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Scott Gryder
Republican Candidate in Illinois’ 14th Congressional District

Research Memo – 2022
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**Significant Findings:**

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**Gryder Said That Biden Legitimately Won The 2020 Election, But Also Said That Voter Fraud Played A Role And That It Was “Debatable” That The Election Was “Fair”**

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**Gryder Defended Trump On His Role With The January 6th Insurrection, And Said That The January 6th House Select Committee Was “Political Gamesmanship At Its Worst”**

- February 2022: Gryder said he did not believe Trump was responsible for instigating the January 6th insurrection.

- After dodging the question for 5 days, Gryder said he disagreed with the RNC’s characterization of January 6th as “legitimate political discourse.”

- Gryder said that the January 6th Select Committee was “political gamesmanship at its worst” and the Chicago Tribune said he failed “to set aside partisan politics” regarding the committee.

**Gryder Was A Climate Change Skeptic Who Advocated For “Free Market” Solutions To Climate Change**

- Gryder called warnings about humanity’s impact on climate change “a little overblown” and said he doubted that the industrial revolution had an effect on climate change.

- Gryder’s solution to addressing climate change was to rely on “innovation embraced by the free market” because “this conservative approach” to climate change “has clearly worked.”

**Despite Violent Mass Shootings Happening In His Own Community And In Uvalde, Gryder Was Against Common-Sense Gun Control And Was An Ardent Supporter Of Gun Rights**

- Gryder believed that “the government may not infringe upon the constitutional right of law-abiding citizens to keep and bear arms” and said he would fight “anti-liberal gun laws.”
Gryder promoted gun products on his Kendall County Board Facebook page and attended an auction hosted by the friends of the NRA in March 2022.

On the day after the Uvalde Shooting, Gryder posted a picture of a candle that said “Robb Elementary School, Uvalde Texas” and made a post offering thoughts and prayers after a shooting in Aurora, IL.

When asked whether he supported stricter gun control, Gryder instead said “we need more crime control which enforces existing laws aimed at criminals who carry and use firearms to commit their crimes.”

- Gryder cited Virginia’s “Project Exile,” which sought to maximize penalties for felons that used guns by charging them in federal courts, as an “excellent example” of crime control.

- June 2022: The Supreme Court voted 7-2 to “limit the reach of a federal statute that requires stiff penalties for crimes involving a gun,” countering Virginia’s “Project Exile.”

### Gryder Was Against The Affordable Care Act And Said That It Was “An Unsustainable Status Quo” And Suggested That Policymakers Should “Abolish Mandates”

- June 2022: Gryder said that the Affordable Care Act “is an unsustainable status quo,” and suggested that policymakers “abolish mandates” and that he would encourage “competition in health-plan markets”

- September 2013: Gryder supported GOP efforts to “defund Obamacare” and tweeted the hashtag “#StandWithCruz” before Senator Cruz spoke against Obamacare for 21 hours.

### March 2022: Gryder Solicited The Support Of And Said He Enjoyed Speaking With “Stamp ACT PAC” A Radical Conservative Group That Touted Conspiracy Theories

- March 2022: Gryder spoke to Stamp Act PAC, an extremist group that believed in the existence of a “corrupt bargain” involving major corporations and Democratic politicians that were aiming to “destroy the republic.”

- April 2022: Gryder: “While I may not fully endorse every statement by every organization, I strongly support their promotion of constitutional principles.”

### Gryder Supported Tax Policies That Disproportionately Benefited The Rich And Wealthy Like Himself

- May 2022: Gryder reported making $393,143.00 from annual salary and non-employee compensation in 2022, putting him in the top 5% income threshold in Illinois

- Gryder supported and “would push to make permanent” the 2017 Trump Tax Cut that slashed both corporate and income taxes and “generated a windfall to the 1%.”

- Gryder supported decreasing the corporate tax rate and opposed raising taxes on capital gains and dividends.

- Gryder had between $198,025 and $562,000 in assets that included dividends and capital gains.

- Gryder didn’t believe that the wealthiest 1% of Americans should pay more in taxes and instead of raising taxes on the wealthy, called for finding ways to “control spending.”

### Gryder Was A COVID Hypocrite Who Called COVID Stimulus “Partisan” While Touting His Work To Distribute $25M Of ARP Money And Accepting $1.49M In PPP Loans
Gryder called COVID stimulus money “partisan,” blamed it for inflation, and called for stopping the flow of federal “free money.”

Gryder highlighted his work to distribute $25 million in American Rescue Plan funds to small businesses and non-profits in Kendall County.

In 2020, Gryder wrote a letter to Illinois Governor Pritzker “urging” him to provide local CARES act funding because Kendall County had not yet received “any direct funding.”

Near North National Title, where Gryder was “President and Senior Counsel,” was granted 1.49M in Paycheck Protection Program Loans.

Gryder Had A History Of Dangerous Driving And On Multiple Occasions, Faced Charges Involving The Possession Of Alcohol While Driving And In Public

July 2010: Gryder was charged with speeding in Indiana and paid a $225.00 fine.

September 1992: Gryder was charged with operating an uninsured motor vehicle and speeding in Illinois and was sentenced to a fine and 2-month court suspension.

May 1995: Gryder was charged with transporting/carrying alcohol as a driver and speeding.

August 1994: Gryder was charged with public possession of liquor and was sentenced to fines, court supervision, and community service.

Gryder Was A Career Politician Who Was Deeply Rooted In The Illinois Republican Establishment

Gryder had served in public office for nearly 2 decades before running for Congress in 2022.

2012-Present: Gryder served as a member, Vice-Chair, and Chair on the Kendall County Board

2005-2012: Gryder served as the Vice President of the Oswego Public Library District Board of Trustees

Gryder was an established member and leader of the Illinois Republican Party for well over a decade.

2012: Gryder was Chairman of the Kendall County Young Republicans.

2013: Gryder was named Chairman of the Kendall County Republican Party.

2021: Gryder was in the running for Illinois State GOP Chair, but ultimately lost.

2016: Gryder was a delegate for John Kasich’s Presidential campaign

Background

- **FULL LEGAL NAME:** Scott R. Gryder
- **BORN:** 4/1976; Age: 46
- **HOME:** Oswego, Illinois
• EDUCATION:
  o Plano High School
  o B.A. Business Administration, University Of Illinois-Springfield
  o J.D., DePaul College of Law
  o Public Affairs Certificate in Illinois County Government, University of Illinois

• PROFESSIONAL:
  o President and Senior Counsel of Commercial Services, Near North Title Group, LLC

• POLITICAL:
  o 2012-Present: Member Of Kendall County Board
    ▪ 2018-Present: Chair, Kendall County Board
    ▪ 2014-2016: Vice Chair, Kendall County Board
    ▪ 2012-2014: Member, Kendall County Board
  o 2005-2012: Oswego Public Library District Board

• COMMITTEES:
  o Gryder’s Committees from his time on the Kendall County Board
    ▪ Chairman, Planning, Building, And Zoning Board
    ▪ Commissioner, Forest Preserve Commission
    ▪ Member, Forest Preserve Finance Committee
    ▪ Vice-Chairman, Public Safety Committee
    ▪ Member, Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning
    ▪ Chair, Highway Committee
    ▪ Chair, Finance Committee
    ▪ Vice-Chair, Economic Development Committee

• NON-PROFIT:
  o Volunteer, Make A Wish Foundation
  o Board of Directors, Oswego Park Foundation
  o Board of Directors, Fox Valley YMCA

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Gryder Was Against Abortion “With Exceptions Of Instances Of Rape, Incest, Or When the Life Of The Mother Was In Danger”

May 2022: Herald News: “Gryder Added He Was Against Abortion With Exceptions Of Instances Of Rape, Incest, Or When The Life Of The Mother Was In Danger.” “Gryder said, as an attorney, he thought the Roe v. Wade ruling was one of the ‘weakest structured cases’ he had ever read. Gryder added he was against abortion with exceptions of instances of rape, incest or when the life of the mother was in danger. He said states should make their own policies, but if he were elected and asked to vote on a nationwide abortion ban, he would do so.” [Herald News, 5/11/22]


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Gryder Justified Republican Efforts To Tighten State Voting Regulations By Saying They Were “A Voter-Integrity Issue”

Gryder Said Republican Efforts To Tighten State Voting Regulations Were Not Aimed At Suppressing The Vote But Were “A Voter-Integrity Issue In My Mind.” “Gryder said that efforts in Republican-controlled states to tighten voting regulations are not aimed at suppressing the vote. ‘It’s a voter-integrity issue in my mind,’ Gryder said.” [Shaw Local, 2/25/22]

Gryder Defended Trump On His Role With The January 6th Insurrection, And Said That The January 6th House Select Committee Was “Political Gamesmanship At Its Worst”

February 2022: Gryder Said He Did Not Believe Trump Was Responsible For Instigating The January 6th Insurrection

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<td><strong>In A Candidate Forum For The IL-14 GOP Primary, Gryder Said That The January 6th Select Committee Was “Political Gamesmanship At Its Worst” And Referred To January 6th As A “Protest.”</strong> “[28:41] Question: ‘Are you supportive of the current U.S House Select Committee to investigate the January 6th attack on the U.S. Capitol? Why or why not?’ Gryder: ‘Thank you and uh- let’s be clear, this really is political gamesmanship at its worst. There was a protest on January 6th- we’re the party of law and order and once they started breaking in to the capitol and committing other acts of violence- then that’s where there was a line that was drawn. And y’know- to the committee itself- there actually was a report that was issued by the US Government Accountability Office on February 22nd of this year. And in it there were 104 recommendations to address these deficiencies in security- including, I’m sorry, 200 security enhancements. And at this point, only 61 of those have been even implemented. So, to me, that tells you that once again that they’re trying to keep this in the press so that they can do their best to drag Republicans in particular through the mud and, because, take the rest of the country’s eye of the fact that they’re paying $5/gallon for gas, that they’re paying through the roof for eggs, and butter, and milk and everything else that they’re paying for.” [League of Women Voters of Naperville, YouTube, 5/20/22] (VIDEO)</td>
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| **Chicago Tribune Editorial: Gryder Had “A Dim View” Of The January 6th Select Committee’s “Vitally Important Work, And That Failure To Set Aside Partisan Politics Disappoints Us.”** “Scott Gryder of Oswego, chairman of the Kendall County Board, also takes a dim view of the Jan. 6committee’s ‘vitally important work, and that failure to set aside partisan politics disappoints us. However, as county board chairman, Gryder has reined in spending, provided tax relief to homeowners and small businesses, and helped Kendall County ‘rise to the top in growth among all Illinois counties,’ he told us. He gets our endorsement. Also in the race is Jack Lombardi II of Manhattan in Will County and Jaime Milton of far northwest suburban Fox River Grove.” [Chicago Tribune, Editorial, 6/14/22] |

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Gryder Called Warnings About Humanity’s Impact On Climate Change “A Little Bit Overblown” And Said He Doubted That The Industrial Revolution Had An Effect On Climate Change

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- World Economic Forum: “Evidence Shows That Key Historical Developments Such As Industrial Revolutions Contributed Significantly To Global Warming.” “From 1880, the Earth's average surface temperature has risen by 0.07°C every decade. From 1880, the Earth's average surface temperature has risen by 0.07°C every decade. […] The data visualization can be thought of in two halves, each reflecting significant trigger points in global warming trends: 1851-1935: Overlaps with the Second Industrial Revolution Low-High range in global temperature increase: -0.4°C to +0.6°C. 1936-2020: Overlaps with the Third Industrial Revolution. Low-High range in global temperature increase: +0.6°C to +1.5°C and up.” [World Economic Forum, 2/9/21]

Gryder’s Solution To Addressing Climate Change Was To Rely On “Innovation Embraced By The Free Market” Because “This Conservative Approach” To Climate Change “Has Clearly Worked”

May 2022: Gryder: “In Congress, I Will Pursue Policies Supporting American Resources, Production, Innovation, And The Free Market To Increase U.S. Energy And Economic Security While Getting Us Back On Track To Support Lower Global Emissions.” “Question: ‘What is your position on climate change and what should be done about it?’ Gryder: […] ‘Current policy kneecaps cleaner domestic oil and gas production increasing our dependence on foreign energy. Continuing to block and obstruct a realistic, cohesive energy strategy will only result in higher gas prices, higher prices to heat and cool our homes, increased inflation, and the continued trajectory of higher emissions. In Congress I will pursue policies supporting American resources, production, innovation, and the free market to increase U.S. energy and economic security while getting us back on track to support lower global emissions.” [Herald News, 5/3/22]

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May 2022: Gryder Said That One Of His Solutions For Addressing Climate Change Was To “Promote Increased Production And Export Of American Agriculture” And Said “Our Farmers Use Less Land, Energy, Water, And Release Fewer Emissions To Produce More.” “Question: What is your position on climate change and what should be done about it?’ Gryder: […] ‘We should promote increased production and export of American agriculture. Our farmers use less land, energy, water, and release fewer emissions to produce more. According to the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), one acre of corn removes 8 tons of carbon dioxide from the air in a growing season. At 180 bushels per acre, corn produces enough oxygen to supply a year's needs for 131 people.” [Herald News, 5/3/22]

Despite Violent Mass Shootings Happening In His Own Community And In Uvalde, Gryder Was Against Gun Control Reforms And Was An Ardent Supporter Of Gun Rights


When Asked If There Were Any Limits To The 2nd Amendment, Gryder Only Responded With “American Founders Created The Mechanism In Article V Of The United States Constitution.” “Question: ‘Are there any limits to the Second Amendment?’ Gryder: ‘American Founders created the mechanism in Article V of the United States Constitution.”’ [Herald News, 5/3/22]

Gryder: “I Believe The Government May Not Infringe Upon The Constitutional Right Of Law-Abiding Citizens To Keep And Bear Arms.” “The Second Amendment and public safety go hand-in-hand, and the federal government has a duty to protect both. I believe our communities remain safe by funding and resourcing law enforcement, enacting and enforcing strong legal penalties for criminals, and especially by permitting citizens to safely defend themselves and others. I believe the government may not infringe upon the constitutional right of law-abiding citizens to keep and bear arms to ensure Americans can protect their lives, property, and ultimately, their liberty.” [Scott Gryder for Congress, accessed 6/28/22]
May 2022: Gryder: “I’ll Continue The Fight To Stop Liberal Anti-Gun Laws From Encroaching On The Right To Keep Our Communities Safe.”

March 2022: Gryder Attended An Auction Hosted By The “Friends Of The NRA.”
Gryder Promoted Gun Products On His Kendall County Board Facebook Page

November 2020: Gryder Used His Kendall County Board Facebook Page To Promote A “Pistol Case” From Plano, A Company Based In Kendall County.

![Image of American Made Pistol Case](image1.jpg)

[Scott Gryder, Kendall County Board District 2, Facebook, 11/2/20]

2019: After A Mass Shooting That Killed 5 And Injured Several Other In Aurora, Illinois, Gryder Made A Post Offering “Thoughts And Prayers” To The Victims

February 15th, 2019: 5 People Died And Several Others Were Wounded In A Shooting In Aurora, Illinois. “A former warehouse employee who had recently lost his job stormed through his old workplace in suburban Chicago on Friday, killing five workers and injuring five police officers. The gunman, whom the authorities identified as Gary Martin, 45, of Aurora, Ill., was killed in an exchange of gunfire with officers.” [New York Times, 2/15/19]

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• May 24th, 2022: 19 Students And 2 Teachers In Uvalde, Texas Were Killed By A Gunman At Robb Elementary School. “On May 24, 19 students and two teachers in Uvalde, Texas, were killed by a gunman in their Robb Elementary School classrooms. At the initial press conferences, Governor Greg Abbott praised the heroism and swift action of the police and first responders. Since then, however, state agencies have shared details and an amended timeline that call into question the decision-making and training of officers at the scene.” [National Review, 6/29/22]
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When Asked Whether He Supported Restrictions On Gun Purchases Or Stricter Gun Control Measures, Gryder Said That Instead “We Need More Crime Control Which Enforces Existing Laws Aimed At Criminals Who Carry And Use Firearms To Commit Their Crimes.” “Question: ‘Do you support any restrictions on gun purchases or other stricter gun control measures to military style weaponry?’ Gryder: ‘Rather than ratchet up pressure on law-abiding citizens to own firearms, I recommend proper and effective enforcement of current law. Instead of ever more gun control, we need crime control which enforces existing laws aimed at criminals who carry and use firearms to commit their crimes. When elected officials promote enforcement, police are better able to do their job, prosecutors are able to obtain meaningful convictions, and criminals receive justice.’” [Herald News, 5/3/22]

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- “Project Exile” Was An Effort By Virginia Officials To Reduce Homicide Rates By “Taking A Hard Line On Gun Crimes” And Charging Felons “In Federal As Opposed To State Court” Which Lengthened Criminal Sentences. “The Supreme Court on Tuesday limited the reach of a federal statute that requires stiff penalties for crimes involving a gun. The 7-2 decision united both conservative and liberal justices, though one dissenting justice compared the result to ‘Alice in Wonderland.’ The justices said the law can't be used to lengthen the sentences of criminals convicted of a specific attempted robbery offense. The case before the justices involved Justin Taylor, who in the early 2000s was a marijuana dealer in the area of Richmond, Virginia. The government has said he sold large quantities of marijuana to other dealers who distributed it. In 2003 he and another man planned to steal money from a buyer, and during the robbery the accomplice fatally shot the man. Taylor was charged with ‘attempted Hobbs Act robbery,’ a federal crime punishable by up to 20 years in prison. He was also charged under a federal statute that outlines mandatory minimum sentences for using a firearm in connection with a ‘crime of violence.’ Taylor pleaded guilty to both and was given a 30-year sentence, 10 years longer than he could have received for just the robbery charge. […] Taylor's prosecution came at a time when officials in Virginia were attempting to reduce Richmond's high homicide rate in part by taking a hard line on gun crimes, bringing those cases in federal as opposed to state court. The effort was called ‘Project Exile.’ ” [Daily Citizen, 6/21/22]

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September 24th, 2013: Gryder Tweeted That He Was Listening To Senator Rubio “Talk About How Much We Will Be Hurt By Obamacare” And Added The Hashtag “#StandWithCruz.”

Scott Gryder @ElectScottG · Sep 24, 2013
Listening to @marcorubio on cspan radio talk about how much we will be hurt by Obamacare. #StandWithCruz

[@ElectScottG, Twitter, 9/24/13]

- September 25th, 2013: Senator Ted Cruz Had A 21 Hour “All-Night Talk-A-Thon On The Need To Defund Obamacare.” “Sen. Ted Cruz's all-night talk-a-thon on the need to defund Obamacare finally ended today, clocking in at 21 hours and 19 minutes. [...] After starting at 2:41 p.m. Tuesday, Cruz wrapped up at noon today when the Senate day adjourned. Reid had offered to allow the Texas Republican senator to continue speaking until 1 p.m., but Cruz declined the offer because he wanted to be granted unlimited time to speak.” [ABC News, 9/25/13]

March 2022: Gryder Solicited The Support Of And Said He Enjoyed Speaking With “Stamp ACT PAC” A Radical Conservative Group That Touted Conspiracy Theories


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March 2022: Gryder Thanked Stamp Act For Inviting Him To Speak To Their Members And Said He Appreciated “Their Efforts In Helping To Introduce Candidates And Educate Voters.”

Gryder Supported Tax Policies That Disproportionately Benefited The Rich And Wealthy Like Himself
May 2022: Gryder Reported Making $393,143.00 From Annual Salary And Non-Employee Compensation In 2022, Putting Him In The Top 5% Income Threshold In Illinois


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2022: CNBC: The Top 5% Income Threshold In Illinois Was $250,266.00

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Gryder Supported Making Permanent The Trump Administration’s Corporate And Income Tax Cuts Of 2017. “At a recent League of Women Voters debate, Gryder called for stopping the flow of federal ‘free money,’ including spending on a Green New Deal, and called for abortion laws to be decided by the states. He also supported making permanent the Trump administration’s corporate and income tax cuts of 2017.” [Chicago Tribune, 6/7/22]

Gryder Said He Would “Push To Make Permanent The Republican Tax Reforms Of 2017.” “I will work to rein in out of control spending, and push to make permanent the Republican tax reforms of 2017 so our economy can get back to work for us and end the crisis residents of our district are experiencing daily. (6-6)” [Twitter, @Gryder4Congress, 6/14/22]

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**Gryder Supported Decreasing The Corporate Tax Rate And Opposed Raising Taxes On Capital Gains And Dividends**

**Gryder Supported Decreasing The Corporate Tax Rate**

*May 2022: When Asked If He Thought Corporations Pay Enough In Taxes, Gryder Said “I Do Not Support Raising Taxes That Put American Businesses At A Disadvantage On The World Stage.”* “Question: ‘Do you believe that corporations pay enough in taxes?’ Gryder: ‘Our tax code needs reform, and I do not support raising taxes that put American business at a disadvantage on the world stage. American corporate rates were simplified into a 21 percent flat rate in 2017. With an average top corporate rate of approximately 26 percent, the US is now globally competitive with companies returning jobs and profits to our shores. Any federal corporate tax reform would also need to account for other taxes paid by corporations, including state income taxes, payroll taxes, property taxes, and excise taxes.” [Herald News, 5/3/22]

- **Gryder: “I Would Certainly Entertain Decreasing The Corporate Tax Rate.”** “Question: ‘Would you support increases or decreases in the amount of taxes corporations pay? Why?’ Gryder: ‘I would certainly entertain decreasing the corporate tax rate, given the overwhelming benefit corporate tax reform provided the US economy with the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017. Kendall County leads Illinois in growth in part to fiscally conservative tax policies, the same rules apply to nations. By converting a tiered system with rates as high as 39 percent to a flat rate of 21 percent the US economy saw over $1.5 trillion in profits from foreign tax shelters return to America, driving a booming economy fueled by roughly 450,000 new manufacturing jobs (the highest number in nearly a decade) and a surge in research of 25 percent to allow America to reclaim the title of the world’s most competitive economy. Allowing Joe Biden and his Democratic allies in Congress to return the US to an outdated non-competitive tax policy would be a major step backward and encourage American industries to relocate plants, jobs, and dollars overseas once again. This would be devastating to local communities.” [Herald News, 5/3/22]

**Gryder Did Not Support Raising Taxes On Capital Gains And Dividends And Had Between $198,025 And $562,000 In Assets That Included Dividends And Capital Gains**

**Gryder Did Not Support Raising Taxes On Capital Gains And Dividends And Said That Doing So "Will Not Increase Tax Revenue"**

*May 2022: Gryder Did Not Support Raising Taxes On Capital Gains And Dividends.* “Question: ‘Do you support raising taxes on capital gains and dividends? Why?’ Gryder: ‘No. Putting aside that raising this rate will not increase tax revenue, I do not support a hike on capital gains and dividends to a top rate of 43.4 percent. For many individuals, especially in dual-income households, purchases of dividend producing assets are made with income already subject to the federal, state, and local taxation, and I believe double taxation of whatever people are able to save after paying taxes is unfair. Further, proposals to increase taxes on capital gains and dividends is based upon a falsehood. Realized capital gains are largely not income, reflecting inflationary gains since acquisition of the asset
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**Gryder Did Not Believe That The Wealthiest 1% Of Americans Should Pay More In Taxes And Insisted That Instead “We Need To Examine Ways To Control Spending”**

May 2022: Gryder Did Not Believe That The Wealthiest 1% Of Americans Should Pay More In Taxes And Said “We Should Not Discourage Entrepreneurs” From “Building Successful Businesses.” “Question: ‘Do the rich, defined as the wealthiest 1%, pay enough in taxes?’ Gryder: ‘Nationwide, an annual income of just over $500,000 places an individual in the top 1 percent. This sounds like a lot to some, and it is well above the average taxpayer income of $82,535. However, a large portion of high earners derive income from activities providing significant community benefit, especially small business owners, and other job producers. We should not discourage entrepreneurs from devoting incredible labor and resources on building successful businesses that deliver goods, services, and jobs to their community. Moreover, our tax system is highly progressive; high-income Americans pay the large majority of taxes, and over time they have shouldered an increasingly larger share of the cost of government. Instead of increasing taxes on these individuals, we need to examine ways to control spending, or encourage increased economic activity, thereby allowing more people to join the ranks of high earners themselves. That is, unless the rampant inflation we currently face continues to rise and impoverish us all.’” [Herald News, 5/3/22]

- May 2022: Gryder Said “I Support Simplification Of The Code” When Asked If He Would Support Changes In The Tax Code That Would Impact The Wealthiest 1% Of Americans.” “Question: ‘Do the rich, defined as the wealthiest 1%, pay enough in taxes?’ Follow-Up Question: ‘Would support changes in the tax code that would increase or decrease their tax burden? Why?’ Gryder: ‘Changes to our tax code must be considered in context of the overall package. I support simplification of the code, which may allow for an increase, or a decrease in corporate tax rates. We could prevent or eliminate some of the tax breaks for the 1 percent proposed by Joe Biden, who allows a family making $800,000 to receive a check of $12,500 to buy a $74,000 luxury electric vehicle. We could end subsidies of nearly $6,000 for families earning over $500,000 to buy insurance through the Affordable Care Act. We could prevent America's wealthiest private universities from hiding assets and income in overseas tax havens as recently reported by the New York Times.’” [Herald
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Gryder Was A COVID Hypocrite Who Called COVID Stimulus “Partisan” And “Free Money,” While Touting His Work To Distribute ARP Funds And Accepting $1.49M In PPP

Gryder Called COVID Stimulus “Partisan,” Blamed It For Inflation, And Called For “Stopping The Flow Of Federal ‘Free Money’”

June 2022: Chicago Tribune: “Gryder Called for Stopping The Flow Of Federal ‘Free Money.’” “The most prominent Republican officeholder running is Scott Gryder of Oswego, who has been three times elected chairman of the Kendall County board by fellow board members but lost a bid last year for state party chairman. Outside of politics, Gryder is president of commercial services for Near North Title Group. At a recent League of Women Voters debate, Gryder called for stopping the flow of federal ‘free money,’ including spending on a Green New Deal, and called for abortion laws to be decided by the states. He also supported making permanent the Trump administration's corporate and income tax cuts of 2017.” [Chicago Tribune, 6/7/22]

Gryder: Inflation Began To Rise “Immediately After Democrats – Lauren Underwood Included – Rammed Through Their Partisan $2 Trillion So-Called COVID Stimulus.” “Inflation has increased since the day Joe Biden took office in January 2021, and began its rise to the fastest rate in 40-years immediately after Democrats – Lauren Underwood included – rammed through their partisan $2 trillion so-called COVID stimulus. (1-6)” [Twitter, @Gryder4Congress, 6/14/22]

At The Same Time, Gryder Highlighted His Work To Distribute $25M In American Rescue Plan Funds To Small Businesses And Non-Profits In Kendall County

In His State Of The County Address, Gryder Highlighted Kendall County’s Work To Distribute Funds From The American Rescue Plan To Local Small Businesses And Non-Profits. “Gryder delivered his annual State of the County address to a large group of Kendall elected officials, department heads and employees on June 3 at the Hoover Forest Preserve’s Meadowhawk Lodge. […] Gryder also noted that the county board recently commissioned a consulting firm to analyze all of the county’s offices to determine facility needs for serving the county’s growing population. The chairman pointed to the county’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic as a major success. He said 87,996 residents were fully vaccinated. The chairman also highlighted the county’s work to distribute federal American Rescue Plan Act funds to local small businesses and non-profit agencies and organizations serving Kendall County residents.” [Kendall County Now, 6/3/22]

June 2021: Kendall County Received $25 Million From The American Rescue Plan. “The Kendall County Board learned at Tuesday’s meeting that the county has received a $12.5 million deposit of American Rescue Plan Grant funds from the U.S. Treasury. The $12.5 million is half of the $25 million grant. […] County board members
also approved a three-year, $24,000 contract with Survey Monkey for an application site for the American Rescue Plan Grant money. The county board also approved a job description for a new Finance and Budget Analyst. That person will work on managing the American Rescue Plan Grant funds.” [WSPY News, 6/2/21]

2020: Gryder Wrote A Letter To Illinois Governor Pritzker “Urging” Him To Provide Local CARES Act Funding To Kendall County

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[@KFJournalism, Twitter, 5/13/20]

Near North National Title, For Which Gryder Served As “President And Senior Counsel,” Was Granted $1.49 Million In Paycheck Protection Program Loans

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2021: Chicago Daily Herald: “Gryder Is President And Senior Counsel Of Commercial Services At Near North Title Group.” “Gryder is president and senior counsel of commercial services at Near North Title Group. ‘There are more things that bring us together than don’t,’ the Oswego resident said. ‘That's the kind of thing you look at, you have to listen to different points of view and make sure we understand that we're all marching in the same direction.” [Chicago Daily Herald, 1/29/21]

Gryder Had A History Of Dangerous Driving And On Multiple Occasions, Faced Charges Involving The Possession Of Alcohol While Driving And In Public

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July 26th, 2010: Gryder Was Charged With “Speeding” In Indiana And Paid A $225.00 Fine. On July 26th, 2010, Gryder was charged with “Speeding” by the State of Indiana. Gryder was made to pay $225.00 in fines. The
The case was marked as “decided” on August 24th, 2010.

### Case Summary

State of Indiana vs. SCOTT GRYDER

- **Case Number**: 49G13-1007-IF-085660
- **Court**: Marion Superior Court, Criminal Division 13
- **Type**: IF - Infraction
- **Filed**: 07/26/2010
- **Status**: 08/24/2010, Decided
- **Appear By**: 09/27/2010

### Parties to the Case

- **Defendant**: GRYDER, SCOTT R
  - **Address**: Other, 77, 193 lbs.
    4630 MCLAREN DRIVE
    COWISO, IL 60143
- **State**: State of Indiana

### Charges

- **01**: 7/23/2010 9-21-5-2/JFC Speeding

### Chronological Case Summary

- **07/26/2010**: Case Opened as a New Filing
- **08/24/2010**: Defendant Determined Eligible for Deferral
- **08/24/2010**: Defendant Paid In Full

### Financial Information

Financial Balances reflected are current representations of transactions processed by the Clerk's Office. Please note that any balance due does not reflect interest that has accrued – if applicable – since the last payment. For questions/concerns regarding balances shown, please contact the Clerk's Office.

**GRYDER, SCOTT R**

- **Defendant**

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[Indiana Judicial Branch, 7/26/10]

**1992: Gryder Was Charged With Operating An “Uninsured Motor Vehicle” While “Driving 11-15 MPH Above Limit” And Was Sentenced To A Fine And Court Supervision For 2 Months**

**September 28th, 1992: Gryder Was Charged With Operating An “Uninsured Motor Vehicle.”** On September 28th, 1992, Gryder was charged with operating an uninsured motor vehicle. Gryder did not enter a plea. Gryder did not owe any money in fines. The case was marked as “closed.”
September 28th, 1992: Gryder Was Charged With “Driving 11-15 MPH Above Limit” And Was Sentenced To $75 In Fines And Court Supervision. On September 28th, 1992, Gryder was charged with “driving 11-15 MPH above limit” and was sentenced to $75.00 in fines and court supervision. Court supervision was terminated and the case was closed on January 10th, 1993.
Court Supervision Was When “The Convicted Person Is Allowed To Remain Free, Going About Their Daily Business But They Must Abide By Conditions That A Judge Imposes.” “Court supervision is similar to supervised probation. The convicted person is allowed to remain free, going about their daily business, but they must abide by conditions that a judge imposes, such as: Payment of fines; Performing public service work; Entering alcohol and/or drug treatment; Entering counseling. The exact conditions that the person must follow depends on the law of the state in which the person is sentenced, the offense of which they have been convicted and the circumstances surrounding the infraction or misdemeanor. […] The state of Illinois has true court supervision as a system in which a person avoids a criminal conviction as well as a standard criminal sentence of imprisonment or imposition of a fine. [LegalMatch, accessed 6/27/22]

May 16th, 1995: Gryder Was Charged With Transporting/Carrying Alcohol As A Driver And “Driving 15-20 MPH Above Limit”
May 16th, 1995: Gryder Was Charged With Transporting/CARRYING Alcohol As A Driver. On May 16th, 1995, Gryder was charged with transporting/carrying alcohol as a driver. Gryder faced no fine. The case was closed on June 20th, 1995. [Kendall County Court, 5/16/95]

May 16th, 1995: Gryder Was Charged With “Driving 15-20 MPH Above Limit.” On May 16th, 1995, Gryder was charged with “driving 15-20 mph above limit.” Gryder was handed a “guilty conviction” and was made to pay $75.00 in fines. The case was marked as closed on June 20th, 1995.

[Kendall County Court, 5/16/95]
August 8th, 1994: Gryder was charged with public possession of liquor and was sentenced to fines, court supervision, and community service. On August 8th, 1994, Gryder was charged with public possession of liquor. Gryder pled guilty, and was sentenced to fines of $125.00, court supervision, and community service. The case was marked as closed on October 8th, 1994.

- According to the DeKalb County Court, the Scott Gryder in the case was listed as having an address of 18 J Street, Plano, Illinois 60545.

• According To The DeKalb County Court, The Scott Gryder In The Case Was Born In 1976.

[DeKalb County Court, 8/8/94]


Note: The DeKalb County Court listed this case against one Scott T. Gryder. This is likely a mistake, as the correct name for the Scott Gryder who is the subject of this document is Scott R. Gryder. The Gryder listed in the DeKalb County Court case shares the same birth year, 1976, and past address, 18 J Street, Plano, Illinois, as Scott R. Gryder. Above, proof points have been shown to showcase similarities between Scott R. Gryder and Scott T. Gryder. It is for these reasons why it is likely that the 1994 DeKalb County Court case was meant to be charged to Scott R. Gryder.

Gryder Was A Career Politician Who Was Deeply Rooted In The Illinois Republican Establishment

Gryder Had Served In Public Office For Nearly 2 Decades Before Running For Congress In 2022

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- **2014-2016:** According To His LinkedIn, Gryder Was Vice-Chairman Of The Kendall County Board. [Scott Gryder, LinkedIn, accessed 6/28/22]

- **2015:** The Beacon News Named Gryder As The Chairman Of The Planning, Building, And Zoning Committee For The Kendall County Board. “The Kendall County Board this week reduced the size of its Historic Preservation Commission Board to make it easier for the board to meet. Board members voted 8-1 to reduce the size of the board from nine members to seven. Board member Scott Gryder, chairman of the Planning, Building and Zoning Committee that oversees Historic Preservation, said it has been hard to get enough board members together for meetings.” [Beacon News, 11/18/15]

- **According To His LinkedIn, Gryder Served As The Forest Preserve Commissioner.** [Scott Gryder, LinkedIn, accessed 6/28/22]

- **According To His LinkedIn, Gryder Served On The Forest Preserve Finance Committee.** [Scott Gryder, LinkedIn, accessed 6/28/22]

- **According To His LinkedIn, Gryder Served As The Vice-Chairman Of The Public Safety Committee.** [Scott Gryder, LinkedIn, accessed 6/28/22]

- **According To His LinkedIn, Gryder Was A Member Of The Chicago Metropolitan Agency For Planning.** [Scott Gryder, LinkedIn, accessed 6/28/22]
• According To His LinkedIn, Gryder Was The Chair Of The Highway Committee. [Scott Gryder, LinkedIn, accessed 6/28/22]

• According To His LinkedIn, Gryder Was The Chair Of The Finance Committee. [Scott Gryder, LinkedIn, accessed 6/28/22]

• According To His LinkedIn, Gryder Was Vice Chair Of The Economic Development Committee. [Scott Gryder, LinkedIn, accessed 6/28/22]

• According To His LinkedIn, Gryder Was The Kendall Representative For The Truck Routing Advisory Council. [Scott Gryder, LinkedIn, accessed 6/28/22]

• According To His LinkedIn, Gryder Was The Liaison For The Veterans Assistance Commission. [Scott Gryder, LinkedIn, accessed 6/28/22]

May 2005-November 2012: Gryder Served As Vice President Of The Oswego Public Library District Board Of Trustees, Which Managed And Provided Library Services For Oswego-Area Libraries

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[Oswego Public Library District, accessed 6/29/22]

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2013: Gryder Was Named Chairman Of The Kendall County Republican Party

2013: **The Kane County Chronicle Named Gryder As Chairman Of The Kendall County Republican Party.** “The woman who has represented central Kane County in the Illinois General Assembly for years has announced she will not seek another term in office. Wednesday, State Rep. Kay Hatcher, R-Yorkville, told supporters at her annual Summer Soiree event that she intends to step aside from the Illinois House of Representatives when her current term expires in early 2015. […] Hatcher's departure opens the door to challengers who might wish to claim her seat in the heavily Republican district. Kane County Republican Party Chairman Barb Wojnicki said she believes up to six candidates could step into the 2014 GOP primary race. Kendall County Republican Party Chairman Scott Gryder said he also has heard some names rumored. To this point, however, he said only Kendall County Board member Matt Prochaska has vocally expressed interest in the race to him.” [Kane County Chronicle, 8/1/13]

2021: Gryder Was In The Running For Illinois State GOP Chair, But Was Passed Over For Springfield Attorney And Illinois State Gaming Board Member Don Tracy

2021: **Gryder Was Considered For Illinois State GOP Chair.** “The Illinois Republican Party is poised for a remake Saturday when leaders will choose one of a trio of suburban and downstate attorneys to be the next state GOP chairman. Lake County Republican Chairman Mark Shaw, former lieutenant governor candidate Don Tracy of Springfield, and Kendall County Chairman Scott Gryder will be interviewed by the Illinois Republican State Central Committee in a closed-door session in Bolingbrook. Tracy and Shaw are political veterans and perceived by some as the front-runners; others said Gryder may receive more votes than expected. ‘I don't think there is a clear winner right now (between Shaw and Tracy),’ Palatine Township Republican Committeeman Aaron Del Mar said.” [Chicago Daily Herald, 1/29/21]
February 2021: Gryder Was Not Named Illinois State GOP Chair; Springfield Attorney And State Gaming Board Member Don Tracy Was Tapped For The Post Instead. “Don Tracy, a Springfield attorney who was appointed to lead the Illinois Gaming Board by former Gov. Bruce Rauner, won the backing of members of the state GOP's central committee. […] The attorney beat out two other candidates vying to lead the party Lake County Republican Chair Mark Shaw, who currently serves as state party co-chair and president of the Republican County Chairmen's Association, and Kendall County Board Chair Scott Gryder.” [Chicago Sun-Times, 2/6/21]

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Immigration

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May 2022: Gryder: “I Support Common-Sense Immigration Reform That Secures Our Southern Border, Reduces Crime, Combats, Human And Drug Trafficking, Discourages Illegal Immigration, Supports Law Enforcement At The Border And Provides A Realistic Pathway For Those Seeking Citizenship Who Arrived Here Illegally.” “Question: ‘Is the immigration system a problem in this country? If so, what is your plan to fix it?’ Gryder: […] ‘Regarding specific reforms, I do not see any current proposals or legislation coming from Democratic leadership in Congress or Biden Administration I can support. I support common-sense immigration reform that secures our southern border, reduces crime, combats human and drug trafficking, discourages illegal immigration, supports law enforcement at the border, and provides a realistic pathway for those seeking citizenship who arrived illegally while honoring aspiring citizens who respected our legal, if badly managed immigration process when entering the US. [Herald News, 5/3/22]

Gryder Advocated For The Enforcement Of “Title 42,” A Regulation That Was Misused By Border Patrol Agents To Expel Immigrants At The Mexican Border “Without Giving Them The Opportunity To See Asylum”

May 2022: Gryder: “We Must Continue The Enforcement Of Title 42” Which “Has Been Shown To Assist The Brave Men And Women Who Serve On Our Border.” “Question: ‘Is the immigration system a problem in this country? If so, what is your plan to fix it?’ Gryder: […] ‘In Congress I would consider legislative proposals that met my criteria. I would also add, until such policy exists that I can support, we must continue the enforcement of Title 42, which while insufficient to combat the surge in illegal immigration, has been shown to assist the brave men and women who serve on our border, and without which will only exacerbate an outrageously out of control humanitarian and legal crisis.” [Herald News, 5/3/22]

- American Immigration Council: Title 42 Was A Regulation Intended For Disease Control That Ended Up Being Used By Border Patrol Agents To Expel “Individuals Who Arrive At The U.S. Mexico Border Without Giving Them The Opportunity To Seek Asylum.” “On March 20, 2020, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) issued an emergency regulation to implement a specific aspect of U.S. health law. Section 265 of U.S. Code Title 42 permits the Director of the CDC to ‘prohibit … the introduction’ into the United States of individuals when the director believes that ‘there is serious danger of the introduction of [a communicable] disease into the United States.’ The HHS regulation allows any customs officers—which includes officers of U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) such as Border Patrol agents—to implement any such order issued by the CDC. The same day, CDC Director Robert R. Redfield relied on this regulation to issue an order suspending the ‘introduction’ into the United States of certain individuals who have been in ‘Coronavirus Impacted Areas.’ The order targets individuals who have entered the United States from Canada or Mexico and ‘who would be introduced into a congregate setting’ at a port of entry or in a Border Patrol station. This includes individuals who would normally be detained by CBP after arriving at the border, including asylum seekers, unaccompanied children, and people attempting to enter the United States without inspection. Citing the new CDC order, that same day the Border Patrol began “expelling” individuals who arrive at the U.S.-Mexico border without giving them the opportunity to seek asylum.” [American Immigration Council, 10/15/21]
Trump

Gryder Said Trump Was Effective But “He Talked Too Much. The Tweets Got To Be Too Much”

February 2022: Gryder Said Trump Was An Effective President But “He Talked Too Much. The Tweets Got To Be Too Much.” “Gryder supported Trump and believes he was an effective president and that it was his style of leadership that cost him a second term in the White House. ‘He talked too much. The tweets got to be too much,’ Gryder said.” [Shaw Local, 2/25/22]

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Voting And Elections

Gryder Said That Voters “Should Identify Themselves During Registration And Voting” To “Help Safeguard Election Integrity”

June 2022: Gryder: “To Help Safeguard Election Integrity, Voters Should Identify Themselves During Registration And Voting.” “Question: ‘What is your position on changing voter access?’ Gryder: […] ‘Those entitled to vote should be able to register, choose between candidates without coercion, and after all legally cast votes are counted, the announced results should reflect actual totals. To help safeguard election integrity, voters should identify themselves during registration and voting, and polling places should be staffed by well-trained election workers, especially election judges to enforce the election laws and ensure our election process is free and fair.” [Chicago Daily Herald, 6/2/22]

March 2018: Gryder Supported A Referendum To Remove The Town Of Aurora’s Election Commission, Which Was Supposed To Manage Elections In The Town

March 2018: Gryder “Endorsed” A Referendum To Remove The Town Of Aurora’s Election Commission. “With unofficial final results showing Aurora voters eliminating the Aurora Election Commission, plans to transition elections from the commission to the Kane County Clerk's Office have already begun. Tuesday's referendum vote was 56.14 percent to 43.86 percent in favor of those seeking to eliminate the commission. The unofficial raw vote totals were 6,476 in favor of eliminating the commission, to 5,060 against the plan. […] Irvin called Tuesday's vote "historic," and said closing the commission would save the city money and would ‘move us beyond the status quo in the election process and bring more integral services to Aurora.' […] Kendall County Board Chairman Scott Gryder had endorsed the referendum eliminating the commission. The Kendall board passed a resolution calling for the elimination of the commission two years ago. ‘In this day and age, there are so many efficient ways to run an election,’ Gryder said. ‘I spoke with (Cunningham) and Kendall County Clerk Debbie Gillette and they both said they could pick up it up and save taxpayers some money and be more efficient in how the services are handled for the public.’ Saving money was at the crux of the campaign. Those opposing elimination questioned whether the savings being claimed were real.” [Beacon-News, 3/22/18]

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• Beacon-News: “One Reason Democrats Seemed To Oppose Elimination Was Fear Of Voter Repression.” “One reason Democrats seemed to oppose elimination was fear of voter repression. But Irvin said Wednesday it was unfair of officials who played on that to try to garner votes to save the commission. He said ‘the closing of the Aurora Election Commission will not disenfranchise voters nor suppress the very voting rights that our predecessors fought so hard to secure and sustain. I am a proud beneficiary of that hard work, and I certainly wouldn't allow that to happen on my watch,’ he said.” [Beacon-News, 3/22/18]

Policing

WSPY: “Gryder Said The Current Climate Was Leading To More Police Quitting Or Retiring Early”

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Gryder Said That Qualified Immunity “Is Essential For Effective Law Enforcement” And Eliminating It “Would Have A Chilling Effect On Public Safety”

May 2022: Gryder Said That Qualified Immunity “Is Essential For Effective Law En forcement.” “Question: ‘Should police officers have qualified immunity in cases involving alleged excessive force or other misconduct?’ Gryder: ‘Qualified immunity – the protection of police from personal lawsuits unless they engage in behavior reasonably known to violate citizen rights – is essential for effective law enforcement. By shielding good police officers from bankruptcy while subjecting bad actors to personal financial repercussions, qualified immunity allows the brave men and women who protect our communities daily from questioning their training, which in many cases, means life or death for not only themselves, but those they are charged to protect.” [Herald News, 5/3/22]

Gryder: Eliminating Qualified Immunity For Police Officers “Would Have A Chilling Effect On Public Safety.” “Eliminating qualified immunity for law enforcement officers would have a chilling effect on public safety. In Congress, I will continue to support law enforcement and never vote to take away this vital protection.” [Twitter, @Gryder4Congress, 6/10/22]

May 2022: Gryder Touted His Work To Increase Funding For Police And Police Training During His Time As Kendall County Board Chairman

May 2022: Gryder: “As Kendall County Board Chairman, I Pushed To Increase Funding For Training And Support Of The Sheriff's Office And I Support Increasing Department Resources, Especially Essential Officer Training And Technology.” “Question: ‘Do American cities have a crime problem?’ Gryder: ‘Yes. But American cities are not alone in experiencing a rising tide in lawlessness. Suburbs are witnessing crime levels not
seen in decades.’ Question: ‘If so, what is your suggestion to solve it?’ Gryder: ‘At a time when radical politicians are calling to defund the police, it's important we support our law enforcement officers who protect our communities and ensure they have the resources they need to keep our communities safe. As Kendall County Board Chairman, I pushed to increase funding for training and support of the Sheriff's office and I support increasing department resources, especially essential officer training and technology. I encourage increased emphasis on focused deterrence, or community policing that targets specific community crime problems such as drug dealing, violent behavior, gang activity, or criminal gun violence.’ [Herald News, 5/3/22]

### Russia/Ukraine Conflict

**Gryder Supported Ukraine In The Russia/Ukraine Conflict And Said That The United States Needed To Project Strength**

Gryder said he had a special interest in foreign policy and said Russia’s invasion of Ukraine showed that the United States needed to project strength. “Gryder says he has special interest in foreign policy. He thinks the Russian invasion of Ukraine shows that the United States need to project strength.” [WSPY, 2/24/22]

June 2022: Gryder: “I Support Increased Sanctions And Material Support Of Ukraine Until Its Sovereignty And Territorial Integrity Are Restored.” “Question: ‘What do you consider America's role in world affairs? In particular, what should our role be regarding current points of tension involving Russia/Ukraine, the future of Taiwan or other threats of Chinese expansionism and the Middle East?’ Gryder: […] ‘Together with our allies, I support increased sanctions and material support of Ukraine until its sovereignty and territorial integrity are restored. We must continue to prepare to confront challenges to our national interest wherever they arise, especially in regard to supporting our allies and other democratic nations. Our vigilance also requires resistance to acting cavalierly, without regard to loss of American life and treasure.’” [Chicago Daily Herald, 6/2/22]

### Covid-19

**March 2022: Gryder Said That Pandemic Restrictions Were “Politically Motivated, Unscientific, And Overly Harsh”**

WSPY: Gryder said Illinois was behind on economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic after “Politically Motivated, Unscientific, And Overly Harsh Pandemic Restrictions Slowed The Economy.” “14th District Congressional Republican Candidate Scott Gryder thinks Illinois is behind when it comes to economic recovery coming out of the COVID-19 pandemic. Gryder says that politically motivated, unscientific, and overly harsh pandemic restrictions slowed the economy the last few years. Illinois is also lagging behind the rest of the country in unemployment rates. Gryder says that Illinois still has not recovered all of the jobs lost during the pandemic. Gryder thinks that inflation is eating away at any economic gains people have made.” [WSPY, 3/7/22]

**On Vaccine Mandates, Gryder Said “I Am Against Mandates”**

May 2022: On Vaccine Mandates, Gryder said “I Am Against Mandates And Do Not Encourage Increasing Government Coercion.” “Question: ‘Do you support the idea that government can require immunizations against COVID-19 or other communicable diseases?’ Gryder: ‘I am against mandates and do not encourage increasing government coercion. I believe we must clear a very high bar before limiting individual rights. Regarding Covid-19 vaccines, where high voluntary vaccination rates, increased access to testing, and seemingly diminished effects of later strains of the virus, I do not believe the benefits of imposing a mandate is supported by current evidence.’”

**Gryder Said That “Mask Mandates Are Government Intrusion At Its Worst”**
May 2022: On Mask Mandates, Gryder Said “I Oppose Mandates Generally And Mask Mandates Are Government Intrusion At Its Worst.” “Question: ‘How do you feel about mask mandates?’ Gryder: ‘Individuals who need or want to take precautions by wearing a facemask are certainly free to do so. However, I oppose mandates generally and mask mandates are government intrusion at its worst.’” [Herald News, 5/3/22]

Gryder Said That America Was Not Prepared For Another Pandemic, But Said That He Supported No New Laws Or Regulations To Safeguard People In The Event Of Another One


- When Asked If He Supported New Laws Or Regulations To Safeguard People In The Event Of Another Pandemic, Gryder Replied, “No.” “Question: ‘Do you support new laws or regulations to safeguard people in the event of another pandemic?’ Gryder: ‘No.” [Herald News, 5/3/22]

Unemployment

2022: Gryder Said That “Reforming Benefit Programs That Disincentivize Work Require Political Will” When Talking About Ways To Address Supply Chain Issues

2022: When Discussing Ways To Address Supply Chain Issues, Gryder Said That “Reforming Benefit Programs That Disincentivize Work Require Political Will.” “Question: ‘The COVID-19 pandemic saw a breakdown in this country's supply chain. What would you propose to fix it?’ Gryder: ‘There are a number of reforms required to alleviate current supply chain pressures and prevent outright breakdowns in the future. Paramount among them is reinvestment in US manufacturing. Additional priority reforms include incentivizing paid work in our ports and supply hubs and investment in needed infrastructure and logistics for more efficient movement of freight. These are not short-term fixes, however. Ships and ports take time to build. Reforming benefit programs that disincentivize work require political will. We still lack a comprehensive critical infrastructure policy. Durable fixes to our supply chain require real commitment by policymakers, industry leaders, and other stakeholders to work in partnership for the good of America.” [Herald News, 5/3/22]

Infrastructure

March 2022: Gryder Said That Infrastructure Funding Was “Government Overreach”

Gryder Said Infrastructure Funding Was An Example Of “Government Overreach” And Wanted More “Direct Funding” From The Federal Government Directly To Localities Rather Than Going Through States. HOST: “[00:05:42] If you make it to Washington, DC, what would you hope to accomplish there?” GRYDER: “Well, there are a few things. Number one right now is, you know, getting inflation under control. You know, government overreach is another thing, that we see over and over again. And, you know, one example that came up recently of government overreach was infrastructure funding that comes back to the state, and then ultimately to the county or municipality, and, you know, that's something that I've seen and have experienced with firsthand where they have to deliver it to the state of Illinois, and then the state of Illinois then sends, you know, these funds, you know, down to, let's say, LaSalle, for a bridge. If we could get to a point where we have more direct funding, where we're sending that, you know, straight to the, you know, kind of cutting out the middlemen, I think we can be a lot more efficient and we can save the taxpayer dollars.” [Soundcloud, WCMY 1430, 3/14/22] (AUDIO)

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Gryder Blamed “COVID Stimulus” For Inflation “But Didn’t Acknowledge It Was Signed Into Law By Then-President Donald Trump”

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Gryder: Inflation Began To Rise “Immediately After Democrats – Lauren Underwood Included – Rammed Through Their Partisan $2 Trillion So-Called COVID Stimulus.” “Inflation has increased since the day Joe Biden took office in January 2021, and began its rise to the fastest rate in 40-years immediately after Democrats – Lauren Underwood included – rammed through their partisan $2 trillion so-called COVID stimulus. (1-6)” [Twitter, @Gryder4Congress, 6/14/22]

Daily Herald: Gryder Criticized Democrats For Passing The March 2020 Stimulus Package “But Didn't Acknowledge It Was Signed Into Law By Then-President Donald Trump.” “Gryder, the Kendall County Board chair, said inflation began after a $2 trillion economic stimulus package was enacted in March 2020 as a response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Gryder assailed the funds as a partisan proposal ‘rammed through’ by Democrats, but didn't acknowledge it was signed into law by then-President Donald Trump, a Republican. Gryder said he will fight to end ‘the Democrat's free money policies’ if elected. He also supports making the Republican tax reforms of 2017 permanent.” [Daily Herald, 6/15/22]

Jobs

In 2017, Caterpillar Inc, A Construction Technology Company, Announced That It Was Closing Its Aurora Manufacturing Plant, Located In Gryder’s Home County Of Kendall County

February 2017: Gryder Op/Ed: Writing About Businesses Leaving Illinois, Gryder said, “I Spoke to A Caterpillar Representative Who Said That Workers’ Compensation Reform Was Critical To The Company's Survival In This State. Yet Nothing Has Been Done.” “I read with frustration and disappointment a recent Chicago Tribune editorial titled "Wake up, Illinois. You're surrounded." The lines where my slow burn turned to flame were the rhetorical questions: "When will Illinois lawmakers recognize the house is on fire? When will they make job creation, retention, their do-or-die priority?" The broken system in Illinois isn't competing with neighboring states; rather, Illinois is ripe with intrastate competition left unaddressed by Springfield. Consider the recent news about Caterpillar's Aurora plant, which the company is contemplating closing. The plant was built during a golden age for American manufacturing jobs in 1957 and once employed more than 6,000 employees. At one point the facility was the largest employer in northern Illinois. While the number of jobs has shrunk to 2,000, of which 800 could be lost in this possible restructure, it remains the largest employer in Kendall County and one of the largest in the region. […] . When I was elected to the Kendall County Board a few years ago, I spoke to a Caterpillar representative who said that workers' compensation reform was critical to the company's survival in this state. Yet nothing has been done.” [Chicago Tribune, Scott Gryder Op/Ed, 2/22/17]

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- **2017: Gryder Op/Ed: Gryder Appeared To Suggest That Caterpillar Inc. Was Opening Plants In Decatur Or North Little Rock, Arkansas Because “The Enterprise Zone Incentives In Decatur” And “Arkansas’ ‘Right-To-Work’ Status.”** “This is a day of reckoning and it should light a fire underneath all of us. For years we've heard Illinois businesses make the case that competing in the state is painfully difficult. When I was elected to the Kendall County Board a few years ago, I spoke to a Caterpillar representative who said that workers’ compensation reform was critical to the company's survival in this state. Yet nothing has been done. Caterpillar's recent earnings report indicates it is not in an expansion mode when it comes to manufacturing. I'm struggling to comprehend how hundreds of workers could be taken on at plants in Decatur or North Little Rock, Ark., but Caterpillar can't sustain jobs in Aurora. Is it because of the enterprise zone incentives in Decatur? Or Arkansas’ "right-to-work" status?” [Chicago Tribune, Scott Gryder Op/Ed, 2/22/17]

- **2017: Gryder Op/Ed: “Illinois Needs A Jobs Rebound, A Dramatic Change In Strategy And Ambitious, Pro-Business Reforms That Incentivize Employers To Stay Here And Hire.”** “I am calling on Gov. Bruce Rauner and the Illinois General Assembly to stop the petty politicking and start thinking about our communities and our families. You were part of the problem, but it's not too late to become a part of the solution. Because doing nothing will undoubtedly lead to more Illinois residents without jobs. As the Tribune correctly points out, Illinois needs a jobs rebound, a dramatic change in strategy and ambitious, pro-business reforms that incentivize employers to stay here and hire. It's time for Illinois to get back in the game, to be that crown jewel of the Midwest that I believe it is. It's time to move the state forward.” [Chicago Tribune, Scott Gryder Op/Ed, 2/22/17]

April 2017: Caterpillar Inc. Announced That It “Will Move Machine Production Out Of The Aurora Plant, Taking With It About 800 Jobs.” “April 01--Caterpillar Inc. has made it official -- the company will move machine production out of the Aurora plant, taking with it about 800 jobs. The company had announced in January it was contemplating the change, and made it official in a press release Friday afternoon. ‘Moving production from Aurora to other existing facilities allows Caterpillar to efficiently leverage manufacturing space while still preserving capacity for an upturn,’ said Denise Johnson, Caterpillar group president of Resource Industries. ‘Supporting impacted employees through this transition is a top priority, as we know these actions are difficult for our talented and dedicated people.’ The products made in Aurora will be transferred to two Caterpillar facilities. Large wheel loaders and compactors will be made in Decatur downstate, and medium wheel loaders will be made in North Little Rock, Ark.” [Beacon-News, 4/1/17]

- **Chicago Tribune: “Even Though The Company Signaled In January That It May Shutter The Facility, Community Leaders Sat Tight And Waited To See What The Peoria-Based Giant Would Ultimately Decide.”** “As you'd expect, the community is pretty worried that the region soon will have a huge industrial white elephant in its midst, and it is trying to do something about it. Right now, some government leaders are mulling ways to cobble together a comprehensive public-private effort aimed at marketing the soon-to-be-available Cat site, located in Montgomery. It's a fine idea, but they need to get going with the same urgency shown a few years ago by leaders of the downstate Bloomington-Normal region. Upon learning that Mitsubishi was shuttering the area's giant auto assembly plant, they quickly formed a public-private task force to market and eventually sell the property. [...] Right now, however, there's no formal public-private group or task force for Cat to team up with. Even though the company signaled in January that it may shutter the facility, community leaders sat tight and waited to see what the Peoria-based giant would ultimately decide, a source told me.” [Chicago Tribune, 4/9/17]
Taxes

Gryder: Biden’s Proposal To Suspend The Federal Gas Tax Was “A Gimmick” And “Not Real Tax Relief”

Gryder: Biden’s Proposal To Suspend The Federal Gas Tax Was “A Gimmick” And “Not Real Tax Relief.” “Kendall County Chairman Scott Gryder is issuing the following statement on Joe Biden’s proposal to suspend the 18.4 cents per gallon federal gas tax and the 24.4 cents per gallon federal tax on diesel for three months, saving the average driver an estimated $33. ‘I am all for cutting taxes but let’s be honest this is not real tax relief. It is a temporary Band-Aid meant to give appearance of doing something while in actuality it does nothing. It is a gimmick.” [Scott Gryder For Congress, Press Release, 6/25/22]

Energy

While On The Kendall County Board, Gryder Approved A “7.4-Acre Solar Energy Field To Supply Power” To Government Buildings

March 2018: The Kendall County Board Approved A 7.4-Acre Solar Energy Field To Supply Power To The Kendall County Courthouse; Gryder Said “It’s All Part Of Our Efforts To Get More Efficient In Our Operations.” “The Kendall County Board recently gave approval for a 7.4-acre solar energy field that will supply power to the Kendall County Courthouse campus in Yorkville. The board approved a 25-year power purchase agreement with GRNE Solar that will build the solar field at no cost to Kendall County. The company will sell the power generated from the field back to the county. GRNE Solar of Palatine will lease the land and sell the power to the county at a rate of 2.85 cents per kilowatt hour in the first year. The power costs will increase 9 percent annually from 2.85 cents to 3.69 cents. The project is estimated to lower the county’s electric costs by 34 percent, from $475,000 to $313,000 annually. ‘There’s potential for the savings to go as high as $200,000 annually,’ Kendall County Board Chairman Scott Gryder said. ‘It’s all part of our efforts to get more efficient in our operations.” [Energy Monitor Worldwide, 3/13/18]

Gryder: “I Support Research And Adoption Of Geo, Hydro, Wind, And Solar Power”

May 2022: Gryder: “I Support Research And Adoption Of Geo, Hydro, Wind, And Solar Power.” “Question: ‘Should America invest in other forms of renewable energy?’ Gryder: ‘I support an all the above energy strategy. While we must take advantage of energy produced by our abundant natural resources of clean coal, oil, and natural gas, I also encourage development of renewable energy. Illinois is fortunate to lead the nation in nuclear power production and is also a leader in research and development of biofuels like ethanol, which serves as an economic engine providing upward of $5billion in economic impact to our state according to the Illinois Renewable Fuels Association. Beyond these sources of energy, I support research and adoption of geo, hydro, wind, and solar power.” [Herald News, 5/3/22]

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Nuclear Energy

May 2022: Gryder: “Nuclear Energy Is A Vital Part Of Any Realistic Energy Policy.” “Question: ‘What is your position on nuclear energy expansion?’ Gryder: ‘Nuclear energy is a vital part of any realistic energy policy and Illinois leads the nation in nuclear power. According to the US Energy Information Association, Illinois has more nuclear generating capacity than any other state and in 2020, nuclear power plants accounted for 58% of Illinois's in-state electricity generation. Producing zero emissions, this clean air energy source is the only one currently available capable of producing non-stop reliable energy that we depend on. In addition to the reliability and environmental benefits of nuclear energy, our industry supports nearly 30,000 jobs directly or indirectly, especially for those individuals who work at plants in LaSalle, Will, and Grundy counties. Given the many benefits of nuclear energy, it's no surprise that bipartisan support for the industry is growing and I encourage increased adoption of this critical component of America's energy security, especially as new technologies allowing for increased efficiency and safety.” [Herald News, 5/3/22]

Economy

2017: Gryder Supported Rolling Back The Durbin Amendment Of The Dodd Frank Act

2017: Gryder Op/Ed: Gryder Said That The Dodd Frank Wall Street Reform And Consumer Protection Act Hurt “Main Street Community Banks, Credit Unions, And Small Businesses” And Took Services Away From Consumers. “While the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act was intended to do just that — reform Wall Street and protect consumers — not all parts of the bill have lived up to that objective. Take, for example, the Durbin amendment, named after Senator Dick Durbin, who helped insert it into the larger financial bill, which passed without any debate or study on its potential impact. While sold as a regulation that would help, this legislation has done just the opposite, hurting Main Street community banks, credit unions and small businesses — and taking services away from consumers.” [Chicago Daily Herald, Gryder Op/Ed, 3/20/17]

- 2017: Gryder Op/Ed: On The Durbin Amendment Of The Dodd-Frank Act, Gryder Said That He Would Support “Rolling Back The Amendment.” “If stifling price controls and stacks of paper weren't enough, talk to our local mom and pop shops: they lost out big when legislation passed. Before, small ticket small businesses would receive discounts that would put the interchange fee in line with what was purchased, like a cup of coffee for example. This benefit went away after the Durbin amendment's price control went into effect, making it much more expensive to accept a debit card payment for small purchases like your morning cup of coffee. Ever see those handwritten signs at the register? Please Pay In Cash: We Are A Small Business. Now, while large retailers reap the benefits of extra revenue, customers lose out on the convenience of paying how they want, while our small businesses are just trying to stay afloat. I have seen firsthand the effect that onerous and burdensome legislation has on local small business. I try to stay in touch regularly with local chambers of commerce or local business and always ask what we can do to assist small business. It usually comes back to how the state or federal government makes it so difficult for them. Rolling back this amendment is one solution.” [Chicago Daily Herald, Gryder Op/Ed, 3/20/17]

- The Durbin Amendment “Put A Cap On The Interchange Fees Charged To Merchants Every Time They Swiped A Debit Card.” “Sponsored by Illinois Democratic Senator Dick Durbin, this amendment was an extension within the Dodd-Frank Act. That act permitted the Federal Reserve to put a cap on the interchange fees charged to merchants every time they swiped a debit card. The amendment was able to lower per transaction debit interchange fees with the hope that this would spur economic growth. After all, if merchants weren’t being charged high interchange fees by card processing companies they could drop their prices, which would entice customers to spend more. Prior to the Durbin Amendment, banks were charging retailers 44 cents per transaction. According to the Federal Reserve, these banks collected approximately $20 billion annually on
interchange fees in order to cover fraud prevention and administrative costs. When the amendment went into effect in October 2011 these charges were capped at 12 cents. [Due, 3/8/22]

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Gryder Touted Trump’s Phase One Trade Agreement With China And Said That It “Helps Level The Playing Field”

January 2020: Responding To Trump’s Phase One Trade Agreement With China, Gryder Said, “This Agreement Helps Level The Playing Field, And We Could Not Be More Pleased By The Efforts Of President Trump And The Administration.” “The following information was released by the White House: Members of Congress: House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy (R-CA): ‘President Trump just signed the Phase One Trade
Agreement! China has taken advantage of the US for years. President Trump stood up for Americans and fought for the fairness our workers deserve.' [...] State And Local Officials: [...] Kendall County, Illinois Commissioner Scott Gryder: "This agreement helps level the playing field, and we could not be more pleased by the efforts of President Trump and the administration. Our farmers will reap the benefits of this trade agreement being signed today."
[States News Service, 1/17/20]


Healthcare

Medicare

May 2022: Gryder Said He Did Not Support Expanding Medicare To Include Dental Coverage Because He Was “Concerned About The Cost.” “Question: ‘Should Medicare be expanded be expanded to include dental coverage for older Americans?’ Gryder: ‘Dental health is important to all, and while nearly half of Medicare enrollees do not regularly seek dental care, potentially due to out-of-pocket expenses, I am concerned about the cost – estimated by the Congressional Budget Office to be approximately $238 billion in a decade. Major entitlement expansions should share near unanimity among stakeholders Current proposals being considered in Congress do not enjoy this status – The American Dental Association opposes this proposed expansion believing it will be insufficiently funded and administered.” [Herald News, 5/3/22]

Gryder: “I Will Protect Social Security And Medicare.” “I will protect Social Security and Medicare. We must keep our promises made to Seniors and defend these vital programs. I am particularly worried about the impact of runaway premiums on Medicare beneficiaries, especially during this period of rapid inflation. I will also work against government takeover of prescription drug pricing, which would only serve to make us more reliant on Chinese medical manufacturing, which proved to be a major Achilles heel during the Covid pandemic.” [Scott Gryder for Congress, accessed 6/29/22]

Climate Change

Gryder Claimed The Environment Has Worsened Under Biden Compared To How It Was Under Trump, Citing US Emissions, But Failed To Recognize Why US Emissions Were Lower During Trump’s Presidency

Gryder: “The Environment Has Worsened Under President Biden. US Emissions Dropped By 10.2% During President Trump And Rose 6.2% During President Biden’s First Year In Office.” “Question: ‘What is your position on climate change and what should be done about it?’ Gryder: […] ‘While popular with some, heavy-handed government mandates promoted by "green" rhetoric have failed. The environment has worsened under President Biden. US emissions dropped by 10.2 percent during President Trump's four years and rose 6.2 percent during President Biden's first year in office. Ironically, a large part of this spike in emissions came from increased coal burning for electricity which rose 17 percent in 2021, marking the first annual increase in the nation's coal generation since 2014.’” [Herald News, 5/3/22]

- ABC News: “In 2020, U.S. Greenhouse Gas Emissions Will Be Substantially Lower Than They Were In 2019” Because “We Had The Largest Economic Recession In A Generation.” “In 2020, U.S. greenhouse gas emissions will be substantially lower than they were in 2019, but that's not because of progress that the Trump administration has made in reducing emissions,’ said Trevor Houser, an energy and climate analyst with the Rhodium Group, a nonpartisan research organization. “That's because we had the largest economic recession in a generation. So that's not exactly cause for celebration.” [ABC News, 12/22/20]
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National Security

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May 2022: Gryder Said That The Top Two Threats To National Security Were “State Sponsored Terrorism By Nations Like Iran And North Korea” And “Expansionist Policies And Cybercrime Emanating From China And Russia.” Question: ‘What are the top two threats to our national security?’ Gryder: ‘State sponsored terrorism by nations like Iran and North Korea remains a leading threat. The expansionist policies and cybercrime emanating from China and Russia are a growing concern. China has stolen billions in intellectual property and pilfered millions of personal records from US agencies and companies. These emerging cyber powerhouses increasingly coordinate cyber-attacks to increase the success of traditional warfare tactics and I cannot overstate the danger they pose.” [Herald News, 5/3/22]

- Gryder: “Every Tool In Our Arsenal Must Be Ready To Defeat Threats To Our Common Defense, Including Prudent Use Of Superior Diplomatic, Military, Intelligence, Financial, Legal, And First Responder Tactics.” Question: ‘What are the top two threats to our national security?’ Follow-Up Question: ‘What should be done to eliminate them?’ Gryder: ‘As the beacon of freedom in an unsafe world, tyranny thrives when America is weakened and we must prepare for challenges to our national interest wherever they arise, especially in regard to supporting our allies and other democratic nations. Every tool in our arsenal must be ready to defeat threats to our common defense, including prudent use of superior diplomatic, military, intelligence, financial, legal, and first responder tactics.” [Herald News, 5/3/22]

Drugs

Marijuana

September 2019: Gryder Voted Against An Ordinance That Would “Prohibit Adult Use Marijuana Sales In Unincorporated Parts Of The County; The Ordinance Was Voted Down By The County Board.” “A proposed ordinance that would prohibit adult use marijuana sales in unincorporated areas of the county has died in the Kendall County Board’s Committee of the Whole. The committee voted, 6-3, against the measure during its Thursday, Sept. 12, meeting at the county’s office building, 111 W. Fox St., Yorkville. The action means the county opts in to adult use cannabis sales by default. County Board members Scott Gengler, Tony Giles and Judy Gilmour voted in favor of the ordinance. Audra Hendrix, Matt Prochaska, Amy Cesich, Matt Kellogg, Robyn Vickers and
chairman Scott Gryder voted against. Elizabeth Flowers was absent from the meeting. County Board Chairman Scott Gryder said he has seen numbers that suggest traffic accidents and fatalities have increased, along with the black market for marijuana still being prevalent because the legal product is heavily taxed. However, he said, the question at hand is not whether the county should make its use legal, since the state already determined that. ‘It's whether or not we opt in or out of the program that's already been legalized by the state of Illinois,’ Gryder said. ‘I do want to remind everybody that's why we're here today.’ [Daily Chronicle, 9/13/19]

**Criminal Justice**

**2022: Gryder Attacked Governor Pritzker For Putting A Murderer On Parole After They Had Spent Nearly 50 Years In Prison And Said That Pritzker’s “Prisoner Review Board Cohorts” Were An “Attack On Victim’s Rights” And An “Assault On Safety And Security”**

Gryder LTE: After A Murderer Was Put On Parole After 46 Years In Prison, Gryder Said “Real Courage Is Remembering That An Aged Criminal Who Looks Like A Friendly Grandfather Is A Mass Murderer Who Deprived Not Just Five People Their Lives But Countless Others Of Their Innocence, Their Family, And Their Futures.” “Gov. J.B. Pritzker is off base on his comments related to the Illinois Prisoner Review Board. The crimes committed by the inmates under consideration have real and lasting effects on the fabric of a community. On April 26, 2018, the Prisoner Review Board voted to grant parole to Carl Reimann, who committed the most violent mass murder in Kendall County history. At the time, along with law enforcement and deeply affected families, I blasted this terrible, uncompassionate decision. […] Pritzker said: ‘It's very easy just to say (an inmate) committed an awful crime some many years ago, and to say we're gonna throw away the key and leave them all in prison.’ But it really isn't. Real courage is remembering that an aged criminal who looks like a friendly grandfather is a mass murderer who deprived not just five people their lives, but countless others of their innocence, their family and their futures.” [Chicago Tribune, Voices of The People, Gryder LTE, 4/6/22]

- **Gryder LTE: Gryder Suggested That “Pritzker And His Prisoner Review Board Cohorts” Were An “Attack On Victims Rights” And An “Assault On Safety And Security.”** “It's time to stop the attack on victims rights in Illinois. It's time to hold Pritzker and his Prisoner Review Board cohorts accountable. It's time to send a message that we will not take it anymore, that safety is paramount, that we support law enforcement, that we support victims, and that this assault on our safety and security must end.” [Chicago Tribune, Voices of The People, Gryder LTE, 4/6/22]

**Child Tax Credit**

**Gryder Said That He Would “Like To See Child Tax Credit Permanency” But “Cannot Support Joe Biden’s Proposal”**

May 2022: Gryder Said He Would “Like To See Child Tax Credit Permanency” But “Cannot Support Joe Biden’s Proposal.” “Question: ‘What is your position re-establishing the Child Tax Credit at $3,500 per child as set in the American Rescue Plan?’ Gryder: ‘I would like to see Child Tax Credit permanency. Yet, I cannot support Joe Biden's proposal and recommend credit return at the increased level of $2,000 set by the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. Joe Biden's reckless increase comes in at 5 times the cost of current law – $207 billion in a decade. When crafting a realistic proposal, we should also consider alternatives better targeting low-income households, retain work incentives, reduce costs, and provide taxpayer stability.” [Herald News, 5/3/22]

**Personal History**

**Education**


**Net Worth**

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- **May 2022: According To His Financial Disclosure Report, Gryder’s Total Assets Were Worth Between $198,025 And $562,000.**

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Southwest Airlines Company | $1-$1,000 | None

Target Corporation | $1,001-$15,000 | None

Tesla, Inc | $1-$1,000 | None

United States Steel Corporation | $1-$1000 | None

Virgin Galactic Holdings, Inc | $1-$1,000 | None

Walt Disney Company | $1,001-$15,000 | None

Total: $198,025-$562,000

[Clerk of the House of Representatives, Scott Gryder Financial Disclosure Report, filed 5/16/22]

- May 2022: According To His Financial Disclosure Report, Gryder’s Total Liabilities Were Worth Between $230,004 And $600,000.

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Professional History

Career Timeline

July 2015-Present: Gryder Worked As President And Senior Counsel Of Commercial Services At Near North Title Group, “One Of The Largest Title Agents In The Midwest”

2021: Chicago Daily Herald: “Gryder Is President And Senior Counsel Of Commercial Services At Near North Title Group.” “Gryder is president and senior counsel of commercial services at Near North Title Group. ‘There are more things that bring us together than don’t,’ the Oswego resident said. ‘That's the kind of thing you look at, you have to listen to different points of view and make sure we understand that we're all marching in the same direction.” [Chicago Daily Herald, 1/29/21]
- **September 2019-Present:** According to his LinkedIn, Gryder worked as “President and Senior Counsel” at Near North Title Group.

[Scott Gryder, LinkedIn, accessed 6/28/22]

- **July 2015-September 2019:** According to his LinkedIn, Gryder worked as “General Counsel and VP-Senior Underwriter” at Near North Title Group.
Illinoize: Gryder “Is An Attorney And Executive With A Commercial Title Company In Chicago.” “We told you right before Thanksgiving that Kendall County Board Chairman Scott Gryder of Oswego was considering a challenge to Congresswoman Lauren Underwood (D-Naperville) in the new 14th congressional district. At the time, Gryder said he had been ‘encouraged to run by some local Republicans and business owners.’ He called himself a ‘pro-growth Republican who is tired of the nonsense in D.C., Springfield, and Chicago.’ Gryder also sought the Illinois Republican Party chairmanship last year. He is an attorney and executive with a commercial title company in Chicago.” [Illinoize, 1/25/22]

Near North Title Group “Is A Fully Integrated Title, Escrow, Construction, And 1031 Exchange Company” And Claimed To Be “One Of The Largest Title Agents In The Midwest.”

Near North Title Group is a fully integrated title, escrow, construction and 1031 exchange company that has been offering clients a comprehensive portfolio of national commercial and residential title services for over 30 years. As one of the largest title agents in the Midwest, Near North provides customized solutions for a broad scope of title and escrow needs, leveraging years of industry expertise and underwriter relationships that allow for the utmost flexibility in facilitating even the most complex real estate transactions.

[Near North Title Group, accessed 6/29/22]
May 2022: According to his financial disclosure report, Gryder’s salary from Near North Tile Group was $353,683 in 2022.

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November 2019-Present: According to his LinkedIn, Gryder worked as a board member for the Illinois Counties Risk Management Trust.

- The Illinois Counties Risk Management Trust was “The Leader in Providing Insurance and Risk Management Services to Illinois Public Entities.” Since 1983, the Illinois Counties Risk Management Trust (ICRMT) has been the leader in providing insurance and risk management services to Illinois Public Entities. ICRMT offers a full line of coverage options including property, liability, and workers’ compensation.
designed to meet the needs of First Dollar or Self-Insured clients. ICRMT’s integrated and specialized approach to loss control, claims and litigation can be tailored to fit the needs of your entity. Members and potential members come to the ICRMT via their independent agent or broker. For over 35 years, ICRMT has grown from 4 to over 400 public entities and has maintained an annual member retention rate of at least 95% since inception.” [ICRMT, accessed 6/28/22]

**February 2010-July 2015: Gryder Worked As “Vice President National Commercial Services/National Counsel” For First American Title, A Company That Provided “Comprehensive Title Insurance Protection And Professional Settlement Services”**

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[Scott Gryder, LinkedIn, accessed 6/28/22]
First American Title Was A Company That Provided “Comprehensive Title Insurance Protection And Professional Settlement Services.”

May 2005-February 2010: Gryder Worked As “AVP- Asst National Counsel” At Chicago Title, A Title Insurance Company

May 2005-February 2010: According To His LinkedIn, Gryder Worked As “AVP-Asst National Counsel” At Chicago Title.

[Scott Gryder, LinkedIn, accessed 6/28/22]

[First American Title Insurance Company, accessed 6/28/22]
• Chicago Title Was A Title Insurance Company That Offered Title Insurance, Real Estate Closing Services, And Other Insurance And Legal Services.

[Chicago Title Insurance Company, accessed 6/29/22]

2003-2005: Gryder Worked As “Assistant Vice President- Claims Counsel” For Fidelity National Financial, A Fortune 500 Company That Offered Title Insurance Policy

2003-2005: According To His LinkedIn, Gryder Worked As The “Asst. Vice President- Claims Counsel” For Fidelity National Financial.

[Scott Gryder, LinkedIn, accessed 6/28/22]

• Fidelity National Financial Was A Fortune 500 Company That Offered “Title Insurance Policy.”
Outside of our main product, the title insurance policy, we also offer closing and escrow services, as well as other title-related services. We help protect the rights of both residential and commercial property owners against unexpected legal and financial claims that may arise after closing. Covantages can vary by state or locality, but our nationwide expertise can handle them all. This expertise allows us to help lenders, builders, developers, attorneys, and real estate professionals grow and succeed. We are also a provider of annuity and life insurance products, providing deferred annuities, including fixed index annuities, fixed rate annuities, and immediate annuities and index universal life insurance through our wholly-owned subsidiary, FGL Holdings.

*Fidelity*'s Fortune 500 ranking is consistently recognized as an industry leader by highly respected organizations. Accolades bestowed on the company over the past decade include:

- Named to the *Fortune* 500® on an annual basis.
- Highest ranked *Fortune* 500® in the title insurance industry.
- Selected by *Fortune* as one of America’s Most Admired Companies.
- Identified by *Forbes* as a Global 2000 Company.

[Fidelity National Financial, accessed 6/29/22]

**1999-2000: Gryder Worked As An Intern For U.S. Senator Peter Fitzgerald, Who Sponsored Legislation That “Prohibits Same-Sex Marriages And Favors Excluding Gay Men And Women From Serving In The Military.”**

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[Scott Gryder, LinkedIn, accessed 6/28/22]

- **Senator Fitzgerald Was An Illinois Republican Who Sponsored A Bill That “Prohibits Same-Sex Marriages And Favors Excluding Gay Men And Women From Serving In The Military.”** He also sponsored an Illinois law that prohibits same-sex marriages and favors excluding gay men and women from serving in the military. At 38, Fitzgerald will be the youngest member of the Senate. The campaign trail that led...
him to Washington was eased somewhat by a $40 million family fortune amassed from his father's banking business. Fitzgerald received a parochial education at the Portsmouth Abbey School in Rhode Island, which is run by an order of Benedictine monks. He graduated from Dartmouth, where he majored in classics, and is fluent in Greek. He received his law degree from the University of Michigan and has practiced law in the corporate arena.” [CNN, accessed 6/28/22]

### Political Career

#### Political Career Timeline

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  [Scott Gryder, LinkedIn, accessed 6/28/22]

- **2014-2016:** According To His LinkedIn, Gryder Was Vice-Chairman Of The Kendall County Board. [Scott Gryder, LinkedIn, accessed 6/28/22]

- **2015:** The Beacon News Named Gryder As The Chairman Of The Planning, Building, And Zoning Committee For The Kendall County Board. “The Kendall County Board this week reduced the size of its Historic Preservation Commission Board to make it easier for the board to meet. Board members voted 8-1 to reduce the size of the board from nine members to seven. Board member Scott Gryder, chairman of the Planning, Building and Zoning Committee that oversees Historic Preservation, said it has been hard to get enough board members together for meetings.” [Beacon News, 11/18/15]
• According To His LinkedIn, Gryder Served As The Forest Preserve Commissioner. [Scott Gryder, LinkedIn, accessed 6/28/22]

• According To His LinkedIn, Gryder Served On The Forest Preserve Finance Committee. [Scott Gryder, LinkedIn, accessed 6/28/22]

• According To His LinkedIn, Gryder Served As The Vice-Chairman Of The Public Safety Committee. [Scott Gryder, LinkedIn, accessed 6/28/22]

• According To His LinkedIn, Gryder Served As The Chair Of The Highway Committee. [Scott Gryder, LinkedIn, accessed 6/28/22]

• According To His LinkedIn, Gryder Was The Chair Of The Finance Committee. [Scott Gryder, LinkedIn, accessed 6/28/22]

• According To His LinkedIn, Gryder Was Vice Chair Of The Economic Development Committee. [Scott Gryder, LinkedIn, accessed 6/28/22]

• According To His LinkedIn, Gryder Was The Kendall Representative For The Truck Routing Advisory Council. [Scott Gryder, LinkedIn, accessed 6/28/22]

• According To His LinkedIn, Gryder Was The Liaison For The Veterans Assistance Commission. [Scott Gryder, LinkedIn, accessed 6/28/22]

May 2022: According To His Financial Disclosure Report, Gryder Made $22,910.00 In Salary From His Job As Kendall County Board Chairman In 2022.

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December 2017-Present: Gryder Served As The Commissioner Of The Illinois Complete Count Commission, Which Was Created To Educate Illinois Communities And Residents About The 2020 Census

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The Oswego Public Library District Provided Library Services In The Oswego Area Of Illinois.

[Oswego Public Library District, accessed 6/29/22]

IL-14 Congressional Campaign

Announcement

Gryder Said He Intended To Make A Formal Announcement And Hold A Campaign Kickoff In Early February. “Kendall County Board Chairman Scott Gryder is holding his cards close to the vest as he plans his campaign strategy in a bid for the 14th Congressional District seat. Gryder, of Oswego, recently filed paperwork with the Federal Election Commission to seek the Republican nomination in the June 28 primary election, but declined to discuss his plans when asked after a Jan. 28 county committee meeting. ‘I’m focusing on county
business right now,’ Gryder said, adding that he intends to make a formal announcement and campaign kick-off early in February.” [Shaw Local, 1/31/22]

Jan. 2022: Gryder Filed To Run For Congress In Illinois’ 14th District. “Kendall County Board Chairman Scott Gryder is planning a run for Congress. Gryder has filed paperwork with the Federal Election Commission to run as a Republican candidate for Congress from the 14th District.” [Kendall County Now, 1/24/22]

Gryder Said He Was Considering Running For Congress In Illinois’ 14th District. “One is Kendall County Board Chairman Scott Gryder, a Republican from Oswego, who has been chairman since 2012. Gryder is President and General Counsel for a Chicago-based commercial and residential land title service and sought the appointment earlier this year to become chairman of the Illinois Republican Party. Gryder confirmed to me last night he’s considering the race after being encouraged to run by some local Republicans and business owners. He calls himself a ‘pro-growth Republican who is tired of the nonsense in D.C., Springfield, and Chicago.’ Gryder says he’ll make a decision over the holidays.” [Illinoize, 11/23/21]

Gryder Ran On “His Record As A Proven Vote-Getter For Elective Office”

Gryder Said “His Record As A Proven Vote-Getter For Elective Office” Made Him The Republican With The “Best Opportunity To Unseat Underwood.” “Gryder said his record as a proven vote-getter for elective office makes him the Republican with the best opportunity to unseat Underwood. GOP candidates include Kendall County Republican Party Chairman James Marter of Oswego and former Kane County Board member Susan Starrett of North Aurora. Also running is former conservative talk radio host Michael Koolidge of Rochelle and Jack Lombardi of Manhattan in Will County.” [Shaw Local, 2/25/22]

After One Of His GOP Primary Opponents Was Endorsed By A Representative Who Quoted Hitler And Voted Against Certifying The 2020 Election, Gryder “Couldn’t Be Reached” For A Comment

March 2022: After One Of His GOP Primary Opponents For The IL-14 Race Was Endorsed By A Representative Who Had Quoted Hitler And Voted Against Certifying The 2020 Election, Gryder “Couldn’t Be Reached” For A Comment. “Republican congressional candidate James Marter on Friday touted an endorsement from a downstate congresswoman who quoted Adolf Hitler in a speech last year and voted against certifying Democrat Joe Biden as president. U.S. Rep. Mary Miller, a first-term lawmaker from Oakland, is backing Marter in his bid for the 14th District seat, according to a news release from Marter's campaign. Miller's team confirmed the endorsement. […] Gryder couldn't be reached.” [Chicago Daily Herald, 3/12/22]

Comments On Current IL-14 Rep. Lauren Underwood

Gryder: Underwood’s Plan To Address Gas Prices Was “What Trees Dream About At Night - Nothing.” “Gas prices in Illinois are at an all-time high and what is Lauren Underwood's plan? Her plan is what trees dream about at night - nothing. She is too busy pushing her 'woke' agenda to bother acting on the things voters actually care about.” [Twitter, @Gryder4Congress, 6/1/22]

March 2022: Gryder Faced An Objection To His Candidate Petition After A Discrepancy Was Found In The Way He Filed His Petition
review revealed two petition pages for a Republican Illinois Supreme Court candidate were included in Gryder’s packet and numbered as if they were pages for Gryder.” [Sauk Valley Newspapers, 3/23/22]

- **April 2022: Gryder’s Petition Was Cleared After The Elections Board Stated That “Two Errant Pages Shouldn't Invalidate Dozens Of Gryder’s Petition Sheets.”** “Scott Gryder of Oswego and Jack Lombardi of Manhattan should remain on the ballot. Yorkville resident David A. Guss had objected to both petitions. Guss said Gryder's petition pages weren't properly numbered in sequence. A Daily Herald review revealed two petition pages for a Republican Illinois Supreme Court candidate were included in Gryder's packet and numbered as if they were pages for Gryder. A state hearing officer and a lawyer for the elections board said the two errant pages shouldn't invalidate dozens of Gryder's petition sheets, and the board agreed.” [Chicago Daily Herald, 4/15/22]

### April 28th, 2022: Gryder Skipped GOP Candidate Forum

**April 28th, 2022: Gryder Did Not Attend GOP Candidate Forum.** “Four of the five Republican candidates running in the 14th Congressional District took turns slamming Democrats for their handling of the nation's economy and highlighting various cultural issues during a forum Tuesday in Plainfield. The Plainfield Township Republican Organization hosted the forum that included Michael Koolidge of Rochelle, Jack Lombardi of Manhattan, James Marter of Oswego and Jaime Milton of Fox River Grove. Scott Gryder, the Kendall County Board chairman, did not attend Tuesday's forum.” [Herald News, 4/28/22]

### Political Ideology

**Shaw Local: Gryder Was “Presenting Himself As Pragmatic Conservative Who Can Get Things Done In Washington, D.C.”** “Kendall County Board Chairman Scott Gryder is presenting himself as pragmatic conservative who can get things done in Washington, D.C. as he launches his candidacy for the 14th Congressional District seat. Gryder formally kicked off his campaign with a reception on Feb. 24 at Yorkville’s Lakeview Grille, surrounded by a large crowd that included top county and municipal officials. ‘We need to put an end to Washington’s unyielding overreach,’ Gryder told his supporters. ‘Limited government is more than lip-service to me.’” [Shaw Local, 2/25/22]

**Gryder Said As A Member Of The Kendall County Board, He “Drove A Consensus-Based Agenda Forward That Helped Propel Kendall County To The Top In Growth Among All Illinois Counties.”** “Gryder is now in his third term as an elected member of the county board. ‘While Illinois lost population to states offering competitive, pro-family, pro-business, pro-freedom policies, I drove a consensus-based agenda forward that helped propel Kendall County to the top in growth among all Illinois counties,’ Gryder told the crowd.” [Shaw Local, 2/25/22]

**When Asked How Conservative He Is, Gryder Said It Was An “Interesting Question” And “I Think It Depends. It’s Very Subjective.”** HOST: “A question that may come up since there is a primary coming together in the district is, you know, how conservative are you?” GRYDER: ‘Well, that's a interesting question, that, I think it depends. It's very subjective, you know, oftentimes. You know, I like to look at it, I actually listened to Mitch Daniels, who was a governor in Indiana, I don't know 10, 15 years ago, and he kind of disliked the label and he went through his accomplishments and said, you know, that sounds pretty conservative, doesn't it? But as soon as you say, hey, I'm the most conservative guy or I'm more conservative than him, then, you know, you're already starting to turn people off. So I like to focus on, you know, accomplishments and the things that we're doing and so, you know, I'd say I'm pretty conservative. You know, I am a member of the Federalist Society, you know, as a lawyer.” [Soundcloud, WCMY 1430, 3/14/22] (AUDIO) 00:09:05

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14th congressional district. At the time, Gryder said he had been ‘encouraged to run by some local Republicans and business owners.’ He called himself a “pro-growth Republican who is tired of the nonsense in D.C., Springfield, and Chicago.” Gryder also sought the Illinois Republican Party chairmanship last year. He is an attorney and executive with a commercial title company in Chicago.” [Illinoize, 1/25/22]

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**Endorsements And Affiliations**

**May 2022: IUOW Local 140 Endorsed Gryder’s IL-14 Republican Primary Campaign.** “I am honored to earn the endorsement of IUOE #local150. Kendall County would not be what it is today without the many contributions of operating engineers. To maintain a growing economy, we must protect good paying jobs. Instead of empty slogans like ‘Build Back Better.’” [Twitter, @Gryder4Congress, 5/17/22]

**June 2022: The Daily Herald Editorial Board Endorsed Gryder In The IL-14 Republican Primary.** “The five candidates in the District 14 Republican primary voice similar concerns when they talk about their reasons for trying to unseat incumbent Lauren Underwood in the fall: border security, energy independence, spending controls, election integrity. […] Scott Gryder is endorsed.” [Daily Herald, Editorial, 6/2/22]

**June 2022: The Chicago Tribune Editorial Board Endorsed Gryder’s Campaign In The IL-14 Republican Primary.** “Scott Gryder of Oswego, chairman of the Kendall County Board, also takes a dim view of the Jan. 6committee’s vitally important work, and that failure to set aside partisan politics disappoints us. However, as county board chairman, Gryder has reined in spending, provided tax relief to homeowners and small businesses, and helped Kendall County ‘rise to the top in growth among all Illinois counties,’ he told us. He gets our endorsement.” [Chicago Tribune, Editorial, 6/14/22]


**June 2022: State Rep. Mark Batinick Endorsed Gryder’s Campaign.** “Excited to announce the endorsement of my campaign to be the next Congressman from IL-14 by my friend Rep Mark Batinick!” [Facebook, Scott Gryder For Congress, 6/25/22]

**June 2022: NRCC Chairman Tom Emmer Congratulated Gryder For Winning The IL-14 Republican Primary.** “NRCC Chairman Tom Emmer released the following statement regarding the results of the IL-14 primary: ‘Congratulations to Scott Gryder on his primary win. Come November, Illinois voters will remember that Lauren Underwood is directly responsible for Democrats’ radical agenda that is making everyday life more expensive for Illinois families.’” [NRCC, Press Release, 6/29/22]
**Organizations And Membership**

2012: **Gryder Was Chairman Of The Kendall County Young Republicans.** “Kendall County Young Republicans recently met Reince Priebus, Chairman of the Republican National Committee, at an event in Chicago. Pictured (left to right) are KCYR Chairman Scott Gryder, Vice Chair Sarah Walsh, Priebus and YR Secretary Brian Russell. The group reaches out to registered Republicans, 18 to 40 years old, and provides them with better political knowledge, community awareness and an understanding of the issues of the day.” [Morris Daily Herald, 3/17/12]

2013: **The Kane County Chronicle Named Gryder As Chairman Of The Kendall County Republican Party.** “The woman who has represented central Kane County in the Illinois General Assembly for years has announced she will not seek another term in office. Wednesday, State Rep. Kay Hatcher, R-Yorkville, told supporters at her annual Summer Soiree event that she intends to step aside from the Illinois House of Representatives when her current term expires in early 2015. […] Hatcher's departure opens the door to challengers who might wish to claim her seat in the heavily Republican district. Kane County Republican Party Chairman Barb Wojnicki said she believes up to six candidates could step into the 2014 GOP primary race. Kendall County Republican Party Chairman Scott Gryder said he also has heard some names rumored. To this point, however, he said only Kendall County Board member Matt Prochaska has vocally expressed interest in the race to him.” [Kane County Chronicle, 8/1/13]

2015: **The Beacon News Named Gryder As A Commissioner For The Kendall County Forest Preserve District.** “Kendall County Forest Preserve District commissioners Tuesday voted unanimously to temporarily close the Millbrook pedestrian bridge over the Fox River. But in so doing, they stressed that they will pursue grants and other measures to try to fix and save the historic bridge. […] Commissioner Scott Gryder said the ‘prudent thing is to look at temporarily closing’ the bridge. Then we can look at options,’ he said.” [Beacon News, 5/20/15]

2021: **Gryder Was Considered For Illinois State GOP Chair.** “The Illinois Republican Party is poised for a remake Saturday when leaders will choose one of a trio of suburban and downstate attorneys to be the next state GOP chairman. Lake County Republican Chairman Mark Shaw, former lieutenant governor candidate Don Tracy of Springfield, and Kendall County Chairman Scott Gryder will be interviewed by the Illinois Republican State Central Committee in a closed-door session in Bolingbrook. Tracy and Shaw are political veterans and perceived by some as the front-runners; others said Gryder may receive more votes than expected. ‘I don't think there is a clear winner right now (between Shaw and Tracy),’ Palatine Township Republican Committeeman Aaron Del Mar said.” [Chicago Daily Herald, 1/29/21]

- **February 2021: Gryder Was Not Named Illinois State GOP Chair; Springfield Attorney And State Gaming Board Member Don Tracy Was Tapped For The Post Instead.** “Don Tracy, a Springfield attorney who was appointed to lead the Illinois Gaming Board by former Gov. Bruce Rauner, won the backing of members of the state GOP’s central committee. […] The attorney beat out two other candidates vying to lead the party Lake County Republican Chair Mark Shaw, who currently serves as state party co-chair and president of the Republican County Chairmen's Association, and Kendall County Board Chair Scott Gryder.” [Chicago Sun-Times, 2/6/21]


[@ElectScottG, 8/14/18]
Gryder Was A Freemason

Gryder’s County Board Campaign Website Said That Gryder Was A Member Of “Raven Lodge In Oswego.” “Gryder serves on the Oswego Park Foundation Board where he has served as Vice Chair, serves on the Fox Valley YMCA Board of Directors and served on the University of Illinois-Springfield Alumni Board. He is a member of Raven Lodge in Oswego. He and his wife live in Oswego with their daughter. Scott is President of Commercial Services and Senior Counsel for Near North Title Group. He is a licensed attorney in Illinois and the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois.” [Scott Gryder for Kendall County Board District 2, accessed 6/27/22]

- The Illinois Freemasonry Site Identified Raven Lodge #303 In Oswego As A “Masonic Lodge.”

[Illinois Freemasonry, accessed 6/27/22]

Political Career

Election Results

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[Kendall County, Election Archives, 4/7/08]

Note: Gryder first ran for and won a seat on the Oswego Library Public Board of Trustees in 2005. However, the Kendall County Election Archives, which have a record of every other election in Kendall County from 2000 until 2022, did not have archived results from 2005. Election results from 2004 and 2006 also have no election data for Gryder.

Note: Illinois state campaign finance reports indicate that Gryder filed finance reports for a 2011 campaign for Oswego Village Trustee. However, Kendall County’s 2011 election report does not reflect any results for this race.
Gryder’s campaign finance report from this race indicated that Gryder lost his 2011 race for Oswego Village Trustee.

| 2012 14th Congressional District Delegate To The Republican National Nominating Convention For President |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Candidate | Vote Total | Vote Percentage |
| E. Hastert (Romney) | 4,129 | 14.96% |
| W. Lefew (Romney) | 2,894 | 10.49% |
| G. Wyatt (Romney) | 2,977 | 10.79% |
| M. Sterba (Paul) | 795 | 2.88% |
| M. Widhalm (Paul) | 816 | 2.96% |
| J. Smith (Paul) | 811 | 2.94% |
| T. Smith (Gingrich) | 643 | 2.33% |
| N. Provenzano (Gingrich) | 590 | 2.14% |
| S. Gryder (Gingrich) | 1,334 | 4.83% |
| A. Salvi (Santorum) | 2,633 | 9.54% |
| K. Salvi (Santorum) | 2,680 | 9.71% |
| I. Napier (Santorum) | 2,488 | 9.02% |

[Kendall County, Election Archives, 3/20/12]

| 2012 Kendall County Board District 2: Republican Primary (Top 5 Advance To General) |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Candidate | Vote Total | Vote Percentage |
| Scott R. Gryder | 2,698 | 11.54% |
| Dan Koukol | 2,194 | 9.38% |
| Jeffrey Wehrli | 2,020 | 8.64% |
| Jeremy Swanson | 1,895 | 8.10% |
| Lynn Cullick | 1,701 | 7.27% |
| Michael F. Becker | 1,598 | 6.83% |
| Anne L. Vickery | 1,551 | 6.63% |
| Thomas R. McWilliams | 1,082 | 4.63% |

[Kendall County, Election Archives, 3/20/12]

| 2012 Kendall County Board District 2: General Election |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Candidate | Vote Total | Vote Percentage |
| Scott R. Gryder (R) | 9,297 | 12.76% |
| Dan Koukal (R) | 8,800 | 12.07% |
| Jeffrey Wehrli (R) | 8,816 | 12.10% |
| Jeremy Swanson (R) | 7,969 | 10.93% |
| Lynn Cullick (R) | 9,018 | 12.37% |
| Kristine Heiman (D) | 7,702 | 10.57% |
| Evelyn Maxine Givens (D) | 6,792 | 9.32% |
| Herman Johnson (D) | 6,337 | 8.70% |
| Elizabeth Flowers (D) | 8,149 | 11.18% |

[Kendall County, Election Archives, 11/6/12]

| 2014 Primary: Precinct Committeeman Oswego 2 (Prec-0031) |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Candidate | Vote Total | Vote Percentage |
| Scott R. Gryder | 163 | 100% |

[Kendall County, Election Archives, 3/18/14]
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[Kendall County, Election Archives, 11/4/14]

### 2016 14th Congressional District Delegate To The Republican National Nominating Convention For President

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[Kendall County, Election Archives, 3/29/16]

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[FEC.gov, accessed 6/27/22]

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Note: Gryder’s 2012 run for Kendall County Board District 2 and 2011 run for Oswego Village Trustee are the only races listed for Scott Gryder in the Illinois State Board of Elections campaign finance database.

Personal Political History

Personal Political Donations

Gryder Has Given $2,630.00 To Federal Political Candidates

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[Voting Activity](#)

**Gryder Was Registered To Vote In Illinois 14th Congressional District**

**Gryder Was Registered To Vote In Oswego, IL.** [VoteBuilder, accessed 6/27/22]

- **Gryder’s Address Was Located In Illinois’ 14th Congressional District.** [NBC 5 Chicago, 6/22/22]

**2000 – 2021: Gryder Voting History**

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2008 | Voted in Republican primary, general election, and special election  
2007 | Voted in municipal election  
2006 | Voted in Republican primary and general election  
2005 | Voted in Municipal primary and municipal general election  
2004 | Voted in general election  
2003 | Did not vote  
2002 | Did not vote  
2001 | Voted in municipal election  
2000 | Voted in Republican primary and general election  
1999 | Voted in municipal election  
1998 | Voted in Republican primary, did not vote in general  

[VoteBuilder, accessed 6/27/22]

**In 2005, Gryder Voted As An Independent In A Municipal Primary Race**

**2005: Gryder Voted As An Independent In A Municipal Primary Race.** [Votebuilder, accessed 6/27/22]

**Public Records**

**Associated Entities**

As of June 2022, Gryder was potentially associated with the following entities.

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[Nexis Comprehensive Person Report, accessed 6/26/22]

**NOTE:** Further research necessary to determine whether Gryder has associated entities.

**Criminal And Traffic Violation Record**

**July 26th, 2010: Gryder Was Charged With “Speeding” In Indiana And Paid A $225.00 Fine**

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case was marked as “decided” on August 24th, 2010.

State of Indiana vs. SCOTT GRYDER

Case Number: 48G13-1007-IF-085660
Court: Marion Superior Court, Criminal Division 13
Type: IF - Infraction
Filed: 07/26/2010
Status: 08/24/2010, Decided
Appear By: 09/17/2010

Parties to the Case

Defendant: GRYDER, SCOTT R
Address: 4030 MCLAREN DRIVE
COWHOGO, IL 60043

State Plaintiff: State of Indiana

Charges

01 07/23/2010 9-21-5-2/JFC Speeding

September 28th, 1992: Gryder Was Charged With Operating An “Uninsured Motor Vehicle” While “Driving 11-15 MPH Above Limit” And Was Sentenced To A Fine And Court Supervision For 2 Months

September 28th, 1992: Gryder Was Charged With Operating An “Uninsured Motor Vehicle.” On September 28th, 1992, Gryder was charged with operating an uninsured motor vehicle. Gryder did not enter a plea. Gryder did not owe any money in fines. The case was marked as “closed.”
September 28th, 1992: Gryder Was Charged With “Driving 11-15 MPH Above Limit” And Was Sentenced To $75 In Fines And Court Supervision. On September 28th, 1992, Gryder was charged with “driving 11-15 MPH above limit” and was sentenced to $75.00 in fines and court supervision. Court supervision was terminated and the case was closed on January 10th, 1993.
Court Supervision Is When “The Convicted Person Is Allowed To Remain Free, Going About Their Daily Business But They Must Abide By Conditions That A Judge Imposes.” “Court supervision is similar to supervised probation. The convicted person is allowed to remain free, going about their daily business, but they must abide by conditions that a judge imposes, such as: Payment of fines; Performing public service work; Entering alcohol and/or drug treatment; Entering counseling. The exact conditions that the person must follow depends on the law of the state in which the person is sentenced, the offense of which they have been convicted and the circumstances surrounding the infraction or misdemeanor. […] The state of Illinois has true court supervision as a system in which a person avoids a criminal conviction as well as a standard criminal sentence of imprisonment or imposition of a fine. [LegalMatch, accessed 6/27/22]
May 16th, 1995: Gryder Was Charged With “Driving 15-20 MPH Above Limit.” On May 16th, 1995, Gryder was charged with “driving 15-20 mph above limit.” Gryder was handed a “guilty conviction” and was made to pay $75.00 in fines. The case was marked as closed on June 20th, 1995.

August 8th, 1994: Gryder Was Charged With Public Possession Of Liquor In Public And Was Sentenced To Fines, Court Supervision, And Community Service.
possession of liquor. Gryder pled guilty, and was sentenced to fines of $125.00, court supervision, and community service. The case was marked as closed on October 8th, 1994.

[DeKalb County Court, 8/8/94]

- According To The DeKalb County Court, The Scott Gryder In The Case Was Listed As Having An Address Of 18 J Street, Plano, Illinois 60545.

[DeKalb County Court, 8/8/94]

- According To The DeKalb County Court, The Scott Gryder In The Case Was Born In 1976.

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Note: The DeKalb County Court listed this case against one Scott T. Gryder. This is likely a mistake, as the correct name for the Scott Gryder who is the subject of this document is Scott R. Gryder. The Gryder listed in the DeKalb County Court case shares the same birth year, 1976, and past address, 18 J Street, Plano, Illinois, as Scott R. Gryder. Above, proof points have been shown to showcase similarities between Scott R. Gryder and Scott T. Gryder. It is for these reasons why it is likely that the 1994 DeKalb County Court case was meant to be charged to Scott R. Gryder.

NOTE: Further research necessary to determine whether Gryder has a criminal record.

Bankruptcy, Judgments, & Liens

As Of June 2022, Gryder Did Not File For Bankruptcy And Did Not Have Any Judgements Or Liens. [Nexis Comprehensive Person Report, accessed 6/27/22]

NOTE: Further research necessary into whether Gryder or his associated entities had bankruptcies, judgments or liens.

Important Note On This Document

Please keep in mind at all times that this is preliminary research, and further research will be necessary on Scott Gryder. It is strongly recommended that you contact the DCCC’s Research Department for more information and in the event that you intend to use material from this report for public communications purposes. Thank you.