

Matt Larkin (WA-08) Research Report

The following report contains research on Matt Larkin, a Republican candidate in Washington's 8th district. Research for this research book was conducted by the DCCC's Research Department between July 2021 and August 2022. By accepting this report, you are accepting responsibility for all information and analysis included. Therefore, it is your responsibility to verify all claims against the original documentation before you make use of it. Make sure you understand the facts behind our conclusions before making any specific charges against anyone.



Matt Larkin

Republican Candidate in
Washington's 8th Congressional District

Research Memo -2022

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Significant Findings

Larkin Embellished His Prosecutorial Experience As An AG Candidate

- ✓ Larkin stated during the campaign that he was a proven prosecutor with experience “on both sides of the mountains” in Pierce and Spokane Counties.
 - ✓ However, Larkin never served as a Prosecutor or Deputy Prosecutor in Spokane County, rather he worked there during the summer as an unpaid “extern.”
 - ✓ Additionally, Pierce County prosecutor's office said that Larkin worked there for just 67 days.

Larkin Focused His Congressional Campaign On Increased Crime In Seattle, Not On Washington's 8th Congressional District...

- ✓ Larkin prioritized a public safety message in both his 2020 Washington Attorney General campaign and his 2022 congressional race. His campaign slogan for 2022 was “Make Crime Illegal Again.”
 - ✓ Larkin demanded increased funding for Seattle PD due to a 2020 increase in homicides and argued that Seattle City Council's push to defund the police would only exacerbate the problem.
 - ✓ Larkin claimed that in Seattle, crime was effectively legal due to the lack of prosecution.
 - ✓ Larkin claimed leadership in Seattle created a toxic environment for their police, causing officers to leave in droves.

... But Larkin Lived In The 1st District, Which Wasn't Even In Seattle

- ✓ Larkin lived in Woodinville, WA, 98072.
 - ✓ Larkin's home was in Washington's 1st District, not the 8th District.
 - ✓ Neither WA-08 nor WA-01 included any part of Seattle.

Depending On The Time Or Audience, Larkin Shifted His Stances On Trump, Jan. 6, And The “Big Lie”

- ✓ Larkin said on a Zoom Republican rally during 2020 AG campaign, “I support everything the president is doing [...] I love that he doesn't care.”

- ✓ But during an interview with an editorial board, Larkin said he was “frustrated” with Trump’s “bombastic” rhetoric and stated he would have litigated some of the state’s lawsuits against the Trump administration.
- ✓ In the immediate aftermath of the U.S. Capitol insurrection on January 6, Larkin condemned the political violence of the day, connecting it to Seattle’s violent protests in 2020.
 - ✓ But as a prospective congressional candidate in June 2021, Larkin refused to accept the results of the 2020 presidential election and answer questions about how he would have voted on the creation of a bipartisan commission to investigate the January 6th insurrection.
- ✓ Larkin initially declined to comment on Trump’s claims of a fraudulent election, but later empathized with “Republicans who are feeling slighted by the last election,” agreeing that “there is not a lot of trust in the integrity of the system right now.”

Larkin Held Far-Right Policy Views: Against The ACA, Against Gun Control, And Against Choice

- ✓ Former Washington Attorney General Rob McKenna endorsed Larkin’s 2020 campaign. McKenna joined other State AGs in suing over the ACA.
- ✓ Larkin stated he was against Initiative 1639 which limited automatic rifle purchases.
- ✓ Larkin was an anti-abortion extremist that wanted to ban abortion without exceptions for rape or incest and supported federal bans that would threaten access to abortion in Washington.

Larkin Was The Chief Legal Counsel For Romac Industries, A Company Run By His Father And A Serial Labor Violator That Received Millions In PPP Loans

- ✓ Larkin championed small businesses despite being handed the role of Chief Legal Counsel at Romac Industries by his father who runs the business.
- ✓ Romac Industries was subject to 17 OSHA inspections and was fined by OSHA for 19 violations in addition to 16 “Other” violations.
 - ✓ Under Larkin’s tenure as Chief Counsel, OSHA fined Romac Industries \$4,200 for failing to protect employees from potentially hazardous energy.
 - ✓ OSHA found that Romac Industries has committed at least 4 violations of failing to guard the operator and employees from the hazards of operating machinery.
- ✓ Under Larkin’s tenure as Chief Counsel, Romac Industries settled with a fired employee who filed a complaint detailing among other things: a hostile work environment, disparate treatment, and unlawful retaliation based on race, disability, family with children, reasonable accommodation and FMLA status.

- ✓ Larkin's professional and political lives were inexorably intertwined with donations to his 2020 campaign from himself, family, and Romac Industries employees.
- ✓ Larkin attacked Democrats' "reckless" spending despite Romac Industries receiving \$6,350,000 in PPP loans.

Larkin Ignored Washington's COVID Protocols

- ✓ Larkin failed to follow the state's COVID guidelines during his 2020 AG run, attending events that did not follow state protocols.
 - ✓ August 2020: Larkin attended an event that featured hugs and handshakes instead of face masks and social distancing, violating the state's indoor mask requirement.
 - ✓ October 2020: Larkin appeared at rallies with larger crowds than restrictions allowed, and most attendees did not wear masks.

Larkin Received Endorsements For His 2020 AG Run From State Lawmakers Mired In Controversy

- ✓ Larkin was endorsed by State Senator Doug Ericksen, who received a \$500,000 annual lobbying contract as a registered foreign agent from the authoritarian Cambodian government after praising its electoral process.
 - ✓ Seattle Times Editorial Board demanded Ericksen either cancel the contract or step down as State Senator.
- ✓ Larkin was endorsed by Dino Rossi, former State Senator and 2018 Republican candidate for WA-08, who accepted tens of thousands from lobbyists, and even partnered with lobbyists on a real estate deal.
 - ✓ Politifact: "Did Dino Rossi take away health care coverage from 45,000 children? Mostly True."
- ✓ Three Washington lawmakers (State Senator Luanne Van Werven, State Representative Jesse Young, and former State Senator Mike Padden) endorsed Larkin. All were accused of ethics violations.
 - ✓ Van Werven was disciplined and removed from the Legislative Ethics Board after using taxpayer money to promote her political campaign.
 - ✓ Young was fined for twice in less than a year for mixing campaign work and state resources.
 - ✓ Padden was caught funneling money to a former employer, Valley Empire Collection, by awarding county contracts and crafting special-interests legislation.
- ✓ Three extreme Washington lawmakers (State Representative Jim Walsh, State Representative Robert Sutherland and Former State Senator Mark Miloscia) endorsed Larkin.

- ✓ Walsh compared Washington's COVID-19 vaccine mandates to the Holocaust: "It's an echo from history. In the current context, we're all Jews."
- ✓ Sutherland threatened police officers with "revolution" and called them "goons" at an April 19 protest against the stay-at-home order in Olympia.
- ✓ Miloscia argued people with no religious affiliation have declared "religious war" on "longtime enemies -- faithful Christians, Orthodox Jews and Muslims."

Background

- **FULL LEGAL NAME:** Matthew P. Larkin
- **BORN:** 8/16/1981 (age 39)
- **FAMILY:** Shelly Larkin (wife ~ 37), Mac Larkin (son ~ 11), Miller Larkin (son ~ 8), (son ~ 5), (daughter ~ 3)
- **HOME:** 15535 48th Ave NE, Woodinville, WA, 98072-6936
- **EDUCATION:** King's School; B.A. in Political Science and Social Science, Westmont College; JD, Gonzaga University; Master of Law in Litigation and Dispute Resolution, George Washington University, 2009
- **PROFESSIONAL:** Associate Director of Presidential Speech Writing, 2008-2009; Editor, *Decision Points* by President George Bush; Chief Legal Counsel, Romac Industries, 2010-present; Agent, Executor, and Governor, CLE Elum Investments LLC, 2019-present
- **POLITICAL:** Washington Attorney General, 2020 (Lost)
- **ORGANIZATIONS:** Timberlake Church; Member of Board of Trustees, Evergreen Health Foundation
- **LICENSES:** Bar License (Oregon); Bar License (Washington); Hunting & Fishing License (Washington)

Larkin Embellished His Prosecutorial Experience During 2020 AG Run

Larkin Advertised Prosecutorial Experience In Spokane And Pierce Counties, Despite Working As An Unpaid "Extern" In Spokane County And Working For Only 67 Days In Pierce County.

Larkin Stated On The Campaign Trail That He Had Experience Prosecuting On Both Sides Of The Mountains In Pierce And Spokane Counties. "I was a criminal prosecutor in Pierce County. I have also been a criminal prosecutor in Spokane County. So, I have prosecuted on both sides of the mountains." [Facebook, Chris Leyba for Washington State Auditor, 31:12, [9/6/20](#)]

Larkin Exaggerated His Prosecutorial Experience In Spokane County, Working Only As An Unpaid "Extern." "Larkin served as student volunteer known as an 'extern' in the Spokane County prosecutor's office while at Gonzaga, so he would have needed supervision by an attorney [...] Larkin defended the description, saying he did some courtroom work by himself as a Gonzaga extern and mentioned his supervisor, Brian O'Brien. O'Brien said later he had no specific recollection of Larkin's work." [Spokesman-Review (Spokane), [10/8/20](#)]

Larkin Worked In Pierce County Prosecutor's Office For A Mere 67 Days. "But that experience is limited. He says he worked 67 days at the Pierce County job." [Seattle Times, [10/19/20](#)]

Larkin Focused 2022 Campaign On Seattle's Public Safety, The Police, And Crime

Larkin Focused His 2022 Campaign On Crime In Seattle, Calling Crime “Effectively Legal”

Larkin Unveiled Campaign Slogan For 2022 Election: “Make Crime Illegal Again.” ““There is an astounding failure of left-wing prosecutors to pursue charges against criminals and it makes us all unsafe. They refuse to prosecute crime, and I’m running on a platform to make crime illegal again’ [...] When asked about the rioters in Seattle and in Portland, Oregon, over last summer -- many who attacked courthouses, assaulted police officers and have gone without trials -- Larkin called it a problem, but said he is ‘not surprised.’ He said that 89% of arrests for all crimes in the city of Seattle go without any resolution. Violent crime, including murders and kidnappings, has significantly gone up in Seattle over the last few years. Larkin specifically pointed to troubling statistics revealing that the frequency of human trafficking incidents in Washington state have increased nearly 2,000% over the last few years.” [Fox News, [5/22/21](#)]

After Launching His Campaign In May 2021, Larkin Responded To Calls To Defund the Police By Advocating For Further Funding And Support For Seattle Police. “Support for funding the police, not defunding or stripping away resources, is also close to Larkin's heart. Larkin said that especially over the summer, law enforcement officers were being abused by rioters who were ‘literally trying to burn them alive in precincts across Seattle [...] They threw a flaming spear into the window of an occupied police car and tried to burn the officer alive. These things are real, these are not stories for dramatic effect, these things are really happening, [...] Law enforcement needs our help, especially since Seattle is still slashing the police budget [...] When crime is skyrocketing, that is not the time to cut your law enforcement budget. It is going to exacerbate the problem.” [Fox News, [5/22/21](#)]

Larkin: “In Seattle, Crime Is Effectively Legal Due To The Lack Of Prosecution.” “We can’t continue like this. In Seattle, crime is effectively legal due to lack of prosecution, and innocent people are paying the price in the streets. Our leaders are turning a blind eye as crime has spiraled out of control.” [Twitter, @MattLarkin4WA, [12/30/20](#)]

Larkin Called For Support For Seattle Police: “Leadership In Seattle Has Created A Toxic Environment For Seattle PD.” “Brandi says it best. Elected officials should not be held to a special, lower standard. Leadership in Seattle has created a toxic environment for Seattle PD, and they are now leaving in droves.” [Twitter, @MattLarkin4WA, [5/2/21](#)]

Larkin: “Washington Supreme Court Has Effectively Legalized Felony Drug Possession.” “The Washington Supreme Court has effectively legalized felony drug possession. This is reckless and will harm those communities and individuals that need help the most. As we’ve seen in Seattle, the normalization of hard drugs leads to higher crime & homelessness, and hurts our kids and communities.” [Twitter, @MattLarkin4WA, [2/26/21](#)]

Washington Supreme Court Did Not Reconsider Ruling Decriminalizing Simple Drug Possession. “That Washington Supreme Court has declined to reconsider its ruling that effectively decriminalized possession of small amounts of drugs [...] The state’s highest court declined a request from the Spokane County Prosecutor’s Office to amend its decision in State v. Blake.” [Spokesman-Review, [4/21/21](#)]

Larkin: “King County Taxpayers: You Will Now Be On The Hook For Monetary Restitution [...] While Criminals Walk Free.” “King County Taxpayers: you will now be on the hook for the monetary restitution of property damage committed by first time criminals, while the criminals will walk free. Perhaps, instead, we could just enforce the law?” [Twitter, @MattLarkin4WA, [11/30/20](#)]

King County And Seattle Experimented With No Jailtime And Restitution For Felonies Committed By First Time Criminals. “Juviles and adults accused of a first-time, non-violent felony offense will be offered an alternative where a non-profit community panel will decide how the accused person can be held accountable for their crime. [...] Accountability would not include jail or even a conviction [...] ‘That’s up to

the community groups' [...] adding that it would target 800 juveniles and 1,000 adults to start. 'These are low-level felonies, property offenses, no domestic violence, no sexual assault cases (and) decisions you would make if you were in my shoes.'" [KOMO News, [11/17/20](#)]

Larkin Pointed To Break-Ins In Pike Place And Called For Seattle City Council To Respond To The Population's Fear Of Rising Crime. "Another sad story of a business being looted. If this is happening right by Pike Place, it can happen anywhere. Seattle City Council must step up and take accountability of their inaction that hassled to people living in perpetual fear of break ins." [Twitter, @MattLarkin4WA, [1/11/21](#)]

During 2020 AG Run, Larkin Attempted To Show How He Would Prioritize Washington's Public Safety With A Heavy Focus On Crime In Seattle

Larkin Said Next Washington AG Should Focus On Issues Of Crime And Violence In Seattle Over National Issues. "Matt Larkin, Ferguson's Republican challenger, would like voters to focus on other images — of crime, drug use and violent clashes between protesters and police in Seattle. The first-time candidate, who works for his family's manufacturing business, says Ferguson has been far too focused on Trump and national politics while neglecting problems closer to home." [Seattle Times, [10/19/20](#)]

Larkin Disagreed With AG Ferguson's Number Of Lawsuits Against President Trump And Demanded Focus On Crime In The State. "'80 lawsuits against a sitting president is a lot [...] We should not be sending that much time and focus on Washington DC [...] There were plenty I would not have pursued. There were some on ceiling fan emissions, there was one against noise pollution in the US Navy Base in Whidbey Island. Those are things that can be left for other times in other states and other people to deal with. Again, we have real problems here. These statistics are alarming and should be alarming and I wouldn't be focused as nearly as heavily as suing a sitting president as this attorney general is.'" [Columbian, 11:20, [9/24/20](#)] (VIDEO)

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Despite His Focus On Seattle Crime, The City Was Not Part Of Either Washington's 8th Congressional District – Nor The 1st District, Where Larkin Actually Resided

Larkin Did Not Live In Either Washington's 8th Congressional District Or The City Of Seattle, But In The 1st District

Larkin Has Lived At 15545 48th Ave NE, Woodinville, WA, 98072 Since 2011. [King County Department of Assessments eReal Property, accessed [6/9/21](#)]

15545 48th Ave NE, Woodinville, WA, 98072 Was In Washington's 1st Congressional District. [govtrack, accessed [6/21/21](#)]

Seattle Was Not Part Of Either The 1st Or 8th Congressional District

The City Of Seattle Was Entirely Located Within Washington's 7th And 9th Congressional Districts. [Statistical Atlas, accessed [6/21/21](#)]

Larkin Emphasized Issues in Seattle Despite The 8th District Not Including Any Part Of Seattle. “Larkin has emphasized homelessness and efforts to defund police in Seattle. Those are issues in Seattle, but Seattle isn’t in the 8th District.” [Courier-Herald, [6/25/21](#)]

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During His Campaign, Larkin Shifted Back And Forth On Trump

Larkin Said At A Republican Rally: “I Love All The Things The President Is Doing [...] It’s Nice To See A President Not Care.” “I love all the things the president is doing [...] To his credit he is getting stuff done and I love it. It’s nice to see a President not care. [...] I support what he is doing.” [Facebook, Attorney General Bob Ferguson, [9/30/20](#)]

During Editorial Board Debate With Ferguson, Larkin Said: “I’m Frustrated As A Republican. I Don’t Like His Rhetoric [...] But I Do Like Some Of His Policies.” “Larkin said he will vote for Trump in November. ‘I’m frustrated as a Republican. I don’t like his rhetoric, I think it’s bombastic, it’s not my style [...] But I do like some of his policies. I like lower taxes; I like cutting regulations.’” [Columbian, 15:52, [9/24/20](#)] (VIDEO)

Ferguson Called Out Larkin’s Hypocrisy After Larkin Wholeheartedly Supported President Trump But Also Agreed With Some Of Washington’s Lawsuits Against Trump. “Ferguson stated on Larkin, ‘He can’t say that’s his view of the president and then act like well of course he have challenged the president on certain things the way he speaks about the litigation against the Trump administration I think Rick I just want to emphasize it is those are applause lines for him before his Republican base in which he literally mocks the work we are doing to take on the president hold him accountable to the rule of law.’” [Columbian, 17:54, [9/24/20](#)] (VIDEO)

Seattle Times: “Larkin Has Stressed Talking Points That Echo Some Of Former President Donald Trump’s.” “Larkin has stressed talking points that echo some of former President Donald Trump’s, with a campaign slogan that gained attention in conservative circles: ‘Make crime illegal again.’” [Associated Press, 7/26/22]

Larkin Backtracked His Stance On The January 6th Insurrection

Larkin Condemned Political Violence In The Hours After The January 6th Insurrection At The U.S. Capitol, Connecting The Violence To Seattle’s 2020 BLM Protests. “This is a tumultuous time for our country. Political violence must always be condemned, no matter how high emotions may run. We’ve seen it all year in downtown Seattle, and we are now seeing it in our nation’s Capitol---it will never be an effective way to advance a cause and it will only sow division further. The voices of ALL Americans must be heard. To be effective however, protests must be peaceful.” [Twitter, @MattLarkin4WA, [1/6/21](#)]

June 2020: Larkin Declined To Take A Position On January 6 Insurrection. “He said he doesn’t know how he would have voted on the creation of a bipartisan commission to investigate the Jan. 6 insurrection at the U.S. Capitol.” [Spokesman-Review, [6/1/21](#)]

Larkin Bought Into “Big Lie” Of 2020 Election

Larkin Refused To Acknowledge Joe Biden’s Victory In The 2020 Election And Declined To Say How He Would Have Voted On The Creation Of A Bipartisan Commission To Investigate The January 6th Insurrection. “He said he doesn’t know how he would have voted on the creation of a bipartisan commission to investigate the Jan. 6 insurrection at the U.S. Capitol. Senate Republicans on Friday blocked the creation of the

commission. Larkin also wouldn't say whether he believes President Joe Biden's win over Donald Trump was legitimate or whether he buys into Trump's unproven and false claims of widespread fraud." [Spokesman-Review, [6/1/21](#)]

Larkin Called Into Question The Integrity Of The 2020 Election: "It's Something We Should Always Be Concerned About [...] There Is Not A Lot Of Trust In The Integrity Of The System Right Now." "Herman asked Larkin, 'Are you concerned about election security?' and Larkin answers 'You know what? I am! It's a personal issue to me because I just came off an election as a candidate. It's something we should always be concerned about and it is a lot of Republicans who are feeling slighted by the last election. And I don't blame them, there is not a lot of trust in the integrity of the system right now.'" [Todd Herman Show, 3:08, [5/21/21](#)] (AUDIO)

Larkin Supported Voter ID Laws

Larkin "Strongly Disagree[d]" That People Should Be Able To Vote Without Photo Identification. "People should be able to vote without photo identification. Strongly Disagree" [IVoterGuide, accessed [8/5/22](#)]

Larkin Held Far-Right Policy Views: Against The ACA, Against Gun Control, And Against Choice

Larkin Said He Was The Most Conservative Candidate In The WA-08 GOP Primary

Larkin Said He Was The Most Conservative Candidate In The 2022 WA-08 GOP Primary. "Touting himself as the most conservative candidate in the race who can win, Larkin has used the slogan 'Make Crime Illegal Again' and wants to close the nation's southern border in an attempt to slow the inflow of narcotics." [Crosscut, [7/15/22](#)]

Larkin Criticized Dunn's Support For Abortion Rights And Same-Sex Marriage: "I Am The Only One Who Is Pro-Life ... There Are Certain Things Like That Where It Is A Clear Lane For Us." "Larkin, who worked briefly as a deputy prosecutor before taking a job as an executive at his family's manufacturing company, said he's the true conservative in the race, citing Dunn's embrace of abortion rights and same-sex marriage. 'I am the only one who is pro-life ... There are certain things like that where it is a clear lane for us,' Larkin said." [Seattle Times, [12/28/21](#)]

Larkin Opposed All Government-Funded Healthcare Programs, Including The ACA Exchanges

Larkin Opposed All Taxpayer-Funded Healthcare Programs Except For Medicare And Medicaid. "What most closely matches your view on healthcare: A) Healthcare for all should be guaranteed and funded by the government with no private healthcare option. (includes 'universal healthcare,' 'medicare for all,' etc.) B) Healthcare insurance funded by the government should be available for all who want it, along with private healthcare options. C) Medicaid and Medicare should remain available, but no other taxpayer-funded programs are necessary. D) Tax-payer funded health care should be abolished in all forms, and Medicaid and Medicare should be de-funded. C) Medicaid and Medicare should remain available, but no other taxpayer-funded programs are necessary." [IVoterGuide, accessed [8/5/22](#)]

Former Washington Attorney General, Rob McKenna, Endorsed Larkin And Joined Other State Attorney Generals to Sue the ACA

Former Washington Attorney General Rob McKenna Endorsed Matt Larkin For Attorney General. [Matt Larkin for Attorney General, archived [1/28/21](#)]

Mckenna Joined Other State AGs To Sue The ACA. “McKenna joined fellow AGs in a multi-state lawsuit challenging those specific provisions as an expansion of federal authority beyond that the states believe is allowed under the U.S. Constitution. Florida AG Bill McCollum filed this suit in U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Florida. The two main provisions of the lawsuit deal with: 1) The unprecedented and unconstitutional requirement that individuals lacking insurance must purchase government-approved private insurance or face a fine; and 2) The massive expansion of the Medicaid program which will unconstitutionally require states to spend billions more on this program at a time when state budgets are already in crisis.” [Washington State: Office Of The Attorney General, accessed [6/28/21](#)]

Larkin Disagreed With Initiative 1639 Despite Passing Statewide With ~60% Of The Vote

Larkin Disagreed With Initiative 1639, Which Adds New Gun-Control Restrictions On The Purchase Of Semi-Automatic Rifles. “Larkin, who has campaigned with GOP gubernatorial candidate Loren Culp, said he could defend Initiative 1639, adding new gun-control restrictions, though he disagrees with it.” [Spokesman Review, [10/8/20](#)]

Larkin Supported Banning Abortion Even In Cases Of Rape Or Incest And Defunding Planned Parenthood

Larkin Supported Banning Abortion Even In Cases Of Rape Or Incest. “Under what circumstances should abortion be allowed? When the mother's life is in danger” [IVoterGuide, accessed [8/5/22](#)]

Larkin Opposed Federal, State, And Local Funding For Planned Parenthood And Abortion Providers. “Abortion providers, including Planned Parenthood, should not receive funds from federal, state, or local governments (including Title X grants). Strongly Agree” [IVoterGuide, accessed [8/5/22](#)]

Larkin Stated He Was Pro-Life In Facebook Comment On His Own Campaign Page. “David-Christina Isaacson Bettis: What is your stance on abortion? What is your stance on vaccines?
Matt Larkin: @Heath Elizabeth Brown hi all, sorry I missed this. I am pro life.” [Facebook, @realMattLarkin, [7/29/20](#)]

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Associated Press: “Jensen And Larkin Are Christian Conservatives Who Oppose Abortion, Though Jensen Said He Would Allow Exceptions In Cases Of Rape, Incest Or When The Life Of The Mother Is At Risk.” “Jensen and Larkin are Christian conservatives who oppose abortion, though Jensen said he would allow exceptions in cases of rape, incest or when the life of the mother is at risk.” [Associated Press, [7/26/22](#)]

Larkin Said He Was Pro-Life And Praised The Supreme Court’s Decision To Overturn Roe V. Wade. “On abortion, Larkin said he is pro-life – ‘and we've got four kids to prove it’ – and that the Supreme Court’s decision in Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health was sound. ‘I think that Dobbs really was correct to kick it back to the states,’ Larkin, 40, said. He has raised about \$630,000 total, and has \$355,000 on hand.” [Crosscut, [7/15/22](#)]

The Seattle Times: “In A Primary Debate, Larkin Positioned Himself As Unequivocally Anti-Abortion, Saying ‘This Is Not Something We Can Squish On... We Need Steel-Spined Conservatives Standing For Something.’” “Larkin’s staunch anti-abortion views are certain to become a key focus for Democrats in the wake

of the Supreme Court decision striking down federal abortion protections. ‘With the looming threat of a nationwide ban on abortion from Republicans in the other Washington, we can not leave the fate of this district, or this country, in the hands of my anti-choice opponent,’ Schrier said in her statement. In a primary debate, Larkin positioned himself as unequivocally anti-abortion, saying ‘this is not something we can squish on... we need steel-spined conservatives standing for something.’” [The Seattle Times, [8/4/22](#)]

Larkin On A Federal Abortion Ban: “I Can See A Strong Conservative Congress Putting Forward That Vote To Ban It Nationally.” “First of all, it's always important to point out it's not an official opinion yet, but I'm pro life. I'm hoping it becomes an official opinion. We'll wait and see what happens but let's just assume that it does. It'll kick it back to the states and a lot of liberals won't have that discussion. They say oh, it's gonna be in a nationally or they're they drum up fake boogey man to scare you. It's all it's going to do is kick it back to the states and let each of the 50 states decide what they think is best. Now, eventually, if there's a, say, we take back the White House and say we take back the Senate and say we take back the US House, then maybe potentially, I can see a strong conservative Congress putting forward that vote to ban it nationally. I don't think that would ever happen. I just don't. I don't think you can, if we had the political capital to do it, we would spend it on a cause like that. But when I'm in Congress, you know how I'm gonna vote, I'm gonna vote with pro life. And I'm going to be consistent about that. And I'm going to not vote for federal dollar for abortions, and I'm going to be consistent on that issue.” [Tracking, Cascade Conference, [5/20/22](#)] (AUDIO)

Seattle Times: “Larkin And Jensen Who Both Describe Themselves As Pro-Life Who Have Supported Or Not Ruled Out New Federal Restrictions On Abortion.” “In the aftermath of the Supreme Court decision ending federal protections for abortion, Democrats are certain to zero in on the abortion stance of whichever Republican candidate emerges, particularly Larkin and Jensen who both describe themselves as pro-life who have supported or not ruled out new federal restrictions on abortion. A poll co-sponsored by The Seattle Times showed abortion at the top of concerns for likely midterm voters, alongside inflation.” [Seattle Times, [7/31/22](#)]

Larkin Said He Would Not Be Opposed To A Federal Ban On Abortion. “Larkin opposes abortion and called the Dobbs decision ‘a victory for life.’ Asked about potential federal legislation restricting or banning abortions, he said ‘I'd want to see the specifics of the ban’ but said he ‘would not be opposed to it.’” [Seattle Times, [7/24/22](#)]

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Larkin Strongly Disagreed That Sexual Orientation And Gender Identity Should Be Protected Classes In Non-Discrimination Laws. “Sexual orientation and gender identity should be protected classes in non-discrimination laws. Strongly Disagree” [IVoterGuide, accessed [8/5/22](#)]

Larkin Supported School Choice And Sent His Children To Private School

Larkin Supported School Choice And Sent His Children To Private School. “53:00: RANTZ: Matt, what about you? LARKIN: Yes. We homeschooled our kids last year and put them back to private school now. We need school choice. Competition speaks volumes. 53:55: RANTZ: How do you define equity? JENSON: He gives the fence analogy. Equality of outcomes vs. equality of opportunity. 55:07: RANTZ: Is school choice equitable? LARKIN: Yes. Schools doing the right thing will flourish. Successful schools will be equitable.” [Tracking, 8th CD Republican Congressional Debate, [3/25/22](#)]

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Larkin Classified As “Small Business Owner” And Championed Small Businesses In Face Of Rising Crime. “Woodinville resident and small business owner Matt Larkin says the journey is far from over [...] ‘It was both sad and heartening to hear from these small business owners all throughout Seattle who said that they don’t feel like they don’t have a voice anymore, they don’t feel like anyone is standing up for them,’ he said. ‘These are mom-and-pop coffee shop owners, sushi shop owners, dry cleaners, all of these small businesses that no one really thinks about. They struggle in Seattle these days.’” [My Northwest, [11/10/20](#)]

Romac Industries Was Run By Matt’s Father James [Jim] Larkin. [opencorporates, accessed [6/28/21](#)]

Matt Larkin And His Brother Josh Were Given Jobs By Their Father And Joined Romac Industries. “‘They [Matt Larkin and his brother, Josh Larkin] wanted to work with Jim [Larkin] and are now side-by-side with him, in the business.’” [C3Leaders 2017 Award Recipient Jim Larkin, Vimeo, [1:40](#)]

Romac Industries Was Founded In 1969 By Manford Russell McNeil. [Seattle Times, [1/24/10](#)]

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Romac Industries Has Been Subject To 17 OSHA Inspections And Fined By OSHA For 19 Violations. Only One Serious Violation Occurred Under Larkin’s Tenure As Chief Counsel. [OSHA, accessed [6/8/21](#)]

Of The 19 Fined OSHA Violations Romac Industries Committed, 18 Were Considered “Serious” And 1 “Repeat.” [OSHA, accessed [6/8/21](#)]

NOTE: OSHA’s website allows searches in ten-year windows. The above link is to the search from June 1991 to June 2001 as Romac had the highest number of inspections of any period in these years, but Romac’s full inspection history is available through additional searches at the website.

OSHA Also Reported 16 “Other” Violations Committed By Romac Industries. [OSHA, accessed [6/8/21](#)]

In December 2018, Under Larkin’s Tenure As Chief Counsel, Romac Industries Was Fined \$4,200 For Failing To Protect Employees From Potentially Hazardous Energy: [1368521.015](#). “To protect employees servicing or maintaining machines and equipment from potentially hazardous energy.” [Washington State Legislature: Washington Administrative Code, accessed [6/22/21](#)]

Romac Industries Committed At Least 4 Violations Of Failing To Guard The Operator And Employees From The Hazards Of Operating Machinery: [307305748](#) (Citation 01001), [115289571](#) (Citations 01002 And 01003), And [115391104](#) (Citation 01001). [OSHA, accessed [6/22/21](#)]

1998 - 2021: Romac Industries Inc OSHA Inspections					
File Number	Entity Name	Opened Date	Domicile State	Type	Violations
1419599.015	Romac Industries Inc.	7/25/19	WA	Referral	N/A
1388838.015	Romac Industries Inc.	3/28/19	WA	Complaint	N/A
1368521.015	Romac Industries Inc.	12/27/18	WA	Referral	Serious (1) – Fined \$4,200

1285147.015	Romac Industries Inc.	12/22/17	WA	Unprog Rel	N/A
311355507	Romac Industries Inc.	9/14/07	WA	Planned	Serious (3) – Fined \$1,750 Other (3)
307305748	Romac Industries Inc.	2/23/04	WA	Complaint	Serious (2) – Fined \$560 Other (4)
307199703	Romac Industries Inc.	2/23/04	WA	Complaint	Serious (1) – Fined \$700 Other (3)
115334419	Romac Industries Inc.	5/19/98	WA	Complaint	N/A
115289571	Romac Industries Inc.	5/19/98	WA	Complaint	Serious (5) – Fined \$4,100 Other (1)
115205130	Romac Industries Inc.	1/16/96	WA	Planned	N/A
115391104	Romac Industries Inc.	1/16/96	WA	Planned	Serious (1) – Fined \$1,250 Other (1)
115391385	Romac Industries Inc.	1/16/96	WA	Planned	N/A
125261776	Romac Industries Inc.	6/7/95	WA	Planned	N/A
115215881	Romac Industries Inc.	1/13/95	WA	Planned	N/A
115473498	Romac Industries Inc.	11/22/94	WA	Planned	N/A
111314043	Romac Industries Inc.	3/25/93	WA	Planned	Serious (5) – Fined \$4,320 Other (1)
111402905	Romac Industries Inc.	6/20/91	WA	Follow-up	Repeat (1) – Fined \$240 Other (3)

[OSHA, accessed [6/8/21](#)]

Romac Industries Settled After Firing An Employee With Protection From The Family & Medical Leave Act

Daryl Scott Filed A Complaint Against Romac Industries for Among Other Things: Hostile Work Environment, Disparate Treatment, And Unlawful Retaliation Based On Race, Disability, Family With Children, Reasonable Accommodation and FMLA Status. “4.1 Hostile Work Environment Based on Race, Disability, Family with Children, Reasonable Accommodation and FMLA Status (RCW 49.60 et. seq.): Plaintiff incorporates all preceding paragraphs as though fully set forth herein as a proximate cause of Plaintiff’s injures. 4.2 Disparate Treatment Based on Race, Disability, Family with Children, Reasonable Accommodation and FMLA Status (RCW 49.60 et. seq.): Plaintiff incorporates all preceding paragraphs as though fully set forth herein as a proximate cause of Plaintiff’s injures. 4.3 Unlawful Retaliation Based on Race, Disability, Family with Children, Reasonable Accommodation and FMLA Status (RCW 49.60 et. seq.): Plaintiff incorporates all preceding paragraphs as though fully set forth herein as a proximate cause of Plaintiff’s injures. 4.4 Actual Discharge (RCW 49.60 et. seq.): Plaintiff incorporates all preceding paragraphs as though fully set forth herein as a proximate cause of Plaintiff’s injures. 4.5 Common Law of Outrage/Intentional Inflection of Emotional Distress: Plaintiff incorporates all preceding paragraphs as though fully set forth herein as a proximate cause of Plaintiff’s injures. 4.6 Negligent Inflection of Emotional Distress: Plaintiff incorporates all preceding paragraphs as though fully set forth herein as a proximate cause of Plaintiff’s injures.” [US District Court, Western District of Washington, 2:16-cv-01409-RAJ, Scott v. Romac Industries, Complaint, 8/5/16]

Romac Industries Settled With Former Employee, Daryl Scott. “DARYL SCOTT, Individually, Plaintiff, v. ROMAC INDUSTRIES, Defendant [...] Notice is hereby given that all claims against all parties in this action have

been resolved. Any trials or other hearings in this matter may be stricken from the Court calendar. This notice is being filed with the consent of all parties.” [US District Court, Western District of Washington, 2:16-cv-01409-RAJ, Scott v. Romac Industries, Notice of Settlement, 5/2/17]

Larkin’s Professional and Political Lives Were Intertwined With Donations From Himself, Family Members, And Romac Industries Employees

Larkin Contributed \$110,288.00 Of His Own Money To The Campaign. [Public Disclosure Commission, accessed [6/9/21](#)]

Much Of His Family (Barbara Larkin, Shelly Larkin, Laura Larkin, Jim Larkin, And Joshua Larkin) Donated \$4,000 Each. [Public Disclosure Commission, accessed [6/9/21](#)]

Multiple Employees Of Romac Industries Donated In Various Amounts. Romac Industries Itself Also Added \$4,000. [Public Disclosure Commission, accessed [6/9/21](#)]

Larkin Attacked Democrats’ “Reckless” Spending Despite Romac Industries Receiving \$6,350,000 In PPP Loans

Larkin Attacked “Job-Killing Tax Hikes And Reckless Spending.” “Our state is in desperate need of a leader to step-up to the plate and take these issues head on. We need commonsense solutions, not more job-killing tax hikes and reckless spending.” [Larkin4Congress, accessed [6/28/21](#)]

Larkin Criticized Schrier’s Votes With Pelosi and AOC. “Jason Rantz asks, ‘She votes with the socialists in Seattle. Why do you think she keeps getting elected?’ Larkin answers, ‘I think she’s out of touch. You touched on it. You nailed it Jason. She’s voted with Nancy Pelosi 100% of the time over the last two years. And AOC she’s voted with AOC 93% of the time. These are not the values of Chelan County and Kittitas County And southeastern Pierce County and even eastern King County. These are Seattle values.’” [Jason Rantz Show, 4:35, [5/19/21](#)] (AUDIO)

Pelosi-Led Democratic Party Passed The American Rescue Plan. “In an effort to deliver financial relief to struggling families and ramp up vaccination distribution across the country, House Democrats passed the \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan early Saturday morning. The bill, which largely tracks the economic plan President Joe Biden unveiled in January, includes funding for vaccine production and distribution, another round of stimulus payments for many households, an extension of federal unemployment benefits and more. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) called it “transformative” during debate on the floor Friday night.” [CNBC, [2/27/21](#)]

Romac Industries Received Between \$6,350,000 In PPP Loans With \$4,500,000 For Payroll, \$450,000 For Utilities, \$650,000 In Mortgage Interest, And \$750,000 For Healthcare To Protect 500 Jobs. [ProPublica, accessed [6/28/21](#)]

Larkin Broke Washington’s COVID Protocols

Larkin Failed To Follow State COVID Safety Guidelines During 2020 AG Run

August 2020: Larkin Attended An Event That Completely Disregarded The Pandemic With Hugs and Handshakes Instead of Face Masks And Social Distancing. “The event was hosted by Activate Republicans Clark County, the local branch of the partisan activism organization in Southwest Washington. The Facebook page for the event dictated that ‘Face mask and social distance will be at personal discretion by guests.’ [...] Very few

people wore face coverings at Tuesday's gathering, and hugs and handshakes were frequent. According to the event's Facebook page, attendees included attorney general hopeful Matt Larkin, lieutenant governor write-in Josh Freed, state auditor candidate Chris Leyba and potential commissioner of public lands Sue Pederson. [...] Clark County remains in Phase 2 of COVID-19 recovery under the governor's Safe Start plan. Phase 2 limits gatherings to no more than five people from the same household. Face coverings are also a requirement in shared indoor spaces, following a statewide order in June." [Columbian, [8/25/20](#)]

October 2020: Larkin Flouted COVID Restrictions To Participate In Political Rallies. "Current restrictions on gatherings and requirements for wearing face coverings that are part of the emergency orders issued by Gov. Jay Inslee. Larkin has appeared at rallies with larger crowds than those restrictions allow, where most people didn't wear masks." [Spokesman-Review, [10/8/20](#)]

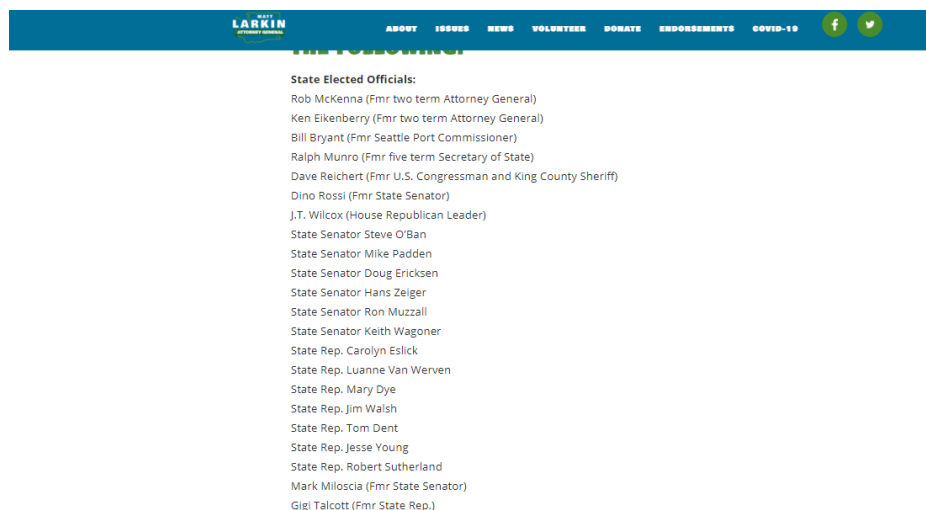
Vaccine Mandates

Larkin Opposed Vaccine Mandates During The COVID-19 Pandemic And Blamed Biden For "Vaccine Hesitancy" By Alienating Unvaccinated People. "On the pandemic, Larkin is opposed to mandates. He also said he mostly blames President Joe Biden for vaccine hesitancy, as opposed to the spread of medical misinformation. 'He alienated people by saying things like, 'It's a pandemic of the unvaccinated,' Larkin said." [KUOW, [2/1/22](#)]

Larkin Opposed Vaccine Mandates And Accused The "Radical Left" Of Using COVID-19 As An Excuse To "Threaten, Bully And Control" People. "The radical left have used COVID as an excuse to threaten, bully, & control you. ENOUGH! We've got to stand against those who think they can order citizens to take an injection against their will. Getting the vax should be a decision made w your doctor, never be forced on people." [Twitter, @MattLarkin4WA, [9/21/21](#)]

Larkin Received Endorsements From Washington State Senators And Representatives Mired In Controversy

These Washington State Lawmakers Endorsed Matt Larkin For Attorney General: Senator Doug Ericksen, Former Senator And 2018 Republican Candidate For WA-08 Dino Rossi, Senator Luanna Van Werven, Representative Jesse Young, Former Senator Mike Padden, Representative Jim Walsh, Representative Robert Sutherland, And Former Senator Mark Miloscia. [Matt Larkin for Attorney General, archived [1/28/21](#)]



ENDORSEMENTS

State Elected Officials:

- Rob McKenna (Fmr two term Attorney General)
- Ken Eikenberry (Fmr two term Attorney General)
- Bill Bryant (Fmr Seattle Port Commissioner)
- Ralph Munro (Fmr five term Secretary of State)
- Dave Reichert (Fmr U.S. Congressman and King County Sheriff)
- Dino Rossi (Fmr State Senator)
- J.T. Wilcox (House Republican Leader)
- State Senator Steve O'Ban
- State Senator Mike Padden
- State Senator Doug Ericksen
- State Senator Hans Zeiger
- State Senator Ron Muzzall
- State Senator Keith Wagoner
- State Rep. Carolyn Eslick
- State Rep. Luanna Van Werven
- State Rep. Mary Dye
- State Rep. Jim Walsh
- State Rep. Tom Dent
- State Rep. Jesse Young
- State Rep. Robert Sutherland
- Mark Miloscia (Fmr State Senator)
- Gigi Talcott (Fmr State Rep.)

[Matt Larkin for Attorney General, archived [1/28/21](#)]

State Senator Doug Ericksen Praised The Authoritarian Cambodian Government And Then Received Lobbying Contract Worth \$500,000 A Year.

Washington State Senator Doug Ericksen Received A Lobbying Contract Worth \$500,000 Per Year From The Abusive And Authoritarian Cambodian Government After Praising Its Electoral Process. “A company created by state Sen. Doug Ericksen has landed a \$500,000 lobbying contract from the Cambodian government he praised last year during a controversial visit as an election observer. Ericksen, R-Ferndale, registered as a foreign agent for the kingdom of Cambodia in an April 3 filing with the U.S. Justice Department, along with former state Rep. Jay Rodne, R-Snoqualmie. [...] In an interview Friday, Ericksen said his arrangement is ‘100 percent legal,’ noting that state legislators serve part time and are expected to have outside jobs. He also disputed characterizations of the deal as a lobbying contract, saying he’s acting as a consultant.” [Seattle Times, [4/5/19](#)]

Seattle Times Editorial Board Demanded Ericksen Should Break His Deal With The Cambodian Government Or Step Down. “Despite his apparent ability to shrug off criticism from so many quarters, he should end his relationship with the controversial nation or step down from the Senate [...] Additionally, the White House last year criticized “anti-democratic behavior” in Cambodia [...] Leaders in the Cambodian immigrant community in Washington say Ericksen confers unwarranted legitimacy on Hun Sen’s rule. The senator responds by minimizing the widely recognized offenses of the regime.” [Seattle Times, [5/14/2019](#)]

Dino Rossi, Former State Senator And 2018 Republican Candidate For WA-08, Is Bought By Lobbyists And Took Healthcare Away From Children

1996 – 2008: Rossi Accepted \$38,305.14 From Lobbyists Registered With The Public Disclosure Commission Of Washington State. [Public Disclosure Commission, accessed [6/22/21](#)]

Rossi Mingled Political And Business World By Selling A Building With A Pair Of Lobbyists. “But Rossi, then a state senator, was sure he could drive out problem tenants, spruce up the place and make money for himself and his partners, two of them Statehouse lobbyists. He succeeded enough to sell the building 3-½ years later for \$600,000 more than what the group paid for it.” [Seattle Times, [10/20/04](#)]

Politifact: “Did Dino Rossi Take Away Health Care Coverage From 45,000 Children? Mostly True.” “Did Dino Rossi, a Republican Washington state senator running for U.S. Congress, once take away coverage from 45,000 children? That’s what an attack ad by the House Majority PAC claimed. [...] They’re referencing a 2003 budget measure, back when Rossi was the state Senate Ways and Means chairman. The budget was looking bleak, so Republicans proposed large spending cuts that year. One, proposed by Rossi, was a \$50 million cut in Medicaid spending. The cut would have eliminated coverage for nearly 40,000 low-income children, according to reporting at the time. But the cut didn’t fly with Democrats, and ended up being scrapped in the final budget. The final budget, which won bipartisan support, wasn’t a specific cut, but it did include rules changes. Those changes ultimately resulted in the loss of coverage for 45,000 kids on Medicaid. [...] The ad said Rossi stripped health care from 45,000 children. Rossi wasn’t solely responsible for the move, but he did support it. The 2003 Washington state Senate budget measure he voted for increased administrative hurdles for children seeking Medicaid coverage. Most of the eligible children regained coverage when the rules changed back in 2005. We rate this statement Mostly True.” [Politifact, [9/12/18](#)]

Three Washington Lawmakers (State Senator Luanne Van Werven, State Representative Jesse Young, And Former State Senator Mike Padden) Endorsed Larkin And Were Each Accused Of Ethics Violations.

Washington State Senator Luanna Van Werven Was Fined And Disciplined By The Legislative Ethics Board For Using Taxpayer Dollars To Promote Her Political Campaign. “State Rep. Luanne Van Werven

has been disciplined by the Legislative Ethics Board for a violation of the Washington Ethics in Public Service Act and she has stepped down from the board, on which she served, as well. [...] The Lynden Republican was ordered to pay a \$300 fine, with half of the fine suspended if she does not commit another ethics violation in the next five years, according to the Democratic campaign committee. [...] Ahead of the presidential primary on March 10, Van Werven filmed campaign video from inside her legislative office on the grounds of the state Capitol building in Olympia. [...] In so doing, she used taxpayer dollars to promote her political campaign for reelection in violation of the ethics act, the Democratic committee says.” [Lynden Tribune, [9/27/20](#)]

Washington State Representative Jesse Young Was Fined For Campaigning On State Time And Using State Resources. “Washington’s Legislative Ethics Board ruled Friday that state Rep. Jesse Young, a Republican from Gig Harbor, broke ethics laws by campaigning on state time and using state resources. Young has been fined \$1,000 and faces another \$500 penalty if he commits another ethics violation before the 2022 election. The board said Young often traded text messages and emails with his state-employed legislative assistant in 2016 about campaign issues while she was working, despite Young knowing such behavior is against the law.” [News Tribune, [10/22/17](#)]

Jesse Young Fined For Second Time For Mixing Campaign Work And State Resources. “Washington’s Legislative Ethics Board on Friday ordered Rep. Jesse Young, R-Gig Harbor, to pay \$1,500 for mixing campaign activities and state resources during a series of town-hall meetings earlier this year. Young also was fined another \$500 because the violation was Young’s second in less than a year. In October 2017, he was penalized \$1,000 for campaigning on state time and using his state-employed legislative assistant to help his election effort.” [News Tribune, [6/29/18](#)]

Former Washington State Senator And Retired Judge Mike Padden Funneled Money To Help Former Employer, Valley Empire Collection, Through County Contracts And Special-Interest Legislation. “A retiring Spokane judge and former state lawmaker used his influence over the years to help a former employer collect millions of dollars through county contracts and special-interest legislation, moves that forced many traffic violators and others to pay substantially higher fees. [...] Yet a series of interviews and a review of state and local documents by The Spokesman-Review show a pattern of favoritism that helped funnel more than \$3.79 million in fees and interest payments into the collection agency’s coffers since 2003, which were the most recent figures provided by the court.” [Spokesman-Review, [1/7/07](#)]

Three Extreme Washington Lawmakers (State Representative Jim Walsh, State Representative Robert Sutherland And Former State Senator Mark Miloscia) Endorsed Larkin.

Washington State Representative Jim Walsh Compared COVID-19 Vaccine Mandates To The Holocaust. “A Washington state lawmaker critical of COVID-19 vaccine mandates wore a yellow Star of David at a speech over the weekend — a symbol the Nazis forced Jews to wear during the Holocaust. State Rep. Jim Walsh, R-Aberdeen, had the star affixed to his pink shirt during a speech to conservative activists at a Lacey church basketball gym on Saturday. ‘It’s an echo from history,’ Walsh wrote on a Facebook page where a video of the event was posted. ‘In the current context, we’re all Jews.’” [Seattle Times, [6/30/21](#)]

Washington State Representative Robert Sutherland Threatened Law Enforcement Officers With “Revolution” And Called Them “Goons” At April 19 Protest Against State Stay-At-Home Order. “Like similar small groups of demonstrators at several other state capitals across the country, the rebellious folks who gathered in Olympia resent being told to stay home. [...] Among the agitators were three Republican legislators, one of whom – Robert Sutherland of Granite Falls – had a sharp warning for Inslee. ‘Governor, you send men with guns after us when we go fishing, we’ll see what a revolution looks like [...] You send your goons with guns, we will defend ourselves.’” [Seattle Times, [4/24/20](#)]

Former Washington State Senator Mark Miloscia Argued That Those Without Religious Affiliation Have Declared “Religious War” Against “Faithful Christians, Orthodox Jews And Muslims.” “Powerful interests opposed to religion are mounting ‘a new religious war’ on traditional believers with Washington a prime front, charges the longtime state legislator who now heads the Family Policy Institute of Washington. What ex-State Sen. Mark Miloscia calls the ‘Nones’ (people with no religious affiliation) have ‘conquered and radicalized the Democratic Party, news media, Hollywood, government and Academia.’ They have declared war on ‘longtime enemies -- faithful Christians, Orthodox Jews and Muslims.’” [Seattle PI, [3/14/19](#)]

Professional History

Larkin Was The Agent, Executor, And Governor Of CLE Elum Investments, LLC

Larkin Established CLE Elum Investments, LLC In 2019; He Operates The Organization As The Agent, Executor, And Governor. [Washington Secretary of State: Corporations, accessed [6/22/21](#)]

2010-Present: Larkin Operated As Chief Legal Counsel Of His Family-Owned Business, Romac Industries

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Romac Industries Had One Pennsylvania State Tax Lien Of \$8,734 Filed On 6/29/07. This Lien Has Not Been Paid. [Nexis Comprehensive Business Report, accessed 6/10/2021]

Judgments/Liens (1 filings)					
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NO.	FILING TYPE	AMOUNT	FILE DATE	FILE NUMBER	JURISDICTION
1.	STATE TAX LIEN	\$8,374.00	06/29/2007	2007CV06371NT	PA
Debtor 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ROMAC INDUSTRIES INC 21919 20th Ave SE Ste 100 Bothell, WA 98021-4446 Tax Id: 91-0845053 			Creditor 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA 		
Filing Information <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Filing Date: 06/29/2007 Original Filing Number: 2007CV06371NT Jurisdiction: PA Amount: \$8,374.00 					
Filing 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Filing Number: 2007CV06371NT Filing Type: STATE TAX LIEN Agency: DAUPHIN COUNTY PROTHONOTARY Agency State: PA Agency County: DAUPHIN 					

[Nexis Comprehensive Business Report, accessed 6/10/2021]

NOTE: Lien records presented in this document are based on a Nexis public records search, which is not comprehensive and may include duplicative records. Further research necessary to detail bankruptcies, judgments and liens for Romac Industries, including exact totals and status of open or closed liens.

Romac Industries Had 33 UCC Filings On File With 17 Currently Active. Of The 17 Active Filings, 8 Are Filed In Washington And 9 Are Filed In North Carolina. [Nexis Comprehensive Business Report, accessed 6/10/2021]

1986 - 2021: Romac Industries Inc Active UCC Filings				
Role/Status	Original File Date	Original File Number	Jurisdiction	File Type
Debtor/Active	8/7/19	201921952885	WA	Initial Filing
Debtor/Active	11/5/18	201830966539	WA	Initial Filing
Debtor/Active	5/1/14	201412117496	WA	Initial Filing
Debtor/Active	2/17/12	201204823871	WA	Initial Filing
Debtor/Active	12/2/08	20080105768J	NC	Initial Filing
Debtor/Active	8/3/07	200721510646	WA	Initial Filing
Debtor/Active	6/10/05	200516572811	WA	Initial Filing
Debtor/Active	10/20/00	20000104232	NC	Initial Filing
Debtor/Active	10/6/00	20000099801	NC	Initial Filing
Debtor/Active	10/6/00	20000099799	NC	Initial Filing
Debtor/Active	11/9/88	0508611	NC	Continuation
Debtor/Active	11/9/88	0508607	NC	Continuation
Debtor/Active	1/4/88	0407496	NC	Continuation
Debtor/Active	6/1/87	0339366	NC	Continuation
Debtor/Active	5/1/86	0214709	NC	Continuation
Debtor/Active	---	883090859	WA	Continuation
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[Nexis Comprehensive Business Report, accessed 6/10/2021]

Before Joining Romac Industries In 2010, Larkin Worked Twice For George W. Bush

Larkin Was An Editor For Former President George W. Bush’s Book *Decision Points* Between Larkin’s Time In The White House And At Romac Industries. “I got a phone call one day and it was President Bush and he was wanting me to help me write his book, *Decision Points*. So, I helped with the editing of that book. [...] He tapped a few of his former speech writing staff to help and I was honored to be one of those.” [Washington State Republican Party, 1:08, [8/20/20](#)]

Larkin Worked As The Associate Director Of Presidential Speech Writing For President George W. Bush’s Administration For One Year From 2008 To 2009. “And then worked for President George W. Bush. Spent a year in the White House working for him, I was a speechwriter and an attorney in his speech writing office. And after that, it was Obama’s first day, and it was my last day.” [Washington State Republican Party, 0:29, [8/20/20](#)]

Larkin Interned On A Republican Congressional Campaign In WA-01, In Senator Rick Santorum’s Office, And In The White House During College And Law School. “Helped out on a congressional campaign, here in Washington, 1st Congressional District, as a field coordinator, against Jay Inslee [...] I went to D.C. for college, did an internship there in the U.S. Senate for Rick Santorum, then from there I got an internship at the White House.” [37th District Republicans, [8/3/20](#)]

Political Career

Election Results

2020 Washington Attorney General (General Election)		
Candidate	Vote Total	Vote Percentage
Bob Ferguson (D)	2,226,418	56.4%
Matt Larkin (R)	1,714,927	43.5%

[Washington Secretary of State, Election Results, [11/3/20](#)]

2020 Washington Attorney General (Primary Election)		
Candidate	Vote Total	Vote Percentage
Bob Ferguson (D) X	1,356,225	55.8 %
Matt Larkin (R) X	575,540	23.7%
Brett Rogers (R)	296,843	12.2%
Mike Vasca (R)	199,826	8.2%

[Washington Secretary of State, Election Results, [8/4/20](#)]

Campaign Finance

Larkin Raised A Total Of \$610,897.79 For His 2020 AG Campaign And Larkin Spent A Total Of \$600,819.53 In His Run For Washington Attorney General. [Public Disclosure Commission, accessed [6/9/21](#)]

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Contributions By People Of Note To 2020 Washington Attorney General Campaign		
Name	Relationship	Amount
Matthew Larkin	Himself	\$110,288.00
Matthew Larkin	Himself	\$3,831.31 (in-kind contribution)
Washington State Republican Party	State Party	\$50,000.00
King County Republican Central Committee	County Party	\$15,100.00
Joshua Larkin	Brother	\$4,000.00
Barbara Larkin	Mother	\$4,000.00
Shelly Larkin	Wife	\$4,000.00
Laura Larkin	Sister-in-Law	\$4,000.00
Jim Larkin	Father	\$4,000.00
Romac Industries	Company	\$4,000.00
Todd Colyer	Romac Employee	\$750.00
Bob Gilmore	Romac Employee	\$600.00

[Public Disclosure Commission Washington, accessed [6/9/21](#)]

Personal Political History

Personal Political Donations

Larkin Has Given \$5,500.00 To Federal Political Candidates

Larkin Political Giving History - Federal			
Date	Candidate (Office Sought) or Committee	Party	Amount
1/14/20	Jesse Jensen (WA-08)	R	\$300.00
9/27/18	Cathy McMorris Rodgers (WA-05)	R	\$2,500.00
9/27/18	Cathy McMorris Rodgers (WA-05)	R	\$2,500.00
		Total	\$5,500.00

[FEC, Individual Contribution Search, accessed [6/9/21](#)]

Larkin Has Given \$113,771.06 To State-Level Political Candidates

Larkin Contributed \$110,288.00 To His Own Campaign, Leaving Only \$3,483.06 To Other State-Level Causes. [Public Disclosure Commission Washington, accessed [6/9/21](#)]

However, Larkin Donated Only \$650.00 To State-Level Political Candidates Or Committees Before His Run In 2020 For Washington Attorney General. [Public Disclosure Commission Washington, accessed [6/9/21](#)]

Larkin Political Giving History - State			
Date	Candidate (Office Sought) or Committee	Party	Amount
12/23/19 - 10/24/20	Matthew P Larkin (Attorney General, Washington)	R	\$110,288.00
2/28/20	Snohomish County Republican Central Committee	R	\$200.00
2/7/20	King County Republican Central Committee Non-Exempt	R	\$65.00
9/12/19	Washington State Republican Party	R	\$1,068.06
9/8/19	Washington State Republican Party	R	\$1,000.00
12/27/17	Snohomish County Republican Central Committee	R	\$250.00
11/7/12	Robert M McKenna (Governor, Washington)	R	\$150.00
8/10/12	Robert M McKenna (Governor, Washington)	R	\$250.00
10/22/10	Eastside Crescent PAC	R	\$500.00
		Total	\$113,771.06

[Public Disclosure Commission Washington, accessed [6/9/21](#)]

Voter Activity

Larkin Was Registered To Vote In Woodinville, WA, 98072-6936. [VoteBuilder, accessed 6/10/21]

Larkin's Address Was In Washington's 1st Congressional District, Not The 8th District Which He Was Running to Represent. [govtrack, accessed [6/21/21](#)]

2000 – 2020: Larkin Voting History

Larkin Voting History 2000-2020	
Year	Description
2020	Voted by mail in Republican presidential primary, primary, and general elections
2019	Did not vote

2018	Voted by mail in general election
2017	Voted by mail in primary and general elections
2016	Voted by mail in general election
2015	Did not vote
2014	Voted by mail in general election
2013	Voted by mail in general election
2012	Voted by mail in general election
2011	Voted in general election
2010	Voted in the special, primary, and general elections
2009	Voted in general election
2008	Voted by mail in general election
2007	Did not vote
2006	Voted in the primary and general elections
2005	Voted in municipal election
2004	Voted in the primary and general elections
2003	Did not vote
2002	Voted in the primary and general elections
2001	Did not vote
2000	Voted in presidential primary and general elections

[VoteBuilder, accessed 6/10/21]

Public Records

Property Records

As of 6/9/21, the following was a list of properties that Romac Industries owns:

Romac Industries Property Records	
ADDRESS	DATE(s)
<u>Corporate Office</u> 21919 20 th Avenue SE, Suite 100, Bothell, WA, 98021	2005-present
<u>Romac Foundry</u> 125 South Sultan Basin Road, Sultan, WA, 98294	1985-present
<u>Romac Central</u> Northpoint Trade Center 701 Eight Twenty Boulevard Suite 131 Fort Worth, Texas 76106	
<u>Romac East</u> 114 Eason Road Dallas, NC 28034 United States	

[Romac Industries Website, accessed [6/11/21](#)]

[Nexis Real Property & Foreclosures Report, accessed 6/11/21]

Associated Entities

As of 6/10/2021, Larkin was potentially associated with the following entities.

Larkin Associated Entities		
Entity Name	Persons Associated	Years
Potential Relatives	Shelly Larkin, 37 (Evans) – Wife	
	James Larkin, 68 – Father [Married to → Barbara Larkin, 66 – Mother]	
	Joshua Larkin, 42 – Brother [Married to → Laura Larkin, 41 (Fulmer) – Sister-in-Law]	
	Dillon Larkin, 40 Thomas Larkin Eileen Doyle, 41 (Larkin)	
	Beth Larkin, 72 [Married to → Hugh Larkin, 71 (Deceased)]	
Person Associates	Maghara DePaoli, Brand + Marketing Manager at the Phinery	
Business Associates at Romac Industries	James Larkin – CEO Joshua Larkin – Executive Tom Lochmann – Executive/Director (?)	

[Nexis Comprehensive Person Report, accessed 6/10/21]

NOTE: Further research necessary into Larkin's business associates.

Criminal And Traffic Violation Record

As of 6/10/21, Larkin was not associated with any criminal or traffic violations. [Nexis Criminal Records search, accessed 6/10/21]

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

No Evidence Of Personal Bankruptcy, Judgments, & Liens

As of 6/10/21, Larkin is not associated with any personal bankruptcies, judgments, or liens. [Nexis Bankruptcy, Judgments, & Liens search, accessed 6/10/21]

Important Note On This Document

Please keep in mind at all times that this is preliminary research, and further research will be necessary on Matthew Larkin. 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.