vote Total | Vote Percentage |
| Daniel Loomis      | 2,334         | 5.16%            |
| Tom Kress          | 17,162        | 37.9%            |

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### Campaign Finance

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### Personal Political History

#### Voter Activity

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**Skarlatos Address Was Located In Oregon’s 4th Congressional District.** [House.gov, accessed 8/11/20]

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