Jeff Van Drew switched parties because he didn't want to lose reelection. He pledged his "undying support" to Donald Trump. He did not make the pledge because of Trump’s agenda, but to look out for himself. Now he sides with corporate special interests who fund his campaign at the expense of South Jersey.

Van Drew Became A Republican After Polling Showed Him Losing "In The Primary And The General Election." “Van Drew’s decision came after a poll by his campaign showed that by 2-1 margins, voters in his district preferred alternatives to him in the primary and general election. The poll was provided by a senior Democratic aide.” [Associated Press, 12/17/19]

Van Drew Switched Parties After Received Polling Results That “Over 70 Percent Of Democratic Primary Voters Would Be Less Likely To Support Him If He Voted Against Impeachment Donald Trump” Before Switching Parties. “Last week, the first-term conservative Democrat polled his district about his opposition to impeachment. The results were very one-sided. Over 70 percent of Democratic primary voters would be less likely to support him if he voted against impeaching Donald Trump. Van Drew immediately went silent and was unreachable by allies in the party. The next day, he was meeting with Donald Trump at the White House to discuss switching parties. Within 48 hours, word had leaked out about his decision and, within a week, Van Drew was on cable news pledging his ‘undying support’ to a president whom he voted against 93 percent of the time.” [New York Magazine, 12/23/19]

New Jersey Star Ledger Editorial Board Editor Tom Moran Called Van Drew’s Party Switch “A Craven Attempt… To Extend His Now Soiled Career.” “New Jersey’s delegation in Congress supported impeachment by a vote of 10-2 Wednesday, with dissent only from the lone Republican, Rep. Chris Smith, and from Democratic Rep. Jeff Van Drew, who will soon switch parties in a craven attempt, at age 66, to extend his now soiled career for a few more years.” [New Jersey Star Ledger, Tom Moran, 12/19/19]

Conservative Radio Host Bill Spadea: Van Drew’s Party Switch “Was A Simple Opportunistic Move Designed To Save His Seat.” “Now some are grabbing the scraps off the table, as turncoat Jeff Van Drew switched parties for the sole reason of saving his job. I was a supporter of Van Drew’s common-sense position against impeachment, when he had the courage to speak out as a Democrat. His becoming a Republican has nothing to do with issues. This was a simple opportunistic move designed to save his seat. He’s a liberal Democrat at his core, a huge supporter of Planned Parenthood, a backer of a federal $15 minimum wage. He voted against Trump’s emergency declaration to extend and support sections of the southern border wall and he supported Nancy Pelosi for speaker. These are just a few among many issues that separate him from Trump and most Republican voters. The challenge is that when the GOP accepts turncoats who want the party to protect them from the voters, the party fails to live up to its mission of being a true opposition to the majority that is ruining our state. Van Drew may have lost re-election as a Democrat ... but so what? Have we devolved into a status in our country where the only thing that matters is do anything to enrich and empower yourself? Has politics become only an exercise in self preservation and promotion? What happened to public service? What happened to integrity?” [NJ 101.5, 1/8/20]

Van Drew To Trump: “You Have My Undying Support.” “Two more things I want to say,’ Van Drew said as reporters looked on. ‘One, you have my undying support.” ‘Thank you,’ Trump said. ‘Thank you very much.’ ‘And always,’ Van Drew said. ‘And, by the way, same way,’ Trump said. ‘I’m endorsing him. Okay? We’re endorsing him.” [New Jersey Star Ledger, 12/20/19]

As Of The 2nd Quarter Of 2020, Van Drew Received $134,450 From Corporate PACs. [Maplight, accessed 8/4/20]

Jeff Van Drew accepted $402,129 from “Business” PACs, $198,250 from “Ideological” PACs, and $117,000 from “Labor” PACs. [Center for Responsive Politics, accessed 8/4/20]

PHOTO: Van Drew And Trump In The Oval Office As Van Drew Announced He Was Joining The Republican Party. [New York Times, 12/19/19]